Connecting people to plants through Art

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National Botanic Gardens of Ireland

- Situated in Glasnevin a leafy suburb close to the centre of the city of Dublin.
- 19.5 ha in size.
- Landmark Heritage site in Dublin.
- Has a place in many Dubliners hearts.
Famous for its restored Victorian glasshouses.
Recipient of Europa Nostra award for conservation architecture.
A Victorian garden established in 1795.

With a modern ethos towards biodiversity preservation and sustainability very much rooted in the 21st century.

National focal point for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
Visitor numbers

Significant increase in visitors from 125,000 in 1990 (est.) to 541,946 in 2014
What is Sculpture in Context?
Largest outdoor sculpture exhibition in Ireland
Over 150 leading Irish and international artists participate in the exhibition using a variety of mediums.
Artists invited to respond creatively to the gardens
"Dr. Living-stone \ Presume\"
by Alison Bate
made from Kilkenny Limestone

It depicts a succulent Lithops plant species, so-called "living stones" from South Africa.
Important focus for art students at first, second and third level.

Used for project aspect of the leaving cert exam.
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The Irish Alphabet in Botanical Art

An exhibition by the newly founded Irish Society of Botanical Artists

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin

2 - 25 May 2014
A NATURAL SELECTION
100 ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS DUBLIN

15TH NOVEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER
A VISUAL ODYSSEY INTO THE INVISIBLE WORLD

Karl Gaff

National Botanic Gardens
Glasnevin, Dublin
9th November - 30th November