

# Akumakon 2020

*Conbook*

**17-19TH  
JANUARY**

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# **How to Survive a Fight with a Fire Demon**

## **Or**

# **A Guide to Akumakon 2020**

Welcome all to Akumakon 2020, I promise it's not another Isekai. This is the Con – Book your one stop guide to getting the most out of Akumakon 2020. Be that Events, Panels or Screenings. We have delicious selection of food, art and Anime merch to satisfy all your otaku needs. Beware Akumakon takes no responsibility for any and all rent money spent at this convention. This year is our Tenth Year Running!

Our Mascot the 'Akuma' was originally a Japanese benevolent fire demon but translated over to the word for Devil when Christianity was introduced to Japan.

## **Directors Note**

Thanks for taking an interest in our convention!

To whomever is reading this, I hope you are excited for Akumakon 2020! We have lots of different events going on like panels, games, guest appearances and a few surprises scattered here and there. We have been working very hard to make this year of Akumakon one that you won't forget. This convention booklet has all of the information that you need to get around the convention and maybe even a little bit more Akumakon was the first convention I ever went to and I am very grateful for being able to direct. If you need help with anything at all don't be afraid to ask any member of the committee (we will be wearing blue t shirts) or volunteers (they will be wearing red t shirts). Thank you for taking the time to read this and I can't wait to see you all this year.

Above all remember: the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell

Best,

Sarah Brady,

Akumakon Director 2020

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## Charities!

And Remember Akumakon is held In Aid of These two wonderful Charities!

### **Teach Solais LGBT+**

Resource Centre is at No.1 Victoria Place, just off Eyre Sq. This City Centre location is a hub of activity, hosting a wide variety of events open to the public. It is also a focal point for delivery of education, training and health programmes in addition to support for individuals identifying as LGBT+ and for those who are 'coming out'. Teach Solais is a centre for the community run by the community.

### **NPO Animator Supporters**

A charity that aims to empower and enable the animators of the anime we love, by providing direct support, without the middleman of the anime industry in between! This comes in the form of both direct financial support, rent and living expenses support, and education from veteran animators such as the legendary Kenichi Kutsuna.



# Akumakon Venues

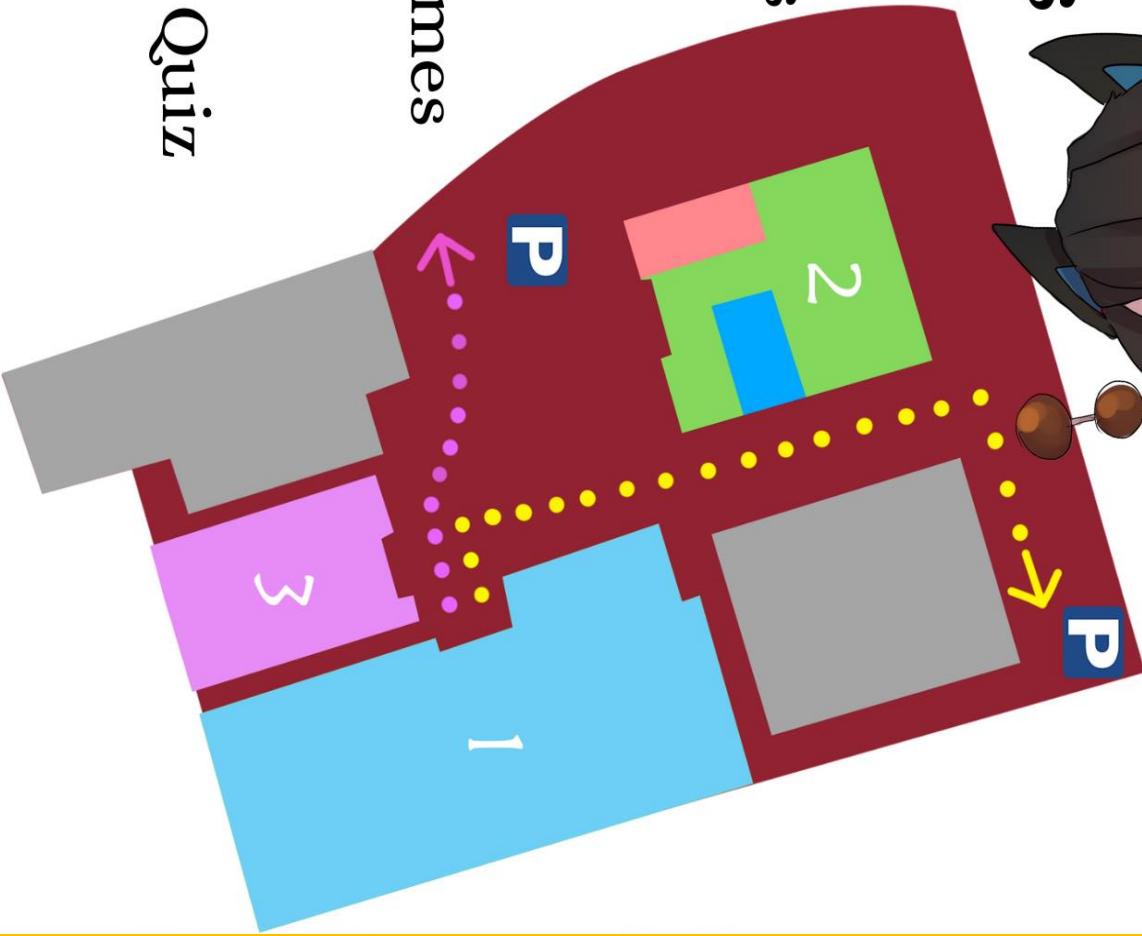
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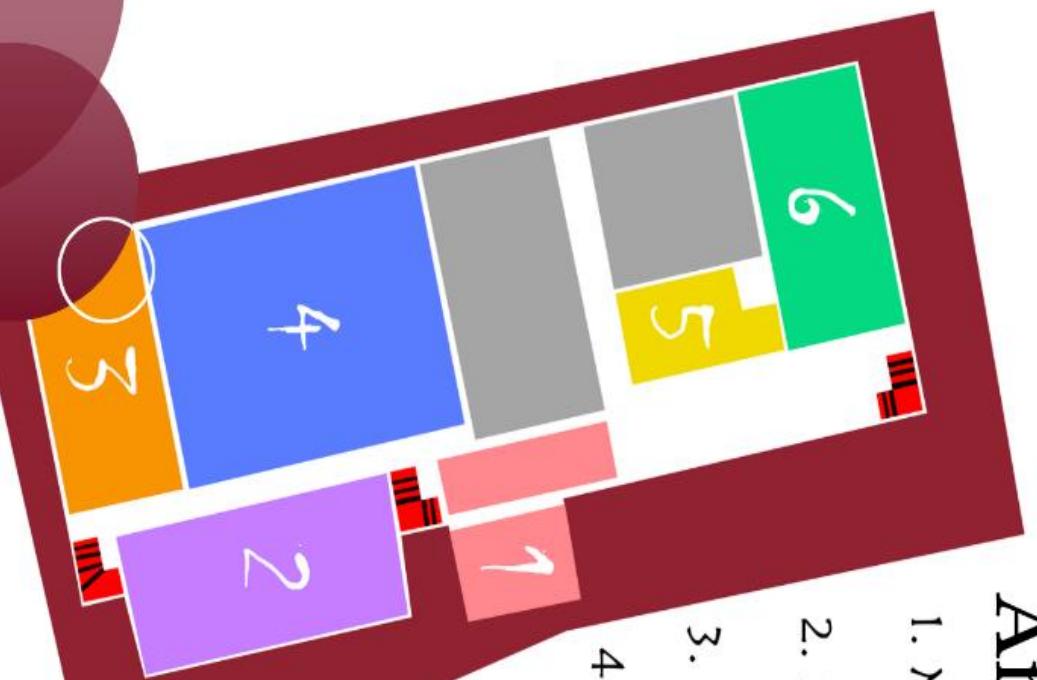
Anime Screening & Card Games

