CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL’S
TEACHER’S GUIDE
CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL
BELFAST
Discover over 150 years of history, in Northern Ireland's only remaining Victorian era prison. Opened in 1846, the Gaol housed men, women and children, before closing its doors in 1996.

Crumlin Road Gaol is uniquely placed to cover not only Victorian history, but also our more recent past (the troubles era), with hologram's, video and speakers throughout the Gaol, this thought provoking tour is a unique learning resource for all age groups and abilities.

Designed by renowned architect and civil engineer, Sir Charles Lanyon, Crumlin Road Gaol is one of Belfast's most iconic and infamous buildings.

**THE CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL EXPERIENCE**

**PRISONER PROCESSING**
Discover what it was like as an inmate entering the Gaol for the first time.

**GAOL BASEMENT**
Explore our museum area with artefacts from the gaol, then start your experience in our introduction room with Judge Mathews.

**TUNNEL**
Meet Officer Roberts outside the tunnel, venture beneath the Crumlin Road, linking the Gaol and the Court House.

**GAOL CIRCLE**
The Governor is waiting to show you the main body of the Gaol, where men, women and children would have spent their days.

**C-WING**
View our recreated and dressed cells in C-Wing, including holograms, the troubles movie and interviews with ex-prisoners.

**THE CONDEMNED CELL**
From the condemned cell, to the pinioning room and ending in the Hangman's cell, experience the last moments of the condemned prisoner. (this area can be left off the tour if requested)

**GRAVES**
Continue your journey outside to the resting place of the executed prisoners.

**MATRONS HOUSE / SANGER**
Your penultimate stop is in the Matrons House, discover what it was like for the Gaol's highest ranking female officer. This building was converted to a watch tower in later years.

**WESTLAND WESSEX**
View one of Crumlin Road Gaol's newest additions to the tour, the iconic Westland Wessex Helicopter.

**The Yard Gift Shop**
Want to learn more? Explore our extensive book collection in the Yard Gift Shop.

Please be aware that the content of our attraction includes sensitive topics such as death and capital punishment which may be upsetting to some visitors.
SELF-GUIDED TOUR *Available 7 days a week*

Crumlin Road Gaol welcomes visitors for Self-Guided visits 7 days a week from 10:00am. On arrival you will be supported by a welcome host, who will distribute your maps and show you to the tour start point, explaining the different zones and areas within the Gaol, before you begin your self-guided tour. We are also happy to offer teachers a complementary pre-arranged recce to assist with the planning of your visit.

GUIDED TOUR *Available Evenings & Weekends*

Our Guided tours last approx. 90 minutes, covering the history of the Gaol from the Victorian era, Troubles and the eventual closure of the facility. The tour is conducted by a local historian, who along with our advanced AV will aim to give you a better understanding of the Gaol’s rich and complicated history, they will also be able to answer any questions your group have.

TROUBLES WALKING TOUR *Available 7 days a week*

The Troubles Walking Tour is a three part tour, consisting of a Self-Guided Tour of Crumlin Road Gaol (see above), a guided tour of the Shankill Road with a Loyalist Ex-Prisoner and a guided Tour of the Falls Road with a Republican Ex-Prisoner. This tour allows the visitor to see the British/Irish conflict from several perspectives, learning about everyday life in both communities. The joint Falls and Shankill political tour is an exploration of both republican and loyalist perspectives. It is also a personal tour because both guides will have played and keep playing a role for their community. This tour is perfect for those seeking to understand the roots of the recent phase of the British/Irish conflict and how it still impacts today’s life in Belfast.
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TEACHER'S GUIDE

KEY INFORMATION

TEACHER RECCE

Crumlin Road Gaol’s group booking department offer free recce’s for all teachers considering or planning a visit to Crumlin Road Gaol. Come and visit Crumlin Road Gaol on a whistle stop walkthrough with a member of staff, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You will then receive a complimentary ticket for the Self-Guided Tour, to explore the site at your leisure with your camera and notebook in hand. Recce’s are available during term time, Monday-Friday by arrangement, contact groups@crumlinroadgaol.com to book.

