

A man in a black hat and a young girl are looking at a model of the Titanic ship. The man is wearing a dark suit and a black hat, and the girl is wearing a green and blue striped shirt. The ship is yellow and white, with the word "TITANIC" written on the side. The background is dark and out of focus.

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January to June 2012

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Ulster American
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Watch us on YouTube



Take a tour of the Ulster American Folk Park or Ulster Folk & Transport Museum. Delve deeper into the story of Takabuti as former Curator, Winifred Glover, tells you more about the Ulster Museum's famous Egyptian mummy and the world in which she lived and died. Be the first to see new exhibitions with 'time lapse' videos taken during exhibition set up.

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Visiting Information



Opening Times



Disabled Access



Picnic



Admission



Cloakroom



Shop



Baby Changing
and Feeding Facilities



Restaurant



Coach Parking



Toilets



Café



Car Park



January to June
Monday
Tuesday - Sunday

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10.00am-5.00pm



A Gift to the City: The Ulster Museum Collection of Paintings by Sir John Lavery R.A. 1856-1941

Friday 27 January to Sunday 15 April

In 1929 Sir John Lavery gave 34 of his paintings, representing all periods of his career, to the newly opened Belfast Museum and Art Gallery. This exhibition celebrates that gift and brings together many of Lavery's best-loved paintings from the Ulster Museum collection.

Street Art: Contemporary Prints from the V&A

Until Sunday 4 March

This touring exhibition from the Victoria & Albert Museum (V&A) in London showcases the work of some of the biggest artists in the street art community, such as Banksy, Shepard Fairey, Sickboy, Pure Evil and D*Face. It explores the transition street art has made from the painted wall to printmaking.

