

MAY 2022

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



Welcome PPN members to our May Newsletter. The PPN has some events coming up in May 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

Retirement Notice - A Goodbye from Rita

Dear Members of Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) ,
After 15 years I am retiring from my position as Administrator with Galway County PPN, previously known as Community Forum, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the people that I worked with over the years, in particular; Vincent Lyons, Chairperson of Galway County PPN, all the PPN colleagues whom I had the opportunity to get to know and work with, past and present. I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support it was much appreciated during my time working with the PPN. Working with the PPN gave me the opportunity to attend different events where I got to know a lot of the wonderful Members who carry out great work in their communities. I believe that the PPN will continue to grow, you have been a wonderful team to work with and I wish you all the best going forward working with Galway County PPN.

Thank you for making the last 15 years a pleasure, I shall miss working alongside you all.

- *Rita Cunnane*

PPN Administrator



We at the PPN are very sad to be saying goodbye to Rita . Rita was always there with advice and an encyclopaedic knowledge of the community groups in County Galway.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing Rita a very happy retirement. Go n-éirí an bóthar leat a Rita, le buiochás mór ó Mary, Carmel agus an PPN ar fad.





4th Annual National Integration Conference Immigrant Council of Ireland 12th May 2022 - NUIG



Galway County PPN were delighted to be invited and attend The Immigrant Council of Ireland's 4th Annual National Integration Conference 2022 on May 12. This year's theme was "Coalition building for equality". Megan Flynn Dixon, Flutura Rehani and the ICI brought together experts in the areas of migration, integration, and community development to share ideas and identify positive action for cross community coalition building.

In attendance were Her Excellency Anna Sochańska, Polish Ambassador to Ireland, the Mayor of Galway, Collette Connolly, Cllr Yemi Adenuga and Islamiyah Saudique-Kadejo, Immigrant Council of Ireland CEO Brian Killoran and Integration Manager ICC, Teresa Buczkowska.

The Trailblazers discussion panel was a huge success, Chair - Laura McDermott (Boston Scientific) Esther Osayimwen (Galway City Partnership) Agata Krzywak (Social Inclusion Liaison Officer, HSE) Kola Oworu (An Post) and Victory Ike (Secondary School Teacher) held a most informative and inspiring discussion. Business owners discussed what has worked, or not worked in their varied experience, Chair - Agata Jagodzinska (Polish business owner), Martin Ward (Bounceback Recycling), Megan Maria Browne Ayers (Connemara Wool), Jipe Kelly (Diversity Matters). The Workshops - Family Integration, Anti-racism, What is needed from a Galway migrant centre? and Women's Health & Wellbeing deserve special mention. The ICI hopes for a Galway Migrant Centre will have got a huge boost from this conference. In the words of Patrycja Lentowszczyk-Cichocka.

'The Migrants Rights Centre is urgently needed in Galway as it is the only city without a Centre in Ireland. This bright idea involves local migrant activists gathering, brainstorming and creating a safe space for a cultural exchange - a shelter to support migrants and share their expertise with the Irish community.' Thank you for those inspiring words Patrycja.

4th Annual National Integration Conference -



**Africa Day 2022 takes place on
Wednesday, 25th May.**

Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs are delighted to support Local Authorities across the country in hosting virtual events to mark Africa Day 2022.



We are asking African communities in Ireland, and people of African descent, including individuals, families and groups, to share and showcase their own Africa Day 2022 content, such as food they are making or clothes they are wearing to mark the occasion; or to share a piece of writing, music or poetry that speaks to their identity and heritage. So we can see and re-share your content on our social media channels, don't forget to tag @AfricaDayIreland on Facebook, @AfricaDay on Twitter or AfricaDayIreland on Instagram, and use the hashtags #AfricaDayIreland and #AfricaDay2022.

[See Here](#)



Join MRCI and Justice for the Undocumented for Poster Day of Action!

**On May 21st, we are taking to the streets, in every corner of Ireland, to spread the word about the Regularisation Scheme.
Volunteer in your local area and help us put up posters about the scheme in shops and community centres.
3 - 4 hours max**

➔ [Register here:](#)

We are setting up volunteer groups so you won't be on your own!

The scheme for undocumented people to get their papers closes in 3 months and we know there are thousands of people who haven't heard about it.

Join us on May 21st and help us spread the word in your local area.

➔ [Register here:](#)



Information for organisations supporting people from Ukraine

Please note, the Department of Social Protection has issued an information note on the supports available to people arriving from Ukraine to Ireland.

[You can read more here.](#)

An Cúinne Gaeilge

Fáilte chuig eagrán na míosa seo den Chúinne Gaeilge, curtha in eagar ag Ándrea Uí Thaidhg, Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga le **Gaeilge Mhaigh Cuilinn**.

Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh le Ándrea ag gaeilgemhaighcuilinn@gmail.com nó ag 085 8504935.

Coinnigí súil amach ar an leathanach Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gaeilge.mhaighcuilinn> nó Twitter @_maighcuilinn_



Gaeilge Mhaigh Cuilinn

Comórtas Ealaín Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022

Rinne Cumann Peil na mBan Maigh Cuilinn in éineacht le Gaeilge Mhaigh Cuilinn comórtas ealaín a reachtáil mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2022. An Ghaeltacht i Maigh Cuilinn a bhí mar théama ar an gcomórtas. Rinne na páistí ar fad ó scoileanna an cheantair an-iarracht go deo. Molann muid go h-árd iad! Comhghairdeas ó chroí leis na mbuaiteoirí seo leanas:

- **Scoil Bhaile Nua** – Fionn Gilmartin, Óonagh Ní Chuille, Sadhbh Joy, Noelle Ní Churraoin
- **Scoil Mhuire** – Sofia Ní Loideáin
- **Scoil Naomh Bríde** – Tulach Uí Chadhain Aibhlinn Faulkner & Zara Corrigan, Scoil
- **Scoil Cholmain Tuairini** – Phoebe Ní Dhomhnaill & Saoirse Ní Mhuirí





CLUB TEIC GAEILGE MHAIGH CUILINN



CÉN ÁIT: TEACH NA GAEILGE



CÉN LÁ: MAIDIN DÉ SATHARN



CÉN T-AM: 28.05.22 @10R.N.



~CÓD
~ÉALAÍN
~CIORCAD
~ÉOLAÍOCHT
~TEICNEOLAÍOCHT



Tuilleadh Eolas: gaeilgemhaighcuilinn@gmail.com



Céard iad? An bhfuil sibh in ann iad a aimsigh anseo i Maigh Cuilinn?



**Siúlóid & Picnic Teaghlaigh le
Gaeilge Mhaigh Cuilinn
15ú Bealtaine @12
Coillte Cill Ráine
Siamsaíocht
Scéalaíocht**

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT(S)



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe 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 €526k additional funding to Social Enterprise Awareness Raising Projects 29/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Humphreys publishes the General Scheme of the Charities (Amendment) Bill 2022 29/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Humphreys , has announced registration is now open for a new €15 million capital fund for the upgrade and refurbishment of Community Centres. 09/05/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



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

- Minister Jack Chambers T.D., announced approval of a grant of up to €21,000 for Ionad Pobail na Minna in Co. Galway 10/05/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



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

- Minister Noonan supports Garda investigation into Galway bog fire 29/04/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Ministers announce ambitious new Strategic Action Plan for the National Parks and Wildlife Service 04/5/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Noonan officially launched The €20.6 million LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature project 13/05/200 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

- Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and Minister for Mental Health and Older People Mary Butler welcome a new contract for the continuation and expansion of the Patient Advocacy Service 10/05/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



**Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disability, Anne Rabbitte, launched a public consultation to inform the design and development of the Autism Innovation Strategy- [See Here](#)
Closing Date Monday 30 May 2022**

The Autism Innovation Strategy will pursue priority actions to make substantial progress towards making equality of support and equality of opportunity a reality for all people with autism in Ireland today.

Public Consultation on the Hosting of Major International Sports Events Launched

- Have Your Say – take part in a survey [See Here](#)
- Closing date: 26 May 2022

Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers TD, has launched a public consultation on the development of a new Major International Sports Events Policy. The main objectives of this consultation are to seek views and understand people’s attitudes towards major international sports events, and the role of Government in supporting them. This public consultation will assist in the development of a policy to underpin a subsequent strategy.

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](#)

The Government of Ireland invite you to Have Your say on national electric vehicle charging infrastructure strategy. Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan today launched the online public consultation. The consultation is designed to give stakeholders, interested parties and the public an opportunity to give their opinions and ideas on the delivery of electric vehicle (EV) charge point infrastructure such as the preferred locations of chargers and speeds of charging. Closing May 31 [SEE HERE](#)





Loughrea set to become national cycling network hub

Transport Infrastructure Ireland is developing national cycleway network, The town will be on the route of a new national cycleway connecting Athlone to Galway city, a route separate to the greenway currently being planned for our region. In addition it is proposed to connect Loughrea to our Route 5 greenway and on to another greenway connecting to East Clare and Limerick.

A public consultation process on the new National Cycling Network is open.

Closing Tuesday 7 June 2022

Please take the time to make your voice heard.

[See here for Survey.](#)

Galway County Comhairle na nÓg

Galway County Comhairle na nÓg want to know how we can better support young people to be involved with our activities and have their voices heard.

