

TOWERS AND TALES

LISMORE STORY FESTIVAL

MAY 4TH 2019



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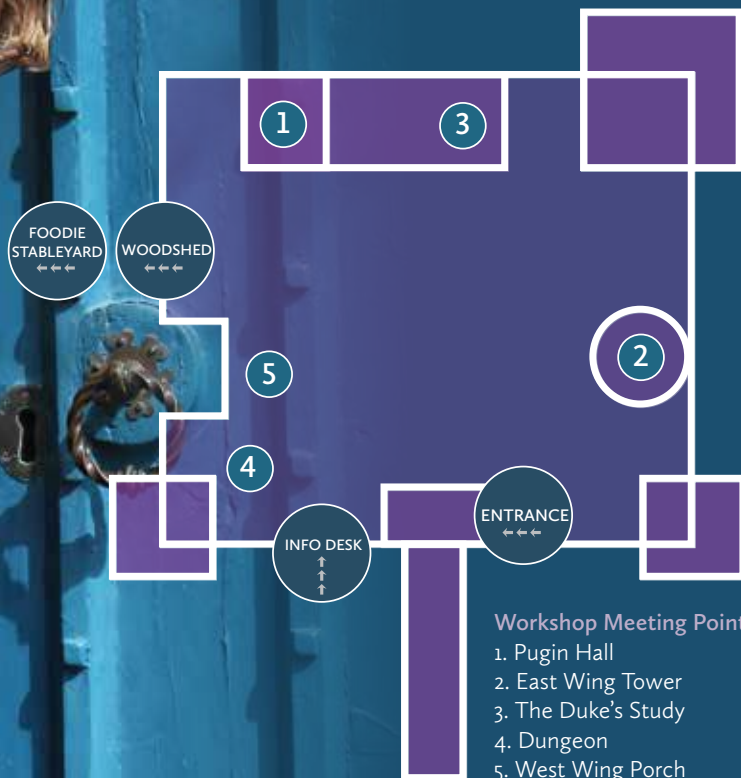
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Workshop Meeting Points:

1. Pugin Hall
2. East Wing Tower
3. The Duke's Study
4. Dungeon
5. West Wing Porch

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to Lismore Castle for Towers and Tales, one of the highlights of the castle's year and a day that everyone here looks forward to. In previous years it has been a day when many magical memories have been made, for both young and old, and we hope 2019 will be no different. The objective behind the festival is to inspire creativity and to connect children to the wonder of books. We are very proud that our home plays host to such an event, especially one that is free for all to come and enjoy.

This year we are excited to welcome another ambitious artistic programme that we are sure will inspire, and do remember to keep an eye out for some surprises on the day.

We are extremely grateful to all the wonderful Towers and Tales authors and illustrators, and also to our volunteers, helpers, sponsors, collaborators, committee members and of course to our Festival Producer Eimear Cheasty. But we are also grateful to you for choosing to visit Lismore and for helping to create such a memorable day. Thank you for coming!

If social media is your thing please share your memories, using #towersandtales but most of all we hope you have a fantastic day in Lismore.

William and Laura Burlington



Towers and Tales is celebrating its fifth birthday this year, and you are all invited to the best birthday party ever: another fun-filled day in Lismore where children can have transformational and unforgettable experiences with stories.

Whether families meet an author or illustrator, hear a story in the intimate surrounds of the castle's front porch, or get hands on and draw at the Inspiration Station, there is a way for everyone to connect with the magic of story. Orally, visually or written on the page, stories are at the heart of our culture, and at Towers and Tales, we are proud to have another stellar line-up of world class Irish and international authors and illustrators. There will be even more opportunities to draw and make art with talented picturebook-makers, and to create new stories with writers who are masters of their craft.

Towers and Tales is open to everyone, with many free events for families to take part in, including favourites like Knock for a Story and the Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic, and a few new surprises to keep our young guests wondering what might be around the next corner. Our schools programme, run in close partnership with the wonderful team at Waterford Libraries on Friday 3rd May, will bring hundreds of students in the region together with our festival artists, and we are deeply committed to continuing our book-gifting programme, which gives the gift of a library of books to a chosen school each year. Together with a varied and vibrant programme of public events on Saturday 4th May, and a wonderful exhibition of work by illustrator Mary Murphy, created for our youngest guests, we hope that Towers and Tales will energise, inspire and entertain everyone who takes part in it.