Exhibitions

My Generation: Art of the 60s and early 70s

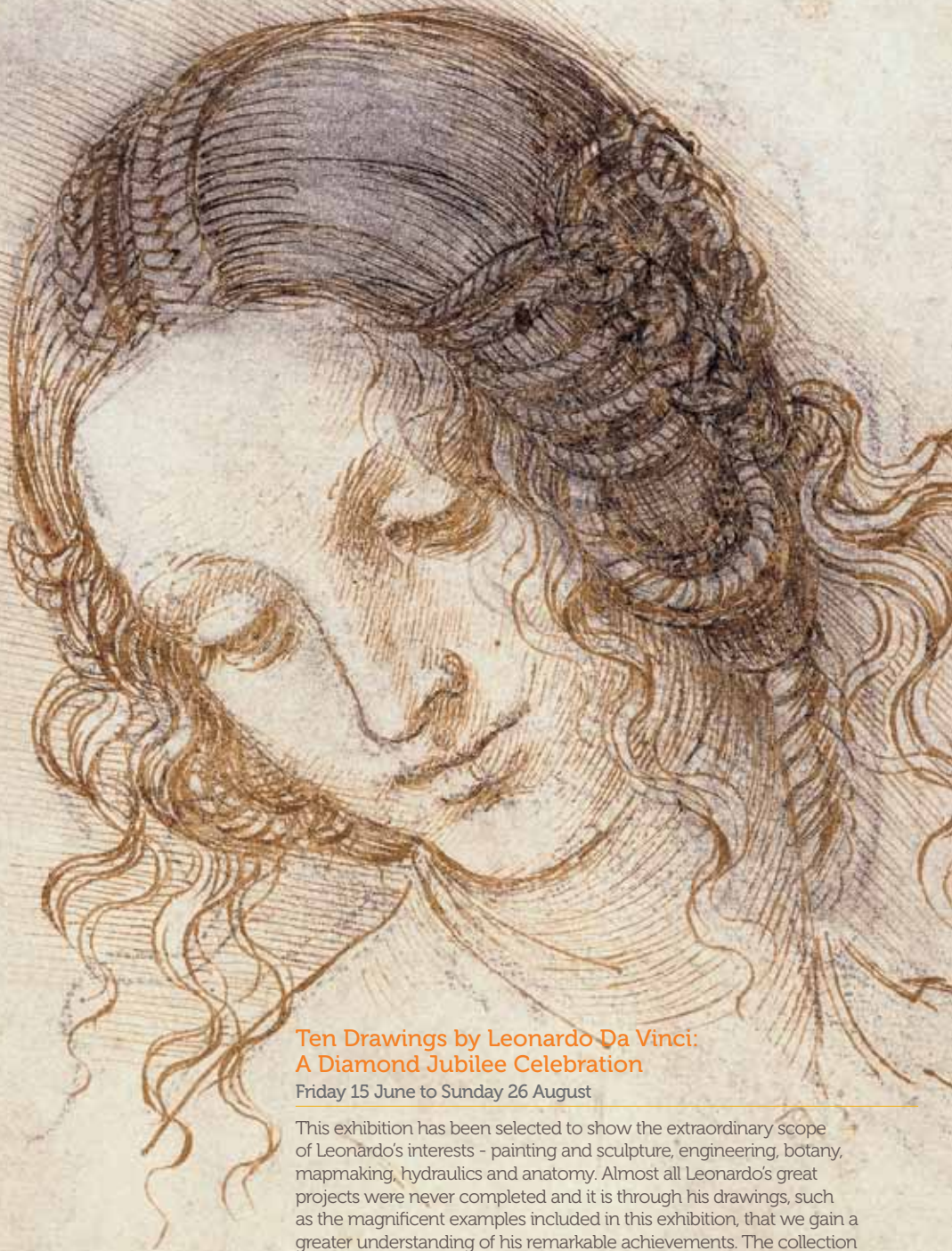
Friday 6 April to Sunday 23 September

The 1960s is best-known as a decade of revolt and innovation and this exhibition will showcase some of the most exciting artistic developments of the era. The Ulster Museum holds one of the most important collections of 1960s art outside London and the display will also include works that influenced 60s artists and consider their impact on the next generation. Highlights of the exhibition will include works by Bridget Riley, John Hoyland, Gillian Ayres and Peter Phillips.



Mosaikbild 6 x 11 (1975) Peter Phillips b.1939 © The Artist

My Generation



**Ten Drawings by Leonardo Da Vinci:
A Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

Friday 15 June to Sunday 26 August

This exhibition has been selected to show the extraordinary scope of Leonardo's interests - painting and sculpture, engineering, botany, mapmaking, hydraulics and anatomy. Almost all Leonardo's great projects were never completed and it is through his drawings, such as the magnificent examples included in this exhibition, that we gain a greater understanding of his remarkable achievements. The collection of ten drawings by the Renaissance master will be showcased to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

Events

Night at the Museum

Friday 2 to Saturday 3 March,
7.00pm to 10.00am

Have you ever wondered what happens inside the museum when you're asleep in your bed? Are you brave enough to walk through its corridors with only the light of a torch to guide you? Experience this unique night time adventure. The cost is £39.95 per person. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. To book a place, please call 028 9044 0017.

Bugs and Beasts with television presenter Nick Baker

Saturday 3 March, 11.00am to 4.00pm

Join Nick Baker as he tells his favourite stories about discovering, meeting and filming some of the bugs and beasts he loves. He will explain why the strange looks and actions of some animals are actually valuable for tackling some unique habitats and situations. Places are limited so do come early.

A Sixties Celebration: Popular Culture in 1960s Belfast

Wednesday 2 May, 12 noon to 5.00pm

Celebrate the decade of change with the Live and Learn project. Inspired by the exhibition, My Generation, there will be a range of creative workshops, talks, music, film and reminiscence sessions that capture the vibrancy of the 60s and the impact it had on Belfast. This event is free but spaces are limited so booking is essential. To book a place, please call 028 9039 5081.

Archaeology Talks

As part of Archaeology Summer, come along to these free talks in the Learning Zone:

Life in the trenches: a guide for enthusiastic beginners interested in excavating at home or abroad with Jonathan Glover Saturday 9 June, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Ballydullaghan in the Beaker period: excavations of a pre-historic settlement site at Swatragh, County Derry by Brian Carver Saturday 16 June, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

The Archaeology of Belfast with Ruairi Ó Baoill Saturday 23 June, 2.00pm to 3.00pm



Our Undersea World

Saturday 3 March, 11.00am to 4.00pm

Ever wondered what lies beneath Northern Ireland's seas? This is a chance for budding marine biologists of all ages to discover the answers. Museum experts and their partners Northern Ireland Environment Agency will be on hand to answer all your questions. Visitors are welcome to bring along beachcombing finds for identification. Find out about our marine research, try on scuba diving equipment, learn about whales and dolphins and see some incredible live sea animals.