ACCESS

Crumlin Road Gaol is a grade A-Listed building and aims to be as accessible as possible. With lift access to all areas, excluding the tunnel (this area has a video outside instead). A BSL video guide is available on request. If any of your party has specific needs, please discuss these with us in advance. crumlinroadgaol.com/accessibility/

TIMING YOUR VISIT

We operate seasonal opening hours, which can be found at crumlinroadgaol.com. A guided tour lasts approximately 90 mins and although a self-guided tour is entirely at your own pace, we recommend approximately 90 mins for the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience.

LUNCHES

Cuffs Bar and Grill located on site, can provide lunches at a discount for School groups who pre-book. We also have an sheltered outdoor space for pack lunches if needed.

HOW TO FIND US

BY CAR / COACH
From the A12 (Westlink) take the exit for Clifton Street / Mater Hospital
Head North West on Clifton Street towards Carlisle Circus (signpost for Mater Hospital)
At Carlisle Circus, take the 2nd exit onto the Crumlin Road
Continue on Crumlin Road past the Mater Hospital and Crumlin Road Gaol (Both on right hand side)
Turn right onto Cliftonpark Avenue at the traffic lights.
After 500 yards, take the 1st right onto Summer Street.
At the Security Office turn right and follow the internal signage to the coach park.

BY BUS
The Gaol is serviced by Translink’s Metro Service 57 and 12B Monday to Saturday and there is a stop outside the Gaol. On Sundays we suggest you use the 12A service and get off at Carlisle Circus which is only a short distance from the Gaol.

DISTANCES & GPS
City Centre: 1.7km
George Best City Airport: 5.8Km
Belfast International Airport: 20.1Km
Post Code: BT14 6ST
Co-ordinates 54°36'33.9″N 5°56'32.1″W, 54.609410, -5.942245

CRUMLINROADGAOL.COM/GROUP-SCHOOL-VISITS
BOOKING A VISIT

HOW TO BOOK
Please complete our online booking enquiry form as soon as possible.
crumlinroadgaol.com/group-school-visits/

Alternatively please direct any emails to
groups@crumlinroadgaol.com

Our team will review your request, check availability and email you a booking form as confirmation, please sign and return the booking form as soon as possible.

Please Note

• We require a minimum of 14 days’ notice to process education group booking requests.

• Please be aware if a booking form is not completed in full there may be a delay in processing your request.

• A group booking request does not reflect an official booking until you have received a receipt (All payments are due a minimum of 7 days before your visit).

For health and safety reasons, larger groups will be split across time slots. You will be notified of these slots at the point of booking.

COMPULSORY RATIOS
Crumlin Road Gaol requires a minimum of 2 supervising adults with each group, excluding 1:1 carers.

• Children under 8 years: 1:10 (or part thereof).
• Children 8-18 years: 1:15 (or part thereof).
• Children with special educational needs or access requirements can avail of free carer ticket: 1:1.

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Excludes 1:1 carers

NB: If these ratios are not met, we reserve the right to refuse entry for health and safety reasons.

Students must be supervised by their responsible adult at all times. More information about conduct and supervision can be found in our terms and conditions.
ON ARRIVAL AT CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL

Please advise your coach driver to enter through the Clifton Park Avenue entrance, do not stop on the Crumlin Road. On entering the site, a member of our security team will direct the coach to our on site coach park. A member of our ticket staff will be waiting for your group at the ticket office, here you should receive your wristbands and maps, our member of staff will then take you to the start point and begin your introduction.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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<td>Self-Guided Crumlin Road Gaol Experience</td>
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<td>11:45</td>
<td>The Yard Gift Shop / Coffee Shop</td>
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<td>12:00</td>
<td>Lunch at Cuffs Bar &amp; Grill or Pack Lunch Outside</td>
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<td>Guided Tour of Shankill Road with a Loyalist Ex-Prisoner</td>
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<td>Guided Tour of Falls Road with a Republican Ex-Prisoner</td>
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<td>15:00</td>
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TOILETS

We have a number of Toilets on site located throughout the site. Before entering the basement, Unisex Toilets are located beside prisoner processing. Male, Female and Disabled toilets are then located in the Gaol Basement, with additional, Male, Female and Disabled toilets in the Governors Corridor.

