



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

PPN NEWSLETTER

JUNE 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.galwaycountyppn.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

Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025



Pictured: Representatives of the winning groups in the Cathaoirleach's Community Awards 2025 pictured with Cllr. Martina Kinane, Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway and Liam Conneally, Chief Executive of Galway County Council at the Cathaoirleach's Ball in the Raheen Woods.

Volunteers and Community Groups from across County Galway have been honoured at the annual Cathaoirleach's Awards that took place Friday 16th May in Athenry. The ceremony, hosted by Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council, Councillor Martina Kinane, celebrated the outstanding contribution of individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to improve life in their communities and was organised by **Galway County Council in partnership with the Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN)**. Winners across a wide range of categories were recognised for their impact in areas such as arts, environment, community development, inclusion, and heritage; and for the first time ever, the Awards Ceremony has been live-streamed on the Galway County Council Facebook. Take a look at: <https://www.facebook.com/Galwaycounty/videos/1057692529595050>

PPN NATIONAL NEWS

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 Annual Report 2023](#)

[Lónraí Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2023](#)

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](#).

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



Mayoral Charity Ball

An Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway
Cllr. Martina Kinane
MAYORAL CHARITY BALL
RAHEEN WOODS HOTEL,
ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY
SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE 2025

DRINKS RECEPTION: 6:30PM	DRESS CODE: FORMAL ATTIRE
FOLLOWED BY DINNER: 7:00PM	TICKETS: 80 EURO

MUSIC ON THE NIGHT:
SEAN SLATTERY AND THE CONNECTIONS

For Tickets Contact Galway County Council - Corporate Services
Section 091 509316 or email hriordan@galwaycoco.ie or tcostello@galwaycoco.ie

Further Information: Cathaoirleach
Martina Kinane: 087 2692102

Saturday 7th June 2025 Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co. Galway

Galway County Council's Cathaoirleach Cllr. Martina Kinane is hosting her Charity Gala in aid of Oranmore Maree Coastal Search Unit and Hand in Hand-Children's Cancer Charity.

Get your tickets here:

Corporate Services Office: 091 509316 or email tcostello@galwaycoco.ie or hriordan@galwaycoco.ie

Bál Carthanachta an Mhéara

Cathaoirleach Chontae na Gaillimhe
Comh. Martina Kinane
BÁL CARTHANACHTA AN MHEARA
ÓSTÁN RAHEEN WOODS, BAILE ÁTHA AN RÍ, CO. NA GAILLIMHE
DÉ SATHAIRN, 7 MEITHEAMH 2025

FÁILTÍU DEOCHANNA: 6:30 I.N.	GNÁS FEISTIS: FEISTEAS FOIRMIÚIL
INA DHIAIDH SIN DINNÉAR: 7:00 I.N.	TICÉID: 80 EURO

CEOL AR AN OÍCHE:
SEAN SLATTERY AND THE CONNECTIONS

Chun Ticéid a Fháil, Déan Teagmháil le Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe - Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha 091 509316 nó ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig hriordan@galwaycoco.ie nó tcostello@galwaycoco.ie

Tuilleadh Eolais: Cathaoirleach Martina Kinane:
087 2692102

De Satairn 7 Meitheamh 2025 Óstán Raheen Woods, Baile Átha an Rí, Co. na Gaillimhe

Tá Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, an Comhairleoir Martina Kinane, ag óstáil a Cheolchoirm mór Carthanachta ar mhaithe le Oranmore Maree Coastal Search Unit agus Hand in Hand-Children's Cancer Charity. Faigh do thicéad anseo:

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha: 091 509316 nó r-phost tcostello@galwaycoco.ie nó riordan@galwaycoco.ie

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

[Government of Ireland](#)



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

[Department of Rural and Community Development](#)

Consultations & Public Engagement

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Comhairle Chontae na Gallímhíne
Galway County Council

Galway Harbour Company and The Land Development Agency - Public Consultation



Tuesday 3rd June 1pm – 7.30pm **Wednesday 4th June 11am –4pm**

Galway Harbour Project LDA Offices, The Portershed, 15 Market St, Galway H91 TCX3

Galway Harbour Company (GHC) and The Land Development Agency (LDA) are pleased to launch a joint consultation and stakeholder engagement process for the planned redevelopment of Galway Inner Harbour. This will include the proposed delivery of 350 affordable and social homes at Amharc Atalia (Atalia View), the working title for a planned new LDA housing development, which will be Phase 1 of the wider masterplan. Full details are available at: <https://www.galway-harbour.com/>

Two drop-in consultation clinics will be held in the coming week, **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June**.

The consultation will run through until the end of June, and we welcome all feedback and submissions to community@galway-harbour.com or via the postal address: Galway Harbour Project LDA Office The Portershed, 15 Market St, Galway H91 TCX3.

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

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Consultation - Policing Priorities For An Garda Síochána



Closing date: Sunday 8th June 2025

The Policing and Community Safety Authority ([PCSA](#)) is the new oversight body for An Garda Síochána. The PCSA sets the Policing Priorities and these establish what we want the Gardaí to give the most attention and resources to, in order to deliver an effective policing service for you and to make people feel safe in their communities. The PCSA is currently reaching out to people and communities across Ireland to hear their views on what the Policing Priorities should be for An Garda Síochána for 2026-2028. Anyone over the age of 16 years old can have their say. [Click here](#) to start the consultation. If you have any queries, please contact consultation@pcsaireland.ie

