

# April 2024

Welcome PPN members to our **April 2024** Newsletter!

*Please Share PPN Monthly Newsletters with all members of your group.*



## Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe Public Participation Network Galway County

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If you have any news to include in next month's newsletter, email [dtuite@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:dtuite@galwaycoco.ie)

**\*Submissions Deadline: 23rd of each month - for following month's issue.**

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

## PPN News

[GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS](#)



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 Phoiblí 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 gcuirfear 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 cliceáil ar 'cláraigh anois'  
ar ár suíomh Gréasáin  
<https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/>**

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

When a group registers it becomes part of the Galway 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.galwaycountypn.ie/registration-form/>

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Left to right:

**Michelle Connellan** (Vacant Homes Officer, GCC), **Carmel Kilcoyne** (Senior Executive Officer, Housing, GCC), **Cllr. Shelly Herterich Quinn** (GCC), **Gerry McDonagh** (Chairperson, Lackagh Parish Centre), **Cllr. David Collins** (GCC), **Minister Paschal Donoghue TD** (Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform), **Cathaoirleach Liam Carroll** (GCC), **Duana Tuite** (Acting Resource Worker, PPN), **Xavier Dubuisson** (XD Consulting), **Dr Orla Nic Suibhne** (SEAI), **Denise Feeney** (Community Climate Action Officer, GCC)

Representatives and speakers from Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN), Galway County Council (GCC), Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), XD Consulting and special guests, at Lackagh Parish Centre Galway, 5th April 2024, at one of a series of launch events for the **PPN Energy Master Plan for County Galway**.

Further information on the Energy Master Plan and the Register of Opportunities for community groups and individuals will be available soon through the PPN.

Special Thanks to:

[Galway County Council](#), [Galway County Council Climate Action](#), [SEAI](#), [Lackagh Parish Centre](#), XD Consulting <https://xdconsulting.eu/> and the 3 other host venues [The Mall Theatre](#), [Ballinderreen Community Centre](#), [Lawrencetown Community Hall](#) and lastly apologies to the venue we had to cancel the event in because of the weather warning, Forbairt Pobail Maigh Cuilinn [Moycullen Community Development Association](#).

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## 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](#).

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## PPN Stakeholder Training

The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

- The online only training covers the following:
- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
  - Local Government Budgets
  - PPNs and Local Government
  - Effective Participation in Consultations
  - Effective Facilitation
  - Strategic Planning
  - Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

PPN Workers

- PPN Secretariat Members
- PPN Representatives
- PPN Member Groups
- Local Authority Staff
- Elected Councillors

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link:

[Register for Training | Social Justice Ireland](#)

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Our Values



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

**the  
wheel**

Stronger Charities.  
Stronger Communities.

## PPN Supports Provided by *The Wheel*

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

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## **GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS**

Applications are now open for the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2024



Galway County Council

2024

# Cathaoirleach's AWARDS

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE CATHAOIRLEACH'S AWARDS 2024

Nominations can be made by Individual members of the public or through community groups and voluntary organisations, by e-mailing a completed Nomination Form to [awards@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:awards@galwaycoco.ie) before the closing date of Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Applications are now open for the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2024 which are an annual initiative to acknowledge the commitment of individuals and groups who participate in community and voluntary activities in County Galway and to recognise the significant impact their actions have on quality of life in their communities.

The Awards are a joint venture between Galway County Council and the Galway County Public Participation Network which has over 1,300 Member Groups carrying out a range of community and voluntary activities across the County.

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The winners of each Award Category will be announced by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Liam Carroll, at the Mayoral Charity Ball on Thursday 16th May 2024.

Application forms available [HERE](#).

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

### Local Authority: Galway County Council

An election of members for each of the local electoral areas of the above-mentioned local authority is about to be held.

Nomination papers may be obtained from the address below during the usual office hours.

A person may nominate himself/herself as a candidate or may, with his/her consent, be nominated by a proposer who is registered as a local government elector in the local electoral area of the local authority for which he/she proposes to nominate the candidate.

A nomination paper from a candidate of a registered political party must have a certificate of political affiliation attached which must be produced to me with his/her completed nomination paper.

If no certificate is attached, the candidate must, before the latest time for receiving nominations, either –

- secure 15 assents to the nomination by way of statutory declarations by local government electors registered in the relevant local electoral area (forms available from me or the registration authority), or
- make a deposit of €100 (deposit may also be made on the candidate's behalf).

The latest time for receiving nominations is 12 noon on the 18th day of May, 2024.

Completed nomination papers may be delivered to me in person by the candidate or his/her proposer at any time when I am at my office, from 10am on the 11th day of May, 2024 until 12 noon on the last day for receiving nominations.

I am required by law to attend to receive nominations between 10am and 12 noon and between 2pm and 5pm on the 17th day of May, 2024 and between 10am and 12 noon on the 18th day of May, 2024.

If the election is contested, a poll will be taken on the 7th day of June, 2024 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.

**Signed:** Michael Owens, Returning Officer

**Address:** Galway County Council,  
Áras an Chontae,  
Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX

**Date:** 11th April 2024



Notice of Election

Local Authority: Galway County Council

Further details and application forms are available [HERE](#).

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## New Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Galway County

My name is Adele Rankin, and I would like to introduce myself as the new Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Galway County.

My role is to further the Health and Wellbeing agenda for the county and to support local programs and initiatives currently being rolled out locally in support of a healthier Ireland.

I look forward to working in collaboration with national and local community groups and organisations throughout the county to further this aim.

With the summer approaching we are currently looking to progress of the **SunSmart Campaign**, a national HSE initiative, aiming to

raise awareness of sun protection and skin cancer prevention among the Irish population over the summer months.

The campaign looks to promote collaboration between community, voluntary and public sector agencies within your area to raise awareness and protect individuals from the sun and to lower the risk of skin cancer in Ireland.

One aspect of the campaign is to 'Know the UV index' which can be checked via the online global **SunSmart app** to be aware of when the UV is at 3 or above.

This application can help to ensure you are mindful of your exposure and staying safe by limiting exposure when the sun UV is at its strongest.

**Men's Health Week** is set to launch from **Monday June 10th - Sunday June 16th** which promises to deliver an engaging week of events, headed by HSE West and brought to you by different agencies throughout the county.