MEET THE INMATES

For a fun class task, use the trail on the next page to encourage pupils on a self-guided tour to find our inmates and staff throughout the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience.

CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL EXPERIENCE EXIT

Once you have completed your Experience, you will exit through the Yard Gift Shop / Coffee Shop into the Courtyard where you started your visit.

THE YARD GIFT SHOP / COFFEE SHOP

We have a range of items including stationary, magnets, postcards and books on offer. Students should be supervised at all times. We ask that a maximum of 15 students enter the shop at any one time.

CHECK OUT

At the end of your visit, we kindly ask that you check out with a member of our ticket office staff collect any baggage you may have stored with us.

*Above Itinerary is based on the Troubles Walking Tour.*
TEACHER’S GUIDE

MEET THE INMATES AND STAFF

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NORTH BELFAST

International Peace Wall
Crumlin Road Gaol
Crumlin Road Court House
Clifton Street Memorial Church
Clifton Street Orange Hall

CRUMLINROADGAOL.COM/GROUP-SCHOOL-VISITS
STUDENT CONDUCT

Students must remain under the supervision of their adult leaders throughout the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience. This means that the group moves through the experience together and ensures that no students are left behind. This also applies if you leave the building to explore the museum, courtyard and gift shop areas.

We expect young people visiting our experience to treat each other and all other visitors with respect. We want everyone who visits Crumlin Road Gaol to enjoy their time with us, therefore we will not tolerate students running, shouting, or pushing while on site.

Your Welcome Host will have a health and safety message for your group. Please ensure that all students listen to this and encourage them to behave safely throughout their visit.

You are welcome to take photos in the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience, but please do not use video. Please ensure that everyone has turned off their flash as flash photography can be a health risk for some guests.

Crumlin Road Gaol operates a one way system, there are barriers in key areas of the tour route, these will open once the area is ready for the next group, please ensure these barriers are not forced open.

If your group is entering the Condemned mans cell, please ensure, the barriers, bookcase and doors are not forced open, these are automatic and will open once the show has finished.

Eating and drinking is not permitted inside the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience.

Cuffs Bar and Grill, Last Drop in and the Yard Coffee Shop do not have the capacity to facilitate pack lunches. We do have several picnic benches outside in the courtyard and exercise yard that groups are welcome to use.

KEY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Ratios:

- Children under 8 years: 1:10 (or part thereof).
- Children 8-18 years: 1:15 (or part thereof).
- Children with special needs or access requirements: 1:1 (can avail of free carer ticket).
- Crumlin Road Gaol requires minimum of 2 supervising adults with each group, excluding 1:1 carers.
- Large groups will be split into groups of maximum 30 pupils entering 10 minutes apart. You will be notified of these slots at the point of booking and must adhere to these for safeguarding and health and safety reasons. Each sub-group will require 2 leaders each and this will have been confirmed at the point of booking.
SUPERVISION

Leaders are responsible for the safety and conduct of those in their party throughout their visit. However, if you need help, please alert a member of our staff.

All pupils must always remain under the supervision of their adult leaders. Supervision in toilet areas is essential.

Please read our terms and conditions for further information.

ARRIVALS

You should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. If you have arrived outside your timeslot, we cannot guarantee immediate entrance. If you are running late, please call 028 9074 1500 to let us know.

Coaches must use the designated coach drop-off point in the car park.

Backpacks and rucksacks cannot be accommodated in the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience. All personal belongings are brought into the building at the owner's risk.