Complete our survey and let us know how we can support and reach young people all across Galway County!

Youth Work Ireland Galway
Galway County Comhairle na nÓg Young Voices, Local Issues.
Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

Co. Galway Comhairle na nÓg are conducting a survey to establish the extent of awareness of Comhairle among both young people and adults across the county.. We have created a Google survey for each group. Would you please take a few minutes to answer the short survey, the links are below.

We really appreciate your support!

Youth Survey: [See Here](#)

Adult Stakeholder Survey: [See Here](#)

#youthworkgalway

FUNDING / SCHEMES



Engaging with Architecture Scheme

Closing date: 17:30, Thursday 09 June 2022

The purpose of the Engaging with Architecture Scheme is to support ambitious, innovative and creative, high-quality projects – e.g. exhibitions, events, festivals and programmes. Its aim is specifically to enhance and extend the public's experience of, and involvement with, architecture. The scheme is developmental and also seeks to build a network of architects, curators, arts programmers, festivals and arts centres in this area of practice. There are two strands to the scheme. Funding is available under Strand 1 to support the research and development of a project or idea and, under Strand 2 which is designed to support the delivery of innovative, ambitious and idea-led projects. See [HERE](#)



Creative Schools open for 2022-23 programme

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. The purpose of Scoileanna Ildánacha/Creative Schools is to support schools and Youthreach centres to put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives. Participating schools/centres will take part in a guided journey over two years to develop a Creative Schools Plan unique to each school, and begin to implement it. Key supports offered by this award include up to nine days per year of expert support and advice from a Creative Associate assigned to each school/centre, and a €4,000 grant towards activities and projects arising.

All applications to the Arts Council are made through the Arts Council's online services system. Schools and Youthreach centres interested in applying to Scoileanna Ildánacha/Creative Schools 2022 can register an account on the Arts Council's online services system here.

[See here for details on application.](#)

Information Clinics 18, 19, and 20th May.
Deadline Thursday June 2nd.



FUNDING / SCHEMES



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



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Applicants need to register as 'users' on the portal in advance of the application process opening on Tuesday 7 June 2022. Closing date **Thursday 14 July 2022**

[See Here](#)

The Arts Council announces round one of the Festivals Investment Scheme for festivals that commence between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023. Closing date: 17:30, Thursday 02 June 2022, Maximum awarded €45,000 Contact Regina

O'Shea Telephone 6180260

Email smallfestivals@artscouncil.ie

[See here for more details](#)



AXA is working to make a difference in local communities through AXA PARKS - a new environmental grants programme, supporting local community projects that demonstrate a real commitment to improved outcomes for our environment and our communities' wellbeing. The €1m project will see AXA support projects across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

In this grant round, over €600,000 is available for charitable organisations in the Republic of Ireland*, and grants will be awarded proportionally across Ireland based on population spread. We anticipate that this round will be highly competitive and up to 100 grants will be awarded.

Eligible organisations can apply for €3,000 to €20,000 to develop and enhance a green space in their local area.

Closing Date :- Friday 20th May 2022

For more information See [Here](#)

FUNDING / SCHEMES

New European Bauhaus: support to cities and citizens for local initiatives
The New European Bauhaus is a creative and interdisciplinary initiative that connects the European Green Deal to our living spaces and experiences. Three new calls are available to support citizens, cities and towns to bring their beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive initiatives closer to their communities.

Support to New European Bauhaus local initiatives: 20 place-based project concepts will get technical assistance. Apply by 23 May 2022.

Co-creation of public space through citizen engagement: 6 projects will get up to €45 000 each. Apply by 29 May 2022.

Citizen engagement activities: 8 projects will get up to €15 000 each. Apply by 29 May 2022.



The Teacher Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course and Residency Programme together with the Association of Local Authority Arts Officers are inviting expressions of interest from artists.

The TAP programme is open to artists working in any art form that are committed to sharing their practice with children and teachers in primary school Specialist, week-long training to prepare the artist for the unique requirements of working harmoniously in partnership with a teacher within the modern Irish classroom. A training allowance of €150 per day over the initial 5-day training/induction week (€750 in total), plus travel with daily lunch provided. Brokerage and development of partnerships with creative teachers, in schools committed to contemporary arts learning, practice and creativity. Guarantee of a paid, follow up in-school-residency within a local primary school (€1,000 Fee total inclusive of travel) to carry out a 20-hour project (14 contact hours plus 6 hours planning, preparation and evaluation) in partnership with your teacher partner throughout the 2022/2023 academic year. Information, learning and networking opportunities for further freelance work within the education system . Applicants must be available for the summer course from 4th - 8th July 2022.

