



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# PPN NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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

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

### To submit news & info to PPN:

Email [ppn@galwaycoco.ie](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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Galway County PPN Plenary Meeting**



Galway County PPN  
Summer Plenary Event

TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025

RAHEEN WOODS HOTEL  
ATHENRY  
EVENING TIME

INFORMATION ON FUNDING & FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES  
GUEST SPEAKERS, INFORMATION TABLES  
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## 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](#).

## Council & Government News

### GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



#### GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PLENARY MEETING

Galway County Council Plenary Meeting is taking place on **Monday 22nd September 2025**

#### Galway Mobile Library September Schedule

## MOBILE LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT



**NEW AUTUMN TIMETABLE**

From September we are introducing a new schedule of stop times and route locations.

**Can you find the route that stops nearest to where you live?**

**Looking forward to welcoming you all on board.**

Please contact us for more information:

Galway Mobile Library  
Call us on (091) 509388 or (087) 1511849  
Email: [mobile@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:mobile@galwaylibrary.ie)  
Follow us on socials for daily updates:  
Galway Mobile Library  
@galwaymobilelibrary

### Galway Mobile Library September Schedule 2025

**Monday 1st & 15th Sept**  
Route 1

Milltown	10.30-11.30
Garrabrauns	11.45-12.30
Kilconly	1.30-2.15
Caherlistrane	2.45-3.30

**Tuesday 2nd & 16th**  
Route 2

Abbeyknockmoy	10.30-11.30
Kilkerrin	12.00-12.30
Corofin	1.45-2.45
Baile Chláir	3.10-4.00

**Wednesday 3rd & 17th**  
Route 3

Mountbellew	11.00-12.30
Castleblakenehy	1.30-2.35
Menlough	2.45-3.15
Monivea	3.30-4.00

**Thursday 4th & 18th**  
Route 4

Derrybrien	10.45-11.45
Tynagh	12.15-1.15
Kylebrack	2.30-3.15

**Friday 19th**  
\*Route 5

Gurteen	10.45-11.15
Ballymacward	11.30-1.00
Kilconnell	2.00-3.00



**\*Routes 5 & 6**  
once per month

Please note times may be subject to change

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Email: [mobile@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:mobile@galwaylibrary.ie)  
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**Monday 22nd**  
\*Route 6

Kinvara	11.00-1.00
Kilcolgan	2.00-2.45
Clarinbridge	3.00-3.45

**Tuesday 9th & 23rd**  
Route 7

Gortavoher	10.45-11.45
Kiltormer	12.00-12.45
Laurencetown	1.30-2.00
Craughwell	2.45-4.00

**Wednesday 10th & 24th**  
Route 8

Maigh Cuilinn	10.15-12.15
Clonboo	12.50-1.15
Lackagh	2.15-3.15
Cregmore	3.30-4.00

**Thursday 11th & 25th**  
Route 9

Williamstown	10.45-11.30
Glinisk	11.45-12.45
Ballinamore Bridge	2.00-2.20
Newbridge	2.30-3.30

**Friday 12th & 26th**  
Route 10


Sraith Salach	10.45-11.45
Carna	12.15-12.45
Cill Chiaráin	1.00-2.00
Indreabhán	3.15-3.45

## Galway County Council Register of Electors

AG NUA-AOISIÚ CLÁR NA DTOGHTHÓIRÍ

**Gan Vóta, Gan Guth**


Cláraigh inniu




MODERNISING THE ELECTORAL REGISTER

**No Vote, No Voice**

Register Today





Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

As we prepare for the **2025 Presidential Election** and the transition to **Voter.ie in 2026**, Galway County Council is intensifying efforts to clean and update the electoral register.

Electors must now provide their **PPSN, Eircode, and date of birth** when registering at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie), helping to prevent duplicate entries and improve accuracy.

## Galway County Council Integration Team visiting Gort

**Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs); International Protection Applicants; Programme Refugees; Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status**

TJ from Galway County Council Integration Team is visiting Gort Family Resource Centre, H91 A7XV on:

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

*Please call in if you need support in the following areas: English language skills; Employment; Support with INTREO payments; Access to education and/or training; Support/guidance in accessing health care; Support for cultural, social participation in your local community.*

TJ Hughes,  
Integration Support Worker,  
Galway County Council Integration Team,  
Email: [integration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:integration@galwaycoco.ie)



### **Wednesdays 10th and 24th September 2025 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm Gort Family Resource Centre**

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

## **GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS**

### **Traveller & Roma Placement Programme 2025**

The poster features the Government of Ireland logo and the text 'Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland' and 'Coming Soon Applications Open September 2025'. The main title is 'Traveller & Roma Placement Programme 2025'. Below the title is a photo of a smiling woman with her arms crossed. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'poistphoiblí publicjobs'.

### **Applications open in September 2025 and will remain open for around 3 weeks**

Are you a member of the Traveller or Roma community and interested in building a long-term career in the Civil Service? Pavee Point and Involve CLG are working together to support applicants for the Traveller and Roma Civil Service Placement Programme: a unique 12-month opportunity that could be your first step towards a permanent role in the Civil Service. Positions are currently available in Dublin, Limerick, Athlone, **Galway**, and Mayo. Shortlisting in October, with interviews in November. Placements will begin in early 2026. **Support Available:** You won't be alone in the process! Two dedicated Programme Liaison Officers are here to guide and support you: Rudolf Simonic (Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Roma Liaison) [rudolf.simonic@pavee.ie](mailto:rudolf.simonic@pavee.ie) Michael Power (Involve CLG, Traveller Liaison) [michael.power@involve.ie](mailto:michael.power@involve.ie) They're available to host information sessions and regional workshops once applications open, offering hands-on support with the application process. **Learn More:** <https://publicjobs.ie/en/traveller-roma>



# Consultations & Public Engagement

## LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



### Galway County Council Affordable Housing - Expression of Interest Survey

Galway County Council is inviting the public to participate in an online survey to assist in establishing the profile of demand and preferred locations in County Galway for affordable homes. Over time, this information will enable us to apply to the Department of Housing for future funding for Affordable Housing in various towns across the County, based on identified areas of demand. An Affordable Housing Scheme provides houses at a reduced price for eligible applicants, including First Time Buyers and Fresh Start Buyers. The survey will inform the ongoing work of developing affordable housing across the County, in accordance with 'Housing for All Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026'. The survey can be viewed and completed on the Galway County Council website at [www.galway.ie/AHSurvey](http://www.galway.ie/AHSurvey) or [www.gaillimh.ie/SuirbheTI](http://www.gaillimh.ie/SuirbheTI) and can be completed in both **English** or **Gaeilge**.

### Your Voice, Our Power

This research is a collaborative project between Galway Communities Against Racism and Discrimination (GCARD) and Mr Olaiwola Ogunpaimo, a PhD researcher at the University of Galway. The purpose of this study is to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of all forms of discrimination across Galway City and County. By gathering real-life experiences from people in the community, we aim to explore the frequency and impact of discrimination affecting marginalised and minority groups. The findings from this research will support a wider advocacy campaign led by GCARD [Galway Communities Against Racism & Discrimination], to promote equality, call out discriminatory behaviours, and drive meaningful change across Galway.

Take the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

For further enquiries, please contact Olaiwola Ogunpaimo at: [o.ogunpaimo2@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:o.ogunpaimo2@universityofgalway.ie)

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

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## **NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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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 this [LINK](#)

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### **Fostering Ecosystem-Based MSP in the Celtic Sea**



The [Marine Institute - Foras na Mara](#) (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. More info and link to the survey here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ac2cb73e15f14531b2487083bc2c491b>

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### **Community Groups' Greatest Challenges**

# Community Groups' Greatest Challenges



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHFCGGT>

Atlantic Technological University, in partnership with Sligo PPN, is conducting vital research to identify the key challenges facing the community and voluntary sector. Your input is essential to building a strong evidence base that will drive advocacy for better support and resources for our sector.

The survey takes just 15 minutes to complete, and every response counts.

Your voice matters. Together, we can advocate for a stronger, more supported community sector.  
Thank you for your time and commitment!



Are you part of a PPN, community group or community organisation? Sligo PPN have partnered with Atlantic Technological University to undertake a piece of research to discover the key challenges facing the sector and what this means to grass roots community activity and volunteering. The survey aims to collect the evidence needed to highlight and stress to Government the challenges faced by community groups. Follow the link here to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHFCGGT>

## Public consultation on the future of Basic Income for the Arts



**Closing date: Friday 5th September 2025**

A nationwide public consultation on the future of Basic Income for the Arts is now open. As the pilot comes to an end in February 2026, the public is invited to share their views on the future of the policy.

