



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# PPN NEWSLETTER

## JULY 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](mailto: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

### PPN New Staff Member!

Welcome to Claire Connolly



Claire Connolly started in June as the Galway County PPN Resource Worker covering Mary Mullen's leave. Claire is looking forward to working with Silvana Falasca (Support Worker) and all involved with County Galway PPN, continuing the delivery of the 2025 Work Plan. Claire's background is in banking, a qualified Financial Advisor with a Diploma in Wealth Management. In recent years Claire joined Galway City Council gaining experience in the Housing Department (H.A.P.) and for over the past four years in Galway County Council as administrator in the Rural, Community Development & Integration Department (Arts office).

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## PPN NATIONAL NEWS

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### 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](#)

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### 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>

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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.

# Council & Government News

## GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



### PLENARY MEETING

Galway County Council Plenary Meeting is taking place on **Monday 21st July 2025**

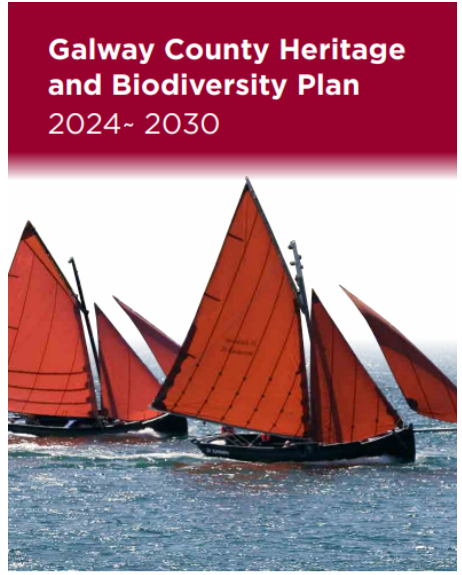
### Congratulations to the new Galway County Council Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach



#### Congratulations!!

At the Galway County Council Annual General Meeting held on Friday 20th June 2025, Cllr. David Collins was elected as Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Mary Hoade was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for Galway County Council for 2025/2026.

### Galway County Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2024 - 2030



Galway County Council has launched its new [Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2024–2030](#), a first-of-its-kind strategy in Ireland that fully integrates natural, built, and cultural heritage with biodiversity goals. Unveiled at the Marine Institute in June 2025, the plan addresses key challenges like climate change and biodiversity loss through actions such as habitat protection, invasive species

management, and heritage education. It also empowers communities to record, preserve, and celebrate local traditions. This new plan builds on the success of the 2017–2022 strategy, including digitising 40,000+ graveyard records and reviving Barn Owl populations. More details [HERE](#)

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

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS

### Call for Expressions of Interest for 2025-2026 SDG Champions Programme



Expressions of Interest sought for participants of the 2025-2026 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Champions Programme

#### **Closing date: Wednesday 30th July, 2025 at 5pm**

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, is now seeking Expressions of Interest for participants in the 2025-2026 SDG Champions Programme. Established in 2019, the SDG Champions Programme is a non-funded programme, developed to raise public awareness of the SDGs and to demonstrate, through best practice examples provided by the SDG Champions, that everyone in society can make a contribution to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). Under the Programme, the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, will appoint several organisations as SDG Champions for a period of 18 months, from September 2025. The organisations will be selected from a wide range of sectors of Irish society, representing the commitment to sustainable development across the public, private, community, voluntary, youth and NGO sectors. Applications are sought from all organisations and groups, big and small, who would like to act as an advocate for the SDGs and a good practice example of how to promote and progress the SDGs. Applications will be accepted from organisations/groups based in the Republic of Ireland. This can include cross-border, multi-national organisations with Irish operations. We encourage all eligible organisations and groups to apply. All Expressions of Interest must be received by **5pm, Wednesday 30th July, 2025**. For more info please visit: <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/15491/>



Riailtas 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

**Rinville Park Public Consultation**



**Rinville Park Sustainable Development Plan**

Galway County Council is pleased to launch a non-statutory public consultation and engagement process on the development of a new Sustainable Development Plan for Rinville Park. The aim of the new plan is to identify a series of projects aimed at improving the Park for the benefit of all its users.

Get involved and share your ideas by coming to the first event on **Thursday 3rd July**.

**Workshop 01 UNDERSTANDING THE PARK**  
**Thursday, 3rd July** - Drop-in 2pm - 4pm / Workshop 5pm-7pm  
 Establishes a collective understanding of Rinville Park and defines key themes and objectives for further development.

**Workshop 02 DEFINING THE PARK**  
**Thursday, 7th August** - Drop-in 2pm-4pm / Workshop 5pm-7pm  
 Encourages expansive and long-term thinking to inform Rinville Park development proposals and actions.

