



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# PPN NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 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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Best wishes for a festive  
Holiday Season

Gach rath oraibh le haghaidh  
séasúr saoire féile

## GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS

### Galway County PPN Plenary Winter Meeting November 2025 Presentations



Our **Winter PPN Plenary Meeting** was held online on **Wednesday 12th November 2025**. A special thank you to our Chairperson Patrick McHugh and to our presenters for their time and contribution to the meeting. You can find the PPN Plenary November 2025 Presentations here: [PPN-Plenary-November-2025-3-Presentations-combined-2.pdf](#)

## PPN NATIONAL NEWS



### The PPN 'Snapshot of the year 2024'

We wish to inform you that the “PPN Snapshot of the year 2024” can be found [here](#). Please find the English and Irish versions.

### Public Participation Networks National Annual Report 2023

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

[Public Participation Networks Annual Report 2023](#)

[LíonraíRannpháirtíochta 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 and the Gaeltacht](#)

**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



#### Affordable Housing Webinar

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**DECEMBER**  
**4**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
with Galway County Council  
WEBINAR

LIVE WEBINAR

**45 MINUTES**

**ONLINE WEBINAR**  
INFORMATION WEBINAR ON 'LOCAL AUTHORITY PURCHASE SCHEME'

This webinar will provide comprehensive guidance on the Affordable Purchase Scheme, including an explanation of its purpose, the eligibility criteria, the required documentation, and the application portal for future schemes administered by Galway County Council.

- Afternoon Webinar: 1:00pm - 4th of December 2025
- Evening Webinar: 7:00pm - 4th of December 2025

Scan the QR to register or email us at [affordablehousing@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@galwaycoco.ie)

[WWW.GALWAY.IE/EN/SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE-HOUSING/](http://WWW.GALWAY.IE/EN/SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE-HOUSING/)  
(091) 509 305    [AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE](mailto:AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE)

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**NOLLAIG**  
**4**

**TITHÍOCHT INACMHAINNE**  
le Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
SEIMINEÁR GRÉASÁIN

LIVE WEBINAR

**45 NÓIMÉAD**

**SEIMINEÁR GRÉASÁIN AR LÍNE**  
SEIMINEÁR GRÉASÁIN FAISNÉISE AR 'SCÉIM CHEANNAIGH ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL'

Cuirfidh an seimineár gréasáin seo treoir chuimsitheach ar fáil maidir leis an Scéim Cheannaigh Inacmhainne, lena n-áirítear miniú ar a cuspóir, na critéir incháilitheachta, an doiciméadacht riachtanach, agus tairseach iarratais do scéimeanna amach anseo a riarfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe.

- Seimineár Gréasáin Tráthnóna: 1:00pm - 4ú Nollaig 2025
- Seimineár Gréasáin Tráthnóna: 7:00pm - 4ú Nollaig 2025

Scan an QR le clárú nó seol ríomhphost chugainn ag [affordablehousing@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@galwaycoco.ie)

[WWW.GALWAY.IE/EN/SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE-HOUSING/](http://WWW.GALWAY.IE/EN/SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE-HOUSING/)  
(091) 509 305    [AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE](mailto:AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE)

**Thursday 4th December 2025 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm - Online**

Galway County Council are hosting a free public webinar at **1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 4th 2025**, to provide a detailed briefing on Galway County Council's Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme.

This initiative follows a survey the Housing Department conducted in October, which revealed that almost one-third of respondents were not familiar with the scheme. The findings underline the importance of ensuring that households have clear and accessible information on the supports available to them when seeking to purchase a home. The webinar will outline: ♦How the scheme operates ♦Eligibility criteria and application requirements ♦Documentation needed for applicants ♦How prices are determined ♦The role of the Revenue Help to Buy Scheme in supporting first-time buyers.

You can register for the Webinar here: <https://www.tinyurl.com/galwaywebinar>

## CIBUS 4th Regional Stakeholder Meeting



Interreg Europe Co-funded by the European Union

CIBUS

**Combating Food Waste**  
**Regional Policy Solutions**

SAVE THE DATE

Advancing Circular Food Systems and Policy Integration in Galway

Join our Stakeholder meeting

**BIA Innovator Campus,**  
Athenry, Co. Galway H65 DD86

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
9.30 - 12:00

Registration required - limited space!

Join BIA Bites from 12-2pm and enjoy a free networking lunch with BIA Community

Registration via eventbrite

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

BIA

### Friday 5th December 2025 9:30 to 12:00 - BIA Innovator Campus, Athenry Co. Galway H65 DD86

Galway County Council invites you to the 4th CIBUS Regional Stakeholder Meeting.

This workshop will gather hospitality businesses, educators, policymakers, and community organisations to discuss practical and policy-based actions for reducing food waste.

Topics include hospitality waste prevention, food education in schools, and green public procurement. Building on previous meetings and interregional exchanges, this edition will explore how to translate shared insights into concrete pilot ideas that can inform future policy actions.

Afterwards, attendees are invited to stay for BIA Bites (12:00–14:00) — a festive networking lunch celebrating the local food and drink community with refreshments, music, and good company.

Please use this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1777737804629?aff=oddtcreator>

## PLenary MEETING

Galway County Council Plenary Meeting is taking place on **Monday 15th December 2025**

## Pádraig Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships 2026



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

Pádraig Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships 2026

Don't miss out - Apply now!

Find out more at: [galway.ie/gaeltachtscolarships2026](http://galway.ie/gaeltachtscolarships2026)

or through the QR code

Apply today - Gaelle, friends, fun and an experience you will never forget.  
Deadline: 19/12/25

Spleodár CNB.ie

Colaiste Cholúmháin Colaiste Chiaráin Colaiste Chonnacht Colaiste Chumais

Colaiste na nOileán Colaiste Glasraigh

### Deadline: Friday 19th 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

Ná cailligí an deis –  
déan iarratas anois!

