

JUNE 2022

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



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



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Contribution of Community Groups recognised at Cathaoirleach's Awards 2022



Mayor of County Galway Peter Keaveney with Galway County Councillors.



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After an absence of a few years, community & voluntary activity was back to being celebrated 'in person' at the Cathaoirleach's Community Awards which were held in conjunction with the Cathaoirleach's Ball on Saturday 11th June. The Awards were organised by Galway County Council in partnership with Galway County Public Participation Network and were hosted by the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Peter Keaveney, and MC for the evening Mr. John Mulligan of Galway Bay FM who warmly welcomed everyone to the Ard Rí Hotel in Tuam.

Introducing the Cathaoirleach Awards, Cllr. Peter Keaveney stated: "Each year these Awards acknowledge the contribution of volunteers across a wide range of local activity and the significant impact their actions have on quality of life. Tonight's Awards will honour the work of groups across a range of activities which all serve to make our local areas better places to live, work and visit".

The winner of the **Arts and Culture Award** which recognises groups who enhance their local area by promoting arts and culture, was **Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre**. They were described as a major supporter and contributor to the arts sector and community arts in Athenry, delivering the MAD (Music Arts & Dance) Festival to provide a platform for local artists & musicians, and incorporating an outdoor performance space and a range of wellbeing activities, to ensure their event was accessible and inclusive to all.

The winner of the **Best Contribution to Heritage Award** which recognises the efforts of Groups who promote the heritage of their local area was **Headford Lace Project**. The Group have worked collaboratively to embed their cultural heritage into the fabric of their town through creative artworks such as the Lacemakers Benches and the Lace Matrix sculpture. They have also collaborated with Claremorris Community Radio and local musicians and songwriters 'The Whileaways' to further promote their lacemaking tradition through a radio documentary and the song "Toss the Bobbin" respectively.



The winner of the **Environment & Climate Action Award** which recognises Groups or Schools who have worked within the community to improve the environment around them or reduce their impact on the environment was **Ballymoe Development Group**. The Group are committed to making protection of their local environment and climate action a central focus of their village development work, and have developed a Biodiversity Garden, a local Horticultural project and a Conservation Project at the Islands River.

The winner of the **Social Inclusion Award** which recognises Groups or Community Facilities which support all people within the community to participate in social and community activities, was **Loughrea Mens Shed**. Despite the difficulties in setting up just as Covid-19 struck, the group have transformed an empty community room and overgrown grounds into a welcoming and inclusive space. They increased their membership from 6 to 26 members, have established a strong social media presence, work collaboratively in their community, and have sourced funding to install kitchen facilities and be the first Men's Shed to undertake a Healthy Food Made Easy course.

The winner of the **Sports Award** which recognises the efforts of Groups or Schools to increase participation in sport, particularly from groups with low participation rates, was **Club Iomanaíochta Bearna /Na Forbacha**. The Club are committed to instilling the value of sport in children and ensuring all children in their community can be valued members of their Club. Following a Club Survey which identified a gap in activities, they established a GAA All-Stars Programme and now have 20 children with additional needs attending multi-activity sessions at their Community Pitch, and 26 volunteers comprising students, coaches, parents, therapists and SNA's who volunteer their time each week to run the sessions.

The winner of the **Heritage Publication Award** which recognises the efforts of Groups or Schools to research and record the heritage of their area was **Scoil Bhriocáin Rosmuc**. This National School has had a very busy year, they have published a book 'Fréamhacha na Saoirse' (Roots of Freedom) which presents the events of the Irish War of Independence in West Connemara. This project involved major research and will be a fantastic resource for all students of history.

An chéad ghradam eile ná **Gradam na Gaeilge** - tugtar aitheantas sa chatagóir seo don méid atá á dhéanamh ag Grúpaí chun úsáid na Gaeilge a chaomhnú, a chur chun cinn agus a neartú. Is iad buaiteoirí an ghradaim ná **Féile Chois Fharráige** dá gcuid oibre chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn agus a chur i mbéal an phobail lena leabhar 'Eadrainn Féin', an dráma "Le Cíon ar Joe" in omós don scríbhneoir Joe Steve Ó Neachtain, agus Féile Chois Fharráige I mí Samhna 2021. Déanann said an t-uafas obair le dream óg chomh maith chun suim sa gceol a láidriú.

A new award category is the **Tidy Towns Recognition Award** to recognise the achievements of Tidy Towns Groups in the National Tidy Towns Competition and the impact their work has on making our towns and villages attractive and welcoming places to live, work and visit. **Milltown Tidy Towns** were announced as the inaugural winners of this Award with the Cathaoirleach noting that they have achieved the County's first Gold Medal in the national competition which acknowledges that they are serious contenders and is backed up by the wealth of praise for their committee and community in the Tidy Towns Judging Report.

Finally, **Pride of Place Awards** were presented to the 2 Groups who have been selected to represent County Galway in the IPB National Pride of Place Competition 2022, which is an All-Island competition to acknowledge and celebrate the work of communities to create civic pride in their area. **Lawrencetown Community Development Group** are the County's nominated entry in the Population Category, for the continued development of their vibrant village through facilities such as a playground, MUGA, Heritage Trail and most recently a dedicated Rural Youth and Childcare Facility. **Woodford Parish Development Group** are the County's nominated entry in the Thematic Category of 'Creative Place' for their commitment to researching their unique culture and heritage and engaging with all sectors of their community to creatively promote it through repurposed slate signage highlighting their heritage and placenames.

Just as the audience thought the Awards were over, the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Peter Keaveney, announced that he had a special award to recognise the achievement of the **Headford Lace Project** in achieving **National Runner-Up in the Creative Place Category of the All-Island Pride of Place Awards for 2021**, and asked the audience to join in a 'bualadh bos' to acknowledge their recognition at national level, including their success in having Headford Lacemaking added to the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage, ensuring its value to Irish culture will be safeguarded for generations to come.

