



# **PROGRAMME**

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**OH!CON 2025** is being held in two venues, An Lanntair and the Town Hall. Your wrist band gives you access to both venues (so don't take it off!).

If this is your first time at OH!CON then head to the Town Hall for games and vendors, and to An Lanntair for talks, workshops, displays and drop-in activities.

Find out more in the pages that follow (or take a peek at pages 4 & 5 for our suggestions for ways to experience the best of OH!CON).



VISIT THE OH!CON TABLE IN AN LANNTAIR'S FOYER TO SIGN UP FOR THE COSPLAY MASQUERADES, THE D&D DICE TRAIL OR TTRPG SESSIONS.

## **ALL DAY STUFF**

All the stuff below is included in your day ticket.

#### At the Town Hall

Video games

**Tabletop** games

VR games

Wargames

Soft archery

Soft axe throwing

NERF

Vendors and merch

#### At An Lanntair

Make a scene with Plasticine

Lego

Build a drawing droid

LED drawings

Create your own comic

Face painting and temporary tattoos

TTRPG sessions

Props and costumes display

Guest signing table

Quiet space and OH!CON library

**Note:** Both An Lanntair and the Town Hall have maximum capacities we cannot exceed. At peak times you may have to queue to enter one or other of the venues.

## **SCHEDULED STUFF**

#### **Talks**

ALL talks are included in your day ticket. Seating is limited (first come, first served).

#### Workshops

Workshops are free to join on the day if spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Spaces are limited, so if you want to make sure of a place in advance, reserve a place at reception (£3) for the workshop you want to attend.

10:30am WORKSHOP: Creativity and storytelling in games

10:30am WORKSHOP: Miniature figure painting (beginners, 6yrs+)

**10:30am PANEL TALK:** A Jedi, an elf and a superhero walk into a bar...

11:30am TALK: Archery shots in the movies

11:30am TALK: Sneaksie: The writing of a TTRPG

11:30am WORKSHOP: Create your own comic character (7-9yrs)

**12:30pm WORKSHOP:** How to write (great) comics (16yrs+)

12:30pm WORKSHOP: Monster model-making (all ages)

12:30pm TALK: Writing Cyberpunk without Cyborgs, Guns, Cops, or Cyborg

**Gun Cops** 

**1:30pm WORKSHOP:** Heroes and Villains (all ages)

1:30pm TALK: How to be a dungeon master

**1:30pm TALK:** The extraordinary worlds of Jasper Fforde

**2:30pm WORKSHOP:** Comic creators masterclass (10-14yrs)

**2:30pm TALK:** Revisiting Blake's 7

2:30pm TALK: Hebridean LARP

3:30pm WORKSHOP: Advanced miniature figure painting (all ages)

3:30pm TALK: Bradan Press: publishing the first Gaelic graphic novel

3:30pm TALK: OH!CAST presents: For the love of comics

### **OUR PICK OF OH!CON**

#### If you're into comics...

10:30am: Marvel Superheroes RPG session - sign up at

the OH!CON table in An Lanntair's foyer

**11:30am:** Edward Ross comic creating workshop

**12:30pm:** Top author Andrew Donkin is running a comic

writing masterclass

**2:30pm:** Dr Emily McEwan talks about publishing the

first Gaelic graphic novel

**3:30pm:** OH!CAST celebrates comics in a live episode

**All day:** OH!CON art gallery entries on display on the

mezzanine walkway. Vote for your favourite!

**All day:** Comic creating table running all day in the

auditorium

NOT SURE WHERE TO
GO? NEED HELP
CHOOSING WHAT TO
DO? ASK US AT THE
OH!CON TABLE IN THE
AN LANNTAIR FOYER.

#### Or keen on games...

**10:30am:** Thomas Welsh 'writing for games' workshop. **11:30am:** Sean Conaghan talks about creating his new

TTRPG, Sneaksie

12:30pm: Thomas Welsh talks about writing the hit game

Cloudpunk

**1:30pm:** RP Davis and Hereward Proops talk about how

to be a dungeon master

All day: Video games, VR, trading card games and

tabletop games in the Town Hall

**All day:** TTRPG sessions running throughout the day.

Sign up at the OH!CON desk in An Lanntair's

foyer

**All day:** Solve the riddles to follow the D&D dice trail

and collect a complete set of role-playing dice. Sign up at the OH!CON desk in An Lanntair's

foyer.

