



Subject:	Request for use of City Hall grounds for International Yoga Day
Date:	24 April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider request from Hindu Council of Ireland for the use of City Hall grounds on 21 June 2026.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise the use of City Hall grounds on 21 June 2026 for International Day of Yoga Celebrations. 2. Authorise the event to take place on the basis of submission of an event management plan and risk assessment and appointment of an event controller to ensure delivery of a safe public event.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background Information</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall are normally dealt with under the authority delegated by the Committee to the Director of Legal and Civic Services using criteria agreed for this purpose. Occasionally however, it is necessary to place such requests directly before the Committee, and the request set out below falls into this category.
	<u>The Proposed event – International Day of Yoga Celebrations</u>
3.2	The proposed event to mark International Day of Yoga would take place on the front East lawn only and areas such as the West Lawn, the Titanic Garden and Cenotaph will remain open to the public. Access to the building will not be affected. The event includes speeches followed by an outdoor yoga session being led to increase the awareness of healthy lifestyles through the benefits of yoga. Organisers welcome the participation of community members from all walks of life regardless of their faith or background. Organisers expect around 100 participants.
3.3	The event would be free to enter. The organiser would provide stewarding/marshalling staff & first aiders and would comply with the Council's standard conditions for hire etc.
3.4	Members will also be aware that for many years the same organisation have used one of the lawns to mark this date and the event has always been successfully delivered without issue.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None. Costs will be met within existing budgets.

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no direct good relations, equality or rural needs implications arising from this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None