

AKUMAKON 2023

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CONBOOK



Director's Note

Hi everyone, my name is Ailbhe O'Connor and I am your convention director for 2023.

Akumakon 2023 is the first Akumakon since January 2020, and as such, a huge issue we have faced is that the vast majority of the people who knew how to run Akumakon have graduated.

There are currently 38 people on this committee and all but 4 of them have never done this before. I may be biased but I think they have done a bang-up job considering pretty much all of them are new to this.

Akumakon 2023 has been in the works since March 2022. We have put an awful lot of work into this collectively and we really hope you enjoy the weekend.

However, I am aware that this will be a lot of people's first convention. And for even more people it will be their first big event post-covid. We ask that you please be respectful of people's boundaries, always ask before taking any pictures of anyone and cosplay is not consent. We'll be encouraging everyone to wear a mask if you can and we'll have masks at our front desk to give-out as per recommendations from the Nurses and Midwives Union.

Other than that... be sound, be safe and respect each other.

Thank you,

Ailbhe O'Connor (They/Them)
Akumakon Convention Director

Who are you and how did you get here? (A Guide to Akumakon 2023)

Come one come all to Akumakon 2023, there's nothing ominous about that contract you signed in your sleep last night. This is the con-book, your one-stop guide to the convention. We have a great selection of food, art and anime merch, as well as events, panels and screenings, so there's something for everyone! This is our 11th year of the convention.

Our mascot, Uisín, is a mash-up of the Japanese word for cow and the Irish name Oisín. Our little cow demon is quite cute!

Alternatively, the artist says they were kidnapped from a home planet of cow people, so you get to decide which backstory you prefer.

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Sponsored by Massimo's Bar!

IMPORTANT INFO!

-All of the committee will be wearing blue Akumakon shirts and all the volunteers will be wearing red Akumakon shirts. If you have a problem or question, please ask them.

-The front desk will be open to people from:

5pm-8pm on Friday

9am-8pm on Saturday

9am-6pm on Sunday

You can chat to our front desk team for tickets, pre-order and/or all general queries!

-Please have a read of the rules [here](#)

-A lot of information is available on our website over at <https://www.akumakon.com/> but if you have any specific questions please email akumakon@socs.nuigalway.ie

-Have fun, be sound and enjoy the weekend everyone!

MAPS & SCHEDULE





Ground floor

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TRADE HALL
AND MAIN
PANEL ROOM
(DOWNSTAIRS)

VIDEO
GAMES
ROOM

2ND
PANEL
ROOM

CLOAK
ROOM

BOARD
GAMES
& CARD
GAMES

SPECIAL
EVENTS ROOM
(DOWNSTAIRS)

Upstairs

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Friday

Location	Main Panels Room	2nd Panels Room	Special Events	Screenings Room	Sensory Screenings Room	Video-Games Room	Card/Board Games	Trade Hall	Extra Events
	Bailey Allen Hall A	Meeting Rooms	The Stage	HBB Lecture Hall	HBB Classroom	The View	The Space	Bailey Allen	
	Set-Up								
18:00-19:00	Opening Ceremony			Ranking of Kings	Pokemon: The Original Series	Free Play	Free Play	Set-up (Closed to the public)	
19:00-20:00	Cosplay and Game Design (with Maezza Romero)	Localisation and Translation in Anime and Games	Disgraceful Cabaret (18+) (£5 entry fee)						
20:00-21:00	Bad Fanfiction (with Masakox) (18+)	I swear there is something more to say about Evangelion (18+)		Jujutsu Kaisen 0	Ponyo	Ultimate Chicken Horse Tournament	Free Play	Set-up (Closed to the public)	
21:00-22:00	H-Panel (18+)	Husbando 101: A Beginners Guide to Best Boys (18+)							
22:00-23:00									Pub Quiz in Suit (from 9pm)