Men's Health events will be rolled out to promote awareness, prevention and education around improving boy's and men's health. You can avail of free and convenient health services and screenings throughout the week, to emphasise early detection and to avert or treat avoidable health problems.

If you would like to participate and support the week, please contact me on [arankin@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:arankin@galwaycoco.ie). For further information please visit the following website <https://www.mhfi.org/>

# Follow the SunSmart 5 S's to reduce your risk of skin cancer



**S**lip on clothing that covers your skin



**S**top on sunscreen on exposed areas using factor 30+ for adults and 50+ for children



**S**lap on a wide-brimmed hat



**S**eek shade – especially if outdoors between 11am and 3pm



**S**lide on sunglasses

Do not deliberately try to get a suntan.  
Avoid getting a sunburn. Never use a sunbed.



# New Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Welcome to Galway County Council's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT).

You may be aware that local authorities throughout the country are setting up *Integration Teams* and we are delighted to let you know that Galway County Council's team is now in place.

The primary role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to coordinate integration supports to:

International Protection Applicants those with Refugee,  
Subsidiary Protection or Permission to Remain,  
Programme Refugees, and  
Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (Ukrainians).

At the core of 'integration' is the opportunity to take part and feel part of what happening in your community, county and at a national level.

As we all know, many organisations have been welcoming and supporting new arrivals for many years. We will work closely with local groups and organisations to ensure that we all make the best use of the supports and resources already in place.

We really look forward to meeting you in the coming months and if you would like to get in touch at any stage in between, please send an email to [integration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:integration@galwaycoco.ie).



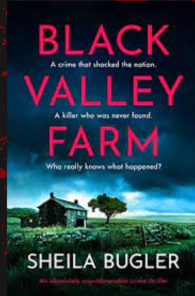


# Ballinasloe Library Crime Book Club

Invites you to welcome special guest

**Sheila Bugler**

on Friday 26th April @ 12pm



For more information please contact 091509551.

Free of charge.

No booking required.

## Innovate and Grow your Creative Business



This programme is aimed at **Craft and Design entrepreneurs** who are looking to develop and grow a commercially creative business.

- step by step approach to identifying the customers and markets that are the right fit for your business
- identify the best ways to develop a practical plan for success.



**4-day programme  
Begins April 23rd**

  
Local  
Enterprise  
Office  
Galway

[BOOK NOW](#)



[localenterprise.ie/Galway](http://localenterprise.ie/Galway)

**MOBILE WEEE (WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT)  
COLLECTIONS 2024**

WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, will hold a series of WEEE collections throughout County Galway starting **April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**. These collections will allow people from towns and villages across the county to dispose of any household electrical equipment and batteries in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) collections are scheduled for the following locations in Galway:

**TIMETABLE**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Oughterard</b> – Oughterard GAA Car Park, Pier Road, Oughterard, Co. Galway	10am - 4pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Loughrea</b> – Loughrea Mart, Station Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway	10am - 4pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Mountbellew</b> – Mountbellew- Moylough GAA Club, Mountbellew, Co. Galway	10am - 4pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Maam Cross</b> – Maam Cross Mart, Mam Cross, Co. Galway	10am-4pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Gort</b> – Gort Co - Operative Mart, Ballybawn, Gort, Co. Galway	10am - 4pm

Further information from WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeeireland.ie/contact/> or 012999320

**BAILIÚCHÁIN SOGHLUAISTE WEEE (DRAMHTHREALAMH LEICTREACH AGUS LEICTREONACH) 2024**

Tá WEEE Ireland, an scéim géilliúlachta Éireannach d'athchúrsáil ábhar leictreach agus cadhnaí, ag eagrú sraith bhailiúcháin i gContae na Gaillimhe ag tosú ar an **6 Aibreán 2024**. Is deis atá anseo do dhaoine ar fud an Chontae fáil réidh le fearais leictreach nó leictreonach ar bhealach sábháilte nach gcuireann isteach ar an timpeallacht.

Tá bailiúchán saor in aisce d'fhearais leictreachais tí cagraithe do na ceantair seo a leanas:

**CLÁR AMA**

Dé Sathairn 6 <sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2024	<b>Uachtar Ard</b> - Carrchlós CLG Uachtar Ard, Bóthar na Céibhe, Uachtar Ard, Co. na Gaillimhe	10m-4in
Dé Sathairn 13 <sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2024	<b>Baile Locha Riacha</b> - An Marglann Bheostoc Baile Locha Riach, Bóthar An Stáisiún, Baile Locha Riach, Co. na Gaillimhe	10m-4in
Dé Sathairn 20 <sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2024	<b>An Creagán</b> - CLG An Creagán - Mhaigh Locha, An Creagán, Co. na Gaillimhe	10m-4in
Dé Céadaoin 27 <sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2024	<b>An Teach Dóite</b> , - An Marglann Bheostoc An Teach Dóite, An Teach Dóite, Co. na Gaillimhe	10m-4in
Dé Sathairn 4 <sup>ú</sup> Bealtaine 2024	<b>An Gort</b> - Marglann Bheostoc Comharchuman An Ghoirt, An Baile Bán, An Gort, Co. na Gaillimhe	10m-4in

Chun tuilleadh eolais déan teagmháil le WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeeireland.ie/contact/> nó 012999320.

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/>

**Understanding Autism**  
A guide for parents of a child who is waiting for a diagnosis or who has been diagnosed with autism



**Healthy Ireland**  
at your Library



**Thursday**  
**18th April 2024**  
**11:15**  
**Ballinasloe Library**

**This is a free event open to all**

Hosted by Galway Public Libraries as part of the Healthy Ireland At Your Library programme



**April**  
in  
**Tuam Library**  
093 24287  
tuam@galwaylibrary.ie

We will be closed on 1st April for the Easter Bank Holiday

**Crafty Corner**  
5th April  
11-12.30  
Bring your craft work & meet for a chat

**Novel Voices**  
Adult Read-Aloud novel  
12th April  
1pm

**Storytime for toddlers**  
Every Wednesday  
11am  
All Welcome

**Read Aloud Story for children**  
Every Friday  
3.30pm

**Digital Drop-in**  
Every Friday 3pm  
Drop in with any queries about digital library resources

**Young Adult Book Club**  
Saturday, 6th April  
3pm

**Breastfeeding Group**  
9th April  
10.30am

**Community Connects**  
2nd, 16th, 30th April  
11-12.30  
Tea & chat & info sessions  
All Welcome

**Age Action Computer Classes**  
Every Wednesday  
11am  
Contact Library

**Soundbites Music Session** 25th April 1pm  
Tuam Library



# 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](http://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](http://checktheregister.ie).

