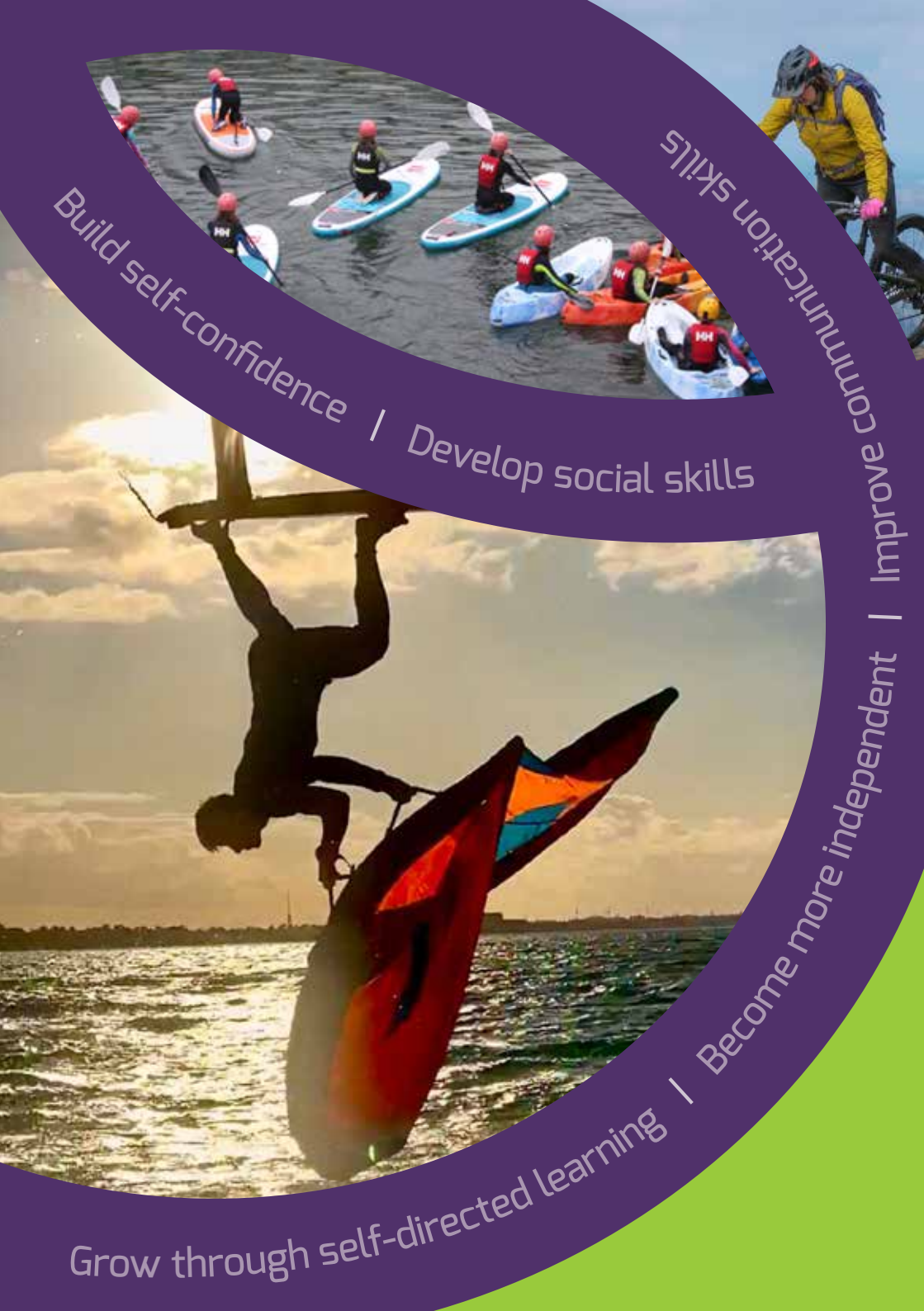




# Transition Year Opportunities 2025/ 2026

Explore a range of activities on your doorstep



Build self-confidence

Develop social skills

Improve communication skills

Become more independent

Grow through self-directed learning



Experience real team building

Learn about sustainability.  
Enjoy new experiences  
available close to you.

## Introduction

Transition Year (TY) is an important part of students' development and opens the door to new worlds of experience. Students get to immerse themselves in all kinds of activities and experiences that facilitate active, self-directed learning.