3. SVLT - COLLEGE BAR

Food, Drink, venue for Table Quiz



# Aras Na Mac Leinn - 1st Floor



1. MAIN ENTRANCE AND TICKET DESK

2. SHOWS, COSPLAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS (THE STAGE)

3. MAIN PANEL ROOM

4. TRADE HALL AND ARTISTS ALLEY

5. WC & LIFT WITH UNISEX ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM

6. MAID CAFÉ (WA CAFÉ)

# Aras Na Mac Leinn - 2nd Floor



1. THE SPACE  
Chill Zone

2. WC

3. THE VIEW  
Unisex accessible bathrooms

Video Game Events

4. SECOND PANEL ROOM

5. CLOAKROOM

2 Euro for all day storage

# Akumakon 2020 - Friday

	Panels	Special Events	Screenings	Pg Screenings	Video Games	Events	
Location	Main Panel Room	2nd Panel Room	The Stage	HBB (Large)	HBB (Small)	The View	Scheduled
	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Casual games	All Day
17:00							
17:30							
18:00	Opening Ceremony						
18:30							
19:00	Teach Solids	Anime Trivia Quiz (Jakub Szymonik)	REDLINE (18+)	The Cat Returns			
19:30							
20:00	Bad Fanfiction with Mosikox (18+)	Is this a Jojo's Reference? (Anneka O'Donoghue)	Closed	Mario Kart 8 TOURNAMENT	Pub Quiz 21:30 Sult	Sign in The Foyer Ars na Mac Leim	
20:30							
21:00	Hentai Panel (18+)	Noz Yoko is the Greatest Anime of All Time (18+) (Dan Soulliman)					
21:30							
22:00							
22:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Casual Games			
23:00							
23:30				Closed			