**Workshop 03 ENABLING THE PARK**  
**Thursday, 2nd October** - Drop-in 2pm-4pm / Workshop 5pm-7pm  
 Explores short, medium and long term phasing for the chosen Rinville Park development proposals and actions

**Oranmore Library**  
 Main Street, Oranmore, H91 PC59

**DISCOVER MORE HERE**

**ACT**

**Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at Oranmore Library, Main Street, Oranmore**

Galway County Council, supported by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, is launching an exciting project to explore your priorities to help shape the future of the much loved Rinville Park in Oranmore. Throughout the remainder of 2025, the project team will be active in Oranmore getting in touch with local community groups and users of the Park. This is an opportunity to share your views on what you love about Rinville and what improvements can be made to the area. A number of engagement events are planned beginning in early July. The first event will be to meet with the community on **Thursday 3rd July from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at Oranmore Library, Main Street, Oranmore**. All members of the community are invited to come along to find out more about the project and share their views on Rinville Park

**Pedestrian Crossing at Creggs, Co Galway**



**Closing date: Friday 4th July 2025 at 5pm**

Galway County Council proposes to install a pedestrian crossing, subject to available funding at Creggs, Co Galway (Road Number R-362). The works will include the installation of a raised controlled pedestrian crossing, lighting, advance warning signage & associated road markings. Drawings showing the proposed works are available online on <https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/notice-section-38-%E2%80%93-93-pedestrian-crossing-creggs-co-galway> and may also be inspected, during normal opening hours, from Wednesday, 18th June 2025 to Friday, 4th July 2025 at: Ballinasloe Municipal District Civic Offices, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Representations relating to the above-mentioned proposed works may be made in writing to the Senior Executive Engineer, Galway County Council, Ballinasloe Municipal District, Civic Offices, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, H53 A7K7, or electronically via <https://consult.galway.ie/>

**South Galway Swift Survey: Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Portumna**

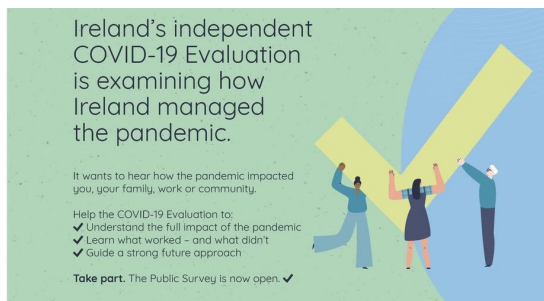


BirdWatch Ireland, with the support of the Heritage Council is to carry out a swift survey in Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Portumna. The Swift (*Apus apus*) is a summer visitor to Ireland, flying in all the way from southern Africa where it spends the winter. It's a well-known bird in towns and cities, loved for its amazing flying skills and unique way of life. Swifts mostly live around built-up areas because they need buildings to nest and raise their chicks. They are a red listed bird and their populations have declined significantly in Ireland in recent years. If your community group would like to get involved or learn more, please email [tadcock@birdwatchireland.ie](mailto:tadcock@birdwatchireland.ie)

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

**NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

## Ireland's Independent COVID-19 Evaluation



**Closing date: Monday 14th July 2025**

Ireland's Independent COVID-19 Evaluation is examining how Ireland managed the pandemic. It wants to hear how the pandemic impacted you, your family, work or community. The insights gathered will inform the Evaluation's final report, a comprehensive, evidence-based analysis to help Ireland prepare more effectively for future emergencies.

Complete the survey here: <https://www.covid19evaluation.ie/share-your-experience/>

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## Public consultation on the development of the Fourth Cycle Water Action Plan 2028-2033



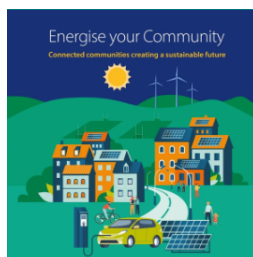
**Closing date: Friday 25th July 2025**

The [Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage](#) invites members of the public to make their submissions, observations and comments on the timetable and work programme for the development of Ireland's fourth-cycle Water Action Plan 2028 – 2033.

This is the first of three public consultation stages related to the three-year development of the Fourth Cycle Water Action Plan. Find out more <http://bit.ly/40pjWjX>

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## Share Your Perspective: Sustainable Energy Communities Programme Energy Master Plan Survey



The SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme Team would like to invite you to take a quick survey. You will be asked to provide your perspective on going through the Energy Master Plan Process. Your feedback on your experience will be considered and used to improve the programme for communities. This survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete and it is intended for Sustainable Energy Communities who have completed their Energy Master Plans. To start the survey, please click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RuNk9vvW5UOFuowECBAjVZzhYqmb4fh5Pqk2wTFPbC7NUNEJFMkVNOEJUMjk3RUVYUUVZMk82TldJOC4u>

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## Horizon Europe project E-SPF digit - Survey



The aim of the Horizon Europe funded project called E-SPF digit (<https://e-spfdigit.eu/>) is to develop technological tools to support soil health. As part of the project they are seeking responses to surveys from as many people as possible who are involved in using soil for work or leisure. The survey link is here:

## Fostering Ecosystem-Based MSP in the Celtic Sea



The [Marine Institute - Foras na Mara](https://www.marine.ie) (MI) have an ongoing project that aims to assess how to foster Ecosystem-Based Marine Spatial Planning in the Celtic Sea.