A Sixties Celebration



Courtesy of BBC NI Community Archive



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Events



Cultra Hill Climb

Horse Ploughing and Country Skills

Saturday 18 February

Ploughmen from throughout the country compete in the annual ploughing match. Watch the magnificent heavy horses at work with traditional harness and ploughs. Enjoy traditional countryside skills.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Saturday 17 March

Enjoy a truly traditional St. Patrick's Day with this unique festival of music and crafts including the best of traditional music and dance. Major event pricing applies.

Easter Celebrations

Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 April
BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Take part in egg-rolling down Bleach Green, an Easter treasure hunt, swing boat rides and

street games. Have a go at creating your own Easter art and welcome the new additions to the museum farm including lambs, piglets and chicks. Major event pricing applies.

Vintage Bus Rally

Saturday 28 April

The original busman's holiday, this is the day when professional bus drivers compete with amateur enthusiasts for a range of trophies! Ireland's largest gathering of buses with vehicles ranging from the 1930s to brand new.

Horse Drawn Vehicle Day

Saturday 26 May

Come and see the work that goes into preparing and driving a pony and trap. The carriages are cleaned, the horse's mane is brushed and tail plaited. The animals are then harnessed to the vehicle before setting off on demonstration runs around the museum.

Cultra Hill Climb

Saturday 2 June

See the museum turn into a motorsport venue for one day. Held in conjunction with the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club Northern Ireland, see a range of historic cars competing on the demanding course. Highlights in 2012 will be four-wheel drive vehicles and the museum's own McCandless racing car. Major event pricing applies.

Ferguson Heritage Tractor Working Day

Saturday 30 June

Organised in association with the Ferguson Heritage Tractor Society, see a display of vintage tractors in Ballycultra Town and working demonstrations in the rural museum.

TITANICa

Experience all things Titanic

Join us as the timeless tale of the *Titanic* comes to life. Discover more than 500 original artefacts including loan objects from RMS Titanic that were recovered from the bottom of the icy Atlantic. Get close to *Titanic* with these real objects from her world. Walk the historic streets and meet the people who lived in her time. It's two adventures that create one amazing experience.

TITANICa The Exhibition

See one of *Titanic's* actual portholes and a soup tureen recovered from the seabed with loans from RMS Titanic. Examine an original *Titanic* launch ticket from the pocket of a shipyard worker and find out about Rosa Abbott, the only woman to be pulled alive from the icy waters on that fateful night. Walk alongside Tram No. 249 and imagine being a shipyard worker heading for the docks. This incredible exhibition will fascinate and mesmerise you.

TITANICa The People's Story

Explore the ultimate living history experience of *Titanic* by walking and talking with the people who knew her best. Dress in period costumes and take away your own copy of the *Titanic* launch ticket. Meet local shopkeepers, businessmen and townspeople, and watch silent movies in the Picture House. Look around and be captivated by the era of the world's most famous ship.

TITANICa Lecture Series

The final two lectures in the series. Places are free but please call 028 9039 5292 to book.

How the *Titanic* Tragedy Touched my Family

Thursday 26 January, 7.30pm

Irish Independent writer Martina Devlin tells the story of a relative and farm labourer from County Limerick who sailed on the *Titanic*. She has taken this remarkable story and turned it into a novel, *Ship of Dreams*.

Titanic: Behind the Legend

Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm

William Blair, curator of the TITANICa exhibition, draws on the museums' rich collections to reveal the remarkable story of how the world's largest vessel came to be conceived and built in Belfast at Harland & Wolff shipyard. The evening will also include a performance by the Harlandic Male Voice Choir.

TITANICa May Day Celebrations

Monday 7 May

The museums traditional May Day celebrations will be enhanced with the experience of TITANICa including street games, children's craft activities and storytelling, all woven together with music and dance. Major event pricing applies.

TITANICa Street Theatre

Monday 4 June

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The costumed characters of The People's Story come to life with short plays and performances.



