



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# PPN NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 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

**Free Training for Galway County PPN Members**

 Public Participation Network Galway County

## Expression of Interest For FREE Training Courses with Galway County PPN

Online via ZOOM Free for PPN Members 20 People Max

**Social Media Strategy for Non-Profits**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
10am - 12pm

**Microsoft Office/Microsoft 365 – Productivity Tools**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
10am - 12pm

**Boards, Chairs and CEO's: Roles, Relationships & Boundaries**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
6:30pm - 9pm








Galway County PPN is delighted to share the latest **PPN Training Series** with Carmichael Training Centre. This series of 3 **online** course trainings for community groups are:

**Social Media Strategy for Non-Profits: Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th November 2025, 10am – 12pm**


**Microsoft Office Microsoft 365 Productivity Tools: Monday 17th November 2025, 10am – 12pm**

**Chairs and CEO's Roles, Relationships & Boundaries: Thursday 20th November 2025, 6:30pm – 9pm**

For more info and registration visit <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/ppn-training-series-november-2025/>

## Galway County PPN Plenary Meeting - Survey

Galway County PPN Plenary - 16th  
September 2025 - Athenry



Dear PPN Members, Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) Staff and Secretariat Committee would like to thank the public who attended the PPN Plenary meeting last September in Athenry.

For those who did not complete the survey at the Plenary, you can complete it now by scanning the QR code above or at the following link: [Galway County PPN Plenary Event – 16th September 2025 | Galway County PPN](#) Your feedback is very important to us!

Thank you!!

## 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 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](#)



#### Register Your Interest - Affordable Housing



**Registrations open until 15th July 2026 at 20:00**

Galway County Council is committed to delivering affordable housing under the "Housing for All" Plan.

To be kept up to date on affordable housing schemes in Galway County please register here:

<https://consult.galway.ie/en/content/register-your-interest-affordable-housing>

**This is not an application process for affordable housing.**

Please refer to [www.affordablehomes.ie](http://www.affordablehomes.ie) for further information on affordable housing.

Galway County  
Local Community Safety Partnership  
Your Voice, Your Community, Your Safety

## Your Voice, Your Community, Your Safety

### Join the Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership

Help shape a safer, more inclusive Galway by becoming a member of the LCSP. We are looking for passionate community members from each of the five municipal districts to collaborate with local services and agencies to identify safety priorities and co-create solutions.

A key premise of the partnership approach is that every community is different, and that the membership seeks to include the broadest of representation across sectoral interests, demographics and community interests in community safety.

Further information and the **Expression of Interest Forms** are available on our website: [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie) & <https://forms.office.com/e/AJUkz2L1Pp>

Cuirimid fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge. Má iarrtar é, tá an fhoirm seo ar fáil i nGaeilge

**Deadline for submission: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025 at 5 p.m.**

For all queries please contact: [communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie)

**Deadline: Monday 3rd November 2025 at 5 p.m.**

Join the Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership. Further information and the Expression of Interest Forms are available on our website [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie) & <https://forms.office.com/e/AJUkz2L1Pp>

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## gComhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Chontae na Gaillimhe Do Ghuth, Do Phobal, Do Shábháilteacht

### Do Ghuth, Do Phobal, Do Shábháilteacht

Bí páirteach i gComhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Chontae na Gaillimhe (LCSP)

Cuidigh le Gaillimh níos sábháilte agus níos cuimsithí a mhúnlú trí bheith i do bhall den LCSP. Táimid ag lorg bail phobail atá páiseanta ó gach ceann de na cúig cheantar bhordasacha chun comhoibriú le seirbhísí agus gníomhaireachtaí áitiúla chun tosaíocht a shábháilteachta a aithint agus réitigh a chomhchruthú.

Príomhbhunús den chur chuige comhpháirtíochta is ea go bhfuil gach pobal difriúil, agus go bhféachann an bhallraíocht leis an ionad a léiríonn ar fud leasanna eardála, déimeagrafaice agus leasanna pobail a díreamh i sábháilteacht an phobail.

Tá tuilleadh eolais agus na **Foirmeacha Léirithe Spéise** ar fáil ar ár láithreán gréasáin: [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie) & <https://forms.office.com/e/AJUkz2L1Pp>

Cuirimid fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge. Má iarrtar é, tá an fhoirm seo ar fáil i nGaeilge

**Spriocdháta le cur isteach: Dé Luain, an 3 Samhain 2025 5 p.m.**

I gcás gach ceiste, déan teagmháil le: [communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie)

**Spriocdháta: Dé Luain, an 3 Samhain 2025 5 i.n.**

Bí páirteach i gComhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Chontae na Gaillimhe (LCSP).

Tá tuilleadh eolais agus na Foirmeacha Léirithe Spéise

ar fáil ar ár láithreán gréasáin [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie) & <https://forms.office.com/e/AJUkz2L1Pp>.

Cuirimid fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge.

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## Pádraig Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships 2026

 Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**Pádraig Pearse  
Gaeltacht  
Scholarships 2026**

Would you like to win a free scholarship to the Gaeltacht and have the best summer ever?

Apply today -  
Gaeilge, friends, fun and an experience you will never forget.



**Applications  
Now Open!**

Don't miss out –  
Apply now!

Find out more at  
[www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)

Deadline:  
05/12/25









## Deadline: Friday 5 December 2025

Galway County Council is now inviting applications for the 2026 Pádraig Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships.

The scholarships give students the opportunity to attend a fully funded Gaeltacht summer college course in Connemara, where they can improve their Irish language skills while enjoying a range of engaging activities.

Applications in Irish are welcome. More information available at: <https://www.gaillimh.ie/.../applications-now-open-padraig...>

## Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta Phádraig Mhic Phiarais 2026

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Scoláireachtaí  
Gaeltachta Phádraig  
Mhic Phiarais 2026

Ar mhaith leat scoláireacht  
Ghaeltachta saor in aisce a bhuanachan  
agus an samhradh is fearr riamh a  
bheith agat?

Déan iarratas inniu -  
Gaeilge, cairde, spraoi agus taithí  
nach ndéanfaidh tú dearmad riamh  
orthu.

Tarratais ar  
oscailt anois!

Ná caillig an deis -  
déan iarratas anois!

Tuilleadh eolais ar  
fáil ag  
[www.gaillimh.ie](http://www.gaillimh.ie)

Spríodhata: 05/12/25

SPLEODAR  
Coláiste Cholomba  
Coláiste Chiaráin  
Coláiste Chonnacht  
Coláiste Chaoimh  
Coláiste Chaoimh  
Coláiste Chaoimh

### Spríodhata: Dé hAoine 5 December 2025

An bhfuil grá agat don Ghaeilge? Buaigh scoláireacht Ghaeltachta!

Tá iarratais oscailte anois do Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta Phádraig Mhic Phiarais 2026! Ar mhaith leat samhradh lán de spraoi, cairdeas agus Gaeilge a chaitheamh?

Déan iarratas inniu le bheith sa seans scoláireacht Ghaeltachta a bhuanachan. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag: <https://www.gaillimh.ie/.../iarratais-oscailte-anois...>

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

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS



Riadas 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

## Auto-enrolment New Retirement Savings Scheme

MyFuture  
Fund

€1  
€3  
€3

The new auto-enrolment  
retirement savings scheme is coming  
You pay in, your employer pays in,  
and the State tops it up.  
Visit [gov.ie/AE](http://gov.ie/AE)

Riadas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

A new retirement savings scheme for employees starts on 1 January 2026.

Find out if you will be auto-enrolled at [gov.ie/AE](https://www.gov.ie/ae)

## Clárú-Uathoibríoch Córas Nua Coigiltis Scoir



Cuirfead tús le scéim nua coigiltis scoir d'fhostaithe ar an 1 Eanáir 2026. Faigh amach cé acu an mbeidh tú cláraithe go huathoibríoch ag <https://ow.ly/jM6P50WtWQS>

# Consultations & Public Engagement

## LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



### Creative Places Tuam Artist Support & Network Development Survey 2025



## ARTIST SUPPORT & NETWORK DEVELOPMENT SURVEY 2025

COMPLETE THE CREATIVE PLACES TUAM ARTIST SURVEY AND HELP SHAPE THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

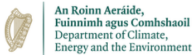


**Closing date: Friday 21st November 2025 2025**

Creative Places Tuam is committed to supporting artists and creative practitioners of all artforms and at every stage of their professional journey. This short survey (approx. 10 mins) is open to all artists and creative practitioners living or working in the Tuam Municipal District. Its purpose is to better understand the support, resources and network opportunities you need to sustain and grow your practice. Your responses will directly shape the next phase of our programming (2026 - 2027), ensuring it reflects the real needs and ambitions of the Tuam creative community. Have your say: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5MRDVL>

## NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026-2028



**Closing date: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 5:30pm**

Have your say in the consultation on the 2nd Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy! The strategy presents an opportunity to cut waste, protect resources and create new jobs and businesses.