For more information [SEE HERE](#)

Email applications to Carmel Burns, Director of Galway Education Support Centre, no later than 5:00 pm, Friday 27th May 2022: info@galwayec.ie

TRAINING/ COURSES

Sustainable Living Workshop Sponsored by Galway County Council

Galway County Council are delighted to be running a Sustainable Living Workshop to celebrate Biodiversity week. Join Aoife Munn, Horticulturist and Environmentalist who will guide you through reducing your waste, looking at your use of chemical, eco friendly crafting projects such as making your own wax wraps and much much more. This session will take 1.5 - 2 hours. Register [HERE](#)

Online Workshop Friday 20 of May at 3.30 pm

Free of charge for residents of Galway County Council's administrative area only.

(limited places available and booking is essential.)

Funded by Galway County Council under Galway County Heritage & Biodiversity Plan 2017 - 2022 and the Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the National Biodiversity Action Plan and supported by The Heritage Council and Galway County Heritage Forum



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Restorying Ageing: Older Women and Life Writing' explores the diversity of women's experiences as they grow older, experiences which are often stereotyped in literature and culture. Age & Opportunity and NUI Galway, with participant contribution, will co-curate focus group discussions about literary cultural representations of older women, a life writing workshop for women aged 50+, and a half-day webinar bringing together researchers, cultural stakeholders, and the public as part of the Bealtaine Festival 2022.

DATE: 24 May 2022

Time of Event: 2pm to 6pm

Ticket Price: Free, but ticketed

Online. [See here](#)

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative



Volunteer Galway

Workshop on developing and writing attractive Volunteer Role descriptions-
Free

Thursday 26, May, 2022 7PM- 9PM [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



gretb

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
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

2022 SuperValu Ireland Tidy Towns Ireland Competition.

Closing Date : Friday 20 May

Entry forms : [See Here](#)

Good Luck to all with Entries!!

Galway Community Archaeology-
Advice for Tidy Towns Groups
[See Here YouTube](#)



To help children navigate starting school, public libraries have put together a special bag of books which are now available for collection in library branches across Galway City and County.

Drop in to your local branch to pick up a bag for your little one! 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between public libraries and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. As part of the initiative, a 'My Little Library Book Bag' is free for every child starting school in 2022 to help them to prepare for this big step. Each My Little Library Book Bag contains:

Three books on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself
A story card on going to the library.


A postcard on which children can write or draw and send to their new teacher, or give to the teacher on their first day at school.

A 'My Little Library' cardholder which can be used to store the child's library card.

Book bags are available in both Irish and English.




NOTICE BOARD



Solas Family Resource Centre Headford

Men's NCT Health Day



Wednesday 15th June 2022
St. Fursa's Hall, Headford
4pm – 8pm – All Welcome!

Little Creators Art & Craft Camps

Loughrea Family Resource Centre

Let's explore children's creativity

19th - 22nd July (4 days)
 9.30 - 1pm
 1st Child €55 / Siblings €50

Contact Grace
 085 1156361 or visit us
littlecreatorsireland.com




RAFFLE PROCEEDS TO GALWAY HOSPICE

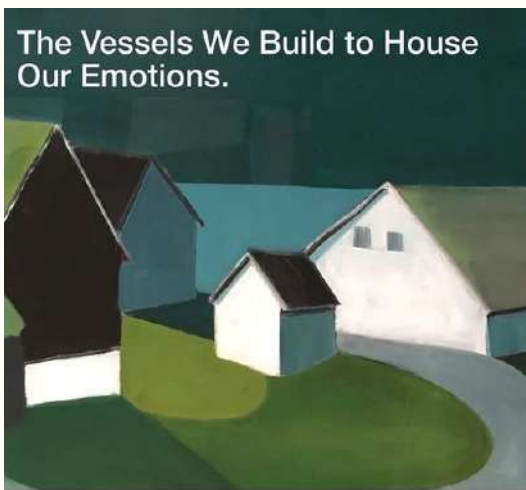
GALWAY BAY 2022 AM-AM

SUNDAY 22ND MAY

- Team of 4: €120
- Any combination Men's/Ladies/Mixed
- Max Handicap Allowance: Men 24/Ladies 36

Lots of Great Prizes

Booking: 091 790711



Craig McLeod.

An Exhibition of Painting @ **The Secret Garden Gallery**
 The Quay, Dungory West, Kinvara,
 May 3rd - 30th, 10am - 5pm.



National Drawing Day

Saturday 21 May 2022

People from across Co Galway are invited to grab a pencil and paper on Saturday 21 May 2022 to join with OCAP and the National Gallery of Ireland in National Drawing Day. Join the Plein Air Event at the Courthouse Oughterard to celebrate the beauty of Oughterard with drawing. Event starts at 12pm with registration at the Courthouse. [See here](#)



COMHALTAS BALLINASLOE

Galway County Fleadh*

Opening Session on Friday 20th May in Gullane's Hotel at 9.30pm. All most welcome!

