



LITTLE AMAL VISITS BELFAST and DUBLIN in May 2024 in an initiative between Belfast City of Culture and Dublin City Council

Little Amal is the 12 foot puppet of a 10 year old Syrian refugee child at the heart of *The Walk*. She has become a global symbol of human rights, especially those of refugees.

Since July 2021, Amal has travelled to 16 countries and been welcomed by two million people on the street and by tens of millions online. 440 unique events have been created for her by thousands of artists and civil society and faith leaders.

Her journeys are festivals of art and hope that draw attention to the huge numbers of children fleeing war, violence and persecution, each with their own story. Her urgent message to the world is “Don’t forget about us”.

After crossing the border from North to South, Amal will journey through Dublin city between Thurs 23 May - Sat 25 May for 6 x family friendly cultural and historical events including a visit to City Hall, The International Literature Festival Dublin at Merrion Sq Park, The River Liffey, The Custom House, The Famine Memorial, The Jeanie Johnson, Songs at Sunset on the Beckett Bridge and a farewell at Dublin Port. The programme includes performances from Branar Theatre Co & Colm Mac Con Iomaire, Junk Ensemble, Jiggy, Tonnta Voices and the New Brass Kings.

The programme will be released in early May.

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Amal’s journeys are produced by The Walk Productions in association with Handspring Puppet Company. The Walk Productions was founded by producers David Lan and Tracey Seaward to produce Amal’s journeys.

Little Amal was designed and built by the Handspring Puppet Company of South Africa, creators of the award-winning puppets for War Horse.

The purpose of Amal's walks are to affirm our shared humanity regardless of language, nationality, culture, finance or education. We hope that Amal's journeys have the power to create lasting change by positively representing the experience of people who are often marginalized, feared or pitied.

Since Amal has started walking, she has raised \$1m for The Amal Fund with Choose Love, providing urgently-needed support for refugee and displaced children all over the world. Anyone around the world can donate to The Amal Fund to help to provide education, food, shelter, emergency medical care, legal assistance and much more for children like Little Amal.

Locations for Little Amal in Dublin are in the final stages of feasibility, budgeting and selection for the 23,24 and 25 May.