
APRIL 2022

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



Welcome PPN members to our April Newsletter. The PPN has some events coming up in April that you won't want to miss! !

If you would like to include your info or event in the next Newsletter please contact: mmullen@galwaycoco.ie or ccrowe@galwaycoco.ie

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PPN NEWS



Resource Pack Supporting LGBTIQ+ community

Galway LGBTIQ+ Interagency Group launches Resource Pack for Supporting LGBTIQ+ Communities. [See here](#) to read! The Public Recognition Marker (below) was launched on Monday the 11th April 2022 at 11am online via Zoom.

The Public Recognition Marker can be used by local clubs, groups, organisations, and businesses across Galway City and County to demonstrate to the public that they are a LGBTI+ friendly service and to highlight their visible commitment to inclusivity of LGBTI+ customers and service users.

If you would like to sign up to display a Public Recognition Marker in your Business/Organisation's Window, on your Clubs/Groups Social Media/Website, etc., please contact info@amachlgbt.com to sign up!



Galway



Gaillimh



The Cathaoirleach's Awards 2022

Cllr. Peter Keaveney, Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway, is delighted to launch the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2022, to acknowledge and reward the commitment of individuals, groups, and communities for the significant impact their community & voluntary activity has on quality of life in their local areas. Nominations are now invited for the following categories:

Individual:

- Volunteer of the Year Award

Group:

- Arts & Culture Award
- Best Contribution to Heritage Award
- Best Contribution to the Irish Language Award
- Environment & Climate Action Award
- Heritage Publication Award
- Social Inclusion Award
- Sports Award

Community:

- Pride of Place Awards (winners will be nominated to the All-Island IPB Pride of Place Awards)

Closing date: Friday 6th May 2022. Any queries can be e-mailed to awards@galwaycoco.ie

[See HERE for application forms and guidelines.](#)

An Cúinne Gaeilge



Fáilte chuig eagrán na míosa seo den Chúinne Gaeilge le **Gaeilge Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh**.

Is mise **Stiofán Seoighe**, Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh. Táim ag obair anseo i gcomhair leis an gceanneagraíocht, Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach Teo, an Coiste Pleanála Teanga agus leis an bpobal áitiúil chun Plean Teanga 7 mbliana a chur i bhfeidhm sa cheantar. Clúdaíonn ár limistéar ceantar an Mháma, Chorr na Móna, na Cloiche Brice agus na Fairche i gCo. na Gaillimhe mar aon le Fionnaithe agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh i gCo. Mhaigh Eo.

Tá sé mar aidhm againn pobal bríomhar, muiníneach Gaeltacha a chaomhnú agus a chothú sa cheantar agus líon na gainteoirí laethúla sa limistéar a mhéadú 20% faoin mbliain 2025. Tá muid ag obair chun labhairt na Gaeilge a normalú i measc daoine óga sa cheantar le cinntiú go gcuirfear í ar aghaidh ag an gcéad ghlúin eile mar theanga pobail. Tá ról tábhachtach ag an bpobal sa phróiseas seo! Bímis bródúil as ár dteanga – labhair í agus mairfidh sí!

Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh liom ag opt.cdost@gmail.com nó 087 3970227. Coinnigí súil amach ar ár leathanaigh Facebook, Twitter agus Instagram ([@gaeilgedstme](https://www.instagram.com/gaeilgedstme)) agus ar ár suíomh idirlín www.cdsteo.ie/pleanail-teanga.



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DHÚICHE SHEOIGHEACH
& THUAR MHIC ÉADAIGH



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Seoladh Phlean Teanga
Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus
Thuar Mhic Éadaigh

Ba mhaith le Coiste Pleanála Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh cuireadh a thabhairt do **phobal an cheantair** chuig Seoladh an Phlean Teanga leis an **Aire Stáit Gaeltacha Jack Chambers** ar an **Aoine, 13 Bealtaine, ag 6 i.n. in Áras Pobail Chorr na Móna**.