# Akumakon 2020 - Saturday

Panels		Special Events	Screenings	PG Screenings	Video Games	Card Games	
Location	Main Panel Room	2nd Panel Room	The Stage	HBB (Large)	HBB (Small)	The View	HBB Seminar Room
9:00	Closed	Closed	Closed	HBB (Large)	HBB (Small)	The View	
9:30							
10:00							
10:30							
11:00	Mythbusting Anime	Tips on Travelling to Japan	Tips on Travelling to Japan	The Devil is a Part-Timer	Little Witch Academia	Casual Gaming	
11:30	How to prepare for a convention with Florence Sofen	NJPW WrestleKingdom (Live commentary)					
12:00	Aaron Dismuke Q&A	RWBY's troubled production history	Cosplay Contest Set Up	Summer Wars	Steven Universe: The Movie	Call of Duty: Back Ops III TOURNAMENT	
12:30							
13:00	Let's Play with Sarah Wiedenheft	D&D Character Workshop (Mark Breen)	Cosplay Contest	Demon Slayer	Pokémon (Generation 6)	Casual Gaming	
13:30							
14:00	Yutaka Yamamoto Q&A	Anime Existentialism (Cloud of Mystery)					
14:30							
15:00	Tantalus Musicals you've probably never heard of	Intro to Competitive Pokemon (King Kralzz)	Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft Signings	Fire Force	K-On!	Super Smash Bros. Ultimate 1v1 TOURNAMENT	
15:30							
15:00	Florence Sofen Q&A	Create your own Sonic OC (Christian Finan)	Akumakourt				
16:30							
17:00	MasakiX Q&A	Weird Japanese Music	Tantalus Gameshow Set Up	Beastars	Kiki's Delivery Service		
17:30							
18:00	Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft Q&A (18+)	Explanation of Evangelion (18+)	(Tak)				
18:30							
19:00	Cards against Kumakon with MasakoX (18+)	Fandom Structure (18+)	Tantalus Gameshow				
19:30							
20:00	Man of Action (18+)	Werewolves (Dan Soulmate) (18+)		Madoka Magica (18+)			
20:30							
21:00	Closed	Closed	Closed		Jump Force TOURNAMENT		
21:30							
22:00							
22:30							

Events	Scheduled	All Day
Cosplay contest sign up 09:00 - 12:00 Info Desk		Casual Gaming Video games room The View
Yamamoto & Florence Signings 10:00 - 11:00 The Foyer		Casual Card Games Itzcorner Human Biology Building Seminar Room
Akumakkourt 15:00 - 17:00 The Cube		Trade Hall & Artist Alley 10:00 - 18:00 Áras na mac Leinn
Sarah and Aaron Signings 15:00 - 16:00 The Cube		Maid Cafe (Run by Wa Cafe) The Hub
Kendo Demonstration 16:00 - 17:00 Special Events Room The Cube		Japanese Calligraphy and Origami The Foyer Áras na Mac Leinn
Tantalus Gameshow 19:00 - 20:00 Special Events Room The Cube		Yukata Fittings The Foyer Áras na Mac Leinn
Charity Auction 21:00 - 23:30 Suit (College Bar)		Sign in The Foyer Áras na Mac Leinn

# Akumakon 2020 - Sunday

	Panels	Special Events	Screenings	PG Screenings	Games	Card Games	Events
Location	Main Panel Room	2nd Panel Room	The Stage	HBB (Large)	HBB (Small)	The View	HBB Seminar Room
9:00			Closed				Scheduled All Day
9:30	Closed	Closed	Closed				Masako X signing 11:00-12:00 The Foyer Aras na Mac Leinn
10:00			Closed	From up on Poppy Hill	Casual Gaming		Casual Gaming Video Games room The View
10:30				Princess Jellyfish			
11:00	Weird Japanese Games You've Probably Never Heard Of (Tantalus)	Hot Crossed Boys					Cosplay Skits Sign up 9:00 - 14:00 info desk
11:30					Wandering Son	Beat Saber	Casual Card Games Itzcorner Human Biology Building Seminar Room
12:00	Hakubō Screening, with director Yamamoto	Lesser-known Anime Recommendations				VR TOURNAMENT	Tantalus Gameshow 14:00 - 15:00 Special Events Room The Cube
12:30				Tantalus Rehearsals	Nichijou		Trade Hall & Artist Alley Open from 10:00 until 17:00 Aras na mac Leinn
13:00	National Identity, with Sou Watanabe, Embassy of Japan.	Model UN (Mark Breen)	Tantalus Gameshow		Kids on the Slope	Casual Gaming	Cosplay Skits 16:00 - 18:00 Special Events Room The Cube
13:30	Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse, with Aaron Dismuke						Maid Café (Run by Wa Café) The Hub
14:00				Your Lie in April			Closing Ceremony 18:00 Main Panel Room
14:30							Japanese Calligraphy and Origami Aras na Mac Leinn The Foyer
15:00	Cosplay Photography with Florencia Sofen	Super Secret Play Test with Masako X	Cosplay Skits Set up				
15:30							
16:00	Sarah Wiedenhoff Q&A	Closed					
16:30							
17:00	Introducing Saturday AM Diverse Manga Anthology coming to Europe	Idiot's Guide to Overwatch League	Cosplay Skits	The Boy & The Beast			
17:30							
18:00							
18:30	Closing Ceremony	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	

Yukata Fittings Aras na Mac Leinn The Foyer	Sign in Aras na mac Leinn The Foyer
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# Guests

## Aaron Dismuke Voice Actor

Aaron Dismuke is an American voice actor, adaptive writer and director who works primarily with Funimation Entertainment. He got his start voice acting at age 9, as Hiro Sohma in Fruits Basket, moving on to voice Alphonse Elric in Fullmetal Alchemist by age 12.