*3rd Class Porthole.
Artefact on loan from
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The Emigrant's Farewell St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Saturday 17 March

Thousands of people left Ireland in the 1700s and 1800s. For many, the hours before departure became known as the American Wake as the family gathered to bid a sad farewell to the departing emigrant. This dramatic re-enactment will take place at midday and 2.00pm.



The Emigrant's Farewell

Easter Celebrations

Saturday 7 to Monday 9 April

Get the whole family outdoors this Easter with traditional countryside activities. See horse-drawn ploughing and the sowing of crops. Hear about the life of birds of prey and marvel at the flying falcons and owls in action. Help to feed the spring lambs and baby chicks and have a go at dressing the scarecrows in the New World of pioneer America. Major event day pricing applies.

Rare Breeds Show

Saturday 5 to Monday 7 May

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust Sperrins and Lakelands Support Group stage a show of rare breeds of cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. Exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions. Dexter cattle, Kerry Hill sheep, and Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs. Major event day pricing applies.



Rare Breeds Show

Ticket for Titanic

Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 June

It is early April 1912 and young Mary McGovern is leaving County Cavan for New York. She has come into town to say her goodbyes to friends and make some last minute purchases for her journey. Meet Mary and some of her fellow travellers as they stroll down Ulster Street and experience the sights, smells and sounds of a busy market day during the early 1900s. Discover what essential items a Third Class passenger required for the voyage. Chat with the Emigrant Agent about how your journey could be arranged. Then wish Mary and her companions a safe passage, for the ship they are leaving on is *Titanic!*

Titanic: Window on Emigration

Tuesday 28 February to
Sunday 26 January 2014

Exhibition

Have you ever wondered what life was like for the emigrants from Ireland who boarded *Titanic*? Have you ever wondered how survivors picked up the pieces of their lives following the tragedy? This exhibition looks at the stories of some of the Irish emigrants. Set in the context of European emigration, you can explore the stories of the steerage passengers and why they left for the New World. Explore a third class cabin on *Titanic*, listen to the voices of those involved and bring to life the stories of the people who handed over their tickets in Queenstown on 11 April 1912 for a journey to a new life.

Games on board the *Mauretania*,
June 12, 1911





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Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm
Sunday CLOSED

Events

Easter Family Fun

Saturday 14 April

Celebrate the spring season by exploring Easter traditions both past and present with craft activities, trails and competitions. Activities suitable for young children of primary school age. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Easter



Drawing Day

Saturday 26 May

As part of the National Gallery of Ireland's Annual National Drawing Day, take part in drawing workshops led by a local artist. Activities are suitable for 7 to 11 year olds. This event is free but spaces are limited. To book a place, please call Sarah on 028 3752 3070.

Exhibitions

Through the Eye of a Needle

Until Tuesday 10 April

The sewing needle has been an essential tool in everyday life for over 10,000 years. It has given us sails to carry ships around the world, clothes to keep us warm, and quilts to sleep under. This exhibition celebrates the sewing needle and all its creations, whether for pleasure or for profit. See exquisite embroidery and beautiful examples of lace.

Focus on Birds

Friday 20 January to Tuesday 10 April

This stunning photographic exhibition is a selection of the best images selected from the work of the Northern Ireland Bird Photographers competition over the past six years. Capturing birds in flight, feeding and on water has produced a truly colourful display.

Armagh Art Club Annual Summer Exhibition

Saturday 30 June to Friday 31 August

This exhibition is a key feature of the summer months at the museum showcasing the brilliant work of Armagh Art Club. Whether you are a first time visitor or on a return trip to the area, this exhibition is a great opportunity to view paintings from the county and further afield with subject matter reflecting landscapes, people and places from local and far away scenes. Cast your eye over the paintings and see if you agree with the judge's decision! Works will also be on sale so it could be the perfect chance to find something new for your home.

Armagh Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Friday 27 April to Saturday 16 June

This extremely popular competition is open to anyone with an interest in photography. Entries are judged in a range of categories and age groups, with winners announced on the opening night of the exhibition. This is your chance to enter a photograph and have it displayed as part of an exhibition - who knows you may even snap up a prize! Sponsored by Imaging Solutions and Justin O'Neill Photography. Entry forms are available from www.nmni.com

Image by Sarah Clarke, 2011 Winner of Armagh Photographic Competition





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Armagh County Museum
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