Bígí linn do cheol, craic, sóláistí agus ceiliúradh ar chur chun cinn na Gaeilge sa cheantar!

Ár bPobal - Ár bPlean - Ár dTeanga

Léacht Phoiblí leis an Dr. Ailbhe Nic Giolla Chomhaill

Bhí slua breá i láthair in Áras Pobail Chorr na Móna ar an Aoine 8 Aibreán le cluas éisteachta a thabhairt don Dr. Ailbhe Nic Giolla Chomhaill, Ollscoil Luimnigh, agus í ag caint ar an taighde atá déanta aici ar thraidisiún scéalaíochta agus seanchais Dhúiche Sheoigheach.

Thug an Dr. Nic Giolla Chomhaill léargas an-suimiúil ar an líon mór scéalta agus seanchais a bailíodh i nDúiche Sheoigheach san fhichiú haois faoi scáth Choimisiún Béaloideasa Éireann. Dhírigh sí go háirithe ar cheantair an Mháma agus Chorr na Móna, a raibh bailitheoirí béaloidis as Éirinn agus níos faoide i gcéin ag triall orthu sna 1930idí le blaiseadh a fháil de chultúr na scéalaíochta agus le haithne a chur ar scéalaithe áitiúla. Ba dheas an rud é cupán tae a ól lena chéile i ndiaidh na hócáide chomh maith, agus is cinnte go maireann traidisiún na scéalaíochta go fóill i nDúiche Sheoigheach!



Comórtas Peile Choláiste Muire, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh

D'éirigh thar barr le Comórtas Peile Gaeltachta i gColáiste Muire, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh a reachtáladh ar an 7 Aibreán. Ghlac os cionn 20 foireann ó iarbhunscoileanna Gaeltachta i Maigh Eo, Gaillimh agus Co. na Mí páirt sa chomórtas agus ba dheis iontach a bhí ann don dream óg aithne a chur ar a chéile agus castáil le daoine óga eile as Gaeltachtaí eile na tíre. Comhghairdeas mór le foireann agus le daltaí na scoile as lá chomh taitneamhach, spleodrach a eagrú!



Scéalta na Sléibhte

Tá áthas orainn a fhógairt go bhfuil an chéad eagrán de Scéalta na Sléibhte, iris nua Ghaeilge do phobal Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh ar fáil sna siopaí agus sna hallaí áitiúla anois! Tá súil againn eagrán a fhoilsiú gach cúpla mí le deis a thabhairt don phobal a bheith ag léamh agus ag scríobh i nGaeilge. Sa chéad eagrán seo tá nuacht, scéalta áitiúla, píosaí filíochta agus scríbhneoireachta agus go leor eile! Dean teagmháil leis an OPT má tá cóip chrua nó leictreonach uait.



Plean Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh le seoladh!

Tá ríméad orainn anseo go seolfaidh Aire Stáit na Gaeltachta, Jack Chambers, Plean Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh ar an Aoine 13 Bealtaine ag 6.00 i.n. in Áras Pobail Chorr na Móna. Tá míle fáilte roimh chách a bheith linn le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar chur chun cinn na Gaeilge sa cheantar. Beidh ceol, damhsa, craic agus sóláistí ann ar an oíche. Scaipigí an scéal!

... COMÓRTAS ...

Críochnaigh an **seanfocal** áitiúil seo...



'Is maith an _____ a tharraingíonn a charr féin'

Cuir do fhreagra chuig opt.cdst@gmail.com agus beidh deis agat mála féiríní Gaeilge DSTMÉ a bhuachaint!