Survey - Romanian Community of Ireland



Closing date: Sunday 22nd June 2025

This survey has been put together by the [Romanian Community of Ireland \(RCI\)](#), a not-for-profit organisation which, for more than 27 years, supports the integration, cohesion and the promotion of Romanian identity of the diaspora living in the Republic of Ireland. The number of Romanians in Ireland has grown significantly over the last decade. In order for RCI to best respond to the current reality, it is important to fully understand the interests, challenges and real needs that the Romanian community is currently experiencing. The data and feedback captured through the survey will shape the RCI's strategic direction for the next five years, the projects it undertakes and the supports that will be offered. For any questions or queries about the survey, please contact info@romaniancommunity.net. To fill in the survey, please click [HERE](#)

Irish Ocean Literacy Network Activism Survey



Closing date: Monday 23rd June 2025

The [Irish Ocean Literacy Network \(IOLN\)](#) Regional Action and Activism Working Group is inviting environmental groups to participate in a short survey aimed at understanding the types of ocean activism/activities across Ireland and identifying the common themes and motivations among groups. The goal is to use this information to support coastal communities in strengthening their knowledge, awareness and engagement with the ocean. Please take the survey: [Irish Ocean Literacy Network activism survey](#)

Enhancing Inclusive Entrepreneurship Supports in Ireland

[Enterprise Ireland](https://www.alojo.ie/barriers) is gathering insights from under-represented and minority communities to better understand the barriers to accessing business supports. Your voice can help shape more inclusive supports across Ireland. The questionnaire is anonymous and confidential and used for internal research only.

Take the questionnaire here: <https://www.alojo.ie/barriers>

Shape the Agenda for Women in Physical Activity, Exercise and Sport in Ireland



SHAPE THE AGENDA **míde**
On research priorities for women's sport* on the island of Ireland
**Inclusive of physical activity and exercise*

Who do we want to hear from?
Survey is open to everyone over 18 who has a perspective relevant to physical activity, sport and exercise among women and girls on the island of Ireland.
This can include but is not limited to:
Athletes, exercisers, coaches, parents, exercise professionals, physically active people, non physically active people, journalists, medical professionals, leaders, practitioners, teachers, fans, volunteers in sport.

Scan the QR code to take the 15 min survey:

For more information email: denise.martin@tusu.ie

Logos: SPORT IRELAND, Donegal Sports Partnership, TUS, Limerick University, LINCOLN, www.midersearch.com

Are you aged 18+ and have a perspective on women and girls' sport, physical activity or active living?

We want to hear from you! The purpose of this survey is to establish research priorities for women's sport on the island of Ireland in order to provide directions for future research and knowledge translation initiatives. To take part and help shape the research agenda click on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

Study on Deposit Return Scheme Accessibility



RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Exploring the accessibility of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme for online grocery shoppers

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?
As part of my Masters in User Experience and Service Design, I am interested in hearing from online grocery shoppers about your personal experience with the Deposit Return Scheme.
You are invited to participate in both parts of the study:

- Interview (online)**
A 15 minute interview where you will be asked about your thoughts on the Deposit Return Scheme as an online grocery shopper.
- Survey**
An anonymous survey taking approximately 2-3 minutes to complete. Please scan the QR code below to access the survey.

CONTACT
If you are open to participating in a short interview, please contact: niamh.flaherty@mycit.ie

SCAN HERE FOR SURVEY

This is a research on the accessibility of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for people who shop for groceries online. This Short survey has been created to to better understand people's experiences and any barriers to participation in the DRS they may face.

Please fill the Survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWstyLYyn0npMF_umrsTRkQp_hj4nJ9gMLXu53klzac0c11w/viewform?usp=header

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



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

Closing date: 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:

Open Public Consultation on the next Gender Equality Strategy 2026 - 2030



Closing date: Monday 11th August 2025

Gender inequalities still persist across Europe in key areas like employment, political participation or care responsibilities. We need to take further action to achieve a true Union of Equality. Keen on setting out the vision for the next Gender Equality Strategy? To take part in the [European Commission](https://europa.eu/gMKrc9)'s open public please visit: <https://europa.eu/gMKrc9>

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.

Call Out for Creative Practitioners Teacher Artist Partnership+ 2025/26

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER CALL OUT

CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS WITH A BROAD RANGE OF CREATIVE PRACTICES. ALL ARE WELCOME!
DRAWING, MUSIC, GLASS MAKER, VISUAL ARTS, WEAVING, ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHAEOLOGISTS, BAKER...WE WANT YOU!



Expressions of interest



**NOW
OPEN**

Scan QR or click below for more information.



Image credit: Cathr NS Trilée ESC Julieann Foley, Ballinakil NS Laois ESC Kate Knowles, TAP+ Summer Course 2024 Blackrock ESC, San Carlo JNS Kildare ESC Debra Adachi

Closing Date: 6th June

Closing date: Friday 6th June 2025

A wonderful opportunity for creative practitioners of all disciplines to broaden their practice through Teacher Artist Partnership+ (TAP+) professional development and in-school residency programme.

Develop creative partnerships with teachers and children. Receive funded training and residencies that bring the arts and creativity to children all over Ireland through TAP+, an initiative of Creative Youth 2023-27 under Creative Ireland and led by the Department of Education.

For further information, please visit: https://traleeecs-my.sharepoint.com/.../Ecai_6aCt9xLs...