**Please note:** all guests and activities are confirmed but may be subject to cancellation or alteration due to guests' sickness or professional obligations, equipment failure, venues changes, space-time continuum irregularities, alien invasion, belligerent ferrets, or other circumstances beyond our control.

VR SESSIONS AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10 AND 12, AND BETWEEN 2 AND 4

## If cosplay is your thing...

11:30am: Children and families cosplay

(watch, or book in at the OH! CON desk by 11:10 to take

part).

All day:

July Woodford talks about 2.30pm:

LARPing (live action role

playing)

Adults cosplay (watch, or book 3:30pm:

in at the OH!CON desk by

3:10 to take part). Prop and costume display and

photographic backdrops in

the Harbour Room.



### You're a renaissance person, you say?

Then try this smorgasbord of OH!CON goodness:

10:30am The panel talk is a brilliant way to meet some of this year's guests

11:30am GR Jordan talks about archery on the silver screen All day:

Check out the soft archery, axe throwing and NERF range at the

Town Hall

1pm: Catch the lightsaber show in the An Lanntair auditorium 1:30pm

Best-selling sci-fi/fantasy author Jasper Fforde in conversation

about his life and work

2:30pm Join in our Blake's 7 fan chat to relive (or discover) this sci-fi gem.

#### **Quiet Space**

Need to chill out or take a breather? The Drum Room in An Lanntair is our quiet space. You'll find colouring materials and ear defenders there, as well as a selection of books and comics in the OH!CON library.



## GAMING

Head to the Town Hall for OH!CON gaming goodness! Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, there'll be something for you!

#### **VIDEO GAMES**

Enjoy a range of classics and a sprinkle of the modern. Free to play!

**VR** (8yrs+)

10am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm. 20 minute session per person.

#### **BOARD GAMES**

All a-board(game) the Nerd Express! Gateway Nerds are back again to spread the greatness of board games!



linktr.ee/gatewaynerds

TTRPG (some sessions will run in An Lanntair)

Limited spaces - sign up at the OH!CON desk. Game full? Spectators are welcome!

- 10.30 to 12.30 The Stones of Stornoway (Marvel): Avengers Assemble! Race against time to defeat a villainous alliance at Callanish, save reality, and maybe, just maybe, still win the OH! CON cosplay contest.
- 12.30 to 2.30 Neonach: "The Lanterns' Lament" inspired by local mythology. Using an original TTRPG system based on the myths and legends of the Outer Hebrides!
- 12.30 to 2.30 Sneaksie (Gaelic session) Nach tig sibh còmhla rinn airson seisean Sneaksie. Chan fhaic iad ach sgàil bhur làimhe nuair a ghoid sibh na th' aca...
- 2.30 to 4.30 Dungeons & Dragons: Your party of adventurers has been hired to locate a special blue crystal within the ruins beneath the Geldin Kingdom.

#### **WAR GAMES**

Warhammer 40K: In the grim darkness of the far future, there is only war. Dare you play?

Goosedra: Only a single noise echoes in the vacuum of space... "HONK!" The Goosedra returns for a second year to initiate you into war-gaming!

### TRADING CARD GAMES

Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, and Yu-Gi-Oh! sessions running throughout the day. Check at the Town Hall for times.

## **PROGRAMME**

10.30am

**WORKSHOP** 

Community Room (AL)

## Creativity and storytelling in games

With Thomas Welsh

Suitable for kids, young adults and anyone (from 12 years up)

10.30am to 11.20am (50 minutes)

#### Learn how to write for games!

Games writer and author Thomas Welsh (Cloudpunk, Best Served Cold, and loads of others) talks about how he got into writing fantasy novels and games.

He will discuss his creative process, and offer tips for kids, young adults, and anyone who might want to learn how to break into writing for games. 10.30am

**WORKSHOP** 

Art Room (AL)

## Miniatures figure painting (beginners)

With James Murray

Suitable for beginners, 6yrs and older 10.30am to 11.00am (30 minutes)

### Paint a figure and take it home with you!

A fun and friendly introduction to miniature painting! Perfect for kids who are new to the hobby, this workshop will cover the basics of painting and let everyone take home their own painted figure. No experience needed.



Find out more about this year's fantastic guests at:
ohcon.info/guests

**ALL DAY** 

**TREASURE HUNT** 

#### **D&D** dice trail

Join a fun treasure hunt that will lead you across OH!CON. **Sign up at the OH!CON table in the An Lanntair foyer** where you'll receive your first clue. Along the trail, you'll collect a riddle and a die at each stop. By the end of the journey, you'll have a complete set of role-playing dice to take home.