Tuilleadh eolais ar  
fáil:  
gaillimh.ie/scoláireac  
ntaígaeltachta2026  
nó tríd an Cód QR

Déan iarratas inniu -  
Gaeilge, cairde, spraoi agus taitní nach  
ndéanfaidh tú dearmad go brách orthu.  
Spriocdháta: 19/12/25

SPLÉODÁR CNB.ie

Coláiste Cholumba Coláiste Chiaráin Coláiste Chonnacht Coláiste Chamuis

Coláiste Shíonáin



### Spriocdháta: Dé hAoine 19 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 bhuanach. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag: <https://www.gaillimh.ie/..iarratais-oscailte-anois...>

## Register Your Interest - Affordable Housing

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN AFFORDABLE  
HOMES IN COUNTY GALWAY

Cláraigh do spéis i dTíthe Inacmhainne i  
gContae na Gaillimhe

WWW.GALWAY.IE/PL SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE/ 091 509 510 AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCCO.CE

### 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.

## Stop Illegal Dumping, Respect Your County

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

WASTE COLLECTORS  
MUST HAVE A WASTE  
COLLECTION PERMIT.

REPORT UNAUTHORISED  
COLLECTORS TO  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.  
**091 509510**

www.galway.ie

**STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING. RESPECT YOUR COUNTY.**



Waste collectors must have a waste collection permit. Report unauthorised collectors to Galway County Council 091 509 510

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

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

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS



Riailtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

[Government of Ireland](http://www.government.ie)



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

## Auto-enrolment New Retirement Savings Scheme



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://gov.ie/AE)

## Clárú-Uathoibríoch Córas Nua Coigiltis Scoir



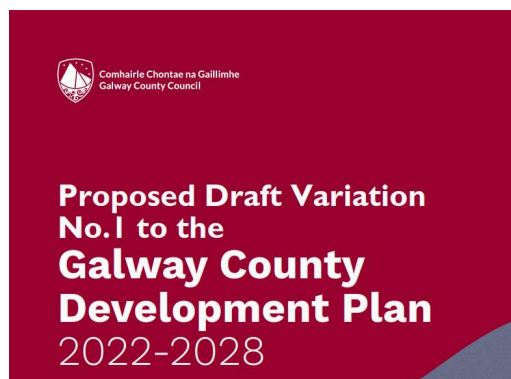
Cuirfear tús le scéim nua coigiltis scoir d'fhostaithe ar an 1 Eanáir 2026. Faigh amach cé acu an mbeidh tú cláraithe go huathoibríoch ag <https://ow.ly/jM6P50WtWQS>

# Consultations & Public Engagement

## LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



### Proposed Variation No.1 to the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028



**Closing date: Tuesday 23rd December 2025 at 12noon**

Galway County Council has prepared a Proposed Variation (Proposed Variation No.1) to the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

**Proposed Variation No.1:**

**Part A:** Review and update of the existing Housing Strategy and Housing Need and Demand Assessment of the Galway County Development Plan with associated updates to the County Development Plan.

**Part B:** Updates to existing Policy Objectives and narrative in the County Development Plan which will place a renewed focus on Residential Phase 2 lands in the County.

**Part C:** Rectification of Land use Zoning Map for Oranmore.

Written submissions or observations in respect of the Proposed Variation No. 1 may be made to the Planning Authority until **12 noon on**

**Tuesday 23rd December 2025**. Learn more: <https://consult.galway.ie/en/consultation/variation-no-1-galway-county-development-plan-2022-2028>

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION DROP-IN SESSION**

Galway County Council invites you to attend a public consultation drop-in session on the Proposed Variation No.1 to take place on:

**Thursday 4th December 2025– 12:00pm – 5:00 PM in Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION WEBINAR**

In addition, a public webinar event will take place on **Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 6-7pm**

Webinar Registration Details are available on <https://consult.galway.ie/en>

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

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**NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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**Consultation on Principles for Developing Carbon Farming in Ireland**



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

Carbon farming provides a potential opportunity for our farmers/land managers to derive a new income stream for their farm. We encourage all stakeholders to submit their views on how carbon farming can be successfully implemented. Have your say:

<https://gov.pulse.ly/kdujisc0ec>

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**Public Consultation: Our Rural Future**



**Closing date: Friday 12th December 2025**

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has launched the final phase of consultation on the next Our Rural Future policy. The new policy will focus on our people, our places, our economies, and our environment. For more information and submissions please visit: <https://loom.ly/GnDdbts>

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**Primary School Survey: Help shape the future of your child's primary school**



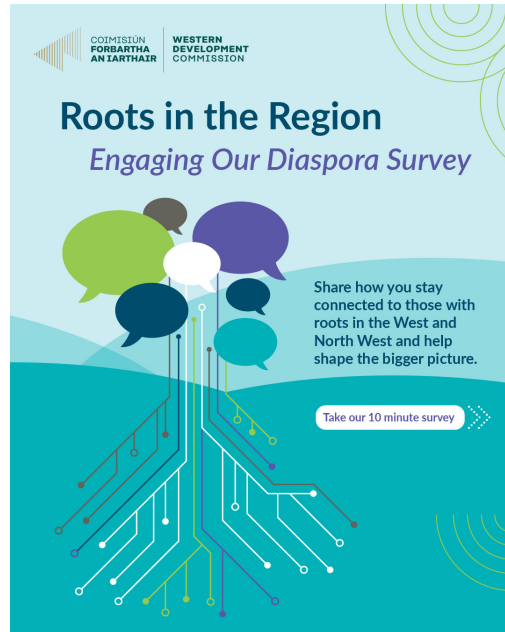
**Closing date: Tuesday 16th December 2025**

Have your say on the future of your child's primary school. Parents, guardians and primary school communities can take part in the largest survey of its kind in Ireland.