NOTICE BOARD

TUAM



Whose Town? OUR TUAM

WORKSHOP



VENUE
Tuam Library
High Street
Tuam
Co. Galway
H54F627

11 JUN 2022
10.30AM - 5.00PM

AGE RANGE
All ages

For More Events See Here

Ó Ghluín go Gluín

PERFORMANCE



Children

VENUE
Arao Mhic Dara
Barraderry
An Cheathrú Rua
Co. Galway

11 JUN 2022
AGE RANGE
5-6 9-12

The Seeing Project – Movement, Meditation and Art Workshop

WORKSHOP



VENUE
Scoil Níosaínta Roinn
Iris Mór
Kilronan
Aran Islands
Co. Galway

11 JUN 2022
10.00AM - 4.00PM

AGE RANGE
9-12

11 JUN 2022 | 10.00AM - 1.00PM



Wake the Fairies – Fun Drumming on the Hill of Knockma

All ages

Dances for Nobody – Movement Workshops

WORKSHOP



Ballinasloe

VENUE
Ardbear
Clifden
H71W573

11 JUN 2022
12.00PM - 1.00PM

AGE RANGE
13+

Loughrea

reative Youth Day – Loughrea Youth Project

WORKSHOP



Inishbofin

VENUE
Temperance Hall
Loughrea

11 JUN 2022

AGE RANGE
9-12 13+

Minecúir Book Illustration Workshop

WORKSHOP



This is a collaborative project with Galway Traveller Movement. We will be working with traveller children aged 6-12 in creating illustrations for traveller writer Nora Corcoran's book about traveller traditions

It will be a full day of creativity, fun and everyone is welcomed to join us for refreshments from 8pm-8pm in Ballinasloe Study Centre where the illustrations will be displayed for the public to see. Nora Corcoran will talk about the content of the book reflected in the illustrations.

VENUE
Ballinasloe Study Centre
Marino Point
3 New Road
Ballinasloe
Townparks
Co. Galway
H53 YO66

11 JUN 2022
6.00PM - 8.00PM

AGE RANGE
5-8 9-12

My Dream Island – Creative Storytelling

READING



VENUE
Inishbofin Island
County Galway

11 JUN 2022
9.30AM - 7.00PM

AGE RANGE
All ages

Upcoming Events



The Headford 8k Charity Road Race is back on this year.

This year's race takes place on Saturday 9th July at 7PM.

There are race prizes in lots of categories - The race is fully insured accurately measured and chip-timed. It's open to athletes of all kinds and walkers are welcome. Online registration is now open. [See here](#)

KINVARA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

THAT'S THE WAY THE WORLD GOES ROUND

A Musical Evening, including a tribute to John Prine

Special Guests: Paul Mulligan, John Faulkner, Crescendo Orchestra

Conductors: Garry O'Brian & Rozanna Botha

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 7.30PM
KINVARA COMMUNITY CENTRE

TICKETS €10: Booking via www.kinvaramusic.com (limited tickets available at door)

Logos: Kinvara Community Orchestra, Kinvara Community Centre, Galway Resource Centre

Emigrants & Exiles

Resilience, Success, and Survival - 175 years on

Saturday May 21 2022 via Zoom

Speakers include Turtle Bunbury, Natalie Jane Nussey Prior, Robyn Collins John Herson, Jarlath MacNamara, Pam Neary, Martin Curley and Andrew Martin

Free event hosted by trasnati.ie starting at 11 AM Galway time



Sunday June 26th 2022
Food Village - Country Market
Trade Stands (Indoor & Outdoor)
Application Form



The Largest Agricultural Show in County Galway
Attracting over 6,000 visitors
Set on 40 acres of land in the village of Corrandulla
10km from Claregalway, 17km from Galway City,
21km from Tuam, 11km from Headford

CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE

Charity Cycle Challenge
One Day Event - Tuesday, May 24th
Diamond Coast Hotel to Salthill (The Salthill Hotel)

132 KM

The event will be divided into 3 groups catering for speeds of 20kph to 30plus kph.
Cost €60
Full details at: cycleagainstsucide.com

COOLE MUSIC BOOK SALE

WHERE BOOKS & MUSIC MEET

Includes School Book Day, Special Home Book Sale, Special Book Day, Special Book Sale, Special Book Sale

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2-4PM

WE MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Irish Workhouse Centre Portumna

THE BIG BOATS ARE COMING!

BALLINASLOE HARBOUR
28th May ~ 6th June

The HERITAGE BOAT ASSOCIATION celebrates their 21st year

This summer the fleet of The Heritage Boat Association will travel to Ballinasloe to celebrate 21 years of preserving, promoting and celebrating Ireland's floating heritage.