As ever, we are so grateful to all our funders and partners who make the festival possible and whose unwavering support is so important for its future. And to our festival guests, please find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and share your stories of Towers and Tales with us – we can't wait to see you in Lismore.

Niamh Sharkey and Elaina Ryan - Artistic Directors





FESTIVAL HUB



The festival hub is the heart of Towers and Tales. Join us here for doodling, knock on the Castle door for a story, create characters with the team from Glucksman Gallery or get a reading prescription from your favourite Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors.

BOOK SWAP

Waterford City and County Library Services

Bring a book, pick a book! The library team will be on hand to help, and will be offering free library membership all day.

Free | All Day Event

INSPIRATION STATION

Write and draw your own stories with our facilitators and some special guests. Led by the Lismore Castle Arts Team, this will be a hub of creativity.

Free | All Day Event





EASONS BOOK SHOP

Pick up a book from your favourite festival artist.

All Day Event

DOODLE WALL

Festival artists can be found at the Doodle Wall drawing station throughout the day, come join them and you can add your own characters and inventions.

Free | All Day Event

FROM A BIRD'S PERSPECTIVE!

The Glucksman Gallery Team

Imagine you look on planet Earth from above like a bird. In your folded book you create colourful drawings including starry nights, Northern lights and even views from outer space.

Saturday | 11.00am, 1.00pm, 4.00pm | West Wing Porch | Age 5 -8

Free, ticketed event

CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK CLINIC



Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Feeling uninspired by your bookshelves at home? Do you need a prescription for a new read? Then pop along to the CBI Book Clinic where the CBI Book Doctors will be ready to offer the best advice for young readers. Children will leave with a CBI Reading Passport, and a prescription for their next read to take to their local bookshop or library. The book clinic is drop-in on a first come first served basis, although waiting lists will apply during busy periods.

**Saturday | From 12.00pm
East Wing Tower | All Ages
Free Event**

COMIC SUPERPOWERS

The Glucksman Gallery Team

Have you ever imagined you have superpowers? Create a comic book around your heroic story to save the world. Stock up on your superhero gadgets and design your own shields, jet packs, masks and other accessories!

Saturday | 12.00pm, 3.00pm | West Wing Porch | Age 9-12 | Free, ticketed event

KNOCK FOR A STORY

The most intimate event of the festival. Only 6 people at a time enter through the front porch and enjoy readings throughout the day from festival artists and some special guests.

All Day Event | Age 6 plus | Free

PINOCCHIO COMES TO LIFE!

Music Generation Waterford

Explore the world of storytelling through music with the Adventures of Pinnochio. Exploring six characters, Pinnochio, Gepetto, Blue Fairy, Jiminy Cricket, Fox and Cat, children will learn songs and become the characters to tell the enchanting tale through a combination of dramatic narrative and music.

**Saturday | 11.00am, 2.00pm | Dukes Study & West Wing Porch | Age 5 - 9
Free, ticketed event**





LET'S SING AN OPERA!

Music Generation

Come and discover the magical world of Opera and classical singing. Children will create their own opera using words, music and movement, and even enjoy some costumes. The ultimate theatre experience; a form of storytelling that brings together the best aspects of performing arts.

Saturday | 2.00pm, 4.00pm | Duke's Study & West Wing Porch | Age 7 – 12

Free, ticketed event

MISS HAPPINESS AND MISS FLOWER

Nona is lonely. She has just moved in with her Aunt Dot and her cousins Anne, Tom and Belinda. Miss Happiness and Miss Flower, two little Japanese dolls, have just arrived by post – and they are lonely too. This will take a lot of getting used to for them all, but perhaps by making a proper Japanese house for the dolls, Nona can turn this new place into a home for them...

Exploring the challenge of change – and how curiosity, bravery (and books!) can help to overcome even the most daunting circumstances – BrokenCrow presents this brand new show for 6 to 8 year olds, adapted and directed by Deirdre Dwyer from the brilliant children's book by Rumer Godden. With hand-crafted puppets and the beautiful performances of Rosie O'Regan and Julie Sharkey, *Miss Happiness and Miss Flower* will capture young audiences with playfulness and sincerity.

Made possible with the kind support of the Arts Council, Cork Midsummer Festival, Cork City Council Libraries, Graffiti Theatre Company and the Everyman, Cork.