FREE ENTRY ON FRIDAY

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Saturday

	Main Panels Room	2nd Panels Room	Special Events	Screenings Room	Sensory Screenings Room	Video-Games Room	Card/Board Games	Trade Hall	Extra Events	
Location	Bailey Allen Hall A	Meeting Rooms	The Stage	HBB Lecture Hall	HBB Classroom	The View	The Space	Bailey Allen		
09:00	Set-Up									
09:30										
10:00										
10:30	Morning Cartoons	Intersectional Frills (J-Fashion and Feminism)		Mob Psycho 100	Avatar: The Last Airbender	Free Play	Free Play	Sensory Friendly Shopping	Ultrakill Survival Tournament in Video-Games Room (All Day)	
11:00	Masakox Q&A	Teyvat Travel Guide: A Deep Dive into the Lore of Genshin Impact				Smash 1v1 Tournament				
11:30										
12:00										
12:30	Character Design Basics with Keith Byrne	Starting from Scratch: How to plan a cosplay project (with Bambilashes Cosplay)	Xhoi Dao and Laura Stahl Signing	A Silent Voice	Tonari no Seki-kun					
13:00										
13:30	HbomberGuy Q&A	Video Game Soundtracks Mozart Would Approve of	Cosplay Masquerade Set-Up							
14:00										
14:30	Design a Sonic OC	Lost Media Found (with Tantalus)								
15:00										
15:30	HbomberGuy & Super Eyepatch Wolf Collab!	Horror in Pokemon 2.0								
16:00										
16:30	Laura Stahl and Xhoi Dao Q&A	Japanese 101/Survival Japanese								
17:00										
17:30	Super Eyepatch Wolf Q&A	The Foot's Guide to Cosplay (with LowLowCheese Cosplay)								
18:00										
18:30	Translation Panel with Dallas Reid & Jill Harris	Time Lord Society Presents: How to Make Your Own Fan Film								
19:00										
19:30	Anime Mad-Libs with Laura and Xhoi	Introduction to Competitive Pokemon								
20:00										
20:30	Casey/Explosion Q&A	18+ Games of Newgrounds and Similar Trash (18+)	Akumakon Karaoke							
21:00										
21:30	Channel A with Masakox (18+)	Design Your Own NSFW Character (18+)		Promare	My Neighbour Totoro	Free Play		Closed		Charity Auction (In Suit) from 9pm with Casey/Explosion DJ set afterwards!

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Sunday

Room	Main Panels Room	2nd Panels Room	Special Events	Screenings Room	Sensory Screenings Room	Video-Games Room	Card/Board Games	Trade Hall
Location	Bailey Allen Hall A	Meeting Rooms	The Stage	HBB Lecture Hall	HBB Classroom	The View	The Space	Bailey Allen
09:00							Free Play	
09:30	Hot Cross Boys					Free Play		Sensory Friendly Shopping
10:00				Nichijou	Silver Spoon	Mario Kart Wii Tournament		
10:30	Shoemaking for Cosplay (with Bambilashes Cosplay)	The Science of My Hero Academia	Tarot Readings			Free Play		
11:00							Free Play	
11:30								
12:00	Dallas Reid Q&A	Studio Meala Q&A	Junk Cosplay	Akiba: Maid War	Halkyuu			
12:30								
13:00	Let's Fight a Boss with Super Eyepatch Wolf	Model UN: Zombie Apocalypse	Akumakon's Got Talent Set-up	Cyberpunk: Edgerunners	K-On	Multiversus duo's Tournament	Free Play	Trade Hall and Artists Alley
13:30								
14:00	Jill Harris Q&A							
14:30								
15:00	Youtube 101 with HbomberGuy	Little White Truck-kun, a History of Isekai					Free Play	
15:30								
16:00	Genshin Impact Panel with Khori Dao and Laura Stahl	Childhood Gaming Gems You've Forgotten About	Akumakon's Got Talent	Dorohedoro	Howl's Moving Castle			
16:30								
17:00	Directing Anime Dubs with Jill Harris and Dallas Reid	LowLowCheese Cosplay Q&A					Free Play	
17:30								
18:00								
18:30	Closing Ceremony							Closed/Set Down



RULES



General Rules:

- Zero tolerance harassment policy: This includes but is not limited to: Verbal abuse, physical abuse, following, stalking, unconsented photography, unconsented recording, inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate sexual attention. Harassment of any kind will result in being escorted out of the convention and having your entry badge confiscated.
- Do not touch people. Ask to take photos. Respect a "No". Anyone breaking these rules will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated. Please report harassment to a committee member or volunteer.
- Accessible toilets are to be used for their designated purposes and not as changing rooms.
- You are required to have your weekend pass/day pass wristband on you at all times. Anyone found without a wristband will be asked to leave the convention.
- Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. If children under this age are found to be unaccompanied then An Garda Síochána will be contacted.
- Wristbands: blue bands are Saturday passes, green are weekend passes, and red indicate the wearer is 18+.
- To obtain an 18+ pass, attendees must prove their age using a passport, driver's/provisional licence, student ID, Garda age card, European identity card or some other equivalent. Attendees without a red band cannot attend 18+ events and will be asked to leave if they do.

