



2nd Annual Ireland and UK *Streetlaw* Best Practice Conference

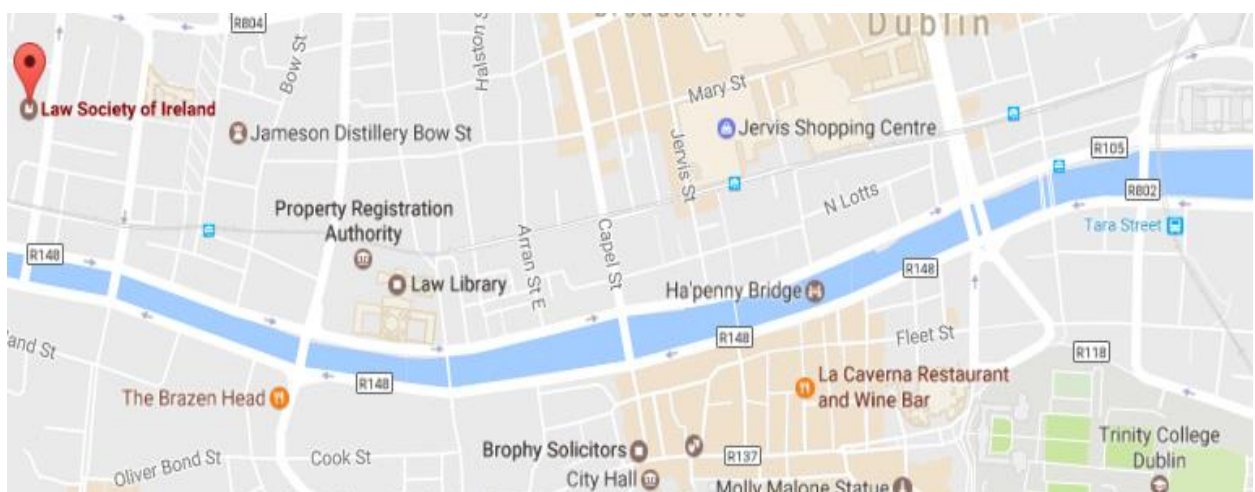
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Our guide to Dublin



Welcome to the Law Society of Ireland

The Law Society of Ireland is delighted to host the 2nd Annual Ireland & UK *Streetlaw* best practice conference. This interactive two day conference, will share *Streetlaw* best practice from across the globe. The Diploma Centre team look forward to welcoming you to this event. To walk to the Law Society of Ireland from the city centre you should travel along the South Quays to the James Joyce Bridge (white metal bridge) where you should turn right, proceeding across the bridge and the Luas track on Benburb Street. You will pass a restaurant called Wuff. The entrance to Blackhall Place is past the bus stop on the left and just before the second set of lights, which are at the junction of Blackhall Place and Blackhall Street.



History

The headquarters of Law Society of Ireland, the professional body for solicitors in the State, is in Blackhall Place, located in the heart of Dublin. As well as containing offices and accommodation, it is a venue for conferences, meetings, weddings and gala dinner events.

About the Law Society building: In 1671, a charitable school for boys of poor families was established, called the Hospital and Free School of King Charles II, Dublin. It became known as the King's Hospital or Blue Coat School because of the boys' military-style blue uniform. The original school, build on a different site, was deemed to be in danger of collapsing by the early 1770s. Thomas Ivory, Master of the School of Architectural Drawing in the Dublin Society was prepared a set of thirteen drawings in 1776 for a new design. The building was never finished to Ivory's design. In December 1783, the first boys moved into the school. In 1894, the incomplete tower was removed and replaced by the present cupola. Blackhall Place remained the home of the Blue Coat School until 1968. The building was acquired by the Law Society in 1971 and, having completed substantial renovations, it was opened as the headquarters of the solicitors' profession in 1978. The Chapel, now known as the Presidents' Hall, has considerable distinction with its fine plasterwork of the Georgian period and was enhanced in the 20th century by the erection of a stained glass east window by the Irish artist, Evie Hone.

What should I see and do during my free time in Dublin?

On Friday afternoon we have scheduled some free time and would encourage you to immerse yourself in the local culture by taking a stroll through the city. Dublin is a city that pulses with ancient legends, bursts with history and weaves a tapestry of tales. Below is just a sample of what Dublin has to offer.