Since then, he's voiced various roles including Van Fanel in Escaflowne (2016 version), Oscar in RWBY, Reinhard in Legend of the Galactic Heroes, Twelve in Terror in Residence, and Lucifer in Devil is a Part Timer. He worked as assistant director for Ninja Slayer and Fairy Tail, and director for Shomin Sample and Nanbaka. He's part of the ADR writing teams that adapted scripts for Fairy Tail, Nanbaka, Tokyo Ghoul, and Full Metal Panic! Invisible Victory. Most recently he's voicing Senku in Dr. Stone



# Sarah Wiedenheft

## Voice Actor

Sarah Wiedenheft is a voice actor who has provided her voice for a multitude of anime. Some of which include: Zeno from Dragon Ball Super, Tohru from Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid, Charmy from Black Clover, Saiko from Tokyo Ghoul, Pony Tsunotori from My Hero Academia, Phos from Land of the Lustrous, Teresa from Tada Never Falls in Love, Non from Keijo!!!!!!!, Aika from Shomin

Sample, Shihoru from Grimgar of Fantasy and Illusions, Azusa from Orange, Takagi from Karakai Jozu No Takagi-san, Kiriha from Tsugumomo, Yuki from Interviews With Monster Girls, and Takano from Tsurezure Children. She has also lent her voice in a few games, such as: Celeste Luvendass from Huniepop, Lailani from HunieCam Studio/Huniepop 2, and Maria from Umineko.



# Florencia Sofen

## Cosplayer

Florencia Sofen is a Cosplayer and photographer from Argentina, who has been living in Spain since 2002. She started cosplaying on 2010 as a way incorporate her photography and honour the artists and creators she loves. She has been a guest in many conventions around Spain and worked for Warner Bros. and many other brands

promoting movies and comics like "Suicide Squad". She has published her cosplay photos with her team mate Fali Ruiz-Davila on Amigo Comics as the cover on the comic "Rogues!" and on the first issue of "Domino" of Marvel Comics with Gail Simone and has featured in many cosplay photography galleries around Spain. She has also been the main guest in Arte Cosplay (Argentina 2015), and represented Spain in The Magic International Cosplay Masters 2017 in Monaco, one of the main guests at Made in Japan (Austria) 2018, Malta Comic Con 2018 and Spanish guest at MAGIC Kyoto 2018. She has developed a healthy and inclusive attitude in the cosplay world and enjoys every experience cosplaying gives her!



# MasakoX

## Youtuber

Lawrence

"MasakoX"

Simpson is a voice actor and internet personality who is well known as the voice of both Goku and Gohan on the wildly popular Dragonball Z Abridged by Team Four Star. Masako is a hugely popular Youtube and vlogger as well

regularly posting anime reviews and analysis. He is heavily involved in other Team Four Star projects, usually lending his voice to various other abridged series. Masako has been to nearly every Akumakon throughout the years and each year he brings laughter, smiles and joy to every attendee here. We are glad to have him again for Akumakon 2020



# **Yutaka Yamamoto**

## **Producer/Director**

A Graduate of Kyoto University, he joined Kyoto Animation. Directed on “POWER STONE” for the first time and later worked on numerous animations such as “Weekly Story Land” and “Atashin’chi”. In 2006, he was selected to be the series production director of The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya. In 2007, He was to make his full directorial debut with “Lucky Star”. In addition to animation, he has demonstrated diverse talents such as lectures and writing in many media. In 2010, directed “Watashi no Yasashiku nai Senpai” as a live-action movie, and won the 2010 TAMA Film Award for Best New Director.

He was chosen as one of the “These 100 people will change Japan!” in “DIME” magazine February 2, 2010 issue. Since the Earthquake off the Pacific coast of Tohoku on March 11, 2011, he has actively participated in reconstruction support and charity activities. In 2019, the Great East Japan Earthquake revival project “Tohoku Trilogy” was completed with “Hakubo”.



# Events

## Friday Events

### Casual Gaming in the View

**Mario Kart Tournament**

The View 19:30

**Pub Quiz-**

Sult, (9:30)

Time to test your Anime knowledge in this very nerdy, multi-round extravaganza!

## All Day Saturday and Sunday Events

**Trade Hall & Artist Alley**

Bailey Allen Hall (10:00 – 18:00)

**Yukata Fittings,**

Main Foyer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to wear a traditional Japanese outfit? WELL NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

**Calligraphy and Origami,**

Main Foyer

Do you know how to write your name in Japanese? Would you like to know how to make a boring sheet of paper into a crane? Then look no further!

**Maid Café,**

The Hub

Welcome to the restaurant of your anime and manga fuelled dreams. With wonderful maids and delicious food, it's all you could really ask for. (Run by WA Café).

## Saturday Events

**Cosplay Contest Signup,**

Front Desk (9:00 – 12:00)

**Trade Hall & Artist Alley**

Bailey Allen Hall (19:00 – 18:00)

**Yamoto and Florencia Sofen Signings**

Foyer 10:00 – 11:00

**Cosplay Contest**

(13:00 – 15:00) The Cube

Show off your amazing cosplays in a fashion show style performance. The best scoring cosplayers in the three groups (children, adults and groups) will win a very special prize. (All performers must arrive at least 15 minutes before the show and must sign up at the front desk).

**Sarah and Aaron Signing**

The Cube 15:00 – 16:00

**Karoke**

The Stage 16:00

**Gameshow – Tantalus**

(7:00 – 8:00)

Have you ever wanted to be on a TV show? Ever wanted the glory and the prizes? Well here's your chance! For 2 days only Tantalus will present an epic game show involving YOU! You answer the questions, you battle for the glory, and you win the prizes! Come one come all and take part in a Tantalus extravaganza.

