

November 2023

Welcome PPN members to our November 2023 Newsletter!



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe Public Participation Network Galway County

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If you have any news you would like to include in next month's newsletter, please email dtuite@galwaycoco.ie or mmullen@galwaycoco.ie

***Submissions Deadline: 24th of each month - for following month's issue.**

Next issue has a special focus on: **Social Inclusion** pillar of the PPN.

PPN News

PPN NATIONAL NEWS

From [Department of Rural and Community Development](#)
Public Participation Networks latest news - read more [HERE](#).

An updated edition of a resource guide aimed at ensuring that marginalised and disadvantaged communities have opportunities to participate in local planning and decision-making has been launched.

'A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making'

Read more [HERE](#).

Digital Version of the Guide is [HERE](#).

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS



Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

PPN WINTER PLENARY MEETING

"Be Part Of The Conversation"

28.11.2023

Tuesday, 28 Nov, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Claregalway Hotel, Co. Galway, H91 XR8E



REGISTER NOW!

Calling All Galway County
PPN Members! [scan here:](#)



WWW.GALWAYCOUNTYPPN.IE
#GALWAYCOUNTYPPN

Why Attend...

- **Have Your Say!**
- Get Advise & Resources
- **Networking**
- Input into PPN Plan
- **Info for Members:**
- **Funding Applications**
- Consultations
- **Local Plans/Policies**
- Training for Groups

Agenda:

- Registration & Refreshments
- Welcomes
- Updates from the PPN
- Workplan 2024
- Discussion PPN Pillars - key challenges & opportunities
- SPC presentations
- - BREAK -
- Guest Speakers
- Climate Action Team
- Clann Credo
- Volunteer Galway



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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



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

All Galway County PPN Members are invited to the Annual PPN Winter Plenary.

To Register Click [HERE](#)

(or scan below QR Code square with your phone camera).

The in-person Plenary is the most important meeting of the year for PPN members to attend.

AGENDA

Registration & Refreshments

Welcomes

Updates from the PPN

Workplan 2024

Discussion PPN Pillars - key challenges & opportunities

SPC presentations

BREAK

Guest Speakers

• Climate Action Team

• Clann Credo

• Volunteer Galway

Registration Form



Disability Awareness Training - 'Inclusive Community Groups' - for PPN Members

Monday, 20th November from 15.00–16.30

Topics Covered

- The principles of Inclusion
- Communication
- Building Accessibility
- Group Management and planning of Activities
- Case Studies

Guest Speaker: Carmel Craven (expert by experience).

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAsdOuhqDIsHdFk5vp9wglCVFNKoHq8Xj43>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This is a FREE Online Training for PPN Members.

This training is taking place as part of Galway County Social Inclusion Week (20th-24th November 2023).

PPN Secretariat Meeting

21st November 2023, 10:00am-11:00am (Online).

All Galway County PPN Secretariat Members should attend.

Upcoming Training for PPN Members

Dates and Times To Be Confirmed...

Registration information will be emailed to all PPN member groups soon. **Free Online Training.**

- 1) New Committee Member Induction: 15 Nov @ 7pm
- 2) Business Planning for Voluntary Organisations / Developing a Business Plan: 22 Nov @ 7pm
- 3) Growing Your Social Enterprise: 5 Dec @ 7pm

Green Recovery Working Group Meeting

Date To Be Confirmed... November/December.

Agenda:

GRWG to feed into the next Environment and Biodiversity SPC meeting.

Presentation on 'Climate Action Fund' and 'Climate Action Plan' - by Galway County Council Climate Team.

About Green Recovery Working Group (GRWG):

GRWG is a PPN Linkage Group.

Each Linkage Group works with their elected PPN Representatives to highlight community issues and influence relevant policy.

More information on Linkage Groups [HERE](#).



Photo: Aodán MacDonnacha, Dan Dowling, Duana Tuite, Martina Finn, George Francis, Vincent Lyons.

6 Galway County PPN Reps Attend PPN National Conference

The 5th Public Participation Network (PPN) National Conference was held on 5th & 6th October 2023 at Arklow Bay Hotel, Wicklow.

Hosted by Wicklow PPN and Wicklow County Council.

"It was a really great event (hats off to Wicklow PPN and all who made the event a huge success!) - plenty of networking, information, learning, sharing, and some well deserved relaxing and fun for the PPN volunteers and staff!"

[#nationalppnconference](#)

[#PublicParticipationNetworks](#)

Public meeting of the County Galway Policing Committee (JPC) on the 6th November.

Read more [HERE](#).



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Are you registered to access information on community funding and training opportunities?

Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) is calling on all grassroots groups from Parish Halls & Community Centres, Men's and Women's Sheds, Volunteer Youth Clubs and Senior Citizen Groups, to make sure they register with the PPN, so they are informed of upcoming funding opportunities to cover running/energy costs, and other capital grants to purchase equipment and upgrade community amenities and facilities.

**Simply click 'register now' on our website
<https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/>**

Galway County PPN is a network of all community and voluntary groups based in County Galway and acts as an information hub between communities and Galway County Council, as well as providing training and capacity-building opportunities for communities.



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

An bhfuil do ghrúpa cláraithe chun teacht ar eolas maidir le maoiniú pobail agus ar dheiseanna oiliúna?

Tá Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe (PPN) ag iarraidh ar gach grúpa pobail ó Hallaí Paróiste & Ionaid Phobail, Seideanna na bhFear agus na mBan, Clubanna Óige Deonacha agus Grúpaí Seanóirí, a chinntiú go gcláróidh siad leis an PPN, ionas go gcuirfeadh ar an eolas iad faoi mhaoiniú atá le teacht, deiseanna chun costais reatha/fhuinnimh a chlúdach, agus deontais chaipitil eile chun trealamh a cheannach agus áiseanna agus áiseanna pobail a uasghrádú.

**Níl le déanamh ach clliceáil ar 'cláraigh anois'
ar ár suíomh Gréasáin
<https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/>**

Is líonra é PPN Chontae na Gaillimhe de gach grúpa pobail agus deonach atá lonnaithe i gContae na Gaillimhe. Feidhmíonn sé mar nase eolais idir an pobal agus Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, chomh maith le sin, cuireann sé deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha acmhainne ar fáil don phobal.

When a group registers it becomes part of the County PPN Structure. Registration is easy and free of charge! Registered groups receive regular updates, information on funding opportunities and also benefit from advertising their own community activities free of charge.

Register now: <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/registration-form/>

[PPN Supports Provided by The Wheel](#)

Link to previous PPN Supports & Training available on Department website [HERE](#)

Our Values



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

**the
wheel**

Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.

The Wheel is calling for groups to sign up for membership!

Organisations with an income under 25k get free membership!
Read more below about benefits of joining, or click [HERE](#).

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF MEMBERS

the wheel Stronger Charities,
Stronger Communities.



Join The Wheel and become part of Ireland's largest and most influential community of charities, community organisations, and social enterprises.

For over two decades, The Wheel has been a strong and trusted voice for our sector. Together with our community of members, we work to ensure that the contribution of charities, community organisations, and social enterprises is recognised and respected, adequately resourced, and appropriately regulated.

With a host of strategic and practical services and supports at your disposal, you will be empowered to make the greatest impact you can for the communities you serve.



ONE COMMUNITY, STRONGER TOGETHER

“The Wheel is a force for good in Irish society.”
- Michael D. Higgins

“Being a member of The Wheel allows us to contribute to the debate on the challenges facing the voluntary sector in Ireland.”
- Migrant Association of Ireland

“The Wheel is an essential guardian of civil society space in Ireland, and membership not only pays the dues in terms of access to training, briefings, networking, and other services but also strengthens the entire sector.”
- Trócaire

“It would be impossible for individual charities to endeavour to organise the same breadth of training.” - The Irish Career Society

“It has been a brilliant asset for us as a small organisation...” - Friends of the Acacia in Ireland

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

We collaborate with our members to represent, support, and connect non-profit organisations of every size and type, from some of Ireland's largest and best-known charities to small local community groups and social enterprises.

A Strong Collective Voice

We advocate for policies that will help our members to fulfil their missions and for appropriate regulation for the sector. We campaign for greater recognition and increased support for the valuable work of charities, community groups, and social enterprises.

“It's highly important for us to have an independent voice that can engage with the government and other stakeholders to advocate on the issues affecting us all.” - [AgeAction.ie](#)

A Supportive Community

Join a large and growing movement of people and organisations who believe that by working together we can shape a better future.

Through our wide range of member networks, we open doors for collaboration, networking, and peer support across traditional boundaries.

“A benefit of membership for us is that we get to network with so many colleagues and peers from across the sector...” - [Galileo, The President's Award](#)

Training and Career Development

We offer contextualised training and development opportunities at every stage of your career or volunteering journey.

Our accredited training programmes and upskilling workshops will equip you and your colleagues with the knowledge, expertise, and leadership skills to help your organisation achieve its vision.

Members have access to a wide range of free or discounted training for personal and organisational development and a library of pre-recorded webinars.

“It would be impossible for individual charities to endeavour to organise the same breadth of training.” - [The Irish Career Society](#)

Expert Help and Guidance

Our members have access to expert advice, best practice guidance, one-to-one briefings, member office, and funding news and advice, including our Access Europe programme.

“It has been a brilliant asset for us as a small organisation...” - [Friends of the Acacia in Ireland](#)



START YOUR MEMBERSHIP JOURNEY TODAY

Any organisation or individual working, involved, or interested in the community and voluntary sector is welcome to join The Wheel. Full membership is open to independently governed and committed community, voluntary or charitable organisations. We also offer associate and individual membership options.

Our affordable membership fees operate on a sliding scale depending on your turnover. For organisations with an annual income below €25,000, membership is entirely free!

Join our member community today and start enjoying the benefits.