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

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

checktheregister.ie QR Code



Rialtas 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Other Organisation's Newsletters:



Age Friendly  
news

Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#).



# Community and Disability Newsletter



Community and Disability Newsletter - Issue Two, 26 March 2024 [HERE](#).

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YOU'RE NOT ALONE

**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/>

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## Volunteer Galway Events

**Volunteer Galway events - Read more below:**

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

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# INFORMATION SESSIONS

Citizens Information 



## Plan your future 2024

South Connacht Citizens Information Service is hosting a series of [Online Information Sessions](#) for Individuals, Families and Communities.

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
Wed. 17th April	Nursing Home Support Scheme "Fair Deal"	3.00pm	Online
Wed. 24th April	Wills and Inheritance	3.00pm	Online

To register for these events visit: <https://sccis.eventbrite.ie>

 Phone for more information  
Roscommon Citizens Information Centre  
on 0818 07 6360

 email: [fiona.kilmartin@citinfo.ie](mailto:fiona.kilmartin@citinfo.ie)



SCAN ME

South Connacht Citizens Information Service is funded & supported by the Citizens Information Board

## Clár Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh Sustainable Energy Community

### Launch of the Energy Master Plan for Ceantar na nOileán

Join us on Saturday  
April 20th at 11-1pm  
at the Community Hall  
Tír an Fhia H91 DWV1

Agenda:  
Introduction and welcome:  
*Patrick McHugh SEC lead*

Overview of Ceantar na nOileán  
Energy Master Plan:  
*Yuga Patil, EMP Consultant*

SEAI's Home Energy Retrofit Grants:  
*Susan Richardson,  
SEAI SEC Programme Manager*

One Stop Shop:  
*Leighanne Fay, Kore Retrofit*

Solar PV for Homeowners:  
*Martin Grealish, GC Electrical Ltd.*

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SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY AUTHORITY  
OF IRELAND



Clár Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh  
Clár Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh  
191 531922

# Focus on: Community & Voluntary Pillar

# Letterfrack Spring Clean

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1.00pm

Gather outside ATU Connemara/CW Reception



## International Day for Monuments & Sites 2024

free event



Abbeygormican | 11.00am



Kilboght | 12.15pm



St. Kerrills, Gurteen | 2.30pm

### Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

To celebrate **International Day for Monuments & Sites 2024**, Galway Community Archaeology Project is organising a tour to a number of sites and monuments that received Community Monuments Funding in the County of Galway.



# International Day for Monuments & Sites 2024

free event



A bus will leave Galway County Council Offices 9.30 am, pick up Oranmore, Athenry, Galway Plaza and Loughrea. We will visit Kilboght, Abbeygormican and Gurteen.

The aim is to highlight sites that would not normally get exposure and showcase community monuments at their best. Whether you are involved in community projects yourself, have an interest in archaeology, ecclesiastical heritage, want to know more about conservation projects or just have a fun day out come along and join us for the day.

This is a free event supported by Galway County Council Heritage Office.

## Bus pick-up times Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

Galway County Council Office, Prospect Hill, Galway	9.30 am
Oranmore, Orantown Shopping Centre	9.45 am
Athenry, carpark beside Kenny Park GAA Grounds	10.00 am
Galway Plaza	10.15 am
Loughrea Supervalu carpark	10.30 am
Kilreekil carpark	10.45 am
Arriving back at Galway 5.00pm	

To book go to  
Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/galway-county-community-monuments-field-trip-tickets-873472649207>

Bernie Doherty  
Galway Community Archaeologist  
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<https://field-monuments.galwaycommunityheritage.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GalwayCommunityArchaeology>

This project is funded by Galway County Council and The Heritage Council



# Tionscadal Seandálaíochta Pobail na Gaillimhe

saor in aisce



2024



Mainistir na gCorraicín | 11.00am



Chill Bhocht | 12.15pm



Gairtín | 2.30pm

## Déardaoin 18 Aibreán 2024

Tá Tionscadal Seandálaíochta Pobail na Gaillimhe ag eagrú turais chuig roinnt suíomhanna agus séadchomharthaí a fuair Maoiniú do Shéadchomharthaí Pobail i gContae na Gaillimhe chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Lá Idirnáisiúnta na Séadchomharthaí agus na Suíomhanna 2024.



# Tionscadal Seandálaíochta Pobail na Gaillimhe

saor in aisce



Fágfaidh bus Oifige Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag 9.30am agus seasfaidh sí in Órán Mór, Baile Átha an Rí, an Galway Plaza agus i mBaile Locha Riach. Tabharfaimid cuairt ar Chill Bhocht, Mainistir Ó gCormacáin agus Goirtín. Droibrigh Comhairle Pobail Ghoirtín, Grúpa Oidhreachta Reilig Chill Bhocht agus Grúpa Reilig Mhainistir Ó gCormacáin i gcomhar le Tionscadal Seandálaíochta Pobail na Gaillimhe chun maoiniú a fháil chun Pleananna Bainistithe Caomhnaithe a ullmhú agus obair chaomhnaithe a dhéanamh. Is cuma má tá baint agat le tionscail phobail tú féin, más suim agat sa tseandálaíocht nó san oidhreacht eaglaise, más spéis leat tuilleadh a fháil amach faoi tionscail chaomhnaithe nó lá deas lán le spraoi a bheith agat, seo leat in éineacht linn. Is turas saor in aisce é seo a bhfuil Oifig Oidhreachta Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag tacú leis.