Take part in the survey today: <https://www.gov.ie/.../campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

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## Roots in the Region - Engaging our Diaspora Survey



**Closing date: Monday 22nd December 2025 at 11.59pm**

Western Development Commission (WDC) has launched an exciting new research survey to understand how people and organisations stay connected with the region's diaspora. Communities across the Western Region keep strong ties with those who have moved away or feel connected through family, history, or shared interests. The research will gather insights from individuals and organisations to highlight what's happening, what's working, and where new opportunities for collaboration or support exist.

Read more: <https://loom.ly/BrsTggg> Share your story and get involved: <https://loom.ly/yaSCAbI>

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## Irish Garden Bird Survey 2025 / 2026



**Closing date: 1st March 2026**

The Irish Garden Bird Survey is open to everyone and it's a great way for you and everyone in your house to really get to know your garden birds and is now a firm winter tradition in many households across the country. By taking part you're helping provide us with really important information on how our garden and countryside bird populations are faring during the harsh winter months each year.

The **survey starts** on the week beginning **Monday 1st of December 2025**. For more information, please visit:

<https://birdwatchireland.ie/our-work/surveys-research/research-surveys/irish-garden-bird-survey/>

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**Gear Swap Survey**  
**Suirbhé Babhtala Fearas**

Calling all  
Sports Clubs!

myclub  
mywaste



**Gear Swap Survey**

Complete the survey and enter the draw for **€1000** for your club!

Fógra do  
Clubanna  
Spóirt!

myclub  
mywaste



**Suirbhé Babhtála Fearas**

Comhlánaigh an suirbhé agus buaigh **€1000** do do chlub

This short survey is part of an exciting new project with the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan Office, exploring how sports clubs can go greener by swapping and re-using sports gear instead of letting it go to waste. The survey takes just 5–10 minutes, is completely anonymous, and your answers will help shape real changes to make sport more sustainable.

Take part in the survey <https://www.sphinxonline.com/.../Member.../questionnaire.htm>

## Universal Health Coverage Focus Groups



**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

Share your views in an online focus group on how Universal Health Coverage could work in Ireland.

The Institute of Public Health, on behalf of the Department of Health, is running online focus groups to hear the public views on Universal Health Coverage in Ireland.

If you are:

- Aged 18+
- A low user of GP and Primary Care health services
- Happy to take part in a focus group to share your views and understanding of UHC.

Please click [www.publichealth.ie/uhc](https://www.publichealth.ie/uhc) to read more and/or indicate your interest to participate.

As a token of appreciation - focus group participants will receive a €30 gift voucher.

An Roinn Sláinte  
Department of Health

Institute of Public Health

The Department of Health (Ireland) has asked the Institute of Public Health (IPH) to carry out focus groups to hear the public view on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Ireland.

In the focus groups, the department would like to hear the views of adults who are low users of health care services. Participants may have a Medical Card, a GP Visit Card, private health insurance, or none of these. To be eligible you must be: Aged 18+ living in Ireland; A low user of GP and primary care health services.

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

Register your interest: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VXL693P>

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

# Funding & Grants

## !!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

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

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

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

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

## 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/>

The Art Council

Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme



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

The National Mentoring Programme is an opportunity open to all writers across the island of Ireland to receive sustained creative and professional mentoring from an established Irish writer of their choosing.

Applications will open on Monday December 1st, all the info you need to prepare yours here: <https://irishwriterscentre.ie/national-mentoring-programme/>

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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>

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**The Hospital Saturday Fund  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR ORGANISATIONS 2026**



**Closing date for Large Grants: Tuesday 9th December 2025**

**Closing date for Standard Grants: Monday 6th January 2026**

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for registered charities, hospices and medical organisations which are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: Standard grants of up to €3,000 OR Large grants of up to €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

For more information, please visit: <https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

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**The Hospital Saturday Fund  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS 2026**

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered Charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment.

Please note that to administer our grant making process as efficiently as possible we do not accept applications directly from members of the public. The Hospital Saturday Fund will only correspond with the supporting medical professional/supporter organisation and not the individual. If you are an individual in need, please approach a suitable organisation to make the application on your behalf. We are unable to take calls from the individual applicant or potential applicant. If necessary, the supporter should email us at:

[charity@hsf.eu.com](mailto:charity@hsf.eu.com) Applications must be made online at [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

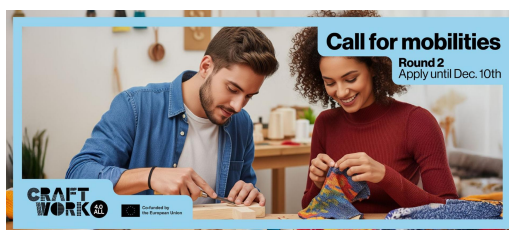
Only apply for items and therapies that are shown on our list below. This will avoid wasting our time and yours.

### WHAT WE CAN GIVE

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider the giving of partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

<b>Specialised Mobility Equipment (excluding for sporting purposes):</b> Wheelchairs, Powerpacks for wheelchairs, Mobility Scooters, Car adaptations
<b>Medical Appliances and Aids:</b> Hearing Aids, Nebulisers, Specialist Vision Aids, Support Dogs
<b>Specialised Computer Equipment (excluding smartphones) for medical reasons only</b>
<b>Therapeutic Equipment:</b> Orthopaedic beds, Mattresses or pillows, Riser/recliners chairs, Lift hoist/aids
<b>Therapeutic Treatment:</b> Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage therapy, Aromatherapy, Psychotherapy
<b>Home Adaptations:</b> Walk in showers, Accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, Access ramps, Non-slip flooring, Stair lifts, Dropped kerbs to allow parking for medical need

### The Craft Mobilities



**Closing date: Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 10am CET**

**Craftwork 4.0 All - Round 2 is open!**

**Looking for one Craft Practitioner from** Croatia, France, **Ireland**, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia for a 10-day craft co-creation in 2026. Travel, accommodation & food covered! Hosting Organisations can join too.