Have your say via the link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/2025-public-consultation-BIA>

## Comhairliúchán poiblí maidir le thodhchaí an Ioncaim Bhunúsaigh do na hEalaíona

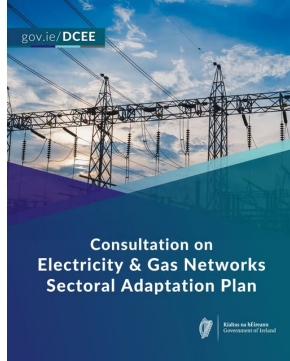


**Spricodhata: 5 Meán Fómhair 2025**

Tá comhairliúchán poiblí náisiúnta ar thodhchaí an Ioncaim Bhunúsaigh do na hEalaíona ar oscailt anois. Ós rud é go dtiocfaidh deireadh leis an scéim phiolótach i mí Feabhra 2026, tugtar cuireadh don phobal a dtuairimí a roinnt faoi thodhchaí an pholasaí. Cuir do thuairim in iúl tríd an nasc:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/2025-public-consultation-BIA>

## Public Consultation: Electricity & Gas Networks Sectoral Adaptation Plan (EGNSAP)



**Closing date: Friday 5th September 2025 at 5:30pm**

Have your say on plans to protect Ireland's energy systems from the effects of extreme weather and climate change. Go to [Gov.ie/EGNSAP](http://Gov.ie/EGNSAP)

## Comhairliúchán Poiblí: An Plean Oiriúnaithe Earnála do Líonraí Leictreachais & Gáis



**Spríodhata: 5 Meán Fómhair 2025 ag 5:30pm**

Comhairliúchán Poiblí: Plean Oiriúnaithe Earnála na Líonraí Leictreachais agus Gáis. Abair leat chun córais fuinnimh na hÉireann a chosaint ó éifeachtaí drochaimsire. Roinn a n-aiseolas ar <http://Gov.ie/EGNSAP>

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## Communication Network Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan (SAP)



**Closing date: Friday 12th September 2025 at 5:30pm**

Climate change is already affecting Ireland's communications sector as extreme weather becomes more common, disrupting services and exposing vulnerabilities in infrastructure. To prepare for the future, the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport has developed an updated Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan (SAP) for the Communication Networks sector.

We're inviting feedback from individuals, communities, businesses and organisations across Ireland to help shape the final version of the SAP.

Have your say at [gov.ie/CNSAP](http://gov.ie/CNSAP)

## Plean Oiriúnaithe Earnála um Athrú Aeráide (SAP) don Earnáil Líonraí Cumarsáide



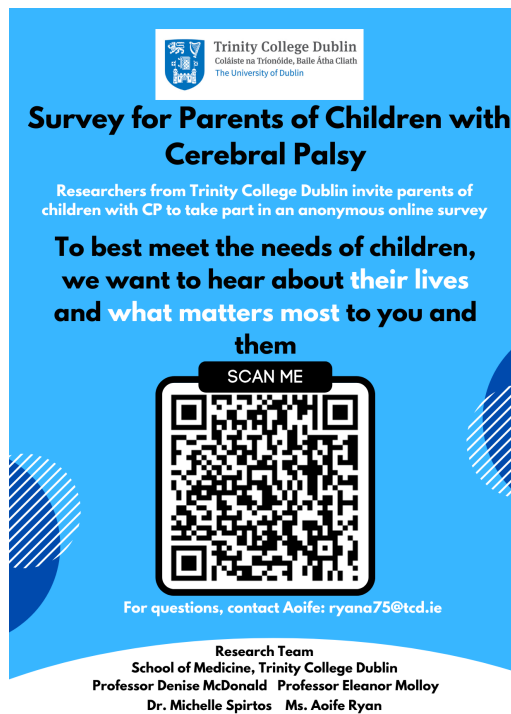
**Spríodhata: Dé hAoine 12 Meán Fómhair ag 5:30pm**

Tá tionchar ag an athrú aeráide cheana féin ar earnáil chumarsáide na hÉireann de réir mar a bhíonn drochaimsir ag éirí níos coitianta, ag cur isteach ar sheirbhísí agus ag nochtadh leochaileachtaí i mbonneagar. Chun ullmhú don todhchaí, tá Plean Oiriúnaithe Earnála um Athrú Aeráide (SAP) nuashonraithe forbartha ag an Roinn Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt don earnáil Líonraí Cumarsáide. Táimid ag lorg aiseolais ó dhaoine aonair, pobail, gnólachtaí agus eagraíochtaí ar fud na hÉireann chun cabhrú le leagan deiridh an SAP a mhúnlú. Cuir do thuairim in iúl ag

[gov.ie/CNSAP](http://gov.ie/CNSAP)

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## Survey for Parents of Children with Cerebral Palsy




Trinity College Dublin  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin

### Survey for Parents of Children with Cerebral Palsy

Researchers from Trinity College Dublin invite parents of children with CP to take part in an anonymous online survey

**To best meet the needs of children, we want to hear about their lives and what matters most to you and them**

SCAN ME



For questions, contact Aoife: [ryana75@tcd.ie](mailto:ryana75@tcd.ie)

Research Team  
School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin  
Professor Denise McDonald Professor Eleanor Molloy  
Dr. Michelle Spirtos Ms. Aoife Ryan

Calling all parents and guardians of children with cerebral palsy in Ireland!

Researchers from Trinity College Dublin are conducting a national survey to better understand the lives of children with cerebral palsy - their characteristics, participation in daily life activities, and personal priorities.

**Who can participate?** Parents or guardians of children with cerebral palsy living in the Republic of Ireland.

**Why take part?** Your insights will help shape a clearer understanding of life with CP and inform future research and support services. The survey is anonymous and completed online.

**How to get involved?** Click the link below to take the survey and share your experiences!

<https://nursingandmidwifery.fra1.qualtrics.com/.../SV...>

For more information, please contact Aoife Ryan at [ryana75@tcd.ie](mailto:ryana75@tcd.ie)

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## Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)



United Nations | UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for written submissions on the draft guidelines on addressing multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

[info@disabilityparticipation.ie](mailto:info@disabilityparticipation.ie)

Disability Participation News Hub

**Closing date: Monday 15th September 2025**

The Committee is preparing guidelines on how to address intersecting forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities in law, policy and practice. The aim is to further guide States on how to address implementation gaps and to collect a repository of good practices. Inputs will be published in the public webpage and used by the Working Group to create the guidelines.

[More information on how to submit here.](#)

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## New National Obesity Strategy Consultation



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An Roinn Sláinte  
Department of Health

**Closing date: Thursday 18th September 2025.**

The Department of Health is developing a New National Obesity Strategy to enable healthier living and improve supports to prevent and treat overweight and obesity. They are seeking the views and opinions of the public on the key objectives for the new strategy and possible approaches to achieve them. The views and opinions collected will be considered and used to inform the further development of the strategy.

Have your say here: <https://www.gov.ie/.../public-consultation-on-a-new.../>

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## National Consultation: Strengthening the Voice of Older People

AgeAction  
Age Equality



### HAVE YOUR SAY!

STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF  
OLDER PEOPLE

**Closing date: Friday 19th September 2025**

[Age Action](#) and the [Irish Senior Citizens Parliament \(ISCP\)](#), with the support of [Mosaic Social Impact](#), have launched a national public consultation to explore how we can strengthen the voice of older people in Ireland. It aims to enhance the representation and voice of older people in public policy, focusing on their needs and perspectives in health and social care services. We are inviting older people, community groups, and organisations across the country to take part by completing a [short survey](#).

**How to Participate:** Complete the online survey here: [www.mosaicsocialimpact.ie/consultation](http://www.mosaicsocialimpact.ie/consultation)

Share the link with your networks, members, and community groups.

[Print-ready poster](#) and [paper survey](#) are also available to support participation.

For queries or to request materials, please contact: [info@mosaicimpact.ie](mailto:info@mosaicimpact.ie)

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## Climate Conversations 2025 Consultation



gov.ie/ClimateConversations



### JOIN THE CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

**Closing date: 22nd September 2025 at 5.30pm**

The [Climate Conversations 2025](#) is now open. People across the country are invited to have their say on how we can all play our part in securing our sustainable future. Government, communities, industry and individuals each have a part to play to help Ireland shift to a carbon-neutral future. We want to hear how we, as a government, can engage, enable and empower people to take action and realise the potential of moving towards carbon neutrality. An [online questionnaire](#) is now open where people can give their views on the harm associated with climate action, their feelings towards climate change, the perceived impact of different climate beneficial actions and, as a nation, how we are performing.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-climate-energy-and-the-environment/consultations/climate-conversations-2025-consultation>

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## Public Consultation on a Potential Ban on Commercial Sunbed Use in Ireland



**Closing date: Friday 3rd October 2025**

Minister Murnane O'Connor has launched an online public consultation seeking the views and opinions of the public and industry on a proposed ban on commercial sunbed use in Ireland. [gov.ie/SunbedsPublicConsultation](https://www.gov.ie/SunbedsPublicConsultation)

**More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)**

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## 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.