The MarinePlan project (<https://www.marineplan.eu/>) is particularly interested in examining how Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Protected Area processes are managed in existing governance regimes, what governance challenges are experienced by key stakeholders, and how these might be addressed within new governance arrangements. The MI have completed their analysis and are seeking feedback on their assessment and proposed recommendations – published **as a Story Map**. They invite you to read this material and to participate in a short online questionnaire – which is attached to the above link – to provide feedback on their analysis. The survey will take no more than 10 minutes. Your participation would significantly contribute to their final recommendations. More info and link to the survey here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ac2cb73e15f14531b2487083bc2c491b>

## Enhancing Inclusive Entrepreneurship Supports in Ireland



[Enterprise Ireland](https://www.enterpriseireland.ie) 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  
SPORTRÉ IRELAND  
Donegal Sports Partnership  
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@tus.ie  
TUS  
www.miderresearch.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:

<p><b>Interview (online)</b>          A 15 minute interview where you will be asked about your thoughts on the Deposit Return Scheme as an online grocery shopper.</p>	<p><b>Survey</b>          An anonymous survey taking approximately 2-3 minutes to complete. Please scan the QR code below to access the survey.</p>
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**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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWstyLYyn0npMF_umrsTRkQp_hj4nJ9gMLXu53klzac0c11w/viewform?usp=header)

**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.galwaycountypn.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.

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## Professional Development Award for Artist aged 50+ from Age & Opportunity Emerging Artist Award for Artist aged 50+ from Age & Opportunity



**Closing date: Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 12:00noon**

Age & Opportunity is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2025 Artist Awards.

These awards are part of our ongoing commitment to supporting artists aged 50 and over in Ireland. They aim to recognise both emerging talent and the importance of continued professional development in later life.

We are currently inviting applications for two distinct awards: the **Professional Development Artist Award** and the **Emerging Artist Bursary**. Each award offers €1,000 to a successful applicant and is designed to support artists at different stages of their creative journey.

**Apply below for Professional Development Award for Artist aged 50+ from Age & Opportunity:**

<https://visualartists.ie/advert/open-call-professional-development-award-for-artist-aged-50-from-age-opportunity>

**Apply below for Emerging Artist Award for Artist aged 50+ from Age & Opportunity:**

<https://visualartists.ie/advert/open-call-emerging-artist-award-for-artist-aged-50-from-age-opportunity>

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## 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](mailto:rinawhyte@yahoo.com) or by telephone + 353 87 238 9591.

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## LAWPRO's Water Heritage Day Grants Scheme



**Closing date: Friday 25th July 2025 at 4pm.**

Community groups are invited to host events to celebrate Water Heritage Day 2025. Whether it's a river walk, lakeside talk, or a creative local history project, there are plenty of ways to get involved!

A total of €30,000 is available through the scheme. Water Heritage Day takes place on Sunday August 24th as part of [Heritage Week](#) and in partnership with [The Heritage Council](#).

Contact your local Community Water Officer before applying: <https://bit.ly/3ZJGvR5>

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/4nh3Ljh>

Register your Heritage Week event: <https://bit.ly/3G6nFNq>

You can also submit your event to be considered for a Water Heritage Award!

More info: <https://bit.ly/44o2DC3>

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## Energy For Generations Fund



**Closing date: Thursday 14th August 2025**

**As a leading Irish organisation with deep roots in the community dating back to 1927, ESB is committed to playing a role in addressing some of the key social issues facing Ireland today.**

The Energy for Generations Fund sees over €1 million per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives through a bi-annual fund to charities working in the areas of social inclusion relating to access to education as well as access to employment, and homelessness. The aim of the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our social investment in disadvantaged communities, by taking a more strategic approach to effect sustainable change aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The fund also aims to leverage skills and knowledge within the company to bring about viable and positive outcomes. Only project proposals from charities delivering supports and services impacting on communities located on the island of Ireland are considered. Charities working in the areas of social inclusion, access to education, access to employment, and homelessness can apply to the fund. For more information, please visit <https://esb.ie/who-we-are/our-story/efg-funds>

## CERV - Town Twinning



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)



**Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 5.00pm Brussels time**

Are you interested in funding opportunities for projects aimed at strengthening cooperation between towns and municipalities across Europe? This call aims to promote intercultural dialogue by bringing people of different nationalities and different languages together and giving them the opportunity to participate in common activities. Proposals must involve municipalities from at least 2 eligible countries of which at least one is an EU Member State.

For more info please visit: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cerv/wp-call/2025/call-fiche\\_cerv-2025-citizens-town-tt\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cerv/wp-call/2025/call-fiche_cerv-2025-citizens-town-tt_en.pdf)

Application link [HERE](#)

## NeighbourWood Scheme



The NeighbourWood Scheme provides support for works to enhance existing forests, increase their functionality and attractiveness for recreation, and install familiar features such as trails, seats, signs, and parking. For more information, please visit:

<https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/neighbourwood-scheme.pdf?>

## 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



**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](#)**

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### More Funding from Galway County Council



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

### More Funding from the Government of Ireland



Riadas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

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

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### More Funding from the European Union



European Union

[https://european-union.europa.eu/live-work-study/funding-grants-subsidies\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/live-work-study/funding-grants-subsidies_en)



European Commission

[https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders_en)



Access Europe  
Unlocking EU Funding

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

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# Training & Development

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University of Galway's Education & Employment Transition Programme (ETP)

## ETP - July 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

The Education Transition Programme is a free programme to build essential skills for employment and education.

Grow your confidence, learn new skills and explore options for your future. 3 days a week, for 3 weeks, come and see what you can learn.