- No signs, eg, "Hug Me".
- No throwing of any objects.
- No pushing or shoving in queues.
- No running.
- No imagery that is politically promotive in its nature.
- No pornographic imagery (including on clothing).
- No smoking or vaping indoors.
- AI generated imagery is not permitted to be sold anywhere on Akumakon premises for the duration of the convention.
- No art can be sold outside the Bailey Allen Hall and The Hub Artist Alley. Any artist found doing so will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated. Only those approved to sell in the Trade Hall or the Artist's Alley or The Hub are authorised to sell.
- Attendees may not be permitted to use photography and/or video equipment during panels and events, this will be clearly stated beforehand. If you do use photography equipment during one of these events you will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated.
- Attendees should note that they may be photographed or filmed while in attendance of the convention by our staff. These images and videos may be used for promotional purposes.
- Akumakon committee, volunteers, security, and university staff may need to issue additional instructions not included in these rules. Warnings may also be issued to attendees. Refusal to follow these will result in being escorted out of the convention and having your entry badge confiscated.
- The organisers of Akumakon reserve the right to refuse admission to anybody.
- Anyone caught stealing will be reported to An Garda Síochána, escorted out of the convention, have their entry badge confiscated, and be blacklisted from all future Akumakon events.



- We request that masks be worn indoors at all times unless you are eating, drinking, or have a medical reason. Guests reserve the right to refuse to interact with attendees who are not wearing masks. Free masks are available at the Front Desk.
- If you are sick, do not attend Akumakon. If you test positive for Covid-19, do not attend Akumakon. Free antigen tests are available at the Front Desk. Please be considerate of the health and wellbeing of the attendees, staff, and guests.
- Hygiene complaints will be treated in the same vein as behaviour complaints. One complaint will trigger a situation appraisal and the committee will adjudicate on a case by case basis. We reserve the right to ask you to leave the con if your hygiene is deemed to be of an unsatisfactory standard. Guide to personal hygiene: [Link 1](#) and [Link 2](#). Guide to cleaning your clothes: [Link](#)

Cosplay Rules:

- Accessible toilets are to be used for their designated purposes and not as changing rooms.
- No offensive/overly revealing clothing or costumes are permitted. Any cosplays worn must cover at least the same as a modest bikini/swimsuit. You must wear a dance belt if wearing something form fitting. Anyone who violates this rule will be asked to cover up. Failure to do this will result in you being asked to leave the premises.
- Cosplays must be suitable for a general audience - There are a lot of kids around the convention after all!
- Nudity is not permitted.
- Suitable footwear must always be worn; bare feet are not permitted.
- Wheeled footwear (heelies, roller blades, roller skates, etc.) and stilts are not permitted inside the convention centre. They may be carried as a prop, but cannot be worn.
- Anyone who has a cosplay that will inhibit movement/vision/or impede the senses are required to have a 'buddy' to help escort you around the convention.
- Cosplayers may not be connected/tethered/tied/leashed together in any manner.
- Racism will not be tolerated in the form of blackface/brownface, changing the colour of your skin to one of a different human ethnic group is not permitted. Unnatural skin tones, for example blue/green/purple are okay.

Cosplay and Harassment:

- Cosplay is not Consent. Do not touch people. Ask to take photos. Respect a “No”. Anyone breaking these rules will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated. Feeling harassed? Talk to a committee member or volunteer.
- Zero tolerance harassment policy: This includes but is not limited to: Verbal abuse, physical abuse, following, stalking, unconsented photography, unconsented recording, inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate sexual attention. Harassment of any kind will result in being escorted out of the convention and having their entry badge confiscated.



Props:

- All props will be inspected on arrival at the convention. Only approved props will be allowed to be carried around. Any props deemed to be too hazardous will be stored in the cloakroom until the end of the convention and/or your time in the convention.
- Anyone found to be miss-using props in a manner deemed dangerous to other attendees will have their props confiscated until the convention is over.
- If you wish to use airsoft guns/pellets guns as props they must be unloaded and shown to be nonfunctioning.
- No projectile weapons permitted.

Prohibited props include:

- Real firearms: working, replica, disabled, or otherwise.
- Anything that fires projectiles, such as BB guns, pellet guns, cap guns, paintball markers, crossbows, dart guns, blow guns, slingshots and strung bows.
- Live steel knives including swords, bayonets, daggers, switchblades, axes, shuriken and kunai.
- Blunt weapons, such as batons, clubs, paddles (including yaoi paddles) and nunchaku.
- Liquid weapons, including water pistols, water guns, and water balloons.
- Explosives, including fireworks, firecrackers, sparklers, stun grenades, and smoke bombs.
- Chemical weapons, including tear gas and pepper spray.
- Laser devices, including laser pointers and laser-aiming devices.
- No bubble machines.
- And all other weapons prohibited in Ireland under the Firearms Acts 1925 to 2009 and the Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act 1990.

Anyone found in possession of a prohibited weapon will have the weapon confiscated and will be reported to An Garda Síochána.



Cosplay Masquerade:

- Anyone aged 12 and under who wishes to enter the masquerade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old.
- The origins of your cosplay must be specified. You must state, truthfully, on sign up if your cosplay is bought, hand-made, commissioned (this includes if a friend or parent/guardian has made it for you) or if it is a combination. If entrants provide false information and place in the competition they will be stripped of their title and prizes. Costumes that are bought/commissioned are not eligible to receive a prize.
- Judging will be based on the quality of the costume, the accuracy of the costume and the stage presence of the cosplayer. (You can't forget the 'play' in cosplay!)
- The Entrants' costume cannot have previously won at a large competition using the same costume. If this rule is not complied with, winners may be stripped of their prizes and a new winner selected.