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## Arts Council Strategic Funding 2026



**Closing date: Thursday 4th September 2025 at 5.30pm**

Are you an arts organisation with a long term vision for creative impact? The Arts Council's Strategic Funding programme is now open

for 2026! This is core funding for organisations that play a critical role in Ireland's cultural life supporting high quality work, public engagement, and artistic development across all art forms. Who should apply? Organisations with a strong track record and strategic contribution to the arts in Ireland including theatres, festivals, galleries, music ensembles, dance companies, and more. Need help with your application? At Grant Wise Advisors, we can support you with strategic planning, funding applications, and compelling narratives that speak to the Arts Council's priorities. Email us at [info@grantwiseadvisors.com](mailto:info@grantwiseadvisors.com) to book a consultation. For more information and applications please visit [Strategic Funding 2026 - The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

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## Galway County Council Environment Section Anti Dumping Initiative Funding 2025



### Closing date: 5th September 2025

Have a favorite armchair etc. that just needs some TLC? Here's an opportunity to have it Re upholstered! We're running a lottery where 8 applicants can have an item reupholstered to the value of €800. Email [environment@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:environment@galwaycoco.ie), include name, address, phone number and photos of item.

Note: Costs over €800 must be covered by the applicant. No Leather furniture.

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## Mace Community Grants



### Closing date: Wednesday 10th September at midnight

Apply Now! There are 50 grants of €1,000 up for grabs to support voluntary and community organisations across Ireland! To apply: <https://form.jotform.com/.../mace-community-grant-entry-form>

Terms & Conditions: <https://www.mace.ie/mace-community-grants-terms-and-.../>

Don't miss your chance to secure funding for your community project!

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## European Social Fund + (ESF)



## Closing date: Thursday 11th September 2025

Calls for Proposals are active for Non-Government organisations who support the Integration and Employment of Migrants. Find out more at <https://www.eufunds.ie/esf-call-for-proposal-fund-to-support-the-integration-and-employment-of-migrants/>

## CERV - Town Twinning



European  
Commission

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](#)

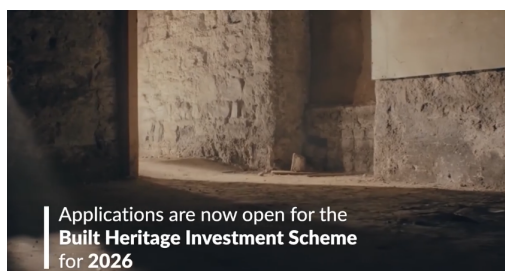
## Geoheritage Grant Funding 2025/26



## Closing date: Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 6:00pm

[Geological Survey Ireland](#) offers a number of small grants each year to support the sustainable development, promotion and recognition of Ireland's geoheritage. These grants are aimed at local community based and driven outreach and development initiatives, in the Republic of Ireland, with a geoheritage theme. For more information please visit: <https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/programmes-and-projects/geoheritage/activities/geotourism/Pages/GSI-Geoheritage-Grant-Funding.aspx>

## Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2026



## Closing date: Friday 26th September 2025

Grants are available of up to €50,000 for the conservation and protection of historic buildings, as well as grants of up to €20,000 available under dedicated stream for owners of thatched buildings. Applications can be made to your relevant Local Authority no later than 26 September. Read more on how to apply here: <https://bit.ly/4INASKE>

## Arts and Disability Connect Scheme Round Two 2025



## Closing date: Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 4pm

The Arts and Disability Connect scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to be ambitious, to develop their practice and to connect with arts organisations and arts professionals in the Republic of Ireland. Arts and Disability Connect includes New Work, Research and Reflection, Mentoring, and Training awards for individual artists with disabilities. The Arts and Disability Connect scheme

is funded by [The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#) Council and managed by Arts & Disability Ireland. Guidelines and application forms for each award are available at [buff.ly/vNHxhP9](https://buff.ly/vNHxhP9), or visit <https://buff.ly/KKYEUCI> for more information about the scheme and applicant support. For further information or any queries, please email [connect@adiarts.ie](mailto:connect@adiarts.ie)

## CERV-2025-EQUAL



**Closing date: Thursday 23rd October 2025**

Working for equality, inclusion and non-discrimination in the EU? Get ready to apply! Focus areas include:

- ◆ Preventing discrimination and racism ◆ Promoting diversity management and inclusion at workplaces
- ◆ Preventing discrimination against sexual and gender minorities and promoting equality ◆ Supporting public actors in combating intolerance Especially for non-profit and public organizations.

Profit-oriented actors can join as partners. More info: <https://urly.fi/3Szi>

## 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](#)



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

## Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for Older People



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

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

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

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

**Apply through the Galway County Council for these grants:**

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

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

## More Funding from Galway County Council



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

## More Funding from the Government of Ireland



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

## More Funding from the European Union



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



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



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

# Training & Development

## Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development

Logo: EQUAL IRELAND, Deloitte, RETHINK IRELAND

**New Empowered Project**

**Under 30?**  
**Part Time Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development**

- Fully Funded
- No Exams
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Career & Workplace Connections

**Build Your Skills Shape your Future**

Contact us today!  
empowered@equalireland.ie  
www.equalireland.ie

**Starting in September 2025**

EQUAL Ireland, in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU), is now enrolling for our Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development — a fully funded, part-time online programme for people aged 30 or under. Apply now: [www.equalireland.ie](http://www.equalireland.ie) or [online here](#) Contact us: [empowered@equalireland.ie](mailto:empowered@equalireland.ie)

## Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Galway 2025 Upcoming Workshops

Local Enterprise Office Galway

**MAKING IT HAPPEN**

**2025 UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

- 9/10 SEPT** E-MAIL MARKETING  
ONLINE, 9TH AND 10TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM TO 1PM EACH DAY
- 16 SEPT** BRAND STORYTELLING  
ONLINE, 10AM TO 1PM
- 22 SEPT** USING CANVA LIKE A PRO  
ONLINE, 10AM TO 1PM
- 30 SEPT** HOW TO MASTER YOUR VAT RETURN  
ONLINE, 10AM TO 1PM
- 1/2 OCT** MARKETING TECHNIQUES FOR YOUR BUSINESS  
ONLINE, 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 10AM TO 1PM EACH DAY
- 9 OCT** PREPARATION FOR CRAFT FAIRS/SHOWS  
ONLINE, 10AM TO 1PM
- 7/14 OCT** HOW TO CREATE CHRISTMAS THEMED MARKETING VIDEOS  
ONLINE, 7TH & 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 10AM TO 1PM EACH DAY
- 15/16 OCT** ONLINE REVENUE RETURNS  
ONLINE, 15TH & 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 10AM TO 1PM EACH DAY

**CONTACT US**  
www.localenterprise.ie/Galway  
091-509090  
info@leo.galwaycoco.ie

Partnership with: Enterprise Ireland, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Enterprise Development Centres, Enterprise Connect

**Starting in September 2025**

Contacts: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/galway> 091 509 090 [info@leo.galwaycoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.galwaycoco.ie)

## Employment Skills and English Language Courses – Online (part of the Irish Red Cross AMIF-funded programming)

Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

Amá chombháilúg en Brotacínacónat  
Co-funded by the European Union

Crois Dhearg na hÉireann  
Irish Red Cross

fit  
The Tech Talent Pipeline

**Starting in mid-September**

The Irish Red Cross, in collaboration with FIT, is organising Employment Skills and English Language Courses. The projects are funded

by the Irish Red Cross and co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.?

**Employment Skills Courses:** Classes are scheduled to commence in mid-September. Each course will consist of 6 classes and will run 1 day a week for 6 weeks. If you are interested in participating in this programme, please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form. [Access the form here](#)

**Language Skills Courses:** Classes are scheduled to commence in mid-September, each course will run for 10 weeks. If you are interested in participating in this programme, please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form. [Access the form here](#)

## Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF) Training September to December 2025



**WRDATF**  
**TRAINING CALENDAR**  
SEPT TO DEC 2025

**COURSES AVAILABLE**

- ✓ Putting the Pieces Together
- ✓ DRIVE Brief Advisor Training
- ✓ Alcohol Related Brain Injury
- ✓ SAOR: Screening & Brief Intervention
- ✓ Understanding Cannabis, HHC & Edibles
- ✓ Introduction to Mental Health Interventions
- ✓ Naloxone Training
- ✓ NVR
- ✓ Short Webinars

AND MORE.....

**SIGN UP NOW**  
[www.wrdatf.ie/training.php](http://www.wrdatf.ie/training.php)

The poster features a central circular logo for the Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force, which includes a stylized family icon. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a woman in a professional setting. The background is decorated with green and blue wavy patterns.

**From September to December 2025**

To book any of the above courses go to our online training calendar <https://wrdatf.ie/training.php> Following the recent launch of our new WRDATF Parent Hub (<https://www.wrdatf.ie/parent-hub>) we are now running a new monthly Parent Hub Webinar Series. To book a place click the link to see upcoming webinar details <https://www.wrdatf.ie/parent-hub/events.php>

## The Creative Leap



Óifig Fiontar Aibíola  
Local Enterprise Office  
Gallimh Galway

**The Creative LEAP!**  
A Start-Up Journey for Creatives

This hands-on, online programme is designed for **early-stage creative entrepreneurs** (including jewellery makers, fashion designers, textile artists, painters, card makers, photographers, printers, and all relevant creative disciplines) who want to build a full-time business from their creative skills and passion.