Visit Christ Church Cathedral

Dublin is known as a 'cathedral city' because of the amount of cathedrals and churches dotted around the region. [Christ Church](#) is one of the oldest such cathedrals in the city, and holds a famous place in Ireland's history. It's built on the top of the hill where the Vikings first settled Dublin in 8th/9th centuries, so it has always occupied a central place in both Dublin's history and geography. It was named as the

seat of the Church of Ireland and has strong links with the British monarchy's former rule of Ireland. Its underground crypt is a must-see as it contains lots of fascinating artefacts from Norman and British royalty. There is a small fee for entrance (approx. €10). The cathedral is located at Christchurch Place, Dublin 8.



Explore the Phoenix Park

The 707-hectare [Phoenix Park](#) is one of the largest enclosed recreational spaces within a capital city in Europe. It is larger than London's entire city parks combined and is also twice the

size of New York's Central Park. It is situated north-west of Dublin city centre, with the River Liffey defining its southern border. It was originally established as a Royal deer park in the 17th century.

Walking through the park, visitors can see Áras an Uachtaráin, the official residence of Ireland's President. This building was formerly the home of the British Viceroy, the British King's representative in Ireland when the country was part of the British Empire. Beside Áras an Uachtaráin is the residence of the American Ambassador to Ireland. The Phoenix Park is also home to the Papal Cross, a large white cross that was erected for the Papal visit of Pope John Paul II on the 29th September 1979; Dublin Zoo, the third-oldest zoo in the world and a Victorian Tea Kiosk which serves teas and lunches with an outdoor picnic area.

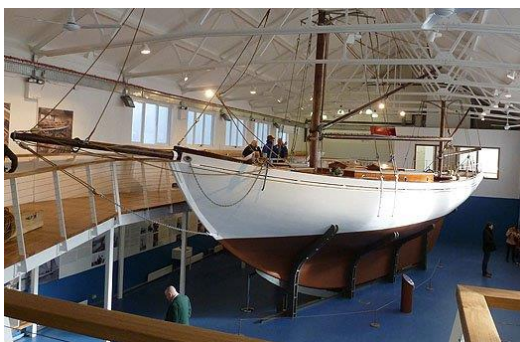


Discover our Art Galleries

Dublin has a number of excellent galleries ranging from small, unique private establishments to national collections open to the public. Two of Dublin's main galleries are the [Hugh Lane Gallery](#) on the city's northside and the [National Gallery of Ireland](#) on the city's southside. The Hugh Lane is a modern gallery – in fact, the oldest of its type in the world. It has

an impressive permanent collection, housing the works of artists such as William Orpen, Jack B. Yeats, and Louis le Brocquy, among others. It is located on Parnell Square North, Dublin 1 – just north of O'Connell Street, the city's main boulevard. The National Gallery of Ireland is located on Merrion Square West, Dublin 2 and is the flagship public gallery of the state. It holds over 2,500 paintings and houses impressive works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet. Both galleries are free to the public.

[The Chester Beatty Library](#) is an art gallery and library located in the grounds of Dublin Castle, south of the River Liffey, and contains an incredibly ornate exhibition on East Asian culture. Its Western Collection features an impressive array of drawings, manuscripts and books, including papyri of Egyptian, Biblical and Greek origin. All artefacts range in age from 2,000 to 200 years old. Entry to the Chester Beatty Library is also free.



Relive history in our Museums

Similar to its art galleries, Dublin has a number of museums to offer, ranging from the small and intimate to the grandiose and expansive. The National Museum of Ireland has three branches: Collins Barracks (located beside the Law Society) hosts exhibitions on Ireland's military history (both from Ireland's joint history with Britain and Ireland's modern military tradition) as well as decorative

arts. The Archaeology Museum on Kildare Street contains relics from Ireland's Bronze Age onwards, including beautiful examples of ornate Celtic jewellery and gold work, Viking, Norman and Medieval artefacts and much more. Perhaps the most fascinating element of this museum is the 'bog men' exhibition, mummified remains of bronze and iron age inhabitants of Ireland, whose bodies were preserved when they became trapped in the country's bogs. The Natural History museum is located on Merrion Street, Dublin 2, and is

known as 'the dead zoo'. It contains skeletons and taxidermy of Irish insects and mammals, as well as large mammals from all over the world. These museums are public museums and are free to enter. Information is available at <http://www.museum.ie/>