See www.heritageboatassociation.ie for more details

Logos: Galway County Council, Waterways Ireland, Dublin City Council

www.athenryagrishow.com

FREE

SUNDAY MAY 22nd 2022

TEAGASC, MELLOWES CAMPUS, ATHENRY

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

133rd Athenry Agricultural Show

Fun Family Day Out

Supported by The Department Rural & Community Development

A member of the Irish Shows Association affiliated to The Show Jumping Association of Ireland affiliated to The Irish Pony Society

THE IRISH WORKHOUSE CENTRE

2022

BLACK '47

175th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

9.00am - 5.00pm
SATURDAY 21st MAY 2022
IRISH WORKHOUSE CENTRE, PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY

Registration Details
Conference cost €25 per person (includes lunch and refreshments).
For further information contact: irishworkhousemuseum@gmail.com

This conference is part-funded by the Heritage Office, Galway County Council and supported by the Heritage Council and Galway Rural Development.

Upcoming Events

PPN Training Series
Sustainable Living - Building
Community &
Climate Resilience

with internationally renowned
permaculture trainer, Alfred Decker

Every Thursday @ 7pm, starting
19th May running for 8 weeks.

: Online via Zoom

Register in advance for this series:

[See HERE.](#)

After registering, you will receive a
confirmation email containing information
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**Sustainable Living -
Building Community &
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Training Series
with
Alfred Decker

**8-WEEK TRAINING SERIES
ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**7pm every Thursday
Begins 19th May**

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**Take away the
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what you'll have for
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planning ahead**

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National Biodiversity
Conference 2022
Act Now for Nature

8TH - 9TH JUNE
DUBLIN CASTLE & ONLINE #BIODCON22

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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A quick check of your fridge, freezer and
cupboard

will remind you of the hidden food treasure you
already have

anBefore doing your next shop, see what food
you have!

More tips on our blog: [See Here](#)

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Invasive Species Week
2022

16th - 22nd May

[See Here](#)

Upcoming Events



20th – 22nd May 2022

Explore your local area in County Galway to discover fabulous flora and fauna!



Galway County Council in partnership with Dunmore Heritage Group cordially invite you to the launch by Cllr Peter Keaveney, Cathairleach of the County of Galway of

Reading Your Local Landscape – Heritage Audit Toolkit by Zena Hector
Thursday May 19, 2022 at 2pm

In
Dunmore MacNelis GAA Clubhouse Meeting Room, Dunmore Co. Galway H54 KC53

By mhír ag Comhairle Chontae na Gallímhé i gcomhfhairleacht le Griúna Oidhreachta Dhún Mór
Tá a bhríth i lárthair nuair a shealladh an Comhairleoir Píeter Keaveney, Cathairleach Chontae na Gallímhé,

Do Thírthreath Áitiúil a Léamh – Foiréann Uirlisí Iníúchta Oidhreachta le Zena Hector
Dáiríreáil na 19 Bealtaine, 2022 ag 2pm

Seomra Crúinnithe Chlaibhreach CLG Dhún Mór Mhór Ail, Dún Mór, Co. na Gallímhé, H54 KC53

This project was funded by Galway County Council and the Heritage Council



THE GALWAY BUZZ!
NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2022
CELEBRATING BIODIVERSITY WEEK IN COUNTY GALWAY

Sustainable Living

Date: Friday 20 May 2022 | Time: 15:30 – 17:30 IST

Join Aoife Mann, Horticulturist and Environmentalist who will guide you through reducing your waste, looking at your use of chemicals, eco-friendly pest control projects such as making your own wasp traps, and much much more. This session will take 1.5 - 2 hours.

The talk will be delivered online and is free of charge for those who reside in Galway County Council's administrative area only. There are limited places available and booking is essential.

This is the link for the Sustainable Living Workshop...
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sustainable-living-workshop-sponsored-by-galway-county-council-tickets-338082593137>

This initiative is funded by Galway County Council under Galway County Heritage & Biodiversity Plan 2017 - 2021 and the Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017 - 2021 and supported by the Heritage Council and Galway County Heritage Forum.

THE GALWAY BUZZ!
NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2022
GALWAY TELEWORK, MOUNTBELLEW
FRIDAY 20th MAY 2022
3:00pm – 4:30pm

BARN OWLS IN GALWAY

A visual presentation on one of our most iconic birds and the conservation efforts to help restore Barn Owl populations in Galway. This free presentation by John Lacey, Barn Owl Conservation and hosted by the Heritage Office of Galway County Council for Biodiversity Week, will celebrate one of our most iconic birds and their changing fortunes in Galway as recent years.