Saturday | 11.30 pm, 2.30pm | Liosmór Mochuda National School | Age 6 – 8

Free, ticketed event

CHILDVISION CAMP

Come and join the Childvision team and learn a new way of experiencing the world. Take part in fun games where you can 'crack the code' using Braille, complete puzzles while in the total darkness of a blindfold and enjoy sensory stories that will ignite your imagination.

Saturday | All Day Event | Lismore Castle Courtyard | All Ages | Free Event





SCHOOLS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Meeting an author in person is the perfect way to encourage young minds to explore the world of books. To make sure as many young people as possible experience the magic of Towers and Tales we have partnered with Waterford City and County Library Services to take our authors and illustrators into schools, libraries and venues across the county on Friday May 3rd. 1700 schoolchildren will get a taste of our programme that day and we hope to grow that number in future years.

Bookbag is a children's book gifting initiative that aims to get books into the hands of as many primary school children as possible and is key to the ethos of Towers and Tales. This project was established by Niamh Sharkey, one of our Artistic Directors, during her time as Laureate na nÓg, and is a joint initiative of Brown Bag Films and Children's Books Ireland. This year, one lucky school will receive a library of books on May 3rd.

For information on our schools and book gifting programme you can contact nbaldwin@waterfordcouncil.ie



Time	Lismore Library	Pugin Hall	East Wing Tower	Heritage Centre	Summer House	Red Hall
All Day					Head & Tails Exhibition	
10.00am	Mary Murphy - Say Hello Like This			Jarvis - Tropical Terry		
10.30am						
11.00am	Mary Murphy - A Kiss Like This!	David Roberts - Meet The Characters			Roll-A-Monster	
11.30am						
12.00pm			CBI Book Doctors	Rob Biddulph - Dino Jrs	Roll-A-Monster	
12.30pm						Philip Reeve
1.00pm						
2.00pm	Mary Murphy - Crocopotamus	Sarah McIntyre - Grumpycorn		Jarvis - Party Animals	Exquisite Creature	Siobhan Parkinson - Where do Stories Come From
2.30pm						
3.00pm	Mary Murphy - Picken					
3.30pm						
4.00pm		Reeve & McIntyre		David Roberts - Suffragette		Rob Biddulph - (Imaginary Friends)

Liosmór Mochuda N.S.	Dukes Study	West Wing Porch	Gallery Reading Room	Lismore Castle Courtyard & Woodshed	Stable Yard
				Childvision Camp, Doodle Wall, Music, Pop Ups	Food Vendors, Pop Ups
	Siobhan Parkinson - Writing Miracles	From A Bird's Perspective	Marion Deuchars - Bob The Artist	Music Generation - Pinnochio	
Miss Happiness and Miss Flower					
		Comic Superpowers			
			Marion Deuchars - Art Marathon		
	Music Generation - Pinnochio	From A Bird's Perspective		Music Generation - Let's Make an Opera	
Miss Happiness and Miss Flower					
		Comic Superpowers			
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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

OPENING NIGHT

In 2019, Towers and Tales celebrates its fifth birthday. Come and mark this special milestone, and help us celebrate five fantastic years of bringing some of the world's best children's writers and illustrators to Lismore.

Marion Deuchars is a Scottish born, internationally acclaimed, award-winning illustrator. Her *Let's Make Great Art* books have inspired children and young people to be creative while attempting to remove any barriers that may hold them back, instead working to build their confidence in their own style and abilities.



Siobhán Parkinson was Ireland's inaugural Laureate na nÓg and is one of Ireland's best-known authors for children and young people. As a translator, editor and publisher, she is uniquely positioned to talk about how to make brilliant books for children and what it is that makes for a truly great story for young readers.

Mags Walsh is the Director of the British Council in Ireland and was Director of Children's Books Ireland for almost ten years. Mags was the recipient of the Jerome Hynes Fellowship in the Clore Leadership Programme and has worked in various areas of the arts for children and young people.



Mags will be in conversation with Marion and Siobhán to discuss why it's so important that all young people have access to the arts and to the joy and wonder of reading.

