



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

PPN NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

Welcome to Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) Newsletter.

Please Share PPN Newsletters with everyone in your PPN member group.

Find the latest PPN News here: <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/news/latest-news/>

To submit news & info to PPN:

Email ppn@galwaycoco.ie & write "PPN Newsletter" in the subject.

News Submissions Deadline: One Week Before Each Newsletter Issue (1st of each month)

What to Submit: approx. 50 words, contact info, link to read more, (optional) poster in **png/jpg** format.

News must be relevant to PPN Members / Community Groups / Non-Profits in County Galway.

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GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS

Galway County PPN Secretariat Vacancies

Closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms is Tuesday 1st April 2025

Galway County PPN is excited to invite nominations from its member groups for a number of **Secretariat Vacancies**. [TO APPLY SEE HERE](#)

Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025



Closing date: Friday 18th April 2025

Applications are now open for the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025 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 Public Participation Network, which has over 1,300 Member Groups carrying out a range of community and voluntary activities across the County.

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

The winners of each Award Category will be announced by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Martina Kinane, at an event in May 2025. Each Winner will receive a specially commissioned hand-crafted Award and Certificate with a cash prize of €500 towards their work.

PPN NATIONAL NEWS

Introduction to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)



What is the Local Community Development Committee and How Do You Use It?

An introduction for current and aspiring Public Participation Network Representatives

- ◆ When: **Monday April 14th, 7.30pm**
- ◆ Where: **Online**
- ◆ Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/A81GCVbJRCCUyHgEv6ib1Q>

Join us from 7.30pm to hear from Kelley Bermingham, Dublin City PPN Representative on the Local Community Development Company (LCDC). Kelley is the Community Officer at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and has served on the LCDC since 2019.

This evening she will share her knowledge and experience from her time on the committee. There will be lots of time for questions and discussion at this event, so it is perfect for anyone who is thinking of taking a role on the Local Community Development Committee, or who is a newly appointed PPN Representative.

This is also a space for anyone who has been serving on the LCDC and would like to ask about any challenges they might be facing in their own county. Together we can discuss and help each other in our roles as PPN Reps!

Please register to attend above. All are welcome, please share this event with other PPN Members and anyone who may be interested in attending.

Public Participation Networks National Annual Report 2023



The Department of Rural and Community Development has published the Public Participation Networks National Annual Report 2023. Please find below the English and Irish versions.

Public Participation Networks Roadmap



Please find the PPN Implementation Roadmap at

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/306747/7f578c93-826b-4ee3-aa20-f9c707b90ee3.pdf#page=null>



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](#).

Council & Government News

[GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS](#)



Residential Zoned Land Tax

Deadline for submissions and rezoning requests is Tuesday 1 April 2025

Galway County Council has published Final Map 2025 which identifies lands zoned for residential or mixed use liable for this tax in 2025. Landowners with land on the 2025 Final Map can make a zoning request. <https://consult.galway.ie/.../residential-zoned-land-tax...>

A Draft Map has also been published which identifies lands that may be subject to the tax in 2026. Submissions can be made by landowners <https://consult.galway.ie/.../residential-zoned-land-tax...>

The WEEE Ireland Schools Battery Recycling Competition 2024-2025



Closing date: Friday 11th April 2025

The WEEE Ireland Schools Battery Recycling Competition is open for entries until the **11th April 2025** to all primary and secondary schools in Co. Galway that collect at least 10 5kg Battery Boxes.

See [WEEE Ireland Schools Battery Recycling Competition](#) for full details.

Read more about Galway County Council services: <https://www.galway.ie/en/>

[GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS](#)

Consultations & Public Engagement

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Consultation Dunmore River Walk, Dunmore - Have your say!



Closing Date is: Wednesday 2nd April 2025

We now cordially invite you to give us your initial feedback and ideas to make the best possible enhancement plan for Dunmore River Walk for Dunmore town. For more information, please visit:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/dunmore-river-walk-public-consultation>

More Consultations from Galway County Council [HERE](#)

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Have Your Say! – Public Consultation on the Future of Rural Ireland



The closing date is: Wednesday 2nd April 2025

The Department of Rural and Community Development is developing the next phase of Ireland's rural development policy which will build on the progress made under *Our Rural Future 2021 -2025*.

We invite you to take part in our public consultation survey, available here: <https://panel.amarachsveys.ie/S2/159/DRCD2025/>

Public Consultation for the Aarhus Convention (2025) and the Pollutant Release Transfer Register (2025)



The closing date is Monday 7th April 2025 at 5:30pm

The Department of Climate, Environment, Energy have just launched the public consultation on Ireland's implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the Pollutant Release Transfer Register (PRTR).

Protocol available here: <https://www.gov.ie/.../7f0fa-launch-of-public.../>

Submission can be made by email to aarhus-decc@decc.gov.ie or by post to:

The Aarhus Unit, Department of Climate, Environment and Energy, Tom Johnston House, Haddington Road, Dublin, D04 K7X4.

Public Consultation - Suicide Reduction Policy



The closing date is: Friday 18th April 2025 at 5:00pm

A public consultation to inform the next suicide reduction policy in Ireland. Information about the public consultation can be found here: gov.ie - [Public consultation on Ireland's next suicide reduction policy](#)
Link to the survey: [Suicide Reduction Policy - Public Consultation](#)

2025 Childminding in Ireland - Survey



The landscape of childminding in Ireland is changing, with new regulations coming into effect in September 2027. Your insights are vital in shaping policies that respect the unique nature of home-based childminding. Take just 3 minutes to have your say!
rebrand.ly/xikuw62 Childminding Ireland is the National Childminding Association. www.childminding.ie, support@childminding.ie

Public Consultation on the timetable and work programme for Ireland's fourth-cycle Water Action Plan 2028 – 2033



The closing date for submissions is Friday 25 July 2025 at 5:00pm

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage invites submissions, observations and comments on the timetable and work programme for the development of Ireland's fourth-cycle Water Action Plan 2028 – 2033. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/ca50c-public-consultation-on-the-timetable-and-work-programme-for-irelands-fourth-cycle-water-action-plan-2027-2032/>

More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

Funding & Grants

!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

Galway County PPN only share information about Funding and Grants, and does NOT administer them.