**Begins 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED!

Comhairle Chontae na Gallimhe  
Galway County Council

Comhairle Cathrach na Gallimhe  
Galway City Council

The poster features a central graphic with the text 'The Creative LEAP!' in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a photograph of a woman working at a desk. The background is decorated with green and blue wavy patterns.

**Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September & 2nd and 9th October, 9.30am - 12.30pm each day Online**

This hands-on, online programme is designed for Galway-based early-stage creative entrepreneurs (including jewellery makers, fashion designers, textile artists, painters, card makers, photographers, printers, and all relevant creative disciplines) who want to build a full-time business from their creative skills and passion. Book now at <https://galwayleo.clr.events/.../138415:the-creative-leap...>

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



**Next meetings: Sunday 7th September, Saturday 4th October 2025**

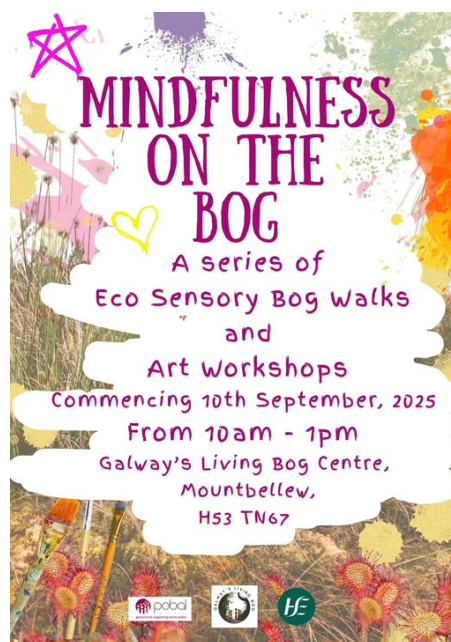
**1-hour sessions, Ladies Beach, Salthill, Galway**

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!

Register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1427151471469?aff=oddtcreator>

Questions? Email us at: [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie)

### Mindfulness on the Bog



**Starting Wednesday 10th September 2025 - Every Wednesday 10:00 - 13:00 Galway's Living Bog Centre, Montbellew H53TN67**

Calling all Community Groups, Individuals and anyone interested in mindfulness and our Living Bog. For booking and more information get in touch with us via [gcomountbellew@gmail.com](mailto:gcomountbellew@gmail.com) or 090 967 9765

### Art Tutoring with Nick Tuttle

**ART TUTORING WITH NICK TUTTLE**

**CLANN RESOURCE CENTRE**

**STARTING SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> EVERY WEDNESDAY 3.30-5.30PM IN OUGHTERARD YOUTH CAFE**

- Monthly Workshops
- Assistance with Junior Cert. & Leaving Cert. Art
- Exhibition in December 2025

€40 PER TERM

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT HELEN VIA WHATSAPP 086 1947271

TUSLA



**Starting Wednesday 10th September 2025 - Every Wednesday 15:30 - 17:30 [Oughterard Youth Cafe](#)**

**Camp Street Oughterard H91 RRF3**

New Class starting in September for all in Secondary School. €40 for the term. To book your place please WhatsApp 086 194 7271 or email [developmentofficer@clannrescentre.com](mailto:developmentofficer@clannrescentre.com)

**Carmichael presents: Good Governance Awards 2025**



**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/>

**Know Your Rights 2025**

**Apply Now**

We're now accepting applications for our programme:

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS 2025**

APPLY NOW




**Irish Refugee Council**

**DLA PIPER**

**Starting Thursday 11th of September 2025**

Know Your Rights Programme - from 11 September 2025, global law firm DLA Piper, in collaboration with the Irish Refugee Council, will launch a **free, eight-week** legal education initiative for refugees and people seeking protection in Ireland: Weekly virtual sessions (1 hour); Delivered in English; Access available in multiple languages: French, Spanish, Ukrainian, Arabic, Persian. Topics include:

- ◆ Irish Legal System, ◆ Data Privacy & Cybersecurity, ◆ Consumer Rights, ◆ Housing Law, ◆ Employment Rights, ◆ Accessing the Labour Market (with Deloitte), ◆ Interview Skills & Public Speaking, ◆ Access to Healthcare.

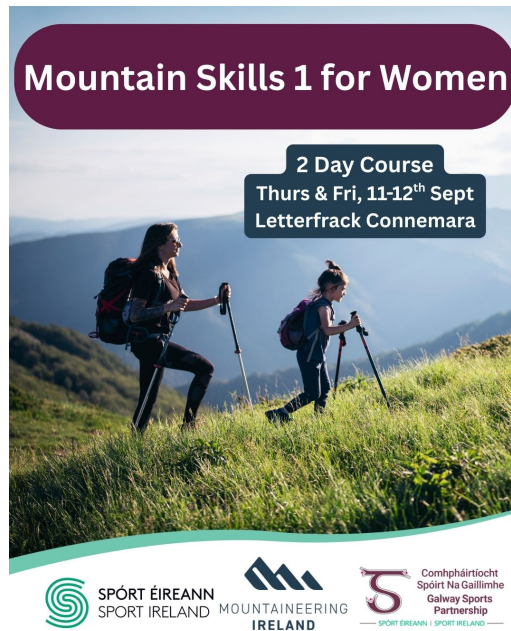
Participants who complete the programme may be considered for the Deloitte Aspire 'Skills for Business' Programme, which includes career development sessions and potential six-month work placements in professional services. To register interest, scan the QR code

or visit the link here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>

To read information on the programme in French, Spanish, Ukrainian, Arabic or Persian, visit our Linktree and click the first link.

[linktr.ee/galwaycountyintegration](https://linktr.ee/galwaycountyintegration)

## Mountain Skills 1 for Women



**Mountain Skills 1 for Women**

2 Day Course  
Thurs & Fri, 11-12<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Letterfrack Connemara

SPÓRT ÉIREANN  
SPORT IRELAND

MOUNTAINEERING  
IRELAND

Comhpháirtíocht  
Spóirt Na Gaillimhe  
Galway Sports  
Partnership

SPORT ÉIREANN | SPORT IRELAND

**Thursday 11th & Friday 12th September 2025 - from 9.30am to 5.00pm each day Letterfrack, Connemara, Co. Galway - €60! -**

**Includes annual membership to Mountaineering Ireland**

Ready to explore the mountains with confidence? Whether you're a complete beginner or someone who's relied on others for navigation and planning, this course is your gateway to becoming a self-sufficient and safe hillwalker. The course is run over full 2 days, is valued at €180 – Now just €60! Includes annual membership to Mountaineering Ireland - For bookings or info: [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie)

Register via Eventbrite to secure your spot and become a member of Mountaineering Ireland - Link here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1622437507259?aff=oddtcreator>

## Puppet Making Workshop



**Puppet Making Workshop**

OUGHTERARD COURTHOUSE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> 2PM

At the workshop, attendees will learn the basics of stick puppets and decorate the heads with their preferred headwear with Tutor Rose Minnema.

During the last part of the session, there will be some play time with the puppets created.

Parents will take skills away with them that they can use at home.

€20 per parent-and-child couple.  
All materials provided, and a puppet to take home!

Book Now: [clanninfo@gmail.com](mailto:clanninfo@gmail.com)

CLANN RESOURCE CENTRE

**Saturday 13th September 2025 - Oughterard Courthouse**

At the workshop, attendees will learn the basic of stick puppets and decorate the head with their preferred headwear with Tutor Rose Minnema. Book now: [clanninfo@gmail.com](mailto:clanninfo@gmail.com)

## Wild Food & Foraging - Free Community Education Course



**Free Community Education Course in Wild Food & Foraging**  
**Woodford Heritage Centre, H62 HP57**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**10 am - 2 pm**



Learn to identify, harvest and use wild plants growing in gardens & hedgerows. Booking is essential

To register for course please email [galwayroots@gmail.com](mailto:galwayroots@gmail.com) or Telephone 0909749309 (office hours).

**Saturday 13th September 2025, 10am - 2pm - Woodford Heritage Centre H62 HP57**

A free Wild Food & Foraging course taking place on 13/9/2025 from 10am-2pm at the Heritage Centre, please email [galwayroots@gmail.com](mailto:galwayroots@gmail.com) or contact 090 974 9309 (office hours) to register.

**Circus Classes**



**2025-2026 CIRCUS CLASSES**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Circus Classes for Youth, Toddlers, Families & Adults  
 in Shantalla (West), Renmore (East) & Tuam  
 CLASSES BEGIN 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

**Classes begin Monday 15th September 2025**

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 circus school year! Youth and Adult Circus Classes will begin 15th September, 2025 and will run through to June 2026. We know it's early, but don't wait to book!

Details on our Youth Circus classes here: <https://www.galwaycommunitycircus.com/.../what-is-youth...>

Details on our Adult Classes here: <https://www.galwaycommunitycircus.com/for.../adult-circus>

**Down Syndrome Ireland**  
**Upcoming Education Webinars**



All webinars will support parents, teachers, and other professionals working with children with Down syndrome at the different stages of their education journey.