Exchange, learn & create together! More info and application: [www.craftwork4all.com/craft-mobilities/](http://www.craftwork4all.com/craft-mobilities/)

### Mountaineering Ireland: 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/content/WomenInSportFunding/239>

### Scheme to Support National Organisations (SSNO) 2026 – 2029.



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

**SSNO 2026-2029: Application Q & A drop-in session: Wednesday 3 December 2025**

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht is now inviting applications from national organisations in the community and voluntary sector under the Scheme to Support National Organisations (SSNO) 2026 – 2029.

The SSNO 2026 – 2029 will provide funding towards the core costs of national community and voluntary organisations in Ireland who:

◆Provide support (directly or indirectly) to those most disadvantaged ◆Demonstrate good governance ◆Deliver services and supports that focus on one or more of the following: addressing poverty, addressing social exclusion and promoting equality.

The overall aim of SSNO is to provide multi-annual funding for the core costs of national organisations in the community and voluntary sector to assist them to operate and fund core staff positions.

A **SSNO 2026-2029: Application Q & A drop-in session** will take place on **Wednesday 3 December**. Register [HERE](#) For more information, please visit:

[Scheme to Support National Organisations \(SSNO\) 2026-2029 - Pobal](#)

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### EOPD Community Grant 2025/6



**Closing date: Saturday 13 December 2025**

EOPD.ie is proud to announce that the 2025/6 Community Grant Programme is now open! These grants aim to support initiatives that improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of people living with Parkinson's disease across the Republic of Ireland.

For more information, please visit: <https://eopd.ie/get-involved/eopd-community-grants-2025/>

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### 2025 Volunteers in Sport Awards



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

Hosted by the Federation of Irish Sport and supported by the Sport Ireland National Network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships these prestigious awards recognise the selfless volunteers who dedicate their time, skills, and passion to support sports clubs and community organisations across Ireland. The 2025 Volunteers in Sport Awards will bring together individuals from all 32 counties to celebrate their commitment to fostering participation and ensuring that sport is accessible to all. Their contributions not only inspire communities but also enable clubs and organisations to thrive, supporting social cohesion and well-being across Ireland. Without their dedication, many sporting opportunities simply would not exist.

Nominations are now open, and the awards celebration will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown in Dublin on 26th February 2026. To submit a nomination, visit <https://volunteersinsport.ie>

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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

## 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 Gníomhaíocht 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>

## Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme 2026



#### **Closing date: Friday 9th January 2026**

The Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme aims to encourage local communities, organisations, educational institutions, and other stakeholders to actively contribute to the conservation and restoration of Natura 2000 sites and peatland areas. Natura 2000 sites are protected sites, including Special Protection Areas (SPA) for birds and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) for habitats and species.

Applications are welcomed across a diverse range of initiatives with community benefit from events, education programmes, promotions, publications, exhibitions, development of conservation management plans, public amenity and recreational measures, maintenance measures that support conservation measures, monitoring or surveying work to inform of restoration/conservation projects, invasive species and fire control measures, anti-littering initiatives to local environmental improvements in the area of the designated sites and other peatland areas. For more information click [HERE](#)

## Historic Structures Fund 2026



**Closing date: Friday, 16th January 2026 at 5pm**

The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is now accepting applications for grant funding. The scheme supports larger-scale conservation works to important historic buildings and is administered by Galway County Council on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

### Eligible Structures

- Protected Structures in the Galway County Record of Protected Structures (RPS)
- Proposed Protected Structures that meet inclusion criteria (architectural, historical, etc.)
- Structures in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) or near National Monuments (in exceptional cases)

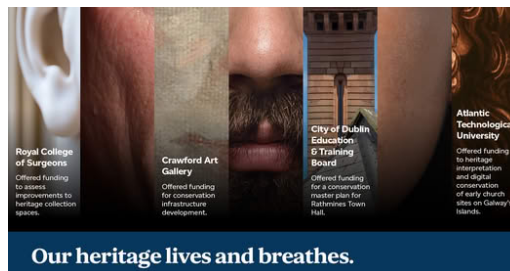
### Who Can Apply?

- Private owners or custodians of eligible structures
  - Local authorities, for works to publicly owned eligible structures that deliver heritage and community benefit
- For more info please visit:

[Historic Structures Fund 2026 | Galway County Council](#)

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## Heritage Stewardship Fund



**Closing date: Monday 19th January 2026 at 5pm**

Funding to support heritage-focused projects undertaken by public sector bodies - including local authorities, state agencies, and educational institutions with responsibility for heritage assets or programmes.

The scheme is designed to assist staff whose core remit may not be fully focused on heritage but whose work has a significant impact on heritage. This includes employees of state agencies and educational institutions proposing heritage-focused projects, as well as local authority-based museum curators, archivists, archaeologists, and architectural conservation officers. Projects that build climate resilience and deliver nature-positive outcomes are a particular area of focus for the fund. By supporting initiatives that safeguard heritage while promoting sustainability, the fund aims to ensure heritage assets are protected and enhanced for the benefit of communities and the natural world. For more information, please visit <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage-stewardship-scheme-2>

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## Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) Community Water Development Fund 2026



**Closing date: Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 11:30pm**

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) has launched the Community Water Development Fund for 2026 and are welcoming grant applications from community groups nationwide. The Community Water Development Fund enables community groups to enhance the quality of local streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal areas. Under the fund local communities and groups are invited to apply for financial assistance to support the delivery of projects and initiatives to enhance water bodies and benefit water quality and biodiversity.

For more information, please visit: <https://lawaters.ie/funding-available-for-communities-across-ireland-for-projects-to-improve-local-water-quality/>

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### Circulation of European Literary Works



**Closing date: Friday 29th January 2026 at 4:00pm**

Creative Europe's call for Circulation of European Literary Works supports projects that translate, publish, distribute, and promote European works. Translation, publication, promotion, and distribution of fiction.