Apply now at www.wheel.ie/membership

Or contact our membership team at membership@wheel.ie or call us on (01) 454 8727 (Mon - Fri, 10 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 4 pm)

“The Wheel is an invaluable resource for the sector.”
- National Youth Council of Ireland

Scan this to start your application



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CHY Number: 15288

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Stronger Communities.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

NOTICE



COUNTY GALWAY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

THE COUNTY GALWAY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE WISHES TO INFORM YOU THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DATE: MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023
VENUE: MEADOW COURT HOTEL, CLOSTOKEN, LOUGHREA, CO GALWAY
TIME: 7.00PM

THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF MEMBERS OF AN GARDA SIOCHÁNA, ELECTED MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, OIREACHTAS MEMBERS REPRESENTING GALWAY COUNTY, OFFICIAL OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE POLICING OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY MAY PUT QUESTIONS TO THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE ON GENERAL POLICING MATTERS AFFECTING THE POLICING OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR LEGAL REASONS, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOR EXAMPLE:

- ◊ INFORMATION THAT MAY RELATE TO A SPECIFIC INVESTIGATION
- ◊ INFORMATION THAT RELATES TO AN INDIVIDUAL
- ◊ INFORMATION RECEIVED BY AN GARDA SIOCHÁNA OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN CONFIDENCE.

ALL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GAILLIMH.IE / WWW.GALWAY.IE

FÓGRA



COMHCHOISTE PÓILNEACHTA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

BA MHAITH LE COMHCHOISTE PÓILNEACHTA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE A CHUR IN IÚL DUIT GO

MBEIDH CRUINNÍÚ POIBLÍ AR SIÚL AR:
DÁTA: DÉ LUAIN, 6 SAMHAIN 2023
ÁIT: ÓSTÁN AN MEADOW COURT, CLOCH AN STUAICÍN, BAILE LOCHA RIACH, CO. NA GAILLIMHE.
AM: 7.00I.N.

AR AN GCOMHCHOISTE PÓILNEACHTA, TÁ BAIL DEN GHARDA SÍOCHÁNA, COMHALTAÍ TOFA Ó CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE, BAIL OIREACHTAIS ATÁ A G DEANAMH IONADAÍOCHTA DO CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE, OIFIGEACH Ó CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE AGUS IONADAITHE POBAIL.

TUOSTAR GUIREADH DON PHOBAL FREASTAL AR AN GCURINNÍÚ, CHUN A GCUID TUAIRIMÍ A THABHAIRT AGUS IS FÉIDIR LE HAON DUINE A MBAINÉANN PÓILÍNÍÚ CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE LEO, CEIST A CHUR AR AN GCOMHCHOISTE PÓILNEACHTA AR ABHAIR GHINEARÁLTA PHÓILNEACHTA A MBEADH TIONCHAR ACU AR PHÓILÍNÍÚ CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

NÍ MÓR AN POBAL A CHUR AR AN EOLAS GO BHFÉADFADH CÚINSÍ A BHEITH ANN NACH FÉIDIR, AR CHÚISEANNA DLÍ, CEISTEANNA SONRACHA A FHREAGAIRT, MAR SHAMPLA:

- ◊ EOLAS A BHAINÉANN LE HIMS CRÚDÚ AR LEITH
- ◊ EOLAS A BHAINÉANN LE DUINE AONAIR
- ◊ EOLAS A FHAIGHEANN AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA AGUS AN TÚDARÁS ÁITIÚIL FAOI RÚN

TÁ NA SONRAÍ AR FAD AR FÁIL AG WWW.GAILLIMH.IE / WWW.GALWAY.IE

Public meeting of the County Galway **Joint Policing Committee (JPC)** on the **6th November** 2023.
Read more [HERE](#).

November in Tuam Library

- Lego Coding Workshop**
1 November, 2.30pm
Contact Library
- C-Pens**
Available with adult card for 2 weeks
- Age Action Computer Classes**
Running for 5 weeks
contact library
- Soundbites Music Session**
Last Thursday of every month 1-2pm
- Storytime for toddlers**
Every Wednesday
11am
- Foroige Film Making**
10, 17 & 24 November
11-12.30
- Energy Saving Kit**
Available on request
- Lunchtime Talk**
Micheline Sheehy Skeffington
11 November 1-2pm
- Teen Book Club**
4 November
3pm
- Lego Saturdays**
Every Saturday from 10.30am
- Breastfeeding Group**
14 November
Contact library
- Adult Book Club**
Last Friday of month
12.30-2pm
Contact Library

LIBRARY IRELAND WEEK 2019

December 1st - 7th

PUBLIC COMPETITION

HOW DOES YOUR LIBRARY INSPIRE YOU?

Share your story with the hashtag #LIW2019 on the Library Ireland Week Facebook page or on Twitter

BEST STORY WINS AN IPAD!!



SOAPBOX PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Europe Direct Ballinasloe's annual soapbox competition is coming up!

- Age categories: 16 and under / 17 and over.
- Topic: 'There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter' Barack Obama. In today's turbulent times, it is more important than ever to build a better future by voting in the EU parliament elections.
- You may argue 'for' or 'against' the motion.
- Please submit your application form to your local Europe Direct Centre (Ballinasloe Library) by Monday, 13 November.
- The Regional Final will be held in Ballinasloe Library at 6pm on Thursday, 16 November. A regional winner from each category will be selected to go forward to the National Final on Monday, 27 November.

PRIZES

The overall winner in each category at the Regional Final will win a Samsung tablet.

The overall winner in each category at the National Final will be presented with a prize of €1,000 in One4All Vouchers.

For more details, please contact the Europe Direct Information Centre at Ballinasloe Library: **091 509 551 / ballinasloe@galwaylibrary.ie**

COMIC CON - November 3rd & 4th at Ballinasloe Library.

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COMIC-CON
Ballinasloe Library

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

COMIC DRAWING SKILLS WORKSHOP
SUITABLE FOR AGES 10-14
2:15PM-3.45PM
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

WITH ILLUSTRATOR **FIOHA BOHWELL**

BOOKING REQUIRED!
BALLINASLOE@GALWAYLIBRARY.IE

COMIC-CON
Ballinasloe Library

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

COSPLAY AND QUIZ
ALL AGES WELCOME
4:00PM-5.30PM
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

COME ALONG IN YOUR FAVOURITE COSTUME FOR A QUIZ ON ALL THINGS POP-CULTURE!

QUIZMASTER: **GAR O'BRIEN**

COMIC-CON
Ballinasloe Library

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

COMIC BOOK STORYTIME!
FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+

10:00-10:45AM
SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

ALL WELCOME!

WITH ILLUSTRATOR **MELANIE WHELAN!**

COMIC-CON
Ballinasloe Library

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

MANGA WORKSHOP
SUITABLE FOR AGES 10-14
11:00AM-12.30PM
SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

WITH ILLUSTRATOR **FIOHA BOHWELL**

BOOKING REQUIRED!
BALLINASLOE@GALWAYLIBRARY.IE

COMIC-CON
Ballinasloe Library

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

COMIC BOOK CREATORS PANEL DISCUSSION
ESTABLISHED EXPERTS WILL ADVISE ON HOW TO CRAFT COMIC STORIES AND HOW THEY DIFFER FROM OTHER TYPES OF WRITING

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
2:15PM-3.15PM
ALL WELCOME!

WITH **PAUL CARROLL, FIOHA BOHWELL, PAUL BOLGER, AND MURKA MURUGU**

LOCAL FOOD AND CRAFT GIFT FAIR 2023

This popular event showcases Galway designers, handcrafted goods and artisan produce, with over 50 stands featuring the best in locally produced gifts!

The 2023 event takes place from Friday 1st December to Sunday 3rd December at the Blackbox Theatre, Dyke Road, Galway.

About the #GalwayFair

Since 2012, the LOCAL Craft and Food Gift Fair has grown in popularity and reputation – featuring some of the best local crafts people and artisan food producers.

More than 50 local crafts people specialising in artisan food, drinks, art, jewellery and more will converge on the Black Box theatre Galway City for this year's event.

This two day fair is great opportunity to find unique gifts before Christmas, along with a wide range of artisan jams, jellies, chutneys, cakes, cheeses, vegan foods, juices, and craft brews.

Beautiful creations of local craft experts will be on show ranging from handmade ceramics, leather work, wooden carvings, household decorations, gifts, jewellery and more



FREE ENTRY

LOCAL

FOOD & CRAFT GIFT FAIR

Saturday 2nd December 10am - 6pm

Sunday 3rd December 11am - 5pm

Blackbox Theatre, Dyke Road, Galway





YOUR VOICE MATTERS AND YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Galway County Council are updating the Electoral Register. It is your responsibility to ensure your details are correct.

checktheregister.ie

If you are already registered to vote you should check the Electoral Register to confirm and update your details by providing your PPSN, Eircode and Date of Birth.

If you are not registered to vote you can now register online. To update your details or to register go to checktheregister.ie.

For further information or hard copy forms please email electors@galwaycoco.ie phone 091-509310 or visit:

Galway County Council
Aras an Chontae,
Prospect Hill,
Galway
H91 H6KX

checktheregister.ie QR Code



Riádas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

The registration process has changed. What's different?

- Registering to vote for the first time is now possible online at www.checktheregister.ie
Use of PPSNs facilitates identity checking meaning that now, most people won't have to visit a Garda station to have forms witnessed.
- 16- and 17-year-olds will be able to pre-register to vote
Introduction of a pending electors list enables those 16 and 17 to pre-register and be automatically registered when they turn 18.
- You must be living full time in the State to be eligible to vote
We will ask you your nationality in your application as this may affect which elections you can vote in.

An Irish citizen	You are eligible to vote in all elections and referendums
An EU citizen	You are eligible to vote in European and local elections
A British citizen	You are eligible to vote in Dáil and local elections
All other	You are eligible to vote in local elections

Want to register to vote?

Apply at www.checktheregister.ie Choose this if you:

- Have your PPSN and Eircode available
- Are aged 18 or over and living in Ireland
- Are aged 16 or 17 and want to pre-register

Some cases require a form

Select www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/forms Choose this if you:

- Don't have a PPSN
- Want to update your citizenship
- Want to apply for a special or postal vote
- Want to make a third-party request for a change to the register

Already registered but need to update details?

Select www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/search Choose this if you:

- Have your PPSN and Eircode
- Need to confirm your details
- Need to update your address



Creative Ireland Galway County News

From next month, you can explore the **Newbridge Village Art Trail**, an artistic celebration of diverse rural communities. More information: <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/event/newbridge-village-art-trail/>

Biddy Early - A Folk Opera

Composed for **Kinvara Community Orchestra** by Stephen Johnston, with additional lyrics by Helen Lane, 'Biddy Early' will have its premiere at **Kinvara Community Centre**, on **December 2nd and 3rd 2023**, under the baton of Garry O'Briain.

The folk opera, performed by 9 singers and over 40 musicians, explores the extraordinary life of herbalist and clairvoyant Biddy Early, of Co. Clare. With an orchestration that is unashamedly romantic, the style is rooted in Irish traditional music, ballads and airs.