Cathaoirleach Peter Keaveney presented each of the Groups with a specially commissioned award designed and hand-crafted by Zara Little Campbell and Tommy Campbell of Group 8, a non-profit professional artist group based in Ballinasloe. Each Group also received a Certificate and a cash prize of €500 to use for their work. The Cathaoirleach stated that the Award Winners during the night demonstrated the amazing quality of community and voluntary work happening around the County and welcomed the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Events which will award Certificates and Commemorative Badges to over 100 Groups which were part of the Community Call during Covid-19, representing over 2,000 individuals. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution of these individuals and groups which had a major bearing on keeping people safe and well during the pandemic.





THE AWARD

The 2022 Cathaoirleach Awards were commissioned from Galway County PPN Members- Group 8.

Group 8 were a pleasure to work with. The awards were delivered in record time. Galway County PPN highly recommend Group 8 to any group in Galway looking for an original piece of art work, at a reasonable price . Thank you Zara and Tommy .



Bog Oak, Resin and Ballinasloe Limestone Sculpture

This sculpture represents Community and Heritage.

It represents the past and the present.

It represents Co. Galway – right to its edges.

The Creators of the Awards.



Zara Little-Campbell
Artist Crafter Writer
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Zara Little-Campbell is a writer, artist, and crafter from Ballinasloe. She attained an MA in Creative Writing and an MBA in Professional Arts Management from Trinity College, Carmarthen in Wales. Zara won the Jonathan Swift Award for poetry in 2008 with her poem 'Sycamore Trees' and was shortlisted for the Short Story Award in 2009. As a self-taught soap maker, Zara found that the skills learned in this craft lent themselves to the layering process of resin.

For Zara, Limestone is a cornerstone of her family – her grandfather, Thomas Edward (Ted) Little was a stone carver. Ted worked on many public monuments, on fountains, on the Garden of Remembrance, on Celtic crosses and on Galway Cathedral and then in Top Quarries and with the Office of Public Works in Portumna. His five sons and one of four daughters became stoner cutters/sculptors.

Cathaoirleach Awards -2022

The Cathaoirleach Awards honour and celebrate the many groups that work quietly behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant and caring, often inspiring and motivating others to become actively involved in their communities.

Unsung heroes are to be found in every town, village, street and road in County Galway.

This beautiful Bog Oak, Resin and Ballinasloe Limestone Sculpture. represents Community, Continuity and Heritage. It represents the past and the present. It represents Co. Galway – right to its edges. -by the talented Group 8 Ballinasloe.

A collaborative piece created by Zara Little-Campbell and Tommy Campbell. Both Zara and Tommy are members of Group 8 – A non-profit professional artist group based in Ballinasloe. For this piece, East County Galway bog oak has been suspended in a resin disc, mounted in Ballinasloe limestone. Both bog oak and limestone are steeped in history and these materials encapsulate a deep sense of 'hidden things' or an 'unearthing'.

Tommy Campbell is mainly a self-taught artist; he has had workshops with Dutch sculptor Peter Kooning and the late Brian Little. Tommy began carving bog oak and bog yew over 14 years ago, creating haunting and evocative pieces. More recently, he turned his craft to woodturning, producing unique pieces with elements of resin casting. Like many people, Tommy has fond (mostly) memories of childhood summers spent in the Bog. When Tommy carves bog oak he does so without a design, letting the oak reveal its hidden form.

David Little created the stone bases for the awards, they were shaped from Ballinasloe limestone from Ted's shed. David Little has worked on many projects across Ireland and Europe. He worked on projects such as casting the replica high crosses on display in Clonmacnoise and more recently is undertaking restoration works on Portumna Castle with the OPW.



(Jacinta Little, David Little, Ted Little)

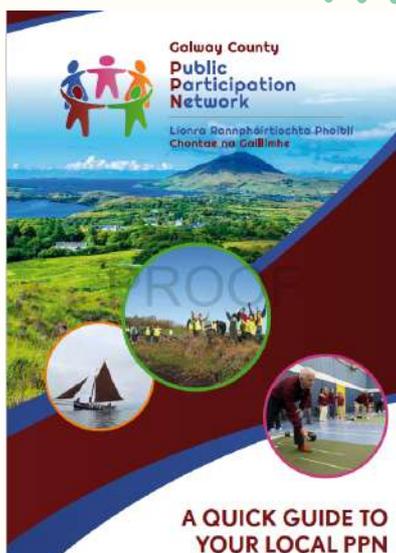


(Claire Connolly, Galway County Council with Zara and Tommy from Group 8.



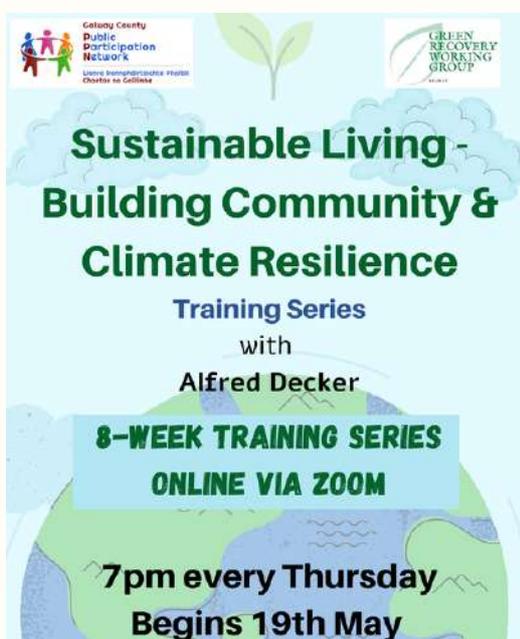
(Bowl) with Pine wood and Peacocks, (Tommy Campbell)

PPN NEWS



PPN BOOKLET

Galway County PPN have produced a quick guide to your local PPN. If you would like a copy please email: mmullen@galwaycoco.ie



PPN Training Series
Weekly Topics:

- Gardens
- Permaculture Design
- Social Permaculture
- The Future of Permaculture & Designing Your Life

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

Online via Zoom

email mmullen@galwaycoco.ie if you would like to attend

Active Travel Within Galway City and County-3rd Meeting
June 27th | 6-8pm | Online Event



The aim of which is to continue the conversations and bring together groups and individuals who are passionate about creating a Galway City and County that are accessible for all active travel.