The activity is free, self-guided, and open to all ages.

Art Room (AL)

## A Jedi, an elf and a superhero walk into a bar...

Suitable for all

10.30am to 11.20am (50 minutes)

### A panel talk on humour in sci-fi, fantasy, comics and games.

We have some super funny guests this year, so here's your chance to meet them and kick off OH!CON with a laugh.

Join our guests, Jasper Fforde, Jim Parkyn, Rik Carranza and Andrew Donkin as they talk about what they find funny and how they use humour in their own work

## Create your own comic character

#### with Edward Ross

Suitable for 7 to 9 year olds

11.30am to 12.20pm (50 minutes)

### A comic art workshop for 7 to 9 year olds.

Join comic artist Edward Ross (author of Graphic Novel Builder: The illustrated guide to making your own comics, and more) and learn how to design your very own comic character. Then bring them to life in a hilarious and exciting comic story!

11.30am

#### **COSPLAY MASQUERADE**

Auditorium (AL)

#### Children (0-15yrs) and families cosplay masquerade

#### **Hosted by Rik Carranza**

The first cosplay masquerade of the day is for children (0-15yrs) and families. Come and marvel at this year's fabulous costumes.

If you want to enter (rather than just watch) register at the OH!CON table in An Lanntair's foyer at least 20 minutes before the start of the masquerade. There are limited spaces available so register early to make sure of a space.

Will **you** be crowned OH!CON cosplay champion 2025?

### **Archery shots in the movies** with GR Jordan

11.30am to 12.20pm (50 minutes)

GR Jordan from Western Isles Archers explores the accuracy of Tinseltown's bow-wielding heroes and heroines.

From Katniss Everdeen to Legolas, from Merida to Hawkeye – which movies have pinpoint precision and which are just made up nonsense?

11.30am

TALK

Community Room (AL)

## **Sneaksie: The writing of a TTRPG**

with Sean Conaghan

#### Creating a game

Join Sean Conaghan as he takes you on his journey of creating a new tabletop role-playing game.

In Sneaksie, you take on the role of a thief, rogue, brigand or other ne'erdo-well completing jobs for money and favour in the criminal underworld of a fantasy city.

Find out how Sean developed Sneaksie from initial idea to working prototype and finally, the finished game.





#### 12.30pm

#### **WORKSHOP**

Community Room (AL)

### How to write (great) comics

**With Andrew Donkin** 

Suitable for 16yrs and older 12.30pm to 1.20pm (50 minutes)

### A creative writing workshop for ages 16 years and up.

Join Andrew – who has written absolutely loads of best-selling books, comics and graphic novels – to discover the storytelling techniques used in truly great comics.

Using examples from his own work and others, Andrew will show you how to tell your story, taking advantage of the things that comics can do that other media can't.

The workshop will give you an opportunity to put the techniques into practice, creating a page of your own comic (either writing it or drawing it, whichever you prefer).

1pm and 2.30pm

**TALK** 

Auditorium (AL)

### Lightsaber show

1pm and 2.30pm

The OH!CON lightsaber team are back – bigger and better! Two chances to catch the show!



A Q&A at the end will offer plenty of time for audience members to ask

him about working in games, writing

novels, and his creative process.

Art Room (AL)

#### Monster model-making With Jim Parkyn

Suitable for all ages

12.30pm to 1.20pm (50 minutes)

### A plasticine model-making workshop for all ages

Using plasticine, Jim Parkyn character designer, model maker, sculptor, filmmaker, stop motion animator for Aardman Animations, BBC, and loads more - will help you to model your own monster!

#### 1.30pm

**WORKSHOP** 

Art Room (AL)

#### **Heroes and Villains**

With Jim Parkyn

Suitable for all ages

1.30pm to 2.20pm (50 minutes)

### A plasticine model-making workshop for all ages

Using plasticine, Jim Parkyn character designer, model maker, sculptor, filmmaker, stop motion animator for Aardman Animations, BBC, and loads more - will help you to model your own hero or villain!

#### 1.30pm

**TALK** 

Community Room (AL)

### How to be a dungeon master

### with RP Davis and Hereward Proops

1.30pm to 2.20pm (50 minutes)

Join TTRPG experts R. P. Davis (Kabouter Games) and Hereward Proops for a lighthearted exploration of what it takes to be a successful dungeon master.