Attend Workshops on Law and Workplace rights



Digital Literacy classes



Learn podcasting with Latisha McCrudden



Irish Travellers /Mincéir's Archives Workshop

To learn more - Call 091 493553, email: [elaine.m.ryan@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:elaine.m.ryan@universityofgalway.ie) or scan this QR code with your camera to sign up



### From July 1st to 17th | Tuesdays to Thursdays | 11:00am – 4:00pm University of Galway campus

The Access Centre, in partnership with the University of Sanctuary and the Galway Traveller Movement, is running a free skills-building programme from July 1st to 17th, open to members of the Traveller and Roma communities who are looking to build digital skills, grow confidence, and take steps toward education or employment. Participants will have access to: ♦Digital skills training ♦Legal rights workshops ♦Career and education guidance ♦Traveller culture and history sessions ♦Creative media experiences including podcasting, radio, and film ♦Engagements with the Zoology Department and Galway Community Circus ♦A certificate of completion.

This programme is open to individuals aged 17+ who are interested in returning to education, pursuing further training, or preparing for future opportunities. Lunch provided, places are limited, register now using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BHau8gqVKx>

For more information: Email: [Elaine.m.ryan@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:Elaine.m.ryan@universityofgalway.ie) Phone: 091 493 553

## Buggy Buddies – 6-Week Outdoor Exercise Programme Athenry



### Starts: Wednesday, 2nd July 2025 - 10am – 11am Athenry

Looking to ease back into fitness after having a baby? Join us for Buggy Buddies, a fun and supportive 6-week outdoor exercise programme designed especially for parents and postpartum mums!

Led by personal trainer Helen Daly, this class is gentle and suitable for all fitness levels — no babysitter needed, just bring your buggy and your baby!

Cost: €20 for 6 weeks or €5 per session (Pay As You Go) Free places available — no questions asked if cost is a barrier. Pre-registration is required

Participants must be at least 6 weeks postpartum and have medical clearance to exercise.

Register now <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1370903783119?aff=oddtcreator>

## Farm Walks 2025

### Sustainable Cattle Grazing in the Uplands for Nature and Wildfire Prevention



### 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/>

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## Open Water Swim Series for Women A Guided Introduction to Sea Swimming



**Sunday 6th July, Saturday 9th August, Sunday 7th September, Saturday 4th October 2025**  
**1-hour sessions, Ladies Beach, Salthill, Galway**

Discover the Joy of Open Water Swimming! Learn open water safety & confidence, discover the physical & mental benefits of sea swimming, explore swimming as a sport, practice breathwork & mindfulness, learn how to care for our marine environment, enjoy a hot drink & chats with like-minded women after each session!! Join this empowering swim series designed especially for women aged 16+ — no experience needed! Whether you're a total beginner or just curious, this is your chance to explore the sea in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. Register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1427151471469?aff=oddtcreator> Questions? Email us at: [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie)

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## The Wheel: Boost Your Corporate Donors, Volunteers & Impact with Benevity and the Irish Online Giving Foundation



**Wednesday 9th July 2025 – 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Zoom - Free members-only event**


Learn how Irish nonprofits can join Benevity to access corporate donations, volunteers, and build long-term support. This webinar is free to attend but registration is needed. For more info and registration please visit: <https://www.wheel.ie/training/2025/07/boost-your-corporate-donors-volunteers-impact-benevity-and-irish-online-giving> Please email [matthew@wheel.ie](mailto:matthew@wheel.ie) if you have any special requirements.

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## Forestry Knowledge Transfer Group (KTG)

# IMPROVE YOUR FOREST, GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

JOIN FOREST OWNER GROUP EAST GALWAY / CLARE




Shared Learning Through Field Visits  
**RECEIVE €80. - PER MEETING!**  
(Funded by DAFM KTG Scheme)

## FOCUS ON DIVERSE AND RESILIENT FOREST & FARM SYSTEMS

- Sheep & Cattle Agroforestry
- Woodland Establishment (Native woodland, etc.)
- Windblow & Timber marketing
- Ash Dieback Reconstitution
- Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF)
- Making & using Forest products on the farm
- Forest roads
- & more! (relevant to owners)

For more information contact Julius Silvan:  
julius@silvanua.ie or Tel: 087 345 7982



SCAN ME

### 7 Meetings/Field trips between July–November 2025 (evenings and weekends)

Julius Silvan is organising a Forestry Knowledge Transfer Group (KTG) focused on climate- and biodiversity-resilient forestry & farm systems — including agroforestry, timber marketing, woodland establishment, and more. 7 Meetings/Field trips between July–November 2025 (evenings and weekends), Learn through peer-to-peer field visits. **Get paid €80 per meeting (up to €560 total)**

Open to forestry owners or landowners planning to establish woodland.

**First session at the [Slieve Aughty Centre](#) Kylebrack, Co. Galway.**

Limited spaces — to express interest or get more info: [julius@silvanua.ie](mailto:julius@silvanua.ie) | 087 345 7982

## Carmichael presents: Good Governance Awards 2025




**Carmichael** PRESENTS  
**The Good Governance Awards**

Recognising and encouraging adherence to good governance practice by nonprofits in Ireland.