Thoor Ballylee Artist in Residence 2025



Closing date: Friday 6th June 2025

The Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society, supported by Galway County Council Arts Office, is hosting an Artist Residency this summer in The Studio at Thoor Ballylee, **running from 26th July to 9th August.**

The focus this year will be on visual arts, textiles, embroidery and printing. Artists working in any of these areas are encouraged to apply. For more info, please visit:

<https://yeatsthoorballylee.org/2025/05/12/call-open-for-thoor-ballylee-artist-in-residence-2025/>

SuperValu TidyTowns



The closing date for the Special awards is Monday 9th June 2025

The SuperValu TidyTowns Competition is one of Ireland's best-known community and environmental initiatives. It's managed by the Department of Rural and Community Development along with the Gaeltacht and is proudly supported by SuperValu. Special Awards are organised in parallel to the main competition and look to reward initiatives focused on improving your community. Entry is open to all TidyTowns Groups as well as other interested individuals or groups. For more information and application form, please visit:

[2025 Special Award Entry Forms - Tidy Towns](#)

If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the special awards application forms, please contact the TidyTowns Unit for assistance by email tidytowns@drctd.gov.ie or on **01 773 6988** or **01 773 6912**.

2025 Galway Wind Park - Local Community Fund



Closing date: Friday 13th of June 2025

Located in Connemara's Cloosh Valley, Galway Wind Park is jointly owned by SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables. The wind park operates an overall €400,000-plus Community Fund paid annually in contributions to local groups and individuals via its Local Fund, Major Projects Fund, and Scholarship Fund. The local fund supports projects focused on energy efficiency, safety, environmental sustainability, social sustainability, recreation and tourism, and education and skills development. The fund will be open until Friday 13th of June 2025. For more information, please visit <https://www.sserenewables.com/GalwayFund>

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund 2025



Closing date: Wednesday the 25th of June 2025

Are you a charity in Galway that would like to hear more about the AIB Community €1 Million Fund? Nominations for the AIB Community €1 Million Fund will be **open until Wednesday the 25th of June**. An incredible way for people to show support for the causes that matter most to them, the fund has already made an enormous difference to recipients from previous years. For more information, please visit: <https://aib.ie/community-fund#>

Airbnb Rural Tourism Fund
Supporting Rural Tourism, Empowering Communities



Deadline for applications is Monday 30th June 2025.

Airbnb are offering grants ranging from €1000 to €10,000 to help local organisations and communities bring their ideas to life - from starting or expanding festivals, new signage for walking trails, commissioning artwork or upgrading community facilities. If you have a project that promotes or supports rural tourism in your community you may be eligible. See more

<https://www.airbnb.co.uk/e/ruraltourismfund>

Stone Walls and The Grass is Green



Deadline for Stage 1 submissions is Monday 21st July 2025 at 12 noon - Budget: €41,000

Open Call: 'Stone Walls and The Grass is Green' Per Cent for Arts Commission Claregalway Co. Galway commissioned by [Galway County Council](#)

The Public Art Working Group welcome submissions from artists who's practice is in stand alone Permanent Visual Artworks. This commission will be sited at The Nine Arch Bridge, an important heritage site in Claregalway Village. This commission will also require that the artist engages with a local community in the development of these permanent artwork(s) for Claregalway, Co. Galway.

Learn more & apply: <https://visualartists.ie/.../open-call-stone-walls-and.../>

Applicants can make enquiries regarding the commission to Rina Whyte, email rinawhyte@yahoo.com or by telephone + 353 87 238 9591.

CDPA Low Cost Spay and Neuter Scheme

THE CAT & DOG PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND 

 **LOWCOST SPAY & NEUTER SCHEME**

Apply by emailing info@cdpa.ie
 Available to anyone struggling to afford to spay or neuter their cats.
 Together we can reduce cat homelessness!

Available nationwide
 800+ cats spayed & neutered to date
 90+ registered vet partners across the Republic of Ireland
 Operated by CDPA a registered, no-kill charity (CHY 7948)
 Supported by the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



Email: info@cdpa.ie
 Tel: 085 861 1220
 Web: <https://www.cdpa.ie>



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

This scheme is to help families who may be struggling financially to spay / neuter their cats. Depending on location, the cost will be between €30 - €45 for a male cat and between €45– €60 for a female cat.

You can find more information here <https://www.cdpa.ie/low-cost-spay-and-neuter/>

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact us at info@cdpa.ie

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 - Home energy upgrade for traditional homes - Pilot Grant Scheme



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

Housing adaptation grants for older people and people with disabilities.

There are increases to:

- Grants
- Income limits
- Income not considered in means tests



Citizens Information 

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



Riailtas na hÉireann
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



<https://www.accesseurope.ie/>

Training & Development

Mending HeArts Art Workshops

**Mending HeArts
ART WORKSHOPS**

For People living with Cardiovascular Disease
and Stroke Survivors

FREE REGISTRATION

Ballinasloe Library
June 6, 13, 20, 27
3pm-4:30pm

Críslua Health & Wellbeing

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Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of June 2025 from 3pm to 4.30pm - Ballinasloe Library

Saolta Arts are delighted to invite members of the community living with cardiovascular disease, as well as stroke survivors, to their new **free** art workshops in Ballinasloe Library as part of the Mending HeArts Project.

Join us for a relaxed and friendly 4-week art workshop and explore different art mediums. No art experience needed - just come along to

What is covered each week?

Week 1

- Using your mind to manage symptoms
- Fatigue and getting a good night's sleep
- Introduction to action plans

Week 2

- Dealing with difficult emotions
- Physical activity, exercise, preventing falls

Week 3

- Decision making
- Pain management
- Healthy eating

Week 4

- Better breathing
- Reading food labels
- Communication skills

Week 5

- Medication management
- Positive thinking, dealing with low mood and feelings of depression

Week 6

- Making informed treatment decisions
- Planning for the future

What people have said about the programme

"It made me aware of my health and gave me the tools to make positive changes"

"I have never done a course like this before. It was so truly enjoyable and I learned so much about myself and living with my illness"

"I met wonderful people with other illnesses and this made me feel 'not alone' which helped me emotionally"

For more information on the Living Well Programme, please contact:

See: www.hse.ie/LivingWell for a full list of local Living Well teams and contact details.

www.hse.ie/LivingWell
HSELine: Freephone 1800 700 700

SMRC, HSE, Staintecare, HSE, Staintecare, HSE

Self-management Support
Living Well
A Programme for Adults with Long-term Health Conditions

Why should I join the Living Well programme?