Kinvara Community Orchestra (KCO) was founded in 2020 by Fiona Buckley as a community initiative. The Orchestra operates under the patronage of Tigh Sayre, Kinvara and Gort Resource Centre. KCO is very grateful to Creative Ireland and Galway County Arts Office for their financial support for this production.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Blue Teapot Theatre Company - Aspiring Actors, Wanted!



RARE & LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY IS HERE

We are looking to expand our talent pool by inviting aspiring actors aged 18 and over with an intellectual disability to audition for a permanent place within our resident company of artists.

Today, we launch the search to find new talent to be part of our professional theatre ensemble. Are you who we're looking for? Do you know any aspiring actors aged 18 + with an intellectual disability with a passion and dedication to be part of our award -winning company? If yes, we want to hear from you.

Deadline for application is 12pm Monday 13th November with auditions in late November, early December.

For all the recruitment details, please go to www.bluteapot.ie or contact us via email admin@bluteapot or 091 520 977.

Read more [HERE](#).

Williamstown Bottletop Mural

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The residents of Williamstown, Co Galway are delighted with the new bottle top mural which is now brightening up their village. Four villages, Creggs, Kilkerrin, Glenamaddy and Williamstown, were part of a project funded by Creative Ireland to turn bottle tops into artwork. The theme for the project was 'local biodiversity'. Everyone in the community was actively involved collecting bottle tops, which also highlighted single use plastics and the importance of sustainability. Williamstown Development Company and pupils from the local Williamstown Sacred Heart N S put the mural together, and hope to create further murals.



Read more [HERE](#).



FREE online election workshops starting September 2023



www.seeherelected.ie

Night Owls



Mondays
8pm

Early Birds



Wednesdays
7am

Lunchers



Thursdays
1pm

Pick the day/time that works best for you!
Duration: one hour

18th - 21st September	Why NOT you? Putting the team together
25th - 28th September	Communicating with Voters: Writing press releases
9th - 12th October	The Groundwork: Maps and Stats
16th - 19th October	Communicating with Voters: Public Speaking
13th - 16th November	Canvassing Strategy
20th - 23rd November	Social Media Strategy
11th - 14th December	Social Media Content and Promotion

Irish Rural Link - Erasmus + DEW Project - Digital Entrepreneurship for Women

Date: October 31, 2023

DEW Project Successfully Completes Final Component and Marks Crucial Step in Post-Pandemic Women's Entrepreneurship

The Digital Entrepreneurship for Women (DEW) project, funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ program, is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the final component of its program, the Policy Recommendations and Guidelines for Further Uptakes (Project Result 4). With this final step, the DEW project ends on November 01, 2023, marking a crucial milestone in the promotion of women's entrepreneurship in a post-pandemic world.

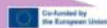
The DEW project stands out for its ability to meet the challenges faced by women aspiring to create and develop their own businesses. DEW is aimed at all women entrepreneurs, whatever their sector of activity. It offers educational resources, training and policy recommendations to support women seeking to set up their own businesses.

The DEW project is closely aligned with the key priorities of the Erasmus+ program, including inclusion and diversity in education and training, digital transformation, adapting vocational training to the needs of the labor market and increasing the flexibility of vocational training opportunities.

Accordingly, the objectives of the DEW project encompass the following elements:

Inclusion: DEW tackles the problem of social and economic exclusion of women, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds who have no access to resources to acquire or strengthen their entrepreneurial skills. DEW's Open Educational Resources (OER) are designed to be accessible and significantly enhance opportunities for women entrepreneurs, while strengthening project partners, as well as local, national and European entrepreneurship support and vocational training providers.

Digital: DEW is rooted in supporting digital entrepreneurship, offering opportunities to increase digital skills. DEW resources will be a strong asset for female users and will also contribute to policy by applying a gender perspective to the ENTRECOMP framework.



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Adaptability and Flexibility: DEW will provide a flexible and adaptable platform for the development of entrepreneurial skills, whatever the sector or nature of the business.

Contribution to Policy: DEW brings a gender perspective to the issue of entrepreneurship and the obstacles faced by women entrepreneurs. The project creates a pan-European Community of Practice on the issue and consolidates learning and results in a format that can enrich and strengthen new policy initiatives in the field of women's entrepreneurship.

The DEW project is firmly positioned as an operational solution to the challenges facing existing and potential female entrepreneurs in a post-pandemic world. By raising the priorities of the Erasmus+ program and implementing its objectives, DEW has not only strengthened opportunities for women entrepreneurs in various sectors, but has also opened up new avenues for the promotion of female entrepreneurship in Europe.

The DEW project celebrated its closing with a final transnational meeting in Malaga, where the Spanish partner, IWS, warmly welcomed all partners. The meeting was an opportunity to share achievements, experiences and prospects for the future of women's entrepreneurship in Europe.

To find out more about the achievements of the DEW project and access the final documents, please visit the DEW Website or contact one of the partners in your country.



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Irish Rural Link - Erasmus + DEW Project - Digital Entrepreneurship for Women

Training was pilot tested in the Ard Family resource centre Galway, earlier in the summer.

Photo from Pilot Project.

Read more [HERE](#).



Connect & Chat

November 2, 2023, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register Now >>](#)



Volunteer Management Training: Modules 1 and 2

November 9, 2023, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Register Now >>](#)



Volunteer Management Training: Modules 3 and 4

November 14, 2023, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Register Now >>](#)



Connect & Chat

December 7, 2023, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register Now >>](#)

Volunteer Galway events - Read more below:

<https://volunteergalway.ie/volunteer-galway-events/>

Focus on: Environment Pillar

Biodiversity and Community - Building Resilience while Leaving No One Behind.

November 17th, 2023, 9:45am – 4:30pm. Havelock Suite, The Aviva, Dublin and Online

SDG National Stakeholder Forum.

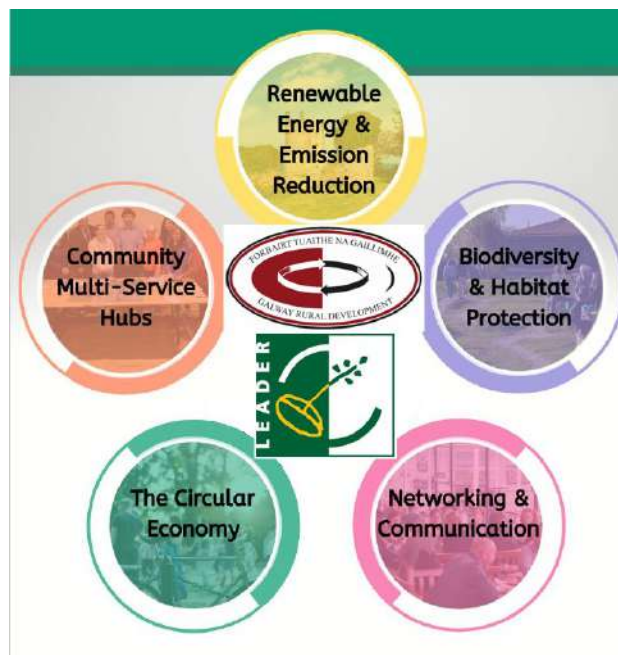
Biodiversity and Community - Building Resilience while Leaving No One Behind.

Registration for attendance at the **November 17th** SDG National Stakeholder Forum will open at 09:00 am on October 23rd. Additional in-person attendance places will be made available at 7:00pm on Wednesday 25th October.

Virtual **registration** opens at 09:00 on October 23rd and **closes at 18:00 on November 13th**

Please register here:

<https://ti.to/ndca/sdgs-national-stakeholder-forum-november>



SMART VILLAGES SOUTH GALWAY

We are pleased to announce that we will undertake our next phase of Smart Village training with communities in South Galway. We will be offering the training online, commencing on the evening of the 9th of November, and continuing for 5 weeks. This follows on from the success of the initiative in both Mountbellew and Headford.

The Smart Villages concept opens up opportunities to improve the sustainability of rural areas. It aims to deliver on the promise of 'a better life in rural areas' and it reflects the principles and methods associated with 'smart and competitive' rural areas. Groups and individuals from South Galway can contact us at leader@grd.ie.

Free Household Waste Electrical Items Disposal

Any household waste electrical items, batteries or energy saving light bulbs accepted, large or small! From Fridges to Phones, Laptops to Electric Lawnmowers, Toys to Power Tools, and everything in-between, WEEE recycle anything with a plug or battery! For further information contact WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeeireland.ie/contact/> or 012999320.

Electrical, battery and lighting waste can also be recycled throughout the year at civic amenity sites in Tuam, Clifden and Ballinasloe with full details at

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/environment/wasteandlitter/civicamenitysites/>



WEEE after Halloween

When the tricks and treats are over, we're calling on the public to be on the lookout for any dead batteries and decorations that should be recycled this Halloween. If a decoration, device or costume lights up, moves or talks – it's an electrical product and it may also have a battery or bulb lurking inside ...all of which can be recycled for FREE! Some of these items include: Halloween Costumes, Halloween Masks, Battery Operated Candles, String/Fairy Lights, Indoor/Outdoor battery or electric decorations, Talking Teddies/Dolls, Battery Operated Board Games, Musical Greeting Cards, Remote Controls.

Litter Management Plan 2023-2025



Litter Management Plan 2023 – 2025

Adopted by Galway County Council on the 26th July 2023



Please Play Your Part – Keep County Galway Litter Free

Galway County Council has adopted the Litter Management Plan 2023 – 2025 in accordance with Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 for the purpose of the prevention and eradication of litter throughout County Galway with effect from 26th July 2023. The Plan recognises the need for emphasis on a multi-dimensional approach to preventing litter. Everyone must be involved in tackling the litter problem – Galway County Council, the public and the commercial sector. A key aim of the Plan is to raise the awareness of the negative effects of litter on the environment, targeting litter problem areas and promotion of best practices in relation to litter prevention and control.



Ending of exemption for agricultural green waste burning

Final dates for the burning of cut and other agricultural green waste

The Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 makes it an offence to dispose of waste by burning. An initial five-year exemption was provided for the permissible disposal of waste by burning where it was done as a final measure after the preferred alternatives had been assessed, the local authority was notified and the material to be burned consisted only of uncontaminated wood, trees, tree trimmings, leaves, brush, or other similar waste generated by agricultural practices. This exemption has been extended on several occasions.