GUESTS



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Laura Stahl!

Voice Actor! (She/Her)

Laura Stahl (she/her) is a Los Angeles voice actor with a career in JRPG's and anime! You may recognize her voice talents as Ray in the Promised Neverland, Barbara and Xinyan in Genshin Impact, Dorothy from the Great Pretender or Iruma from Welcome to Demon School Irumakun. She's also adapted numerous scripts for anime such as Yashahime: Princess half Demon, Eden, Fate Grand Order: Absolute Demonic Front Babylonia and more!



Khoi Dao (he/him) may be a cat owner first and a voice actor second, but it's a very close second! He's voiced Albedo in Genshin Impact, Kuroko in Kuroko's Basketball, Nils and Wolt in Fire Emblem: Heroes, Cancer Cell in Cells at Work, Murata in Demon Slayer, Tim Goodman in Detective Pikachu, amongst others.

Khoi has also appeared in Phantasy Star Online 2, SAO: Alicization, Pokémon Masters, Mob Psycho 100, Fate/Apocrypha, Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Gundam Build Drivers and many more!

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Dallas Reid!

Uoice Actor! (They/Them)

Dallas Reid (they/them) is a voice actor who's been doing this for some time and yet for no time at all... they're still relatively new to conventions, so be nice!!

Dallas is primarily known for their role as Asta in Black Clover, and some other characters they've played include Yamatonokami Yausada in Touken Ranbu: Hanamaru, Hideki/Rusian in And You Thought There is Never a Girl Online!? and 'Person who has never been nervous about conventions what are you talking about?' at Akumakon! They'll see you around.

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Jill Harris!

Voice Actor! (She/Her)



Actress, writer and fangirl turned industry professional, Jill Harris (she/her) has probably starred in your favourite anime! And maybe in your least favourite anime. And more anime you just feel 'meh' about.

Most notably, she's voiced Noelle in Black Clover, Mandalay in My Hero Academia, Chiyo in The Disastrous Life of Saiki K. and Hifumi in NEW GAME! Other appearances include Mayaka in Hyouka, Naho in Orange, Niho in SSSS.Gridman and Nino in the Quintessential Quintuplets.

Outside of anime, Jill has voiced Charlie in Hazbin Hotel and Alani in Battleborn. She's also written 'Corona Borealis,' a visual novel available²⁴ on Steam and Itch.io.



We are delighted to announce that Hbombberguy (he/him) will be attending Akumakon 2023 as a guest! He's a British video essay producer who makes videos on Youtube covering films, video games, television, political topics and social justice issues. You might also recognize him from his twitch streams. We can't wait for him to join us!!



Lawrence Simpson, a.k.a MasakoX (he/him) is a British Voice Actor, Parody Artist and Screenwriter.

As a co-founder of TeamFourStar he is most well known for his role in Dragon Ball Z Abridged where he portrays Gohan, Goku and (previously) Master Roshi. He has also voiced Herr Doktor and Bella in Hellsing Ultimate Abridged and Chihiro Fujisaki in Danganronpa Abridged Thing, among many other roles. MasakoX has been to every single Akumakon throughout the years and we are thrilled to have him back for 2023!



We are very excited to welcome back Super Eyepatch Wolf (he/him) to Akumakon 2023!

Super Eyepatch Wolf is a Youtuber who makes videos about anime, video games and sometimes imaginary martial arts. He's a regular on the Irish convention scene!



Bryan (he/him), Niamh (she/her) and John (he/him) from the Let's Fight a Boss podcast will be joining us for Akumakon 2023!

They are a talented group who enjoy chatting away entertainingly about things such as video games, tv shows and comics on their podcast.

Please show them your support!

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CaseyExplosion!

**A twitch streamer!
(She/Her)**

Casey (she/her) is a streamer and has worked with Akumakon before, and we are delighted to welcome her back to the convention for 2023! You can find her on Twitch. Do show her your support!

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"Lowlowcheesecosplay"

Irish cosplayer, 23 (she/her)



LowLowCheese Cosplay (she/her) is an Akumakon Alumni and has been cosplaying ever since she attended her first convention! She prefers to make her cosplay by hand, from sewing to armour and even the jewelry. She is super excited to be a guest at Akumakon and we're just as excited to have her!

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Bambi Lashes Design

**Award winning cosplayer!
(she/her)**

Bambi Lashes Design (she/her) made her first cosplay in 2014 and hasn't looked back since!