Through footage, images and tales of personal experiences studying Barn Owls, John will compare with the Barn Owl as he specialises in both culture and in the Irish countryside and detail the results of a recent survey of Barn Owls in the county and what the future holds for Barn Owl populations in Galway.

Barn Owl in Ash tree nest
Courtesy of Mike O'Shea

THE GALWAY BUZZ!
NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2022
CELEBRATING BIODIVERSITY WEEK IN COUNTY GALWAY

Planting for Biodiversity & Climate Change

Date: Wednesday 18 May 2022 | Time: 19:00 – 20:00 IST

A talk on planting for biodiversity and climate change will be given by horticulturist and environmentalist Aoife Mann. This interactive and lively talk will help you make great planting choices to support local wildlife. It will also look at the challenges posed by climate change and what plants we can use to reduce the effects. There will be time for questions too.

The talk will be delivered online and is free of charge for those who reside in Galway County Council's administrative area only. There are limited places available and booking is essential.

This is the link for the Planting for Biodiversity Workshop...
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/planting-for-biodiversity-and-climate-change-tickets-338056318477>

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Wetlands of North East Galway

A story map introducing the main wetland habitats that occur in North East Galway

To view the StoryMap see:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhe4fjk>

Created by Wetland Surveys Ireland Ltd. on behalf of Galway County Council. Funded under the National Biodiversity Action Plan Fund, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Galway County Council & Local Authority Waters Programme.

DIGITAL STORY TELLING WITH MAPS
Explore Galway's Rich Heritage & Biodiversity

galwaycoco.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html

Galway County Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) Section and Heritage Office working in partnership with various community heritage groups, BirdWatch Ireland, Galway Rural Development, Geological Survey Ireland, The Heritage Council, Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre, Dunmore Heritage, and others have created a number of unique StoryMaps to help tell remarkable stories about the rich heritage and biodiversity of the County. Built on leading edge geospatial technology it is hoped that these custom storymaps will inform and inspire people to explore the wealth of heritage that is available right on their doorstep.

For further information please contact:
Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council
Email: mmannion@galwaycoco.ie

Please feel free to integrate these Storymap Collections and individual Storymaps into your own website. Contact the GIS Section of Galway County Council (gisoff@galwaycoco.ie). We can supply links and code snippets to enable you to do so.

Upcoming Events

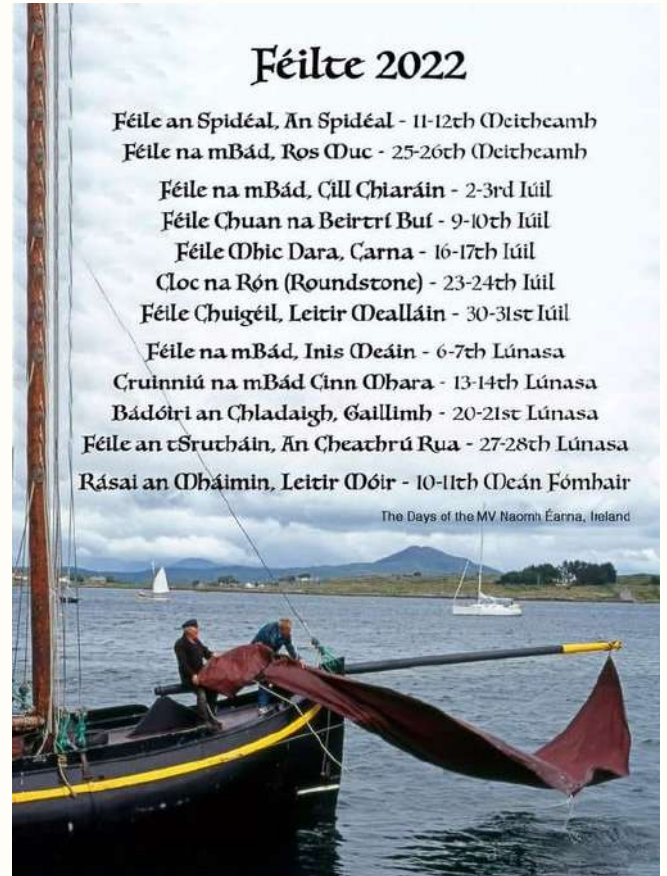
Bring & Buy Plant Sale



Portumna Castle & Gardens  OPW Office of Public Works

Bring and Buy Plant Sale for Ukraine /UNICEF
On Sunday 29th May from 10am.
FREE ADMISSION

Stalls with plants & flowers from our 17th century walled kitchen garden will be available for sale. We encourage gardeners and enthusiasts to donate flowers and plants on the day for this appeal. Also on the day, our Craft Gardener Lynn O'Keefe-Lascar will giving guided tours of the 17th century walled Kitchen Garden at 2pm & 3.30pm. Spaces are limited so booking is required on 090 9741658. These tours are donation based for the Ukraine & Unicef appeal. So on the day, support by buying or donating plants or by pre-booking a guided garden tour.




