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Hello there!

Just a week and a half now till this year's City of Dublin Winter Solstice Celebration Festival, which you can book [here](#)! **As a fundraiser for this colourful family gathering, a wonderful alternative to Christmas, we are running a raffle!** There are some magnificent prizes up for grabs! See below for further details. Buy raffle tickets [here](#)!

Prizes:

- 2 x All Together Now Festival weekend camping tickets (valued at €199.50)
- 2 x Body&Soul Festival tickets (valued at €189.50)

More great prizes to be announced soon!

Tickets are prices as follows:

- 1 row for €10
- 3 rows for €20

If you would like to donate to this campaign with any amount, your help and support for this local festival is be greatly appreciated. To donate/buy

raffle tickets, click [here!](#)

Young and old are invited to take part in this year's magical parade which honours the Winter Solstice on December 21, marking the shortest day of the year which is celebrated worldwide across a range of cultures. This family festival is a colourful gathering of local communities with national and international visitors celebrating the Winter Solstice, bringing together céilí dancing, traditional storytelling, poetry and craft making with the processional parade culminating in a powerful and moving collective fire ceremony in Dublin's Smithfield Square. The celebration invites everyone to take part in this inclusive gathering of people of all ethnicities and cultures through costuming, drumming, parading, flag carrying and being a participant in the Winter Solstice Fire Ceremony, the traditional climax on Smithfield Square.

A big thanks to our friends who have generously given us prizes for this raffle!

**Additionally, we are currently looking for volunteers for the City of Dublin Winter Solstice Celebration Festival.** Volunteers would need to be available on 21 December from 4-7pm, to be marshals, help set up, help with costumes and the like. Please email [dublincitywintersolstice@gmail.com](mailto:dublincitywintersolstice@gmail.com) if interested!

We hope to see you all soon!

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