If you have any queries please contact the funding administrator directly via the details provided in the advert.

If you need to know your Organisation's PPN Registration Number to apply for funding and grants, (this is a requirement for some Local Authority funding) here is how you find it:

- ◆ Go to Members Directory on PPN website <https://www.galwaycountyppn.ie/members-directory/>
- ◆ Type your group name into 'Organisation Name' box
- ◆ Find your Group (name must be exact match)
- ◆ Click 'More' to see your PPN registration number.

Online information clinics: 3rd April OR 17th April 2025 - Closing date: 15th May 2025 at 1:00pm

Rethink Ireland with the support of the JP Morgan Chase Foundation, the Department of Rural and Community Development and BNY has created a **three-year Empower Tech Futures Fund** to support up to 5 projects or organisations over 3 years that are supporting vulnerable young adults aged 18-30 into employment. The fund will support organisations that provide skills training (especially in digital and technology), and/or direct work placement into the labour market. Join one of the application clinics to find out more about the Empower Tech Futures Fund and ask any questions you may have.

Register for a clinic on 3 April OR 17 April 2025 OR Apply today at <https://buff.ly/t50sELH>

Childminding Development Grant 2025**Childminding Development Grant 2025****Now open for applications!****Closing Date: 4th April**

**Grant of up to €1,000 for Toys, Childcare,
Outdoor & Safety Equipment
IT equipment (maximum of €500)**

- Open to all potential and existing childminders
- 75 % paid in advance
- 25 % paid in arrears

*Terms and conditions apply

For more information contact us on 091 752039
or via email mail@galwaychildcare.com



An Roinn Leasú, Comhionannas,
Mhúscúlú, Lámhainneacha agus Oigéir
Department of Children, Family
Equality, Integration and Youth



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Government supporting communities



National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028



Galway Childcare Committee
From 2014 we have been supporting
childminders in Galway

Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025

Contact Galway Childcare Committee on 091 752 039 or mail@galwaychildcare.com for further information or to make an application.

Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Funding Scheme 2025**Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025**

The Small-Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Schemes are designed to assist local cultural events which may not be eligible under funding criteria for larger scale events such as those supported by Fáilte Ireland, the Arts Council and similar bodies. Funding will be allocated following a competitive applications process, with a maximum grant of €5,000 available. For more information, please visit <https://grantsandfunding.ie/small-scale-local-festivals.../>

The Nature Hero Awards**Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025**

The Nature Hero Award is Ireland's largest outdoor learning award across the education sector. It is a mark of excellence for a school recognising exceptional work by young people & teachers to help nature.

For more information, please visit <https://www.biodiversityinschools.com/nature-hero-awards.html>

Animal Welfare Grants Programme 2025

An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Heydon, TD, has invited applications from registered Animal Welfare Charities in Ireland who wish to apply for funding under the Animal Welfare Grants Programme 2025. Under the Programme, grants are provided by the Department to support the operational activities of registered Animal Welfare Charities, to support them in the delivery of their animal care and animal welfare services.

Further details, including the grant application form and the deadline for applications, are available at:

gov.ie – [Animal Welfare](http://gov.ie) or via email from: welfaregrants@agriculture.gov.ie

Creative Places Tuam Cultural Growth Fund 2025



Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025 at 12pm

This fund is open to arts organisations and groups, community organisations and groups, individual artists, individuals from the community, and creative and cultural practitioners based in Tuam. Applications can be submitted for the minimum amount of €1000 to the maximum amount of €3,000 as dependent on their needs and ambitions. Direct any queries to 086 877 4710 or

creativeplacestuam@create-ireland.ie

For more information, please visit:

<https://creativeplacestuam.ie/projects/subpage/creative-places-tuam-cultural-growth-fund/>

National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2025



Closing date: Friday 4th April 2025 at 5:00pm

Every year, the Good Causes Awards celebrate the inspirational work carried out by many volunteers, coaches, care givers and extraordinary people across Ireland, along with the organisations they represent.

Individuals, community projects and organisations who received Good Causes funding between the years 2020 and 2024 are eligible to apply. For more information, please visit lottery.ie/goodcausesawards

Creative Schools 2025



Info clinics: Wed. 9th April 16:00 - 17:00 [Book a ticket](#) - Wed. 30th April 16:00 - 17:00 [Book a ticket](#)

Closing date: Thursday 8th May 2025

Creative Schools supports primary and post-primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the hearts of children's and young people's lives. Schools and Youthreach centres that join the programme take part in a two-year guided journey to develop a Creative Schools Plan unique to their own school, and to put it into action. Please book your place at one of our online information clinics to find out more. For more information, please visit: <https://www.artscouncil.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Creative-Schools/Schools-Hub/>

Arts and Disability Connect Funding



Info clinic Round 1: Wed. 9th April at 12 noon - [Book here](#) - Deadline Round 1: Wed. 7th May at 4pm

Info clinic Round 2: Wed. 3rd Sept. at 12 noon - Deadline Round 2: Tue. 7th October 2025 at 4pm

The Arts and Disability Connect scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to be ambitious, to develop their practice and to connect with arts organisations and arts professionals in the Republic of Ireland. For more information, please visit:

Creative Clusters 2025



Closing date: Thursday 10th April 2025.

Minister McEntee invites applications from schools for funding of up to €15,000 to work together in Creative Clusters initiative. Creative Clusters supports clusters of three to five schools to work together on building capacity in creativity with the support of a specialist facilitator. The programme is open to primary and post-primary schools, including special schools, as well as YouthReach centres.