Living with a long-term health condition can be challenging. The Living Well programme supports you to develop the skills and confidence that will help you to self-manage and to live well with your long-term health condition.

These skills include how to:

- Set goals to make changes in your life
- Make plans to achieve these goals
- Problem solve
- Manage your medications
- Cope with difficult emotions, low mood and feelings of depression
- Manage pain, fatigue and sleep problems
- Communicate well with your family, friends and healthcare team.

These skills become your toolkit for better health.

What does the Living Well programme involve?

- Living Well is a free group programme, which runs for six weeks. There is one workshop each week, which lasts 2.5 hours.
- You can do the programme in person or online.
- Two trained leaders deliver the workshops. At least one of the leaders lives with a long-term health condition.
- People taking part in the workshops may or may not have the same health condition(s).
- The workshops are delivered in a relaxed and friendly way so that all participants can learn from each other. Each person who takes part gets a book about self-management.
- For the online programmes, you will receive support to get online, if required.

Who is the Living Well programme for?

Living Well is for adults 18 years and over. It is suitable for those who are:

- living with one or more long-term health conditions
- caring for someone with a long-term health condition

The Living Well Programme is not suitable for people with significant memory or learning difficulties.

What is the Living Well programme?

Living Well is a free, group self-management programme for adults 18 years and older with long-term or chronic health conditions. A long-term health condition is one that can be treated and managed but usually not cured. Examples include asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, chronic pain and many more.

The Living Well programme may also be a support for those with long-COVID.

What is Self-management?

Self-management is what a person with a long-term health condition does every day. This may include:

- Recognising and dealing with symptoms
- Taking medication and managing other treatments
- Making lifestyle changes
- Coping with the emotional effects of the health condition.

Good self-management happens in partnership with your healthcare team. It is not about 'going it alone'.

Tuam begins on Monday 15th June 2025 for 6 Mondays from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

The Living Well Programme is a chronic disease self-management programme, originally developed at Stanford University. The programme is suitable for anyone aged over 18 who is living with any kind of long-term health condition e.g. high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, arthritis, depression, chronic pain, etc.

As participants must have the capacity to self-manage, the programme is not suitable for people with severe cognitive impairment or intellectual disability. For any queries, please call **086 014 2688**.

Parent Hub Webinar: Protecting your teen on a night out

WRDATF PARENT HUB WEBINAR SERIES

A series of short webinars for parents and guardians to support them to discuss/respond to drug and alcohol issues with their children/teenagers. One webinar will take place each month.

June 25th @ 8-8.30pm
Protecting Your Teen on a Night Out
Safe socialising over the summer

Webinar details

This short webinar is for parents and guardians to provide support and guidance on talking to teens about socialising safely over the summer. The webinar will also introduce the new WRDATF Parent Hub and the information, advice and support available to parents and guardians in the western region.

Wednesday 25th June
Starting at 8 - 8.30pm

Online via zoom
[Click here to book](#)

WWW.WRDATF.IE/PARENT-HUB

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 8pm

To book the short webinar from [Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force](#) please click on:

<https://forms.gle/B7bXvv7P8WEWD17M8>

Farm Walks 2025
Sustainable Cattle Grazing in the Uplands for Nature and Wildfire Prevention



Farm Walks

Saturday 5th July 2025, 11am - 1:30pm Loughatorick South, Moyglass, Loughrea - H62 YX44

Farm Walk with Nia O'Malley, Beef Farmer, Co. Galway [BOOK HERE](#)

This will be a 2.5 hour (approx.) visit to the farm and will include a walk around with the farmer, a look at some of the habitats/species, as well as the livestock and/or crops. Feel free to engage with the farmer about how they manage the land in support of nature. These walks are for farmers and people with an interest in farming for nature. They are meant to be an interactive knowledge exchange. These walks are non-profit but a booking fee is necessary to minimise no-shows. It costs **€12** to register and all funds are circulated back into the farming community. **Dogs are not welcome.** You will be turned away if you arrive with one.

For more information, please visit <https://www.farmingfornature.ie/events/farm-walks/>

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

Oíche Chultúir sa Gaeltacht 2025 - cuir imeacht ar siúl!



Spríodhata d'iarrais: 3ú Iúil 2025.

Beidh seisiún eolais ar líne ar fáil chun tuilleadh eolais a thabhairt ar an scéim:

3 Meitheamh 2025 ag 7i.n 4 Meitheamh 2025 ag 10r.n

Fáiltíonn Ealain na Gaeltachta roimh iarrais ó dhaoine aonair agus ó ghrúpaí ar mian leo imeacht a eagrú a bheidh ar siúl sa Gaeltacht mar chuid d'Oíche Chultúir 2025. Fáiltíonn muid roimh iarrais a thugann deis don óige a bheith rannpháirteach agus ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar a gcultúr. Uasmhéid maoinithe: €1,000 Seisiún Eolais Seol ríomhphost chuig ealain@udaras.ie le clárú agus luaigh an dáta is fearr a d'fheilfeadh duit.

Scéim na Scoláireachtaí 2025



Spríodhata: 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](#).