Education Webinars & Seminars for September 2025 will include:

**NCSE/DSI Information Webinar – 16th September – 7pm**

**Maths For Life – 23rd September – 7pm**

## Starting a Business in Ireland for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in East Co. Galway

**STARTING A BUSINESS IN IRELAND**

For refugees and asylum seekers in East Co. Galway (not including Galway City)

Starting Wednesday, 17th September 2025

10:00 AM – 12.00 PM Online

6 x 2 hour live Zoom sessions with enterprise trainers

- Information on starting a business in Ireland
- Overview of supports and business assistance schemes
- Business plan writing and CV preparation
- Group discussion and peer support
- Each participant to receive individual support
- A great opportunity to improve your English

- Contents delivered in plain English
- Live participation on Zoom
- Internet access required
- Computer with camera and microphone required

For more information contact: Micheal at [mburke@grd.ie](mailto:mburke@grd.ie)

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

### Starting Wednesday 17th of September 2025 from 10am to 12pm - Online

Information on how to start your own business in Ireland will be presented during a FREE online course starting on Wednesday, the 17th of September. This course is open to refugees and asylum seekers living in Co. Galway (excluding the city). For more information, please contact Michael at [mburke@grd.ie](mailto:mburke@grd.ie)

## Heritage Keepers - Free Workshops and 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)

Applications will close in September

Heritage Keepers, burren trust, Sunflower Charitable Foundation

### Closing date: Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 12:00am

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>

## NATIONAL PPN TRAINING

PPN Training resources

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

## PPN Stakeholders Training

The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders is provided by Social Justice Ireland on behalf of the Department and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training. To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link: [Ireland https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training](https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training)

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

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

## An Cúinne Gaeilge



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

### Arts and Disability Connect, Babhta II 2025

## Arts & Disability Ireland

**Oscailte d'iarratais ón 18 Lúnasa go dtí an 7 Deireadh Fómhair 2025**

Cuireann an scéim Arts agus Disability Connect dámhachtain ar fáil d'ealaíontóirí aonair faoi mhíchumas.

Tá dámhachtain ar fáil ar son meantóireacht agus oiliúint a fháil, saothair nua a chruthú agus am a chur ar leataobh ar son taighde agus machnamh a dhéanamh. Tá foirm iarratais agus crítéir ar fáil ar [www.adiarts.ie](http://www.adiarts.ie)

Má tá ceisteanna agat faoin scéim, téigh i dteagmháil le [connect@adiarts.ie](mailto:connect@adiarts.ie)

### Sceideal Leabharlann Soghluaiste na Gaillimhe i mí Mheán Fómhair

**FÓGRA**  
**LEABHARLAINN TAISTIL**

**SCEIDEAL NUA AN FHOMHAIR**

Ó Mheán Fómhair ar aghaidh, beidh muid ag tabhair scéidil nua isteach le haghaidh amanna agus suíomh bealaí.

**Táimid ag súil le fáilte a chur roimh ár gcustaiméirí rialta agus cuairteoirí nua ar bord!**

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Glaigh orainn ag:  
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087 151 1849  
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Galway Mobile Library  
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**Galway Mobile Library**  
**September Schedule 2025**

**Monday 1st & 15th Sept**  
**Route 1**

Milltown	10.30-11.30
Garrrafrauns	11.45-12.30
Kilconly	1.30-2.15
Caherlistrane	2.45-3.30

**Tuesday 2nd & 16th**  
**Route 2**

Abbeyknockmoy	10.30-11.30
Kilkerrin	12.00-12.30
Corofin	1.45-2.45
Baile Chláir	3.10-4.00

**Wednesday 3rd & 17th**  
**Route 3**

Mountbellew	11.00-12.30
Castleblakeney	1.30-2.35
Menlough	2.45-3.15
Monivea	3.30-4.00

**Thursday 4th & 18th**  
**Route 4**

Derrybrien	10.45-11.45
Tynagh	12.15-1.15
Kylebrack	2.30-3.15

**Friday 19th**  
**\*Route 5**

Gurteen	10.45-11.15
Ballymacward	11.30-1.00
Kilconnell	2.00-3.00



**\*Routes 5 & 6**  
once per month

Please note times may be subject to change

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[@galwaymobilelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/galwaymobilelibrary)



**Monday 22nd**  
**\*Route 6**

Kinvara	11.00-1.00
Kilcolgan	2.00-2.45
Clarinbridge	3.00-3.45

**Tuesday 9th & 23rd**  
**Route 7**

Gortavoher	10.45-11.45
Kiltormer	12.00-12.45
Laurencetown	1.30-2.00
Craughwell	2.45-4.00

**Wednesday 10th & 24th**  
**Route 8**

Maigh Cuilinn	10.15-12.15
Clonboo	12.50-1.15
Lackagh	2.15-3.15
Cregmore	3.30-4.00

**Thursday 11th & 25th**  
**Route 9**

Williamstown	10.45-11.30
Glinisk	11.45-12.45
Ballinamore Bridge	2.00-2.20
Newbridge	2.30-3.30

**Friday 12th & 26th**  
**Route 10**

Sraith Salach	10.45-11.45
Carna	12.15-12.45
Cill Chiaráin	1.00-2.00
Indreabhán	3.15-3.45

## Clár EMPOWER Cumasú



**Clár EMPOWER Cumasú TÚS & FÁS**  
Tá iarratais ar oscailt anois. Tá teorainn le háiteanna. agus is é Dé hAoine, 5ú Meán Fómhair, 2025 an dáta deiridh le hiarratas a dhéanamh.

**EMPOWER Cumasú TÚS & FÁS Programmes**  
Applications are now open. Places are limited, and the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 5th September 2025.



Female Entrepreneurship Programme  
Baincneabhráth



Part-time Hubud delivery  
ar Líne agus i bpeirsa



For Women in Gaeltacht areas  
Baincneabhráth i gceantair Ghaeltachta



Funded by Údarás na Gaeltachta  
ag maoiniú ag Údarás na Gaeltachta

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, dean scanáil ar an gcód QR



For more information, scan QR code



### Spríodhata d'Iarratais: Dé hAoine, 5 Meán Fómhair 2025

Tá an Clár Cumasú oscailte anois do mhná a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gceantair Ghaeltachta **na Gaillimhe**, Mhaigh Eo, Dhún na nGall, Chiarraí, Chorcaí, Phort Láirge agus na Mí chun iarratas a dhéanamh.

**EMPOWER Tús:** Cuir isteach [anseo](#)

Mná a bhfuil smaoinemh luathchéime acu (níos lú ná 18 mí) atá ag iarraidh a ngnó a bhunú nó a fhás.

**EMPOWER Fás:** Cuir isteach [anseo](#)

Mná a bhfuil ag treorú gnó atá ag saothrú ioncaim (18 mí níos mó) ag iarraidh scála agus fás.

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, tabhair cuairt ar: <https://empowerprogramme.ie/how-to-apply/>

## Féile na gCloch 2025



**Ó Déardaoin an 11ú go dtí Dé Domhnaigh an 14ú Meán Fómhair 2025**

Bain úsáid as na cóid QR le níos mó eolais a fháil!

## Oíche Chultúir Chontae na Gaillimhe 2025 – Oíche Dár Saol



### Dé hAoine an 19 Meán Fómhair 2025

Tugann Oíche Chultúir Chontae na Gaillimhe cuireadh duit páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí speisialta ar fud Chontae na Gaillimhe Dé hAoine an 19 Meán Fómhair ó 4pm go dtí déanach. Is ócáid náisiúnta í an Oíche Chultúir, ag ceiliúradh gach a bhfuil mar chuid de shaibhreas agus éagsúlacht an Chultúir in Éirinn inniu, ag ceangal daoine le gníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha go háitiúil agus go náisiúnta. Mar chuid d'Oíche Chultúir Chontae na Gaillimhe 2025, beidh breis agus 50 imeacht ar siúl i mbailte agus i sráidbhailte ar fud an chontae. Mar gheall ar thacaíocht leanúnach Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus na Comhairle Ealaíon, tá na gníomhaíochtaí go léir ar fáil don phobal saor in aisce.

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, tabhair cuairt ar <https://cultureenight.ie/>

Lean cainéil mheáin shóisialta Oíche Chultúir Chontae na Gaillimhe le haghaidh an eolais is déanaí. Instagram: @culture\_galway

Facebook: @galwaycountycultureenight X: @galway\_culture

## Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon 2025



## Dáta deiridh: Déardaoin 25 Meán Fómhair 2025, 5 i.n.

An bhfuil tú ag smaoineamh ar iarratas a dhéanamh ar Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon i mbliana chun togra nó gníomhaíocht ealaíon d'ardchaighdeán a chur ar siúl sa Ghaeltacht? Is é an chéad spriocdháta eile d'iarratais ná 25 Meán Fómhair 2025. Tabhair faoi deara go bhfuil mionleasuithe déanta ar an scéim an babhta seo. Má tá tú ag ullmhú d'iarratais, bí cinnte go léann tú an treoir agus an fhoirm iarratais leasaithe atá ar fáil anois ar shuíomh Ealaín na Gaeltachta. Maoiniú ar fáil: idir €1,000 agus €15,000 Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag [www.ealain.ie](http://www.ealain.ie)

### Ealaín na Gaeltachta



### Scéim Síol

#### Dáta deiridh: Leanúnach-Uasmhéid mhaoinithe: €1,000

Is é misean Ealaín na Gaeltachta ná na healaíona comhaimseartha agus traidisiúnta a fhorbairt agus a chur chun cinn sa Ghaeltacht. Dírionn tosaíochtaí straitéiseacha Ealaín na Gaeltachta 2023-2027 ar cheithre mhórtheideal: Pobal, Ealaíontóirí, Óige agus Eagrais.