For more information and Application Form, please visit:

[Creative Clusters 2025 Department of Education Guidelines for Applications](#)

Connected Communities Fund 2025-2028

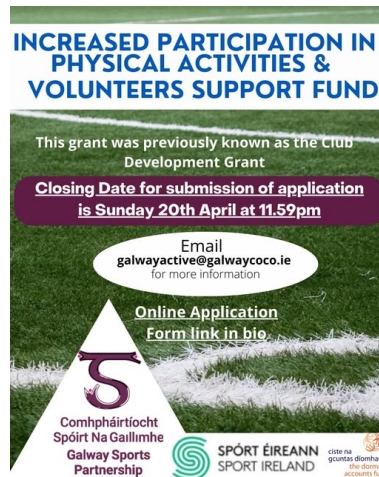
**RETHINK
IRELAND**

Deadline for applications is Friday 11th April 2025 at 1:00pm

The Connected Communities Fund is a three-year fund that aims to build inclusive and resilient communities and strengthen social cohesion across Ireland. The fund aims to promote equity and inclusion, encourage media literacy and community awareness initiatives, and empower communities to develop meaningful connections across diverse groups. For more information, please visit:

https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/connected-communities-fund-2025-2028/

Increased Participation in Physical Activities & Volunteers Support Fund 2025



Closing date: Sunday 20th April 2025 at 11.59pm

This year a mandatory meeting is taking place for all clubs / organisations wishing to apply to the Increased Participation in Physical Activities and Volunteers Support Grant (formerly known as the Club Development Grant) on **Monday 31st March at 7.30pm via MS Teams**. Clubs / Organisations will need to register for this meeting at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1291242764869?aff=oddttdcreator>

[aff=oddttdcreator](#)

PayPal Giving Fund Ireland



Deadline: Ongoing

PayPal Giving Fund Ireland helps people support their favourite charities online and raises funds to benefit charities through PayPal and other technology platforms. We receive donations and make grants to our donors' recommended charities. More info:

<https://www.paypal.com/ie/webapps/mpp/givingfund/home>

SEAI has recently launched a pilot grant scheme for the energy upgrading of traditional houses.

The pilot will provide tailored solutions for your traditional home and the upgrade options include all the technologies available to modern homes; roof insulation, wall insulation, floor insulation, windows & doors, ventilation, renewable heating (heat pumps), solar thermal, solar PV. See more info [HERE](#)

VISION SPORTS IRELAND ASSOCIATE CLUB FUNDING



Our Associate Club Programme is designed to support clubs and organisations that promote and facilitate sports for individuals with vision impairments. More info can be found [HERE](#)

Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for Older People



Changes to some housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability came in on 1 December 2024!

There were increases to: ♦ How much you can get ♦ The income limits to qualify ♦ Some of the income not considered in the means tests

These changes apply to the: ♦ Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability ♦ Mobility Aids Grant Scheme ♦ Housing Aid for Older People Grant

Find out more about these upcoming changes <https://bit.ly/HousingAdaptationGrantChanges>

Apply through the Galway County Council for these grants:

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability - Read More [HERE](#)

Housing Aid for Older People - Read more [HERE](#)

More Funding from Galway County Council



<https://galwaycoco.submit.com/>

More Funding from the Government of Ireland



<https://www.gov.ie/en/search/?q=Funding&all>

More Funding from the European Union



https://european-union.europa.eu/live-work-study/funding-grants-subsidies_en



https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders_en

Training & Development

EQUAL Ireland Enterprising Women – Free Education & Employment Support



Workshops starting 1st April 2025

This initiative is fully funded and designed to support women in accessing education, employment, and self-employment opportunities – **at absolutely no cost**. It is online and open to women aged 23+.

Upcoming Workshops:

1st April – Interview Skills & CV Writing (Facilitated by Bank of America 10:30 am - 11:30 a.m.)

8th April – Communication and Confidence Building (10:30 am - 12:30 pm)

29th April - Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) (10:30 am - 11:30 am)

6th May - Self Employment (10:30 am - 11:30 am)

13th May - Learning to Learn (10:30 am - 12:30 pm)

To apply or for further information, contact us at enterprisingwomen@equalireland.ie

Women's Health Awareness Event



Wednesday 2nd April 2025 2:00pm - 5:30pm

Galway Rural Development's SICAP programme, with Bru Bhríde, is hosting a FREE Women's Health Awareness Event at the Family Centre, Dublin Road, Tuam. Lots of information on health with talks on Menopause and Wellbeing with Sarah Fahy (Mental Health Ireland), Footcare with Karen Fahy (Foot+Health) and Self-care with Hannah Healy (Yoga Mara). For more information please contact Kathleen 087 9098043.

Women's Health and Wellness Programme

Women's Health Programme

EMPOWERING WOMEN'S HEALTH

A 5-week Women's Health and Wellness Virtual Live Programme with Expert Guest Speakers

Topics to include: Nutritional Health, Gynaecological Health, Bone & Cardiovascular Health, Physical Activity, Pelvic Health and Complementary Approaches to Health.

On Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm
 6th March
 13th March
 20th March
 27th March
 3rd April

Locations:

- Oifigi Comhar Caomhán, Inis Oírr
- Inishbofin Community Centre, Inishbofin
- Oifigi Comharcumann Forbartha Arann, Inis Mór
- Oifigi Comhacht Forbartha Inis Meáin
- Sreabhaí House, Rosmuc, H91X5WY

Complimentary tea, coffee and snacks on the day

www.womenshealth.ie
 An tArdán Eorpach
 Co-fundadoir le hEorpach
 Rialtas na hÉireann
 Government of Ireland

Logos: Rialtas na hÉireann, HSE, Pobal, Foras, SCAP, hi, Gaillimh

Thursday 3rd April 2025 11:00am - 1:00pm

Gynaecological Health with Dr. Carol Duffy and Mental Health with Dr. Teresa Keane.