Friday | 6.30pm | Pugin Hall | Family, All Ages Event | €10

HEADS AND TAILS EXHIBITION

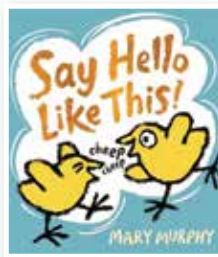
Free to everyone attending Towers and Tales' opening night, this exhibition is a rare opportunity to see original work by one of Ireland's best illustrators for the very young, Mary Murphy. Mary's work speaks to babies and toddlers through its simplicity and warmth, and this collection of work will be on show for free at The Summerhouse for two weeks, opening Friday 3rd May. Join us for a glass of wine and to meet some of Mary's best-loved characters.

Friday | 7.30pm | Summerhouse Café | Family, All Ages Event

SATURDAY

MARY MURPHY - SAY HELLO LIKE THIS!

'Oh, what a noise! What a hullabaloo! There's just one hello missing – let's hear it from you!' Mary Murphy introduces our littlest readers to a cacophony of animal noises in this interactive reading event. Get hands-on with Mary's favourite animals and add a splash of colour to her life-size animal drawings.



Saturday | 10.00am | Lismore Library | Age 0 – 3 | €5 (Carers Free) | *relaxed



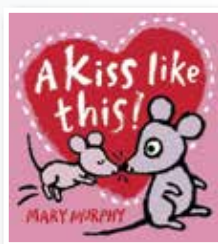
JARVIS - TROPICAL TERRY

Join the creator of *Mrs. Mole, I'm Home!*, *Alan's Big Scary Teeth* and *Tropical Terry* for an underwater adventure to remember. Create your own tropical fish and join in the parade to Lismore Castle where an ocean awaits your colourful creations.

**Saturday | 10.00am | Lismore Heritage Centre
Age 4 – 8 | €5**

MARY MURPHY - A KISS LIKE THIS!

Ever wondered what a fish kiss is like? Or a mouse kiss? Join illustrator Mary Murphy and animals large and small for this interactive reading event, and make some hands-on animal artwork on elephant-sized doodling paper.



**Saturday | 11.00am | Lismore Library | Age 0 – 3
€5 (Carers Free) | *relaxed**



DAVID ROBERTS - MEET THE CHARACTERS

Author and illustrator David Roberts talks about his best loved characters. You'll find out about his childhood inspirations, where he gets his ideas from and the inspiration behind some of his much-loved characters; *The Bolds* (Julian Clary), a family of hyenas who disguise themselves as human; *Dirty Bertie*; *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and *Ada Twist, Scientist* (Andrea Beaty) and of course *Tyrannosaurus Drip!* (Julia Donaldson).

Saturday | 11.00am | Pugin Hall | Family, All Ages Event | €5





ROLL-A-MONSTER

Illustrators Olivia Golden and Tarsila Krüse, inspired by this year's exhibition *Heads and Tails* by Mary Murphy, will take little ones on the discovery and creation of various *Heads and Tails* to be completed (and created!) during a Roll-a-Monster session! Come along and join in the fun!

Saturday | 11.00am & 12.00pm | SummerHouse Café | Age 3 – 8 | €5

SIOBHÁN PARKINSON - WRITING MIRACLES

Siobhán Parkinson is an award-winning writer and was Ireland's first Laureate na nÓg (2010-2012). In this intimate workshop, she talks about 'writing miracles' and imagining impossible and wonderful stories. A rare chance for young people to work with one of Ireland's best-known authors for children.

Saturday | 11.00am | The Dukes Study | Age 11 plus | €5



MARION DEUCHARS - BOB THE ARTIST

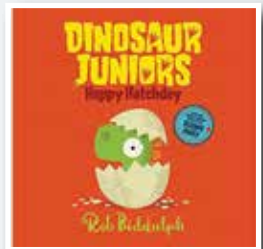
Join award-winning author and illustrator of the bestselling *Let's Make Some Great Art* series, Marion Deuchars for a hands-on workshop. Learn all about Bob and his adventures in *Bob The Artist* and *Bob's Blue Period*, then create your own Bob beak in this fun interactive collage and illustration workshop.

Saturday | 11.00pm | Lismore Castle Gallery | Age 3-8 | €10

ROB BIDDULPH - WIDE AWAKE WITH DINOSAUR JUNIORS

Rob Biddulph is an award-winning author-illustrator and the official World Book Day Illustrator for 2019 and 2020. Come and hear how Rob became a children's author and illustrator, listen to him read from his latest book *Dinosaur Juniors: Wide Awake* and draw a roar-some dinosaur of your own!