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT(S)



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithé agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

- Government announces National Biodiversity Conference to take place June 8–9 10/4/2022. Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Humphreys announces details of new €15 million Community Centre Fund 15/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Our Rural Future: Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien announce €264,910 for 83 local projects in Galway City under the Community Activities Fund 2021 08/04/2022. Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Our Rural Future: Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien announce €286,802 for 170 local projects in County Galway under the Community Activities Fund 2021 12/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

- The Basic Income for the Arts pilot scheme is now opens for applications. portal will remain open until 12 May. 11/4/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Aran Islands Language Plan approved by Minister Martin and Minister of State Chambers 11/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

- Minister Noonan announces €4 million in funding for 78 built heritage projects under Historic Structures Fund 2022 31/03/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Significant Modernisation of Ireland’s Electoral System to be delivered under Electoral Reform Bill 30/3/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Improved homes for older people and those with a disability as Ministers O’Brien and Burke announce over €80 million in funding 28/03/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Leanai, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

- Minister O’Gorman announces changes to the National Childcare Scheme that will extend access to subsidised early learning and childcare for children and families 08/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

Public Consultation on the Reasonable Accommodation Fund Grants

The government wants to make sure that people with disabilities who want and are able to work are supported and enabled to do so.

To do this, the government wants to get your views on how to improve how the 'Reasonable Accommodation Fund' grants operate. Please submit your views by 5pm Friday 29 April.

[See here for more details](#)



Consultation on the Clean Air Strategy for Ireland

From Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications
Submissions closed 3 May 2022

[See here](#)

Have Your Say on hosting major international sports events in Ireland

Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht Jack Chambers has launched public consultation, seeking YOUR views on hosting such events [See Here](#)



How can we improve the health of our seas? A public consultation on **Ireland's Marine Strategy** is now open. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has opened a public consultation on Ireland's Marine Strategy, so #HaveYourSay!



Deadline to make submissions 5pm on Friday 20th May 2022

[Make your submission here](#)



Alliance for Insurance Reform - members survey 2022

This survey will take you 2 minutes to complete. Your reply is very important to us as it will help us fine-tune our message to Government at this critical time in our campaign for sustainable insurance costs. Thank you for taking the time to make a difference. Take the [SURVEY HERE](#).

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2022 (ORIS)

Galway County Council now invites applications for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2022 (ORIS).

Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) to provide major boost to rural tourism

€15 million fund to develop our mountains, lakes, beaches, bogs, forest walks, blueways, greenways (under 20k) and bridleways.

Focus on supporting adventure activities such as hiking, mountaineering, kayaking, swimming and cycling

Funded in partnership with Fáilte Ireland

Deadlines to Galway County Council:

4pm on Wednesday 27th April, 2022 for Measures 2 & 3

For application forms and more information [See Here](#)



Creative expression provides opportunities for children and young people to try out new ideas and explore their creative potential" Creative Schools open for 2022-23 programme, with €2.5m going to participating Primary and Post-Primary schools and YouthReach centres across Ireland. [See here for details on application](#)

Deadline Thursday June 2nd.



Community Centres Investment Fund

Category 1: Small scale projects/improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000

Category 2: Larger scale projects - €25,001 to €100,000

Category 3: Major projects- €100,001 to €300,000

Department of Rural and Community Development

Registration will open on Tuesday 3 May 2022, applicants need to register as 'users' on the portal in advance of the application process opening on Tuesday 7 June 2022. The closing date **Thursday 14 July 2022**

[See Here](#)

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Applications invited under the 2022 CLÁR Programme

CLÁR provides funding for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of population decline. Community Groups are encouraged to consider applying for funding. Measure specifically for our islands is also being introduced which is a key part of 'Our Rural Future'..

The closing date for Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities is **Friday the 6th of May** but local authorities will have earlier deadlines so please check with them first as the local authorities administer the scheme.

The closing date for Measure 3 'Our Islands' is **Friday May. 5**

Full details of the Programme and application process are available on the Department's website [See Here](#)

Training Links Programme 2022 - 2024

The Wheel is delighted to announce that applications for funding are now open under the Training Links programme. Training Networks are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00.

Applications open until **5pm on Friday, 29 April.**

Programme Overview

Training Networks — groups of a minimum of ten organisations who come together to undertake training that they may not have the opportunity to do individually. The overall fund available for this programme is €270,00.00.