[Read more about the meeting here](#)
[Register HERE](#)

All Stars Programme in Club Iománaíochta Bearna / Na Forbacha



The children from All Stars Programme in Club Iománaíochta Bearna na Forbacha. This programme is a fun activity session that is catered to children who have additional needs! Thank you so much Siobhán who let us know the programme is going really well! There are about about 20 kids attending who are loving it! ' All going well there will be another programme in September! Well done Club Iománaíochta Bearna na Forbacha. All Stars Indeed!



Library launch of Sensory and Neurodiversity Services

Westside Library hosted the launch of our Sensory and Neurodiversity Services, with Mayor of Galway City Cllr. Colette Connolly and Cathaoirleach of Galway County Cllr. Peter Keaveney attending. This new initiative includes the purpose built multi-sensory room in Westside Library and a range of resources, programmes & staff development initiatives. These new services are available in both city and county libraries including the mobile service.

Further details please email: sensoryservices@galwaylibrary.ie

Our Voice FM GREAT NEWS



It is almost a year now since Our Voice FM was launched in a lazy little town in the West of Ireland. This station operates in association with the Brothers of Charity Services West Region and has been broadcasting and producing great programs and shows throughout the world. This station is an internet Radio station and can be picked up on people's phones, tablets, computers and even smart TVs. It broadcast through the ZENO RADIO app and the Mytuner app.

The idea behind this venture is to get voices on the radio that we are not used to hearing in our daily lives. If you are aware of anybody in your area who is a lover of music or has an interest in broadcasting, then please get in touch because we would love to expand and share the experiences we are having with others. ourvoicefm@gmail.com will get emails to us for your enquiries and questions .

Thanks to all our great DJ's and presenters and our Production team for the past year of exciting and rewarding work and we look forward to many more years ahead for Our Voice FM.

[To find out more See Here](#)

GOOD NEWS FOR COUNTY GALWAY- CONNECTED HUBS CALL 2022



Funding for Galway of almost €400,000 which will be used to build capacity/enhance existing remote working facilities communities. The recipients include:

Galway County Council - €127,779

Applied on behalf of 5 hubs. The projects will provide privacy booths, soundproofing, additional office furniture, CCTV system, and EV charging ports. Workspace will include: Conversion of existing space into two offices, Expansion of the existing facility to offer 7 additional hot desks. The desktop PC's will be dedicated free of charge for users of the BCP within the facility.

Lackagh Museum and Heritage Centre - €70,932

Lackagh Museum and Heritage Centre are delighted to have been awarded a grant of €70,932.07 under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Connected Hubs Call 2022. The funding will be used to upgrade the remote working facilities at the Knockdoe Room which will complement the Public Access High Speed Broadband Connection Point at the Church Car Park which is due to go live very shortly. The investment will enable the Museum Committee to substantially refurbish the room to a high standard to accommodate those working remotely. It will also allow the Committee to deliver a range of digital/IT courses to our parishioners over the autumn and winter months. Once the upgrade works are completed, the Lackagh BCP will be linked to the Connected Hubs Platform whereby those interested in working remotely from the hub can use the online booking facility [SEE HERE](#) Contact lackaghbcp@gmail.com /website [SEE HERE](#)

Ceantar na nOileán Innovation & Creativity HUB - €46,872

Workspace will include: Conversion of existing space into two offices, Expansion of existing facility to offer 7 additional hot desks. The desktop PC's will be free for users of the BCP in the facility.

Ballyglunin Station - €74,746

We're delighted to share the wonderful news that Ballyglunin Station has been awarded €74,746 under the government Connected Hubs Fund. This funding will allow us to provide additional meeting rooms, events space and energy upgrades and gives a much needed boost to our efforts to develop the station for the community and local businesses to enjoy. We want to thank the Department of Rural and Community Development for supporting our vision for Ballyglunin Station. We want to acknowledge the continued backing from Galway County Council Broadband Support officers in helping us make the application. Special thanks also goes to our TUS officer who worked hard on putting the funding application together for us.

An Cúinne Gaeilge

- Fóram Chois Fharraige um Pleanáil Teanga -

Fáilte 's fiche romhaibh chuig an gCúinne Gaeilge. Tá scéalta na míosa seo curtha in eagar ag Oifigigh **Pleanála Teanga Chois Fharraige** – Katie Ní Loingsigh agus Aoife Ní Chonghaile. Tá Katie agus Aoife ag feidhmiú ó Ros a' Mhíl go dtí Na Forbacha. Le cúig bhunscoil, dhá iarbhunscoil, gnóthaí agus eagraíochtaí éagsúla ann, is limistéar bríomhar, fuinniúil agus gnóthach é Cois Fharraige.

Tá teagmháil agus caidreamh leis an bpobal ag croílár ár gcuid oibre agus is breá linn a bheith ag cloisteáil ón bpobal. Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh linn ag optchoisfharraige@gmail.com nó [083 010 6294](tel:0830106294).