She cosplays from video games, anime and film, with a particular fondness for elaborate sewing objects. Her favourite place is in front of her sewing machine, but she also dabbles in wig work, corsetry and shoemaking.

She has both won and judged multiple international competitions, most recently having taken Best in Show at the 2022 CRX Hime Cosplay Cup and represented Ireland in Eurocosplay 2019. She loves sharing her talent through patterns and tutorials!



Tantalus will be joining us for Akumakon 2023! They are a theatrical group focused on putting on grand performances with stories from various animes, games and other nerdy tales!



Studio Meala will be attending our artist's alley and doing a panel! They are an award-winning creative and collaborative Irish Animation Studio dedicated to making high-end animated content and we are delighted to be featuring them in Akumakon 2023!

SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday Events:

Pub Quiz - Sult, from 21:00: join us and test your Anime knowledge in this multi-round extravaganza of nerdiness and mayhem!

Disgraceful Cabaret (18+) - €5 entry fee, Special Events Room, 19:00
A drag and nerdlesque (cosplay burlesque) show with inclusive casting! They're no stranger to sell out shows and success, even during the pandemic (online shows) so be sure to give them a warm welcome to Akumakon!

Saturday Events:

Special Events at The Special Events Room:

- Laura Stahl and Khoi Dao Signing, 12:00 - 13:00
- Cosplay Masquerade, 14:00 - 16:00
- Jill Harris and Dallas Reid Signing, 16:30 - 17:30
- Werewolves! with LowLowCheese cosplay, 18:00 - 20:00
- Akumakon Karaoke, 20:00 - 21:00: Singing of questionable quality and unquestionable spirit!

Trade Hall & Artist's Alley - Bailey Allen Hall, 10:00 - 20:00 (Sensory friendly shopping from 10:00 to 12:00)

Charity Auction - Sult, from 9pm, with CaseyExplosion DJ set afterwards!

At its core, this is what Akumakon is all about! With signed collectors' items, amazing bundles, cosplay props and more, you could find a forever item just for you! All proceeds from the auction go to charity.

Sunday Events:

Special Events at the Stage:

- Tarot readings, 11:00 - 12:00

Got a penchant for fortune and want to see what the cards have in store for you? Well, you're in the right place!

- Junk Cosplay, 12:00 - 14:00
- Akumakon's Got Talent, 15:00 - 17:30

Talented people doing talented things - multi-talented and capable people from all walks of life display their abilities for your viewing pleasure!

Trade Hall & Artist's Alley - Bailey Allen Hall, 10:00 - 18:00 (Sensory friendly shopping from 10:00 - 12:00)



SCREENINGS



Screenings:

Friday

Screenings Room:

- Ranking of Kings (18:00 - 20:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

Following his father's death, little prince Boji is next in line for the throne. However, due to his physical shortcomings and his deafness, his younger brother Daida is placed on the throne. Join him on his adventures with Kage, an assassin who can understand him despite never hearing him speak.

- Jujitsu Kaisen 0 (20:00 - 22:00) TW: bodily harm

When protagonist Yuka Okkotsu is saved from bullies by a cursed spirit called Rika, Jujitsu society catches wind of him. Satoru Gojo takes Yuka under his wing to save him from execution, and trains him to control his cursed energy at Jujitsu High.

Sensory Screenings Room:

- Pokémon: the Original Series (18:00 - 20:00) TW: [Full List here.](#)

In this classic series, join newbie Pokémon trainer Ash Ketchum and his pikachu on his quest to become the most powerful pokémon master of all time!

- Ponyo (20:00-22:00) TW: [Full List here.](#)

When a young girl who lives underwater encounters a fish trawler and gets trapped in a glass jar, she is rescued by Sosuke, a five year old boy. He names her Ponyo and promises to protect her in this heartwarming studio Ghibli classic!

Saturday

Screenings Room:

- Mob Psycho 100 (10:00-12:00) TW: [Full List here.](#)

He may look like any other boy, but Shigeo Kageyama (nicknamed 'Mob') is a powerful esper with incredible psychic power. He works with a con man (famously trustworthy mentors) to learn control over his abilities, but with his emotions bubbling to the surface, his control is threatened...

- A Silent Voice (12:00-14:00) TW: [Full List here](#)

In this coming of age story, we follow Shoya who abandons suicide plans to wrap up loose ends and accidentally befriends a deaf girl, Shoko, whom he had bullied when they were kids. Join these two and fellow loner Tomohiro on a journey of self-actualization and redemption.

- Blue Lock (14:00-16:00) TW: [Full List here](#)

Yochi Isagi, a high school football player conflicted about his play style, joins Blue Lock, Japan's master plan to create the greatest striker in the world!

- Demon Slayer: Mugen Train (16:00-18:00) TW: [Full List here](#)

Follow Tanjiro, his younger sister Nezuko and Inosuke as they board the Mugen train to help the Flame Hashira Kyojuro Rengoku in his quest to hunt down a demon which has caused 40 people to go missing. Things are going to get dangerous fast...