Training Networks can apply for a minimum of €10,000.00, and a maximum of €50,000.00.

[Download the application form here.](#)

Contact & Information

Get in touch by emailing traininglinks2022@wheel.ie.



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na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Michumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

**National
Lottery**

Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2022
Galway and Roscommon ETB Youth Services welcomes applications for the 2022 Local Youth Club Grant Scheme (LYCGS)

- Maximum grant available is €3,000
- Grants are available to ****volunteer-led** groups only
- Closing date is ****12 p.m. Tuesday 10th of May 2022**
- Application forms available at **www.gretb.ie**
- Applications must be submitted by email only to **gretbyouthservice@gretb.ie**

Please note that sports clubs/groups **are not eligible to apply.*



Youth services @GRETb are delighted to announce the opening of our Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2022.

Táimid ag súil go mór libh. Looking forward to hearing from you all soon.

Closing date is 12p.m. on Tuesday the 10th of May

[See Here](#)

SuperValu partners with the All-Ireland Pollinator plan for “Save the Bees” Campaign

SuperValu Save the Bees Competition

Collect a Save the Bees card when you spend €30 or more and give your local primary school a chance to WIN A SHARE OF €50,000. Get an extra Save the Bees card when you scan your Real Rewards card.

Once you have completed your school collection poster with all the cards, simply upload a picture of the collection poster and fill in the details below. The application must be made in the name of the participating primary school.

Closing date for entries is the **12th of May 2022** and winners will be announced on the 20th of May 2022.

Best of Luck from the SuperValu Bee team. [See here for entry](#)



Decade of Centenaries Bursary - Closing 27 April 2022.

As part of their work for Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, The Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations highlighted the importance of creating opportunities to support ongoing research and scholarship at national and local level.

[See here for more details](#)



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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Arts and Disability Connect (ADC)

Scheme open to artists with disabilities working in any artform. This scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to make new and ambitious work. It offers artists the opportunity to:

- Connect with other practitioners or venues;
- Make a change in their practice;
- ‘Step up’ in terms of scope and scale
- Reach new audiences and to engage in mentoring and training.

Closing date 16:00, Monday 16 May 2022

Further information Contact Arts & Disability Ireland at 01 850 9002 or email connect@adiarts.ie

[Apply Now](#)



The International Charity Bazaar (ICB)



The International Charity Bazaar (ICB) is a voluntary fundraising organisation of the Diplomatic Corps in Dublin. With the support of 50 or more Embassies and friends in the local community, the ICB raises funds for registered charities in Ireland through two annual events: the Diplomatic Ball and Annual Bazaar.

Please note the following:

Closing date for receipt of applications is May 13, 2022

Maximum funding of EUR 5,000 per project Only Irish registered charities may apply
No funding for salaries or bursaries Projects should be Ireland-based. Selected charities will be notified by July 2022 . Funds will be distributed in December 2022.

For further information please contact us at info@icbdublin.com [Apply here](#)

TRAINING/ COURSES



Wednesday 27 April 2022, 4pm – 5.30pm

via Zoom , **The Irish Penal Reform Trust** launch

"Sometimes I'm missing the words": The rights, needs and experiences of foreign national and minority ethnic groups in the Irish Penal System. IPRT commissioned this first of its kind research from Department of Law, Maynooth University to create an evidence base, raise awareness of any discrimination, and promote access to rights. ☺

Details of the event line-up [See HERE](#) Registration form

[See here](#)

Masculinities and Mens Health

HSE Health and Wellbeing will host

webinar **April 26 12pm –1pm.**

This webinar will focus on farmer's health and newly launched research report on the Farmers Have Hearts Initiative. In partnership with Men's Health Forum in Ireland, Men's Health Research, IT Carlow and Men's Development Network.

