



Fermanagh Heritage Gateway 2016

The Enniskillen Castle Masterplan: Heritage Gateway to Fermanagh project involves the restoration and refurbishment of four existing buildings within the Castle complex, as well as the construction of a new state-of-the-art Visitor Centre at the entrance to the site. Building work started at the beginning of 2015. The project is making good progress and is due for completion in the summer of this year.

Enniskillen Castle is uniquely placed to become the heritage gateway to the region, showcasing the history of the lakelands and signposting other important attractions in the area. It will become the introduction and first port-of-call for visitors. The ground floor of the new Visitor Centre will include a combined tourism and heritage information service alongside a café, shop and improved visitor amenities. The project involves the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre within the Castle enabling an extension of visitor services throughout the year.

The top floor of the Visitor Centre is a 'History Hub' of further resources for people to uncover including access to museum archives; imaginative digital interactives as well as the Fermanagh Genealogy Service run by volunteers. The first floor picture window provides fabulous panoramic views across the Castle complex, into Enniskillen town and over the waterways.

The project will enable Fermanagh County Museum to increase access to its collections of local, national and international significance, presenting the region's stories for the enjoyment of all. Four new galleries are being created including the 'Lakelands Gallery', the 'Full Circle Art Gallery', the 'Island Town' and the 'Fermanagh Hearth'. Each space has hands-on activity areas appealing to all ages including a Cozy Zone for very young visitors. Also being developed is a temporary exhibition space and Living Memory Gallery focusing on more recent history and highlighting personal stories.

The project involves the refurbishment of part of the Castle courtyard and development of an external events space for hosting an exciting programme of all-year-round activities.

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