*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

Gradaim na Gaeltachta 2025



Spríodhata: 25 Iúil 2025

Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag lorg iarrais ó choistí agus eagraíochtaí pobail ar fud na Gaeltachta do Ghradaim na Gaeltachta 2025. Is deis iontach í seo chun aitheantas a fháil ar an obair mhór atá á déanamh i do phobal – bíodh sé i gcúrsaí timpeallachta, turasóireachta, fiontraíochta, obair leis an aos óg nó seirbhísí pobail. I mbliana, tá gradam speisialta nua á thabhairt isteach: Gradam Phádraig Uí hAoláin, in ómós d'fhear a chaith a shaol ag obair ar son phobail na Gaeltachta. Bronnfar é ar an ngrúpa is mó a léiríonn sáróbair dheonach i bpobal na Gaeltachta. Déan iarratas anseo: <https://udaras.ie/pobal/gradaim-na-gaeltachta/>

BAILIÚCHÁIN SOGHLUAISTE WEEE (ÁBHAR LEICTREACH AGUS LEICTREONACH)

Tuilleadh eolais WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeeireland.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/civicamenitiesites/>



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



Support Numbers


Emergency Number: 999/112

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

Please Reach Out.

Rainbows Ireland

☎ 085 170 2530 rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com





The Rainbows programmes will start in **March 2025** **FCRC, Ballinasloe 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/hot counselling, therapy or one to one support.

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

For more information:

Macra Club - Social Outlet for Young Adults

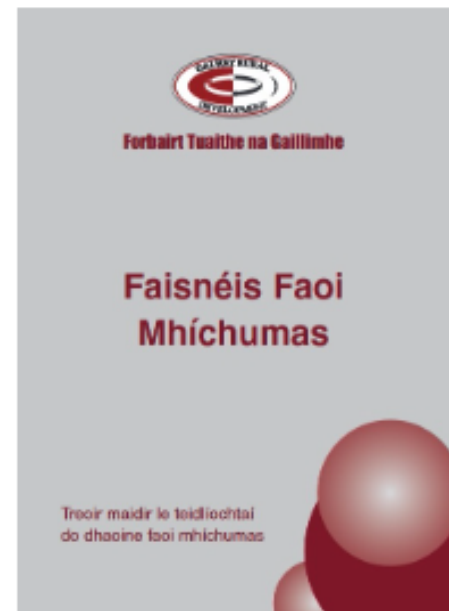
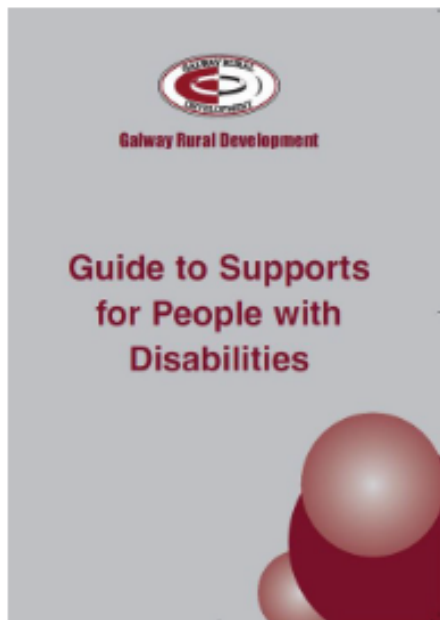
☎ 086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie

WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?

- 1** **10 people to get started...**
Find some friends, family members, neighbours, work colleagues etc
- 2** **Get a place to meet**
Check out your local community/sports hall, hotel, outdoor space...
- 3** **Contact your local TD**
086 780 8987
dormelly@macra.ie
You'll get the help & support needed
- 4** **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. Clliceáil [ANSEO](#)

HOME & SUPPORTS HUB



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



Suíomh gréasáin inrochtana le heolas maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí gaolmhara 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](#)



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

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.healthygawwaycity.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

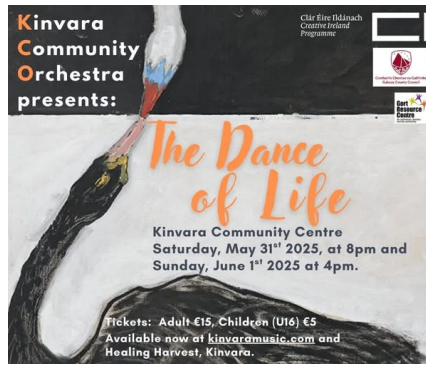
Read Directory Online [HERE](#)

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

The dance of Life Kinvara Community Orchestra



Saturday 31st May 2025 at 8pm
Sunday 1st June 2025 at 4pm
Kinvara Community Centre

Celebrate Life in all its twists and turns as KCO welcomes guest dancers Louise O'Connor and Sadhbh Murphy, Poet Mallika McCarthy and the Burren Baroque Ensemble. With the support of [Creative Ireland Galway County](#).

An Evening with Seán Keane Cortoon / Lavalley Biodiversity Group Fundraiser



Sunday, 1st June 2025 8:00pm St. Patrick's Church, Cortoon, Tuam, Co. Galway (H54 N226)

An Evening with Seán Keane.

€30 per person. All proceeds will support the Cortoon / Lavalley Biodiversity Group. Places are limited. To reserve a place, please call **087 632 5522**.

Kinvara Plein Air Charity PaintOut



Monday 2nd June 2025 from 10am - Kinvara Co. Galway

It is a great opportunity for the public to purchase a beautiful work of art featuring a local scene.

20% of proceeds go to charity KINVARA ALIVE.