**Closing date: Thursday 11th of September 2025**

**Win training up to the value of €240 by entering the Good Governance Awards!**

Nonprofits with an annual income of less than €100,000 win 1 free place on a training course of their choice for entering the awards and win 2 additional training places if they are shortlisted to win.

Find out more and enter <https://goodgovernanceawards.ie/>

## Heritage Keepers - Free Workshops and a Grants

### HERITAGE KEEPERS ROUND 5

**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN**

Free workshops and a grant to support local heritage action and fieldtrip for community groups and primary schools nationwide

Visit [heritagekeepers.ie](https://heritagekeepers.ie) for more information

**APPLY NOW**

[heritagekeepers.ie](https://heritagekeepers.ie)




**Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 12:00am ----- check the date what is for**

Heritage Keepers is a free programme for primary schools and community groups across Ireland that empowers participants to delve into their built, cultural and natural heritage and provides funding to allow them to take positive local action!

**Groups** - free workshops and a grant for a local project and fieldtrip worth up to €1350, and

**Primary schools** - free workshops and up to €850 for a project and fieldtrip! Apply at [heritagekeepers.ie](https://heritagekeepers.ie)

## 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>

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## 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](#)

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### 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

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## An Cúinne Gaeilge

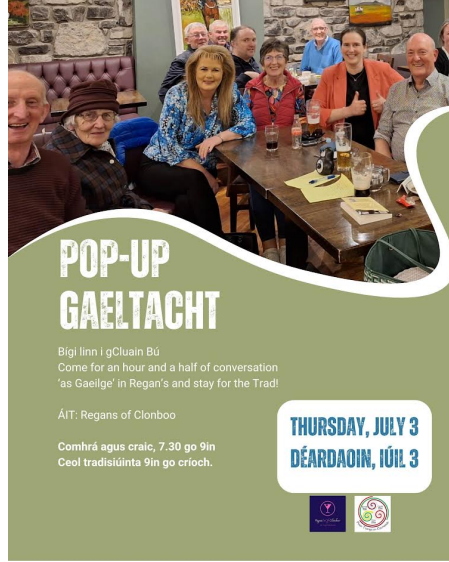
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An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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Pop Up Gaeltacht



### Déardaoin 3 Iúil 2025 ag 7.30in

Beidh 'Pop Up Gaeltacht' do chainteoirí Gaeilge ar siúl i Regans, Cluain Bú, ar an Déardaoin, 3 Iúil, ag 7.30in. Is é an smaoineamh atá taobh thiar den imeacht seo ná spás a chur ar fáil do dhaoine chun bualadh le chéile agus taitneamh a bhaint as comhrá neamhfhoirmiúil ar feadh uair go leith nó mar sin. Tar isteach don chomhrá agus fan le haghaidh an cheoil thraidisiúnta ina dhiaidh sin. Fáilte roimh chách!

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais: [Forestry Knowledge Transfer Group \(KTG\) https://gaeltachtaneachreidh.ie/pop-up-gaeltacht-i-regans/](https://gaeltachtaneachreidh.ie/pop-up-gaeltacht-i-regans/)

### Oíche Chultúir sa Ghaeltacht 2025 - cuir imeacht ar siúl!



### Spríodhata d'iarrais: Déardaoin 3ú Iúil 2025

Fáiltíonn Ealaín na Gaeltachta roimh iarrais ó dhaoine aonair agus ó ghrúpaí ar mian leo imeacht a eagrú a bheidh ar siúl sa Ghaeltacht 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

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais: [chuigealain@udaras.ie](mailto:chuigealain@udaras.ie)

### Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí 2025



### Spríodhata d'iarrais: Déardaoin 17 Iúil 2025.

An ealaíontóir gairmiúil thú atá ag maireachtáil sa Ghaeltacht, agus ag feidhmiú trí mheán na Gaeilge? Ar mhaith leat am a chur ar leataobh i dtreo barrfeabhais a chothú i do chleachtas ealaíne? Más ea, déan iarrais ar an Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí 2025. Tá an scéim dírithe ar ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta in aon réimse cleachtas ealaíne agus atá ag aon staid dá gcleachtas gairmiúil. Tuilleadh eolais ar [www.ealain.ie](http://www.ealain.ie)

Tá an Scéim Sparánachta á réachtáil ag Ealaín na Gaeltachta agus á chómhaoiniú ag Údarás na Gaeltachta agus An Chomhairle Ealaíon.

## Scéim na Scoláireachtaí 2025



### Spriocdháta: Dé hAoine 18 Iúil 2025 12:00

\*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 hAoine Ní Dhualáin ar [aoife@glornangael.ie](mailto:aoife@glornangael.ie)

## Gradaim na Gaeltachta 2025



### Spriocdháta: Dé hAoine 25 Iúil 2025

Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag lorg iarratais 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 sárobair dheonach i bpobal na Gaeltachta. Déan iarratas anseo: <https://udaras.ie/pobal/gradaim-na-gaeltachta/>

## Duais Amharclannaíochta na Gaeilge



### Dáta deiridh: Déardaoin 31 Iúil 2025 ag 17:30

Tacaíonn Gradam Amharclannaíochta na Gaeilge le tionscadail ealaíonta sonracha san amharclannaíocht, ó fhorbairt drámaí go cruthú amharclannaíochta go léiriúcháin mhórscála agus camchuaiteanna. Díríonn sé ar a chinntiú gur féidir le níos mó daoine taitneamh a bhaint as eispéiris amharclannaíochta ardchaighdeáin sa Gaeilge ar fud na tíre.