Am an bus Déardaoin 18 Aibreán 2024	
Áras an Chontae, Cnoc an Radhúir, Gaillimh	9.30 am
Órán Mór, Ionad SiopaOidhreachta Oranstown	9.45 am
Baile Átha an Rí, carrchlós in aice le Tailte CLG Pháirc Kenry	10.00 am
Galway Plaza	10.15am
Baile an Locha Riach, carrchlós Supervalu	10.30 am
Carrchlós Chill Ríoch	10.45 am

Ag teacht ar ais go Gaillimh 5.00pm  
Bernie Doherty  
Seandálaí Pobail na Gaillimhe  
Fón póca: (086) 100 3888  
Ríomhphost: [g.c.archaeology@gmail.com](mailto:g.c.archaeology@gmail.com)  
<https://field-monuments.galwaycommunityheritage.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GalwayCommunityArchaeology>

Chun áit a chur in  
áirithe téigh chuig  
Eventbrite:

**Eventbrite**



<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/galway-county-community-monuments-field-trip-tickets-873472649207>

Tá an tionscadal seo maoinithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta



## Moycullen Heritage

Cumann Staire

in celebration of International Monuments Day

**Michael Gibbons Archaeologist**

will talk on

Ross Lake Crannog and Castle in its local & international context

**Tuesday 16th April, 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Aras Uilinn, Church Road, Maigh Cuilinn**

**Eircode: H91 DHW0**

**Free entry**

**Donations welcome**



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council



# ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE REFORM

The logo for the Alliance for Insurance Reform features a stylized graphic of three wavy lines in shades of green and yellow, positioned above the text.

## PRESS RELEASE

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**The Alliance for Insurance Reform calls on insurers to immediately deliver substantial and sustained reductions in insurance premiums on the back of today's Supreme Court decision.**

Speaking about the Supreme Court decision handed down today in *Delaney v the Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) & Ors*, the Chair of the Alliance for Insurance Reform, Pádraig Cribben said "the decision of the Supreme Court today affirming the constitutionality of the Judicial Guidelines is welcome news for everyone affected by high insurance premiums. The Guidelines are integral to the Government's plan to deliver cheaper insurance for all citizens, businesses, sporting organisations and the community and voluntary sector.

"Insurers have said that the uncertainty caused by the *Delaney* case has been a big factor in limiting their ability to reduce premiums based on the new Guidelines. Today's decision dispels this uncertainty and must lead immediately to substantial and sustained reductions in insurance premiums across all sectors of society."

"Today's decision also brings predictability for injured parties and their legal advisors which will reduce the necessity for expensive litigation."

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: [contact@insurancereform.ie](mailto:contact@insurancereform.ie) or Alliance CEO, Brian Hanley at 086 8620 974.

#### Notes:

1. The Alliance for Insurance Reform brings together 46 civic and business organisations from across Ireland, representing over 55,000 members, 700,000 employees, 614,000 volunteers and 374,000 students in highlighting the negative impact of persistently high premiums and calling for real reforms that will quickly reduce liability and motor insurance premiums to affordable levels and keep them that way.

\*\*\*CLOSING DATE EXTENSION\*\*\*

The closing date for Cruinniú na nÓg applications has been extended for 1 more week!

Email your application to [creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie) by 4PM on Friday April 12th.

Guidelines and Applications Forms can be found on our website <https://www.galway.ie/en/services/arts/creative/>

Please email [creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie) with any queries.

Looking forward to hearing your ideas!



## An Cúinne Gaeilge



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GHAELIGE 2010-2030  
Ár dTeanga, Ár bPobal



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



# CIORCAL COMHRÁ



## Irish Conversation Group

Gach Céadaoin / Every Wednesday @ 7:00pm starting  
17/04/2024



Ar Líne ar Zúm

Gaeilgóirí of all  
levels welcome

Clárú/Register: Seol rphost  
chuig/Send an email to:  
opt@conamaralair.ie  
riarthoirpt2024@conamaralair.ie

\*The group is limited to people  
living within the Conamara Láir  
area/ Tá na seisiún teoranta do  
dhaoine atá ina gcónaí i  
gConamara Láir



Ceardlann Smaointeoireacht Deartha D'fhiontraithe, gteic@BéalanMhuirthead, 16 Aibreán. Design Thinking for  
Entrepreneurs workshop, gteic@ BéalanMhuirthead, 16th April. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../smaointeoireacht-deartha...>

# SMAOINTEOIREACHT DEARTHA D'FHIONTRAITHE



DESIGN THINKING FOR  
ENTREPRENEURS

**16 AIBREÁN 2024**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

GTEIC@BÉAL AN  
MHUIRTHEAD

**REGISTER NOW**



Údarás na  
Gaeltachta



# 12-14 Aibreán 2024

## Féile An Phobail Inis Oírr

**Ceol  
Taispeántais  
Imeachtaí do ghasúir  
Drámaí  
Scannáin  
Spóirt  
agus curach Naomh Cobnait**

**Abras Canna**

**COMHAR COOMHÁN TEORANTA**  
Inis Oírr, Árainn, Cuan na Gaillimhe



**Athchúrsáil  
Árainn**



**COMHAR COOMHÁN TEORANTA**  
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**Bailiúchán Dramh-mhiotal**  
Dé Céadaoin 3 Aibreán 2024



**Bailiúchán Éadaí do Chlann Shíomóin**

Dé Céadaoin 10 Aibreán 2024

(Tógfaidh siad: Éadaí, bróga, leabhair, málaí láimhe,  
málaí droma, ornáidí, éadaí leapa, cuirtíní)

Níl cead: duíveanna, pilliúir, bréagáin muna bhfuil  
siad nua, nó earraí leictreach)



**Bailiúchán Earraí Leictreach**  
Dé Céadaoin 17 Aibreán 2024



**Cuir glaoch ar an oifig 099 75008**  
**le d'ainm a chur ar an liosta**



**Lá Mór Siamsaíochta agus Seoladh Phlean Teanga** Bí linn Dé Sathairn 20 Aibreán do lá mór siamsaíochta, ina mbeidh

# LÁ MÓR SIAMSAÍOCHTA

## SEOLADH PHLEAN TEANGA

Gaeilge 

Dé Sathairn 20.04.2024  
Áras Mhic Amhlaigh H91 A9PX  
15.00 - 18.00

**Seisiún Ceoil**  
*Music Session*  
(Croch leat d'uirlis cheoil)  
*(bring your own instrument)*

**Seoladh Leabhair**  
*Book Launch*

**Amhránaíocht**  
*Singing*

**Péinteáil  
Aghaidheanna**  
*Face painting*

**Scéalaíocht**  
*Storytelling*

**Sorcas Gaelach**  
*Irish Circus*

**Ealaín agus  
Ceardaíocht**  
*Arts and Crafts*

**Imeachtaí do chuile  
aoisghrúa**  
*Activities for all ages*

**Drumadore**  
*Drumming Workshop*



[www.gaeilgeabc.ie](http://www.gaeilgeabc.ie)