In early 2023, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that the practice of burning agricultural green waste will end on the 30th of November 2023.

To facilitate a final transition, a last short time-period for burning will re-open on the 1st of September 2023 and close on the 30th of November 2023. There will be no further extension.

Farmers who plan to undertake the burning of agricultural green waste within this timeframe must notify their local authority in advance.

Material types

This final burning exemption applies to farmers who generate agricultural green waste through:

- Management of hedgerows
- Land clearance and maintenance activities
- Wind fall material arising
- Post-infected and diseased material requiring management

This exemption does not apply to the controlled burning of growing vegetation as this is covered by Section

39 & 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976. In addition, if land is in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or a Special Protection Area (SPA), it is likely that an application will have to be made to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for permission to conduct any burning of vegetation. For the management of invasive species, please refer to the NPWS.

Why is the burning of green waste ending?

To improve the sustainable management of agricultural green waste which will:

- Improve air quality and human health
- Better utilize material for sustainable alternative uses
- Enhance and promote biodiversity

What are the sustainable practices to replace burning?

In November 2022, the Irish Bioenergy Association on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine developed a feasibility study on the sustainable management of agricultural green waste in Ireland.

This report outlines many sustainable alternatives to burning which farmers are permitted to use, including:

- Use of flailing and return the cut material to the ground in-situ
- Establish a nature pile/biodiversity habitat corner allowing the material to decompose over time
- Produce sustainable wood fuel for own heating use on-farm
- Composting of the material on-farm
- Off-farm energy generation from high quality, large volume, uncontaminated material
- Use of the material for animal bedding
- Produce landscaping material
- Biochar production



The full feasibility study to explore the sustainable management of agriculture green waste in Ireland is available to read by scanning this QR code or via tinyurl.com/IEEA-2MAGWStudy



This website content is supported by the Irish Bioenergy Association for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Riadas na Míreann
Government of Ireland

An Cúinne Gaeilge



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

Tá **Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán** ag eagrú **Cúrsa Safe Pass** in oifigí na Comhairle Ceantar i dTír an Fhia, Dé Máirt, an 14ú Samhain 2023. Má tá suim agat an cúrsa a dhéanamh, cuir gaoch ar oifig Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán ag 091 551922, nó seol ríomhphost chuig mairin@cnoilean.ie chun áit a chur in áirithe ar an gcúrsa.

Seomra céadfach (sensory room) nua “Dóchas & Grá” oscailte in **Ionad Pobail Leitir Mealláin** H91 CH7X. Sa spás nua seo tá trealamh seomra céadfach, maoinithe ag Forbairt Tuaithe na Gaillimhe agus Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe.



The poster features a photograph of a stage performance with a crowd in the foreground. A circular logo with a leaf and the text 'An tOireachtas' is centered over the image. Below the photo, the text reads 'Ticéid d'Oireachtas na Samhna 2023 ar díol anois'. There is a small graphic of a ticket stub. At the bottom, it says 'CEANNAIGH ANSEO: www.antoireachtas.ie'. The footer contains the dates '1 - 5 Samhain 2023', the location 'Cill Cirne, Co. Chiarraí', and the hashtag '#OnaS23'.

Ticéid d'Oireachtas na Samhna 2023
ar díol anois

CEANNAIGH ANSEO:
www.antoireachtas.ie

1 - 5 Samhain 2023
Cill Cirne, Co. Chiarraí

#OnaS23



The poster has a green background with a photograph of a field of wildflowers and butterflies. The text is white and centered. It reads 'Dúlra & Flóra Chonamara' at the top, followed by 'OÍCHE EOLAIS' and 'Taispeántas faoi Ghnáthóga na Gaeltachta'. Below that, it says 'Ceiliúradh ar Bhithéagsúlacht an Cheantair ó Chainteoirí Éagsúla'. At the bottom, there are two event details: '16ú Samhain' at 'Ionad Cuimhneacháin na nImirceach, Carna' at 7:00 i.n., and '23ú Samhain' at 'Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Rosmuc' at 7:00 i.n. Logos for various organizations are at the very bottom.

Dúlra & Flóra Chonamara

OÍCHE EOLAIS

Taispeántas faoi
Ghnáthóga na Gaeltachta

Ceiliúradh ar Bhithéagsúlacht an
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16ú Samhain
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Phiarsaigh, Rosmuc
7:00 i.n.

Logos: An tOireachtas, Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán, Dúlaigh, Dúlaigh, Dúlaigh, Dúlaigh



Gníomhaireact Fuinnimh an Iarthar

- Aisfheistiú ar tithe agus foirgnimh
- Postanna áitiúla a chruthú agus a fheabhsú
- An costas aisfheistiú a laghdú
- Comhairle neamhspleách a thabhairt

Clinic Eolais ar na Deontais:

- Scéim na dTithe Teo (Warmer Homes Scheme)
- Deontais Fuinnimh Pobail (Communities Energy Grant)
- Scéim Feabhsúcháin Fuinnimh agus Painéil Gréine (Better Energy Homes and Solar Pv)

GTEIC CHARNA
Roisín na Mainiach
Carna
Co. na Gaillimhe
H91 Y295

Dé Céadaoin 8 Samhain
4:00 i.n. - 6:00 i.n.



Arna chomhchistiú ag an Aontas Eorpach
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Údarás na Gaeltachta



Fuinneamh Oilteán Áraimh
Arán Islands Energy



RANGANNA OIDEACHAIS POBAIL

CEARDLANN CAOLADÓIREACHTA
Basket Making Workshops

(Ag déanamh ciseáin as slata saili)



Rang do thosaitheoiri atá i gceist:

Cotáiste Ghluimhneachán an Phiarsaigh, Roanuc: 3ú Samhain ó 10r.n. go 4i.n.
Comhairle Muintir an Chaiseal, An Caiseal: 4ú Samhain ó 10r.n. go 4i.n.
Pobal Mhamóin Teo, Braith Salach: 5ú Samhain ó 11r.n. go 5i.n.

Beidh gá ainm a chuir san áireamh roimh réidh agus éarlais de €15 le hóc
(Places are very limited, so we need names in advance and a €15 deposit.)



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News from the Departments

[Department of Rural and Community Development](https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-rural-and-community-development/)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-rural-and-community-development/>



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

'A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making'

An updated edition of a resource guide aimed at ensuring that marginalised and disadvantaged communities have opportunities to participate in local planning and decision-making has been launched.

Read more [HERE](#).

Department of The Environment, Climate and Community

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-the-environment-climate-and-communications/>



An Roinn Comhshaoil,
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide
Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications

Minister of State Ossian Smyth launches public consultation on a draft Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan

Read more [HERE](#):

Minister Ryan welcomes first meeting of new Just Transition Taskforce

Read more [HERE](#).

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-tourism-culture-arts-gaeltacht-sport-and-media/>



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

Almost €900,000 or 20% increase approved for language plan budgets by Minister of State for the Gaeltacht, Patrick O'Donovan T.D.

Read more [HERE](#).

Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-children-equality-disability-integration-and-youth/>



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

Information on childcare supports available to you

Read more [HERE](#).

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/>



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

Research and learning to grow in the Burren through new partnership between University of Galway and NPWS

Read more [HERE](#).

NATIONAL / GOVERNMENT NEWS



Outreach Events for Stakeholders in Multi-Unit Developments

Tuesday, 10 October	Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan
Thursday, 12 October	Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown
Tuesday, 24 October	South Court Hotel, Limerick
Tuesday, 7 November	Clayton Hotel, Galway
Tuesday, 14 November	Cork International Hotel, Cork Airport

Events start at 7pm. Attendance is free of charge but registration in advance is required.
To register and for more information visit www.housingagency.ie/news-and-events

Your audience may wish to know that on 7 November The Housing Agency will hold a free information evening for people in the Galway area involved with owners' management companies (OMCs) of apartment developments and managed estates.

The meeting takes place in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, at 7pm on Tuesday 7 November 2023.

The meeting will cover:

- Challenges faced by apartments, OMCs & managed estates
- Roles and responsibilities
- Resources available

More information and how to register is attached, online here

<https://www.housingagency.ie/news-events/outreach-events-stakeholders-multi-unit-developments-0>

Kind regards,
The Housing Agency

Consultations

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS

Portumna Public Realm Enhancement Scheme (Stage 2 Consultation)

OPEN: 25 Oct, 2023, 2:15pm - **21 Nov, 2023, 5:00pm**

More information:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/portumna-public-realm-enhancement-scheme-stage-2-consultation>

Draft Athenry Local Area Plan 2023-2029 - Proposed Material Alterations

OPEN: 5 Oct, 2023, 9:30am - **3 Nov, 2023, 4:00pm**

More information:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/draft-athenry-local-area-plan-2023-2029-proposed-material-alterations>

LA10/23 Kilbannon Burial Ground Extension

OPEN: 24 Oct, 2023, 9:00am - **22 Nov, 2023, 4:00pm**

More information:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/la1023-kilbannon-burial-ground-extension>

Application to an Bord Pleanála for Approval for River Maintenance Works in Ros an Mhíl, Co. na Gaillimhe

OPEN: 9 Oct, 2023, 9:00am - **21 Nov, 2023, 5:30pm**

More information:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/application-bord-plean%C3%A1la-approval-river-maintenance-works-ros-mh%C3%AD-co-na-gaillimhe>

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS



HAVE YOUR SAY

Public Consultation on Migrant Integration Strategy

Closing date Thursday, November 30

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is seeking your views on what you would like to be considered in the development of a national strategy for migrant integration.

The national strategy for migrant integration will set out the Government's commitment to supporting and promoting migrant integration and provide a framework for action.

Anyone with an interest in migrant integration is invited to submit their views on the challenges, needs and opportunities in supporting migrant integration. If you would like to find out more about the consultation, please go to

www.gov.ie/consultations

You can access the consultation directly using the QR code below.



Public Consultation to inform a national strategy for migrant integration.

From [Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth](#)

Published on 20 October 2023.

