



Report on Events Programme 2020



The current Covid restrictions has greatly impacted the way Dublin City Council facilitates events and filming in the city. In the interest of public health, many event organisers and film producers have had no option but to cancel/postpone their event/production. Since the introduction of a ban on mass gatherings in the public domain, the Events and Filming Unit has had to rethink its strategy on how it can facilitate events and filming in the city, support artists, musicians, actors, to bring life back into the city. One strategy by DCC Events currently being implemented is to animate the city with a series of uplifting quotes from famous Irish poets, using the event banners and digi-panels across the city.

Events

In June, DCC Events supported the **Bloomsdays** flagship festival “Reading and Songs” event. This year Irish writers, actors and musicians performed a small extract from each of the 18 episodes in Ulysses. Each of the 3-5min videos were edited together and broadcast as a live YouTube event. This event gained worldwide traction and was a great way of advertising Dublin as a city of culture.

Support was also given to the **Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride** digital festival, as the Dublin Pride event joined hundreds of Prides from across the globe for a special 24-hour Pride event. Sixty Pride flags were erected along the River Liffey, and the Samuel Beckett Bridge was lit up in Pride colours.

Over the years, Dublin City Council Events has facilitated a number of music events to support up and coming musicians in the city. In July two musical events will be broadcast virtually across DCC social media sites.



Wood Quay Summer Sessions

Founded and presented by Dublin City Council in association with First Music Contact, Improvised Music Company, Contemporary Music Centre & Music Network, the Wood Quay Summer Sessions will return each Thursday in July (starting 9th July). The event will feature artists from genres ranging from Jazz, Traditional, Contemporary, and Indie. The concerts will be streamed virtually from The Wood Quay Venue allowing citizens to enjoy this special event from the comfort of their home.

Hotter Than July

Presented by Dublin City Council and Improvised Music Company, Hotter than July is an annual celebration of the cultural diversity within Dublin city through music and dance from around the world.

This year's Festival will be delivered in an exciting and innovative new way with all events being streamed online, the event programme will feature the following exciting content aimed at all ages;

- Live Stream Concerts from World Music Artists
- Storytelling through World Songs (Children Focused Storytelling)
- Instrument making online Workshops (Children and Adult Focused)
- Smithfield Hotter Than July World Choir (Online Workshop for all ages)

<https://www.facebook.com/imcmusic/> & www.dublincity.ie/events for further details

DCC Events are currently working on other large scale events later in the year and will use these events to highlight the cultural richness that Dublin city has to offer.

Bram Stoker

DCC Events, in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, is currently working with event organisers to design a virtual style Bram Stoker festival. The festival estimates it will take approximately 76 arts staff and artists to deliver this unique and creative programme to the citizens of Dublin.

Winter Lights

DCC Events will continue to build on the success of last year's programme, and again with the assistance of the DCC Arts Office and Culture Connects will procure artists and engage with communities to sustainably light up our city over the Christmas period.

Filming

Dublin City Councils, Film Office has been engaging with guilds and industry stakeholders to ensure minimal disruption during the recent crisis. Ongoing engagement with the Location Guild of Ireland, Screen Producers Ireland, Commercial Producers Ireland on how to reduce

the risks to ongoing productions continues with a position that the Dublin Film Office is open to assist and support the audio-visual industry.

During the Covid outbreak, the Dublin Film Office has ensured that productions who need to capture content have been able to do so. Productions ranging from News and Current affairs, music videos (**Daniel James, Dermot Kennedy**), health content (e.g. **Operation Transformation**) adverts, and marketing content have been permitted and given assistance.

During the final phase of the Road Map, the Film Office expects larger productions to be up and running. The Dublin Film Office will work with these productions in securing production offices, unit bases, locations and production support where available and continue to endlessly to promote Dublin as a film friendly city.

Going forward, the Dublin Film Office is currently in the process of creating its own dedicated website to attract location managers, and film producers to film in the capital. The city of Dublin gained much positive attention from the recent tv series "**Normal People**" and it is the aim of the Dublin Film Office to build on this reputation as a principle filming location, in the audio-visual industry.



(Photos of the series "Normal People" during its production on Capel Street, Dublin 1)

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