Tá Scéim Síol oscailte do ghrúpaí agus do dhaoine aonair lasmuigh de chomhthéacs oideachais foirmeálta sna ceantair Ghaeltachta. Tabharfar tús áite do thograí atá á reáchtáil go hiomlán as Gaeilge.

Teagmhálacha:

Ceara Conway 091 503 100 [c.conway@udaras.ie](mailto:c.conway@udaras.ie)

Tá tuilleadh eolais le fáil anseo:

<https://ealain.ie/tacaiocht-ata-ar-fail/>

### Scéim Oiliúna

#### Dáta deiridh: Leanúnach-Uasmhéid mhaoinithe: €1,000

Tá an Scéim Oiliúna oscailte d'ealaíontóirí, d'eagrais nó do dhaoine aonair atá ag forbairt nó ag cur chun cinn na n-ealaíon sa Ghaeltacht.

Tacaíonn an Scéim le deiseanna oiliúna agus traenála

a bhaineann le cleachtas agus le gairm sna healaíona

a fhorbairt agus le deiseanna um chumasú agus dea-chleachtas a fhorbairt in earnáil na n-ealaíon sa Ghaeltacht.

Tacaíonn an Scéim le hoiliúint ghairmiúil nó

le caighdeán gairmiúil a bhaint amach.

Teagmhálacha:

Ceara Conway 091 503 100 [c.conway@udaras.ie](mailto:c.conway@udaras.ie)

Tá tuilleadh eolais le fáil anseo:

<https://ealain.ie/tacaiocht-ata-ar-fail/>

### 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/>

## Supports & Resources

Gort Cancer Support Group  
Marie Keating Foundation's Survive & Thrive Programmes

The Marie Keating Foundation's **Survive & Thrive Programmes** have been created to help people who have completed cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal'.

Programmes include information and support guided by facilitators, discussions on issues such as coping with emotions, feelings, stress and anxiety; becoming a self-manager - managing fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional and physical activity needs.

There is lots of engagement which creates a space to learn and grow and empowers you going forward in life.

This is a 6-week programme, we would love to help you to transform yourself and meet people who have gone through a similar experience

**This September we are working in partnership with  
Gort Cancer Support Centre  
Programme Details are**

**10am to 1pm every Wednesday from 17th September to 22nd October 2025**

**Venue - Gort Cancer Support Group Garrabeg Gort, Co. Galway H91 WFP8**

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail [fsullivan@mariekeating.ie](mailto:fsullivan@mariekeating.ie)

**To book a place** <https://mariekeating.ie/events/survive-and-thrive-programme-september-2025/>

All programmes are free to attend - places are limited - registration is essential.



**From 17th September to 22nd October 2025 Wednesdays - 10am – 1pm**

**Hollyblue House, Gort Cancer Support Group CLG, Garrabeg, Gort, Co. Galway, H91 WFP8**

**Gort Cancer Support Centre** is delighted to be working alongside the **The Marie Keating Foundation** to bring their empowering Survive & Thrive Programme to Hollyblue House this September. This free 6-week programme is designed to support those who have completed cancer treatment and are navigating their 'new normal'. It offers: ♦ Supportive discussions on emotions, stress & anxiety ♦ Guidance on managing fatigue & other symptoms ♦ Help with changing nutritional & physical activity needs ♦ A welcoming space to connect, learn & grow with others who've had similar experiences.

Register now – places are limited: <https://mariekeating.ie/.../survive-and-thrive-programme../>

For more information, please contact Fiona: [fsullivan@mariekeating.ie](mailto:fsullivan@mariekeating.ie)

## Belong To & Pieta - Counselling Service for LGBTQ+

**Supporting  
LGBTQ+ youth  
across Ireland**

**We're here to offer you:**

- Support
- Information
- A listening ear
- Acceptance
- Community

Take what you need | [belongto.org](http://belongto.org)

Talk to our Youth Workers via text, email & phone if you need support <https://www.belongto.org/contact-us/> Our Crisis Counselling Service w/ Pieta. Ending Suicide. Beginning Hope is always available <https://www.belongto.org/.../counselling-service-with.../> Our online group for new members is back <https://www.belongto.org/.../suppor.../belongto-youthgroups/>

## Community Law & Mediation: Free Legal Advice Clinics Online



If you need to book into our free legal advice clinics, we have good news for you. You can now book our free legal advice clinics online on our website. All you have to do is fill in our form, and we will ring you about your enquiry. To book into a clinic or to find out if your query is a legal query, click here: <https://communitylawandmediation.ie/book-free-legal-advice/>

\*Please note, it may take up to 48 hours to receive a phone call from CLM. If you do not receive a phone call within 48 hours, please call us on 01 847 7804.

### Galway Rape Crisis Center's (GRCC)



**RESOURCE ALERT!** The Galway Rape Crisis Centre (GRCC) offers face-to-face counselling, support, advocacy and information to anyone who has experienced rape, sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse, whether the incident happened recently or in the past. You can access full details of all of the centre's services via the link below and in our stories: <https://www.westbewell.ie/.../galway-rape-crisis-centre.../>

HELPLINE: 1800 355 355 [helpline@grcc.ie](mailto:helpline@grcc.ie)

### Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service



**1800 66 22 88**

24 Hour Freephone Helpline



**1800 66 22 88** A 24-hour freephone helpline is open day and night, because we know that courage doesn't follow a schedule. We support women and children impacted by domestic abuse through:

- Crisis accommodation and refuge
- Emotional support and advocacy
- Court accompaniment

- Safety planning and referrals
- community-based support

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

## Social Prescribing

**Social Prescribing**

Connecting **YOU**  
to your local community

If you live near Tuam, Athenry or Louisa 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](mailto:katiegrant@grd.ie)  
Website: [www.grd.ie](http://www.grd.ie)

☎ 087 4759547 [katiegrant@grd.ie](mailto:katiegrant@grd.ie)

## Support Numbers

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

<b>THE SAMARITANS</b> 116 123 Email: <a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.ie">jo@samaritans.ie</a>	<b>PIETA</b> Text 'HELP' to 81444 1800 247 247 Galway: 091 502921
<b>ALONE</b> 0818 222 024 <a href="http://www.alone.ie">www.alone.ie</a>	<b>SpunOut: text about it</b> Text 'Hello' to 50808 <a href="http://www.text50808.ie">www.text50808.ie</a>
<b>AWARE</b> 1800 80 48 48	<b>YourMentalHealth (HSE)</b> Freephone: 1800 111 888
<b>CHILDLINE</b> 1800 666 666 Instant messaging: <a href="http://www.childline.ie">www.childline.ie</a>	<b>Men's Development Network</b> 1800 816 588
<b>NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE</b> 1800 778 888	<b>Women's Aid</b> 1800 341 900
<b>MABS</b> MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE 0761 072 000	<b>HSE: DRUGS &amp; ALCOHOL HELPLINE</b> 1800 458 458
<b>GAMBLING CARE</b> 1800 936 725 <a href="http://www.gamblingcare.ie">www.gamblingcare.ie</a>	<b>National LGBT+ Helpline</b> 1890 929 539

Please Reach Out.

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## Rainbows Ireland

**Rainbows Ireland**  
Supporting children and young people with Bereavement and Parental Separation

The Rainbows programmes will start in on **March 2025** **F202, Ballinasloe Social Services**

Rainbows Group support provides:

- A 6-week listening, group support programme for children and young people with Bereavement and Parental Separation.
- Children and young people of a similar age (from 7 years)
- Separate groups are formed for Bereavement and Parental Separation.
- Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings/not counselling, therapy or one to one support.

For further enquiries or to enrol your child, please contact:  
Una Murphy on 085 1702530 or email [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**

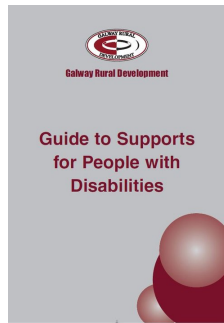
**WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?**

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

**Aged 17-35 and looking for fun?**

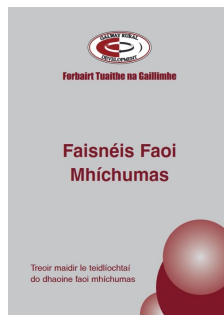
📞 086 780 8987 [ddonnely@macra.ie](mailto:ddonnely@macra.ie)

## Guide to Supports for People with Disabilities



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](#)

## Faisneis Faoi Mhíchumas



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



Home and Supports Hub



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

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](#)

## Home & Supports HUB



Tosaigh ar do thuras i dtreo maireachtála neamhspleách!