More about the consultation here: <https://www.gov.ie/.../public-consultation-on-the-whole.../>

### Development of National Standards for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – Scoping Consultation



**Closing date: Friday 28 November 2025 at 5pm**

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) is developing new National Standards for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). This follows a formal request from the Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler TD, to fast-track the work and improve the quality and consistency of mental health services for children and young people. We want to gather views from young people who use or have used CAMHS, families, professionals, service providers, and advocacy groups. Your feedback will help shape the standards and ensure they reflect what matters most to children and young people up to the age of 18 years. Take survey here: <https://easy-feedback.de/s/2035250/8NKeiGB>

### New survey on disability-based violence from Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)



**Closing date: Sunday 30th November 2025**

The Committee are preparing guidelines on the subject of disability-based violence and want to hear from all interested disabled people and/or their representative organisations to provide written contributions through this survey. The guidelines will be based on the lived experiences of disabled people affected by violence and will aim to provide recommendations to States Parties and other duty bearers on how to address violence based on disability. The survey is available in English and Spanish and is also available in Easy read and International Sign Language: <https://www.ohchr.org/.../survey-disability-based-violence>

### University of Limerick and Research Ireland Study: ADHD Youth & Employment Research

STUDY RECRUITMENT

ARE YOU AN ADHD YOUTH IN THEIR FIRST 3 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT?

CRITERIA

Are you a **formally OR self-diagnosed ADHD worker**, in their **first 3 years of full-time employment** in Ireland?

Are you between **18-29 years old**?

We want to hear from you!

WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT?

We are investigating the **initial employment experiences** of ADHD youth in Ireland.

This involves **x1 online OR face-to-face interview**, which will not exceed 1 hour.

Interview schedule can be provided in advance upon request.

FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO PARTICIPATE

Please email [tierney.jessie@ul.ie](mailto:tierney.jessie@ul.ie)

\*This study uses identity-first language (ADHD youth/ADHD worker) in accordance with the National Disability Authority Ireland advice paper & United States National Institutes of Health guidelines on respectful writing.

University of Limerick and Research Ireland Study: ADHD Youth & Employment Research.

This study aims to explore and describe ADHD youths' (18-29 years old) initial employment experiences, and the perceptions of key stakeholders involved in Ireland. Who can participate?

- ADHD Youth (both self-diagnosed and formally diagnosed),
  - Between 18-29 years old,
  - In their first 3 years of employment.
- For more information and to participate please email: [tierney.jessie@ul.ie](mailto:tierney.jessie@ul.ie)

More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

## Funding & Grants

### !!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

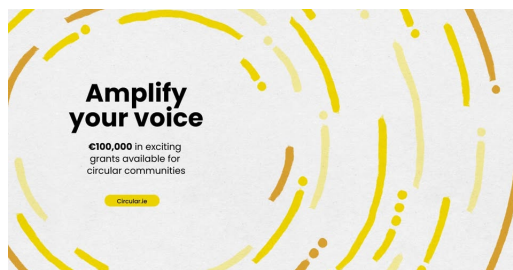
Galway County PPN only share information about Funding and Grants, and does **NOT** administer them.

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.

### Circular Communication Grants



**Closing date: Friday 7th November 2025**

Are you part of a community group, voluntary organisation, or small business with circularity at its core? If so, then Circular Communication Grants are here to help you share your message and grow your impact. Whether you are running a local upcycling session, building awareness around a community reuse and repair initiative, or simply looking to reach more people with your circular mission, these grants are designed to support you. To be eligible to apply for a Grant, the Applicant must:

- ◆ Be a legally constituted nonprofit organisation, community group, or recognised social initiative.
- ◆ Operate primarily within the Republic of Ireland.
- ◆ Demonstrate a community-oriented circular mission with clear social, cultural, or environmental benefit.

Learn more: <https://www.circular.ie/circular-communication-grants>

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## Social Inclusion and Diversity Funding Programme



**Closing date: Friday 7th November 2025**

Tuath Housing is pleased to announce the launch of its **Social Inclusion and Diversity Funding Programme**, offering grants of **up to €5,000 per project**. This funding aims to support initiatives that promote **social inclusion**, **celebrate diversity**, and demonstrate strong **value for money** while delivering meaningful community impact.

Find out more about the funding on Tuath Website: [Applications Now Open for Tuath's Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund - Tuath Housing](#).

Eligible organizations are invited to submit a proposal using the following link: Application - [Application Link](#)

We encourage early submissions and welcome applications from organizations committed to fostering inclusive and equitable communities.

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## Catchment Support Fund 2026



**Closing date: Monday 17th November 2025 - The portal will close at 11.30pm**

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) has launched its 2026 [Catchment Support Fund](#) to help build further capacity in non-governmental organisations and community groups working in the area of water quality in Ireland. The fund which is provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and managed by LAWPRO, provides direct support towards core organisational running costs in addition to supporting the delivery of community-based water quality projects across Ireland.

For more information, please visit: <https://lawaters.ie/funding-call-opens-to-support-communities-to-deliver-water-quality-improvement-projects/>

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## The Art Council



## Festivals Investment Scheme 2026



**Closing date: Thursday 20th November at 17:30**

The Festivals Investment Scheme supports small-to-mid-scale festivals to deliver high-quality arts experiences for audiences. The scheme focuses on programmes engaged with, and relevant to, local communities or communities of interest.

Contacts: **01 618 0200** or [festivals@artscouncil.ie](mailto:festivals@artscouncil.ie)

Read more: <https://artscouncil.ie/funding-opportunities/festivals-investment-scheme-round-2/>

## Theatre Project Award



**Closing date: Thursday 20th November at 17:30**

The Theatre Project Award supports specific artistic projects in theatre. It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work. Theatre artists and organisations can apply to support the development, generation, and creation of theatre.

Contacts: **01 618 020** or [awards@artscouncil.ie](mailto:awards@artscouncil.ie)

Read more: <https://artscouncil.ie/fun.../theatre-project-award-round-2/>

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## Music Capital Scheme



**Closing date: Thursday 27th November 2025 at 2pm**

The Music Capital Scheme, which is supported by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport, provides funding for the purchase of musical instruments and selected items of equipment to individual professional musicians and non-professional groups across the country.

Lear more <https://www.musicnetwork.ie/whats-on/music-capital-scheme>

For information regarding support during applications please visit:

[Music Capital Scheme Applicant Support Sessions | Music Network](#)

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## Access Europe Showcase 2025



**Thursday, 27 November from 11.00am to 2.30pm at the Dublin Royal Convention Centre, Dublin**

The Wheel is delighted to invite you to attend the [Access Europe 2025 Showcase](#), taking place in person at the Dublin Royal

Convention Centre. **This event is designed for organisations at all stages of their EU funding journey**—from those just starting out to those looking to expand their involvement. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with Irish National Contact Points for various EU funding programmes, explore funding pathways, and network with experts and peers. This is a free event, but registration is essential as places are limited. To secure a spot, please book your place now.

For updates and more information, PPN members are also encouraged to connect with Access Europe on LinkedIn. We hope many of you will take advantage of this valuable opportunity to learn more about

EU funding and celebrate the achievements of community organisations across Ireland.

For further information and registration, please visit [Access Europe Showcase 2025 | The Wheel](#)

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## ECO-UNESCO's Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA)



**Deadline to register: Sunday 30th November 2025**

ECO-UNESCO runs the Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA), a free all – Ireland programme that supports young people aged 10 – 18 to design and lead environmental action projects in their schools and communities. Since 1999, the programme has celebrated youth-led solutions to real-world environmental challenges, from climate change and biodiversity loss to waste reduction and sustainable living. By taking part, young people gain the tools and support to raise awareness, take action on issues they care about from biodiversity loss to climate change and inspire others to do the same. The YEA is free to enter and open to any group (2-25 members) of young people aged 10-18 years based in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. For more information, please visit:

<https://ecounesco.ie/young-environmentalist-awards/>

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## Mountaineering Ireland



### Training Grants

**Closing date: Monday 1st December 2025**

These training grants are open to all Mountaineering Ireland members. These are available to individual members or club members to support them undertaking mountain training courses. Further information here: <https://www.mountaineering.ie/content/TrainingGrants/42>

## Women In Sport Funding

**Closing date: Thursday 11th December 2025**

This funding aims to increase the number of and visibility of female leaders, instructors and providers among our members.