This brochure will introduce you to a wide range of opportunities that are available locally and provide the basic information about each of them. Have a look through the brief descriptions in this brochure and see which of the experiences on offer most appeals to you. Some of them will offer spills and thrills, and all of them will offer new kinds of learning in different settings.

Sustainability is very important to us all, and the most sustainable activities of all are those available on our own doorsteps. Many of the experiences on offer in this brochure will help TY students to learn about nature and ecology while also having a lot of fun.

This brochure has been prepared by the Tourism Development Section in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Please feel free to contact the providers directly. However, if we can help you in any way, please get in touch.

Tom Dwyer,  
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Dun Laoghaire,  
County Dublin,  
A96 K6C9.



# Hilltop Treks

We offer two main guided walks that bring together nature, history, exercise, storytelling and good fun:

## **“Sea to the Sky” Guided Walk – Shankill to Ballycorus lead mines.**

Approx 10Km – Historical scenic walk.

From 21st-Century gated mansions to the fortified gated communities of Pre-Christian Ireland. This route offers plenty of ‘how the other half live’ down through the centuries and more besides.

## **“Rock Stars to Fishermen!” – Killiney to Dún Laoghaire.**

Approx 8Km - Historical Guided Coastal Walk.

We will follow the coastal road with some of the most expensive real estate in Ireland, with tales of the famous and infamous inhabitants, past and present, along the way.



### **Numbers:**

Caters for up to 40 students (although we can get extra guides if required).

### **Dates available:**

October to March.

**One-off event or part of a series/course?** One-off although other walks can be suggested if there is a demand for more.

**Prices:** €25 per student or with a discount depending on numbers.

## **Contact Details**

Email: [Terry@hilltoptreks.ie](mailto:Terry@hilltoptreks.ie)

Website: [www.hilltoptreks.com](http://www.hilltoptreks.com)

Mobile: 087 784 9599

Address: 17 Dodder Lawn, Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse D24.







# Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

## Living History Tour

In atmospheric tenth-century grounds, Dalkey Castle uniquely combines a medieval townhouse castle with a contemporary Visitors' Centre and Writers' Gallery.

Costumed actors perform an immersive living history experience. The Archer demonstrates the Longbow, Cook shares medieval recipes, and the Barber Surgeon writes out his potions in calligraphy.

The Visitors' Centre has scaled models of the transport systems, including the atmospheric and funicular railways and the much-loved trams. There are interactive screens with historical information in 12 languages.

The Writers' Gallery features 45 renowned Irish writers and creative artists from Joyce to Bono, and Beckett to Maeve Binchy.



### Numbers:

Caters for 30 students per session.

### Dates available:

Throughout the school year, but excluding weekends and Tuesdays.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

One-off sessions/visits.

**Prices:** €11.50 per student, with one leader free when there are more than ten in the group.

## Contact Details

Email: [lorna@dalkeycastle.com](mailto:lorna@dalkeycastle.com)

Website: [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)

Mobile/ Email bookings only. (See above.)

Address: Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, 11, Castle St. Dalkey A96 DE61.





# Moontour

## Water Activities as Gaeilge

Moontour is an Irish-language adventure centre based in Dún Laoghaire. We foster a love for Irish through activity-based learning. For Transition Year students we offer school tours, bespoke TY activity programmes and summer camps.

We offer a range of activities including water sports, such as kayaking and paddleboarding, and land-based activities, such as yoga, photography, active biodiversity & sustainability adventures and language games.

We run all activities from our base in Dún Laoghaire harbour, a short walk from the Dart & Bus. We also deliver in school options for our land activities. Bígí Linn for your #AdventureAsGaeilge!!

### Contact Details

Contact: Seán Greif

Email: [sean@moontour.ie](mailto:sean@moontour.ie)

Website: [www.moontour.ie](http://www.moontour.ie)

Mobile: 085 703 7969

Address: Moontour, Coal Harbour Car Park,  
Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin.



### Numbers:

Caters for 16 - 45 students.

### Dates available:

Mid-April to mid-October.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

Programmes are designed to meet each school's schedule and desired learning outcomes. However, we also have Gaisce programmes and set programmes focusing on personal development. When this suits the school's learning objectives, we recommend a six-week programme made up of half days.

**Prices:** Approx. €45 per student, per session.



# BigStyle

## Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP)

Stand-up paddle is a great way for students of all abilities to access the water in a safe and fun way. We offer one-hour sessions where we'll teach groups the basics of SUP on land, followed by a tour of the harbour where we'll play some games and have a bit of craic while learning how to paddle.

