

## ***“Generations Exploring Heritage Together”***

**Heritage Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

The theme of this year’s Heritage Week which runs from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August is *“Generations Exploring Heritage Together”*.

Why not bring the kids to see the acclaimed film “Project Wild Thing” – a feature length documentary film about reconnecting children with nature. According to the Guardian newspaper, *“Funny, alarming and uplifting. This film will change your life”*.

There’s a chance for kids to “sow and grow” at Jerpoint Abbey, hunt for mini-beasts in Woodstock Gardens, dig for medieval archaeology in Rothe House, become an art detective in Kilkenny Castle, and explore Kilkenny’s newest Pop Up Museum at the Parade.

Local heritage groups have compiled a fabulous programme of events. There’s a rare chance to see a traditional lime kiln in operation. The kiln, last used in the 1930’s, is being brought back to life especially for Heritage Week. Why not take a guided walk through Inistioge, Kells, Mount Juliet and Tullahought; explore Freshford’s forgotten history; hear the stories and see the exhibitions of old fieldnames, folklore and past lives in Lisdowney, Castlecomer, Goresbridge and Ferrybank; hike the heights of Brandon Hill; and trace the steps of the famine victims in Callan and Newmarket.

And not forgetting past generations, our military heritage is also very well represented in the programme, and includes guided walks and talks about the contribution that Kilkenny men and woman made to both World War 1 and the War of Independence.

According to Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, *“This is the most diverse and comprehensive Heritage Week programme to date. It’s a great opportunity for people to experience and enjoy the wonderful heritage we have on our doorstep in County Kilkenny”*.

The Kilkenny Heritage Office has compiled a free County Kilkenny 'Heritage Week' Event Guide which outlines over 70 'Heritage Week' events taking place in the County.

To find out what’s happening in your area and to request a free copy of the Kilkenny Heritage Week brochure, contact Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, Kilkenny County Council. Tel: 056 7794925. [dearbhalaledwidge@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:dearbhalaledwidge@kilkennycoco.ie) or download a copy from the heritage section of our website [www.kilkennycoco.ie](http://www.kilkennycoco.ie).

Heritage Week is co-ordinated in County Kilkenny by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council, and nationally by the Heritage Council, in conjunction with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and is part of European Heritage Days, which is celebrated in 40 countries across Europe.

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