**Charity Auction**

(21:00 – 23:30) Sult

This is what Akumakon is all about, chance for us as a community to enjoy ourselves and contribute positively to those in need. With signed collectors'

items, amazing bundles and cosplay props all being auctioned here previously, who knows what you could get your hands on this year! All proceeds go to ch

## Sunday Events

### Cosplay Skits Signup

Front Desk (9:00 – 2:00)

Trade Hall & Artist Alley,

Bailey Allen Hall (9:00 – 5:00)

### Masako Signings

Foyer (11:00 – 12:00)

### Gameshow – Tantalus

The Stage (14:00 – 15:00)

Have you ever wanted to be on a TV show? Ever wanted the glory and the prizes? Well here's your chance! For 2 days only Tantalus will present an epic game show involving YOU! You answer the questions, you battle for the glory, and you win the prizes! Come one come all and take part in a Tantalus extravaganza.

### Cosplay Skits

The Stage (16:00 – 18:00)

Have you ever wanted to show off your cosplay by lip syncing to a song you think the character would sing? Or dance one of the many dance routines from an idol anime? Or even sing the opening theme of an anime? Sign up for our Skits then come on down to the stage to show off your skills! The winner will win an amazing prize!



# Screenings

Screenings Friday

Normal Screenings Room

18:00-20:00 – **Konosuba**

God's blessing this wonderful world - but unfortunately not this Anime.

Satou Kazuma our dysfunctional main character is sent to a new world upon his untimely death with one "thing" of his choosing. He soon finds himself in a party surrounded by incredibly skilled individuals that are essentially useless because they're even more dysfunctional than him.

20:00-22:00 - **Redline (18+)**

Ride out your destiny!!! Daredevil drivers from across the Galaxy risk life and limb in a bid to become the Ultimate Champion in the intergalactic race of the millennium, Redline!!

Screenings Friday 17/1/20

Sensory Screening Room

18:00-20:00 - **Flying Witch**

A charming Iyashikei, or healing, anime, Flying Witch is about the breezy adventures of a teenage witch-in-training Makoto, moving in with her relatives in Aomori, and appreciating the natural world around her. Along the way you'll come to love the eccentric Kuramoto family, and the incredible background art by J.C Staff! Come along for the broomstick-ride on this mystical, family-themed slice of life Seinen!

20:00-22:00 - **The Cat Returns**

Studio ghibili describes what really happens when your parents let you take home that stray cat. A young girl who has the ability to talk to cats goes on a whimsical adventure after one cat turns out to be more important than expected

Screenings Saturday  
Normal Screenings Room

**9:00-11:00 - The Devil is a Part-Timer**

Welcome to MgRonalds! Would you like fries with that? Stuck in a world without magic, Satan begins working at MgRonald's to survive. Satan now has a new goal in mind: to climb the corporate ladder and taking over Earth through the power of customer service!

**11:00-13:00 - Summer Wars**

A maths genius shy high schooler is payed by a classmate to pretend to be her boyfriend to fool her extensive family, but when a mysterious threat arises, they'll be forced to use all of their skills to defeat it!

**13:00-15:00 - Demon Slayer**

Hey, you! You like demons? You like the slaying of said demons? What about wholesome family bonding? Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba has got it ALL. Badass combat, touching moments and top tier comedy! Following the journey of Tanjiro and his sister Nezuko is one of the most rewarding experiences Anime has to offer!

**15:00-17:00 - Fire Force**

In a world where firefighters literally fight fire with fire, human beings live with the fear of at any time bursting into flames and becoming fiery monsters. Shinra Kusakabe a third generation pyrokinetic enlists into the fire force in order to find the secret behind spontaneous human combustion and become a hero. In short "I AM SHONEN!"

**17:00-19:00 – Beastars(18+)**

Witness the eternal struggle between carnivores and herbivores... in high school! In this all 3D CGI series, the timid wolf Legosi falls for the confident and headstrong rabbit Haru, at the same time, all the animals vie for the position of the most important animal in the school, the Beastrar! A dark, unconventional drama about the Nature vs Society. **Strictly 18s**

**19:00-21:00 - Madoka Magica (18+)**

Have you heard? Who'd you hear it from? The Rumor of the Urobutcher! This poor girl "Madoka Kaname" wants an ordinary school life. What will she get instead? A one-way trip into hope and despair! **Strictly 18s**

**21:00-23:00 - Black Lagoon: Roberta's Blood Trail (18+)**

The third part of Black Lagoon, this is about a gunslinger maid "Roberta" looking for revenge against the U.S government who killed her master. In the meantime, The Lagoon Company is trying to stop her killing spree **Strictly 18s**

Screenings Saturday

Sensory Screenings Room

**9:00-11:00 - Little Witch Academia**

Basically Japans answer to Harry Potter, filled with clumsy cute anime girls at a magic high school, which is as heart-warming as it is hilarious

**11:00-13:00 - The Steven Universe Movie**

An hour of magical melodies, giant women and the beautiful world of the crystal gems set after the Steven universe series and everything is just perfect. What more could you want.

**13:00-15:00 - Pokémon**

Pokemon X and Y: Pretty much everybody watched Pokemon as a kid, with Ash, Brock and Misty. Cut some fifteen years and here we have Pokemon, the exact same thing, just better in every way, with even cooler Pokemon and a less chonky Pikachu.

**15:00-17:00 - K-On!**

The original Moe anime comedy, starring a bunch of cute anime girls starting a band in the light music club! Join Yui, Mitsu, Mio and Tsugumi as they goof off, hang out, joke around and occasionally play music. With classic, polished art and adorable animation by Kyoto Animation, this light and fluffy slice-of-life is sure to keep you hooked!