This virtual live event will take place in Inis Oírr, Inishbofin, Inis Mór, Inis Meáin, Rosmuc, Casla, and Lettermullan. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women over a cup of tea or coffee while listening to expert talks on a range of women's health issues.

Access & Inclusion Model - Info Session

Galway Childcare Committee
 Comhairle na n-Óráid
 Ceannairdne Léinn na n-Óráid

AIM
 ACCESS & INCLUSION MODEL

Is your child starting ECCE in September 2025?

Galway Childcare Committee in collaboration with Better Start AIM team are hosting an online information session for parents.

Date: 3rd of April
 Time: 10.30am-12pm
 Platform: Microsoft Teams
 Booking: Eventbrite

AIM provides universal supports to pre-school settings, and targeted supports, which focus on the needs of the individual child, without requiring a diagnosis of disability.

Click the link above to book a place

For more information on AIM visit <https://aim.gov.ie/>

Logos: Rialtas na hÉireann, Pobal

Thursday 3rd April 2025 10:30am - 12:00pm Online

Galway Childcare Committee are hosting an AIM (Access and Inclusion Model) information session for Parents, whose children are starting ECCE, in collaboration with the Better Start AIM Team.

See the booking link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1285903023559?aff=oddtcreator>

Raising Resilience within your Family

WEBINAR

Inclusion Ireland
 The National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability.

'Raising resilience within your family'

Thursday 3rd April 2025, 7.30-8.30pm

A webinar for families of children with an intellectual disability (up to 18) where a group of parents and professionals will discuss the meaning of resilience and how it may build your strength and that of your family.

Thursday 3rd April 2025 7:30pm - 8:30pm Online

At the webinar you will hear from a professional who works with families and with three parents on building resiliency in your family. Through

SafeTALK Training Programme: Suicide Alertness for Everyone

The poster features the Ballinasloe Lions Club and HSE logos at the top. It includes a warning icon and the text 'safeTALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone'. Below this, it states 'LEARN FOUR KEY STEPS TO IDENTIFY SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO SUICIDE FIRST AID RESOURCES'. The event is scheduled for 'Saturday 5th April at 10 am-1.30pm'. A QR code is provided for booking, along with contact information: 'or click here or phone 01 6060858 or email: darlene@breakingthrough.org'. The venue is 'CLONFERT FAMILY CENTRE, BALLINASLOE, H53 NX59'. Logos for various partner organizations are at the bottom.

Saturday 5th April 2025 10:00am - 1:30pm

Ballinasloe Lions Club together with the HSE are holding a SafeTALK training programme to help you recognise and engage with people who may be having thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources. The training will take place on Saturday 5th of April at 10am in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe.

Booking is necessary.

<https://bookwhen.com/srotraininggmr/e/ev-siyg-20250405100000>

Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide

The poster features the 'Community Peer-Supporter' logo and the text 'Can you offer mental health support to others? Do you know what to say or do?'. It includes a list of benefits: 'Gain a better understanding of peer-support and its role in good mental health', 'Learn how to use peer-support and the techniques of active listening, supportive conversation and positive coping to help support someone facing stress or distress', and 'Run over 4 evenings or 2 days, training is free of charge, delivered LIVE online via Zoom and accredits 13.5 CPD points'. A QR code is provided for registration. The website 'www.cycleagainstsuicide.com/mental-health-peer-support-training-communities/' is listed. A quote at the bottom reads: 'It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help.'

Tues 29th & Wed 30th April 2025 9:30am - 5:00pm

Free Live Online Training for Community Members:

This Mental Health Peer Support Training is a chance for community members and volunteers to provide a confidential space within their clubs, associations, and social groups for people with mental health concerns to feel heard and supported. For more information, dates and times,

please visit [Mental Health Peer-Support Training – Communities | Cycle Against Suicide](#) or email training@cycleagainstsuicide.com

North West Connemara Adult Education 2025 Programme of Classes

NORTH WEST CONNEMARA ADULT EDUCATION		2025 Programme of Classes	
Sewing Machine workshop with Sinead Treacher of Sew Easy. Learn how to maximise the sewing machine and end up making a cushion cover. Option to bring your own machine.	Date: Sat 5 April 2025 Time: 11am-3pm Venue: Sew Easy, Letterfrack H91 CSKT Fee: €35		
Learn to spin your own wool with Seamus Kirwan All equipment and materials supplied.	Date: Sunday 13 April 2025 Time: 11am-3pm Venue: Connemara West, Main Building, Ground Floor Fee: €50.		
Introduction to gardening with Verena Berard Setting up the garden for the year – compost, preparation, seed sowing, all topics covered by Verena	Start date: Thurs 23 April Time: 3.30-5.30pm Thurs Venue: GRETB Polytunnel, Connemara West Centre, Letterfrack Fee: €50 Duration: 6 weeks		
Ukrainian and Uzbekistan cookery demonstration with Noza. Demonstration and tasting.	Date: 26 April 2025 Time: 11.00 am-2pm Venue: Wild Goat Café Fee: €20		
Introduction to dry point printmaking with Clare Henderson. Using the technique of dry point to learn all the steps involved in making your own print, and you will end the day with a series of handmade dry point prints.	Date: Sat 10 May Time: 10am-4pm Venue: Further Ed. Centre, Clifden Fee: €50		
Herbal walk and talk Exploring wildflowers and herbs in the landscape. Learning about their value as food and or herbal medicine.	Date: Sat 24 May 2025 Time: 11am-2pm Venue: Meet @ GRETB Polytunnel, Connemara West, Letterfrack Fee: €25		
Creative writing workshops with Yvonne Cullen of Writing Train. A creative writing workshop to get you writing now. <i>Memoirs, short stories, poems: learn what you already have to say and where, in words.</i>	Date: Sat 7 June 2025 Time: 11.30am-4pm Venue: Connemara Community Radio Fee: €50		
Autumn gardening with Verena Berard Setting up the garden for the winter, taking cuttings, colour for winter, setting up compost system and getting ahead for the Spring.	Start date: 25 th Sept 2025 Time: 3.30-5.30pm Thurs Venue: GRETB Polytunnel, Connemara West Centre, Letterfrack Fee: €25 Duration: 3 weeks		
Introduction to weaving with Seamus Kirwan, equipment and materials supplied.	Date: 28 September 2025 Time: 10.30am-4pm Venue: Connemara West Centre, Main Building, Ground Floor Fee: €50 Start date: 4 th Oct 2025		
Aluminium Etching course with Clare Henderson Learn how to make a black and white line etching print with aluminium plates and an etching press. Materials supplied.	Time: 10am-4pm Venue: Further Ed. Centre, Clifden Fee: €50		
Make your own winter Herbal Remedies with Terri Conroy.	Date: 1 Nov 2025 Time: 10am-4pm Venue: Further Ed Centre, Clifden Fee: €50		