We supply all the equipment, including boards, paddles, wetsuits and safety equipment. All our instructors are fully insured and ASI qualified.

\* The group would be split in two, with half of the group out on the water at any one time over two and a half hours.



### Contact Details

Email: [SUP@bigstyle.ie](mailto:SUP@bigstyle.ie)

Website: [bigstyle.ie/paddle-boarding-dublin/](http://bigstyle.ie/paddle-boarding-dublin/)

Mobile: 083 012 3689

Address: BigStyle SUP, Coal Harbour,  
Dún Laoghaire Harbour.



### Numbers:

Caters for up to 60 students\*.

### Dates available:

Weekdays,  
March - December.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

It can operate as a stand-alone, one-time-only activity, or it can be a multi-session course where the students can deepen their knowledge of paddleboarding and water safety.

**Prices:** €25 per student, depending on the size of the group, or if there are multiple events booked, we could go down in price by a percentage.



# Explorium

## National Sport and Science Centre

Discover the wonders of science and sport in a unique and visionary setting.

We have created a world-class hub of ideas, innovation and education by igniting curiosity and motivating people to think, ask and discover.

At Explorium, you can see and experience lightning shows, a G-force bike, our climate change experience “Cool it!”, and over 250 interactive exhibits. In our activities section, we have climbing walls, a VR experience and Europe’s first AR Adventures!

Treat your TY students to the Explorium experience. Here, they will explore and learn about our wonderful world in a fun and entertaining way.



### Numbers:

Caters for up to 500 students.

### Dates available:

September to May.

**Prices:** Science tickets - €24 per person (minimum of 20 people)

Activities tickets – from €12 to €35 per person (minimum of 20 people)

### Contact Details

Email: [info@explorium.ie](mailto:info@explorium.ie)

Website: [www.explorium.ie](http://www.explorium.ie)

Address: Blackglen Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18, D18 N1F2.







# Pure Magic

## SUP, Kite Surfing & Wing Foiling

Windsurfing/ kitesurfing: the most incredible experience and one of the most accessible and powerful watersports to learn. And Dublin is one of the best places in the world to do it.

Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) challenge: Enjoy SUP relays in a fun atmosphere, where SUP is combined with music and beach volleyball. The result is a dynamic experience that allows TY students to be part of a team and have an unforgettable experience in the process.



### Contact Details

Email: [info@puremagic.ie](mailto:info@puremagic.ie)

Website: [www.puremagic.ie](http://www.puremagic.ie)

Mobile: 085 105 8243

Address: Pure Magic , West Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, County Dublin



### Numbers:

**Kitesurfing:**  
12 students - 3 hour session.

**Wingfoiling:**  
Up to 6 students.

**Stand-up paddleboarding:**  
Up to 100 students.

### Dates available:

April to October.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

A 12-hour course can be arranged. It would consist of 4 three-hour sessions.

### Prices:

**Kitesurfing:** €100 per session (special TY rate).

**SUP:** €60 per student.

**Wingfoiling:** €150 per student.



# Goat Boat Tours



## Boat Tours of Dublin Bay

Goat Boat Tours, Winner of Dublin's Best Day Out and Dublin's Number One Boat Tour, offers boat tours within the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. The students will witness incredible scenery and wildlife and will hear all about the rich history of Dublin Bay.

The tours depart and return from Dún Laoghaire Harbour. During the 1.5-hour experience, the students will have an opportunity to view seals, sea birds and a variety of other marine wildlife. They will also learn a great deal about the history of Dublin, Dún Laoghaire Harbour, the iconic Martello Towers, Dalkey Island and our local legends.

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### Contact Details

Email: [info@goatboat.ie](mailto:info@goatboat.ie)

Website: [www.goatboat.ie](http://www.goatboat.ie)

Mobile: 087 989 0196

Address: Coal Harbour, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, County Dublin.



### Numbers:

The maximum number of passengers at any one time is 29, and we can accommodate 145 passengers in one day.

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### Dates available:

We run our tours throughout the year.

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### One-off event or part of a series/course?

Typically, it is a one-off experience, however we can tailor the experience to suit the needs of the students.

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**Prices:** The cost per person is €30.00, and minimum numbers apply.