Submissions closed 1 December 2023

More information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/99a1a-public-consultation-to-inform-a-new-national-strategy-for-migrant-integration/>

Public consultation on the development of a National Industrial Strategy for Offshore Wind

From Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Published on 10 October 2023

Submissions closed 7 November 2023

More information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/9b303-public-consultation-on-the-development-of-a-national-industrial-strategy-for-offshore-wind/>

Public Consultation on the Draft Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan

From Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Published on 29 September 2023

Submissions closed 10 November 2023

More information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/c823b-public-consultation-on-the-draft-green-public-procurement-strategy-and-action-plan/>

Draft National En-Route EV Charging Network Plan – Public Consultation

From Department of Transport

Published on 25 September 2023

Submissions closed 10 November 2023

More information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/a57ee-draft-national-en-route-ev-charging-network-plan-public-consultation/>

Carbon Farming Framework for Ireland

From Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Published on 22 September 2023

Submissions closed 3 November 2023

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/52d17-carbon-farming-framework-for-ireland/>

Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland

From Department of Social Protection

Published on 20 September 2023

Submissions closed 15 December 2023

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/3b001-green-paper-on-disability-reform-a-public-consultation-to-reform-disability-payments-in-ireland/>

Public Meeting



Fisheries Local Action Groups
Grúpaí Gníomhaíochta Iascaigh Aite

FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group Programme) is a Community Led Local Development scheme that seeks to:
"enable a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and foster the development of fishing and aquaculture communities."

This consultation will aid in the development of a strategy to seek funding from Priority 3 of the **European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)**.

West FLAG invite you to come along and offer your views on what support is needed to secure the sustainable development of your local coastal community.

- What are the area's strengths?
- What are the challenges that need to be addressed?

This consultation is open to **all**, including:

- Tourism
- Aquaculture
- Fisheries
- Community Groups

7th November 2023

Ballinderreen Community Centre, South Galway | 2pm
The Quilty Tavern, Quilty West, Ennis Road | 6.30pm
An Cromptán, Carraroe, Co. Galway | 6.30 pm

8th November 2023

Clifden Station House, Galway Rd, Clifden | 6pm

This is your local community. Please share your views.
Contact: FLAGstrategies@je.gt.com

Survey



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This survey is open to **all**, including:

- Tourism and other sectors of the Blue Economy
- Aquaculture
- Fisheries
- Community Groups

To complete the survey:

[Click Here to Join](#)

Or contact for survey link:

FLAG.strategies@je.gt.com

This is your local community. Please share your views.

Funding

The LAWPRO Community Water Development Fund 2024 is now open for applications

The **closing** date for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Wednesday 6th Dec 2023**.

If you experience any technical difficulties on the website, please email funding@lawaters.ie

Read more [HERE](#).

#OurEUStory Awards 2023 - Deadline Extended to 3 Nov!

Good news! We've extended the deadline for entering the #OurEUStory Awards 2023 until **Friday, 3 November at 5pm**.

Read more [HERE](#).

2023 Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Inviting Applications

The Minister of State for Community Development, Integration and Charities, Joe O'Brien, has launched a call for proposals from organisations planning projects to support the reception and integration of Third Country Nationals in Ireland.

Closing date for receipt of applications is **12 pm on Friday, 1 December 2023**.

Read more [HERE](#).

Apply Now for Local Bereavement Development Grants 2023

Irish Hospice Foundation award a number of Local Bereavement Development (LBD) grants annually. The grant aims to encourage and support collaborative bereavement developments at a local level. Already existing groups and newly formed groups are eligible to apply.

Closing date: **5pm on Friday, 17 November 2023**

Read more [HERE](#).

Hybrid Social Finance Loan 2023 – 2024 Opens for Applications

Are you a Social Enterprise that is looking to increase your financial sustainability and develop a credit record? Rethink Ireland will award up to 20 social enterprises through the Hybrid Social Finance Loan.

Upcoming Q&A sessions:

Friday 10 November at 12 pm: [register](#)

Thursday 23 November at 1 pm: [register](#)

Questions can be also directed to hybridsocialfinance@rethinkireland.ie

deadline for applications is 8 December 2023 at 1 pm via the [Rethink Ireland website](#).

Read more [HERE](#).

Applications Now Being Accepted for EU Just Transition Fund

On behalf of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, Pobal is now inviting applications for the EU JTF Local and Regional Economic Strategies Support Scheme.

Deadlines for applications:

Category 1 'Ready to go LA-led' LECP and Category 2 REP applications: 24 November 2023

Category 1 LECP: Concept Papers: 17 November 2023 and Formal Applications: 23 January 2024.

This funding is open to organisations operating in the EU JTF Territory: **Ballinasloe**, Galway.

Read more [HERE](#).

Festivals Investment Scheme - The Arts Council

Closing date: **17:30, Thursday 23 November 2023.**

The Arts Council announces round two of the Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS) for festivals that commence between 1st of July 2024 and 31st of December 2024.

Read more [HERE](#).



EIL Explore funds overseas intercultural learning adventures which challenge participants to become global citizens

EIL Explore is a programme that supports participants with an interest in global issues to travel abroad for the purpose of volunteering, cultural immersion, or language education through a variety of awards.

Read more [HERE](#).

Global Citizenship Education Grant funding

Irish Aid issues a call for global citizenship education project proposals annually. The Global Citizenship Education Grant Scheme is open to Irish-based organisations only.

Grants are allocated in the range of €10,000 to €180,000 annually. In 2024, applications can be submitted for projects with a duration of one, two or three years.

The **2024 Global Citizenship Education Grant** call for proposals is now open.

Read more [HERE](#).

FUNDING FOR TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: A ROADMAP TO ERASMUS+

The Wheel - Online information session, 22 Nov 2023 – 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Read more [HERE](#).

This event is FREE.

Erasmus+ is the EU's funding programme for education, training, youth and sport. It provides a variety of opportunities for Irish civil society organisations and communities to collaborate with European partners to develop and innovate. One of the programme's target audiences is community & voluntary organisations - their staff and service users alike.

BIGGER, BETTER & BOLDER FUNDRAISING: CREATING A FUNDRAISING STRATEGY - 22 NOVEMBER 2023 (ONLINE WORKSHOP)

The Wheel - Online Workshop. Read more [HERE](#).

There is a charge for this workshop.

The Sport Energy Support Scheme (SESS)

Sport Ireland have launched a third phase of the Sports Energy Scheme to support sporting organisations with the rising energy costs associated with the provision of sport e.g., indoor activity in winter, the provision of outdoor floodlighting etc.

Through Local Sports Partnership's, this phase will target community owned sports facilities which do not currently

qualify for TBESS or other Government support schemes through DRCD, Local Authorities etc.

The Eligibility period will relate to increased costs sustained between September 1st 2022 and July 31st 2023 VS September 1st 2019 – July 31st 2020

Clubs or facilities affiliated to Sport Ireland recognised National Governing Bodies should access support directly through their NGB, ie GAA, FAI etc.

General cost of living increases such as rising costs in accommodation, rent, rates or labour costs are not eligible. Fuel costs associated with machinery, vehicles, travel or transport do not qualify.

To register for this grant, please click here; <https://form.jotform.com/galwayactive/SESSPHASE3>

For more information, please contact galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie

Housing Adaptation Grant

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability is a grant for people with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability.

It provides funding so you can improve how you enter and move around your home.

Read More [HERE](#).

Galway County Council Grants

Housing Aid for Older People

Read more [HERE](#).

Housing Adaptation Grant

Read more [HERE](#).

Community & Social Enterprise Loan Features - Western Development Commission:

- Loan Amounts from €25K to €200K over a maximum of 10 Years (exceptions are on a case-by-case basis).
- Purpose of Loans include Community Hall Restorations, Job Creation initiatives (Including enterprise space), Sport, Circular Economy Social Enterprises, Health & Wellbeing, Childcare, Arts & Heritage, Equipment Purchase, Buildings/Premises Purchase, development of outdoor recreation community projects.
- Purposes can also include Green Energy themed Projects such as Community Gardens, Recycling Programs, Energy Conservation Campaigns, Water Conservation Initiatives, Eco Friendly initiatives, Green Transportation initiatives, Renewable Energy Projects, Green Community Building initiatives.
- Purpose of Loans can be broad and wide and must include new activity/new project. We do not refinance existing finance nor provide loans for feasibility studies.
- We provide two types of community loans: Bridging Loans for LEADER based Grants (only) and Term Loans for many purposes.
- We don't seek Personal Guarantees, Charge Arrangement Fees, and a lot of our loans are unsecured (each loan is assessed on its own merits).
- Your organisations must be based within one the following counties: Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Galway or Clare.
- Pricing of Loans – 1% APR on Bridging Loans – 3% APR on Term Loans.
- Your loan will be managed through our Portal (link below) where you can apply and upload the relevant information.

Next Steps

Log your enquiry/application through our link below.

<https://westerndevelopment.ie/investment-funds/investment-management-portal/>

and this will trigger a phone call from **Community & Green Finance Manager -Anne Graham** to discuss the detail of the application.

Contact Details: **087- 266 3711** Email: annegraham@wdc.ie

It is never too early to have a chat with your Community & Green Finance Manager.

Training

Disability Awareness Training- Inclusive Community Groups

Lionsra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

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Galway Disability Forum

ONLINE TRAINING
**INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY
GROUPS**

Monday, 20th November
15.00 - 16.30

Topics include

- The principles of Inclusion
- Communication
- Building Accessibility
- Group Management and planning of Activities
- Case Studies

Guest Speaker: Carmel Craven (expert by experience)

Register now!

FREE Online Training for PPN Members.

Topics Covered

- The principles of Inclusion
- Communication
- Building Accessibility
- Group Management and planning of Activities
- Case Studies

Guest Speaker: Carmel Craven (expert by experience)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAsdOuhqDIsHdFk5vp9wglCVFNKoHq8Xj43>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Wheel - Training for PPN Members / The Wheel Members

Galway County PPN are signed up to The Wheel. PPN Members can access some free trainings provided by *The Wheel*.

Community Groups can sign up with *The Wheel* directly to access all their free services.

Information on Trainings available at <https://www.wheel.ie/training>

4 FREE training supports for clubs and groups in Galway City and County.

Galway Sports Partnership have linked with [Volunteer Galway](https://www.volunteer-galway.com/) to arrange 4 FREE training supports for clubs and groups in Galway City and County.

The training is designed to help get the best from volunteers within your club.

For our first set of courses, we have focused on leadership, finding and recruiting volunteers, social media and managing diversity.

All courses are on-line, and one individual can attend all 4 or people from your club attend individual courses as is appropriate for their position within your club.

