

## Welcome to Baboró

Included in this Booklet:

- Safety information and emergency contact details
- Drop off points for buses and recommended parking locations
- Additional places to go on your day out
- A map of venue locations
- Introduction to Teacher Pre-engagement activities

## Important Safety Information

In the interest of safety and good traffic management, we advise bus drivers to use the suggested access routes and stops. Our venue managers will call you on the day of your visit to make sure they can arrange stewards to meet you at these stops and escort you to the venue.

Please plan to arrive at the venue at least 15 minutes early. Latecomers cannot be admitted once a performance has started because it is too disruptive for others. Because of our tight schedule, festival performances must start on time.

Please ensure that your bus driver is made fully aware of these recommendations.

In case of emergency or problems travelling to the venue call: 091 532 985

\* If your group has additional needs, please contact the Schools Box Office in advance to arrange safe, comfortable and accessible seating.

## Preparing for Your Visit

A Baboró Steward, wearing a red Baboró Festival Team t-shirt, will meet you at the recommended bus stop for your venue.

Please put the name of the performance on the board in advance so that children will be able to inform their parents what they are going to see.

Please speak to your class about what to expect when they come to the festival and what is expected of your students for whom this may be their first time visiting a theatre or gallery. Please ensure that you as teachers/SNAs actively engage with the performance/exhibition/workshop with your students as a shared experience.

We have noticed that children watching a performance will chat softly about the show amongst themselves, this is an active form of engagement and is not disruptive. It is not necessary to 'Shhh' children when they are doing this. However, loud talking or disruptive behaviour is, of course, not permissible and the artists should be respected.

## Suggested Drop Off Points for Buses

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### The Town Hall Theatre (Main & Studio)

Buses can stop in front of the Town Hall Theatre but please note that parking is not permitted in this location and buses must park at the Dyke Road Car Park. Alternatively, buses can park at the Dyke Road Car Park and the children can walk along the footpath to the Town Hall Theatre. Please let us know if you are going to be dropped at the Dyke Rd so we can have stewards waiting for you there. Please also allow 5-10 minutes for the walk.

### Black Box Theatre

The best place for buses to park is at the Dyke Road Car Park. Buses can drop children off outside the venue then park in the car park and collect the children after the event. Alternatively, buses can park in the public car park beside the Cathedral.

### An Taibhdhearc / Outset Gallery

Buses cannot access Middle Street, as it is too narrow. Therefore, children should be dropped off at Merchants Rd. Stewards will meet them there and accompany them on the short walk to An Taibhdhearc. Buses can collect the children again at Merchants Rd.

### O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway

Buses are asked to drop children off in front of the Aula Maxima (The Quad) close to the University Road entrance to the campus. Classes can then walk through the green towards the Marine Science Building (directly opposite the Aula Maxima). Upon getting to the Marine Science Building, turn left and you will be led to O'Donoghue Centre (located next to Aras na Mac Leinn).

### Nun's Island Theatre

Buses are asked to drop children off at the bottom of the Cathedral Car Park near the entrance to Nuns' Island. Baboró Stewards will be waiting there. Classes will be escorted back to the car park for pick up. Buses can park in the street beside the Cathedral, Dyke Road Car Park or the Salthill Promenade.

#### Galway Arts Centre

Buses are asked to drop children off at the bottom of the Cathedral Car Park near the entrance to Nuns' Island. Classes can then walk up Nuns' Island road, cross onto Dominick St and the Arts Centre is half way down the street, located on the right hand side.

#### 126 Gallery

The best place for buses to park is at the Dyke Road Car Park. Stewards will be there to meet the bus and walk the group to 126 Gallery.

#### Mall Theatre, Tuam

Buses are asked to drop students off at the bus stop around the corner from the Theatre, on Vicar Street. Someone will meet your group at the bus stop to escort you to the venue. Buses can then park/wait in the Cathedral car park for the duration of the performance.

# Places to Visit

Galway City Museum [www.galwaycitymuseum.ie](http://www.galwaycitymuseum.ie) (free)

City Centre

The Fisheries Watchtower Museum

Wolfe Tone Bridge

Terryland Forest Park <http://friendsoftheterrylandforest.blogspot.ie/>

Trip to Salthill

Take the Galway Tourist Train from Eyre Square out to Salthill and visit the Atlantaquaria. Later, come back into the city on this fun train that runs all year round. See [www.nationalaquarium.ie](http://www.nationalaquarium.ie) and <http://www.galwaytouristtrain.com> for fee information.

Children's Parks

- Children's Millennium Park on University Road across from NUI Galway
- Playground in Eyre Square
- Claude Toft Park in Salthill

# Making Your Own Book

## Pre-Engagement Activity

Available on [baboro.ie](http://baboro.ie)

Use this fun and easy hands-on activity to help your class prepare for their visit to Baboró.

Following the instructions on [baboro.ie](http://baboro.ie), show your class how to fold a piece of A4 paper to create their own pocket-sized books. Pupils can use the book to record their thoughts and ideas before and after their visit to the festival.

Instructions: [www.baboro.ie/schools/making-your-own-book](http://www.baboro.ie/schools/making-your-own-book)

We are always seeking ways for teachers to engage with Baboró events and make connections to what is being taught in class. If you have made an interesting connection between a Baboró show and what you are teaching please let us know so we can pass this information on to others. Please email all feedback to [schools@baboro.ie](mailto:schools@baboro.ie). Thank you!