Is féidir súil a choinneáil ar na himeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla a bhíonn á reáchtáil againn ar na meáin shóisialta freisin:

- Facebook (Pleanáil Teanga Chois Fharraige)
- Instagram ([pleanteangachoisfharraige](https://www.instagram.com/pleanteangachoisfharraige))
- Twitter (PleanTeangaCF)



- Gradam Chathaoirleach Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe -

Bronnadh Gradam an Chathaoirligh ar Choiste Fhéile Chois Fharraige 2022 ag Bál an Mhéara a bhí ar bun i dTuaim ar an Satharn 11 Meitheamh. Bronntar seacht ngradam chuile bhliain mar aitheantas ar obair dheonach a cuirtear i gcrích in earnálacha éagsúla d'imeachtaí pobail. Féile Chois Fharraige a roghnaíodh sa gcatagóir a bhain le rannchuidiú i leith na Gaeilge. Nuair a bhí an gradam á bhronnadh ar Mháire Ní Neachtain thar cheann choiste na Féile, luadh go sonrach Le Cion ar Joe, an seó ardáin a léiríodh in ómós do Joe Steve Ó Neachtain agus Eadrainn Féin an leabhar a d'fhoilsigh Coláiste Chroí Mhuire mar chomóradh ar leathchéad bliain ó bhásaigh Máirtín Ó Cadhain. Tá Coiste na Féile an-bhródúil agus thar a bheith buíoch as ucht an tacaíocht uilig a tugadh don Fhéile.



- CAMPA DRÁMAÍOCHTA: RUAILLE BUAILLE -

Tá campa samhraidh drámaíochta: Ruaille Buaille á reáchtáil ag Fóram Chois Fharráige um Pleanáil Teanga. Beidh an cúrsa ar siúl idir 27ú Meitheamh agus 8ú Iúil agus beidh sé feiliúnach do ghasúir bunscoile ó Rang 1 go Rang 6 (aois 7-12). Meascán de spraoi, ealaín agus drámaíocht a bheas sa gcampa le féirín deas nó dhó freisin! Táille €90 in aghaidh an ghasúir atá air ach más beirt ghasúir ó aon gclann amháin atá ann, gearrfar táille de €160 in aghaidh na clainne. Beidh an campa ar siúl i Scoil Sailearna don chéad sheachtain agus i Seanscoil Sailearna ina dhiaidh sin. Deis iontach a bheas ann do ghasúir casadh le cairde nua, scileanna cruthaitheacha, féin mhuiníne agus cur i láthair a chleachtadh agus a fhorbairt ar bhealach spráúil agus taitneamhach.

Is féidir foirm iarratais a fháil, nó breis eolais a fháil faoin gcampa ach teagmháil a dhéanamh le hoifig na pleanála teanga ag optchoisfharráige@gmail.com nó 083 010 6294.

Tá spásanna teoranta mar sin, iarrtar ar dhaoine clárú chomh luath agus is féidir. Tá muid ag súil go mór leis!!

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT(S)



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

- Minister Humphreys announces €4.9 million air service contract for the Aran Islands 05/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister O'Brien announces funding of €20.8 million for the community and voluntary sector 03/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches new funding stream to support Local Authorities to purchase vacant and derelict buildings which can be converted for community use 27/5/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces series of new initiatives to support Remote Working 08/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



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

- Minister Martin, has announced that selection process has begun to pick 6 towns and/or cities in Ireland to take part in the new Night-Time Economy pilot programme 07/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Martin has announced new funding to acquire contemporary artworks for the National Collection, in new media and on pressing issues including climate change, diversity and global migration, 13/6/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



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

- National Biodiversity Conference to progress Ireland's response to the global biodiversity crisis 07/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Leave No Trace awareness campaign urges care and respect for our outdoor spaces 30/05/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

- Minister Donnelly announces the HSE's Capital Plan for 2022 including government priority programmes and major capital projects of elective care centres in Dublin, Cork and Galway as well as investment in primary and community care settings. 26/05/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Donnelly publishes the Sláintecare Action Plan for 2022 08/06/2022 Read Press Release [HERE](#)



Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans Young People in Ireland



Belong To: 2022 School Climate Survey

Pride is a time to celebrate our community in all of its diversity, and to highlight work that still needs to be done for full LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion. 2022 School Climate Survey launch this Pride month! **The survey is for LGBTQ+ young people attending second-level school or Youthreach**, and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Closing date: 30/06/22 [See Here](#)

In 2019, our Survey revealed that 73% of LGBTQ+ students feel unsafe at school, with 86% feeling isolated by other students. However, LGBTQ+ young people who felt supported by school staff were 45% more likely to feel accepted by other students.



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Consultation on the Review of the Action Plan on Bullying and the Review of the Anti-bullying Procedures for primary and post-primary schools. The Department of Education is currently reviewing the Action Plan on Bullying and the Anti-bullying Procedures for primary and post-primary schools. We would like to hear from: children, young people, parents, school staff (including non-teaching staff), education partners, organisations, individuals. This consultation will be open until **21 June 2022**. If you have any queries regarding this work please contact antibullying2022@education.gov.ie . [See Here](#)



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

Strategy for the public library service

Department of Rural and Community Development have launched a public consultation, the main objective of which is to seek the views of the public and understand attitudes towards the library service. It will seek feedback on how services can be improved along with access, use and visibility of the public library. The consultation will assist in the development of a new Public Library Strategy which will be published next year. This strategy will underpin ongoing government and local authority investment in the public library service over the next five years. [See Here](#)



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice



The Department of Justice has committed to undertake a public consultation on the issue of parental alienation as part of Justice Plan 2022. This is an important opportunity for stakeholders and citizens to express their views and inform the Department's thinking. There is no clear agreed definition of parental alienation in Ireland and there are no reliable statistics on its prevalence. Consultation closing;- **24 June 2022**. [See Here](#)