# The GAP



## Glencullen Adventure Park

Discover this fun little adventure spot in the mountains. We have 40 thrilling downhill mountain bike trails designed for all skill levels and premium full-suspension bike rentals that come with safety gear. Choose to pedal up the scenic route, or take the uplift for a more relaxed experience. The perfect place for Transition Year students and teachers alike! Mountain biking naturally promotes fitness, teamwork, and outdoor fun. Join us for an unforgettable experience in nature! Onsite, you will also find a café, a hiking trail and the ancient burial site known as 'The Giants Grave'. A mountain-bike trainer/coach can be booked separately.

\* We can also run split groups where 30 go on a hike while another 30 go biking, and the two groups then swap out. Also, we are located only two minutes' drive from Zipit Forest Adventures!

### Numbers:

Caters for 30 students biking at any one time\*.

### Dates available:

Wednesdays - Fridays  
all year round.

**One-off event or part of a series/course?** It can be either. If the preferred TY option is a multi-session course, the course would last between 4 and 6 weeks, with each session lasting 2 to 3 hours.

**Prices:** €30 Bike & Pedal pass entrance (3 hours).  
€45 Bike & Uplift Bus (3 hours).

## Contact Details

Email: [Hello@thegap.ie](mailto:Hello@thegap.ie) Website: [www.thegap.ie](http://www.thegap.ie)

Phone: 01 294 2782

Address: Glencullen Adventure Park, Ballybrack road, Glencullen, Dublin 18 D18Y673.





# Dublin Boat Tour

## Boat Tours of Dublin Bay

Explore Dublin Bay, Killiney Bay, Dalkey Island and the scenery and wildlife of our beautiful coastline from one of our licenced passenger RIBs. All students will be issued with waterproof overalls, and lifejackets as we set sail to explore Dublin Bay.

The activity lasts about 2 hours and is led by our experienced guides (all of whom are licensed passenger-boat skippers and qualified watersports instructors who are Garda Vetted and who regularly look after students of this age in normal day-to-day operations).



### Numbers:

Caters for 37 students at a time.

### Dates available:

From Monday to Friday all year round.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

One-off sessions of approximately two hours each.

**Prices:** €25 per student (This is a special price for TY students. The usual cost is €37.10 per person.)

## Contact Details

Email: [sailing@inss.ie](mailto:sailing@inss.ie) / [info@dublinboattour.com](mailto:info@dublinboattour.com)

Website: [www.dublinboattour.com](http://www.dublinboattour.com)

Phone: 01 284 4195

Address: Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School,  
West Pier, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 A7K7.





# Ski Club

## Irelands Only Dry Ski Slopes

If your school is looking for an enjoyable outdoor activity that will enhance your school's curriculum, while promoting health and wellbeing, then contact Ski Club of Ireland for more information on our schools programme.

Our schools programme runs from September to May. The Club is open for school-group classes at 11.00 hrs Tuesday to Friday. School-group classes are 90 minutes long. Allowing for time to kit out and return the gear, the overall visit lasts for about 2 hours.

The Ski Club provides skis, boots and poles for each pupil at no extra cost.

### Numbers:

Caters for up to 25 students per group.

### Dates available:

September to May.

### One-off event or part of a series/course?

Can be either once-off or part of course lasting for a number of weeks, ideally 3 weeks. In this case, there would be 3 sessions, each class being 90 minutes long.

**Prices:** €30 per student for 1 class. Minimum charge €500 per visit.

## Contact Details

Email: [info@skiclub.ie](mailto:info@skiclub.ie)

Website: [skiclub.ie](http://skiclub.ie)

Phone: 01 295 5658

Address: The Ski Club of Ireland, Kilternan, Dublin 18, D18 N704.







# Zipit



## Good Things Happen in Trees

Zipit Forest Adventures in Dublin offers a dynamic, curriculum-aligned experience that supports the core aims of the Transition Year Programme – promoting personal development, fostering connections, and encouraging responsibility through experiential learning. Nestled in the stunning Tibbradden Woods, our high ropes circuits and zip lines will challenge students both physically and mentally. Participants navigate obstacles at varying heights and difficulty levels, working together to build confidence, resilience, and communication skills in a safe, structured environment. Zipit delivers more than just a fun day out – it's an opportunity to reinforce key TY objectives in a memorable, meaningful way.



### **Numbers:**

We cater for school groups of all sizes.

### **Dates available:**

February to November.

### **One-off event or part of a series/course?**

One-off experience. Each session can last for up to 3 hours.

**Prices:** €26 per student.

### **Contact Details**

Email: [info@zipit.ie](mailto:info@zipit.ie)

Website: [zipit.ie](http://zipit.ie)

Phone: 051 858 008

Address: Tibbradden Wood, Tibbradden, Dublin 16.