Supports collaboration between authors, translators, publishers, distributors, booksellers, libraries, literary events and festivals. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.creativeeuropeireland.eu/funding-opportunities/call/circulation-of-european-literary-works>

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### Community Heritage and Biodiversity Grant Scheme 2026



## Waterways Ireland

Community  
Heritage and  
Biodiversity Grant  
Scheme 2026

### Closing date: Saturday 31st January 2026

In support of the Waterways Ireland Heritage & Biodiversity Plan 2030, the Community Grant Scheme 2026 is now open for applications. A fund of €20,000 has been allocated to assist community-based projects which complement or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2030 along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, **Shannon Navigation**, Shannon-Erne Waterway, and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).

Applications will be considered from communities seeking assistance for projects that help support the Objectives of the Heritage & Biodiversity Plan 2030. For more information, please visit:

[Waterways Ireland - Community Heritage and Biodiversity Grant Scheme](#)

### 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



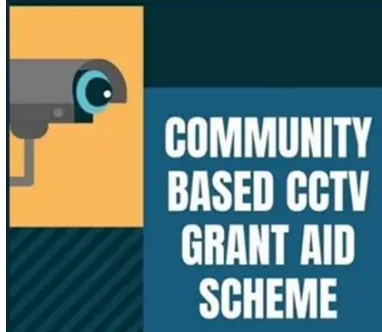
### Closing date: Ongoing

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/>

### Community-based CCTV Grant Aid Scheme



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt,  
Gnóthai Bialé agus Imreac  
Department of Justice,  
Home Affairs and Migration



**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:

## SEAI - Home energy upgrade for traditional homes - Pilot Grant Scheme



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

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

## VISION SPORTS IRELAND ASSOCIATE CLUB FUNDING



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

## Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for Older People



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## More Funding from Galway County Council



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

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

## More Funding from the Government of Ireland



Riailtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

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

## More Funding from the European Union





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



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

# Training & Development

## CELT Community Events

### One Day Stone Carving Workshop



### One Day Doll Making Workshop



### Make your own festive season presents with needle felting



**Sunday 30th November 2025 10:00 – 16:00 Loughrea, Kylebrack West, Loughrea, Co. Galway**

For more information and bookings, please visit: <https://www.celtnet.org/community-events>

**Safe to Create**  
**Board Governance Training**



**Monday 1st December 2025, from 10am to 4pm**  
**Galmont Hotel, Galway City**

This Board Governance training workshop is tailored towards artists, creatives and arts workers who are prospective, new or existing board members looking to strengthen their role on the Board.

Book now:

[Board Governance Training – Safe to Create](#)

**Safe to Create**  
**Intercultural Leadership & Board Diversity**



**Tuesday 2nd December 2025, from 5.30pm to 7pm**  
**Online via Zoom**

This course is intended for Board Members and Senior Leadership within the arts and creative sectors.

We will examine how board diversity shapes influence, communication, trust, and decision-making at governance level. Book now: [Intercultural Leadership & Board Diversity – Safe to Create](#)

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**LATT - Let's All Talk Tax**



## LATT Let's All Talk Tax

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY - IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday, 02 Dec 2025 12:00 - 1:30 pm Westside Library

Join this free event to discuss how tax impacts you.

Panel discussion led by Mary Cosgrove, Lecturer J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics, alongside local community group representatives.

A light lunch will be provided.

To register:  
Email [westside@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:westside@galwaylibrary.ie) or phone 091 509 091



**Tuesday 2nd of December 2025 12:00 – 1:30 pm Westside Public Library, Galway City**

Exciting new FREE event in our community for our community! Join us to discuss how tax impacts you.

This panel discussion will be led by Mary Cosgrove, Lecturer at the J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics, University of Galway. She will be joined by local community group representatives.

A light lunch will be provided. Booking is essential! Email: [westside@galwaylibrary.ie](mailto:westside@galwaylibrary.ie) Phone: 091 509 091

## Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland Winter Webinar Programme



**Every Tuesday from 2nd of December 2025 to the 3rd of March 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 until March 2026. To book, visit our website:

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

## Documentation and Interpretation of Traditional Knowledge

**DOCUMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

9 DECEMBER 2025  
14:00-17:00 CET  
ONLINE WORKSHOP  
FREE ADMISSION

**Featured Speakers:**

- Marie Mannion - Heritage Officer, Galway County Council (IR), "Story Maps of Galway's Past and Present"
- Valya Stergioti, Heritage Interpretation Consultant (GR), "Co-creating interpretation: why should we and how can we?"
- ECHOES from the field guests

Co-funded by the European Union  
ECHOES

**Tuesday 9th December 2025 2pm - 5pm CET, Online Workshop - Free Admission**

Traditional knowledge, craft skills, oral histories, land-based practices, and ecological wisdom form a vital part of our cultural heritage. As these practices face increasing pressures, documenting and interpreting them in an ethical, respectful, and collaborative manner is more important than ever.

## Free Singing Workshop

### Galway County Council Integration Team invites you to a Singing Workshop

Friday, 12 December  
7-9pm

Park Lodge Hotel,  
An Spidéal, H91 ETW1

Come and join us for a **free** singing  
workshop with Irish, English and  
Ukrainian Christmas Carols.

Refreshments included.

**Places are limited** - to book your place, call or email  
us at:

087 2971105 or [integration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:integration@galwaycoco.ie)

### Cuireann Foireann Chomhtháthaithe Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe cuireadh ort chuig ceardlann amhránaíochta

Dé hAoine, 12 Nollaig  
7-9 i.n.

Óstán Park Lodge,  
An Spidéal, H91 ETW1

Tar agus bí linn le haghaidh ceardlann  
amhránaíochta **saor in aisce** le Carúil  
Nollag as Gaeilge, Béarla agus Úcráinis.

Beidh sólaistí ar fáil.

**Tá áiteanna teoranta** – chun do áit a chur in  
áirithe, glaoigh nó seol ríomhphost chugainn

ag:

087 2971105 nó [integration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:integration@galwaycoco.ie)



**Friday 12th December 2025 from 7pm to 9pm at the Park Lodge Hotel in An Spideál, H91 ETW1**

We'd be delighted to see you at this Free Singing Workshop on Friday, December 12th in An Spideál.