Further information here: <https://www.mountaineering.ie/con.../WomenInSportFunding/239>

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## Movement for Good Awards



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

To support the incredible work that so many charities do Movement for Good invites you to nominate a charity close to your heart for the

£1,000 donation draws. The Movement for Good Awards is an annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in. For more info and submissions, please visit: <https://movementforgood.com/>

## Galway County Council



### Community Climate Action Programme Fund 2025

### Clár Gníomhaíochta Pobail ar son na hAeráide 2025

**Closing date: Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 5pm**

The Community Climate Action Fund is now open, providing new opportunities for community groups across the county to take meaningful climate action

at a local level. This €762,000 funding call will offer financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, including Tidy Towns groups, development associations, sports clubs, and other voluntary organisations.

Projects must focus on one or more of the five key climate themes: Community Energy, Travel, Promoting Local Food, Circular Economy & Waste Reduction, and/or

Local Climate and Environmental Action.

For more info, please visit: <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/142>

**Dáta deiridh: Dé Máirt 16 Nollaig 2025 ag 5in**

Is féidir le grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí pobail agus deonacha i gContae Gaillimhe an fhoirm seo a úsáid lena spéis a léiriú i gcomhpháirtíocht le haghaidh deontas beag ar fiú suas le €100,000 é ó Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe faoi shnáithe 1 den Chiste um Ghníomhaíocht ar son na hAeráide - Pobal Clár Gníomhaíochta Aeráide - Pobail Ísealcharbóin a Thógáil.

Tá an scéim oscailte d'eagraíochtaí agus grúpaí pobail ar spéis leo tionscadail agus tionscnaimh a fhorbairt a bhaineann leis an dúshlán a bhaineann le dul i ngleic le hathrú aeráide.

For more info, please visit: <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/142>

## Baboró Go See Fund

### Baboró



**Closing date: Ongoing**

Baboró is delighted to offer a small Go See Fund to support artists and creatives to travel within Ireland to see work for children. The fund is designed for those who make or wish to make work for children and are looking for inspiration, new approaches to presentation, etc.

To ensure this small fund can benefit as many individuals as possible, it will support the cost of event tickets and travel within the island of Ireland only, up to a maximum of €100 per application. For more info, please visit <https://www.baboro.ie/artists/grow/go-see-fund>

## Re-turn Community Initiative

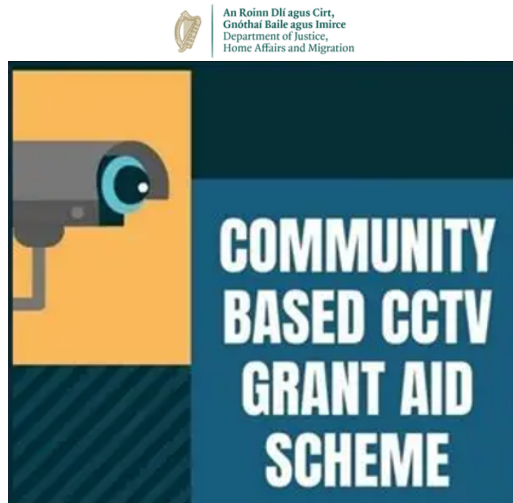


**Closing date: Ongoing**

Since the arrival of the Deposit Return System (DRS) for plastic bottles and aluminium cans, many organisations have seen it as a great opportunity to raise much needed funds by providing drop off and collection points for returns. Organisations can avail of supports from Re-turn, who deliver the scheme, to facilitate collections. **Who can participate in fundraising through DRS?** Tidy Towns, Schools, Clubs, Charities, Companies, Hospitals, Local Events and Festivals. These initiatives are for charity fundraising purposes only and not for personal benefits. For more information, please visit: <https://re-turn.ie/community/>

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**Community-based CCTV Grant Aid Scheme**



**Closing date: Ongoing**

The community-based CCTV grant aid scheme supports communities and local authorities who wish to install and maintain CCTV security systems in their area to increase public safety and deter illegal or anti-social behaviour. The maximum grant available for each CCTV system is €45,000. Applicants to the scheme can include not-for-profit organisations within the community, as well as relevant statutory or voluntary organisations. For example, applicants may include: ♦area partnerships ♦community development projects ♦family resource centres ♦local authorities ♦community enterprises

Applications are also welcome from groups such as a not-for-profit consortium of private and community interests which has come together to formulate an application.

Lear more: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/3a6b2-community-based-cctv-grant-aid-scheme/>

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**Agri Loans**



MicroFinance Ireland's Agri Loan supports businesses that are regulated/reporting to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). This loan is suitable for those whose businesses fall under NACE Code A 01 & 02 (crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, forestry and logging). There are no fees or hidden charges on the Agri Loan from Microfinance Ireland. Loans from €2,000 – €50,000 5 year max term. Contact the LEO Galway office directly for further information and support with your application - phone 091 509 090 or email [info@leo.galwaycoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.galwaycoco.ie)

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### NeighbourWood Scheme



**Closing date: Ongoing**

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?>

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### PayPal Giving Fund Ireland



**Closing date: 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>

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### 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](#)

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### 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](#)

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### Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for Older People



Housing adaptation grants for older people and people with disabilities.

There are increases to:

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

Citizens Information 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### 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>

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### 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/>

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## Training & Development

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**Ireland's 2025 Contingency Response for the Invasive Asian Hornet**

## Asian Hornet (*Vespa velutina*)

**Size:** medium (2-3 cm)  
**Colour:** body black, tail orange-tipped  
**Irish Status:** non-native / alien invasive



### Most Commonly Confused Native Species

#### Giant Woodwasp (*Urocerus gigas*)

**Size:** very large insect (5+ cm)  
**Colour:** yellow & black  
**Other:** tail with long ovipositor  
**Irish Status:** native & widespread



#### Common Wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*)

**Size:** small (1-2 cm)  
**Colour:** yellow & black  
**Irish Status:** native, widespread & common



## Saturday, 1st November 2025 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us for a **free webinar** on Ireland's coordinated response to the Asian hornet in County Cork and what to expect in the coming years. Chaired by Áinle Ní Bhriain, from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, this session will give a clear overview of Ireland's national response plan to this invasive species.

Whether you're involved in beekeeping, biodiversity recording, education or simply want to stay informed, this webinar will share insights directly from those involved in Ireland's first contingency response to the Asian hornet. Register here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/.../d33bf9c2-521e-4728...>

## Games for All Mervue - Older Adults Program

### GAMES FOR ALL

in partnership with healthy galway city and Galway city council

Fun games and exercises for older adults  
Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November  
1:45pm -2:45pm  
Mervue Community Centre



REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE  
OR EMAIL  
ELOFTUS@GALWAYCOCO.IE



## Mondays 3rd, 10th and 17th November 2025 1:45pm - 2:45pm Mervue Community Centre, Galway

Join Galway Sports Partnerships tutor Laura for some fun social games over 3 weeks!

Laura will take you through various activities such as Boccia, Scooch, Skittles and Cornhole. This is a 3 week trial program for an 8-week program starting at the end of January - come along and give the games a try. Bring along a friend and a bottle of water! Email [eloftus@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:eloftus@galwaycoco.ie) for queries

Free of Charge, registration is essential: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../games-for-all-mervue...>

## How to Create Christmas Themed Marketing Videos



**Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 11th November 2025 10am -1pm - Online**

This course is aimed at any business that would like to learn how to develop and create their own cost effective marketing videos using just your smartphone, tablet or computer, on a shoe string budget.

No previous photography or videography experience required. Two online 3hrs workshops 4th & 11th November, 10am -1pm each morning. Book now at <https://loom.ly/47L0KS8>

**Galway Volunteer Centre Autumn Academy workshops 2025**



**Starting Tuesday 4th November 2025**

Do you work or volunteer for a community group, charity or club in Galway? You might be interested in Galway Volunteer Centre's free, short online training courses.

These are **free courses** that support the work of your club committees and volunteers.

- ◆ Managing Remote Teams **4th Nov. 11am - 12:30pm** ◆ Stakeholder Management **6th Nov 7pm - 8:30pm**
- ◆ Critical Thinking **11 Nov. 11am - 12:30pm** ◆ Creating a Social Media Strategy **13th Nov. 7pm - 8:30pm**
- ◆ Delegating Effectively **18th Nov. 11am - 12:30pm** ◆ Creativity in the Workplace **20th Nov. 7pm - 8:30pm**

Register here: [Galway Volunteer Centre](https://www.galwayvolunteercentre.ie)

**Social Inclusion Through Games**

**Starting Tuesday 4th November 2025 for 4 weeks 12:30 – 13:30 Westside Community Centre, Galway**

New Older Adult Program Alert!! Join us for a fun and engaging 4-week program designed especially for older adults. Social Inclusion Through Games combines light physical activity with enjoyable group games to help you stay active, meet new people, and feel connected within the community.

