

# Kildare's Heritage Buildings Show 2019



**Sat 15th  
& Sun 16th  
June**

**OPW Castletown,  
Co. Kildare  
10am to 5pm  
daily**

**A weekend of Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations & Conservation Talks** for everyone interested in period buildings, architectural conservation and traditional building skills

## The Venue

Castletown is Ireland's largest and earliest Palladian house. Built in the 1720s for William Conolly, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons and the wealthiest commoner in Ireland. In the 1960s the future of the house was in jeopardy until the Hon. Desmond Guinness, founder of the Irish Georgian Society, purchased it.

Since 1994 the house has been in the management of the OPW, who have undertaken extensive expert conservation works. While the Castletown Foundation works with the OPW to preserve and present the nationally and internationally significant decorative arts collections at Castletown. The house and collection are open daily from 10am to 6pm.

**Getting there:** Castletown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3 is located 20km from Dublin city centre.

**By car:** coming from Dublin on the M4, take Exit 6 (Celbridge West/Leixlip West Exit – R449, signposted for Castletown & Hewlett Packard). Free car parking at Castletown.

**By bus:** Dublin Bus route 67. The bus trip from Dublin city centre to Celbridge Main Street takes approximately 45 minutes. Castletown a 10 min walk.

For further information: [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)

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**Admission  
Free**



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## Traditional Building Skills on Show

A weekend of traditional building skills demonstrations, conservation talks and workshops will take place at the OPW's Castletown House. Castletown House will become a one-stop destination for owners in need of accurate, impartial and free advice on caring and repairing their old buildings. Bring photographs of your building to gain more meaningful conservation advice.

### Take the opportunity to:

- Watch over two dozen craftspeople demonstrate key traditional building skills needed for the conservation of old buildings including: sash window repairs; stained glass and fanlight conservation; stone carving; dry stonewall construction; use of lime based mortars; decorative plasterwork; ironwork; slate roofing; thatching; and furniture restoration to name a few.
- Listen to informative and interactive talks on old buildings; their history and significance, maintenance and repair.
- Participate in children's craft workshops.
- Engage one-to-one with your Council's Conservation Officer and Heritage Officer to ask about the management and care of your old building.
- Gather information on protected structure planning law, insurance, finance and related topics.



## Cruinniu na nOg: Free children's craft workshops

**Saturday 15th June: 1pm**

**Pattern & Print:** David Skinner, Ireland's leading traditional wallpaper maker, conservator and historian will teach you how to make traditional hand block wallpaper and use it to cover a note book, which you can take home with you. (6-12 years).

**Saturday 15th June: 3pm**

**Lime & Learn:** use a trowel and hawk and learn from Edward Byrne of the Traditional Lime Company about the unique properties of lime and why it is best for old buildings. Mix lime and wet dash a wall, the traditional way. (12-18 years)

**Sunday 16th June: 1pm**

**Gold & Gild:** inspired by Castletown's splendour, the international historic decorative interiors and materials conservator, Ruth Bothwell, Decowell will guide young hands in the decoration of frames. By applying Dutch gold leaf, each child can embellish their own frame to take home. (6-12 years)

**Sunday 16th June: 3pm**

**Create & Carve:** make your mark in stone with sculptor and mason, Philip Quinn of Stonemad. Bring home your initials inscribed in stone. (7 -18 years)

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## Saturday 15th June

10am	<b>Reducing Energy and Carbon Use in Traditionally-built Houses whilst Preserving their Heritage Value</b> by Colm Murray, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council.
11am	<b>The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and Kildare County Council's Built Heritage</b> by Jane Wales, Senior Architectural Advisor, National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
12 noon	<b>Official launch of exhibition by Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD, Minister of State for the Office of Public Works.</b>
1pm	<b>Castletown: the conservation and presentation of its decorative interiors and furnishing</b> by Jeanne Meldon, co-Chairperson, Castletown Foundation.
2pm	<b>My House is a Protected Structure: what does that mean? Built Heritage Policy and Legislation.</b> by Jacqui Donnelly, Senior Architect, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
3pm	<b>Walking Tour of Castletown's Historic Designed Landscape: understanding its history, conservation and management</b> by Gretta Doyle, Senior Architect, OPW. (Meet at front steps of Castletown)
3pm	<b>Maintenance and Controlling Damp in your Period House</b> by Frank Keohane, Historic Building Surveyor & author of Irish Period Houses: a conservation guidance manual.
4pm	<b>Irish Georgian Society Conservation Grants: five years of supporting Ireland's built heritage</b> by Donough Cahill, Executive Director, Irish Georgian Society.

## Sunday 16th June

10am	<b>The Importance of Using Lime in your Historic Building</b> by John Beattie, committee member, Building Limes Forum Ireland.
11am	<b>History and Conservation of Irish Wallpaper</b> by David Skinner, author of Wallpaper in Ireland, 1700-1900.
12 noon	<b>Thatched Buildings of Kildare</b> by Dr Fidelma Mullane, vernacular buildings consultant.
2pm	<b>The History and Conservation of Irish Windows</b> by Dr Nessa Roche, Senior Architectural Advisor, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
3pm	<b>Adaptation and Reuse of everyday buildings as an approach to sustainable urban and rural development</b> by Nicola Matthews, Senior Architect, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
4pm	<b>The History and Conservation of Traditional Slate Roofs and Chimneys</b> by Laura Bowen, Grade II RIAI Conservation Accredited Architect.

### Sponsors

This exhibition has been made possible through funding and support of Kildare County Council, the Office of Public Works, Creative Ireland and Cruinniú na nÓg.

#### Office of Public Works

The OPW is responsible for caring, maintaining and operating the country's most important heritage sites to include Ireland's first and largest Palladian house, Castletown.

#### Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing and achievement.

#### Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg celebrates and encourages children and young people's participation in culture and creativity through performance, coding, theatre, art and music workshops, readings, screenings, special events and much more. Events are free, local and activity-based.

### Irish Georgian Society

The Irish Georgian Society works to promote and protect Ireland's built heritage, designed landscapes and decorative arts. It is a charitable organisation founded in 1958 with 2,000 members. By joining, you support the society's conservation and education works, and can avail of the members' special events programme.

### Kildare County Council

Kildare County Council has a strong commitment to the conservation and promotion of the country's cultural and natural heritage. They employ an Architectural Conservation Officer, Peter Black and a Heritage Officer, Bridget Loughlin, whose work ensures that there is an enhanced level of understanding, conservation and preservation of the country's natural and built heritage.

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