FUNDING / SCHEMES

Rise Global Foundation and NBI Launch Community Fund

Grants will empower the Digital Strategies of Business, Community Groups and Social Enterprises in Rural Ireland. In the words of Minister Humphreys 'Small businesses, community groups and social enterprises with plans to use technology to scale their operations and bring tangible benefits to their local communities are encouraged to visit riseglobalfoundation.com for entry forms and guidelines. [See here](#)

Please note that your organisation must be located within the Community Fund Location selected for that calendar month and within the deadline dates listed;- GALWAY, BALLINASLOE & ROSCOMMON AND SURROUNDING TOWNLANDS

Start Date: June 1st / Application Deadline: June 25th (5pm GMT) /

Successful Applicants Announced: July 7th



TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2022

Local Authorities are asked to undertake an Expression of Interest Process which is opening for County Galway - Monday June 14th to Tuesday July 5th 2022

Expression of Interest in the Main Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 must be submitted using the EOI Form by close of business **Tuesday July 5th** . Scanned Emails of Forms and attachments can be accepted up to midnight of Tuesday July 5th if emailed to tandv@galwaycoco.ie

Queries can be emailed to tandv@galwaycoco.ie

The attached Expression of Interest forms are available: [ENGLISH VERSION HERE](#) / [LEAGAN GAEILGE ANSEO](#).

For further information on the Scheme or to discuss a proposed project please email tandv@galwaycoco.ie and we can set up a time to do a call with you or your committee or respond to queries there. Staff involved in the Scheme in the ERCD Section - include Eímear Dolan, Kieran Coyne and Martin Kenny. For copies of forms or general information contact Carmel Egan at tandv@galwaycoco.ie

Please note the deadline is July 5th and after this date Council staff can contact groups for further information and there is a shortlisting process. Final applications must be submitted by all Local Authorities including Galway County Council to the Department of Community and Rural Development prior to July 22nd. DRCD make the final decision on applications submitted.

FUNDING / SCHEMES



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

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

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](#)



Touring and Dissemination of Work Scheme

Applications are invited for proposals seeking funding to support touring and dissemination of work across a range of artforms and art practices.

This scheme is designed to support the touring and dissemination of work starting between January 2023 and June 2023.

Application deadline :**30 June 2022 17:30**

[See Here](#)



AIB Group has launched AIB Community €1 Million Fund to support over 30 charitable organisations in communities across Ireland.

Closing June 22, 2022.

[See here to apply](#)



Galway Sports Partnership The Club Development Grant is back!

Funding to help clubs/ sporting organisations from Galway City & County increase levels of participation in physical activity! Especially amongst Galway Sports Partnership's main target groups • *Women & girls* • *Older adults* • *People who are unemployed* • *Disadvantaged groups* • *People from disadvantaged areas* • *People with disabilities.*

The maximum amount to be allocated to one application is €2,500.

One application per club

CLOSING DATE – 19th June 2022

[SEE HERE](#)

Funding for this programme is provided by SPORT IRELAND



TRAINING/ COURSES

The Heritage Council is pleased to announce two webinars to support Heritage Week organisers in 2022.

The webinars aim to introduce National Heritage Week organisers to the themes and approaches for 2022. They will provide logistical information, practical advice for developing events and digital heritage projects as well as the opportunity to learn from the experience of other National Heritage Week event organisers. The webinars will also facilitate a question-and-answer session so you can raise any questions you might have.

Webinar 1: An introduction to National Heritage Week 2022, Wednesday, 22nd June 2022, 1-2 pm. [See Here](#)

Webinar 2: Organising sustainable events Wednesday, 29th June 2022 1-2 pm [See Here](#)



[Note: Irish Sign Language Interpretation \(ISL\) provided](#)

Disability Inclusion Training Online Workshop



This workshop is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, skills and ideas on how to adapt and modify your sport, physical activity or physical education sessions to make them more accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

Who is this workshop for?: Coaches, sports leaders, teachers, special needs assistants (SNAs), third level students, development officers, volunteers, parents or anyone who has an interest in making their sport accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

Cost €500 - 2.5 hours duration [See here](#)



Volunteer Galway

Workshop on developing and writing attractive Volunteer Role descriptions-

Free -Location Volunteer Galway 27 William Street West Galway

Thu, 23 June 2022 19:00 – 21:00 IST

[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.



[Inviting All Community Groups and Club Train in peer support and become a Buddy in your community](#)

Cycle Against Suicide's peer support programme (Community Buddy Programme) They train individuals in communities on how to have a supportive conversation in a safe and non-judgemental space. This training centres on positive coping. If you would like your community group or organisation to avail of this FREE programme. Full details [HERE](#)

Community Groups Insurance Webinar with BHP

As many PPN members are feeling the impact of the rising cost of Insurance we attach a recording of meeting hosted the National PPN Network last month that addresses how the Community Sector could lobby for change - Thanks to Sligo and Cavan PPNS.

The Alliance for Insurance Reform consists of 47 civic and business organisations from across Ireland, representing over 55,000 members, 700,000 employees, 622,000 volunteers and 374,000 students. Their single aim is to get insurance premiums down to affordable levels and keep them that way. The Alliance recently carried out a policyholder survey to mark the first anniversary of the implementation of the pivotal Judicial Guidelines for personal injury damages on 24th April 2021 (See Appendix 2). It found that: • 42% of respondents said that insurance costs are threatening the future of their organisation. 31% say insurance costs are preventing them from providing certain services. This is up from 26% in the 2018 survey.

On 17 May, the National PPN Network hosted an information session for the PPN member groups. This session saw presentations from Peter Boland from the Alliance For Insurance Reform and Nick Ryan from BHP. Participants were given an overview of the national picture with regard to insurance, what was happening to try and address the crisis and how the community sector could lobby for change.

