

THE NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM'S TEAM-BUILDING EXPERIMENTAL LETTERPRESS WORKSHOPS



Are you looking for a creative team-building experience for your company? Then leave the screens behind and come work with your hands at one of our corporate letterpress workshops. Collaborate, learn and get creative!

INTRODUCTION TO THE MUSEUM:

The National Print Museum (charity number: CHY 10701) is a unique museum; the only one of its kind in Ireland. Its collection is made up largely of letterpress printing equipment; letterpress is a form of relief printing, which was invented by Johannes Gutenberg in 1439 and is regarded as one of humankind's greatest inventions. It was the principle manner of printing which prevailed for over 500 years before becoming commercially obsolete, in the mid-twentieth century.

The main collection is not behind glass or rope, but is instead an example of a working collection organised like a traditional 1960's printshop. In recent years there has been an international revival in letterpress as a craft form with a growing yearning for tactile involvement in design and craft.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY:

To celebrate Letterpress being added to the National Inventory for Intangible Cultural Heritage, the museum invites participants on our team-building workshops collaborating with letterpress designers to produce unique posters for their office space and/or gift to their families, friends or clients.

The museum has tailor-made three letterpress workshop options to suit either half-day/full day workshops for smaller or larger teams.

P22 BLOX WORKSHOP: During this half-day workshop (for 6 participants) the team will work together to design and typeset abstract letterpress posters using P22 Blox and our flatbed proofing press. P22 Blox are modular letterpress printing blocks which can be assembled in a number of ways to create letters and beautiful geometric patterns. It's a fun, creative, hands-on experience which produces eye-catching, vibrant results.

WOODTYPE WORKSHOP: This full-day workshop (for 6 participants) will utilise the museum's rare collection of large wooden type as well as the flatbed proofing press. Beautiful results can be achieved by playing with the layout, ink effects and the texture of the wood type. All stages including the inking will be done by hand... think big type, short words and bold colours!

INTRODUCTION TO LETTERPRESS WORKSHOP: This full-day workshop is designed to cater for larger teams of 10-12 participants. The team will set their type and pull their prints using the printing presses and experiment with wooden type printing techniques. This workshop also includes an interactive tour of the museum with a museum guide.

All workshops will cover the fundamentals of letterpress printing techniques, as well as the history and background of this traditional craft.

Depending on your workshop option, lunch in the Press café is included and coffee/tea/scones will be offered to the team on arrival.

The workshop hours will run from:

Option 1 - P22 Blox Workshop: 10am – 1pm (half-day)

Option 2- Woodtype Workshop: 10am – 4.30pm (full-day)

Option 3 – Introduction to Letterpress workshop: 11 – 4pm (full-day)



Option 1: FOCUS ON P22 BLOX - WHAT'S INCLUDED	Introductory offer: On request
TEAM-BUILDING ABSTRACT WORKSHOP WITH P22 BLOX (half-day for 6 participants)	✓
LETTERPRESS TUTOR	✓
HIGH QUALITY MATERIALS	✓
HANDS-ON CRAFT USING TRADITIONAL MACHINES	✓
UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE	✓
CLOUD-PICKER COFFEE/TEA/SCONE ON ARRIVAL	✓
PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY LETTERPRESS LIMITED EDITION PRINTS	✓

Option 2: FOCUS ON WOODTYPE – WHAT'S INCLUDED	Introductory offer: On request
TEAM-BUILDING WORKSHOP WITH WOODEN TYPE (full-day for 6 participants)	✓
LETTERPRESS TUTOR	✓
HIGH QUALITY MATERIALS	✓
HANDS-ON CRAFT USING TRADITIONAL MACHINES	✓
UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE	✓
CLOUD-PICKER COFFEE/TEA/SCONE ON ARRIVAL	✓
LUNCH IN PRESS CAFÉ (PRE-ORDERED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL)	✓
PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY LETTERPRESS LIMITED EDITION PRINTS	✓

Option 3: INTRODUCTION TO LETTERPRESS – WHAT'S INCLUDED	Introductory offer: On request
TEAM-BUILDING WORKSHOP USING WOODEN TYPE (full-day for 10-12 participants)	✓
LETTERPRESS TUTOR	✓
MUSEUM TOUR (1 hour)	✓
HANDS-ON CRAFT USING TRADITIONAL MACHINES	✓
UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE	✓
CLOUD-PICKER COFFEE/TEA/SCONE ON ARRIVAL	✓
LUNCH IN PRESS CAFÉ (PRE-ORDERED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL)	✓
LETTERPRESS PRINTS	✓



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