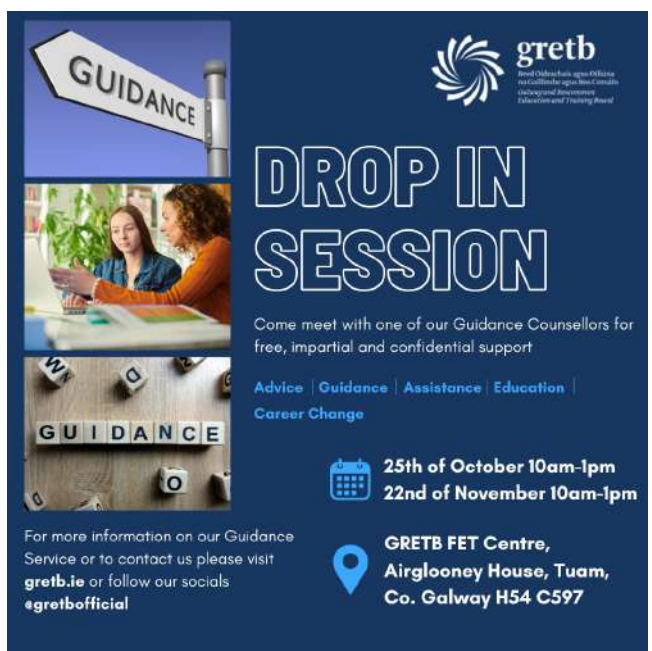
The courses are funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund through the Volunteer Supports programme with [Sport Ireland](#)

See our events section for more details.

Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Sports Club or Organisation – Wednesday **November 8th**, 7-9pm - Register [HERE](#).

Finding and Keeping Volunteers for Sport Clubs and Organisations - Wednesday **November 15th**, 7-9pm -Register [HERE](#).

Managing Diversity in Sports Clubs and Organisations - Wednesday **November 22nd**, 7-9pm - Register [HERE](#)



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Moycullen

Introduction to Irish Sign Language (ISL)

New course starting soon!

Learn the basics of Irish Sign Language in this free 6-week introductory course.

Apply now, Scan QR Code or go to [www.fetchcourses.ie](#) Using the code/keyword **406516**



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Bursary Fund

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Community Work Education and Training

Are you working as a community worker, manager of a community work organisation or undertaking community work duties in an associated role in an organisation with a community development mandate?

Do you have a degree but not a professional community work qualification?

Are you interested in pursuing a postgraduate professionally endorsed community work qualification.

If so the AIEB bursary fund supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development may be of interest to you. Read more [HERE](#).

FREE Digital Literacy Courses

Dereck Carolan, technology Trainer for NCBI, can help and support communities, specifically people with low sight or no sight and their families.

Website: <https://www.ncbi.ie/supporting-you/technology/ncbi-labs/>

Services Offered

- Group training courses, projects, and talks that will enable the low-vision and no-vision community to access their local area.
- Technology assessments and demonstrations.
- Technology clubs and webinars.

"Are you ready to embark on a journey towards digital empowerment? NCBI Labs is thrilled to announce our FREE Digital Literacy Courses, designed to equip people with essential digital skills! Course topics include computers and the internet, using a smartphone, connecting with others, entertainment and shopping, hobbies and travel, and online banking."

To discuss further how we can work together moving forward. Please feel free to contact: dereck.carolan@ncbi.ie or 086 608 6771.

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2023-2026

Providing pathways for women to return to education, employment or self-employment.

Come and join us at our Information mornings

📍 8th November 2023 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | ARD Family & Community Resource Centre, Doughiska, Galway.

📍 14th November 2023 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Árd Rí House Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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- Learn about Programs & Scholarships

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Disability, Integration and Youth



Information on Springboard Courses

www.springboardcourses.ie providing 11,000 free or heavily subsidised college courses for unemployed, self-employed or returners to work.

Courses are free for the unemployed, previously self-employed and returners to the workforce.

For others, 90 per cent of the course fee is funded by the Government, with participants required to contribute just 10 per cent of the fee. **Helpline – 1800 303 523**

The Springboard+ system will open for course applications on Wednesday 7th June.

Experienced guidance counsellors will be available to advise potential Springboard+ and HCI Pillar 1 participants on their options on the freephone Springboard+ helpline.

Candidates who wish to participate in Springboard+ 2023 or HCI Pillar 1 courses will find full details on the approved courses on www.springboardcourses.ie. Applications are now open.

Notice Board / Events

New Term in Moycullen Community Centre

We are starting our new term in Moycullen Community Development Association Community Centre. There are lots of weekly activities, as well as once-off events and bookings, taking place here in Áras Uilinn this term and we have a timetable leaflet with details.

For more information on the activities in our Áras Uilinn centre, we can be contacted by calling in to the community office, calling (091) 555626, or emailing us at info@moycullen.net



Ionad Pobail Maigh Cuilinn FPMC (Áras Uilinn)

Gníomháíochtaí

Méan Fómhair – Nollaig 2023

Luain go hAoine

Naíonra	9rn – 1in	Óige
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Dé Luain

Grúpa Gníomháíochta agus Sóisialta	10.30rn – 12.30in	Daoine Fásta
Scoil Stáitse Phoenix	2.45in – 4.45in	Óige
Bóiní Dé	6in – 7in	Óige
Brownies	6in – 7.15in	Óige
Club Fichile	6.30in – 7.30in	Óige
Ranganna Beiriste	7.45in – 9.45in	Daoine Fásta

Dé Máirt

Ranganna Ealaíona Key to Arts	2.30in – 7.15in	Óige
Power Soccer	4in – 8in	Óige
Qi Gong	7.30in – 8.30in	Daoine Fásta
Íoga	7.45in – 9.45in	Daoine Fásta
Cumann Ceoil	8.30in – 10in	Uile

Dé Ceadaoin

Reifléacseolaíocht Leanbh	10.30rn – 11.30rn	Leanaí
Damhsa Gaelach	1.30in – 4.45in	Óige
Ranganna Fuála Project Fashion	3.45in – 7.30in	Óige
Drumadore	4in – 8in	Óige
Girl Guides	7in – 8.30in	Óige
Church of Christ	8.30in – 10.30in	Uile

Déardaoin

Ranganna Ealaíona Luibheolaíoch	10rn – 12.30in	Daoine Fásta
Damhsa Gaelach	2.30in – 3.30in	Óige
Damhsa Gaelach	5in – 7in	Óige
Karate	5in – 7in	Óige
Zumba	7in – 8in	Daoine Fásta
Biongó	7.30in – 9.30in	Daoine Fásta

Dé hAoine

Grúpa Tuismitheoirí & Tachrán	9.30rn – 11.30rn	Uile
Damhsa Gaelach	1.30in – 3.45in	Óige

Dé Sathairn

Damhsa Gaelach	9.15rn – 10.15rn	Óige
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Dé Domhnaigh

Church of Christ	10rn – 1.30in	Uile
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Is féidir sonraí gníomháíochta a athrú agus tús a chur le gníomháíochtaí nua le linn an téarma. Chun na sonraí is déanaí faoi ghníomháíochtaí a fháil is féidir leat cuairt a thabhairt ar oifig an Phobail anseo i Forbairt Pobail Mhaigh Cuilinn, glaoigh orainn ar (091) 555626 nó seol ríomhphost chuig info@moycullen.net.

1923: Respond, Reflect, Rejoice Galway Public Libraries

Oranmore Library, 11am-1pm

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OCT

Material Culture of the Irish Revolution, Dave Swift from Claoimh Living History will present a wide range of replica items and artifacts from the Irish civil war era.

Tuam Library, 2.30pm-5pm

Irish Art and 1923, Alison Titley will give a talk on women artists with a focus on the 1920s.
Followed by traditional music and refreshments

19
OCT

Gort Library*, 6:30pm-8pm

Rejoice! Celebrating the poetry of WB Yeats.
Talks, poetry and music from Gerry Hanberry, Mary Clancy, Aisling Mitchell, Geraldine Mills and local poets. Refreshments.

21
OCT

Ballinasloe Library*

11am & 12pm: *Material Culture of the Irish Revolution* with Dave Swift from Claoimh Living History

2:30pm: *Continuity & Change: Some East Galway landed estates and their sources, 1900-1923*, talk by Marie Boran. Refreshments.

25
OCT

Loughrea Library*, 6:30pm

Sean O'Casey: Political Activist and Writer, talks by author Paul O'Brien and historian Mary Clancy.

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OCT

Tuam Library*, 2:30pm

Irish Film Archives newsreel will play in the library, along with an exhibition of the Tuam Herald from the time.

8
NOV

Loughrea Library, 5:30pm

Scene from *Shadow of a Gunman* by Seán O'Casey, directed and performed by students from UG Drama Dept.

9
NOV

Leabharlann na Ceathrún Rua*, 6:00i.n

Liam Ó Flaithearta agus a Chuid Gearrscéalta, léacht le Micheál Ó'Conghaile. Seoladh píosa nuachumtha ina dhiaidh, i gCuimhne Liam Uí Fhlaithearta, do phianó agus dhá fhidil le Risteárd Ó hAodha, Peadar Tom Mercier agus Róis Ní Chonghaile.

* Irish Film Archives newsreel from 1923 will be playing at the library.



All events are free of charge, no booking required

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NATURE FOR HEALTH

“FREE” Walking Programme, through Merlin Woods.



The weekly walks are a guided social outlet with elements of art, mindfulness, and nature.

Where: Merlin Woods (meeting at Doughiska Community Garden)

Starts: Friday 10th November

10am – 12pm

Participants must be over 18 years old and places are limited to max. 10 people.

To register please click this [link](#)

or contact Jason on 0879817549 or email: jason.craughwell@galwaycity.ie

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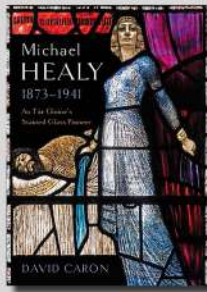
DRUM ROLL

Mountbellew Forest
parkrun

is 1 year old this Saturday Nov. 4th
Come along and join us for our
birthday celebrations.
Run, jog or walk your way around our
5km loop through the forest.
Start time is 9.30am at the picnic table.

Eircode H53 N803

**CHECK OUT PARKRUN.IE FOR
MORE DETAILS**



Art historian Dr David Caron will give a lecture on Michael Healy's ten stained glass windows in Loughrea Cathedral. Dr Caron's recently published book on Healy will be available at the lecture. The cathedral, renowned for its stained glass, has the most significant collection of Healy's windows anywhere.