This program is open to all fitness levels no experience is needed. The focus is on movement, laughter, and social inclusion in a friendly,

welcoming space. For more information contact: [eloftus@galwayco.co.uk](mailto:eloftus@galwayco.co.uk)

Booking is essential <https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../social-inclusion-through...>

## Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland Winter Webinar Programme



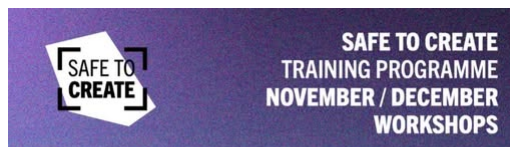
**Every Tuesday from 4th November 2025 to 10th February 2026, 7pm – 8pm - Free, Online**

Want to up your wildflower identification skills over this winter? Our Winter Webinar programme is now live.

Thanks to funding from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland, we will be hosting a set of ten fantastic plant ID webinars, **completely free to attend**, at 7-8pm, every Tuesday from 4 Nov - 10 Feb. To book, visit our website:

<https://bsbi.org/botanical-skills-webinars>

## Safe To Create



- **ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING**  
FOR ARTISTS, CREATIVES & ARTS WORKERS | 6 NOV [SLIGO](#)
- **AUTISM ACCESSIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE**  
FOR PRODUCERS, MANAGERS & LEADERS | 12 NOV [GALWAY](#)
- **BOARD CULTURE IN THE ARTS & CREATIVE SECTORS**  
FOR BOARD MEMBERS & LEADERS | 13 NOV [ONLINE](#)
- **ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING**  
FOR ARTISTS, CREATIVES & ARTS WORKERS | 19 NOV [KILKENNY](#)
- **BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING**  
FOR ARTISTS, CREATIVES & ARTS WORKERS - PROSPECTIVE &  
NEW BOARD MEMBERS | 1 DEC [GALWAY](#)
- **INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP & BOARD DIVERSITY**  
FOR BOARD MEMBERS & SENIOR LEADERS | 2 DEC [ONLINE](#)

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW:  
[safetocreate.ie](https://safetocreate.ie)

**Starting on Wednesdays 5th and 12th November 2025 at 7pm - Online**

Safe To Create November & December workshops are open for bookings and include workshops in Galway, Sligo, and online. These workshops are designed to strengthen your knowledge, build practical skills, and equip you with the tools to thrive in your workplace. All workshops are subsidised, with places offered either free of charge or at a modest cost. To support participation, travel and accommodation bursaries are available for those living outside the host city (Ireland residents), along with access cost support to help ensure everyone can take part fully. Book now at <https://loom.ly/cGsn3Bq>

## Self Defence Classes

**SELF  
DEFENCE  
CLASSES**

AMACH! LGBT GALWAY LTD. TEACH SOLAIS

FINAL TWO SESSIONS:  
NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

Teach Solais LGBT+ Resource  
Centre, 1 Courthouse Square,  
H91VF21

**Thursdays 6th & 20th November 2025 at 7pm - Teach Solais LGBT+ Resource Centre, Galway**

Mark your calendars, the final two sessions of self defence classes will take place on the 6th and 20th of November at 7PM in Teach Solais LGBT+ Resource Centre, 1 Courthouse Square, Galway, H91 VF21.

All welcome, even if you haven't been before.

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## Adventures from the Wild



**Saturday 8th November 2025 10:30 – 11:30**

**Áras Mhic Amhlaigh (H91 A9PX)**

The wonderful zoologist Éinne Ó Cathasaigh will be with us for a wild talk on the world of frogs, toads, newts and lizards!! Éinne will give an invocative, interesting and informative talk about adventures from the world of zoology entirely through the medium of Irish. Take advantage of this great opportunity that is open to all age groups (especially families!) to learn about Irish, wildlife, and marvel at the world of these special animals.

## Eachtraí ón bhFiadhúlra



**Dé Sathairn 8ú Samhain Am: 10:30 – 11:30**

**Áit: Áras Mhic Amhlaigh (H91 A9PX)**

Beidh an zó-eolaí iontach Éinne Ó Cathasaigh linn le haghaidh caint fhiáin ar shaol na froganna, na hearca luachra, na buafa agus na laghairtí!! Tabharfaidh Éinne an chaint spreagúil, spéisiúil agus lán le heolas faoi eachtraí ó shaol na zó-eolaíochta go hiomlán trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tapaigh an deis iontach seo atá oscailte do chuile aois ghrúpa (teaghlach ach go háirithe!) chun foghlaim faoin nGaeilge, an fiadhúlra, agus iontas a chur i saol na n-ainmhithe speisialta seo.

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## Pond Creation and Water Management with Féidhlim Harty



**Saturday 8th November 2025 10:30 – 13:30 Slieve Aughty Centre Kylebrack West, Loughrea H62 DX77**

Join in for an informative workshop with environmental consultant and author Féidhlim Harty, where we'll explore the wetlands and ponds dug in August this year at the Slieve Aughty Centre. Together, we'll assess how these new habitats are developing and discuss practical approaches to managing water on farmland and in home settings. This hands-on session offers a great opportunity to learn about natural water retention, biodiversity enhancement, and sustainable landscape design. For more info and booking:

<https://www.celtnet.org/events/pond-creation-and-water-management-with-feidhlim-harty>

**Introduction to Dry Stone Wall Construction Weekend - Connemara**



**Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 2025 - Brigit's Garden & Café, Pollagh, Rosscahill, Connemara.**

Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with The Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI). Our experienced instructors will guide you through the process, teaching you the techniques and skills needed to create your own masterpiece. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this event is perfect for anyone interested in **dry stone construction** or just looking for a fun and educational day out in nature.

Price: €108.23 Bookings <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../introduction-to-dry-stone...>

**2025 WRDATF Regional Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week**



**From 10th to 14th November 2025**

The WRDATF invite you join us for our **Regional Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week** from **November 10 to 14th**. The Awareness Week includes online events each day on topics such as: The European Drug Report 2025, Supporting your teen when they are feeling socially excluded, Substance Use and Intergenerational Trauma, An Introduction to the WRDATF Parent Hub and more...

Find out more and register for events here: <https://www.wrdatf.ie/training-awareness-week.php>

**GUT ED – Seaweed, Science & Health**

REGISTRATION VIA [EVENTBRITE.IE](https://www.eventbrite.ie) | Interreg Atlantic Area | Co-funded by the European Union | Hub4Food | BIA



# GUT ED

Seaweed Science Health

presents

Introducing seaweed as marine medicine for gut health



**Dr. Prannie Rhatigan**  
Medicinal benefits & live demonstration - cooking with seaweed



**Dr. Maria Hayes**  
Teagasc. Seaweed science and gut health



**Edel Breslin**  
Entrepreneur. Founder of Óir tonics. Creator of Moss Boss Tonic

THURSDAY  
13 NOVEMBER 2025  
6.30 - 8 PM

BIA INNOVATOR  
CAMPUS, ATHENRY,  
CO. GALWAY, H65  
DD86

**Thursday 13th November 2025 6:30pm – 8pm BIA Innovator Campus, Athenry, Co. Galway H65 DD86**

Join us for GUT ED – Seaweed, Science & Health, an inspiring event under Teagasc Science Week and Hub4Food Citizens Science Action. Discover how seaweed is emerging as a marine medicine for gut health and learn how marine ingredients are shaping the future of food, nutrition, and wellbeing — from ocean to plate! Limited spots available, registration is required through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../gut-ed-seaweed-science-and...>

## Driving Under The Influence – A Road Safety Priority



Book now

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - A ROAD SAFETY PRIORITY

Wednesday 19 Nov  
Online

#RoadSafety

European Road Safety Charter

**Wednesday 19th November 2025 10:00 – 11:40 - Online**

The European Road Safety Charter invites you to join an important webinar dedicated to raising awareness and promoting action on Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Despite significant progress in road safety, alcohol and drug impairment remain a leading cause of serious crashes across Europe, putting drivers, passengers, and vulnerable road users at risk. This session will bring together road safety experts and civil society representatives to share the latest data, explore prevention strategies, and highlight innovative initiatives that can help reduce DUI-related incidents. Participants will gain valuable insights into effective awareness campaigns, enforcement measures, and community engagement approaches that save lives.