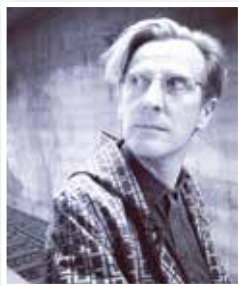
**Saturday | 12.00pm | Lismore Heritage Centre
Age 3 - 7 | €5**



PHILIP REEVE - MORTAL ENGINES, RAILHEAD AND OTHER STORIES

Come and discover a wild world of magical creatures and heroic adventures from the extraordinary imagination behind the Mortal Engines series and Railhead trilogy. Join Carnegie Medal-winning author Philip Reeve for a very special event in Lismore's Red Hall.

Saturday | 12.30pm | Red Hall, Lismore | Age 9 plus | €5



MARION DEUCHARS - LET'S MAKE SOME GREAT ART MARATHON

*"Let's get drawing, painting, cutting, and sticking.
Let's make some great art together!"*

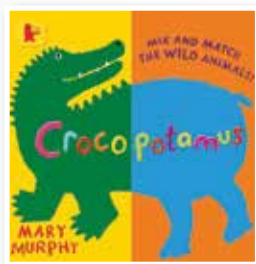
Discover exciting new ways to develop your creativity with award-winning illustrator Marion Deuchars. Whether you're 5 or 95 this interactive art event is for everyone. Come join in the creative explosion as Marion encourages everyone to be creatively inspired through drawing, painting, fingerprint art, collages and much more!

Saturday | 2.00pm | Lismore Castle Gallery | Family, All Ages Event | Free

MARY MURPHY - CROCOPOTAMUS

What would you get if you crossed a crocodile with a hippopotamus? A tiger with a zebra? Mary Murphy's crazy animal combinations will have young readers giggling. Draw along with Mary to create your own unique creature as part of the silliest zoo in town!

**Saturday | 2.00pm | Lismore Library | Age 3 - 5
€5 (Carers Free)**





SARAH MCINTYRE - GRUMPYCORN

Unicorn wants to write the most fabulous story in the world. He has a fancy notebook. A special fluffy pen. He has everything just perfect. But Unicorn has NO IDEA what to write! When his friends try to join in, will Unicorn turn into a ... GRUMPYCORN? Join story legend Sarah McIntyre to draw your very own *Grumpycorn* to take home with you!

Saturday | 2.00pm | Pugin Hall | Age 5 plus | €5



JARVIS – PARTY ANIMALS

With characters like ditzy Morris Mole, big scary Alan the crocodile and friendly fish Tropical Terry, Jarvis packs heaps of personality on to the pages of his books. Come and meet some of his favourite party animals and get hands-on in a giant doodle to create your own characters.

**Saturday | 2.00pm | Lismore Heritage Centre
Age 4 – 8 | €5**

EXQUISITE CREATURE WORKSHOP

Do you know what an exquisite creature is? Join illustrators Olivia Golden and Tarsila Krüse to learn how to play this drawing game and create your own unique creature with different heads, bodies and legs you can swap!

Saturday | 2.00pm | SummerHouse Café | Age 3 – 8 | €5

SIOBHÁN PARKINSON - WHERE DO STORIES COME FROM?

Siobhán Parkinson is not only an award-winning writer, but a translator, editor and publisher. She has been making children's books in some form for twenty-five years, and in this talk, gives a sneak peek behind the scenes at what it takes to make a book, from the first words on a page to the book on the shelf.



Saturday | 2.00pm | Red Hall, Lismore | Family, All Ages Event | €10 | (*relaxed)

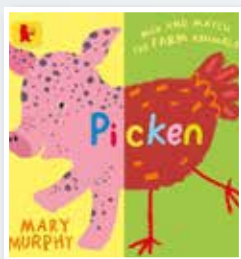
DUNGEON DOODLE

Who dares to enter Lismore Castle's dark and eerie dungeon? Join Bernadette Larkin and the Lismore Castle Arts Team to draw your own glow in the dark monsters, ghouls and ghosts on the walls of the castle's creepiest place.



Saturday | 2.00pm & 4.00pm

Lismore Castle Dungeon | Age 6 plus | €5



MARY MURPHY - PICKEN

What would you get if you crossed a pig with a chicken? And what on earth is a googlet? Mary Murphy's brilliant split page board books are perfect for sparking little ones' imaginations. Draw along with Mary to create your own unique creature as part of the funniest farm in town!