ILMI List of Issues Discussion Spaces

ILMI List of Issues Discussion Spaces – June 2025



TUESDAY 3RD JUNE, 11AM OR 6:30PM ON ZOOM

**THESE ARE SPACES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE TO:
LEARN ABOUT THE UNCRPD LIST OF ISSUES PROCESS.
HELP IDENTIFY THE KEY RIGHTS-BASED ISSUES FOR THE IRISH STATE.
CONTRIBUTE TO ILMI'S SUBMISSION AND THE DPO NETWORK'S COLLECTIVE SUBMISSION.
TO REGISTER, EMAIL [INFO@ILMI.IE](mailto:info@ilmi.ie)**



ILMI is hosting two online discussion spaces on **Tuesday 3rd June at 11am and 6:30pm on Zoom**. To register, email info@ilmi.ie and state whether you want the morning or evening session. Want to know more? Read ILMI's 2021 observations report: <https://ilmi.ie/.../Observations-State-Report-ILMI-April...>

Gort Community Choir (OTOV)

GORT COMMUNITY CHOIR (OTOV)



join us every **WEDNESDAY** at 7pm

ICA Room - Bolands Lane -H91 H1W9

Call Community Development Worker Amanda - 0858673111

Musical Lead Marguerita - 0871615625



Family Resource Centre
National Forum
Supporting • Strengthening • Empowering



Wednesday 4th June 2025 7pm
ICA Hall Bolands Lane H91 H1W9

New members welcome, no singing experience required. Come along and join in the fun.. Looking forward to seeing you!

Community Interpreters

Calling all Galway

Community Interpreters

Come join us to learn more about a new network on how to connect

ONLINE 04 June 2025

5:30 pm **MEETING**



Contact Donna 0872578192
or dgleeson@grd.ie

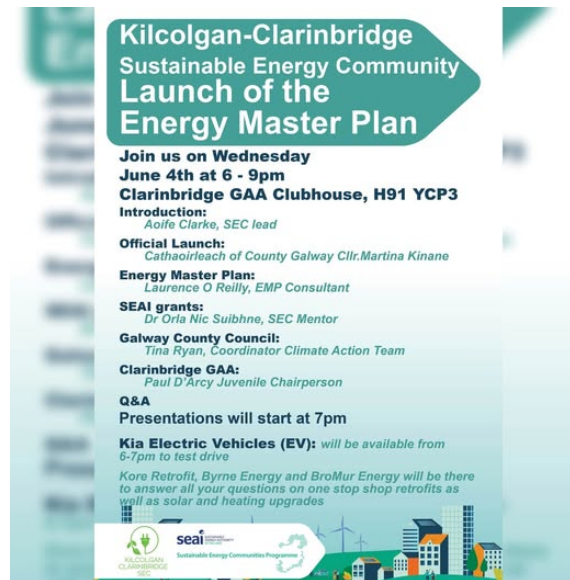


This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.

Wednesday 4th June 2025 5:30pm - Online

Are you a practising or an aspiring Community Interpreter? Do you interpret in your community in Galway? Please come along to the

Kilcolgan-Clarinbridge Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) Launch our Energy Master Plan



Kilcolgan-Clarinbridge Sustainable Energy Community Launch of the Energy Master Plan

**Join us on Wednesday
June 4th at 6 - 9pm
Clarinbridge GAA Clubhouse, H91 YCP3**

Introduction:
Aoife Clarke, SEC lead

Official Launch:
Cathaoirteach of County Galway Cllr. Martina Kinane

Energy Master Plan:
Laurence O Reilly, EMP Consultant

SEAI grants:
Dr Orla Nic Suibhne, SEC Mentor

Galway County Council:
Tina Ryan, Coordinator Climate Action Team

Clarinbridge GAA:
Paul D Arcey Juvenile Chairperson

Q&A
Presentations will start at 7pm

Kia Electric Vehicles (EV): will be available from 6-7pm to test drive

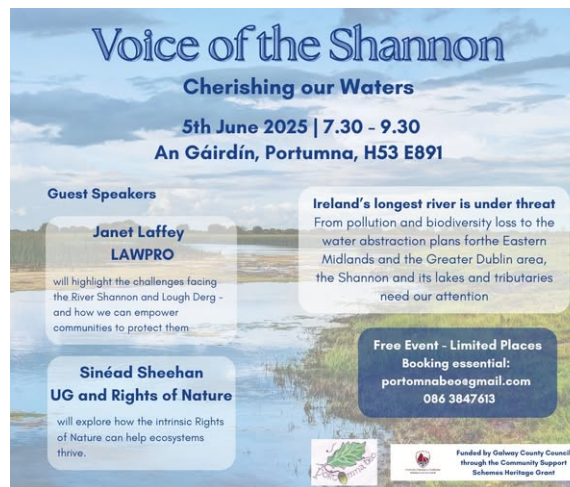
Kore Retrofit, Byrne Energy and BroMur Energy will be there to answer all your questions on one stop shop retrofits as well as solar and heating upgrades

Logos: seai, Kilcolgan-Clarinbridge SEC, Sustainable Energy Communities Programme

Wednesday 4th June 2025 6pm - 9pm Clarinbridge GAA Clubhouse - H91 YCP3

The Kilcolgan Clarinbridge Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is excited to launch our Energy Master Plan in conjunction with Laurence O Reilly, Energy Consultant and SEAI. Our Energy Master Plan is the culmination of the last 18 months and provides a roadmap to a cleaner, greener, and more energy-efficient future for our community!

Voice of the Shannon – Cherishing Our Waters



Voice of the Shannon
Cherishing our Waters

5th June 2025 | 7.30 - 9.30
An Gáirdín, Portumna, H53 E891

Guest Speakers

Janet Laffey
LAWPRO
will highlight the challenges facing the River Shannon and Lough Derg - and how we can empower communities to protect them.

Sinéad Sheehan
UG and Rights of Nature
will explore how the intrinsic Rights of Nature can help ecosystems thrive.