# Airfield Estate

## Urban Farm & Sustainable Education

Join us at Airfield Estate for TY Sustainability Day to learn about sustainable food production with a focus on UN Sustainable Development Goal 11. Students will tour our regenerative and organic farm and gardens in the morning and enjoy hands-on activities in the afternoon:

**Tour:** Explore solar panels, food waste digester, reed bed filtration system, organic composting, and sustainable farming methods.

**Activity 1: 'How Many People Can We Feed?'**—Calculate the capacity of organic farms and future solutions.

**Activity 2: 'Should All Farms In Ireland Convert To Organic?'**—Engage in a role-play debate on organic farming conversion.

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### Contact Details

Education Manager: Florence Corder

Email: [education@airfield.ie](mailto:education@airfield.ie)

Website: [www.airfield.ie](http://www.airfield.ie)

Phone: 01 969 6643

Address: Airfield Estate, Overend Way, Dundrum, Dublin 14, D14 EE77.



#### Numbers:

Caters for up to two TY-class groups per day.

#### Dates available:

All year round.

#### One-off event or part of a series/course?

One session: A 3.5 hour long visit to Airfield Estate.

#### Prices:

€14 per student.





# dlr Mill Theatre



The DLR Mill Theatre offers vibrant theatrical experiences for young people. A particular highlight is the Mill Youth Theatre Company, which is for aspiring young actors, aged 16 and above, who are in or have completed Transition Year. The TY programme operates throughout the school year. Auditions typically occur in August or September and membership is free.

Annually, DLR Mill Theatre stages Shakespeare plays for Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students. We offer tailored drama workshops, led by experienced facilitators around Arts Education Syllabus texts. Workshops explore characters, themes, and language creatively. For your convenience, the workshops are held at your school.

\*For dates and times of performances and workshops, please see our website

## Contact Details

Email: [info@milltheatre.ie](mailto:info@milltheatre.ie)

Website: [www.milltheatre.ie/](http://www.milltheatre.ie/)

Phone: 01 296 9340

Address: Dundrum Town Centre,  
Dublin 16.



### Numbers:

The Mill Youth Theatre Group has 16 members.

### Workshops

30 students per group.

### Performances

Auditorium holds 207.

### Dates available:

The Mill Youth Theatre Group runs from September to April/May.\*

### One-off event or part of a series/course:

Workshops are organised and structured as required, but each session is of 90 minutes duration.

**Prices:** Participation in the Mill Youth Theatre is free of charge.

Workshops range from €5 to €7 per student.

Performances range from €22 to €25 per student.



# Zero Latency

## Virtual Reality Gaming

**Education, Elevated**  
**Transform learning into adventure.**

At Zero Latency VR, students step into immersive virtual worlds that spark teamwork, leadership and curiosity. It's play with purpose—blending adrenaline and insight in one unforgettable experience.

What's Included

### **VR Missions:**

- Work together to explore, solve and survive in shared virtual arenas.

### **Learning Talk:**

- Our “Future of Learning Through VR”
- A session connects immersive tech to real-world education and careers.

### **Team Reflection:**

- Post-game discussion builds connections between gameplay and growth.

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### **Contact Details**

Email: [cormac@zerolatencyvr.ie](mailto:cormac@zerolatencyvr.ie)

Website: [zerolatencyvr.ie](http://zerolatencyvr.ie)

Phone: 01 293 4785

Address: 21 Maple Ave, Sandyford, Dublin, A94 N6V9.



### **Numbers:**

Caters for up to 80 students.

### **Dates available:**

Seven days a week.  
Open on bank holidays.

**One-off event or part of a series/course:** Each visit is a one-off experience, but the availability of so many different experiences and games means that multiple visits will be rewarding.

**Prices:** From €25 to €30 depending on group size.

**Locations:** Sandyford and Swords, Dublin.

**Session Duration:**  
2+ hours.





# Biking.ie



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We have over 15 years' experience delivering fully guided, TY-Specific, mountain bike tours with coaching and bike rental included in the cost!

Biking.ie was established in 2007 by Tarja Owens and Niall Davis, two of Ireland's most experienced mountain bikers and highly accomplished international competitors. Ticknock is one of the five national mountain bike centres in Ireland and is highly regarded as one of the best places to mountain bike in the world!

There are now over 30km of routes and amazing trails to choose from, and our instructors will make sure to pick the best possible trails for your group, like the fun and flowing new blue trail called 'Okey Dokey!'