Bookings to connemaraadulteducation@gmail.com
or text to 086 244 5948 (name, contact number and course)
Courses may be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.



We acknowledge and are grateful to the Community Education Section of GRETB for their continued supports

Beginning Saturday 5th April 2025 11:00am - 3:00pm

Bookings to connemaraadulteducation@gmail.com

or text to 086 244 5948 (name, contact number and course)

Erasmus+ Funded TUTOR Project Inclusive Education CPD Programme





**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
EMPOWERING EDUCATORS
FOR A DIVERSE CLASSROOM**

Beginning April 7th, 2025

Course Overview:

Take our Introductory Course which gives an overview of inclusive education in Ireland and Europe and offers tools for interrogating your practice. Then pick from one of our three specialism courses that focus on: (1) Migrants & Ethnic Minorities (Including Roma and Traveller Communities) (2) LGBTQI+ (3) Students experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

Course graduates can apply for an opportunity to travel to Austria, Greece, or Turkey for one week fully funded to deepen their knowledge of inclusive education and to train as a TUTOR Inclusive Education programme trainer.

8 Week Online CPD Training

Further Education and Training

Second Level Schools

Educators, Leadership, Student Teachers

Funded by Erasmus+ TUTOR Project

ENROLLING NOW!

For more information, please email us at:
sinead.matson@mu.ie

Beginning Monday 7th April 2025 - Online

This 8-week programme will involve two hours of face-to-face online evening classes a week, as well as self-directed reading and recorded material.

For more details, please email sinead.matson@mu.ie

**Explore EU Funding for
International Aid & Development**

Maintaining Compliance with the Charities Regulator's Governance Code

with Consultant and Trainer **Gerry Egan**

Online **30 April**
9:30am - 12:30pm

the wheel MEMBER DISCOUNT

Wednesday 30th April 2025 9:30am-12:30pm - Online

Join us for an engaging and interactive online workshop which will give you the knowledge and tools you need to maintain compliance with the Charities Governance Code in your organisation.

<https://f.mtr.cool/aemmyicgg>

All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme!

THE KING'S FOUNDATION
Communities
An Chomhairle Gléimheachtaí The Heritage Council

ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE SKILLS PROGRAMME
2025-26
PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Deadline for Applications: Friday 11th April 2025

If you are a stonemason, carpenter, joiner, bricklayer, blacksmith, plasterer, thatcher, roofer, tiler, painter or decorator interested in taking your skills to the next level, this training programme is for you!

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme offers a 12-month training programme to develop your skills. Participants will gain hands-on experience in the conservation, repair, and maintenance of historic structures, while also discovering how traditional skills can contribute to shaping and creating new spaces and places. Visit <https://kings-foundation.org/.../all-ireland-heritage.../> to find out more.

Social Economy Enterprise Development Programme

Gráinseach Ghormáin Grangegorman

Social Economy Enterprise Module

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TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUBLIN

The module will provide students with: a thorough understanding of what constitutes the social economy enterprise sector, the challenges the sector faces, the contribution it can make in addressing a range of societal issues and the supports required and provided to strengthen the sector's development (A detailed prospectus will be provided).

Course Delivery: The module will be delivered via a combination of online and onsite lectures in TU Dublin, Grangegorman. It will balance theory and practice and provide students with an understanding of the skills required to develop and sustain vibrant social economy enterprises.

Course duration: Starting in October 2025 the module will conclude in May 2026.

Who should Apply: Staff and volunteers of social economy enterprises, staff of local development companies and relevant state agencies.

Assessment: Each student will be required to complete an individual assignment and participate in a group project.

Accreditation: Students who successfully complete the module will gain 10 ECTS credits. These can go towards obtaining a certificate social economy enterprise development and MSc in social development and innovation.

Entry Requirements: An honours Bachelor Degree in any relevant discipline is required. However eligible candidates may be interviewed where work/career experience is being considered in lieu of academic qualifications.

Fee: €600

For further information contact:
Dr. Gerard Doyle,
Module Co-ordinator
~ Gerard.doyle@tudublin.ie
~ tudublin

The closing date for applications is Friday 4th July 2025 From October 2025 to May 2026.

The module will provide students with: a thorough understanding of what constitutes the social economy enterprise sector, the challenges the sector faces, the contribution it can make in addressing a range of societal issues and the supports required and

provided to strengthen the sector's development.

The module will be delivered via a combination of online (the majority) and onsite lectures in TU Dublin, Grangegorman. Information on how to apply is available at: <https://www.tudublin.ie/study/professional-development/architecture/>

The Wheel Members - Training

Community Groups can sign up with *The Wheel* to access their free training/services.