There will be refreshments and plenty of wonderful Irish, English and Ukrainian Christmas carols.

Places are limited - to book please contact us by phone or email: 087 2971105 / [integration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:integration@galwaycoco.ie)

## Everyday Irish Course

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Oughterard FET Centre  
Everyday Irish Course

### Oughterard FET Centre Everyday Irish Course

QQI Level 3 Certification  
(Native Irish speaking teacher)

Starting January 2026  
Mondays 9:30-12:30

[APPLY TODAY](#)

Fetchcourses.ie and Enter Ref No: 500098

www.gretb.ie #WeAreGRETB

**Starting 26 January 2026 Every Monday, 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**GRET B Further Education and Training Centre Oughterard, Co Galway H91 ADW7**

Ready to boost your skills in the New Year? Join our part-time course in January 2026! Certification Irish (3N0869) QQI. Apply here:

## 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.relovethefashion.ie/youth-group-hub> <https://www.relovethefashion.ie/>

## LEO Galway Online Business Courses



**Starting 10th February 2026**

LEO Galway has announced their 2026 schedule of training courses for entrepreneurs, small businesses and people thinking about starting-up! These programmes book out fast so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. Visit <https://loom.ly/Z46dUv4>

## Kickstart Your Career in Early Learning: Child Development & Play



**Child Development & Play**  
**Location:** Oughterard FET Centre  
**Certification:**  
 QQI Child Development And Play

**MORE DETAILS**

**SCAN ME**



**WE ARE GRETB**  
 www.gretb.ie  
 @GRETBofficial



**Starting 10th February 2026 Every Tuesday Morning GRETB FET, Oughterard Centre, Oughterard**

This fun and interactive module introduces you to Child Psychology and Play — the foundation of how children learn, grow, and thrive.

What you'll gain:

**Practical skills & tools to support child development**

**Knowledge to contribute meaningfully to modern society**

**A pathway to employment opportunities or further education/training**

Perfect for anyone eager to work with children in early years settings!

For more info Tel: (091) 866912 Email: [kathleen.omalley@gretb.ie](mailto:kathleen.omalley@gretb.ie)

Click the link to learn more! <https://shorturl.at/wWoug>

## Sustainability and Climate Action Free Community Groups Workshops at Brigit's Garden



**Sustainability and Climate Action**  
**Free community group workshops**  
**at Brigit's Garden**

Our two-hour walkabout workshop with an expert facilitator will give your community group valuable information, tips and ideas.  
 See sustainability in action and discuss key issues:

**Using renewable energy:** Solar PV panels, a biomass (wood pellet) boiler

**Going electric:** Using cordless equipment e.g. garden machinery; measuring energy consumption

**Saving water:** Simple roof collection system

**Disposing of food waste sustainably:** An anaerobic digester and composting

**Reducing single-use plastic:** Water filling stations and more

**Biodiversity in practice:** Pollinator-friendly plants, native trees, wildflowers, ponds

**Interested? Contact Laura:**

education@brigitsgarden.ie  
 091 550905



Generation Green  
 Community Fund



FREE workshops on Climate Action and Sustainability for community groups, covering renewable energy, going electric, biodiversity, food waste and more. See sustainability in action in Brigit's Garden and get lots of tips and information. Ideal for groups thinking of applying to the Community Climate Action Fund.

Just contact Laura at [adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie](mailto:adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie) or 091 550 905. Kindly funded by SSE Airtricity.

## 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

### An Fathach Leithleasach



**Ar siúl ó 2 - 19 Nollaig 2025 ag An Taibhdhearc - Gaillimh**

**An Nollaig ag An Taibhdhearc.** Is scéal draíochta é seo faoi Fhathach cantalach leithleasach a ruaigeann páistí óna ghairdín álainn, agus ina gceastar a shaol bun os cionn - an osclóidh an fathach cantalach a chroí agus a ghairdín a roinnt riamh arís? Bunaíodh an scéal ar The Selfish Giant le Oscar Wilde agus beidh lucht féachana idir óg agus aosta faoi dhraíocht ag domhan lán d'ainmhithe, plandaí agus crainn draíochta, áit a mbíonn gasúir, fathach cantalach agus sióg dhiabhailta ag canadh agus ag damhsa sa ghairdín neamhsholta sin. Beidh léirithe comhtháite comharthaíochta (ISL) ar fáil ar an 6 Nollaig ag 7 i.n. agus ar an 7 Nollaig ag an matinée ag 3 i.n. Beidh léiriú suaimhneach ann freisin ar an 14 Nollaig, agus rochtain i mBéarla trí Sibrd, an aip rochtana teanga arna forbairt ag

## Ag Scríobh don Scáileán Scéim Forbartha Scríbhneoirí agus Scéalaithe Gaeltachta

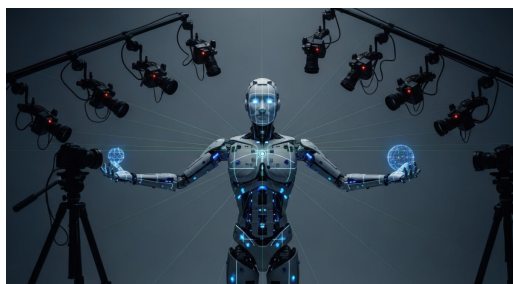


### Seol d'iarratas isteach roimh 15ú Nollaig 2025

Tá an cúrsa seo dírithe ar scríbhneoirí Gaeltachta atá ag plé le scríbhneoireacht i gcoitinne, na taibhealaíona, drámaíocht stáitse, nó filíocht agus a bhfuil suim acu dul i muinín a gcruthaitheacht agus saibhreas teanga a chur i dtreo scríbhneoireacht don scáileán. Tá súil go spreagfaidh an cúrsa seo tuiscint & taithí i measc scríbhneoirí Gaeltachta i dtreo na meán. Cuirfear fáilte roimh iarratais ó scríbhneoirí a bhfuil Gaeilge ó dhúchas acu agus atá fréamhaithe i bpobail Ghaeltachta. Is scéim í seo atá á rith ag TG4, le tacaíocht ó Gréasán na Meán Skillnet agus i gcomhar le Ealaín na Gaeltachta, le scríbhneoirí Gaeltachta a spreagadh agus a fhorbairt le scríobh don scáileán.