Focusing primarily on fantasy-themed role-playing games such as Dungeons & Dragons, the talk will consider the critically important issues of running a game such as what to do when your players don't go in the direction you want them to, when to ignore bad dice rolls, and whether halflings wear shoes or not.

#### **ALL DAY**

Balcony (TH)

#### **Archery, axes and NERF**

Test your skill at soft archery with the Western Isles Archers, as well as soft axe throwing and our NERF range.





1.30pm

**TALK** 

Gallery (AL)

## The extraordinary worlds of Jasper Fforde

with Jasper Fforde

1.30pm to 2.20pm (50 minutes)

Jasper Fforde is one of the UK's best loved and best-selling fantasy and science fiction authors.

His writing has been described as a joyful blend of comedy-SF-thriller-crime-satire. He delights in humour and wordplay, tightly scripted plots and playful subversion of conventional, traditional genres.

His 17 published novels (so far!) span everything from police procedurals featuring nursery rhyme characters to post-apocalyptic dystopias where social hierarchy is based on the colours you can see, and alternate history mysteries featuring literary detective Thursday Next.

We'll be chatting with Jasper about all of these and more, and there'll be the opportunity for questions from the audience too!



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Art Room (AL)

### Comic creators masterclass with Edward Ross

Suitable for 10 to 14 year olds 2.30pm to 3.20pm (50 minutes)

#### Take your comics to the next level!

Love comics? Interested in making your own? Come meet comic artist Edward Ross, creator of Graphic Novel Builder: The illustrated guide to making your own comics, and learn a bunch of tips and tricks that will bring your comic book ideas to life!

Community Room (AL)

#### **Revisiting Blake's 7**

2.30pm to 3.20pm (50 minutes)

We're teleporting down to chat about Blake's 7, the landmark BBC sci-fi show from the late 70s. Debuting just after the UK launch of Star Wars, this tale of plucky rebels fighting against an evil galactic regime trod a darker, more cynical, and distinctly more British path.

We'll be tackling the big questions: Was this Terry Nation's finest achievement? Who were the standout characters? Did the ropey special effects matter? And were there ever actually 7 in the crew at *any* point during the series?



## **Hebridean LARP**With July Woodford

2.30pm to 3pm (30 minutes)

July Woodford has a big interest in LARPing and starting up a LARPing group on the island!

LARP stands for Live Action RolePlaying. Come join in on the talk to learn about all things fantasy and LARP! July will discuss how it works, how to get started and everything you need to know about it!



#### How did we do?

Tell us what you enjoyed or didn't enjoy about OH!CON. It'll help us make next year even better.

All responses received by October 28th will be entered into a prize draw for a bag of OH!CON goodies.

ohcon.info/survey



3.30pm

WORKSHOP

Community Room (AL)

## Advanced miniature figure painting

With James Murray

Suitable for painters who know the basics

3.30pm to 4:15pm (45 minutes)

A hands-on session for hobbyists with some painting experience. This workshop will focus on using dry brushing techniques to achieve metallic effects on miniatures.

Community Room (AL)

# Bradan Press: publishing the first Gaelic graphic novel

#### With Dr Emily McEwan

3.30pm to 4.20pm (50 minutes)

What was it like to work with a Canadian author-artist to publish the first Gaelic graphic novel in Canada?

Dr. Emily McEwan of Bradan Press takes us step by step through the process, giving insights into the unique challenges of small-scale publishing and creative work in Gaelic.

Session in Gaelic and English.

## OH!CAST presents: For the love of comics

3.30pm to 4.30pm (60 minutes)

Join OH!CAST for a special live episode celebrating a combined 175 years of comic book history! In honour of the 90th anniversary of DC and the 85th of Marvel, we're dedicating an entire hour to a live audience chat about all things comics.

This is your chance to share your passion! We'll be discussing your favourite stories, the characters who inspire you, and the creators and artists who brought them to life. Get ready to dive deep into the world of sequential art and celebrate your favourite heroes and villains with fellow fans.



3.30am

#### **COSPLAY MASQUERADE**

Auditorium (AL)

#### **Adults cosplay masquerade**

#### **Hosted by Rik Carranza**

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## **CHARITIES**

All of the proceeds from this year's OH!CON quiz, the raffle, and the collection buckets will go to three terrific local charities: WISCK (wisck.co.uk), The Leanne Fund (theleannefund.co.uk) and NeuroHebrides (neurohebrides.org).

## **SPONSORS**

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**Creative Scotland** (creativescotland.com)

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