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

NATIONAL PPN TRAINING

PPN Training resources

The Department of Rural and Community Development (responsible for the PPN) provides training resources for PPNs. Check out slides on Strategic Planning [HERE](#)

PPN Stakeholders Training

The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders is provided by Social Justice Ireland on behalf of the Department 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. To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link: [Ireland https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training](https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training)

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 training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

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

An Cúinne Gaeilge



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



Tuilleadh eolais: <https://tuismitheoiri.ie/event-directory/>



30 Márta & 6 Aibreán 2025

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú aine@tuismitheoiri.ie



31ú Márta 2025 Cúrsa 6 Seachtaine

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú deirdre@tuismitheoiri.ie



3 Aibreán 2025

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú erin@tuismitheoiri.ie

Sparánachtaí Ealaíontóirí – Fóram Taibhealaíona 2025



Spríodhata: Dé hAoine, 4 Aibreán 2025

Tá luchtair ar Ealaín na Gaeltachta a bheith i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an bhFóram Taibhealaíona chun sparánacht a thairiscint do thriúr chleachtóirí sna taibhealaíona sa Ghaeltacht. Cuirfidh na sparánachtaí seo ar chumas ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta freastal ar Chruinniú an Fhórait i Luimneach, 27–28 Bealtaine 2025 – ócáid dhá lá lán comhrá, inspioráide agus deiseanna líonraithe le mórán ealaíontóirí, oibríthe ealaíon agus eagraíochtaí ó fud na tíre. Chun iarratas a dhéanamh: Ní mór d'iarratasóirí a bheith ina gcónaí i gceantar Gaeltachta. Líon isteach an fhoirm anseo: <https://forms.gle/iGUPrDeAdc46vuay9>

Tuilleadh eolais: Paul Donnelly: paul@performingartsforum.ie

Marina Ní Dhubháin: m.nidhubhain@udaras.ie

Scéim Thacaíochta Oiliúna

Spríodhata: Dé hAoine, 4 Aibreán 2025

Idir leictreoirí agus tógálaithe, táimid sa tóir ar cheardaithe agus ar dhaoine profisiúnta sa Ghaeltacht chun a gcuid scileanna a fhorbairt i gcaomhnú fuinnimh ar deontas suas le €2,000.

Más pluiméir, innealtóir, ailtire, nó díonadóir thú, cuideoidh an scéim thacaíochta oiliúna Glasoiliúint leat le díriú ar theicneolaíochtaí fuinnimh in-athnuaite i do chuid oibre. Is le chéile a laghdóidh muid athrú aeráide don toadhcháí mhór amach romhainn! Déan iarratas anseo: <https://udaras.ie/oiliuint-fostaiocht/oiliuint/>



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Tuilleadh eolais: <https://tuismitheoiri.ie/event-directory/>



5 Aibreán 2025 @12:i.n.

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú snicheide@tuismitheoiri.ie

40ú Féile Idirnáisiúnta Litríochta Cúirt.



Ó Dé Máirt 8ú go Domhnach 13 Aibreán 2025

Cúirt ag casadh daichead! Agus stair Cúirt chomh saibhir céanna leis an saol a théann isteach agus amach gach Aibreán, is mór an sásamh dúinn fáilte a chur roimh 40ú Féile Idirnáisiúnta Litríochta Cúirt.

Tuilleadh eolais: <https://www.cuirt.ie/>



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Dé hAoine 11 Aibreán @3:30i.n.

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú erin@tuismitheoiri.ie



Dé Máirt 15 Aibreán @12:00i.n.

Tuilleadh eolais & clárú deirdre@tuismitheoiri.ie

Club Cásca Mol an Óige



Ó 21ú go 25ú Aibreán 2025

A chairde, beidh an Club Cásca Mol an Óige ar síúl ar an 21ú-25ú Aibreán i gColáiste Cuimhneacháin an Phiarsaigh, Rosmuc Má tá suim ag do ghasúir freastal, caithfidh tú clárú roimh ré trí ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig molanoige22@gmail.com

Scéim na Scoláireachtaí 2025



Spriocdháta: 12:00 18 Iúil 2025

Tuismitheoirí Tá scoláireachtaí á mbronnadh ag Glór na nGael ar thuismitheoirí atá ag iarraidh tabhairt faoi dhianchúsa Gaeilge. Íocfar €500 leo siúd a chuireann isteach ar an scéim. Beidh Glór na nGael ag glacadh le hiarratais go dtí 12:00 18 Iúil 2025. Tá teacht ar an fhoirm [anseo](https://www.glor.na.ngael.ie).

*Tá líon na scoláireachtaí teoranta agus moltar gan fanacht go dtí an noiméad deireanach más maith leo iarratas a chur isteach. Tá an scéim á maoiniú ag Foras na Gaeilge. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ach teagmháil a dhéanamh le hAoife Ní Dhualáin ar aoife@glornangael.ie

BAILIÚCHÁIN SOGHLUAISTE WEEE (ÁBHAR LEICTREACH AGUS LEICTREONACH)

Tuilleadh eolais WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeireland.ie/contact/> or 012999320

Chomh maith leis sin tá seirbhís bailithe WEEE ar fáil ar bhonn leanúnach ag Láithreáin Áiseanna Cathartha i dTuaim, sa Chlochán agus i mBéal Átha na Sluaighe

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

Supports & Resources



Social Prescribing

Connecting YOU
to your local community

If you live near, Tuam, Athenry or Loughrea and need some support to connect to local groups, this service is for you. For more information:


Contact: **Katie Grant**
Social Prescribing Coordinator

Phone: 091 844 335
087 4759547

Email: katiegrant@grd.ie

Website: www.grd.ie


See website here: 



Support Numbers

Emergency Number: 999/112

THE SAMARITANS 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.ie	PIETA Text 'HELP' to 51444 1800 247 247 Galway: 091 502921
ALONE 0818 222 024 www.alone.ie	SpunOut: text about it Text 'Hello' to 50808 www.text50808.ie
AWARE 1800 80 48 48	YourMentalHealth, (HSE) Freephone: 1800 111 888
CHILDLINE 1800 666 666 Instant messaging: www.childline.ie	Men's Development Network 1800 816 588
NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE 1800 778 888	Women's Aid 1800 341 900
MABS (MONEY ADVICE & BUDGETING SERVICE) 0761 072 000	HSE; DRUGS & ALCOHOL HELPLINE 1800 459 459
GAMBLING CARE 1800 936 725 www.gamblingcare.ie	National LGBT+ Helpline 1890 929 539

Please Reach Out. 