Secure your place: <https://ow.ly/fw2l50X9Bgf>

## Ready to Go Orienteering Training

**Thursday 27th November 2025 10am-3pm Dunlo Running Track, Ballinasloe Co. Galway**

Are you a teacher, youth leader, scout leader, disability group, camp provider and interested in incorporating orienteering into your group activities? Ready To Go Orienteering (RTGO) course trains and equips activity leaders with the skills and ability to teach the fundamentals of the sport to beginners and young people, whilst providing them with the necessary resources to do this. Course cost usually €110, now only €50 via Galway Sports Partnership (further discounts for specific groups, contact [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie) for details).

Registration via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1852072080449?aff=oddtcreator>

Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Participants are provided with a resource pack including games cards, sample maps and controls, with further equipment available to purchase.

Educational resources are also provided online, which can be downloaded and printed. Subsidies and resources are available for DEIS, Girls only and Special schools.

Please email [galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie) for more details and before booking.

**Relove Fashion 2025 / 2026**

**Submission Deadline: End of January 2026 Shortlisting & Virtual Interviews: February - March 2026 Exhibition: April 2026 Grand Final: End of April 2026**

Relove Fashion provides an exciting project for young people to explore creative design skills while fostering an understanding of sustainability and the environmental impact of our clothes. The competition can be undertaken as a project within Secondary Schools, Irish Girl Guide and Scouting groups, Youthreach and more. As the project can be completed individually or as part of a team, it allows flexibility to fit within your specific programme. By participating, young people will not only design a one-of-a-kind sustainable fashion piece but also gain hands-on experience in real-world sustainability projects while having fun.

Full details at: <https://www.relovetfashion.ie/youth-group-hub> <https://www.relovetfashion.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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Togra AE CHANCE





# TÁ DO CHABHAIR UAINN

An bhfuil tú 50 bliain d'aois nó níos sine?  
An bhfuil do ghnó féin agat, nó an bhfuil  
suim agat do ghnó féin a  
bhunú?

Tá ÚnaG i gcomhar le 5 eagraíocht trasna na hEorpa ag  
dearadh cúrsa do dhaoine os cionn 50 bliain d'aois chun a  
gcuid scileanna fiontraíochta a fhorbairt. Beidh an cúrsa seo  
ar líne agus bunaithe ar 6 ábhar

Tá do chabhair uainn chun é seo a chruthú.

Más suim leat bheith páirteach sa togra seo líon amach an  
suirbhé gairid seo chun d'ionchur luachmhar a roinnt linn,  
chun go bhféadfaimis freastal ar do riachtanais  
foghlamtha.



Líon amach an suirbhé ag an mbarrachód  
seo, nó ag  
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Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta i gcomhar le cúig eagraíocht eile ag dearadh cúrsa ar líne chun freastal ar dhaoine atá os cionn 50 bliain d'aois, gur mhaith leo a ngnó féin a bhunú nó forbairt a dhéanamh ar ghnó atá acu cheana. Má bhaineann sé seo leat, líon an fhoirm: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JhVUhn2kJ0> Cuirfead an cúrsa seo ar fáil mar chuid den Togra AE CHANCE. Tuilleadh eolais: <https://udaras.ie/gno/clair-pairtmhainithe-ag-an-ae/chance/>

## Stair Áitiúil



Ionad Diaspóra na Gaeltachta

# STAIR ÁITIÚIL

## LOCAL HISTORY

CÚRSA PÁIRT AIMSEARHTHA  
PART-TIME EVENING COURSE

**Gach Dé Céadaoin ón  
05/11/2025 @ 6 i.n.**

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Beidh an cúrsa saor in aisce seo á  
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Cúrsa Stair Áitiúil in Ionad Cuimhneacháin na nImlirceach, Carna - Cúrsa páirt aimseartha  
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## Ag Ceiliúradh na Mblianta Órga

**FÓRAM CHONAMARA CLG**  
**AG CEILIÚRADH NA MBLIANTA ÓRGA**  
 A CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN YEARS

**6ú Samhain 2025**  
**6th November 2025**

SÓIÓISTÍ ar FÓIL  
 Refreshments Provided

Tacaíocht Pinsín / Pension Support  
 Seirbhísí Tacaíochta / Support Services  
 Uasghráduithe Fuinnimh Baile / Home Energy Upgrades  
 Seirbhísí Meabhairshláinte / Mental Health Services  
 Slándáil Baile / Home Security  
 Béilí ar Rothaí / Meals on Wheels

Ionad / Venue:  
 Coláiste Chuimhneacháin  
 An Phiarsaigh,  
 Ros Muc, H91 CTP2

Am / Time: 12:00in - 2:00in

Peter (085) 267 5863 | Nórah (085) 179 7723 | sicap@forumconnemara.ie

**Déardaoin 6ú Samhain 2025 12:00in - 2in Coláiste Chuimhneachain An Phiarsaigh Ros Muc H91 CTP2**

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais déan teagmháil Peter 085 267 5863 - Norah 085 179 7723

### Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta le Cáit Ní Riain

**AMHRÁNAÍOCHT THRAIDISIÚNTA LE CÁIT NÍ RIAIN**

■ DÉARDAOIN 13 SAMHAIN 2025  
 ● 18:00 - 19:00  
 | LEABHARLANN CHATHAIR NA GAILLIMHE, SRÁID NAOMH AIBHISTÍN, GAILLIMH, H91 R6WF

☎ CAITHEAR CLÁRÚ ROIMH RÉ CHUN TIGÉAD A CHUR IN ÁIRITHE LE  
 ✉ OPT@GLEG.IE NÓ CITY@GALWAYLIBRARY.IE

**Déardaoin an 13ú Samhain ag 18.00 i Leabharlann Chathair na Gaillimhe, Sráid Naomh Aibhistín**

Beidh Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta le Cáit Ní Riain ar siúl tráthnóna Déardaoin an 13ú Samhain ag 18.00 i Leabharlann Chathair na Gaillimhe, Sráid Naomh Aibhistín, Gaillimh, H91R6WF.

Cuir do thicéid in áirithe ag [opt@gleg.ie](mailto:opt@gleg.ie) nó [city@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:city@galwaylibrary.ie)

### Scoláireachtaí d'Amhránaithe

# Scoláireachtaí d'Amhránaithe



chun freastal ar  
Chomhdháil  
Amhránaíochta an  
Atlantaigh Thuaidh  
(NASC)



## Spriocdháta ar iarratas a chur isteach: 21 Samhain 2025

Tá Comhdháil Amhránaíochta an Atlantaigh Thuaidh (NASC), i gcomhpháirt le hEalaín na Gaeltachta, ag fógairt líon teoranta scoláireachtaí d'amhránaithe atá lonnaithe sa Ghaeltacht in Éirinn, agus a chanann i nGaeilge, le freastal ar Chomhdháil NASC ó 6–8 Márta 2026 i nDún Éideann, Albain. Tá 3 scoláireacht ar luach €1,000 an ceann ar fáil chun tacú le costais chlárucháin, taistil, lóistín agus per diem do na faighteoirí roghnaithe. Oscailte do dhaoine aonair atá 18 mbliana d'aois nó níos sine. Suíomh agus Dátaí: Ionad Scéalaíochta na hAlban, Dún Éideann, 6–8 Márta 2026 Tuilleadh eolais ar [www.ealain.ie](http://www.ealain.ie) agus [www.northatlanticsong.com](http://www.northatlanticsong.com)

## Tonnta 2026



## Ghailimh 29 Eanáir 2026 - 1 Feabhra 2026

Tá Oifig na dTicéad do Tonnta 2026 OSCAILTE! Tar éis bliana den scoth in 2025, bígí inár dteannta arís an bhliain seo chugainn chun céiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an nGaeilge, ar oidhreacht Naomh Bríd agus ar Ghailimh mar chathair dhátheangach! Faigh do thicéid anois ag [www.tonnta.eu](http://www.tonnta.eu) Seo linn!

## 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 mhórtéideal: 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 réachtáil 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/civcamenitysites/>

# Supports & Resources

## My Moving Brain



**MY MOVING BRAIN**

Join us to hear from inspiring speakers, try inclusive sports & get hands-on with fun science activities at our Community Connect Event in Galway!

**Our Speakers**

- Dr Michael McKillop, MBE**
- Dr Marwa Elamin**
- Katie Ní Ghaocháin**
- Fergus Farrell**
- Eamon McParlin**
- Hazel Killeen**

**Living with a Brain Condition: Insights from a Neurologist**  
Dr Marwa Elamin, Consultant Neurologist at University Hospital Galway

**There is no "I" in Team**  
Eamon McParlin, Founder of FND Ireland & Chartered Engineer

**From Participation to Confidence: My Experience with Sport and Epilepsy**  
Kate Ní Ghaocháin, PaddleAble Ambassador & Epilepsy Ireland Volunteer

**Never accepting NO**  
Fergus Farrell, Challenge Seeker, Mental Health and Disability Advocate & Author

**European Academy of Childhood-onset Disability Congress 2026 - A snapshot of what you can expect**  
Hazel Killeen, President, EAACD Annual Congress 2026

**Seizing Control: Winning with Epilepsy**  
Dr Michael McKillop MBE, Paralympian champion & motivational speaker

The event aims to bring together people & families impacted by brain conditions, sports clubs, coaches, teachers, healthcare professionals, advocacy organisations & anyone with an interest to join the community conversation on brain health and inclusion in sport.