[SEE HERE FOR RECORDING](#)

PPN NATIONAL NETWORK
COMMUNITY INSURANCE
INFORMATION SESSION

ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE REFORM **bhp Insurance**

Peter Boland
Alliance for Insurance Reform

Nick Ryan
BHP Insurance

The Alliance brings together 47 civic and business organisations from across Ireland, representing over 55,000 members, 700,000 employees, 622,000 volunteers and 374,000 students in highlighting the negative impact of persistently high premiums and calling for real reforms that will quickly reduce liability and motor insurance premiums to affordable levels and keep them that way.

BHP has been providing insurance solutions for the Not for Profit sector since 1998. Since then, BHP has partnered with and been the preferred broker for many Umbrella bodies and National Organisations, including PPNs.

EMAIL: ppn@bhp.com TELEPHONE: 011 91 8430 MEETING VIA TEAMS

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

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.



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

NOTICE BOARD

Love Your Coast Photography Competition

This year we celebrate the 13th year of Clean Coasts' annual Love Your Coast photography competition. Amateur photographers are invited to capture the uniqueness of our coastal communities, environments, or waterways and enter their best shots over the past months. There is a prize fund of €5,000, up for grabs across five categories: Coastal Heritage, Coastal Landscape, People & the Coast, Wildlife & the Coast and Creativity and the Coast.

There is a diverse range of categories ensuring there is something for everyone.

Working with communities on the ground, Clean Coasts' mission is to help foster pride in our coastline, supporting Clean Coasts communities, groups, and volunteers to tackle issues affecting their local area. This competition provides an opportunity to view the coast and our waterways that the Clean Coasts programme works to protect from a completely different perspective and see the beauty captured therein.

[See here to enter](#)

Closing 9am on August 29th August 2022.



COLM AND THE WORM HOLE - DEREK BOLTON

Derek Bolton's image Colm and the Worm Hole was taken at Inishmore, Aran Islands, Co. Galway shortlisted for the Love Your Coast People and the Coast category. 2021 competition.



Active Retirement Ireland: Positive Ageing Audio Series

CRAOL website

Active Retirement Ireland's positive ageing audio series launches on community radio stations - A new audio series 'The Old Country', which explores healthy ageing in Ireland, is to begin broadcasting on community radio stations around Ireland in partnership with CRAOL. Produced by Active Retirement Ireland, which announced the syndication at its AGM. 'The Old Country' was first launched as a podcast last July and was previously only available to stream through internet listening services, as well as on the Active Retirement Ireland website. Now, a number of community stations across the country are on board to broadcast the episodes, including Liffey Sound, Dublin South FM, **Connemara FM**, RosFM, and more. [See Here](#)

MY LOCAL HOLY WELL

Galway County Council and the Heritage Council in partnership with Galway IFA need your help. We are collecting information about holy wells in the [Municipal Areas of Tuam and Athenry-Oranmore](#)

Have you any information about your local holy well?
Is there an annual pattern day at the well?
When do people visit the well?
Do you know any stories about the well?

Please send your stories, experience and photos to galwayholywells@gmail.com
The Audit of the Holy Wells in the County of Galway
An action of Galway County Heritage & Biodiversity Plan 2017-2022.

Tobar Beannaithe an Cheantair

Tá do chúnamh ag teastáil ó Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus ón gComhairle

Oidhreacht i gcomhar le IFA na Gaillimhe.

Táimid ag bailiú eolais faoi thobreacha beannaithe

[i gCeantair Bhardasacha Thuama agus Bhaile Átha an Rí/Órán Mór](#)

An bhfuil aon eolas agatsa faoi aon tobar beannaithe i do cheantarsa?

An mbíonn lá pátrúin ar siúl gach bliain ag an tobar?

Cén uair a dtugann daoine cuairt ar an tobar?

An bhfuil aon seanchas agat faoin tobar?

Seolaigí bhur gcuid scéalta, taithí agus grianghraf ar ríomhphost chuig galwayholywells@gmail.com



FIRE SAFETY

Fires have devastating impacts on our environment and habitats every year but most are preventable if we change our behaviours and act responsibly. Always ask yourself: • Why do I need a fire? • Do I have permission to light this fire? • Are the conditions safe to light a fire? Are there fire warnings? • Do I have the knowledge and skills to light and control a fire that will not damage the environment? If you are at a site where fires are permitted, make sure you have the skills for setting and using campfires safely. [See Here](#) to find out more about the use of fire in Ireland.

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núchadh ar Thobreacha Beannaithe i gContae na Gaillimhe
Gníomh de chuid Plean Oidhreacht agus Bithéagsúlachta Chontae na Gaillimhe 2017-2022

Galway County Council IFA Galway Heritage

Upcoming Events

The 45th Galway International Arts Festival July 11-24

Featuring a wealth of theatre, music, comedy, visual art, dance, and literary events from artists from Africa, America, Asia, Australia, Europe, and of course Ireland and Galway.



[See here for full programme](#)

Interface **Falling in Love Outward**

Curated by Alannah Robins

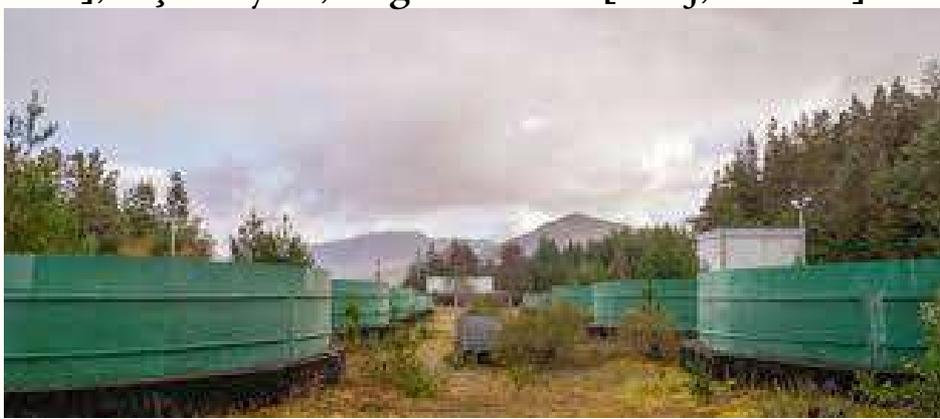
A site-specific, international exhibition. Venue Interface, Inagh Valley Connemara

11-24 July 12- 6pm

In the unique environs at Interface, a visual artists' workspace in the Inagh Valley, Connemara, this site-specific exhibition sees eight artists engage with themes of ecological devastation and repair.