Cuir iarratas isteach: <https://www.tg4.ie/ga/corporate/traenail-forbairt/ag-scriobh-don-scailean/>

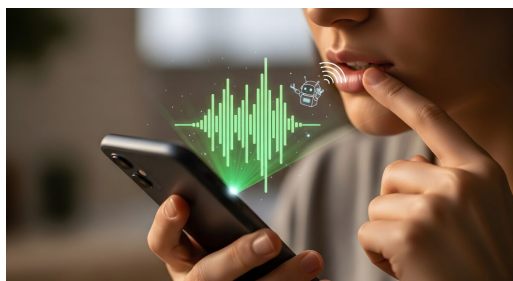
## An Togra Scéalai



### Dáta deiridh: 16 Eanáir 2026

Bain triail as AI don Ghaeilge! An bhfuil tú cruthaitheach? Glac páirt sa Chomórtas Ábhar Cruthaitheach AI agus cruthaigh físeán Gaeilge le cuidiú uirlisí AI. Fáiltimid roimh iarratais ó dhaoine 18 mbliana d'aois nó níos sine i dhá chatagóir: • Catagóir 1: Físeáin a chruthaítear go hiomlán le AI • Catagóir 2: Físeáin ina n-úsáidtear uirlisí AI go páirteach - Fad: 30 soicind - 3 nóiméad Cineálacha: Gearrscannáin, físeáin cheoil, cláir fhaisnéise, ábhar oideachais, ábhar sóisialta, blaisíní, físeáin ar chúl an cheamara. Seol isteach d'iarratas anois! Sonraí iomlána: FilmFreeway - An Togra Scéalai <https://filmfreeway.com/AnTograScealai> Todhchaí dhigiteach na Gaeilge - tá sé inár lámha!

## Common Voice



Deis iontach do phobal na Gaeilge! Tá tionscadal AI ar bun ag Údarás na Gaeltacht - bí páirteach agus cuir le todhchaí dhigiteach na Gaeilge: Tabhair do ghlór dúinn!

Is í ár dteanga ár scéal, ár bpobal, ár saíocht. Cruthaímis na tacair sonraí a theastaíonn uainn a fheiceáil ar feadh an domhain bhraonaigh.

Is éard is Common Voice ann ná saor-ardán le foinse oscailte chun gur féidir leis an bpobal sonraí a chruthú. Tig le duine ar bith a dteanga a chaomhnú, a athbheochan agus a chur chun cinn trí thacair sonraí téacs agus urlabhra a roinnt, a chruthú agus a choimeád. Cabhraigh linn corpas Gaeilge a chruthú le haghaidh AI, gléasanna cliste agus uirlisí teanga. Ní thógann sé ach 5 nóiméad! Téigh chuig Common Voice: <https://commonvoice.mozilla.org/ga-IE>

Tá tábhacht le gach glór - óg & aosta, Corcaigh go Béal Feirste!

## Gaeltacht na Gaillimhe lárnach i suirbhé Eorpach ar threalaimh leictreach



Seoladh suirbhé Eorpach nua an tseachtain seo mar chuid den Tionscadal E6 atá faoi stiúradh ag Údarás na Gaeltachta agus Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán. Déanfaidh an suirbhé staidéar ar an gcaoi a gceannaíonn, a n-úsáideann agus a gcoinníonn daoine a gcuid trealaimh leictreach agus leictreonach. Is féidir páirt a ghlacadh sa suirbhé anseo: <https://ow.ly/VOBr50XrNN3>

## Infheistíocht mhór i siúlóid Chonamara



Infheistíocht mhór i siúlóid Chonamara! Rachaidh an maoiniú, atá ceadaithe do thionscadal Gaeltachta faoin Scéim ORIS, i dtreo Shiúlóid Shean Mhach i gCasla.

Tuilleadh faoi seo: <https://udaras.ie/.../infheistiocht-mhor-i-siuloidi.../>

## Tonnta 2026



### Ghaillimh 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 Ghaillimh 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.

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## 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/civicamenitysites/>

# Supports & Resources

## Through a Prism: Creativity and Disability Free Seminar

INVITATION  
Galway Centre for Independent Living  
presents  
**Through A Prism:  
Creativity and Disability  
Seminar**  
03 December 2025, 1 - 5:30 PM  
O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway  
connecting through creativity | inspiring  
through experience | advancing the role of  
the arts in shaping inclusive futures  
Free to attend. Register at  
<https://buytickets.at/throughaprism>

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Galway Centre for Independent Living OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

**Wednesdays 3rd December 2025 1pm - 5:30pm O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway H91 T8WR**

**Through A Prism: Creativity and Disability** is brought to you by the creative team David Joyce, Declan Gorman and Joanna McGlynn.

Inspired by the 2024 stage production of *A Personal Prism* by David Joyce the project continues to explore the role of the arts and

## Living Well Online Programme



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.

## Next dates coming up: Wednesdays 3rd & 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)

## Managing Stress at Christmas

**MANAGING STRESS AT CHRISTMAS**  
TALK WITH DR. MALIE COYNE

**THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

**5.30PM - 6.30PM**

**BALLINASLOE LIBRARY**

**All welcome!**

Dr. Malie Coyne (BA MSc DPsychSc) is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist and best selling author with over 20 years experience.

at Your Library

Galway County Council

## Thursday 4th December 2025 5:30pm – 6:30pm Ballinasloe Library, Ballinasloe Co. Galway 053 T320

The festive season can be joyful, but it can also bring stress. Learn practical tips to manage it and make this Christmas more peaceful and enjoyable. Join us for an insightful talk with Dr. Malie Coyne, Chartered Clinical Psychologist and best-selling author with over 20 years of experience. No booking required - All welcome!