FOUR COURTS PRESS
cordially invites you to a talk on

Michael Healy 1873-1941

An Túr Gloine's Stained Glass Pioneer

by David Caron

at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 11 November 2023
at St. Brendan's Catholic Cathedral,
Loughrea,
Co. Galway

RSVP: info@fourcourtspress.ie

David Caron – connection with Loughrea Cathedral

Dr David Caron's association with Loughrea Cathedral goes back over four decades. As an undergraduate at the National College of Art and Design, he wrote his dissertation in 1982 on the stained glass windows and Stations of the Cross in the cathedral. David has lectured and given tours of the stained glass in Loughrea on several occasions over the years, both in the cathedral and at other venues in the town.

The subject of David's PhD thesis at Trinity College was Michael Healy and the artists of An Túr Gloine, which he completed in 1991. Michael Healy has ten windows in Loughrea Cathedral, including his first solo window depicting St Simeon and his final large-scale work, the dramatic *Last Judgement*, one of the artist's principle triumphs.

David was one of the three original compilers of the *Gazetteer of Irish Stained Glass* in 1988, and was editor and principle author of the revised and expanded edition, published by Irish Academic Press in 2021. He regularly contributes articles on stained glass to the quarterly journal, the *Irish Arts Review*. His most recent book – and his most significant publication to date – features detailed information on all of Healy's windows in Loughrea's cathedral; it is titled *Michael Healy 1873-1941, An Túr Gloine's Stained Glass Pioneer*, and it has just been published by Four Courts Press to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the artist's birth on the fourteenth of November.



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8pm Saturday 18
November 2023
Tickets €12

Tickets: <https://IGNITEConcertClonbur.eventbrite.ie>



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Sunday 26 November
2 – 4 PM

Tickets: €22

Eventbrite:

<https://StirUpSundayClonbur.eventbrite.ie>

**FREE
EVENT**

Johnny Doherty

MEMORIES & STORIES OF SKEHANA & EAST GALWAY

A COMMUNITY LISTENING EVENT 2023

A community listening and discussion event, showcasing interviews of memory and oral history recorded in the Skehana and East Galway area with local older people over many years

7.30pm | Thursday 2nd November 2023

Skehana Community Development Complex
Eircode: H53 KT99

**FREE
EVENT**



The illustrated lecture, which will be delivered by oral historian and author **Dr Tomás Mac Conmara** is held in collaboration with the Skehana and district Heritage Group. It will also feature a presentation on the recently launched Audit of Oral Heritage Recordings by County Galway Heritage Office.

The Audit of Oral Heritage Recordings in East Galway is a project of Galway County Council Heritage Office, led by **Marie Mannion** and supported by the Heritage Council. The Audit is working with community groups, historians, and collectors to create, for the first time, a comprehensive list of oral heritage recordings made in the past, on tapes, reel to reels, VHS etc., to preserve the stories and memories of another time in Galway's past. The event in Skehana follows a similar initiative in Abbey in August, which was attended by a large crowd of heritage enthusiasts.

In Skehana, recordings undertaken by local historian, **Emma Laffey** will be played and discussed including **TJ Scanlon** talking about a local mill and its associated folklore.

In addition, **Johnny Dolly** from Kilibeg, recorded as part of the Galway Forged Gates Project will be heard speaking about his family's history of blacksmithing and his father's experience of the war of independence.

Midwifery, cillins, cutting traditional winter oats and life in the early 20th century east Galway, will be among other themes reflected.

The event is free, and anyone interested in oral history, folklore or the stories of our past are encouraged to come along.

For more information

email: macconmaraheritage@gmail.com

or ring Tomás Mac Conmara on 087 916 0373

7.30pm | Thursday 2nd November 2023

Skehana Community Development Complex

Eircode: H53 KT99

**FREE
EVENT**



AnamCara

Supporting Parents After Bereavement
Galway



Anam Cara Galway is holding their November Parent Evening in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit on Wednesday 1st November from 7.20pm to 9pm.

Anam Cara Supports all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

This informal and gentle evening gives us a chance to meet other parents, in safe and comfortable place, who understand the milestones and challenges of our grief and loss.

Would you like more information about **Anam Cara Galway** and our monthly meetings on **1st Wednesday in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit**?

Would you like details of our **Online Group, Bereavement Information Evenings** and **Family Remembrance Events**?

Would you like us to send you an **Anam Cara Information Pack** and link to our **other resources for bereaved parents**?

Contact info@anamcara.ie or call/text **085 2888 888**

Thursday, 9th November 2023



Online Training and Development Workshop 'Supporting Families through Grief and Trauma'

A one day workshop for frontline professionals in contact with bereaved families through their role. These include social workers, hospital and public healthcare workers, counsellors, family support workers, funeral directors, and Garda Family Liaison Officers

Purpose of this Workshop

To expand the understanding of how traumatic events and bereavement affect people, and what can be offered to help.

Aim of workshop

To complement each organisation's/professional's expertise in working with grief

Key Objectives of this workshop

- Explore what responses and reactions can be more complex (traumatic grief, PTSD) and require greater intervention after traumatic deaths
- Examine possible interventions that can be used following traumatic loss
- Note research findings and contemporary frameworks for supporting families through trauma
- Enhance the knowledge and skills of participants so that they can support bereaved families through their work and within their communities
- Increase awareness of the difficulties involved for bereaved families
- To realise the impact on ourselves in supporting bereaved families

This workshop takes place online, places will be limited to ensure you can engage with the facilitators. For more information, register now on this link

Grief and Trauma Workshop Please note the zoom link will be sent to you the day before this workshop.

The Workshop Facilitators



Brid Carroll, a Psychotherapist and Counselling Supervisor has extensive experience of working with family bereavement and trauma. This is through her work experience her work with the Irish Hospice Foundation, the HSE as Bereavement Liaison Officer and private practice. Brid is also the current chairperson of the Irish Child Bereavement Network.

David Trickey is a leading Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has specialises in working with traumatised children, young people and their families since 2000. He is chartered by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). He continues to focus on direct clinical work, and the training and supervision of others working with traumatised children, young people and their families.



For more information about this online workshop and Anam Cara Services in Ireland, contact us on **085 2888 8888** or **01 4045378**. Email info@anamcara.ie

Our Galway Face to Face meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 1st November** at 7.15 in the Clayton Hotel, Briar Hill.
Our online meeting for Anam Cara Galway and Mayo will take place **Monday 13th November** at 7pm.

Please see attached information flyer about our upcoming online Workshop on Thursday, November 9th for anyone in your organisation that is interfacing with family members who are bereaved in traumatic circumstances.

This workshop is relevant to:

- Garda Síochána and PSNI Family Liaison Officers
- Emergency First Responders
- Funeral Directors
- Hospital and Hospice Staff
- Emergency Departments Medical staff
- Social Workers
- Chaplains/Clergy
- Therapists/Counselors

Anyone working in Community Organisations/NGO's in contact or supporting bereaved families

If you would like to join us for this online workshop please register on this link [Anam Cara Online Workshop 9th November 2023](#). As we have to limit the number of places, we would encourage you to register as soon as possible for this event. There will be certificate for 5 CPD hours issued to all participants .

If you need any further information please get in touch with us on info@anamcara.ie or call **085 2888 888** or from Northern Ireland 028 95213120

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*parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last.
Everyone is welcome to come along.*

There will be a public meeting for the set-up of a Tuam parkrun to be held in the Ard Rí House Hotel on Tuesday November 7th from 7.00pm till 9.00pm.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting should contact Pdraig Fahey
Event Manager for parkrun Ireland on 087 2574770 or by email to padraig.fahey@parkrun.com



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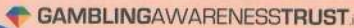
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Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out jobs in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. If someone is coming out of hospital, no matter where they live, we would support them to make sure their home is safe.

Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready for their return.

If you require work done in your home to make it safer after a stay in hospital we can help.

If you are a professional working with older people who would benefit from this service you can download a referral form from www.ageaction.ie

For all other queries about Care and Repair please contact us using these numbers:

Age Action national line: 0818 911 109
Age Action in Dublin: 01 4756989
Age Action in Cork: 021 2067399
Age Action in Galway: 091 527831
Email: careandrepair@ageaction.ie



Our population is ageing, and we must transform and adapt our health services to support older people to live independently at home. The Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme is a collaboration between Sláintecare, Local Government and Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service which takes a "home first" approach to delivering on the Sláintecare goals of providing safe and timely access to care, improving patient/service user experience and bringing care closer to home.

HAFH is a support coordination scheme that aims to enable older people to age in place, reducing the need for long-term residential care. It has four key objectives:

1. Enable older people to continue living in their home/a home more suited to their needs (right-sizing).
2. Live with a sense of independence and autonomy.
3. Be and feel part of their Community.
4. Avoidance of early or premature admission to longterm residential care.

Individualised support is provided directly by a local coordinator positioned within the local authority. Following a home-based assessment, a personal plan is agreed with each participant to support them access a range of services e.g. housing adaptation grants, home energy improvements, health appointments, befriending, community services and technology supports.

The HAFH programme has been allocated funding for national rollout and recruitment is currently underway for each local authority to host the programme.

Contact Us:

046-9248899 & healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie

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Read more about Positive Ageing and supports for older people in the links below:

<https://www.copegalway.ie/senior-support-service/positive-ageing-week/>

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/communityenterpriseeconomicdevelopment/inclusion/agefriendly/>

Age Friendly Newsletter

All Age Friendly Ireland newsletters are available on their website www.agefriendlyireland.ie

Alone Partnership Newsletter

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home.

To read the latest newsletter from **Alone**, just click the link below and click in the top corner of the Newsletter to change the page... to read click [HERE](#).

Link to Alone website here: <https://alone.ie/>

INTRODUCTION

Anyone can be the victim of fraud.

Frauds and scams often appear as legitimate approaches from businesses or people you might normally trust.

Fraudsters go to elaborate lengths to make their scams look legitimate, by posing as tradespeople, pretending to be phoning from your bank or even building bogus websites.



WHAT ARE SCAMS AND FRAUDS?

Over the phone

You might get a call from someone pretending to be from your bank or the Gardai who tells you there is an issue with your account and they need your account details. They might ask for your PIN/password or other financial information.

Face-to-Face

You will know most people who call to the door but some unsolicited callers could be trying to trick you into giving them money. This can include:

- ✓ Individuals posing as representatives of a utility company or the council;
- ✓ Individuals posing as charity workers collecting donations;
- ✓ Rogue tradespeople trying to convince you to carry out unnecessary repairs.