Scan the QR code to register now!

1 November 2025, 1:30-4:30pm, University of Galway

Partners: [The Future Neuro Centre](#), [Epilepsy Ireland](#), [Sport Ireland](#), [na! Neurological Alliance of Ireland](#), [Epilepsy Ireland](#)

**Saturday 1st November 2025 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm**

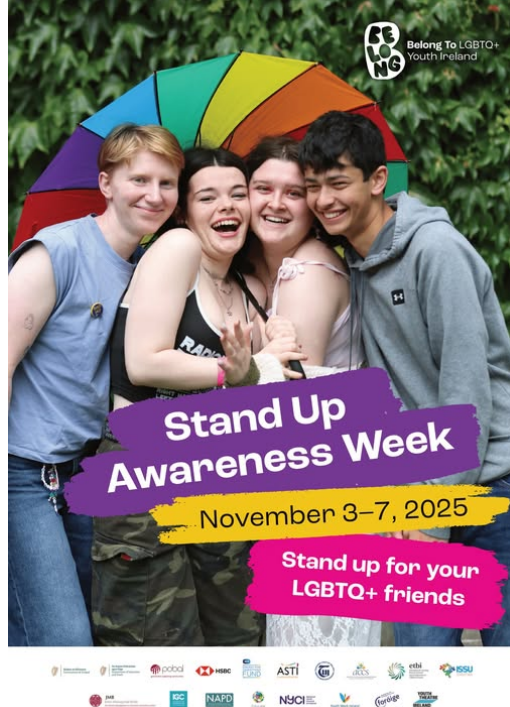
**O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance, University Road H91 T8WR Galway**

My Moving Brain, a community-led event from the FutureNeuro Research Ireland Centre, aims to spark important conversations around brain health and inclusion in sport for people living with brain conditions.

The event brings together individuals with lived experience, their families, researchers, sports leaders, and advocacy groups to explore barriers to participation and identify practical solutions. As Ireland's leading centre for translational brain science, FutureNeuro focuses on conditions including epilepsy, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, neurodevelopmental conditions, and psychosis. Register here:

[My Moving Brain: Community Connect Event in Galway Tickets, Sat, Nov 1, 2025 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Stand Up Awareness Week 2025**



**From Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November 2025**

Belong To's Stand Up Awareness Week is a time for post-primary schools, youth services and Youthreach centres in Ireland to join us and take a stand against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying.

The week is an opportunity to take steps to make spaces welcoming and inclusive for LGBTQ+ young people. We will equip you with the resources, tools and knowledge needed to host Stand Up Awareness Week in your school, youth service or Youthreach at any time that works for you. If your school is interested in taking part, you can download a resource pack or find out more information at <https://www.belongto.org/standup/>

**Supporting Your Child's Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing (Early Years)**



**From Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November 2025 10am or 7:30pm**

**Sessions available daily**

The first five years of your child's life are crucial for their long-term positive mental health. To help you create a nurturing environment, the National Parents Council (NPC), in partnership with St. Patrick's Mental Health Services, is offering **free online webinars** designed to empower parents with practical tools and advice. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/565AWqeXnc>

**Anti-Bullying Training  
for Parents of  
Primary School Children**



**From Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November 2025 10am or 7:30pm (Mon-Thu) | 10am Friday**

Bullying can affect children’s confidence, friendships, and emotional wellbeing — but parents can play a powerful role in prevention and support. The sessions will enable you to support your child regarding issues of bullying and will also inform you about the Anti Bullying Procedures for Primary Schools.

Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Lx374VM3AK>

### Anti-Bullying Training for Parents of Post-Primary School Students



**From Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November 2025 10am or 7:30pm (Mon-Thu) | 10am Friday**

Bullying can have a lasting impact on young people’s confidence, friendships, and emotional wellbeing — but parents can play a vital role in helping to prevent and respond to it.

The sessions will enable you to support your child regarding issues of bullying and will also inform you about the Anti Bullying Procedures for Post Primary Schools. Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/skHuXR3Cd2>

### Going for Growth: Inspiring Roadshows



#### GOING FOR GROWTH INSPIRING ROADSHOW

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

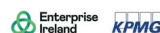


**TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 2025, 18.30 - 20.30**  
(followed by refreshments and networking)

**O'DONOGHUE CENTRE FOR DRAMA, THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE, GALWAY ROAD, UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY**

MC: PAULA FITZSIMONS, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, GOING FOR GROWTH

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER >>](#)



**SPEAKERS**



**EVELYN O'TOOLE**  
SIS



**NIAMH RYAN**  
E.L.A. & J.O. COSMETICS



**LOUELLA MORTON**  
TECHTALK

**Tuesday 4th November from 6.30pm - 9pm - O'Donoghue Centre, University Road Galway H91 T8WR**

The aim of this event is to inspire enterprising women—regardless of where they are on their entrepreneurial journey—to be ambitious for their businesses. The event will also highlight the wide range of supports available across the ecosystem, including Going for Growth, LEO Start Your Own Business, New Frontiers, and more. Book now at <https://loom.ly/ldT8H2k>

### Living Well Online Programme

# Living Well

A programme for adults with long-term health conditions



Living Well is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic health condition. It takes place over six weekly workshops (6 x 2.5 hours) – either online or in-person. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition.

You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. You will also meet other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences.

### Upcoming Living Well Programmes

Venue	Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
Online over Zoom	Wednesdays	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	10.30am – 1.00pm

**To book your place contact**

Name: Martha McTigue  
 Phone: 086 0142688  
 Email: [mmctigue@southm Mayo.com](mailto:mmctigue@southm Mayo.com)  
[www.hse.ie/LivingWell](http://www.hse.ie/LivingWell)



\*Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain and depression.



Living Well is an SMRC Evidence Based Self-Management Programme originally developed at Stanford University.

**From Wednesdays 5th November to 10th December 2025, 10:30am - 1:00pm - Online**

This is a free group programme aimed to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops, which are delivered either online or face to face. The upcoming programme will be delivered online by trained facilitators on Zoom, once a week, over a 6-week period in a friendly and supportive setting. We will have further face to face programmes scheduled in the new year. To book your place contact Martha McTigue **086 014 2688** or [mmctigue@southm Mayo.com](mailto:mmctigue@southm Mayo.com)

**Peer Support Zoom Catch Up Chats**

## OCT & NOV PEER CATCH-UP DATES

Oct 15th	Manual Wheelchair Users
Oct 22nd	Cauda Equina Syndrome
Oct 29th	Powerchair Users
Nov 5th	Walking with SCI
Nov 12th	Family Members & Carers

#itsgoodtotalk

#peersupport

**Next dates coming up: Wednesdays 5th and 12th November 2025 at 7pm - Online**

Peer Support Zoom Catch Up Chats are a safe space to connect, share, or simply listen to others who truly understand. Check out the dates and save your spot! If you haven't registered yet, you can do so easily via the link <https://spinalinjuries.ie/allevants/> Let's support each other — you don't have to go through it alone.

**Supporting People with Disabilities**

**EMPLOYER  
INFORMATION  
EVENT**

HOSTED BY WORKABILITY: INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

**07/11/2025 • 8-9AM**

Oranmore Lodge Hotel,  
Oranmore H91 NN76

**BREAKFAST  
MEETING**

**HIRING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Guest Speakers from  
Intreo & an Employers' Testimonial  
both discussing Grants & Subsidies

CONTACT US: 

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



**Friday 7th November 2025 8am - 9am Oranmore Lodge Hotel Galway Station Road Oranmore H91NN76**

WorkAbility GRD are hosting a free breakfast event for employers to get information on supporting current/ future staff with disabilities. This event is an opportunity for you to learn about employing someone with a disability, focusing on the grants and subsidies available to you. To register for the event, please book through:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/employer-event-supporting-people-with-disabilities-tickets-1851130644589?>

**Living an Extraordinary Life**

**Living an Extraordinary Life**  
Five Week Programme for Family Carers



Family Carers are invited to take part in a five-week exploration of what it is to live an extraordinary life by uncovering your innate capacity for wellbeing, resiliency and joy. This programme is an invitation to see your life through fresh eyes and to have more peace of mind, contentment and ease in your life no matter the situation.