**17:00-19:00 - Kiki's Delivery Service**

A trainee witch turns to delivery as a career as she isn't the most talented at potions and curses. Along the way she finds out that maybe there's more to life than what is expected of her

Sunday

Normal Screenings Room

**10:00-12:00 - Princess Jellyfish**

If weebs had queer eye this would be it. A building of otaku socially awkward females lives are changed when their new roommate turns out to be a crossdressing queen determined to break them into the world.

**12:00-14:00 – Nichijou**

Think of a typical, entertaining Slice-of-Life. Now, quadruple the animation budget and make the most mundane things wicked. Yes, I know, it's pretty fantastic. Chop it all into short 5 minute stories and you got one heck-of-an-anime.

**14:00-16:00 - Your Lie in April**

This powerful, musical drama will give you the serious feels, as middle schoolers navigate the harsh world of Classical Music.

**16:00-18:00 - The Boy and the Beast**

Bears with notions. Main protagonist Kyuta is an orphan without a home but goes on to find himself in an alternate universe of warrior-beasts and great adventure

Sunday

Sensory Screenings Room

**9:00-11:00 - From Up on Poppy Hill**

Schoolmates come together to save their clubhouse but end up finding out far more about themselves than they thought

**11:00-13:00 - Wandering Son**

Yoshino a non-binary middle schooler and Nitori a trans girl, navigate their gender identity and the conflicting ideals of society in this sensitive and intelligent LGBT anime.

**13:00-15:00 - Kids on the Slope**

Ya like jazz? Kids on the Slope is a story of music and friendship that follows three teenagers brought together by their love for jazz.

**15:00-17:00-My Neighbour Totoro**

A timeless classic by Miyazaki, a whimsical look a life in the countryside of Japan and what it means to be a child

# Panels

Friday Panel

Main Panel Room

**Opening Ceremony 18.30**

**Teach Solais 19.00**

Teach Solais is a LGBT+ resource centre located in Galway City, serving Galway and the west of Ireland as a whole. They answer questions and talk about their invaluable work in this panel!

**Bad Fanfiction (with Masako X) 20.00**

Masako X, the voice talent behind Dragonball Abriged's Goku and Gohan, performs a selection of bad fanfiction for you listening pleasure. **Strictly 18+.**

**The Hentai Panel 21.00**

The Hentai Panel. Watch in awe and terror, as Akumakon finest unleash a non-stop torrent of the worst of Japan's animated pornography industry. **Strictly 18+.**

Friday Panels

Second Panel Room

**Anime Trivia Quiz (19.00)**

Two teams compete in a quiz guessing anime openings, anime characters, and other trivia.

**Is this a Jojo reference? (20.00)**

A 101 on JJBA given by someone who went from adamantly refusing to watch it to a person who now knows that, yes, that is a JoJo Reference. **Parental Advisory**

**Neo-Yokio is the Greatest Anime of All Time ( 21.00 )**

Dan (and friends) attempt to explain why Neo-Yokio (a poorly-received Netflix cartoon drawing on strong influences from anime, somehow involving Jaden Smith) is actually the best anime ever. Assuming strong language throughout, **I18+ only.**

## **Saturday Panel**

### **Main Panel Room**

#### **10.00 Mythbusting Anime**

The finest scientific minds of the Akumakon committee attempt to answer the most taxing “scientific” problems in anime, with maths and physics and all sorts of stuff I don’t really understand, but they sure do(probably).

#### **11.00 Florencia’s How to Prepare for a Convention**

Our cosplay guest, Florencia Sofen, gives a talk on helpful and practical advice to prepare and survive any anime convention.

#### **12.00 Aaron Dismuke Q&A**

Aaron Dismuke, voice actor known for roles including Alphonse Eric, Senku (from Dr.Stone), and others, answers questions from the audience.

#### **13.00 Let’s play with Sarah Wiedenheft**

Sarah Wiedenheft does a live let’s play of Ni no Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch, for a relaxing and chill panel.

#### **14.00 Yutaka Yamaoto Q&A**

Anime industry veteran and director of Hakubo, Yutaka Yamamoto, takes questions from the audience.

#### **15.00 Tantalus: Musicals you’ve probably never heard of**

The fine folks at the stage troupe Tantalus fly in with a litany of obscure, unusual musical selections. Join them on a wacky, winsome journey through the most unique corners of Broadway, experimental musical genres and beyond!

#### **16.00 Florencia Q&A**

Cosplayer Florencia Sofen takes questions from a studio audience.

#### **17.00 Masako X Q&A**

Masako X, voice actor extraordinaire and Dragonball enthusiast takes questions and gives answers from the audience.

## **18.00 Aaron & Sarah Q&A**

Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft, voice acting power couple, take questions from the audience, except it's later at night and we're all adults, so go wild. **Strictly 18+**

## **19.00 Cards against Akumakon**

Masako X, the voice talent behind Dragonball Abriged's Goku and Gohan, plays the popular party game Cards Against Humanity with the audience.

## **20.00 Man of Action**

Live-performance of truly horrific fanfiction. Strictly 18+. Join Jim and his four stout companions as they brave the world of bad, no-good highly NSFW fanfiction. Anything could happen. All of it will be soul-scarring. **Strictly 18+**

## **Saturday Panel**

### **Second Panel Room**

#### **Andrius' Tips for Travelling to Japan (10.00)**

The title says it all, except the most important part. How to do it cheap/make the most out of your money. Some mishaps included

#### **NJPW Wrestle Kingdom 14 Main Event - Okada v Ibushi 11.00**

Live commentary of the main event match between two of Japan's top pro wrestlers, live from the Tokyo Dome. Some strong scenes of violence.