085 137 2447

Lá Mór Siamsaíochta agus Seoladh Phlean Teanga

Bí linn Dé Sathairn 20 Aibreán do lá mór siamsaíochta, ina mbeidh

Plean Teanga á sheoladh ag Aodhán Mac Cormaic

Ealaín agus Ceardaíocht le [Galway Art Academy](http://Galway Art Academy).

Scéalaíocht le Julie Anne de Brún

Ceardlann damhsa ar an sean-nós le hAlanagh Ní Chonghaile Ní Ghríofa

Sorcas Gaelach le [Juggle.ie](http://Juggle.ie)

Ceardlann drumadóireachta le [Drumadore](http://Drumadore)

Agus neart eile! Beidh imeachtaí ar siúl a bheas feiliúnach do pháistí, do dhéagóirí agus do dhaoine fásta!

Áras Mhic Amhlaigh, Cnoc na Cathrach

Dé Sathairn 20 Aibreán 2024



3in - 6in

Scaip an scéal, agus bí linn!

Join us on Saturday 20th April for a fun-packed day, which will include

Our Language Plan being launched by Aodhán Mac Cormaic

Arts and Crafts

Storytelling

Sean-nós dance workshop

Circus Skills

Drumming workshop

And plenty more! There will be events suitable for children, teenagers and adults!

Áras Mhic Amhlaigh, Cnoc na Cathrach

Saturday 20th April 2024

3pm - 6pm

Spread the word, and join us!

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## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AROUND US



Cé gur chaith John Kelly cuid mhór dá óige i lár na cathrach i mBaile Átha Cliath, bhí sé i gcónaí ag iarraidh filleadh ar a bhaile dúchais i mBaile Chláir na Gaillimhe.

"Bhí níos mó suim agam sa tuath agus sa nádúr," a deireann sé. "Bhí suim agam sna beithí agus sa talamh."

Tá eolas iontach ag John ar logainmneacha agus cad a ciallaíonn siad, atá cailte in aistriúcháin Bhéarla.

Mar shampla, cailleann Cnoc na Cathrach a bhrí nuair a aistrítear go Gaeilge é (Knocknacarra). Trína chumas iontach ar an nGaeilge agus ar logainmneacha, tá tuiscint iontach ag John ar an domhan thart orainn anseo in Iarthar na hÉireann.

Míle buíochas John as páirt a ghlacadh inár dtionscadal chun cainteoirí dúchais Gaeltacht an Eachréidh a thaifead.

It is fascinating to spend an hour or two in the company of John Kelly, who lives in Cloon, just outside Claregalway.

John moved back to his family village after spending much of his early years in Dublin and has a great understanding of place names 'as Gaeilge'.

The names of places around us have significant meaning in Irish, but are mostly a meaningless jumble of letters when translated to English.

For example, Knocknacarra in Galway City means 'the Hill of the City' (Cnoc na Cathrach) in Irish, but the English name does not mean anything!

John became the tenth person from Gaeltacht An Eachréidh to be interviewed by Alanagh Ní Chonghaile Ní Ghríofa and Ciarán Tierney yesterday as part of our project to interview the native speakers of this unique Gaeltacht to the north of Galway City.

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## Céard ar cheart a bheith san áireamh sa Chreat

# Opinions Sought on the Future of Irish Tourism

## Tá tuairimí á lorg faoi thodhchaí na turasóireachta in Éirinn

New Tourism Policy –  
Have your say now on  
[gov.ie/tourismpolicy](https://www.gov.ie/tourismpolicy)

#TourismPolicy

Bí sa chomhaireamh!

Céard ar cheart a bheith san áireamh sa Chreat-Pholasaí nua Turarasóireachta?

Féach [https://www.gov.ie/.../81c8b-comhairliuchan-poibli-ar.../...](https://www.gov.ie/.../81c8b-comhairliuchan-poibli-ar.../) agus roinn do chuid tuairimí linn ansin

Your opinion counts.

Have your say on the future of Irish tourism – What should be included in the new Tourism Policy Framework?

Visit <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/83fdb-public-consultation-on-new-tourism-policy-framework/>

[referrer=https://www.gov.ie/tourismpolicy/](https://www.gov.ie/tourismpolicy/) to share your views.



# AN CINEMA GAELACH

## Amhrán na Mara

4.00in Dé Céadaoin 27 Aibreán '24

Ionad an Bhlascaoid Mhóir, Dún Chaoin



Oiriúnach do leanaí 5+ le tuismitheoirí.

Níl aon chostas air ach caithfear clárú roimh ré.

Is í an Ghaelainn teanga na hócáide.

## News from the Departments

### 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](#).

#### The Walks Scheme

The Walks Scheme was launched in 2008 and is aimed at farmers, private landowners, landholders and land users. It involves the development, enhancement and maintenance of developed trails which are approved by Sport Ireland and listed on the National Trails Register.

The scheme is currently being expanded and [expressions of interest are being invited](#) until 11th October 2024.

For more information on joining the scheme please see the [Walks Scheme Information Booklet](#)

For more info read [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 Leanaí, Comhionannais,  
Michumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth

### 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

## Consultations

### LOCAL CONSULTATIONS

[LA01/24 Part 8 Application for Development at Barkhill, Woodford, Co. Galway](#)

Closes 15 Apr, 2024, 5:00pm.

Read more [HERE](#).

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**Information Leaflet - Oranmore to Train Station Active Travel Scheme**

Closes 25 Apr, 2024, 5:00pm.

Read more [HERE](#).