Saturday | 3.00pm | Lismore Library | Age 3 – 5

€5 (Carers Free)

PHILIP REEVE & SARAH MCINTYRE - THE LEGEND OF KEVIN

Who doesn't love ponies? Especially roly-poly ponies who can fly? Come meet Kevin, the four-legged, two-winged hero of *The Legend of Kevin*. Join these co-author friends for story fun and drawing, and take home a drawing of your own! Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre are the madcap duo behind *Oliver and the Seawigs*, *Pugs of the Frozen North* and *The Legend of Kevin*.



Young Dublin Symphonia (YDS) is a string ensemble based in North County Dublin. The Junior section of YDS will play at 3.45pm, 15 minutes before this event.

Saturday | 4.00pm | Pugin Hall | Family, All Ages Event | €5





DAVID ROBERTS - SUFFRAGETTE: ILLUSTRATING THE BATTLE FOR EQUALITY

Join *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator David Roberts to get a behind-the-scenes look into his new book, *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*, an exquisitely illustrated history of the women's suffrage movement. David will share some stories of the bold and daring things the campaigners did to get the attention of the government. Find out about Irishwoman Mary Leigh who threw an axe at the British Prime Minister on a visit to Dublin (it missed him but hit his companion!).



Saturday | 4.00pm | Lismore Heritage Centre | Age 11 plus | €5



ROB BIDDULPH AND (IMAGINARY) FRIENDS

The creator of *Dinosaur Juniors*, *Odd Dog Out* and *Blown Away*, Rob Biddulph, introduces his very special friend, Kevin. You may not be able to see Kevin, but if you can imagine him, you can draw him! Join Rob as he reads from his book *Kevin*, and learn how

to draw your own imaginary friend in this interactive reading event.

Saturday | 4.00pm | Red Hall, Lismore | Age 3 - 7 | €5

*Relaxed Performances are specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment, including people with an Autism Spectrum Condition, sensory and communication disorders, or a learning disability.

A portrait of Damien Tiernan, a middle-aged man with a balding head and a friendly smile, wearing a light blue patterned button-down shirt with his arms crossed.

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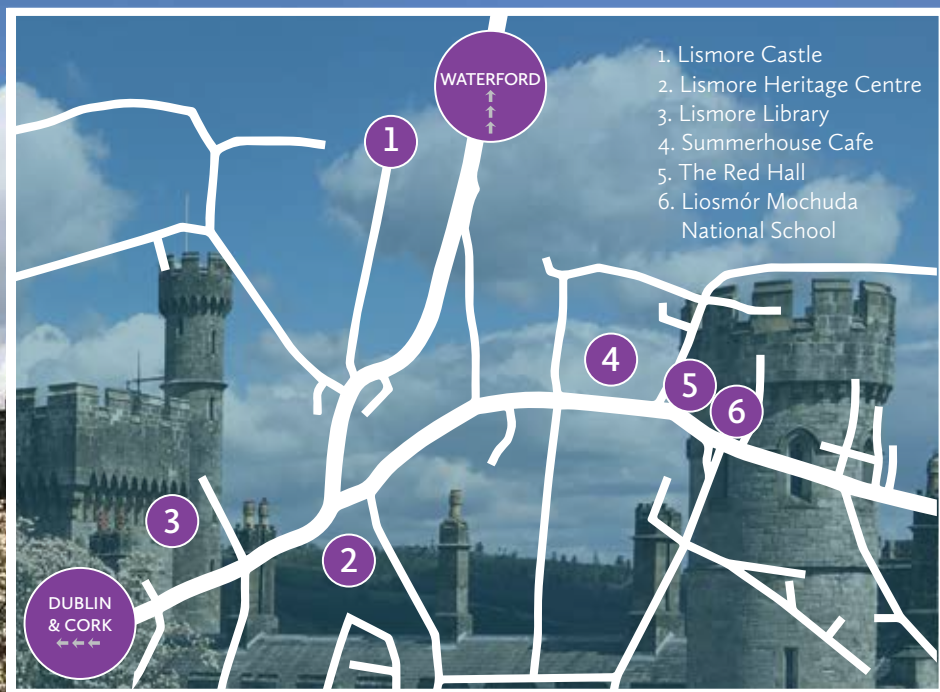


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