Experience Croke Park

[Croke Park](#) is a modern sports stadium situated in the heart of Dublin's north inner city, and home to the Gaelic Athletic Association, the body that promotes and organises Gaelic games (Gaelic football, hurling, camogie, handball) within Ireland. Gaelic games are a central part of Irish culture and every year the nation is gripped with championship fever as Ireland's 32 counties battle to become the All-Ireland champions of Gaelic football and hurling. Located within the stadium is the GAA Museum, tracing the history of the games and the association, which is deeply intertwined with Ireland's history. There are also interactive displays where visitors can learn how to play Gaelic football and hurling in safe surroundings! Gaelic games are a symbol of Ireland's culture and a visit to their home is one not to be missed. There is a fee for entry (approx. €20).



See Dublin's coastal villages

From its most northward point at Skerries to Dalkey in the south, Dublin Bay is full of beauty and punctuated by charming coastal villages. Take a day trip and wander around picturesque towns, discover secret beaches or enjoy breath-taking cliff walks. Whether you want outdoor adventures, tasty seafood, quirky shops, historical castles or a magical shoreline – the bay has it all! Explore it for yourself with a little help from this [visit Dublin guide](#).



Board the Viking Splash Tours

Join Viking Splash Tours on a thrilling tour around the main sights of Dublin City - by land and water! Let the Vikings show you the sites and scenes of the capital city from a World War II amphibious vehicle – all whilst our Viking guides deliver an informative, entertaining and engaging commentary, ensuring all are captivated on this thrilling tour! Tickets are from €20 to book visit: <http://vikingsplash.com/>

Finally why not sample the Guinness Storehouse

Ireland's top visitor attraction is located in the heart of the legendary St. James's Gate Brewery. [The Guinness Storehouse](#) building dates back to 1904 and is a seven-storey visitor experience dedicated to the history of the making of this world famous beer.

The visit includes: The Arthur Guinness tour, pour the perfect pint in the Guinness Academy, sampling beers with the Connoisseur Experience and the highlight is the visit to the Gravity

Bar! Enjoy unparalleled panoramic views of Dublin city and a complimentary pint! Book online from €20.