Visitors are reminded that on occasion parts of the experience may be closed for maintenance or for technical reasons. Tickets will not be refunded and no compensation will be paid in the event of such closures.

CONDEMNED MANS CELL

There are no age restrictions on entry for the condemned man's cell exhibit, however it is the schools responsibility to check with parents / guardians that they are happy for their children to enter.

It is the teachers responsibility to ensure no pupils damage / force a barrier / door open once inside the building.

THE YARD GIFT SHOP / COFFEE SHOP

The Yard requires that there be maximum 15 students in the store at any one time.

Students in the shop must always have adult supervision.

We reserve the right to remove groups from the Crumlin Road Gaol Experience if these guidelines are not adhered to.
FAQS

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO MAKE A BOOKING?

Please complete our online enquiry form at crumlinroadgaol.com/group-school-visits/

A member of our group booking department may then get in touch for further information.

HOW MUCH IS A VISIT AND HOW CAN I PAY?

Please see our online enquiry form for tour pricing. Payment will be arranged on confirmation of booking.

WHAT TOURS ARE AVAILABLE?

We offer Self-Guided tours and troubles walking tours 7 days a week, guided tours are also available on request in the evenings and at weekends or school holidays.

DO I NEED A GUIDE?

No, The Crumlin Road Gaol Experience is a highly interactive and immersive experience, with holograms and advanced AV throughout the site. Teachers are welcome to arrange a free recce before their visit (Monday-Friday) to support in the planning of their trip.

DO WE NEED AUDIO GUIDES?

No, audio guides are not necessary to enjoy the experience.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR DEAF VISITORS?

We have hand held video guides available in British Sign Language (BSL).

HOW LONG SHOULD WE PLAN FOR A VISIT?

Our guided tours are 90 minutes long. While there are no time constraints on a self-guided visit, as this takes place entirely at your own pace, we would recommend approximately 90 minutes for a school group.

HOW CAN I ENSURE A SMOOTH AND ENJOYABLE VISIT?

For a successful visit, please ensure you have read this guide thoroughly. A copy of our risk assessment is available on request and can be used to inform your own. Teachers are very welcome to arrange a free recce in advance of their visit.

HOW CAN I ENHANCE OUR VISIT?

Why not add one of our souvenir guide books or our school gift bags (£6 each) for your pupils to keep. We also recommend exploring the local area, such as the peace walls.

WHAT IS THE ADULT TO CHILD RATIO?

1:15 for children ages 8-18
1:10 for children under 8

CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY RISK ASSESSMENT?

We can email you a copy of our Risk Assessment, which you can use to inform your own risk assessment.

WHAT DO WE DO IF WE’RE RUNNING LATE?

Please phone us on 028 9074 1500.
EXPLORIS AQUARIUM

Dive into Learning at Exploris Aquarium with three great options to choose from, Self-Guided Tours, Guided Tours or Enhanced Tours (includes a guided tour, followed by a curriculum based workshop on a topic of your choice). Can’t visit the Aquarium, not to worry we can visit you as part of our outreach programme, this can be in a classroom setting or with our mobile touch tank. For further details please visit explorisni.com/education-group-bookings/ or email groups@explorisni.com

PICKIE FUN PARK

Located on the picturesque Bangor Marina, Pickie Fun Park is fun for children of all ages. Attractions include Disco Ducks, Pickie Swans, Pickie Puffer Train, Splash Pads, Play Park, Mini Golf, Chair Planes, Pickie Flume and Flying rides. For further information please visit pickiefunpark.com/group-visits/ or email groups@explorisni.com

JIGSAW FARM

Jigsaw Farm, rich in heritage, biodiversity & breath-taking beauty, on the shores of Lough Neagh, Jigsaw Farm is a designated RAMSAR Special Conservation Area. Our services include a mobile petting zoo which is ideal for children’s parties, education programmes, therapeutic sessions, weddings, fun days, school visits, community events and much more. Book us now to visit your school or community event, further details please visit jigsawfarm.org or email info@jigsawfarm.org