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A New Heritage & Biodiversity  
Plan for the County of Galway  
2024 – 2030

2024-  
2030

# HAVE YOUR SAY



Sunset In Conamara. Image courtesy of Robert Riddell

## Public Consultation

Galway County Council and Galway County Heritage & Biodiversity Forum are in the process of developing a new Heritage & Biodiversity Plan for the County of Galway 2024 – 2030.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

Galway County Council, Galway County Heritage Office Galway County Biodiversity Office Galway Community Archaeology and Galway County Heritage and Biodiversity Forum invite you to contribute to a NEW Heritage and Biodiversity Plan for the County of Galway.

Monday 15th April, 7pm – 9pm in the Oranmore Lodge Hotel H97 NN76

We want to hear what you think the plan should include.

Please come down and have your say.

Light refreshments will be served on the evening.

Read more [HERE](#).

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## **NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

### **Social Inclusion Forum 2024 - Preparatory Workshops**

Social Inclusion Forum 2024 Delivering Change and Achieving Ambition: Progress on the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020 – 2025 Core Essentials & All Themes Preparatory Workshops Invitation.

**Theme:** Preparatory Workshop on Core Essentials – with a focus on housing, healthcare and transport. Tuesday April 16th. Online from 10am to 12pm. [Register here](#)

**Theme:** Preparatory Workshop on All Themes (Communities; Employment; Disabled People; and Core Essentials). Monday April 22nd. Online from 11am to 1pm. [Register here](#)

Diary Date for those attending the Preparatory Workshop - Roundtable to summarise, finalise and agree key messages to SIF 2024, including a focus on intersectionality. Tuesday April 30th Online from 2pm to 4.00pm. A link will be shared with participants from the previous workshops.

***Delivering Change and Achieving Ambition: Progress on the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020 – 2025 will be held on May 30th in Croke Park.***

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### **Public Consultation on the Autism Innovation Strategy**

Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disability, Anne Rabbitte, has launched a further public consultation on the Autism Innovation Strategy.

Read more [HERE](#).

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### **Consultation on the Revised Energy Poverty Action Plan**

The aim of this consultation is to gather feedback on the existing Energy Poverty Action Plan and seek views to assist in the development of a revised Action Plan. Submissions can be made using our online platform.

Submissions closed 8 May 2024.

Read more [HERE](#).

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**Funding**

Club Development Grant - Galway Sports Partnership

# CLUB DEVELOPMENT GRANT 2024



SPÓRT ÉIREANN  
SPORT IRELAND

**CLOSING DATE FOR  
SUBMISSION OF  
APPLICATIONS: SUNDAY  
14TH APRIL 2024**

**See Registration Link in Bio  
Email [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie)  
for more info**



## REMINDER

Closing Date for sending your Club Development Grant application is this Sunday 14th April at 11.59pm

Online Application Form link: <https://form.jotform.com/galwayactive/CDG2024>

The Club Development Grant is here!

If you are a club or sporting organisation in Galway, you can now apply for funding up to €1,500 to support your clubs or sporting organisation to expand and develop in the areas that support our main target groups getting active and getting introduced to the club for future membership.

These main targets include:

- Women & girls
- Older adults
- Unemployed individuals
- Individuals from disadvantaged areas



- Individuals with disabilities
- Young People
- Ethnic Minorities

The online application form link can be found in our bio or on our website [galwayactive.ie](http://galwayactive.ie)  
Closing date on Sunday 14th April 2024 at 11:59pm

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Tá an Deontas Forbartha Club anseo!

Más cumann nó eagraíocht spóirt in Éirinn thú, Is féidir leat iarratas a dhéanamh anois ar mhaoiniú suas le €1,500 chun tacú le do chumann nó d'eagraíocht spóirt iad féin a fhairsingiú agus a fhorbairt sna réimsí a thacaíonn lenár bpríomh-spríocghrúpaí a bheith níos gníomhaí agus chun go gcuirfidh siad aithne ar an gcumann chun ballraíocht a fháil ann amach anseo.

Áirítear i measc na bpríomh-spríocghrúpaí seo:

- Mná & cailíní
- Daoine níos sine
- Daoine dífhostaithe
- Daoine aonair ó cheantair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste
- Daoine aonair faoi mhíchumas
- Daoine óga
- Daoine mionlaigh eitneacha

Tá nasc na foirme iarratais ar líne le fáil inár mbeatha nó ar ár suíomh Gréasáin [galwayactive.ie](http://galwayactive.ie)  
Dáta deiridh Dé Domhnaigh 14 Aibreán 2024 ag 11:59pm

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## 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](#).

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# Training

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## 2024-25 All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme

### 2024-25 All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme - APPLICATIONS OPEN

The King's Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2024/25 All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme, starting in July.

This unique fully funded programme supports the next generation of heritage skills craftspeople through training and industry placements over a 12-month period across the island of Ireland.

For more information please visit the website [HERE](#).

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **April 22nd**.

# Bus/MiniBus Driving Course



Starting: 15th April, 2024

Duration: 11 weeks

**Certification:**

- RRSA - Approved Driving Instructor Course
- PHECC - First Aid Response
- Environmental Sustainability Awareness

# Employment Skills

## Forklift, Safepass, Manual Handling & Environmental Awareness





Starting: 29th April, 2024

Duration: 6 weeks

**Certification:**

- RTITB Counterbalance & Reach Forktruck Driving
- Forklift Reach Certificate (RTITBR)
- Electric Pallet/Stacker Truck (RTITB-EPST)
- Environmental Sustainability Awareness
- City & Guilds - Health & Safety Awareness