#### **Parental Advisory**

#### **RWBY's troubled production history 12.00**

A look into the chaotic production history behind Rooster teeth's hit almost-but-not-quite-anime RWBY, with some commentary on the series' quality as a whole.

#### **Introductions & Backstories: A guide to creating your first D&D character 13.00**

Mark brings the audience through the process of making a D&D character, from the crunch to the fluff.

### **Anime and Existentialism 14.00**

An examination of themes of existentialism in anime, with a view to better interpret media and today's world.

### **Introduction to Competitive Pokémon 15.00**

A comprehensive introduction to competitive Pokémon play from a veteran player, King Krabz, including formats, move-lists, stat training, and websites.

### **Create a Sonic OC 16.00**

The esteemed artist, Christian Finan, takes crowd suggestions on creating a sonic OC, drawn in real time. If you've been on the internet, you'll know how bad this stuff can get.

### **Straight Outta Kanto 5.00pm**

A comical look at the darker side of the Pokémon series. Everything from creepy pasta, fan theories and in-game oddities. Join Straight Outta Kanto into the underbelly of ..... Audience participation is encouraged. **Parental Advisory**

### **Explaining Evangelion 18.00**

Tak attempts to explain what exactly happens in Neon Genesis Evangelion. Hilarity (and immense depression) ensues. **Strictly 18+.**

### **Rescinding All Callouts: Fandom Behaviour and Structure 19.00**

An examination of how people in fandom spaces treat each other and if the changing structure of fandom affects that. Part examination of a survey, part interactive workshop with the audience. Warnings for discussion of harassment and abuse, which came up during previous runs of this panel. Also swearing. **Strictly 18+**

### **Werewolf (With Dan Coleman) 20.00**

Dan Soulman's own variant on the classic social deduction game, Werewolf (also known as Mafia). Work together with complete strangers to try and figure out who's trying to kill you, who's not, and who's just sitting and watching the world burn. Audience participation, strong language throughout. **Strictly 18+.**

## **Sunday Panels**

### **Main Panel Room**

**Weird Japanese Games you've probably never heard of 11.00**

**Hakubo Screening with Q/A 12.00**

A screening of the film Hakubo with its director, Yutaka Yamamoto.

**Cultural Diplomacy and Promotion of the National Identity 13.00pm**

Mr Sou Watanabe, the current First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan to Ireland, and head of the cultural department, delivers a talk on the cultural diplomacy of the Japanese Government, and How its promotes its national identity in the context of a political economy

**Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse 14.00**

Aaron Dismuke, voice actor known for roles including Alphonse Eric, Senku (from Dr. Stone), does an improvisational what-if panel involving the zombie apocalypse and anime characters.

**Cosplay Photography 15.00**

Cosplayer Florencia Sofen and her fiancé and cosplay photographer Rafael Ruiz-Dàvila give a talk on how to get the most out of your cosplay photo shoots.

**Sarah Wiedenheft Q&A 16.00**

Sarah Wiedenheft, voice actor know for roles such as Zombieland Saga's Lily and Tohru from Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid, takes questions from the audience.

**Saturday AM Panel 17.00**

Kevin Smith from Saturday AM, a bi-weekly alternative manga anthology focusing on international authors, gives a talk on the magazine and hosts and Q&A with four of the imprint's creators.

**Aaron & Sarah Q&A 18.00**

Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft Aaron Dismuke & Sarah Wiedenheft, voice acting power couple, take questions from the audience, except it's later at night and we're all adults, so go wild. **Strictly 18+**

## Sunday Panels

### Second Panel Room

#### 11.00 Hot Cross Boys

Two veteran Akumakon staffers and renowned authorities on anime boy theory and practice, discuss some of the characteristics of some very good anime boys.

#### 12.00 Lesser-Known Anime Recommendations

Akumakon staffer Ethan, gives a rundown to some series you might have missed last year.

#### 13.00 Model UN

Model UN: The game of improvisational diplomacy. Each contestant is assigned a country, given a situation to work through, and Mark

#### 15.00 Super-Secret Play Test

Masako X, voice actor extraordinaire, is developing a new card game, and he needs your help to playtest it! It's so secret, we don't even know what it's about!

#### 16.00 Listening to Weird Japanese Music

A broad panel discussing more obscure Japanese music. Gareth advises that some music may be loud.

#### 17.00 A Rough Guide to the Overwatch League

Lily and Paul, Akumakon's finest Overwatch oficiandos, give you the rundown of what's what in the Overwatch League.



# **Games and Cards Tournaments**

## **Friday Games**

**All Video Game Events are Held in the View in Aras Mac Leinn**

**Casual Card Games are held in the Human Biology Building All Day**

**17.00 Casual games**

**19.00 "Mario Kart 8 TOURNAMENT"**

Karting with Mario characters. What else do you need?

**22.00 Casual games**

## **Saturday Games**

**All Events are Held in the View**

**Casual Card Games are held in the Human Biology Building All Day**

**09.00 Casual Gaming**

**11.00 "Call of Duty, Black Ops III, Tournament"**

One of the games from the extremely popular Call of Duty series. You know the drill, shoot your enemies and duel against other players.