Our bike partner is Trek, and students will get to ride the plush Trek Roscoe bikes which are only ever a few months old and immaculately maintained by our full time mechanics. With expertly designed trails and breath-taking views over Dublin Bay and city, we're here to make this a mountain bike tour to remember, no matter what the ability level is!

## Numbers:

Up to 30 students per session.

## Dates available:

7 days a week, all year round.

## One-off event or part of a series/course:

One-off experience or can be part of a skills programme

## Prices:

From €20 per student

## Contact Details

Email: [info@biking.ie](mailto:info@biking.ie)

Website: [www.biking.ie](http://www.biking.ie)

Phone: 01 296 3919

Address: Ticknock Forest,  
Kellystown Rd, D18 E8RK

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# GoQuest

## A Fast-Paced, Team-Based Adventure That Anyone Can Enjoy!

Students play in teams of up to five, tackling 29 thrilling challenges—from brain-bending puzzles to energetic skill games. With our new scoring system, teams earn points, unlock bonuses and adjust difficulty levels for extra excitement. Up to 110 can play together in this fully automated experience. Self-guided gameplay lets students explore at their own pace, while friendly staff are always ready to help. GoQuest is all about teamwork, friendly competition and non-stop fun in an unforgettable arena setting!



### **Numbers:**

We can cater for up to 150 students at a time

### **Dates available:**

September to May 6 days a week.

### **One-off event or part of a series/course:**

One-off experience.

### **Prices:**

€19 per head for groups of 35+.

€21 per head for smaller groups.

### **Contact Details**

Email: [arena@goquest.ie](mailto:arena@goquest.ie)

Website: [www.goquest.ie](http://www.goquest.ie)

Phone: 01 685 5005

Address: Unit 6 Ballyogan Bus. Park, Ballyogan Road, Carrickmines, D18CF57.  
Right on the Green Luas Line and 3 mins from Exit 15 M50.





# Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School



## Sailing & Watersports

Join us afloat for a sailing, kayaking or multi-activity watersports day or series of lessons. With over 40 years' experience delivering programmes to school groups, we will ensure that your students learn new skills while enjoying the challenge of mastering vessels afloat!

Activities can be scheduled from between 2.5 hours up to a full day. Each is led by our experienced instructors who are Garda-vetted and trained in first aid. We provide all the gear needed; so it's just a case of getting to us and we'll look after the rest.

### Contact Details

Email: [sailing@inss.ie](mailto:sailing@inss.ie)

Website: [www.inss.ie](http://www.inss.ie)

Phone: 01 284 4195

Address: Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School,  
West Pier, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 A7K7.

### Numbers:

Caters for up to 120 students at a time.

### Dates available:

From Monday to Friday all year round. Best months: April & May, September & October.

### One-off event or part of a series/course:

One-off sessions or a series of weekly lessons of approximately three hours each.

### Prices:

Prices: €28 to €33. This includes wetsuits and specialist gear and use of changing rooms, warm showers and modern clubhouse facilities.

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# Mushroomstuff

Run by Freda and Bill O'Dea, Mushroomstuff specialises in spreading the passion for wild mushrooms. Freda and Bill have been running mushroom hunts in Ireland and abroad since 1996. These mushroom hunts, which take place every Autumn, have received a lot of enthusiastic coverage on RTE TV and radio, in national newspapers and in specialist food magazines. Bill has also given talks at many international mushroom festivals. Bill and Freda are delighted to share their passion with chefs, students, 'slow food' enthusiasts, festivalgoers and many others. Mushroomstuff have *two exciting options* for Transition Year students:

**Option 1** is a day-out experience in the forest finding and identifying mushrooms/ fungi. This includes an introductory talk and an identification session.

**Option 2** is a more detailed classroom-based multimedia talk about the wonderful world of mushrooms (duration = 2 hours).

## Contact Details

Email: [bill@mushroomstuff.com](mailto:bill@mushroomstuff.com)

Website: [www.mushroomstuff.com](http://www.mushroomstuff.com)

Mobile: 086 827 4899



### Numbers:

In the classroom setting, Mushroomstuff can cater for 50 students. Outdoor sessions can accommodate 25 students.

### Dates available:

September through end of November.

### One-off event or part of a series/course:

Either of the TY options presented above can be done on a one-off basis. Alternatively, the two options can be combined on separate days.

### Prices:

Option 1 costs €30 per student. Option 2 costs €25 per student.