Ireland's longest river is under threat
From pollution and biodiversity loss to the water abstraction plans for the Eastern Midlands and the Greater Dublin area, the Shannon and its lakes and tributaries need our attention

Free Event - Limited Places
Booking essential:
portomnabeo@gmail.com
086 3847613

Logos: Galway County Council, Community Support, Shannons Heritage Centre

Thursday 5th June 2025 7:30 – 9:30pm An Gáirdín, Portumna, Co. Galway Free event!

Ireland's longest river is in trouble. From pollution and biodiversity loss to controversial water abstraction plans for Dublin and the Eastern Midlands, the Shannon—and its lakes and tributaries—need our voice.

Port Omna Beo invites you to an inspiring evening of awareness, insight, and action. **Limited places!** Booking essential. Book your place by **1st June**: portomnabeo@gmail.com 086 3847613.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 A day of free creativity for children and young people



07.06.2025
Cruinniú na nÓg

Saturday 7th June 2025

Ireland is the first, and *only*, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. **Cruinniú na nÓg** is a flagship initiative of the **Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan** to enable the creative potential of children and young people. You are invited to participate in a programme of fun, free, creative activities; from graffiti art workshops to stop-motion animation, to coding and architecture workshops!

Please find list of events in **Galway County** here: <https://cruinniu.gov.ie/events/location/galway/>

Please find list of events in **Galway City** here: <https://cruinniu.gov.ie/events/location/galway%20city/>

Portumna Baby Market



PORTUMNA BABY MARKET

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025 FROM 9-12

PORTUMNA TOWN HALL



Sunday 8th June 2025 9am until 12 midday - Portumna Town Hall

Do you have preloved baby items, baby clothes and baby equipment that you wish to sell, recycle or buy? Why not come along and set up a table with your preloved baby items. Sell your stuff/keep your proceeds.

€5 euro per table. All proceeds go towards Portumna Tidy Towns text **086 473 6496** to book a table/spot.

The 31st Croí Corrib Charity Cycle 2025



Sunday 8th June 2025

Starting at [Dangan Sports Pavillion, Galway](#) Finishing at [Croí Heart & Stroke Centre, Galway](#)

In 2025, join us in celebrating the 31st Anniversary of the Croí Corrib Charity Cycle and help to continue to lead the fight against heart disease and stroke. The Croí Corrib Charity Cycle, now in it's 31st year, is one of their most important fundraisers of the year and your support is greatly appreciated!

NO ON-THE-DAY REGISTRATION. Registration will close on **Saturday, June 7th at 4pm**. Registration: €55

For more info, please visit: <https://croi.ie/event/31st-croi-corrib-charity-cycle/>

Creative Brain Week 2025



Monday 9th - Friday 13th June 2025 - Online and Dublin City

A pioneering event to illustrate innovation at the intersection of arts and brain science, including creative approaches to health. **Online and in person events** explore and celebrate wellbeing and physical, mental and brain health across the life cycle. This year's theme is "Activating Kindness".

Events are free, but due to space limitations, both online and in person events must be booked in advance. In person events take

Men's Health Week 2025



Monday 9th - Sunday 15th of June 2025

Men's Health Week is almost here, and it's time to come together to focus on health, well-being, and mental fitness. There will be numerous events throughout the week. Whether it's hitting the gym, eating healthier, or talking about mental health, this week is all about making positive changes and supporting each other.

For more information, please visit: [MHW 2025](https://www.mhfi.org/)

Men's Health Week 2025 - Men's Health Webinar



Monday 9th - Sunday 15th of June 2025

Let's Celebrate Men's Health Week 2025! This year's theme "Shoulder to Shoulder - Connecting for Health" is all about the importance of connectivity and helping each other. Join us to hear some very engaging conversations, insights and advice from our guest. Hosted by Lorcan Brennan, Men's Development Network. Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XkmyffvTS4e5TfeNjQcGew

Men's Health Week 2025 - Men's NCT Health Day - Headford



Wednesday 11th June 2025 from 4:00pm to 8:pm St. Fursa's Hall, Headford ADMISSION IS FREE!!

Solas Family Resource Centre Headford invite you to the Men's NCT Health Day for Free Health and Fitness Check for Men, Blood Pressure Cholesterol, Diabetes HIV Test and Hearing Test.

This is the ideal opportunity for men – of all ages – to get themselves checked out for health and fitness.

For more info, please visit <https://www.solasfrc.ie/>

Men's Health Week 2025 - Your Health Matters - Loughrea



Friday 13th June from 11am to 1pm in the 'Tea Room', Temperance Hall, Loughrea

'Your Health Matters' event! **Free** Health Checks, Information Stands and refreshments served. Supported by Loughrea Men's Shed and Galway Rural Development. Come along and find out ways you can improve your health and wellbeing. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact Karyn at kgavin@grd.ie

Cashel Festival - Children's Art & Poetry Contest



Closing date: Friday 13th June 2025

Children's Art Competition: for all child primary school age. Draw, Colour or paint a picture for the festival. It will be entered in to a competition during the week of the festival.

Children's Poetry Competition: for all child primary school age. Write a shorth poem and enter into the poetry Competition. All pieces of Art & poetry will be on display during the festival.

If you have any queries please contact: casheltogether@gmail.com

Supporting Families to Thrive - THRIVE Conference



Monday June 16th 2025 10am - 4pm Clayton Hotel, Monivea Road H91 D526 Galway

Come along to hear about some evidence-informed ways of working with children, young people and families impacted by substance use. This in-person event will include an exploration of steps to cope, reducing conflict in the home, child exploitation and Drug crime and a discussion on Operation encompass - offering support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Click here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../supporting-families-to...>

GAA Green Clubs Prog info evening



Tuesday 17th June, 2025 at 7:00pm in Ballinderreen GAA Club, Clough Road, Co. Galway H91 785E The Green Clubs Programme—a collaboration between the GAA and local authorities throughout Ireland—was launched in 2020 to support clubs in taking climate action. The upcoming information evening will feature guest speakers and experts on a range of key topics, including Energy, Waste, Biodiversity, and Funding Opportunities. The evening will conclude with a Questions & Answers session and a walkabout tour of the Ballinderreen GAA Green Club, showcasing its innovative climate action projects. Clubs planning to attend are requested to RSVP to climateaction@galwaycoco.ie by **Monday, June 16th, 2025**.