- Chainsaw Man (15A, 18:00-20:00) TW: [Full List here](#)

Denji is a young man trapped in poverty, working off his father's debts to the yakuza by working as a devil hunter. When he is betrayed, his companion Pochita fuses with him and he becomes the eponymous Chainsaw Man.

- Promare (15A, 20:00-22:00) TW: [Full List here](#)

30 years after an apocalyptic event called the "Great World Blaze," select humans, called the Burnish, develop pyrokinetic abilities. Galo is hunting the Mad Burnish, a group accused of terrorism, when one of them tells him his commander is kidnapping Burnish for human experimentation...

Sensory Screenings Room:

- Avatar: The Last Airbender (10:00-12:00) TW: [Full List Here](#)

Katara and her brother Sokka are fishing when they come across Avatar Aang, a warrior able to master the 4 elements: water, earth, fire and air. Follow their quest to help him defeat the war-mongering Fire Nation in this instant classic!

- Tonari no Seki-kun (12:00-14:00) TW: N.A.

This anime follows Rumi, a girl whose attempts to pay attention in class are consistently disrupted by the antics and hobbies of her neighbour, Seki. Hijinks guaranteed!

- Rilakkuma and Kaoru (14:00-16:00) TW: N.A.

A delightful stop-motion show following Rilakkuma, a toy-like brown bear who lives with Kaoru, an office worker. Fun for everyone!

- Komi Can't Communicate (16:00-18:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

On her first day at elite school Itan Private High School, Shoko Komi makes an exceptional first impression; only Hitohito, who sits beside her, learns that she has a communication disorder. Join them on their quest to help Komi make 100 friends!

- Laid Back Camp (18:00-20:00) TW: N.A.

Rin, a high school girl who enjoys camping on her own, meets Nadeshiko, who persuades her to join their school's camping club. Together with their classmates, they go camping throughout Japan!

- My Neighbour Totoro (20:00-22:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

Professor Tatsuo and his daughters Satsuki and Meki move to the countryside, living in an old house. One night, Meki, the youngest, befriends a spirit, whom she nicknames "Totoro" after his roar. Watch their wholesome bond develop!

Sunday

Screenings Room:

- Nichijou (10:00-12:00) TW: N.A.

Nichijou follows the lives of characters in the town of Tokisdame, centering on an ensemble cast including androids, humans and more, through the mundane and the unexpected!

- Akiba: Maid War (12:00-14:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

17-year old Nagomi Wahira begins her new job working at a maid cafe with the goal of becoming a cheerful maid; however, she finds the world of maid cafes far more cutthroat than she expected...

- Cyberpunk: Edgerunners (14:00-16:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

In Night City, a metropolis in the future rife with corruption, addiction and gang violence, there exist black market mercenaries known as 'edgerunners.' When everything he has is taken from him, David choses to become an edgerunner.

- Dorohedoro (16:00-18:00) TW: [Full List here.](#)

In a post apocalyptic world, Caiman has lost his identity - a sorcerer's attack left him with a reptile head and no memories. Join his search through the lawless, polluted Hole, the sorcerer's world, ruled by crime boss En, and Hell as he attempts to find and kill the sorcerer responsible.

Sensory Screenings Room:

- Silver Spoon (10:00-12:00) TW: N.A.

After failing the entrance exam for his chosen college, Yuugo Hachiken enrolls in at Ooezo Argicultural high school and moves to the countryside. He soon finds that life in Ooezo is different from how he imagined it...

- Haikyuu!! (12:00 - 14:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

After catching a glimpse of Karasuno high volleyball player 'the Little Giant,' Shoyo Hinata becomes obsessed with the sport, determined to become a spiker despite his stature. He joins Karasuno high, but its days of glory are long gone - can his team revive it?

- K-On (14:00-16:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

In Sakuragaoka high school, four girls - Yui, Mio, Tsumugi and Ritsu - join the light music club to keep it from shutting down, and despite ⁴¹ their relative inexperience they quickly become a talented group!

- Howl's Moving Castle (16:00-18:00) TW: [Full list here.](#)

A young woman named Sophie is on the way to visit her sister Lettie when she meets Howl, a wizard. Upon returning home, she encounters the Witch of the Waste, seeking Howl, who curses her. Her quest to break the curse takes her throughout the countryside, and eventually to Howl's castle itself...



PANELS



Panels: Friday:

Main Panel Room:

- Opening ceremony, 18:00-19:00
- Cosplay and Game Design (with Maezza Romero), 19:00-20:00

Join Maezza Romero of Romero Games in a discussion of cosplay, game design, and everything in between!