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SST	EG 09383	414853	HGV Rigid	RSA	16	11	0	3	25.03.2024	07.06.2024	Galway	Blended	
BLE	EG L 8589	411084	CompTIA Network +	Comp TIA	20	20	0	0	08.04.2024	23.08.2024	GRETB TC	Blended	
SST	EG 11912	415172	Approved Driving Instructor	RSA	12	16	0	0	08.04.2024	26.07.2024	Galway	Blended	
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SST	GY 12182	425867	Certified Welding (Basic) - MMA, MIG & TIG	MMA/Tig/Mig	14	18	0	0	17.06.2024	18.10.2024	GRETB TC	Full-Time Training	
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SST	GY 09898	425893	CAD/CNC Milling & Turning	CAD/CNC	16	45+1	2	0	02.09.2024	18.07.2025	GRETB TC	Blended/online Classroom	
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T/SHIP	GYS 1361	419814	IT Support Specialist	IT	18	46+1	2	16	09.09.2024	18.07.2025	GRETB TC	Blended/online Classroom	
SST	EG 09383	416953	Bus/MiniBus Driving	RSA	16	11	0	2	16.9.2024	29.11.2024	Galway	Blended	
T/SHIP	EGS 8543	418952	Beauty Specialist - Tuam	ITEC	14	52+1	2	10	30.09.2024	03.10.2025	Tuam	Full-Time Training	
SST	EG 11814	420590	Cleanroom Operations & Environmental Awareness	QQI	18	7	0	0	07.10.2024	22.11.2024	GRETB TC	Full-Time Training	

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SST	EG 11883	419191	Security Studies	QQI	20	16+1	0	0	21.10.2024	14.02.2024	Galway	Fully Online	
Blend	EGL 9152	416996	CCNA - Cisco Solutions	Cisco	15	16	0	0	4.11.2024	28.3.2025	Blend/Online	Blended	
Blend	EGL 0069	419485	Visual Design with Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator	Adobe	20	20+1	0	0	4.11.2024	18.3.2025	Blend/Online	Fully Online	
SST	GY 12182	425881	Certified Welding (Intermediate) - MMA, MIG & TIG	MMA/Tig/Mig	14	18+1	0	0	11.11.2024	21.03.2025	GRETB TC	Full-Time Training	
SST	EG 09383	419486	Bus/MiniBus Driving	RSA	16	11+1	0	2	18.11.2024	07.02.2024	Galway	Blended	
<b>GRETB COURSE RECRUITMENT</b>													
<b>CONTACT DETAILS:</b>				<b>GRETB Training Centre, Mervue, Galway</b>									
			Patricia O Farrell 091 706288										
			Shirley Treacy 091 706277										
			Eimear Coleman 091 706269										
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			Guidance Freephone: 1800 140 242										
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# Master of Social Science Community Work & Youth Work

'Journey to Justice'

## INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, 22nd April

19.00-20.00

Join here: <https://bit.ly/3xcXAHP>

Learn more about this programme and career prospects. Join current & past students for an interactive session.

We welcome applications from a variety of backgrounds.



## WHY APPLY?

- Dual endorsed professional qualification.
- Block learning on campus.
- Full-time fieldwork practice placements.
- Research practice project.
- Student centered Department.
- Practice informed academics.
- MU team teaching award 2022.
- Focus on social justice & human rights.

Graduates are working in community work & youth work, climate & environmental justice, working with Travellers & Roma, migrant rights, LGBTQ+, anti-racist & intercultural work, politics, public policy, education, training & more.

- We are the only provider of Community Work and Youth Work education at postgraduate level in Ireland.
- No requirement for undergraduate qualification in Social Science.

E: [cywrecruitment@mu.ie](mailto:cywrecruitment@mu.ie)



## PPN Stakeholder Training

The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government

- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

- PPN Workers
- PPN Secretariat Members
- PPN Representatives
- PPN Member Groups
- Local Authority Staff
- Elected Councillors

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link:

[Register for Training | Social Justice Ireland](#)

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## 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* to access their free training/services.**

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

## PPN Supports Provided by *The Wheel*

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

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## FREE Digital Literacy Courses with NCBI

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.

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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## Information on Springboard Courses

[www.springboardcourses.ie](http://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](http://www.springboardcourses.ie). Applications are now open.

# Notice Board / Events



**Community led wetland conservation networking workshop**

*Exploring collaboration between community groups and local authorities*

Moore Community Centre, Ballydangan, Co. Roscommon, N37 HT68

**10:30am, Thursday 18th April**

Workshop & networking event with local authorities and community led wetland conservation groups

VISIT [WWW.COMMUNITYWETLANDSFORUM.IE/EVENTS](http://WWW.COMMUNITYWETLANDSFORUM.IE/EVENTS) OR EMAIL [DEVELOPMENT@COMMUNITYWETLANDSFORUM.IE](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@COMMUNITYWETLANDSFORUM.IE)




**Community led Wetland Conservation Networking Workshop**

10:30	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>
11:00	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barry O'Loughlin, Clare Biodiversity Officer</li> <li>Barry Tapster, Roscommon Climate Action Officer</li> <li>Michael Carroll, Tullamore Lions Club</li> <li>Patricia McCreesh, Monaghan Biodiversity Officer</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Tea, Coffee, Networking</b>
12:15	<b>Opportunities and challenges for community led wetland conservation</b> <i>Discussion hosted by Catherine Casey, Head of Climate Change, The Heritage Council with Foreword by Liam Scott, CARO.</i>
1:25	<b>Launch of CWF Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026</b>
1:45	<b>Lunch followed by CWF CLG AGM &amp; site visit of Ballydangan Bog</b>



Calling all **CLIMATE HEROES**

Join our **FREE** community challenge!  
15th - 26th April 2024

- Log climate-positive actions
- Compare, compete and connect
- See the 'big picture' & take action

Register at [climateheroes.ie](http://climateheroes.ie)




Is your community group  
a team of  
**CLIMATE HEROES?**  
Join our community challenge!

- Act together to log climate-positive actions
- Compare, compete and connect with groups nationwide
- See the 'big picture' and connect it to your community

www.climateheroes.ie

Participation is FREE OF CHARGE  
for community groups all over Ireland

**15th - 26th April 2024**

**Irish Aid**  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
An tAid Gníomhaíoch

**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

## Connecting Through Our Shared Landscape - Community networking event invite

I'd like to invite your PPN groups to a community networking event that I am hosting in South Roscommon in collaboration with the Uí Máine Kingdom Group. It is open to all community groups and individuals, not only environmental groups.

The event, Connecting Through Our Shared Landscape, will include a biodiversity walk in the karst region of South Roscommon. It will highlight this nationally significant landscape, explore the unique habitat and what lives there, and discuss how people and communities use and protect the land. There will be a focus on meeting others, and I would like to invite community groups who are doing environmental work to take advantage of the tables available for groups to showcase their work.