[Register HERE](#)



Volunteer Galway

How to provide water for wildlife in your garden

Wed, 27 April 2022

19:00 – 20:30 Online

[Register HERE](#)



Interpreter Training Program

The Irish Refugee Council are running an Interpreter Training Program. Working to promote best practices for the protection of the rights of people in the International Protection (IP) process, they are currently delivering a best practice training programme for interpreters who work with refugee/asylum applicants. If you speak English and another language, and would like to get training to become an interpreter, please contact our us on: interpreters@irishrefugeecouncil.ie. Languages particularly in demand are Arabic, Pashto, Farsi, Dari, Ukrainian, Russian and French.

GRETB Further Education and Training Department

Process for those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine who wish to access courses/services:

What GRETB FET Can Provide:

- Places on existing programmes/courses as appropriate
- Dedicated English language classes if no spaces available in existing classes
- Dedicated Community Education classes / ABE classes eg non accredited IT, using devices for communication home
- Dedicated classes Levels 4 – 6 if no appropriate classes available
- Job seeking classes
- Information regarding third level options (appropriate contacts) – signposting of learners of who to contact in third level institutions.
- Youth Services – links to local youth work organisations to provide youth services outside school hours

If an individual contacts/accesses a FET Centre:

- List of GRETB FET centres
www.gretb.ie/fet/centres-of-education
- Centre will speak with learner to ascertain needs and level
- If a suitable course is available in FET centre learner can be enrolled as normal
- If not, referral made to GRETB Guidance and Information Service



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na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board

If a group representing those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine wants to contact GRETB eg., a direct provision centre, local council, family resource centre, DSP.

- Contact fetresponse@gretb.ie with details of where the group are, number in the group contact name and details.
- A GRETB centre representative and a member of the GRETB Guidance and Information Service will arrange a meeting
- At the initial meeting learning assessments can be carried out or arrangements made for staff to visit later to assess learning needs.

NOTICE BOARD

Minister Heather Humphreys of the Department of Rural and Community Development & Ian Allen Managing Director SuperValu Ireland launched the 2022 SuperValu Ireland Tidy Towns Ireland Competition. Closing Date : Friday 20 May 2022
Entry forms : [See Here](#) **Good Luck to all with Entries!!**



Galway Community Archaeology-
Advice for Tidy Towns Groups

[See Here](#) YouTube



OUR NEXT LITTER CLEAN UP IS SATURDAY APRIL 23RD. MEETING AT ST. MICHAELS CARPARK
11AM -1PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
ERIC NAUGHTON 087 6012163
TOM MADDEN 086 817 9580

Portumna

PAULA AND HER TEAM OF HELPERS FROM ST. DYMPNA'S SHANNON ROAD FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PORTUMNA TIDY TOWNS GROUP.



NOTICE BOARD

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SLÁN ABHAILE TO TRAVELLERS
HEADING NORTH ON THE
MILLTOWN ROAD WITH
FLOWER POWER BY 40,000
DAFFODILS PLANTED BY
CONTRACT FOR GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Athenry



Oughterard



Cleggan



Clifden



Barna



Williamstown



Gort



Clarinbridge



Kinvara

Upcoming Events

TRACTOR RUN

IN AID OF CLONTUSKERT NATIONAL SCHOOL
& EAST GALWAY / MIDLANDS CANCER SUPPORT

ON
**SUNDAY 1st May
2022**

from **Ballinasloe
Rugby Club**

Registration at 10am
Departs 12 Noon Sharp

Refreshments & Raffle
in Mothers', Kiltormer
at the End of the Run!

Entry Fee €25

Participants must wear Hi Vis / All drivers must comply with legislation



INISHBOFIN ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

29TH APRIL-1ST MAY

FRIDAY

- BEOGA

SATURDAY

- MIKEL MURFI:
THE MAN IN THE WOMAN'S SHOES

- JOSHUA BURNSIDE

SUNDAY

- EALA
- CLARE SANDS

- SÍOMHA

- RÓNÁN Ó SNODAIGH
AND MYLES O'REILLY

Weekend and day tickets can be [purchased here](#)