Tuilleadh eolais: <https://artscouncil.ie/funding-opportunities/irish-language-theatre-award/>

**Beidh seisiún eolais** á reáchtáil ag Aisling Nic Artáin, Ceann na nEalaíon agus na Litríochta Gaeilge, ar an **10 Iúil** chun plé a dhéanamh ar Ghradam Amharclannaíochta na Gaeilge. **Beidh seisiún i mBéarla ag 11:00-12:00 agus beidh seisiún i nGaeilge ag 15:30-16:30**, agus beidh taifeadadh den dá sheisiún ar fáil ina dhiaidh sin.

## 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/civamenitysites/>

## Supports & Resources

## Disabled Women Ireland "Online Social Chat"



**DWI Social Chat**

Join us for an Online Social Chat!

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of July at 7pm

Zoom (Email / DM us for the link)

The poster features a yellow background with a purple circle containing 'DWI' and 'Social Chat'. Below is an illustration of a woman at a laptop with a video call window showing three other participants. A clock icon is next to the date and time, and a location pin icon is next to the Zoom information.

## Dementia Café



**FORUM** **hi** Healthy Galway **HSE** **SICAP**

**DEMENTIA CAFÉ**

*Informal get-togethers in a welcoming space for people living with dementia and their carers.*

**The Wild Goat Café, Letterfrack**

**7<sup>th</sup> July**

- 6<sup>th</sup> August
- 1<sup>st</sup> September

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

To book your place, contact Kathleen: 087 241 4169

The poster is colorful and includes illustrations of coffee cups, a red goat, a calendar, a person gardening, and playing cards. It lists the dates and time of the events and provides contact information for booking.

### Tuesday 1st July at 7pm - Online

[Disabled Women Ireland](#) are getting together for an hour of casual conversation, connection, and good vibes on Zoom. It's a chance to catch up, meet other disabled folks, and just have a laugh together. Want to come along? Email [disabledwomenireland@gmail.com](mailto:disabledwomenireland@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

### Starting Monday 7th July 2025 11:30am, Letterfrack

FORUM Connemara are very pleased to announce the launch of a Dementia Café for Letterfrack with the support of the HSE and Healthy Galway. The Café which will be held in the **Wild Goat Café Letterfrack** will provide a friendly, welcoming space for people living with dementia and their carers, to meet and socialise while enjoying activities with a cuppa and some nibbles.

Please contact Kathleen Aspell if you would like to know more about the café: **087 241 4169**

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## Crime Prevention Talk



**Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 2pm**

Please come along to [Oughterard Community Centre](#) on Tuesday at 2pm to talk with local Gardaí, learn how to protect yourself from scams, online and in your home.

**Understanding Overthinking in Depression, OCD and Generalised Anxiety Disorder**



**Wednesday, 9th July (12-1pm)**

Join us for our free webinar exploring the complex role of overthinking in mental health. This session will delve into how rumination, intrusive thoughts, and excessive worry are different in depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), and generalised anxiety disorder (GAD) [aware.ie/webinars/upcoming-aware-webinars/](http://aware.ie/webinars/upcoming-aware-webinars/)  
 Can't make it live? Sign up anyway and we'll send you the recording.

**Social Prescribing**

You can contact Katie 087 4759547 or [katiegrant@grd.ie](mailto:katiegrant@grd.ie)

**Support Numbers**

**Support Numbers**  
Emergency Number: 999/112

**THE SAMARITANS**  
116 123  
Email:jo@samaritans.ie

**ALONE**  
0818 222 024  
www.alone.ie

**AWARE**  
1800 80 48 48

**CHILDLINE**  
1800 666 666  
Instant messaging:  
www.childline.ie

**NATIONAL RAPE  
CRISIS HELPLINE**  
1800 778 888

**MABS**  
(MONEY ADVICE & SUPPORT SERVICE)  
0761 072 000

**GAMBLING CARE**  
1800 936 725  
www.gamblingcare.ie

**PIETA**  
Text 'HELP' to 51444  
1800 247 247  
Galway: 091 502921

**SpunOut: text about it**  
Text 'Hello' to 50808  
www.text50808.ie

**YourMentalHealth,(HSE)**  
Freephone:  
1800 111 888

**Men's Development  
Network**  
1800 816 588

**Women's Aid**  
1800 341 900

**HSE, DRUGS & ALCOHOL  
HELPLINE**  
1800 459 459

**National LGBT+ Helpline**  
1890 929 539

Please Reach Out.

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## Rainbows Ireland

**Rainbows Ireland**  
Supporting Children and Young People with Separation and Parental Separation

The Rainbows programmes will start in **on March 2025** **FDC, 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)
- Separation groups are formed for Bereavement and Parental Separation.
- Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings/not connecting, changes or one to one support.

For further enquiries or to enrol your child, please contact:  
Una Murphy on 085 1702530 or email [rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com)

For more information:

085 170 2530 [rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com)

## Macra Club - Social Outlet for Young Adults

**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, club, school etc.
- Contact your local Macra TDO**  
086 780 8987  
ddonnelly@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 THINGS ABOUT**

Aged 17-35 and looking for fun?