Here is the link with more details and to register for the event: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/connecting-through-our-shared-landscape-tickets-876548840177>

If groups would like to take a table, or would like some table space to display posters etc please ask them to email me at [catherine@ien.ie](mailto:catherine@ien.ie).

## SIRO Pollinator Project- Applications open for schools in your area

We're excited to share a fantastic opportunity for schools in your area to participate in Ireland's largest and longest-running pollinator education program, the Pollinator Project, run by Biodiversity in Schools and by SIRO, Ireland's 100% fibre broadband network.

### What is the Pollinator Project?

This project empowers young people to become "pollinator ambassadors" for their schools and communities. Through free engaging workshops and teaching kits students learn about the importance of pollinators and take bee-positive actions on their school grounds. Schools can also compete for the chance to win the Gold Bee Trophy and a €500 garden supplies voucher!

### Spread the Buzz!

We kindly request your help in promoting this program to pre, primary, and secondary schools in your area. By participating, students will gain valuable knowledge about the importance of pollinators and contribute to a healthier environment.

Pollinator Project and competition details:

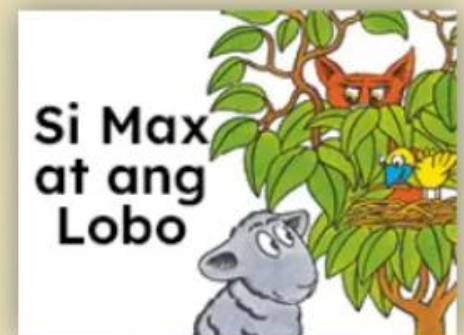
<https://siro.ie/about-us/sustainability/>

Registration Deadline: April 26th, 2024

# Check out **LOTE** **4Kids**

A digital collection of picture books in a diverse range of world languages including sign language available with your library membership!

**Si Max at ang Lobo**  
Max and the Fox  
(Level 3)



Pilipino

English

Bilingual



## Supports



## Is there a **Mental Health Peer-Supporter** available in your club or association?

Cycle Against Suicide's **free\*** online Mental Health Peer-Support Training equips the everyday person with the step-by-step tools to give mental health support to their peers.

**Train in Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide to:**

- Gain a better understanding of what peer-support is and its role in maintaining good mental health within our communities.
- Learn how to use peer-support if someone in your club, association or community needs mental health support.



### **Become Your Club/Association's Mental Health Peer-Supporter!**

For dates and times of training, or to express interest email: [training@cycleagainsuicide.com](mailto:training@cycleagainsuicide.com)

Or register directly online with this QR code or at:

[www.cycleagainsuicide.com/community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainsuicide.com/community-buddy/)



"It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help."

\* Offered free of charge to any community volunteer who is over 18 and a non-healthcare professional, such as volunteers of local community clubs or associations, sports clubs, book clubs, arts clubs, Tidy Towns, Men's Sheds, parents' associations, residents' associations, and any group dedicated to engaging in their community's health and wellbeing.

New dates for our training in Mental Health Peer-Support to all the community clubs and associations in your network.

This training is offered free to all community volunteers in a drive to bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Our next scheduled dates:

**Course: Cycle Against Suicide's *free\** Community Mental Health Peer Support Training**

**Delivery: Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks**

**Dates:**

Option 1: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd - Spaces available

Option 2: June: Mon 10th, Wed 12th & Mon 17th, Wed 19th - Open now

Option 3: September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct - Open now

To register: [www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)

or email: [training@cycleagainsuicide.com](mailto:training@cycleagainsuicide.com)

\*Training is free to over-18s, non-healthcare professionals who volunteer in a community club and association.

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Talk by Tony O' Reilly who stole 1.75million from work to fund his gambling addiction



# OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING



Martin Dunne  
Counsellor &  
Psychotherapist,  
Galway Problem  
Gambling  
Support

Tuesday 14th  
November,  
Anglers Rest  
Hotel  
7.30pm



**National Learning Network**  
*Investing in People, Changing Perspectives*

Do you suffer from Anxiety?  
Is it affecting your quality of life?  
Are you unemployed?  
Would you like help?

If the answer to the above questions is YES and you feel you need help. You should consider doing:

**THE FRESHSTART PROGRAMME**

FRESHSTART is a Personal development programme that will TEACH YOU how to get on with your Life. You will also get the chance to attain a QQI Major award.

To learn more Email: [dave.scully@nlm.ie](mailto:dave.scully@nlm.ie)  
Or Call (091) 781265 and leave a message.

**FRESHSTART**  
*Some things cannot be learned ONLINE*

# VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TUTORS NEEDED

**VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES  
THROUGH CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES**

**MEET NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**TEACHING OR TEFL/ESOL EXPERIENCE  
HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL**

**INFORMAL SESSIONS FOCUSED ON CONVERSATION**

**TRAINING AND RESOURCES PROVIDED**

**CONTACT:**

Jamie at [jburke@thirdageireland.ie](mailto:jburke@thirdageireland.ie)

We are there to help and support bereaved parents navigate the festive season.

Our **Galway Face to Face** meeting will be taking place

Our **online** meeting for Anam Cara Galway and Mayo will take place

If you know any bereaved parents who would like to join either of these meetings please get them to contact us on

**085 288 8888** or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie).

As always Anam Cara offer their services free of charge for as long as needed.

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# Can We

# Help?



Age Action's Care and Repair does small DIY jobs, free of charge, for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence.

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](http://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](mailto:careandrepair@ageaction.ie)

**Age Action**  
Age Equality

care+  
repair



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

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

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

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## 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/>

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# Happy Spring from the PPN Team!

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Follow us on Social Media for the latest updates - click the round buttons below !



- Website: [www.galwaycountypn.ie](http://www.galwaycountypn.ie)
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- Facebook: [GalwayCountyPPN](#) | Twitter: [GalwayCoPPN](#)
- Phone: 087 360 3379
- Email: [administrator@galwaycountypn.ie](mailto:administrator@galwaycountypn.ie)

Mobile: 087 233 0720

Email: [dtuite@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:dtuite@galwaycoco.ie)

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 23rd of each month - for following month's issue.

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



**Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe**  
**Public Participation Network Galway County**



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