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Connemara Cancer Le Chéile

**A local support group for
people affected by cancer**

**Our first support group will
take place in Clifden Town Hall
on Tuesday 26th of April @7pm**

CONNEMARA CANCER LE CHÉILE IS A NEWLY LAUNCHED SUPPORT GROUP
AIMED TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER TO
COME TOGETHER AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION AND ABOVE ALL
SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS WE NAVIGATE OUR WAY THROUGH THE MANY
DIFFERENT OBSTACLES THAT A NEW CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND ALSO LIVING WITH
CANCER CAN THROW OUR WAY. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS POST AND
CONTACT MYSELF OR JENNIFER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

OLIVE CARTY 0872606961
JENNIFER BARRY 0876147501

Féilte 2022

Féile an Spidéal, An Spidéal - 11-12th Meitheamh

Féile na mBád, Ros Dúic - 25-26th Meitheamh

Féile na mBád, Cill Chiaráin - 2-3rd Iúil

Féile Chuan na Beirtrí Buí - 9-10th Iúil

Féile Mhic Dara, Carna - 16-17th Iúil

Cloc na Rón (Roundstone) - 23-24th Iúil

Féile Chuigéil, Leitir Dealláin - 30-31st Iúil

Féile na mBád, Inis Meáin - 6-7th Lúnasa

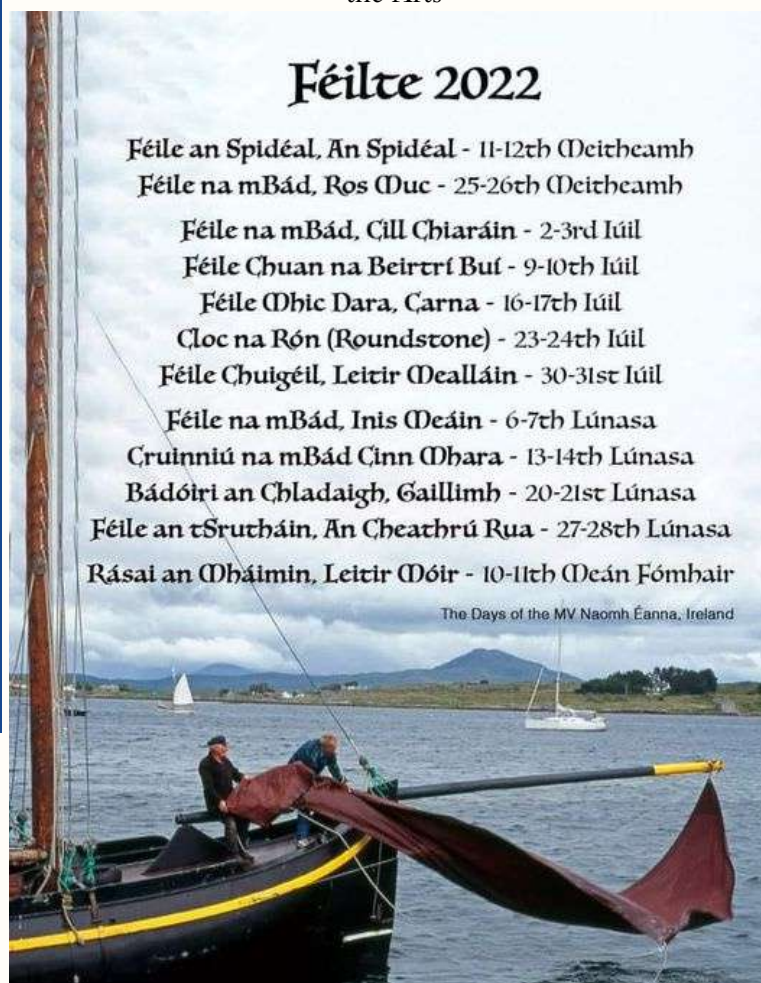
Cruinniú na mBád Cinn Mhara - 13-14th Lúnasa

Bádóirí an Chladaigh, Gaillimh - 20-21st Lúnasa

Féile an tSrutháin, An Cheathrú Rua - 27-28th Lúnasa

Rásai an Mháimín, Leitir Móir - 10-11th Meán Fómhair

The Days of the MV Naomh Éanna, Ireland



Upcoming Events

Monivea Heritage



Monivea Heritage Association plans to hold the first of several history walks on the
1st May 2022.