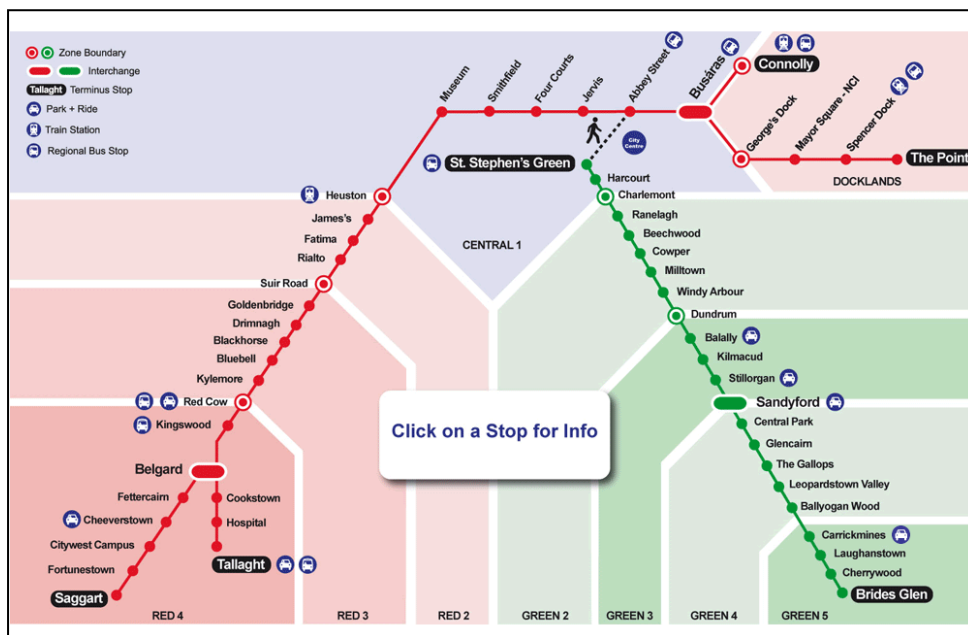
Local Transport Information

Bus

Dublin is served by the public transport operator Dublin Bus. The routes serving Blackhall Place are number 37 and 39. The bus stops in the city centre for both of these routes are at Aston Quay or Suffolk Street. Timetables, fare information and the location of bus stops are available on the [Dublin Bus website](#). When travelling from the city centre to the Law Society of Ireland, the bus stop (Blackhall Place) is the first bus stop on the left after crossing the white bridge called James Joyce Bridge.

Luas

The Luas is Dublin city's light rail tram system. Luas is the Irish word for 'speed'. It consists of two lines, a red line and a green line, which are not connected. The green line runs from St Stephen's Green to Brides Glen south of the city. The red line runs from The Point and Connolly Station to Heuston Station and southwest to Tallaght and Saggart. Timetables and fare information are available from the [Luas website](#). The nearest Luas stops to Blackhall Place are Museum (National Museum of Ireland) or Smithfield.



Taxi

There are many taxis available in and around Dublin city and they can be hailed easily from the street. Your hotel should be able to recommend a taxi firm to you should you wish to order one in advance. You can also download the [mytaxi app](#) to your phone and sign up in seconds. Mytaxi allows you to hail a cab in seconds and pay by card.

Places to eat near the Law Society of Ireland

The following is a list of local cafés and restaurants, located just a few minutes' walk from the Law Society of Ireland which serve lunch and evening meals daily:

[Wuff](#): WUFF is a locally owned, cozy, neighbourhood Bistro serving breakfast, brunch and dinner. The ever-changing and evolving menus and wine list are driven by creativity, innovation and the use of prime produce from Ireland and abroad. Price guide: €5 - €15

[Christophe's](#): Christophe's restaurant is in the heart of Smithfield, Dublin. Offering a daily, fresh breakfast and lunch menu with Bar & Cafe service. The owners, Joe & Eleanor are both chefs and have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years. They offer soup, sandwiches, salads and carvery dinner with all of these options also available for takeaway. Price guide: €5 - €15

[Third Space](#): Third Space Smithfield was set up for people to have a space that was not living space, not working space, but a Third Space. Smithfield opened its doors in 2012 and It is a social business venture to open and run eating and meeting places in the areas of Dublin that lack community hubs. With a simple and great menu and an informal friendly environment, they will have a creative buzz that connects into the varied life of a modern Dublin neighbourhood. Price guide: €4 - €10

[Proper Order Coffee](#): A multi-roaster coffee shop in Smithfield with award winning baristas. Home of the 2017 Irish Barista Champion and voted best coffee in Dublin 2016 by [Lovin Dublin](#).

[Cinnamon Café](#): Located in the heart of Smithfield this small independent family owned and run café serves good, wholesome food and coffee, House specialities include "stewy" soup, healthy vegan friendly salads, bowls of Irish porridge, crowd favourite the 'Hot n Smokey' bagel and a selection of small bakery made cakes and pastries. Price guide: €5 - €15

[Fish shop](#): Located on 6 Queen St, Arran Quay this quirky spot serves seafood plates & rotating wines presented in an intimate, brick-lined space with bar seating. Four course dinner based on the best wild Irish seafood they can source that day. There is therefore, no choice on the night but staffs are happy to speak to you in advance of your visit to make sure that the menu works for you. Price guide: 4 course meal €39

Also on 76 Benburb Street offering fish and chips dinner for sit in or take away from €12.50

[Dice bar](#): Dice Bar is located on the corner of Benburb Street and Queen Street, which is just off Smithfield Square. Great staff, great music and great beer make for a real bar experience. They also brew their own, Revolution Dublin Beer and Augustine Steam Lager.

[The Cobblestone](#) Described as a drinking pub with a music problem! The Cobblestone is a traditional Irish music bar and venue. Traditional music every night delivered in a rough around the edges lounge. Go and enjoy the atmosphere in a real Dublin bar.