**13.00 Casual Gaming**

**15.00 "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate 1V1 Tournament"**

Duke it out with your friends using Nintendo characters

**19.00 Jump Force Tournament**

Fight against your opponent using 3 characters from a roster of Shonen Jump icons



## **Sunday Games**

**All Events are Held in the View**

**Casual Card Games are held in the Human Biology Building All Day**

**09.00 Casual Gaming**

**11.00 Beat Saber VR TOURNAMENT**

Show your virtual prowess in this music beat game as you flail the controllers to the rhythm of the music

**13.00 Casual Gaming**

**15.00 Super Smash Bros. Ultimate 2V2 TOURNAMENT**

Duke it out with your friends using Nintendo characters, this time it's double



# Convention Rules

## General

- No running or "glomping".
- No screaming.
- No signs e.g. "Hug me"
- No throwing of any object e.g. Props, food etc.
- Observe basic manners, ask people if you want to take a picture of their cosplay, apologise if you bump into people etc.
- No pushing or shoving in queues.
- You are always required to display your con pass, persons not displaying, or without a con pass will be asked to leave the convention.
- Persons caught stealing from traders/people will be removed from the convention and banned from any Akumakon Convention in the future.
- No bullying, harassment or assault. Offenders will be removed from the convention and banned from the future conventions.
- Pass holders must not allow their pass to be worn by anyone else.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission and to eject anyone from the venue for any reason.
- Attendees must always carry photo identification and may be asked to show it at any time.
- Accepted forms of photo identification are:
  - Driver's or Provisional licence
  - Passport
  - Student ID (must have a photo and date of birth)
  - Garda National Age Card
  - European Identity Card
- Attendees may not be permitted to use recording and/or photography equipment during certain panels or events, this will be clearly stated prior to the event. We ask that you respect the wishes of the organisers, guests and panellists. Offenders will have their equipment confiscated for the remainder of the weekend and all data deleted.
- Attendees should note that they may be photographed or filmed while in attendance of the convention by our staff to help us prepare images and video for our website and other advertising needs.



# Cosplay

## General Cosplay Rules:

- No offensive/overly revealing clothing or costumes are permitted. Any cosplays worn must cover at least the same as a modest bikini/swimsuit.
- 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) is not permitted inside the convention centre. They may be carried as a prop of but cannot be worn.
- Anyone who has a cosplay that will inhibit movement/vision/or impede the senses are recommended to have a 'buddy' to help escort you around the convention.
- Cosplayers may not be connected/tethered/tied together in any manner.
- Costumes associated with illegal activity; eg. Pedobear, will not be permitted.

## Cosplay and Harassment:

- Harassment will not be tolerated in any form.
- This includes but is not limited to: Verbal abuse, physical abuse, following, stalking, unconsented photography, unconsented recording, inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate sexual attention.
- **Cosplay is not Consent.**

## Cosplay Masquerade:

- To enter the masquerade for judging your cosplay must be from a known published source. (i.e.
- Anime, Video game etc). Original characters can be entered to showcase an individual's work, but they will not be judged.
- Anyone under the ages of 13 years old 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.

- 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!)
- There will be two categories: Best overall Cosplay and Best Group.

### Cosplay Skit Rules:

- The maximum number of people allowed on stage at one time is 6 people.
- Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes.
- The skit needs to be suitable for a PG 13 audience. This means no offensive language or no sexual themes. (Let's keep groping to a minimum!) Any material to be used on stage will be screened prior to the skits.
- Any music/audio visual material required for the skit must be provided by the performers and submitted at the time of sign-up.
- Props that will delay the flow of the other performances are not permitted. Anything that will require a long setup/take down will not be permitted.
- Any fight scenes must be slowed to half speed.
- Props such as confetti, flower petals, water or anything that will litter the stage is not permitted.
- Fire props (e.g. lighters, flash paper etc) will not be permitted.
- The judging will be based purely on the quality and of the performance and the creativity of content.

### 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 and will only be allowed to be used in photo shoots and the Cosplay Masquerade.
- If anyone is found to be misusing props in a manner deemed dangerous to other attendees will have their props confiscated with no guarantee of the prop being returned.

- If you wish to use airsoft guns/pellets guns as props they must be unloaded and shown to be non-functioning.
- Airsoft weaponry is allowed under the following conditions:
  - The device's muzzle energy is less than or equal to one joule.
  - Spring-loaded airsoft weaponry is not permitted.
  - All loaded and carried magazines must be empty and de-gassed; and no airsoft pellets may be carried on your person.
  - The weapon's chamber must be clear.
  - The weapon's battery must be removed.
  - An orange tip must be in place on the weapon's barrel, or the weapon must feature brightly coloured markings or other apparatus.

#### **Prohibited props/ weapons:**

- 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.
- And all other weapons prohibited in Ireland under the 1964 Firearms Act.

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

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An artistic illustration of a shop front. The sign above the entrance reads "TWICE AS NICE 5". The shop displays various items: clothes on racks and hangers, framed pictures on the wall, and a potted plant on the counter. The overall style is colorful and somewhat abstract.

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## Convention Ads

Did you like Akumakon? Well you'll love some of the other great conventions Ireland has to offer!



The poster features a large, stylized title "Kaizoku-Con" in black serif font at the top. Below it is the year "— 2020 —". The central graphic is a pirate-themed logo with a skull wearing a top hat, a red harpoon, and blue waves. The text "Kaizoku" is written across the harpoon, and "Con" is written in red script at the bottom right. The background is orange with torn paper edges. Below the logo, the text "3rd-5th of April" and "University College Cork" is displayed in a large, bold, black serif font.

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