The Friends of the National Collections of Ireland
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Free Event: Wednesday, December 9th, at 11.30 a.m.

Visit to Drimnagh Castle, Ireland's only moated castle to view the recent acquisitions of 17th-century oak furniture including a four-poster bed whose purchase was assisted by the FNCI.
Led by Peter Pearson, President of FNCI and Architectural Historian.

Drimnagh Castle owes its foundation to the Barnewall family who built the castle *c*.1215. The castle changed owners several times. In 1670 Lieutenant Colonel Philip Fernley, clerk of the Irish House of Commons bought the property for £90. Other owners were Henry Petty, Earl of Shelburne, ancestor of the Marquis of Lansdowne, and Joseph Hatch, a successful dairy farmer, councillor and alderman. The restoration began thirty-seven years ago spearheaded by Peter Pearson who authored an excellent article in *The Irish Arts Review* (spring edition, March-May 2022). **Please note: the site includes steep steps. No lift access.**

Refreshments will be served after the tour.

DIRECTIONS From Dublin City Centre: Take the road from Dame Street to Patrick Street, turn right onto Cork Street. Continue on up Cork Street and on to the Crumlin Road; when on the Long Mile Road turn right before Aldi and Drimnagh Castle is the second gate on the left. From the M50: Take the Junction 9 exit and continue onto the Long Mile Road until you get to Drimnagh Castle Secondary School, turn in at second gate. GPS Coordinates:- Latitude: 53.323921 Longitude: -6.33284

Main Public Transport Routes: *Bus 151* (Foxborough / Balgaddy Rd – Docklands / East Rd): Connects from central locations like Dame Street/Lord Edward Street towards the area with frequent daytime departures (roughly every 10–20 minutes). *Bus 56A* (Tallaght – Ringsend Rd): Runs past the stop connecting Tallaght and the city centre/Ringsend. *Route S4* (Liffey Valley – UCD stops opposite the castle). A local orbital Go-Ahead Ireland service stopping directly at Drimnagh Castle. *Luas Red Line*: You can take the Luas Red Line to nearby stops (such as Kylemore) and connect via the S4 bus or walk to the castle about 10/15 mins.

Booking is essential

Please book no later than Wednesday December 2nd

Please reply to:

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Booking form for Visit to Drimnagh Castle, Wednesday, December 9th, 2026 11.30 a.m.

Names (Block Caps):.....

Address……..

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Tel:…….. Mobile……..email……

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Signed:…….. Date:……