086 780 8987 [ddonnelly@macra.ie](mailto:ddonnelly@macra.ie)

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



Galway Rural Development

## Guide to Supports for People with Disabilities



Forbairt Tuaithe na Gaillimhe

## Faisnéis Faoi Mhíchumas

Treoir maidir le taidhleochtaí  
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

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

Eolas simplí maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí



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](#)





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

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

If you are a professional working with older people who would benefit from this service you can download a referral form from [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

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

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



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](http://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.healthygalitycity.ie/newsletters>



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



Nothing About Us Without Us



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

## BLÁS

Exhibition by Niamh Daniels and Pat Byrne

You are cordially invited to

# BLÁS

Niamh Daniels & Pat Byrne



27<sup>th</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Opening June 27 by Anne Donnellan 7 - 9pm

Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 12 - 5pm



[www.OCAP.ie](http://www.OCAP.ie) Facebook Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme Instagram ougterardcap

From 27th June to 6th July 2025 - The Courthouse, Fough West, Oughterard, Co. Galway

Contacts: +353 (0)91 557589 [ougterardcourthousebookings@gmail.com](mailto:ougterardcourthousebookings@gmail.com)

## Connacht Fleadh 2025 - Ballinasloe



## From 29th June to 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>

## Finding Diamonds in the Sky

**Westside Arts Festival**

**FINDING DIAMONDS IN THE SKY**

**DANCE WORKSHOP**

DANCE WORKSHOP IN JULY FOR 10-12 YEAR OLDS WITH DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER SIOBHAN FLANAGAN.

WORKSHOP DATES:  
2:30 - 4:30PM:  
WED 02/07, THU03/07, FRI 04/07

2:30 - 4:00 PM:  
MON 07/07, WED 09/07

FINAL PERFORMANCE:  
SATURDAY 12/07 DURING THE WESTSIDE ARTS FESTIVAL

Booking essential.  
Book at [westside@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:westside@galwaycoco.ie).  
Participants must be available to attend all 5 sessions and the performance.

### July 2nd–4th (2:30–4:30 PM) July 7th & 9th (2:30–4:00 PM) Final Performance: July 12th July 2025

Calling All Young Dancers (Ages 10–12)! Unleash your inner star at the "Finding Diamonds in the Sky" Dance Workshop with choreographer Siobhan Flanagan Workshop Dates: July 2–4 (2:30–4:30 PM) July 7 & 9 (2:30–4:00 PM) Final Performance: July 12 at the **Westside Arts Festival Limited** spots!

Booking essential: [westside@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:westside@galwaycoco.ie) Must attend all sessions + performance.

## GROUP 8

### Art Club with Fiona

**ART Club WITH FIONA**

EXPLORE NEW CRAFTS AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 7+  
€15 PER CLASS

GROUP8 HQ  
BALLINASLOE TOWN HALL THEATRE  
H53 A2N7

4-5PM THURSDAY:  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
3<sup>RD</sup> JULY  
10<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
17<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
24<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

BOOKING REQUIRED:  
[bit.ly/44gTCvw](https://bit.ly/44gTCvw)

For more information contact:  
087 7378729  
[ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com](mailto:ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com)

### From Thursday 3rd July 2025


Booking is essential and can be done so through the following link: [bit.ly/44gTCvw](https://bit.ly/44gTCvw)

If you require further information, please contact [ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com](mailto:ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com) or phone 087 7378729.

## Felting Workshops

July  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>

# FELTING WORKSHOPS



Thursdays 7pm - 8.30pm

Group 8 HQ  
Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre

Learn the craft of felting with textile artist Fiona Ormsby. Over this four week course, you will explore various felting techniques, including wet felting, needle felting and 3D felting.

Classes cost €110

group8  
ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com

Booking Required:  
<http://bit.ly/3HU8qrk>



**From Thursday 3rd July 2025**

Places are limited and booking is essential.

Please use the following link to book a space:

<https://bit.ly/3HU8qrk>

If you have any further questions, please email [ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com](mailto:ballinasloegroup8@gmail.com)

## Aleen Cust Memorial Symposium Cultivating Change in Veterinary and Farming Practices



### Cultivating Change in Veterinary and Farming Practices

Aleen Cust Memorial  
Symposium  
2025

*Aleen Cust*  
THE ALEEN CUST  
MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 | 9:00am – 5:00pm

Mountbellew Agricultural College,  
Mountbellew, Co Galway H53 WE00

To book the conference please visit... **Eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aleen-cust-memorial-symposium-tickets-1396540834229?aff=oddtcreator>

CVE Credits: 4.5 CVE credits have been approved by the VCI for this event



**Friday 4th July 2025 · 9am - 5pm - Mountbellew Agricultural College, Co. Galway H53WE00**

Welcome to the Aleen Cust Memorial Symposium! Join us at Mountbellew Agricultural College for a day filled with insightful discussions, exhibitions, vintage machinery and networking opportunities. This symposium honors the legacy of Aleen gCust, a pioneer in agricultural science. Don't miss this chance to connect with experts in the field and gain valuable knowledge. To book the conference, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aleen-cust-memorial-symposium-tickets-1396540834229?>