The first walk will start at the playground in the village and will end at McGoverns Store.

All are welcome. Talk start time is 3pm.



KINVARA PLEIN AIR 2022

Exhibition of Artwork

30 April - 15 May 2022
The Courthouse, Kinvara
11am - 5pm daily

Opening Reception
Friday, 29th April
Beginning at 7pm
Music by The Ubuntu Trio



FLEADH NA SCUACH



*All are welcome to the Courthouse
Friday 29th April at 7pm.*

Irish Workhouse Centre Portumna



Here at the Irish Workhouse Centre we are delighted to again host Kieran Tuohy Sculptor's exhibition of bog oak 'Dark Shadows'. From the "line for the soup" to the gates of the poorhouse, the story of the workhouse and the history of the famine emanates from each face, each hand, each bone depicted in each piece. An ideal opportunity to learn about our bogs and their wood, the method of dating the wood as well as immersing ourselves in the story of Ireland.





YEATS THOOR
BALLYLEE SOCIETY

AFTERNOON TEA AT
THOOR BALLYLEE

FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF
UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
3PM-4.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

[See here to
Book](#)





BURREN INBLOOM

Thurs 19 - Sun 22 May 2022

www.burreninbloom.com

WHEN

WHAT

Thursday
19th May

8-9pm Online: 'Nature as a partner - changing attitudes to nature and landscape' with Matthijs Schouten

Friday
20th May

11- 2pm: Coole Turloughs and Teas, Coole Park

2 – 4pm: Burren Perfumery Workshop: An afternoon with Wild Rose

7:30pm: Opening and Welcome – celebrating our natural world with a miscellany of speakers from near and far. Tully's Bar, Kinvara

Saturday
21st May

10- 12am: Butterfly Walk with Jesmond Harding, near Carron

10-12am: The Hare's Corner Pond visit with Féidhlim Harty, Ennistymon

2-3:30pm: Art and Nature workshop with Gordon D'Arcy, Kinvara

2-4pm: A walk to explore Burren Lichens with Paul Whelan & Jenny Bardi

2-4pm: Caher Bridge Garden Visit with Carl Wright, Fanore

7pm: Keynote talks with Jesmond Harding and Richard Nairn, Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan

Sunday
22nd May

10am -1pm Burren in Bloom Walk: Return to the Winterage with the McCormack family and ecologists, Boston

11am – 1pm: Bugs and Blooms Family Fun with Burrenbeo staff

Fri 20th – Sun
22nd May

Burren Slow Food Festival, Pavillion Hall in Lisdoonvarna.

Walks, talks, workshops
and family events

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Upcoming Events

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How it Works

Register Here		Register for your free supporter pack and complimentary seeds
Plant		Get your seeds into soil as the weather warms and watch them grow!
Sell		Set a date in June to sell your plants via a simple sale or a full-on garden party
Donate		Donate the proceeds to Irish Hospice Foundation

Information/ Register [See Here](#)





The Government has launched Be Summer-Ready, which provides advice across a range of topics on staying safe this summer. [See Here](#)

The Galway Sports Partnership Couch – 2k

5 week walking/jogging/running/rolling programme . It is delivered through an app, Movespring, so a smart device is required. Start date of the programme is May 6th.

[Register and more details See Here](#)






Permaculture is an innovative framework for creating sustainable ways of living.

Permaculture Training Series

with
Alfred Decker

Sign up details to follow



Upcoming Events

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 2022

The National Spring Clean is running for the month of April, and encourages clean ups by individuals or groups in their own local environment.