Hosted by Angelina Hynes  
**Starting: Friday 7th November  
10.30am - 12pm (online)**

Register Today for your Free Place!

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

**Starting on Friday 7th November 2025 10:30am - 12:00pm Online**

Join us from Friday 7th November at 10.30am as life and wellbeing coach, speaker and family carer Angelina Hynes returns with her five-week programme designed for family carers - Living an Extraordinary Life. Places are limited. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1793975471929?aff=oddtcreator>

**Respite and disabled people: Space for an ILMI analysis**

**RESPITE AND  
DISABLED  
PEOPLE:  
ONLINE SPACE  
FOR AN ILMI  
ANALYSIS**

**11th November 10:30am via Zoom**  
email [info@ilmi.ie](mailto:info@ilmi.ie) to register.  
*Disabled People only*



**Tuesday 11th November 10:30am Online via ZOOM**

ILMI needs to build a clear analysis on the role of respite in the lives of disabled people in light of the implementation of the UNCRPD. There is a commitment in the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025 to 2030 to “Increase availability of respite places and broaden the spectrum of respite provision in supporting disabled people and their families”. As a Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO) it is vital to have an informed, collective discussion on what the lived experience of Disabled People is and has been in accessing respite. The purpose of this discussion is to enable disabled people to share their lived experience of respite, what they experience was like, their reasons for accessing respite and what role respite could play for Disabled People. If you want to be involved email [info@ilmi.ie](mailto:info@ilmi.ie) to register.

## **A System-Wide Assessment of Healthcare in Ireland for People with Intellectual Disabilities**

Join the upcoming webinar:  
**A System-Wide Assessment of Healthcare in Ireland for People with Intellectual Disabilities**



**About the Webinar**

Join us for a free, one-hour online webinar presenting the findings of a system-wide assessment of healthcare in Ireland for people with intellectual disabilities. We'll highlight key strengths, challenges, and opportunities for change within the system.

Open to healthcare professionals, policymakers, people with intellectual disabilities, families, supporters, and anyone passionate about creating a more inclusive healthcare system.

Online on Thursday 13th November 2025 from 12.00pm to 13.00pm.

To register for this free webinar: Scan the QR code or [Click Here](#)

More information? Contact [jeanne.osullivan@ul.ie](mailto:jeanne.osullivan@ul.ie)





**Thursday 13th November 2025 12.00 - 13.00pm Online**

Calling all healthcare professionals, policymakers, people with intellectual disabilities, families, and supporters! The webinar will present findings from phase one of Ireland's Rosemary Collaboratory Project <https://www.specialolympics.org/.../focusing-on-the-...>, which involved an in-depth examination of the inclusiveness of Ireland's healthcare system for people with intellectual disabilities. This promises to be of interest to anyone passionate about building a better, more inclusive healthcare system in Ireland.

To register for the webinar, click the link below or scan the QR code: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

## **FREE Helium Workshops for Young People Living with Long-Term Health Conditions**



**Saturdays 22nd November & 13th December 2025 10:30am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm - Galway City Museum**

Helium is running FREE workshops in Galway for young people **13 - 16 years old** living with long-term physical health conditions. Led by professional artists, with volunteers and medical support onsite, these fun and supportive camps offer kids a chance to have fun, explore their creativity and connect with others who share similar experiences.

[Book your Galway Youth Meet-up space HERE!](#) **Bookings close two weeks before each meet-up.**

**Online Workshops** [If you can't make it in person here is a link to book our ONLINE Programme](#)

## **Men's mental health supports**



Every man can face challenges with his mental health. Talking about it can make things feel a little easier. You don't need to have it all figured out. Support is always available when you are ready.

Find out more here: <https://www2.hse.ie/mental-health/services-support/men/>

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



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/>

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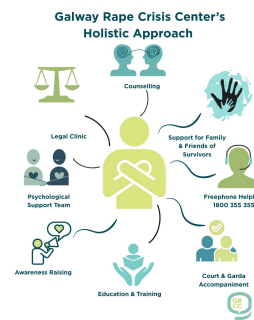
### Community Law & Mediation: Free Legal Advice Clinics Online



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** 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

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

**THE SAMARITANS**  
116 123  
Email: [info@samaritans.ie](mailto:info@samaritans.ie)

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

**AWARE**  
1800 80 48 48

**CHILDLINE**  
1800 666 666  
Instant messaging: [www.childline.ie](http://www.childline.ie)

**NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE**  
1800 778 888

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

**GAMBLING CARE**  
1800 936 725  
[www.gamblingcare.ie](http://www.gamblingcare.ie)

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

**SpunOut: text about it**  
Text 'Hello' to 50808  
[www.spunout.ie](http://www.spunout.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

The Rainbows programmes will start in on **March 2025**

**Rainbows Group support provides:**

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

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

**For more information:**

**TUSLA** (The Child and Family Agency)  
**WALLS WORKS** (The National Children's Advocacy Centre)  
**CHILDREN'S SERVICES** (The National Children's Advocacy Centre)

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

## Macra Club - Social Outlet for Young Adults

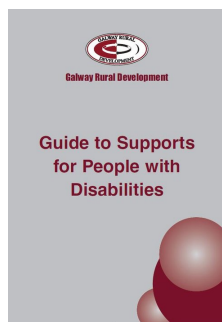
**WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?**

- 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, hotel, outdoor space.
- Contact your local Macra TDO**  
086 780 8987 [tdo@macra.ie](mailto:tdo@macra.ie)  
You'll get the help & support needed.
- Check out Macra**  
Sports, Community, Agriculture, Travel, Personal Development, Fun, Arts, Competitions, Football, and lots more!
- 5 GREAT REASONS TO JOIN!**

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

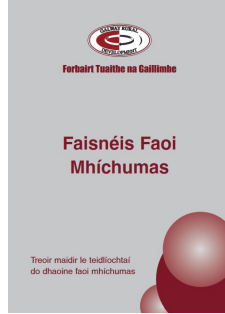
086 780 8987 [dodonnely@macra.ie](mailto:dodonnely@macra.ie)

## 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 Tacaíohtai 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

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

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

Eolas simplí maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíohtai



Suíomh gréasáin inrochtana le heolas maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíohtai gaolmhara in aon áit amháin

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 tacaíohtai chun rochtain a fháil ar mhaireachtáil neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíohtai [ANSEO](#)

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## 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!

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## 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](#)

## Age-Action Age Equality



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: 0918 911 109  
Age Action in Dublin: 01 4754989  
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](#)



Féidhmeannacht 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](#)



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



ILMI eBulletin: [HERE](#)

# Notice Board / Events

## 'Market Talk' BIA Smart Regions Accelerator Food & Drink Programme with Lynn Harte

**The Market Talks**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2pm

**Lynn Harte**  
Smart Regions Enterprise  
Innovation Manager

How the BIA Smart Regions Accelerator supports food & drink SMEs from idea to scale

The Green Market, Main Street Moycullen  
Co. Galway, H91 F1PY

**Saturday 1st November 2025 at 2pm The Green Market, Main Street, Moycullen Village H91 F1PY**

The Green Market, a not-for-profit community enterprise, invites you to a short 'Market Talk' and Q&A with **Lynn Harte**, Smart Regions Programme Manager and architect of the Smart Regions **BIA Accelerator** Food & Drink Programme. Lynn will give a practical overview of how the **BIA Smart Regions Accelerator** supports food & drink SMEs from idea to scale with a special focus on circular-economy and sustainable production that matches the Green Market's mission. For more info, please email [greenmarket@lwe.ie](mailto:greenmarket@lwe.ie)

**Lunchtime with ConTempo**



**Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 1:10pm**  
**St Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway**

Catch MusicConnects' 'Stormy Weather' concert! Entry to the concert is FREE and all are welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted, no booking required. *Lunchtime with ConTempo* takes place on the first Tuesday of the month. MusicConnects is proudly supported by the Arts Council of Ireland, University of Galway, Galway City Council and Galway County Council. For further information, visit: [musicconnects.ie](https://musicconnects.ie)

## ConTempo Countywide



**Sunday 29 November 2025 at 8pm**  
**Kinvara Community Centre, Kinvara Co. Galway**

Elements of MusicConnects' 'Stormy Weather' programme will be performed as part of a larger event in collaboration with Kinvara Community Orchestra, directed by Garry O Briain. Tickets are €15 adults/ €5 children on the door. There are limited free Social Inclusion tickets available on a first come first serve basis, booked through [info@musicconnects.ie](mailto:info@musicconnects.ie)  
For further information, visit [musicconnects.ie](https://musicconnects.ie)

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## Mending HeArts Documentary screening + Art Workshop



**Thursday 6th November 2025, 4pm - 6pm Ballinasloe Library, Ballinasloe Co. Galway H53 T320**

Join us for a special screening of a new short documentary about the Mending HeArts project, and stay for an art workshop. The film showcases a series of personal stories, featuring the voices of patients, artists, and healthcare staff. It captures the impact of art,

fostering wellbeing, community connection, and emotional expression. Following the screening, all guests are invited to take part in a hands-on art workshop, a relaxed and welcoming session, guided by artists from the project. No experience needed, just curiosity and creativity.