Ballinasloe Midsummer Multicultural Festival



**BALLINASLOE
MULTICULTURAL
MIDSUMMER
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE - 3:00 - 7:00 PM
EMERALD BALLROOM & FAIR GREEN H53 X7T1

- ▶ Opening Ceremony:
Parade of Country Flags
Town Band & Local Schools
- ▶ International Cuisine, Music,
Entertainment, Song & Dance
- ▶ 2 Km Fun Run
- ▶ Music & DJ
- ▶ Local Sports Clubs Demos
- ▶ Give it a Go Games with Rugby,
Hurling, Camogie, Football & Soccer
Clubs
- ▶ Sensory Games & Activities
- ▶ Ice Cream & Coffee Truck

FREE EVENT

FAMILY FUN DAY

CONTACT 0909646516 OR BALLINASLOE.IE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Saturday 21st June from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the Emerald Ballroom and Fair Green (H53 X7T1)

Celebrate Culture, Community and Summer Fun at Midsummer Festival Family Fun Day!

Ballinasloe is gearing up for an afternoon of fun, flavour and festivity as the Midsummer Multicultural Festival Family Fun Day. All are welcome – from every background and nationality – to take part in this inclusive celebration of community and culture. Contact **090 964 6516** for further details.

CAR BOOT SALE Fundraiser



Car Boot Sale

OUTDOOR MARKET

SUNDAY JUNE 22nd 2025

PORTUMNA MART, PORTUMNA
H53 X867

OPEN TO TRADERS FROM 8AM
TEXT TO BOOK: 087-2850165
CARS: €10
VANS: €15

OPEN TO PUBLIC AT 9:30AM until 1PM

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

Fundraiser for Portumna Tidy Towns

Monster Raffle at the Gate on the day

Portumna Tidy Towns

Sunday 22nd June 2025 Portumna Mart, Portumna, Co. Galway H53 X867

Open to the Public from 9:30am. **Open to Traders/Sellers** from 8am. Bookings: **087 285 0165**.

This Fundraiser is in aid of Portumna Tidy Towns to purchase new equipment, flowers and plants **ALL WELCOME**. Free Entry. **RAFFLE** on the day.

Connacht Fleadh 2025 - Ballinasloe

29th June - 6th July 2025

CONNACHT FLEADH

 Ballinasloe

From 29th June to July 6th July 2025 - Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The Connacht Fleadh will celebrate the rich musical heritage of the region and is set to attract talented performers and visitors from across Connacht and beyond. The Connacht Fleadh serves as a crucial qualifying event for competitors aiming to secure their place at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, making it a key milestone for musicians, singers, and dancers from across the province. For more info, please visit <https://www.connachtfleadh.ie>

National Social Enterprise Awards 2025



Closing date: 27th June 2025

The Awards showcase the impact of Ireland's social enterprise community, and celebrate the people and organisations that make it all happen. If you are a social enterprise that is based in the Republic of Ireland, you are eligible to apply! For more information, go to: <https://ildn.ie/themes/socialenterprise/>

29th Annual Health Promotion Conference *From Awareness to Action: Advancing Sexual Health Promotion*



29th Annual Health Promotion Conference

From Awareness to Action: Advancing Sexual Health Promotion

Thursday 26th June 2025
Arts Millennium Building
University of Galway

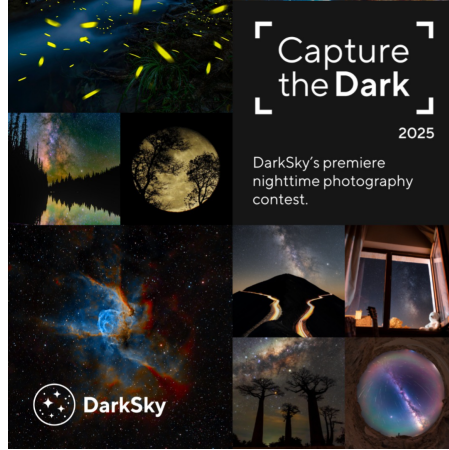
Thursday 29th June 2025 Arts Millennium Building, University of Galway

Explore the transformative changes in sexual health discourse in Ireland and globally over the past decade.

This conference will feature: ♦Discussions on positive and respectful approaches to sexuality and relationships. ♦Strategies for promoting safe and pleasurable sexual experiences. ♦Insights into comprehensive sexual health information and equitable healthcare access. ♦Examination of the multi-dimensional aspects of sexual health, including orientation, identity, expression, and relationships.

Register for the event at www.hprconference.ie Group bookings are also available.

Capture the Dark Astrophotography Contest



Closing date for submissions: 30th June 2025

DarkSky International proudly announce the return of Capture the Dark, the premier nightscape and astrophotography contest. This highly anticipated contest celebrates the wonders of the night while building awareness about what we stand to lose as light pollution continues to erase dark skies worldwide.

Whether you're a seasoned astrophotographer or new to capturing nightscapes, the contest offers an array of categories designed for every skill level. Be sure to check out the new Capture the Dark website for more information:

<https://capturethedark.us.launchpad6.com/contest2025>

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

Please Share PPN Newsletters with all members of your group.

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

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

Le dea-ghuí, (with kind regards)

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