You can register for National Spring Clean 2022

[HERE](#)

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Invasive Species Week 2022
16th - 22nd May

[See Here](#)

Hedgerow Management

From now until the end of August we must leave our hedgerows grow. These are important homes, food source & corridors for our birds, insects and mammals. See here on what you can do for your hedgerows and

why #LetHedgerowsGrow Full outline: [See here](#)



WHY SHOULD I LOOK AFTER MY HEDGEROWS?

Agricultural Benefits

Hedgerows can provide shelter and shade for livestock, prevent soil erosion, and help reduce agricultural runoff reaching rivers and causing pollution. They can help improve soil health and vegetation growth, providing additional forage for livestock. As useful natural boundaries, they can also help livestock spread or disease.

Ecological Benefits

Hedgerows contain a wide variety of plant species, from trees to shrubs to flowers. They host a variety of wildlife including birds, small mammals, and many insect species including pollinators such as bees and butterflies. As such they are extremely important and valuable for wildlife - they can provide food, water and shelter, and are ideal places for nesting and raising young, and offer wildlife to move safely between otherwise isolated habitats.

Climate Benefits

Good hedgerows are very effective at capturing Carbon. Some researchers estimate that hedgerows and natural woodlands could potentially sequester 0.88-5.51 CO2/year. Hedgerows can also help offset some of the anticipated impacts of climate change by providing shade and shelter from weather extremes.

Examples of native shrubs and trees for hedgerows:
Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Holly, Elder, Guelder Rose, Crab Apple, Alder, Buckthorn, Spindle, Dogwood, Rowan, Bird Cherry, Wild Cherry, Scots Pine, Downy Birch, Oak, Grey Willow, Whitebeam.

Farmer's Tip

Explore which species grow best in your immediate area or ask a local nursery/garden centre for advice.



The logo for WEEE Ireland, featuring the text "weee ireland" and "APPROVED RECYCLING SCHEME" next to a stylized recycling symbol.

The logo for Galway County Council, featuring a red shield with a white cross and the text "Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council".

FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAYS CO. GALWAY

Oughterard Oughterard GAA Club, Pier Road, Oughterard, Co. Galway Sat - 16th April 10am to 4pm	Maam Cross The Mart, Maam Cross, Co. Galway Sat - 7th May 10am to 4pm
Loughrea Station Road Car Park, Station Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway Sat - 23rd April 10am to 4pm	Gort Co-Operative Livestock Mart, Ballybawn, Gort, Co. Galway Sat - 14th May 10am to 4pm
Mountbellew Mountbellew Moylough GAA Club, Mountbellew, Co. Galway Sat - 30th April 10am to 4pm	

A collection of various electrical items including a radio, a fan, a lamp, a toaster, a microwave, and a power drill.

Any household waste electrical items, batteries or energy saving lightbulbs accepted, large or small! From Fridges to Phones, Laptops to Lawnmowers, Toys to Power Tools, and everything in-between, WEEE recycle anything with a plug or battery! Electrical, battery and lighting waste can also be recycled at your local authority recycling centres and other recycling points, visit weeeireland.ie

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NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2022

13 - 22 MAY

- BIODIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
- BACKYARD BIOBLITZ
- BIODIVERSITY SCAVENGER HUNT
- EVENTS EVERY DAY

The logo for the National Parks & Wildlife Service, featuring the text "NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE" and "IEN".

A photograph of a bird, possibly a duck or goose, standing in a grassy field.

PHOTO: DARRELL ARNONE

National Biodiversity Week 13-22 May

Explore the rich variety of life in Ireland this May with a host of wonderful events and activities! Taking place from May 13th - 22nd, there will be free events every day, both online and in person

[See here](#)

SUPPORTS



Covid-19 Information

COVID-19 Vaccine Centres

Videos with information about how the vaccination centres will operate are [available here](#).

[Keep Well Campaign](#)

Ukraine Support Call



At Galway Volunteer Centre people interested in volunteering can find out more about volunteering without having to make a commitment, get information on a wide range of volunteering opportunities; and get advice and support on opportunities to suit you.