Taking its title and impetus from *The Ecology of Perception*, an interview by *Emergence* magazine with philosopher David Abram, the exhibition urges a *Falling in Love Outward* as the only path towards ecological recovery.

The eight artists are members of three artist-led initiatives, drawn together through online programming at Interface during COVID lockdowns: Breda Burns, Jane Cassidy, Ian Wiczorek [Interface, Connemara], Zahra Zavareh, Emmy Dijkstra, Jenny Soep [Detroit, Stockholm], Seçil Yaylali, Özgür Demirci [Pasaj, Istanbul].



Corrandulla

Corrandulla Show
Corrandulla Village, Co. Galway

FAMILY FUN DAY **FREE PROGRAMME**

Sunday 26th June 2022

Live Music & Dancing • Show Jumping Competitions
Connemara Pony & Horse Showing • Cattle Show
Sheep Show • Dog Show • Poultry & Pet Classes • Bonny Baby Classes
Baking & Home Produce Competitions • Arts & Crafts Competitions
Trade Fair & Country Market • Fun Fair & Children's Amusements
Farm Machinery & Agricultural Stalls • Free Bouncing Castles

**Entry: €10 per person,
€5 OAP's & Students, Children go free**
www.corrandullashow.com

Aughrim

Music and Arts Festival **Aughrim, Galway 1st - 2nd July '22**

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KíLA JIGGY
bunos cionn BOG BODIES Barley Mob GALWAY STREET CLUB
John Conneely Inc
SKANK HIGH SOUND SYSTEM FT RAS TINNY
MAMACHA & THE FOREST OF SOUND
MARTIN STAUNTON BLUE ORCHARD Tom Portman
JOHN OF THE APOCALYPSE Kírell OSKI BRAVO CHASE NIVA BAND
EVOKE Patrick Stefan UNOWHO
Miriam Donohue TP Trio AWYNA
ENSEMBLE VASHA Bird Alone
Alessandra Azevedo Dance
DJ Gwada Mike

And many more to be announced!

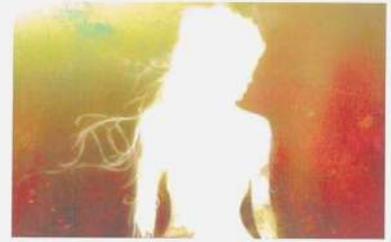
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE

Mind and Body
Yoga - Meditation - West African Drumming
Soundbath - Tai chi/Qigong - Afro Brazilian Dance
Graffiti Alley - Raven Pottery - Craft Workshop
Iron Forge - Malinke Village Style Fete - Peace Garden Tea Room
And More!
Plenty to do for the little festival goers too!
Art Exhibition, Traditional Craft and Trade Village

[Livestockliskelly](https://www.livestockfestivalgalway.com) [livestockfestivalgalway.com](https://www.livestockfestivalgalway.com) [@livestockmusicfest](https://www.instagram.com/livestockmusicfest)

Gort

HERSELF



You are being invited to take part in an exciting new art project in Gort.

There are women in our community that we would like to shine a light on in celebration of next St Brigid's Day.

You are being asked to help chose these women.

The women who are selected will be filmed and their images projected on the Courthouse building for a public event on the new bank holiday.

Local artists Shona McGillivray and Jill Beardsworth are inviting you to attend a gathering in Gort Family Resource Centre

on Thursday 23rd June at 6pm or Sunday 26th June at 12noon

During this short session, the project will be explained in more detail.

Text 086 8054346 or 086 6042538.

All are welcome to attend.

Tuam

TDMHA invites you to the annual Wellbeing Event and Mindful Walk with Tuam Yoga & Pilates Studio, Padraig Stevens and Leo Moran Music and Beverley Cummins Lead Therapist - Pieta West.

take part in a mindful walk at **Knockma, CASTLEHACKETT** celebrating

Summer Solstice

- TUESDAY, JUNE 21, AT 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

An Cheathrú Rua

Tomhais

Tomhas agam art



Taispeántas Ealaíne

faoi stiúr an ealaíontóra

Nuala Ní Fhlathúin

le gasúir rang 3 & 4 Scoil Mhuire an Tuairín

Leabharlann na Ceathrún Rua
14 - 30 Meitheamh 2022



Portumna

SEPTEMBER 10th

**CENTENARY OF THE
CLOSING OF THE
IRISH WORKHOUSES**

THE IRISH WORKHOUSE CENTRE,
PORTUMNA, COUNTY GALWAY

CONTACT:

irishworkhousemuseum@gmail.com



Clifden

FREE one Day IN PERSON
Sustainable Gardening Course
Clifden TY Garden Ballyconneely
Road. Friday July 8. 11am-5pm,
Sponsored by Galway Co. Co.,
Heritage office/ Galway County
PPN and facilitated by Aoife
Horticulture. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Oughterard



Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme
presents

UNRESTRICTED



by: Fintan Convery

uachtarARTS GROUP SHOW in Oughterard Courthouse

email: uachtararts@gmail.com
visit: www.uachtararts.ie



Inis Oirr



NOWHERE TO HIDE AT SEA

Mick Mulcahy, is returning
to Inis Oirr for a major display of
Expressionist Art
Áras Éanna Ionad Ealaíne Inis Oírr
July 8- July 31

Mountbellew

Mount Bellew presents an Irish Music Legend

Fundraiser For
Ukraine

THOSE TRADEMARK SHARP-TOOTHED GUITAR LICKS... SMOKY, LANGUID VOICE... THERE'S STILL NOBODY TO MATCH WHITE AT HIS BEST.'

