



## *Armagh - City of Saints and Scholars*

Armagh Public Library and St Patrick's (Church of Ireland) Cathedral warmly invite groups to take part in a two-fold visit to the 'Hill of Armagh'. During the visit, groups will hear about the history of the Cathedral and will have time to view the Chapter Room and its treasures, and, weather permitting, the Cathedral's crypt. Reference will be made to Brian Boru, the legendary High King of Ireland and to St Patrick's connections with Armagh as his chosen city. Visitors will also learn about the importance of music on the Hill since the Cathedral can lay claim to the oldest choral tradition in Ireland.

The second part of the visit will be to Armagh Public Library, the oldest public library in Northern Ireland, which was established in 1771 by Archbishop Robinson. The Library's collections include books, manuscripts, prints, coins and gems dating over many centuries. Some of the items on show include reproductions of the Book of Kells and the Book of Armagh, Jonathan Swift's personal copy of 'Gulliver's Travels', and the only foreign flag ever captured on the island of Ireland.

All of this is offered at the price of £5.00 per person from Tuesdays to Saturdays. The approximate length of the whole trip is 1.5 hours. To seek further information or to make a booking, please contact Armagh Public Library at any of the contact details below. We will be happy to suggest other visitor attractions for you to consider, if time allows, and to give you a list of recommended restaurants and coffee shops.

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