Free event. All welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Link to register: <https://shorturl.at/8wPvj>

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### Classical Culture: *La Sylphide* directed by Erick Bruhn



**Friday 7th November 2025 at 2.30pm - Galway City Library**

Classical Culture at Galway City Library. FREE EVENT Call 091 509 094 or email [city@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:city@galwaylibrary.ie) to reserve your place.

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### TULCA Festival of Visual Arts 2025



**From Friday 7th to Sunday 23rd November 2025 - Galway City**

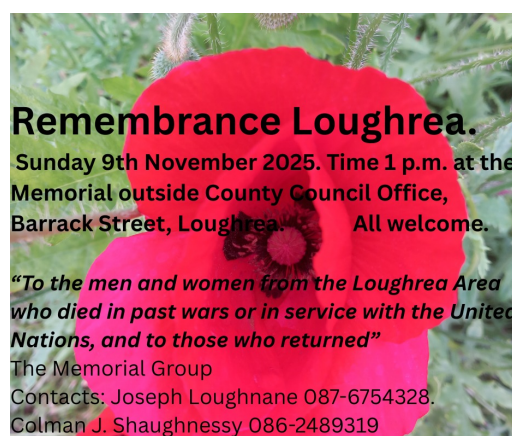
The 23rd festival edition, titled "Strange lands still bear common ground", curated by Beulah Ezeugo, takes place 7–23 November 2025. The festival unfolds across multiple venues in Galway City.

The Official Launch of TULCA Festival of Visual Arts 2025 will take place on Friday 7th November at 7pm. at the Hynes Building, St. Augustine Street Galway H91 R6WF.

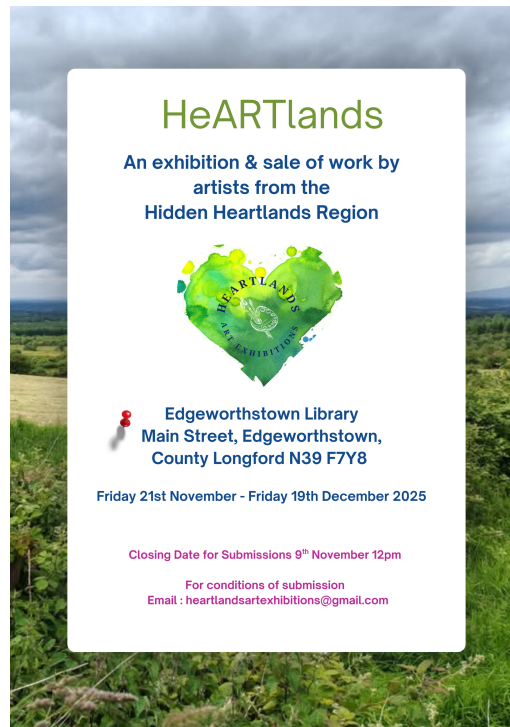
For more information, please visit <https://www.tulca.ie/>

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### Remembrance Loughrea



## Heartlands Art Exhibitions



**Closing date for submissions: Sunday 9th November 2025 at 12pm**

**From Friday 21st November until Friday 19th December 2025 Edgeworthstown Library Co. Longford**

Heartlands Art Exhibitions to be held in Edgeworthstown Library from Friday 21st November until Friday 19th December. Call for submissions is open until **9th November at 12pm**. The exhibition and sale of work is open to professional, emerging and otherwise passionate visual artists living and working in Irelands Hidden Heartlands Region. Any further information see **Anna D. Atkinson** [heartlandsartexhibitions@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandsartexhibitions@gmail.com) or connect via mobile at **087 7807118**.

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## Galway Theatre Festival 2026 Open Call



**Closing date: Monday 10th November 2025**

GTF 2026 Open Call is now live!! We're on the lookout for innovative and daring theatre makers to join us for the next edition of Galway Theatre Festival. Whether you're an emerging artist or an established voice, we encourage you to submit your proposal and show us what you've got! We can not wait to bring a festival of unforgettable theatre to audiences in Galway once again Click the following links for details and submission guidelines: <https://galwaytheatrefestival.com/blogs/news/open-call-2026>

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## Charity Trustees' Week 2025



**From Monday 10th to Friday 14th November  
2025 - In person & Online**

Join the Charity Trustees' Week 2025 with lots of events lined up for Ireland's 76,000 Trustees.

Charity Trustees' Week is hosted in partnership by the Charities Regulator, Boardmatch Ireland, Carmichael, Charities Institute Ireland, Dóchas, Pobal, The Wheel and Volunteer Ireland. Find out more and see booking information here:

<https://www.carmichaelireland.ie/charity-trustees-week-2025/>

For the full calendar of events and booking links see [here](#).

## Music for Galway Emily Anderson Concert



## Emily Anderson Concert

**Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7:30pm**

**The Hardiman Ballroom, Eyre Square Galway**

Each year we celebrate the legacy of the extraordinary Galwegian Emily Anderson with a concert of music by either Mozart or Beethoven. This year we invite young singers and a pianist from Irish National Opera's Studio to perform extracts from the most popular operas by Mozart.

The event will also include short talks by computer scientists Dave Pope and Jennifer Conlon about Emily Anderson's code-breaking techniques and her wonderfully mathematical mind.

For more info, please visit: <https://musicforgalway.ie/event/emily-anderson-concert-25/>

## Music for Galway ENCORE Dragonfly



## MfG ENCORE Dragonfly

**Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 7:30 pm**

**Campbell's Tavern, Headford Co. Galway**

Dragonfly is a duo project by viola player Danusha Waskiewicz (formerly of the Berlin Philharmonic) and Headford cellist Naomi Berrill. The duo arranges and performs works by classical and baroque composers with an innovative approach as they both sing melodic lines as they play. In this way they shine fresh light on well-known compositions and create a new experience for both themselves and the audience. Music that escapes categorization and moves as lightly as a dragonfly.

For more info, please visit: <https://musicforgalway.ie/event/mfg-encore-dragonfly-duo/>

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## National Agroforestry Conference



**National Agroforestry Conference**  
Thursday 13th November 2025,  
Raheen Woods Hotel,  
Athenry, Co. Galway.

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**Thursday 13th November 2025 9.30am Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co. Galway**

Are you curious about how agroforestry can shape the future of farming on the island of Ireland?

The upcoming Agroforestry Conference will bring together farmers, experts, and innovators to explore the agricultural components of agroforestry systems - from management and design to business models and long-term potential. Hear directly from leading experts - researchers and farmers who are making agroforestry work on the ground. Learn about agroforestry as part of the farm enterprise, added revenue opportunities and practical examples of profitable systems. How trees on farms can enhance productivity, biodiversity, and resilience. This is a must-attend event for farmers, landowners, researchers, and anyone interested in the future of farming for resilience on the island of Ireland.

Register here: <https://www.irishagroforestry.ie/agroforestryconference>

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## Barna Art Fair 2025



CONTEMPORARY IRISH ART

**BARNA ART FAIR**

2025  
November 22nd/ 23rd

**FREE ENTRY**

SCOIL SHÉAMAIS NAOFA, BEARNA

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**Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd November 2025 10am – 6pm Scoil Shéamais Naofa, Freeport, Bearna, Co. Galway H91 X2X8**

We're delighted to announce the **Barna Art Fair 2025**, now in its second year, celebrating the best of contemporary art from the West of Ireland—just in time for Christmas shopping. Discover a vibrant mix of paintings and mixed media creations from talented local artists. With **free entry** and a **raffle** with some amazing pieces of art, it's the ideal way to support Irish art and find something truly special this holiday season. **Free Entry and Free Parking on site.**

## Ability West Fashion & Entertainment Show!



**Wednesday 26th November 2025 Show starts at 8pm sharp - The Clayton Hotel, Galway City**

Join us for a night filled with style, talent, and entertainment. The event will be hosted by the always entertaining Ollie Turner, ensuring plenty of fun and laughter throughout the evening.

Tickets are €20 each and can be purchased online at <https://ability-west.sumupstore.com/>, or by contacting the numbers listed on the event poster, online purchases can be collected at the door on the night.

See the event page here: <https://fb.me/e/7aYMScPB0>

## Best wishes from the PPN Team!

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

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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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