2022 Biodiversity Photographer of the Year competition! Special Ocean Photography category! Submit your photos by **May 31st** to be in with a chance to win cash prizes!
[SEE HERE](#)

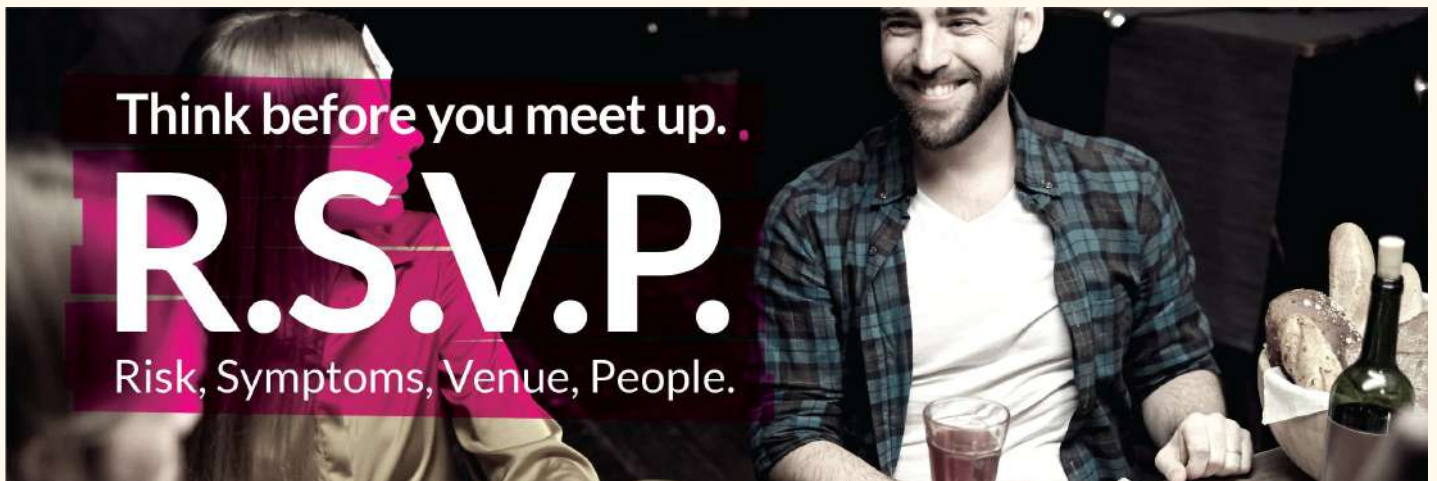
15-May 2pm (10am on site) - Co. Louth
21-May 11am (Mullar Family) - Co. Clare
22-May 2pm (Thomas Heare) - Co. Galway
28-May 11am (Michael Hickox) - Co. Tipperary
29-May 11am (Andrea Wogan) - Co. Kildare
04-June 2pm (Kate Ryan) - Co. Westmeath
04-June 11am (Anthony Mooney) - Co. Kildare
09-June 2pm (Lisa de la Haye) - Co. Meath
09-June 2pm (Noel Conroy) - Co. Leitrim
11-June time TBC (Craig Anderson & Maria Russo) - Co. Galway
18-June 11am (Nicholas Reilly) - Co. Wick
2-July 2pm (Jim and Minnie McCall) - Co. Kildare
9-July 11am (Goshen Morrison) - Co. Kildare
10-July 11am (Sean O'Farrell) - Co. Tipperary
22-July 2pm (Muiria Connolly) - Co. Tipperary
23-July 11am (John McKeown) - Co. Donegal
23-July time TBC (Norman & Michael Byrne) - Co. Kildare
30-July 2pm (Bernard Deegan) - Co. Westmeath
6-August 11am (Pat McKenna) - Co. Monaghan
13-August 11am (Owen Nagel) - Co. Clare
20-August 2pm (Thomas & Claire O'Connor) - Co. Kerry
4-Sept 2pm (John and Owen Crawford) - Co. Tipperary
17-Sept 2pm (Lyn Nelson) - Co. Dublin
18-Sept 11am (Sara Caine) - Co. Mayo
TBC June (Frank Walker) - Co. Galway
TBC August (Eamonn Walsh) - Co. Limerick
TBC September (Michael McMorris) - Co. Leitrim

*Species are limited and there is a booking fee of €10 per person.
Please book in advance through [www.farmingfornature.ie](#)

These events have been jointly supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.



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.