Rainbows Ireland

 085 170 2530 rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com

The Rainbows programmes will start in **March 2025** **FCRC, Ballinacree Social Services**

Rainbows Group support provides:

- A 9-week listening, group support programme for children and young people with Bereavement and Parental Separation.
- Children and young people of a similar age (from 7 years)
- Separate groups are formed for Bereavement and Parental Separation.
- Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings, (not counselling, therapy or one to one support).

For further enquiries or to enrol your child, please contact:
Una Murphy on 085 1702530 or email rainbowsballinacree@gmail.com

For more information:

TÚSILA An Ombudsman's Office an Ombudsmaire na Trádálacha, Ullsáid agus Fíricí
WHAT'S WORKS Supports Community Development
cúla na gcrann dá bharr na h-**clárú** the clárú an t-ábhar an t-ábhar

Macra Club - Social Outlet for Young Adults

086 780 8987 dodonnely@macra.ie

WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?

- 10 people to get started...**
Find some friends, family members, neighbours, work colleagues etc
- Get a place to meet**
Check out your local community/sports hall, hotel, outdoor space...
- Contact your local macra TDO**
086 780 8987 dodonnely@macra.ie
You'll get the help & support needed
- Check out Macra**
Sports, Community, Agriculture, Travel, Personal Development, Fun, Arts, Competitions, Festivals...and lots more!
- 5 GREAT LIVE GUARANTEE**

Aged 17-35 and looking for fun?

Guide to Supports for People with Disabilities Treoir maidir le Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas



Galway Rural Development (GRD) has produced this booklet to provide information, guidance and advice on services and supports for children, young people and adults with disabilities in Co. Galway. More info [HERE](#)

Treoir maidir le Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas Tá sraith leabhrán acmhainní curtha le chéile ag Forbairt Tuaithe na Gaillimhe agus tá súil againn go mbeidh tú úsáideach. Clíceáil [ANSEO](#)

HOME & SUPPORTS HUB

www.HomeAndSupportsHub.ie
Information on housing and supports made simple

An accessible website with information on housing and related supports in one location

www.HomeAndSupportsHub.ie
Eolas simplí maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí

Suíomh gréasáin inrochtana le beoas maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí go dtéarmaí in aon áit amháin

Start your journey towards independent living! This website is a tool for you to find the information on housing and supports you need to access independent living. Find more information on Home & Supports Hub [HERE](#)

GALWAY COUNTY AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME



Age Friendly Galway County is delivered by Galway County Council and works to improve the services and facilities that our older people have identified as being important to them, and the wider community, as they live healthy and active lives. More info on Age Friendly Galway County [HERE](#)



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



Read more about Positive Ageing and supports for older people - Click the links below: <https://www.ageaction.ie/>
<https://www.copegalway.ie/senior-support-service/positive-ageing-week/>

Ombudsman Monthly Complaints Clinic in Galway

The Ombudsman can investigate complaints from people who are not happy with how they have been treated by certain public service providers.

<https://www.ombudsman.ie/publications/information-leaflets/what-the-ombudsman-does/>

You can make complaint to the Ombudsman:

Online: Visit www.ombudsman.ie and click on 'Make A Complaint'

In writing: Ombudsman, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.

You must have tried to resolve your complaint with the body before contacting us.

The Ombudsman **cannot** take complaints about consumer matters, financial products, private pensions or An Garda Síochána.

READ MORE AT : <https://www.ombudsman.ie/about-us/outreach-services/galway-cic/index.xml>

Volunteer Galway Events

Volunteer Galway events - Read more below:

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

OTHER ORGANISATION'S NEWSLETTERS:



Irish Environmental Network [HERE](#)

Health and Wellbeing Newsletter [HERE](#)



Read Newsletter <https://www.healthygalwaycity.ie/newsletters>



Community and Disability Newsletter - Issue [HERE](#)



Nothing About Us Without Us

ILMI eBulletin:

<https://us16.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=664005a5b1de7a15ad88b0409&id=c8ab0802bf>



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#)



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/>



Directory of Services for Older People



Read Directory Online [HERE](#)

Or see council website for information or to request a printed copy for your Centre/Service/Group:

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

Notice Board / Events

Marine Week 2025

Green-Schools
Marine Week!
 31st March - 4th April 2025

Join us online each day for brand new Ocean Wonders videos, "Draw with Rob" tutorials, Marine Career Profiles for Secondary School students and much more! Read below to see our schedule of live webinar events and a taste of the new resources we will be releasing...

MONDAY 31ST

- 11:30 Zoom Webinar: Victoria Poppleton, Marine Inspires Officer, National Biodiversity Data Centre
- 13:45 Marine Week Watch-along! Join us live for a special screening of Episodes 1 & 2 of Where the Wild Geese Go

TUESDAY 1ST

- 11:30 Zoom Webinar: Jenny Bortoluzzi, Shark Ecologist
- Winners of Marine Creative Writing Competition announced!

WEDNESDAY 2ND

- 11:30 Zoom Webinar: Orla O'Flaherty, Clean Coasts Officer & Big Wave Surfer
- Where's Whaley? activity
- Ocean Wonders: Arctic Tern


THURSDAY 3RD

- National Marine Environment Conference, Sligo!
- Craft/Recycled or Wastepack/RoboHr in IE team
- Marine True or False activity

FRIDAY 4TH

- 11:45 Secondary Schools Online Marine Film Club & Webinar: Screen test documentary, & discussion with Dr Martin McNeill
- Marine Week Quiz!
- ALL WEEK: Share your photos and tag GreenSchools #marineweek25 on social media for a chance to win spot prizes!