## Glenamaddy Community Garden



**OPEN DAY**  
**at Blooming Ballyhard !**  
 Glenamaddy ~ F45 FK57  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10 am to 2pm**

Trees, Plants, Flowers Sale  
 Barbecue, Tea / Coffee  
 Art Exhibition  
 Fantastic Raffle  
 Wellness Experts on site  
 (Reiki, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage)  
 Relax in our **Sensory Garden**  
 Live Music & Sean Nós Dancers  
 Bric-a-Brac  
 Free Face Painting  
 Lego area for kids



**Saturday 5th July 2025 from 10am Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project Ballyhard Glenamaddy**  
**Great day out coming up in Glenamaddy Community Garden!**

**National Play Day 2025!**  
**Power of Play**



**Saturday 5th July 2025, 12noon - 2pm - Tuam Palace Grounds**

This year's theme celebrates the incredible ability of play to support individual growth, build connections, and bring communities together. Play bridges gaps, sparks joy, and helps create vibrant, inclusive spaces for everyone. **What's in store?** ♦Galway Community Circus ♦Drumadore ♦Face-painting ♦Free ice cream ♦ Orienteering ♦And more! **This event is funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality and Galway County Council.** Learn more: <https://www.galwayactive.ie/event/11/national-play-day>

**Weekend in the Hills: Festival of Traditional Crafts**



**Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July 2025 Slieve Aughty Hills - Loughrea, Co. Galway.**

A weekend Festival for Adults and Families. Camping and glamping is available and organic lunch is included in the weekend. A weekend of craft learning and community building. Come learn a skill, soak up the culture, have fun and make everlasting friendships! Once known as Weekend in the Woods, this popular two day event is now in its second decade! Those attending the events, spend one or two days (depending on the craft) learning their chosen skill. Most students go home with a finished piece, although this is not the objective of the event. The aim is to teach the techniques and skills needed to go home and pursue the craft or subject studied over the weekend. It is an immersive weekend experience set in the Slieve Aughty hills near Loughrea, Co. Galway. For more info, please visit:

<https://www.celtnet.org/weekend-in-the-hills>

**Inclusive Athletics**



**Sunday mornings July 6, August 17 and August 24 2025**

GCH is hosting taster sessions over the Summer, aimed at kids with autism or intellectual disability, ages 7-15, who might like to try out athletics in a gentle, low-demand environment, with small numbers.

These sessions will take place at the University of Galway athletics track on Sunday mornings July 6, August 17 and August 24. Children taking part would need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are interested, please contact our inclusion officer Eoin Daly at [gchinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:gchinclusion@gmail.com)

**Galway Film Fleadh 2025**



**From Tuesday 8th to Sunday 13th July 2025 - Galway City**

For more information, please visit <https://www.galwayfilmleadh.com/>

## South Galway Bay Music Festival 2025



**From Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July 2025 - Ballinderreen GAA Grounds, Co. Galway. H91 TC65**

Don't miss an unforgettable weekend, tickets selling fast South Galway Bay Music Festival 2025. Marquees & Wooden Dance Floors, Fully Licenced Bar, Food Vendors, Festival Buses available, Parking Available. More info, buy tickets and Line-Up + Times:

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

## Galway International Arts Festival 2025



**From Monday 14th to Sunday 27th July 2025**

For more information, please visit <https://www.giaf.ie/>

## Maker Mart



**Saturday 19th July 2025 12pm - 4pm Athenry Town Park**

Calling all makers! We're planning our next BIG DAY OUT for July 19th! We're looking for YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT creators to sell their wares at our maker mart! Know a talented young craftsperson? Sign up today!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOnOik0BTq4e7cfvChBdj7e->

## 17th Annual Joyce Country Challenge



### Saturday 19th July 2025 Joyce Country, Connemara

Lake District Hillwalking Club are hosting their 17th Annual Joyce Country Challenge this month **in aid of Galway/Mayo hospice foundations**. To register and for more information: Call 086 228 7282 / 087 217 7869 or Email:

[lakedistricthillwalkingclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakedistricthillwalkingclub@gmail.com) or check out [www.lakedistricthwc.com](http://www.lakedistricthwc.com)

### Tuam Circus Summer Camps



### From 21th to 25th July 2025 at The Family Centre (TUSLA Building) Sports Hall, Dublin Road, Tuam.

Join Galway Community Circus for summer camps in Tuam! Two camps are available:

#### **Toddler Circus** (1-4 years with adult) – July 21-24, 10-11:30am

A fun and engaging experience for toddlers and their grown-ups to explore movement, balance, and creativity together! Activities include: Simple balancing, Basic juggling, Hand-eye coordination games.

All inspired by circus arts and designed to be age-appropriate!

#### **Flea Circus** (5-7 years) – July 21-25, 1-4pm

An exciting opportunity to explore circus techniques in a playful and engaging environment! Activities include: Balancing & juggling, Creative movement & games, Crafts, environmental awareness, and teamwork.

For more details and to book, visit: [galwaycommunitycircus.com/youth-circus/camps](http://galwaycommunitycircus.com/youth-circus/camps)

**Best wishes from the PPN Team!**

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*"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.
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Le dea-ghuí, (with kind regards)

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