IRISH TIMES

"CLASS IS PERMANENT..."
THE MAIL ON SUNDAY,

"HE CAN WEAVE MAGIC"
HOT PRESS.

Freddie White

The Malt House, Mount Bellew

Thursday June 30, 8 pm **Tickets 25 euro**

TICKETS ON SALE IN ADVANCE AT THE MALT HOUSE
AND FROM 089 454 3909

Renville, Oranmore



The Atlantic Lifeboat Swim Sat. June 25 1.30-5pm, Renville Pier, Renville, Oranmore. Fundraiser Galway RNLI/ OMCS.

[See here](#)

Ballinasloe



PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 28th June

Ballinasloe Enterprise Centre | 10am-12.30pm

Neasa Ní Chuanaigh of Branar will lead a bilingual puppetry workshop for those working with children and young people, using items you can find at home, giving children aged 6+ the chance to build and bring their own puppet to life.

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL*
LCYP@GRET.B.IE

*LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



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Local Creative Youth Partnership

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BRANAR



Clár Faoi Mheánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
2017-2022



Loughrea

Loughrea Athletic Club



24 HOUR WALKATHON



in aid of road and car park improvements at Bushfield



Donate online at: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/LAC24HrWalkathon

Takes place in Bushfield Grounds
on 25th June 2022 at 9am

See our Facebook page, website
or ask committee members for details

HSE Health & Wellbeing and Creative Ireland with the Arts Council invite you to this online Symposium June 22 (10.00am – 12.40pm) [Register Here](#)





AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA GALWAY | GAILLIMH

100 Years of Keeping People Safe
Ag Coinneáil Daoine Slán le 100 Bliain Anuas

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The exhibition can be seen at Galway City Museum, Spanish Parade, Galway City, H91 CX5P, for the month of June from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

It is also available online at...

<https://heritage.galwaycommunityheritage.org/content/category/topics/an-garda-siochana-galway-gaillimh-1922-2022>

In addition to this the exhibition will travel around the city and county over the coming year.

Is féidir an taispeántas a fheiceáil i Músaem Cathrach na Gaillimhe, Paráid na Spáinneach, Cathair na Gaillimhe, H91 CX5P, le linn mhí an Mheithimh ón Máirt go dtí an Satharn ó 10am go dtí 5pm.

Tá sé le fáil ar líne freisin ar...

<https://heritage.galwaycommunityheritage.org/content/category/topics/an-garda-siochana-galway-gaillimh-1922-2022>

Ina theannta sin taistealóidh an taispeántas seo timpeall na cathrach agus na tíre i rith na bliana atá romhainn.

The exhibition was funded by Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (Decade of Centenaries Local Authority Funding), An Garda Síochána, Galway County Council & Galway City Council.

Bhí an tionscadal seo maoinithe ag An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán (Máscú Údarás Árdúil de Chéim Deich mBliana na gCuirmhneachán), An Garda Síochána, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe & Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe.



An Garda Síochána | 19
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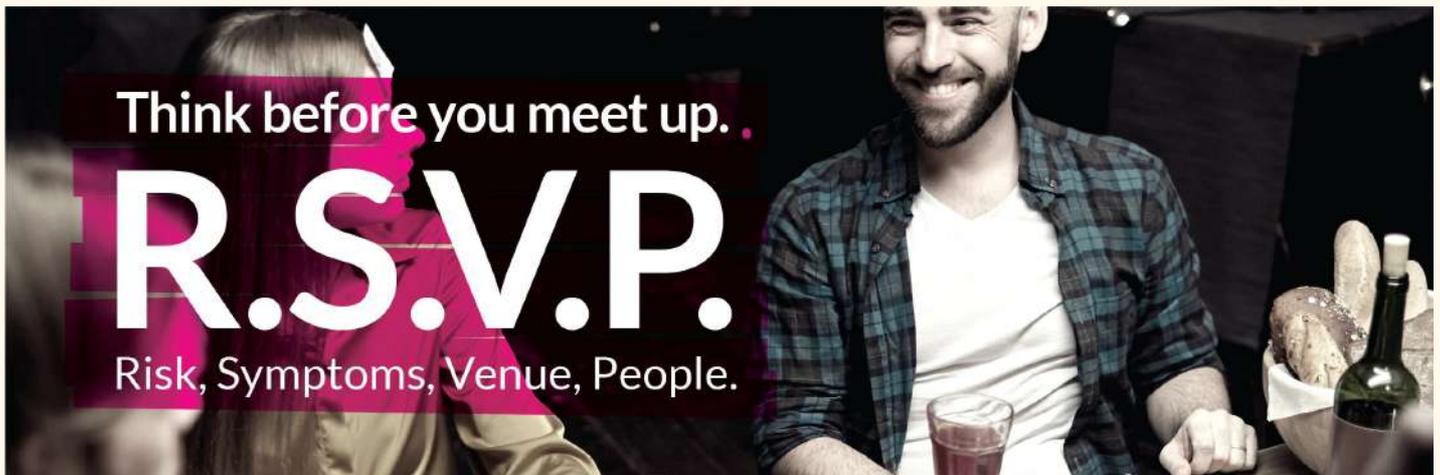


Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

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

volunteer centre
Galway

Home Volunteers Organisations Meet The Team Meet the Volunteers Our Podcast Our Events

Welcome to Galway Volunteer Centre
Ukrainian Support Call

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER OFFER OTHER SUPPORTS

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.