With thanks to our special guests & contributors...



Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April 2025

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<https://greenschoolsireland.org/marine-week-2025/>

Free Global Water Dance Workshops




Free Dance Workshop Dates
25th March: 10:30-11:30am
 at Ellis Hall, Letterfrack
2nd April: 5:00-6:00pm
 at Town Hall, Clifden
29th April: 12:00-1:00/1:30pm
 at Terryland, Galway
 Special guest: Laney Mannion - Visual Artist



Whether you're an experienced dancer or just love to move, these workshops are a fun and creative way to connect with your body and the theme of water. Workshop upcoming dates:

2nd April 2025: 5:00-6:00pm at Town Hall, Clifden

29th April 2025: 12:00-1:00/1:30pm at Terryland, Galway(Special guest: Laney Mannion-Visual Artist)

The workshops will lead to a relaxed final performance at Interface on June 14th, as part of the Global Water Dances event. This international initiative uses dance to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation.

Workshops are free, but booking is recommended. If you have any questions or would like to book a spot, send an email to Linda via her website:

<https://www.lindaschirmer.com/contact/>

Social Inclusion Forum



The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) 2025 will be held on **Thursday 8th May 2025** in Croke Park, Jones’ Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3. The ‘**Community Work Ireland(CWI)**’ and ‘**European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN)**’ are organising **Social Inclusion Forum Preparatory Workshops**, in person and online, on **Tuesdays 1st, 8th & 16th April 2025**. For more information and registration, please see flyer below or visit:

<https://eapn.ie/news/social-inclusion-forum-2025-cwi-eapn-ireland-preparatory-workshops/>

Community Work Ireland **EAPN Ireland**

SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM (SIF) 2025: REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND INFORMING THE FUTURE OF THE ROADMAP FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

Themes: Travellers and Roma; Older people; Disabled people; Families and Children;
Building Inclusive Communities addressing racism and wider discrimination

CWI & EAPN IRELAND PREPARATORY WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1: Themes: Travellers and Roma; Older People, Building Inclusive Communities
• Tuesday 25th March from 11am to 1pm - Online - Register [HERE](#)

WORKSHOP 2: Themes: Disabled people, Families and Children; Building Inclusive Communities
• Tuesday 1st April from 11am to 1pm - Online - Register [HERE](#)

WORKSHOP 3: ALL THEMES
• Tuesday 8th April from 10am to 1pm - Blackpool, Cork City - Register [HERE](#)

WORKSHOP 4: ALL THEMES
• Wednesday 16th April from 11:30am to 1pm - Westside Resource Centre, Galway City - Register [HERE](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO www.eapn.ie

EACH WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE:

- An overview of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion & the workshop's thematic areas.
- The opportunity for civil society, communities & stakeholders to discuss the key issues in these areas.
- Feedback from the workshops will be presented at the Plenary session of SIF 2025.

WHO ARE THESE WORKSHOPS FOR?

- People with direct experience of the issues covered under these themes.
- People in communities affected by issues such as poverty, social exclusion, inequality, and lack of adequate services.
- Organisations working to support communities and those working to address these issues.

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) 2025 will be held on **Thursday 8th May** in **Croke Park, Jones' Rd, Drumcondra, Dublin 3**

The SIF is part of the Government's structures to monitor and evaluate its strategy and approach to address poverty and social exclusion. It provides a forum for consultation and discussion on poverty and social exclusion, in particular for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and the organisations/groups that work with them. The Forum also provides an opportunity for engagement between officials from Government Departments, community and voluntary organisations and people experiencing poverty.

The Preparatory Workshops are organised by **Community Work Ireland** and the **European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland**

The West's Awake Ardrahan AD 1225-2025

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800th Anniversary of the
Battle of Ardrahan

Saturday 12 April
Archaeology and
History Seminar
Children's Art
Exhibition
Medieval Weapons
and Armour Show
Social Evening of
Music and Song

Sunday 13 April
Guided Fieldtrip

REGISTER

Booking: <http://westsawakefestival.eventbrite.com>
Information: www.labaneardrahanca.com

Labane Ardrahan Community Development Association gratefully acknowledges the support of Galway County Council (Arts and Community Heritage Grants) and generous local sponsors

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April 2025

On the 800th anniversary of the Battle of Ardrahan, Labane Ardrahan Community Development Association invites you to a festival of archaeology, history, art, stories, music and song. Celebrating the medieval origins of Ardrahan, reflecting on conflicts between peoples and creating shared community memories. Booking on Eventbrite at <https://westsawakefestival.eventbrite.com>

Easter Flower Arranging Classes



Sunday 13th April at 11am and 1pm

Glinsk Community Development are hosting Easter 'flower arranging' classes on Sunday, April 13th, at 11am and 1pm. Limited places are available with the cost being €10/person.

To book, email glinskcommunityevents@gmail.com

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

Please Share PPN Newsletters with all members of your group.

Find the latest PPN News here: <https://www.galwaycountyppn.ie/news/latest-news/>

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



- **Website:** www.galwaycountyppn.ie
- **Social Media Tag:** #Galwaycountyppn
- **Facebook:** [GalwayCountyPPN](#) | **X:** [GalwayCoPPN](#)
- **Email:** ppn@galwaycoco.ie

"The primary purpose of the PPN is to enable the PPN member groups to input into and have their voices heard within the formal decision-making structures of the local authority.

The PPN is now the main way that local authorities connect with groups active in their area".

(PPN Handbook, 2020)

PPN Aims:

- **Facilitates the participation and representation of communities.**
- **Strengthens the capacity of community groups.**

- o Provides information relevant to community & voluntary, environmental & social inclusion Pillars of the PPN.

Le dea-ghuí, (*with kind regards*)

Galway County PPN Staff

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Áras an Chontae | Prospect Hill | Galway | H91 H6KX*

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Public Participation Network Galway County



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