Online

These can include emails designed to look like they are from banks, credit card companies, utility providers or even the Revenue or the Irish Courts.

They may ask you for your personal banking details or direct you to a website which asks for this information.

Other things to look out for are emails saying you have won a prize or have received an inheritance.



Website: <https://www.ageaction.ie/>

Tips for protecting yourself against frauds

Door-step security

- ✓ **Always** ask any unfamiliar callers for identification.
- ✓ If you are not sure about a caller, ask them to leave their contact details and then check afterwards. **Genuine** callers will be happy to comply.
- ✓ If you are suspicious about a caller at your door call the Gardai.

Online

- ✓ **Always** log out of your email or bank account when you are finished.
- ✓ Delete any emails from individuals or organisations that look suspicious.
- ✓ **Never** click on links that direct you to a bank's login screen.
- ✓ **Never** give out your bank or personal details to claim a prize, inheritance or other reward.

Over the phone

- ✓ Your bank will **never** ask for your PIN or online banking details over the phone. If you are asked for that information by a caller, hang up and let your bank know.
- ✓ Make sure you have definitely hung up after a suspicious call and never call someone back on a number provided by the caller. **Always** try to source the number independently.

DON'T STAY SILENT

If you are concerned about fraud speak to someone at your bank or contact your local Garda Station or in an emergency dial 999 or 112

You can also contact Age Action's Information Service

Age Action Information Service

Call: 01 475 6989 Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Website: www.ageaction.ie Email: helpline@ageaction.ie

Keep Control is a campaign developed by older people, for older people. It will help you to protect yourself from financial abuse and bullying. More information is available at: www.keepcontrol.ie

Barnardos Boarded Out Practical Support Service for Adults

Supported by Tusla

Boarded Out is a term used to describe children who were fostered or raised with families other than their own in Ireland.

This happened mainly between 1920 - 1970. There was also a practice of being **nursed out**, where infants were placed with women who could care for them.

Some children were boarded out up to the introduction of the **1991 Child Care Act**. While many children were boarded out on farms in rural areas, children were also placed in homes in larger towns and cities.



What support can this service offer me?

If you have experience of being boarded out, you can avail of Barnardos free and confidential service offering a wide range of practical supports, including:

- Support to access health, community and social services
- Support with isolation and loneliness
- Assistance in filling out forms and grant applications
- Advocacy, information and signposting

Contact Us Today

www.barnardos.ie
birthhistory@barnardos.ie
(01) 813 4100



7 WAYS A.S.S.C. SUPPORTS CHILD VICTIMS OF CRIME



www.assc.ie
support@assc.ie
087 993 7392

01 FORENSIC ON SITE SUPPORT

A.S.S.C. volunteers support young people and their families when they attend the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit in the Rotunda, Dublin.



02 BARNAHUS WEST "ONE HOUSE"

A.S.S.C. volunteers support young people and their families when they attend the Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Treatment Unit in Barnahus West.

A.S.S.C. has a Youth Advocate within the Barnahus team providing support to young people.



03 CRISIS SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Empathic client-led phone support for the young person's carer coming out of the forensic unit after disclosure of child sexual violence.



04 COURT ONSITE SUPPORT

A.S.S.C. volunteers support young people and their families when they come to testify at court.



05 THE NORMALISATION OF THE CRIMINAL COURT PROCESS

- Facilitate a visit to the court prior to a trial
- Accompaniment during trial time
- Post-trial support around sentencing and case outcome



06 ADVOCACY FOR FAMILIES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Phone advocacy support for families as they negotiate the Criminal Justice System for a child, who is a victim or witness to a crime.



07 A.S.S.C. ACCOMPANIMENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY NEGOTIATE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

An Baineán Dlí agus Cúir
Department of Justice





WHAT WE DO

- Community Supports
- Health & Wellbeing Programmes
- Advocacy & Representation
- Education & Awareness

Supporting the LGBTI+ community in Galway City & County

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@AmachLGBT

CONTACT US

info@amachlgbt.com www.amachlgbt.com
089 4975162

PARENTS GROUP

for parents/guardians of LGBTI+ young people

MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

- A safe non-judgemental space to get support
- To have discussions
- To share experiences

CONTACT HELEN TO JOIN THE GROUP
Email: helen.butler@youthworkgalway.ie or
Text/WhatsApp: 086 107 9590







Pieta provide professional one-to-one therapeutic services to people who are in suicidal distress, those who engage in self-harm, and those bereaved by suicide. All services are provided free of charge and no referral is needed.

- Call free **1800 247 247**
- Text **HELP to 51444**

GP and Emergency Supports

The supports offered by various agencies listed above and overleaf are for individuals who are feeling worried or anxious about their mental health. For people who have complex mental health needs, access to help continues to be through your GP or health centre or hospital emergency services as detailed below.

GP and health centres

- A GP can offer support and advice around a range of mental health issues including feelings of sadness, anxiety, self-harm and psychosis. A GP can tell you about supports in your community and also refer you to counselling or to a mental health service.
- Find a service near you on the HSE website: www2.hse.ie/services/find-a-gp/
- Or contact the Out of Hours service by searching here: www2.hse.ie/Apps/Services/GpOutOfHours.aspx

Hospital emergency services

Go to or call the emergency department of your local general hospital.

Telephone emergency services

You can contact emergency services on **999** or **112**.

YourMentalHealth.ie

provides information and signposting on all mental health supports and services that are available nationally & locally provided by the HSE and its funded partners.

You can also call the **freephone YourMentalHealth Information Line** to find supports and services

1800 111 888
(any time, day or night)

"It's okay not to be okay, and it's also okay to ask for help."



Mary Butler T.D.
Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People



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Mental Health and Wellbeing Information



Mental Health and Wellbeing Information

A small number of projects to support mental health are listed here. There are many additional mental health supports listed on the HSE website or supports can be found by calling the freephone number (details on back of leaflet).

Childline

Childline (ISPCC)

- Ireland's 24-hour national listening service for young people up to the age of 18
- Freephone **1800 666 666** (any time, day or night)
- Text **50101** (from 10am to 4pm every day)
- Chat online at www.childline.ie (from 10am to 4pm every day)



BeLONg To Youth Services

- BeLONg To provide support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI+) young people in Ireland between the ages of 14 – 23 years
- Text LGBTI+ to **086 1800 280** to chat in confidence with a trained crisis volunteer (anytime day or night, standard SMS rates may apply)
- Visit www.belongto.org for more information

JIGSAW Young people's health in mind

Jigsaw is a mental health charity focused on providing expert advice and support, online and in person, to young people across Ireland aged 12 – 25 years-old.

- Find a Jigsaw near you by visiting jigsaw.ie/services
- Talk to one of our team through 1:1 Live Chat by visiting jigsaw.ie/livechat
- Contact our support line on freephone **1800 JIGSAW (544729)** (1pm to 5pm Mon to Fri)
- Text **CALL ME to 086 180 3880** and one of our team can call you back when it suits you
- Visit jigsaw.ie for more information or email help@jigsaw.ie



- Barnardos provide a national telephone support service for parents, in response to the challenges they are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic. Freephone **1800 910 123** (from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday)
- Barnardos also provides a children's bereavement helpline service, for all members of the public telephone **01 473 2110** (from 10am to 12pm, Monday to Thursday). Referrals will be accepted for children up to the age of 18 who have parental/carer's consent



- SpunOut.ie provides a wide range of articles and information for young people aged 16 – 25 years, on many different topics, including mental health
- Free-text **SPUNOUT to 50808** to chat anonymously to a trained volunteer 24/7
- Visit www.spunout.ie for more information



- Aware undertakes to create a society where people affected by stress, depression, bipolar disorder and mood-related conditions are understood, supported, free from stigma, and are encouraged to access appropriate therapies
- Free phone **1800 804848** or email supportmail@aware.ie

SAMARITANS

- Freephone **116 123**
- The Samaritans telephone service is available 24 hours a day. For confidential, non-judgmental support email jo@samaritans.ie
- Visit www.samaritans.ie for details of the nearest branch



MyMind provides free online and phone supports, psychotherapy services for children, adolescents and adults under the **COVID-19 project**. Clients of age 16 and above can use free-of-charge online counselling.

If you would like to book an appointment you can do so by contacting MyMind through email at hq@mymind.org or calling the office at **0766 80 10 60** (9am – 5pm). For more information, please visit: www.mymind.org

text about it 50808

50808 is a first of its kind for Ireland: a free 24/7 text service, providing everything from a calming chat to immediate support for people going through a mental health or emotional crisis – big or small. From breakups or bullying, to anxiety, depression and suicidal feelings, crisis volunteers are available 24/7 for anonymous text conversations. Start a conversation by free-texting the word **HELLO to 50808** any time, day or night.



Shine provides information and support through regional offices and offers counselling and support to individuals living with mental illness and their families and carers. If you are in distress or seeking information you can contact Shine at any time for confidential support at phil@shineonline.ie



Turn2Me are a community of fully qualified and accredited mental health professionals working online to provide a high quality, safe, anonymous and confidential space for you to gain support - wherever you are, whenever you need it, for whatever you are going through. Counselling options for individuals, couples and young people aged 12-17 offered. Log on to www.turn2me.ie

INTERESTED IN FAMILY HISTORY?

FREE ACCESS TO FINDMYPAST IN BRANCH LIBRARIES @

- Ballinasloe
- Galway City
- Clifden
- Tuam



Simply log-on to
www.findmypast.ie
For access to two billion family history records.

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INCLUDES The Galway Collection

Indexed Poor Law Union Collections for:

- Ballinasloe
- Clifden
- Gort
- Mountbellew
- Tuam

Also

- Portumna district Medical Register (1881-1884)
- St George Mansergh, Headford Estate Survey, 1775



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FindMyPast: Leabharlanna Brainse @

- Béal Átha na Sluaighe
- Chathair na Gaillimhe
- An Clochán
- Tuaim



Logáil isteach ar
www.findmypast.ie/
Chun go mbeidh teacht agat ar dhá
bhiliún taifead teaghlaigh.

Cairtean Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe "...caimhne ahaiciméidoch chontae na Gaillimhe a shealbhá, a chosnófaí agus a ahdasófaí in-
rochtana": <http://www.galway.ie/annam/>

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- An Clochán
- An Gort
- An Creagán
- Tuaim

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