Is uirlis é an suíomh Gréasáin seo chun an fhaisnéis a theastaíonn uait a fháil maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí chun rochtain a fháil ar mhaireachtáil neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíochtaí [ANSEO](#)

## UNIVERSAL CLASS: Caring for Seniors



Are you caring for a family member at home and would like further support? [Universal Class, Inc.](#) has over 600 courses available for free with your library card including a class on caring for seniors. There is a class for almost any interest, so check it out on the [Galway County Council](#) website or enquire with your local librarian today!

## 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](#)

Read Directory of Services for Older People Online [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 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](#)



Féilmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
 Health Service Executive

Health and Wellbeing Newsletter [HERE](#)



Read Newsletter [HERE](#)



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#)



ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home. ALONE Newsletter [HERE](#)



ILMI eBulletin: [HERE](#)

# Notice Board / Events

## Desmond O'Halloran Music Weekend

### Festival Sponsors

Inishbofin Lotto  
Galway County Council  
Taaffe's Bar  
Tigh Coili  
The Crane Bar  
Island Discovery Ltd.  
The Beach Bar  
Dolphin Hotel  
Doommore Hotel  
Inishbofin House Hotel  
Rita Burke  
Chris Day

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Olive Brennan  
Mary Burke  
Rachel Gotto  
Una Greaney  
Margaret Lavelle  
Mary Lavelle  
Michael Lavelle  
Tara & Hugh McMahon  
Micheál Ó Ceallaigh  
Tony Ryan  
Damian Saccocio

### FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

### WORKSHOPS

DAVID MUNNEELY (Accordion)  
CAITRIONA NI CHEANNABHAIN (Singing)  
MICK CONNEELY (Fiddle)

**VENUE**  
Inishbofin Community Centre

**Saturday** 12.30 - 3.00pm  
**Sunday** 12.30 - 1.30pm

**FEE**  
1 Day €60 | 2 Days €100

### THE DESMOND O'HALLORAN WEEKEND SESSION TRAIL

VENUES	FRI 29 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	SAT 30 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	SUN 31 <sup>st</sup> AUGUST
<b>THE GALLEY</b>	Tommy McCarthy, Louise Costello & Martin O'Malley (5pm)	Tommy Keane, Jackie McCarthy & Geraldine King (5pm)	
<b>THE DOLPHIN</b>	John Quinn & Kevin Aboya (5pm)	Joe Carey & Marie Walsh (5pm)	Tommy Keane & Jackie McCarthy (5pm)
<b>INISHBOFIN HOUSE HOTEL</b>	Kate Staunton, Brian O'Neill & Melissa Clarke (7pm)	Greg Cotter & Mary Flanagan (7pm)	<b>SINGER'S SESSION</b> Geraldine King, Caitriona Ni Cheannabhain, Dick Hogan including <b>CD LAUNCH</b> "The John King Song Collector" (8pm)
<b>BEACH BAR</b>	John O'Halloran, Mick Crehan & Greg Cotter (9.30pm)	Kate Staunton, Brian O'Neill & Melissa Clarke (9.30pm)	John Quinn & Kevin Aboya (9.30pm)
<b>DOOMMORE HOTEL</b>	<b>DESMOND O'HALLORAN MEMORIAL CONCERT</b> (8.00pm) <b>ADMISSION: €15</b>		
	Francis O'Halloran & Paddy Joe King, Kevin Aboya & Michael Joe O'Halloran (9.30pm)	Liam King, Kevin Aboya & Luke Murray (9.30pm)	John O'Halloran, Mick Crehan & Dick Hogan (9.30pm)
<b>OLIVER'S CLEGGAN</b>	<b>Fiddle</b> Joe Carey, Marie Walsh (12.30pm)		<b>SLÁN AHEAD!</b> Greg Cotter, Mary Flanagan & Francis O'Halloran (9pm)

Graveside Visit - Sunday 2pm

### From Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August 2025 - Inishbofin, Co. Galway

Welcome to a weekend full of music to celebrate the life and legacy of singer, musician, performer and islander Desmond O'Halloran. Traditional Irish music can be heard in sessions all around the island throughout the whole weekend. For more information please follow the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084137379416#>

## Launch of The Green Market

### MARKET DATES

29th & 30th August  
5th & 6th September  
12th & 13th September  
19th & 20th September  
26th & 27th September

Fridays & Saturdays  
10am to 5pm

### EVENTS

- New exhibition by local artist Matt Lowry
- Art Classes: for Kids & Adults (to book call Olywn 085 2619301)
- Crafting Classes for kids (to book call Ola 089 2305953)
- Parent and Toddler 'Play & Create' workshop on the 18th (to book call Kate on 087 6200091)

### Opening on Friday 29th August 2025 - Moycullen village

The Green Market, a not-for-profit community enterprise, will open in Moycullen village, right beside the Moycullen Bookshop. The Green Market provides Galway's only permanent indoor market, it is open every Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm (the market also

provides an art gallery, and performance space).

Their mission is to support people to live more sustainably. Furthermore, TGM will also provide Galway's first Repair Cafe, where the public can bring broken household items to see if they can be fixed by the market's volunteers. Supporting a more circular economy and at the same time reducing costs for people (they also provide a teddy bear and doll hospital in the Repair Cafes!). And lots more initiatives are on the way, such as Community Cinema Sundays, and a Halloween Costume Swap Day! Finally, workshop facilitators can hire the space during the week for classes. For example, in September they have Art Classes for kids and adults, Crafting Classes for kids, and a parent and toddler 'Play and Create' workshop. Keep an eye out on their social media for upcoming events, they are on FB as The Green Market and on Insta as An Margadh Glas.

## Employer Information Event: The benefits of hiring people with disabilities

HOSTED BY THE WORKABILITY PROGRAMME:  
INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT



# EMPLOYER INFORMATION EVENT

### THE BENEFITS OF HIRING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A GUEST SPEAKER FROM INTREO & AN EMPLOYER'S TESTIMONIAL

**DISCUSSION ON GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES**

**ALL EMPLOYERS WELCOME**

**DATE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

**TIME**  
10-11AM

**LOCATION**  
Claregalway Hotel, Co. Galway  
H91 XR8E

**REGISTER HERE**



**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AFTER**

Riádas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland



Árta chomhcheilte ag an Aontas Eorpach  
Co-funded by the European Union



government supporting communities

This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Social Protection, and the European Union.

**Tuesday 2nd September 2025 from 10am to 11am at The Claregalway Hotel, Co. Galway H91 XR8E**

The aim of the event is to inform employers of the benefits of employing someone with a disability and raise awareness of the needs of people with a disability (if any) in the workplace. To register for this FREE see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/employer-information-event-tickets-1580581615159?aff=oddtcreator>

## Information Session on danger and impact of Japanese Knotweed on properties and biodiversity

### INFORMATION SESSION



**LEITIR MEALLÁIN & BAILE NA CILLE TIDY TOWNS**

An information evening to discuss the danger and impact of Japanese knotweed on your property and biodiversity. The discussion will cover ways in which this plant can be identified and controlled.

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September  
7 p.m  
Comhar Chuigéal  
H91 CH7X**



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

This event is funded with the support of  
Galway County Council

**Thursday 4th September at 7 pm - Lettermullen Community Centre - Co. Galway H91CH7X**

A great opportunity to learn about this invasive species and methods for controlling it.

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## Féile John Ford



**From Friday 5th to Sunday 7th September 2025 - An Spidéal, Co. Galway**

Féile John Ford is a unique cultural festival held in An Spidéal, Co. Galway, celebrating one of Hollywood's greatest directors. The festival celebrates John Ford's films and legacy with classic screenings, live music, panel discussions, storytelling workshops, and a themed exhibition. For more info, please visit: <https://www.feilejohnford.com/>

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## Free Talk on Galway's Lifting Stone Tradition



**Saturday 6 September 2025 from 2pm to 3pm - Galway City Museum**

On Saturday 6 September kettlebell-lifting world record holder, David Keohan (as seen on RTE's Tommy Tiernan Show), will give a free talk on the Lifting Stone Tradition in Ireland at Galway City Museum.

Like Scotland, Iceland, and the Basque region, Ireland has a strong tradition of lifting large, cumbersome stones as a rite of passage to manhood. The tradition was particularly strong in Co. Galway and is recalled in Liam O'Flaherty's 1937 short story 'The Stone' in which an old Aran islander perishes striving to lift the stone he once raised in the vigour of his youth.

**The event is free of charge**, but advance booking is essential as places are limited. For further details or to make a booking, please contact the Museum on (091) 532 460 or by email to [Museum@GalwayCity.ie](mailto:Museum@GalwayCity.ie). *Suitable for adults and young people aged 12+*

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## European Week of Sport



**Registration closes on 7th September 2025**

**From Tuesday 23rd to Tuesday 30th September 2025**

European Week of Sport is happening from 23rd–30th September, and we've got an amazing line-up of events — from online courses to regional festivals, CPD workshops, and the exciting launch of our 8-week basketball programme Together, let's make sport accessible, empowering, and full of joy Stay tuned for updates! Registration closes 7th September!