- Bad Fanfiction (with MasakoX) (TW: 18+), 20:00-21:00

Some fanfiction can be great, adding to the original work and standing all on its own, or even surpassing it! ...In this panel, MasakoX will not be reading those fanfictions. Only the worst awaits you here.

- H-Panel (TW: 18+, sexual content), 21:00-22:00

The H-Panel returns to our disgust. Come along if you dare but don't be shocked if you see something you shouldn't!

2nd Panel Room:

- Localization and translation in Anime & Games, 19:00-20:00

A discussion of the history of localization and translation up to now, finishing with industry standard tips and a guide to entering the industry.

- I swear there is something more to say about Evangelion (TW: 18+, suicide, depression, child abuse, gore), 20:00-21:00

A discussion of the niche aspects of anime titan Evangelion which are often overlooked, and the story of a fandom (outside Japan) which refused to die.

- Husbando 101: A beginner's guide to Best Boys (TW: 18+, Swears, Mild sexual content), 21:00-22:00

A beginner's who's husbando guide, from best boy cinnamon rolls to tsundere eye candy. Husbando ratings at the end!

Saturday:

Main Panel Room:

- Morning Cartoons, 10:00-11:00

All your regularly scheduled Saturday morning cartoon goodness!

- MasakoX Q&A, 11:00-12:00
- Character design basics with Keith Byrne, 12:00-13:00

What makes a character who they are? It can be difficult to know where to start with design, but fear not - Keith has you covered!

- HbomberGuy Q&A, 13:00-14:00
- Design a Sonic OC, 14:00-15:00

Ever wanted to see what a build a bear would look like if fifteen kids worked on it at once? Now's your chance! Add details along with the rest of the audience and watch your ~~horrible~~ beautiful Sonic OC come to life!

- HbomberGuy & Super Eyepatch Wolf collab, 15:00-16:00

When two gaming/anime/media youtubers collide....
Prepare for something spectacular!

- Khoi Dao and Laura Stahl Q&A, 16:00-17:00
- Super Eyepatch Wolf Q&A, 17:00-18:00
- Translation Panel with Dallas Reid and Jill Harris, 18:00-19:00

Ever wondered how the process of translation works? Dallas and Jill are here to walk you through the process of it!

- Anime Mad-Libs with Laura and Khoi, 19:00-20:00

The best kind of script is no script of course! Join professional voice actors Laura and Khoi as they attempt to prove it.

- ChannelA with MasakoX (18+), 21:00-22:00

MasakoX returns for ChannelA!

2nd Panel Room:

- Intersectional Frills (J-fashion and feminism), 10:00-11:00

There's no denying J-fashion's striking looks, and in this panel we take a closer look at the influences and culture behind those looks!

- Teyvat Travel Guide: a deep dive into Genshin Impact lore, 11:00-12:00

Genshin Impact fans (I'm told there are lots of you) rejoice! This one's about everything Genshin: lore, theories, and the little details which make all the difference.

- Starting from Scratch: how to plan a cosplay project (with BambiLashes cosplay), 12:00-13:00

Cosplay can be daunting for first timers, but Bambi's been there and done that countless times before, and she's kindly decided to share her expertise!

- Video Game soundtracks Mozart would approve of, 13:00-14:00 (16+, mature themes)

A loving examination of some underrated gaming OSTs (and some familiar OSTs) and just what it is which makes them sound so, so good!

- Lost media found (with Tantalus), 14:00-15:00

The only thing better than lost treasure found! Tantalus looks into media once considered gone forever.

- Horror in Pokémon 2.0, 15:00-16:00 (16+, gore, swears)

From the people behind the Sensei Sensibility podcast, updated horrors in Pokémon - from creepypasta to pokédex entries, from fan theories to Japanese folk references, there's something spooky for everyone!

- The Fool's Guide to Cosplay (with LowLowCheese Cosplay), 17:00-18:00

A guide to cosplay for the faint of heart! LowLowCheese takes you through the making of your own cosplay, one baby step at a time.

- Time Lord Society Presents: how to make your own Fan Film, 18:00-19:00
- Intro to competitive Pokémon, 19:00-20:00

Entering any competitive game for the first time - especially one that's been running as long as Pokémon - can be daunting, but fear not! Multiple tournament winner and top 100 player across multiple formats Alex Hodgers is here to get you up to speed just in time for a new generation!

- Games of Newgrounds and other such trash (TW: 18+, Sexual themes, nudity, incest, BDSM), 19:00-20:00

For those interested in the H-panel and similar - works found mostly on Newgrounds covering the weird, the unexpectedly good, the Naruto ripoffs, and a deep dive into the insanity that can ensue. Once more, viewer discretion advised.

- Design your own NSFW character (TW: 18+ - Sexual Themes), 20:00-21:00

Have you ever wondered what a build a bear look like if the only options were [redacted]? Now's your chance! Only the most cursed character creations expected from this panel.

Sunday:

Main Panel Room:

- Hot Cross Boys, 10:00-11:00

Do you like hot cross buns, hot boys, crosses, or hot crosses? If you answered yes to any of the above, this might be the panel for you!

- Shoemaking for cosplay (with BambiLashes Cosplay), 11:00-12:00

In need of a pair of fresh kicks for your latest caped crusade? Bambi has you covered with all things shoes and cosplay!

- Dallas Reid Q&A, 12:00-13:00
- Let's Fight a Boss with Super Eyepatch Wolf, 13:00-14:00

It's a video game podcast...eventually...

Join us for a panel with your favourite boss fighting podcasters featuring special guest Super Eyepatch Wolf!!

- Jill Harris Q&A, 14:00-15:00
- Youtube 101 (with HbomberGuy), 15:00-16:00

Who *doesn't* want to be a funny haha internet someday? A lot goes into making a successful youtube channel, but with Hbomberguy (1.17 million subs) giving out tips, your lofty goals could get that much more attainable.

- Genshin Impact panel with Khoi and Dao, 16:00-17:00

Join two of the talents behind some of Genshin Impact's most popular characters in a discussion of the gaming phenomenon taking the mobile scene by storm!

- Directing Anime Dubs with Jill Harris and Dallas Reid, 17:00-18:00

Jill and Dallas are back with more expertise to share; this time: directing Anime Dubs! Join us as two industry mainstays share what they have learned.

- Closing Ceremony, 18:00-19:00

2nd Panel Room:

- The Science of My Hero Academia, 11:00-12:00

Fans of MHA: have you ever wondered how strong Deku's muscle fibers must get to smash someone into a mountain, or how Bakugo's nitroglycerin secretion affects his body, or the forces at work allowing Mineta's sticky powers to function? All this and more in the science of My Hero Academia!

- Studio Meala Q&A, 12:00-13:00

- Model UN: Zombie Apocalypse, 13:00-15:00

Exactly what it says on the tin! Join a country and make decisions on how to deal with the advent of the undead threat, and roll dice to see how those decisions work out! Chaos guaranteed.

- Little White Truck-kun: a history of Isekai, 15:00-16:00

Isekai - love it or hate it, it's one of the most foundational genres in all of anime. But it wasn't always this way - and here we're getting to the bottom of the origins of this trope.

- Childhood gaming gems you have forgotten about, 16:00-17:00

Ever had that experience of thinking about media you watched when you were younger but not remembering enough to find it again and being endlessly frustrated? If so - get out of my head!, and also, this panel might help you with that!!

- LowLowCheese cosplay Q&A, 17:00-18:00



VIDEO-GAMES TOURNAMENTS



Video-Games Tournaments:

All Video Games events are held in The Video-Games Room (The View) and cost €1 to enter (all money goes to our charity)

Friday:

Video Games:

- Casual games, 18:00-19:00
- Ultimate Chicken Horse tournament, 19:00-22:30

Play as your choice of cute little animal and leap to your death in this obstacle course game! Add traps to the course between rounds, but beware - when the time comes, you'll have to face everyone's meddling in a chaotic dash for the finish line...

Card/Board Games: free play, 18:00-23:00

Saturday:

Video Games:

- Smash Ultimate 1v1 tournament, 11:00-14:00

Welcome to the most popular competitive platform fighter game (melee who?) on the market! Come along down and try your hand at combos, spacing and styling on your opponent. There's only one rule: ~~no Steve allowed~~ have fun!

- Guilty Gear Strive tournament, 16:00-19:00

Do you know the Smell of the Game! If so, now's your chance to prove it! This one's bound to be full of both complex combos and intense glue-sniffing. Best of luck!

Card/Board games: free play, 9:00-18:00

Sunday:

Video Games:

- Mario kart wii tournament, 11:00-13:00

Remember the best game on the Wii (fight me) that you played as a kid? Join us for a nostalgia trip and battle it out on the course with your favourite characters!

- MultiVersus duos tournament, 14:00-17:00

The latest kid on the platform fighter block, with a new emphasis on doubles! If you've ever wanted to see Velma kidnapping Shaggy in the mystery machine so Superman can chuck him to his death, only to get shut down by LeBron James, this is your shot!

Card/Board games: free play, 9:00-18:00



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The Akumakon committee is incredibly proud to be supporting Amach! LGBT this year. Most of our committee are some form of queer and we have all seen the amazing work that Amach! LGBT does. We have done everything we could to make this convention as inclusive as possible because we want it to reflect how our committee feels about LGBTI+ issues.

Your support means the world and if, throughout the weekend you buy a t-shirt, attend the pub quiz, bid in the charity auction, use the cloak room, compete in any of the video-game tournaments or even just donate directly... 100% of the money you donate is going to our charity.

Thank you,
The Akumakon Team