Find an event near you! **To find an event near you please click here - [European Week of Sport - Events Map](#)** **To register an event from your NGB, LSP, community groups or club please click [here](#)**

More info <https://www.sportireland.ie/participation/european-week-of-sport/find-an-event-near-you>

## FREE TALK! Rathgurreen: What We Found This Summer

FREE TALK! MAREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**RATHGURREEN: WHAT WE FOUND THIS SUMMER!**

8PM TUE. 09 SEP.

COME ALONG TO MAREE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HEAR ABOUT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION AT ONE OF MAREE'S FINEST RINGFORTS

ILLUSTRATED TALK BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS DR. MICHELLE COMBER AND DR. NOEL MCCARTHY

OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

ALL WELCOME!

MAREE MULTIPERIOD ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH EXCAVATION & EXPLORATION

**Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 8pm - Maree Community Centre**

A chance to see results from a recent excavation at Rathgurreen Ringfort with Archeologist Dr. Michelle Comber and Dr. Noel McCarthy.

For those who can't make the in-person talk on the 9th...

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie/excavations-at-rathgurreen.../>

## Women's Health Day

Solas Family Resource Centre Headford invite you to our

**Women's Health Day**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
St. Furse's Hall, Headford  
10.00am – 2.00pm Admission Free

totalhealth, Galway, Mental Health Ireland, Marie Keating Foundation, CRUI, Solas Counselling Service, The Acupuncture Rooms, Sexual Health West, pieta, AL+NE, HFE, SICAP, BODYWHYS

**Wednesday 10th September 2025 from 10am to 2pm at St Fursa's Hall, Headford.**

Join Solas Family Resource Centre for a FREE Women's Health Day! A wide range of health and wellbeing services will be available on the day, including: Free Blood Pressure & Diabetes Checks Free HIV Testing by Sexual Health West Free Hearing Tests by Chime Mental health support and advice from Mental Health Ireland, Pieta House, and Solas Counselling Service.

## Cleggan Fringe Festival 2025



**From Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September 2025 - Cleggan Fishing Village**

The [Cleggan Fringe Festival](https://www.galwaytourism.ie/event/cleggan-fringe-festival/), based on in the West of Ireland, promises a vibrant fusion of live music, culinary delights from locals alike, and the enchanting rhythms of traditional Irish music and Sean Nós Dancing. For more info, please visit <https://www.galwaytourism.ie/event/cleggan-fringe-festival/>

**48th Clifden Arts Festival 2025**



**From Wednesday 17th to Sunday 28th September 2025 -**

Nestled in the heart of Connemara, the [Clifden Arts Festival](http://clifdenartfestival.ie/) has long been a beacon of culture, creativity, and community spirit. Since its humble beginnings in 1977, the festival has grown from a small gathering of local artists and performers into one of Ireland's most anticipated cultural events, attracting talent and audiences from across the globe. Community participation remains at the heart of the festival's ethos.

Local schools, businesses, and residents come together each year, creating a vibrant atmosphere that defines the festival. For more info, please visit: <http://clifdenartfestival.ie/>

**Culture Night 2025**



**Friday 19th September 2025**

Culture Night Galway County invites you to take part in special events throughout Galway County on Friday 19th September from 4pm until late. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national moment, celebrating all that makes up the richness and diversity of Culture in Ireland today, connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally. Culture Night Galway County 2025 will see over 50 events taking place in towns and villages across the county. Due to the continued support of Galway County Council and the Arts Council, all activities are available to the public free of charge. For more info, please visit <https://culturenight.ie/>

Follow Galway County Culture Night social media channels for updates.

Instagram: @culture\_galway Facebook: @galwaycountyculturenight X: @galway\_culture

## Culture Night Singing of the Soul



**Friday 19th September 2025 from 7pm to 9pm Mount Carmel Monastery, Loughrea H62 AV62**  
A Group Singing Workshop with Community Choir Director Róisín Mulliez. To book scan the QR code.  
For more info, please visit <https://culturenight.ie/>

## Culture Night Where Light Lingers



**Friday 19th September 2025 from 9pm - Kylemore Abbey, Connemara**  
Where Light Lingers is an immersive light, performance and sound experience at [Kylemore Abbey](#) in Connemara. After dusk, wander illuminated pathways and discover site-specific art: ambient soundscapes, soft illuminations and close-up performances. Learn more <https://culturenight.ie/>

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## TY Class of 2025

A dark green poster for the TY Class of 2025 competition. It features a lightbulb icon and a speech bubble. The text includes: "TY CLASS OF 2025 JOIN OUR TY COMPETITION", "WIN A TRIP TO BRUSSELS TO VISIT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRIZES FOR REGIONAL WINNERS", "DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IDEA THAT WILL HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?", "REGISTER ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19TH 2025 FOR IDEAS AND FURTHER INFORMATION GO TO:", and the URL "HTTPS://SOCIAENTERPRISEEXCHANGE.IE". Logos for TYCE and Social Enterprise Exchange are also present.

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**Closing date for registration: Friday 19th September 2025**

**SEE Social Enterprise Exchange** are running Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 this September in the Midlands Regions. The competition is open to schools across the Just Transition region - Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath, Roscommon and East Galway. For more details on the competition, click here: <https://socialenterpriseexchange.ie/>

## SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week 2025

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Take Part in SDG Week 2025!**

Ireland's fourth Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place this year from 19 - 28 September. It forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW), which runs from 18 September - 8 October 2025, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year! Last year ESDW saw over 4,000 activities taking place across 39 countries, with almost 200 events taking place in Ireland. The SDGs belong to everyone and SDG Week is open to all - individuals, groups, schools and colleges, businesses and institutions.

To take part, organise an event - however big or small - or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development and join the annual week of action for the SDGs.

- 1 START NOW!**  
Think about how you could promote sustainable development and plan an activity, project or event to take place during SDG Week.
- 2 REGISTER**  
Upload your idea on the ESDW website: [www.esdw.eu/esdw](http://www.esdw.eu/esdw)
- 3 ACT!**  
Organise and promote your initiative during ESDW - 18 September - 8 October 2025!  
Explore which events are taking place and participate in activities near you!

DeptCE  
EuropeanSustainableDevelopmentWeek  
Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment  
European Sustainable Development Network

For more information on sustainable development, SDG Week and ideas for taking part please see [www.gov.ie/sdgs](http://www.gov.ie/sdgs)

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Queries can be sent to [SDGs@dcee.gov.ie](mailto:SDGs@dcee.gov.ie)

## Nature Network Event

**Could your community group be greener?**

**SAVE THE DATE for  
GRD's Nature Network Event  
Ballinasloe 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet other community groups, access training, funding, share ideas, and contacts**

For more details contact Emily Hughes on 0874131248  
email: [ehughes@grd.ie](mailto:ehughes@grd.ie)

**Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7pm - Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway**

GRD's next Nature Network Event is taking place in the Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe, at 7pm on 24th September - All are welcome to come along to find out how YOUR community can be more environmentally friendly. To learn more, contact Emily, SICAP Climate Action Officer, on 087 413 1248

## Misleór: Nomadic Cultures Festival

*Tending the Flame: On the Road to Justice and Reparation*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**25-28 Sept. 2025**

**MISLEÓR**  
Festival of Nomadic Cultures

**From Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th September 2025**

**Misleór 2025**, Europe's only **festival of nomadic cultures**, returns to **Galway City from 25–28 September**, followed by a special programme at the iconic **Ballinasloe Horse Fair**. Now in its seventh year, the festival shines a light on the traditions, art, and activism of Irish Travellers and nomadic communities from across Europe and beyond. The 2025 theme, **“Tending the Flame: On the Road to Justice and Reparation”**, focuses on identity, resistance, memory, and the collective journey toward equity and recognition. For more info, please visit <https://www.misleor.ie/>

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



**Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August 2025 Slieve Aughty Hills - Loughrea, Co. Galway.**

A weekend Festival for Adults and Families. A weekend of craft learning and community building.

Come learn a skill, soak up the culture, have fun and make everlasting friendships!

For more info, please visit: <https://www.celtnet.org>

### SICAP "In Our Words" Event



**Thursday 2nd October 2025 10:00 – 16:00, registration opens at 09:00 Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone**

You are invited to join us at our **SICAP “In Our Words” Event** – an inspiring showcase of community led Social Inclusion projects and initiatives supported by the Government of Ireland, European Union and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, and shared through the voices of those with lived experience. This event aims to create a shared sense of purpose among stakeholders and open the door to meaningful collaboration to improve social inclusion and community initiatives. We promise a dynamic event focused on lived experience, innovative initiatives, and collaborative approaches to building more inclusive communities. **Please note numbers are limited (maximum of two per organisation). Register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**

**Register now** A waiting list will be in operation when capacity at the venue is reached. Please email any queries in relation to the event to: [drcd\\_events@drcdg.gov.ie](mailto:drcd_events@drcdg.gov.ie)

**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](mailto:ppn@galwaycoco.ie)
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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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