## Health & Strength in Menopause

# HEALTH & STRENGTH in Menopause



Galway Sports Partnership, in partnership with EduFIT, is hosting a **FREE 60-minute online workshop** covering:

- Menopause and muscle changes.
- Benefits of multimodal exercise.
- MenoWell's impact and research findings.
- Feedback from over 3,600 women and how that's been implemented in the new programme.
- How to access MenoWell 2 (including on-demand options).

Presented by:



**Dr Diane Cooper**  
Founder and CEO of EduFIT  
Clinical Exercise Physiologist  
Health Researcher

Live on Zoom on  
Wednesday 10th  
December from 7-8pm

The workshop will be recorded for on-demand viewing for a period of 30 days.

To sign-up, please see the link in the post description.



## Wednesdays 10th December 2025 7pm - 8pm Online (via Eventbrite registration)

Galway Sports Partnership is host a **free online workshop** with **Dr. Diane Cooper**, Founder & CEO of Edufit on the topic 'Health & Strength in Menopause'. This informative session will cover:

- ◆Menopause and muscle changes ◆Benefits of strength training and multimodal exercise
- ◆MenoWell's impact and research findings (feedback from 3,600 women) ◆Addressing common health concerns from Women in Midlife
- ◆How to access **MenoWell 2.0**, 6 week programme, coming January 2026 and FREE to women living in Galway City and County

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1969243373942?aff=oddtcreator>

## Bike Week 2026 Applications



### Closing date: Friday 12th December 2025 at 4pm

Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. Bike Week 2026 will kick off on Saturday May 9th and end on Sunday May 17th 2026. Galway Bike Week is an annual celebration and promotion of all that's great about bikes, cycling and Galway. Bike Week is open to people of all ages and abilities and is centered around inclusive, community-based events. Applications are welcome from groups including Cycling or Sports clubs; Men's Sheds; Residents' Associations; community groups; environmental groups; schools; third levels; local businesses etc. If you've got an idea, we'd like to hear it!

For information about cycle safety, please visit the Road Safety Authority <https://www.rsa.ie/>

Closing Date for receipt of applications is 12th December 2025 at 4pm. Application forms for Galway City and Galway County are available at: <https://www.galwayactive.ie/blog/23/bike-week-2026-applications>

## FREE Helium 'Youth Saturday Meet-Ups'

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



### Saturday 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!](#)

## Cycle Against Suicide - 'Win a Shed' Raffle



### Winner Announced: St. Patrick's Day, 17th March 2026 at 6pm

Support mental health and be in with a chance to **win a stunning shed valued at over €23,500** in the *Cycle Against Suicide* charity raffle! All proceeds go toward Cycle Against Suicide's vital mental health initiatives across Ireland. Cycle Against Suicide is a mental health awareness and suicide prevention charity providing schools, students, parents, workplaces and communities with the tools and techniques to address mental health with confidence and, ultimately, create a culture of help-seeking behaviour, encouraging active listening, shared discussions, and positive coping methods. Alongside mental health training programmes, they also run mental health awareness events such as cycling events, static spin events, and mental health awareness stands across the country, allowing us to reach out to and communicate with all Ireland's communities, both urban and rural. Support the vital work the charity does in mental health and suicide prevention! Buy a ticket here: <https://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/win-a-shed-affle/>

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## Rainbows Ireland Irish Speaking Rainbows Peer Support Galway



GRD is proud, through the SICAP programme, to support the development of Rainbows Ireland exciting new initiative to ensure that children who live through Irish can access emotional support in their own language. Rainbows Ireland supports children and young people who have experienced a significant loss and they are now recruiting fluent Irish-speaking frontline practitioners from across the Galway Gaeltacht to train as Rainbows Facilitators in early 2026. Working with CYPSC Galway, SICAP Galway Rural Development and Údarás na Gaeltachta Rainbows material is being translated into Irish, paving the way for the first-ever Irish-language Rainbows Peer Support Groups for children and young people in the region.

To make this vision a reality, they are reaching out to:

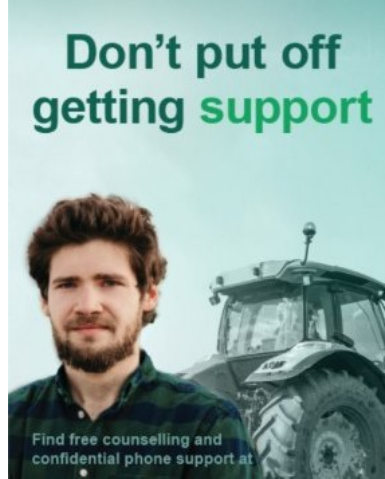
- Schools
- Child and family services
- Youth projects
- Community organisations to consider becoming a Registered Rainbows Centre in the Galway Irish-speaking area and to help recruit a team of Irish-speaking facilitators—either from staff or volunteers.

If you are interested in being part of this transformative initiative, we warmly invite you to join an online information session to discuss next steps.

Book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/52Nw63WKjv?origin=lprLink>

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## 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.

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### 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

☎ 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 Children's Authority)  
**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

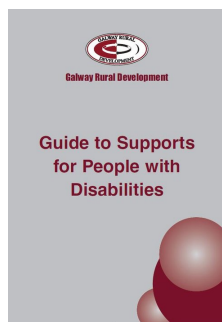
**WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?**

- 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?**

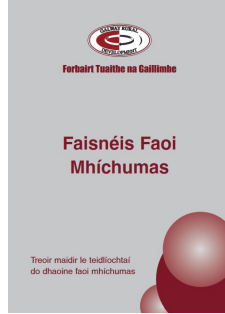
086 780 8987 [dodonnely@macra.ie](mailto:dodonnely@macra.ie)

## 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 Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas Tá sraith leabhrán acmhainní curtha le chéile ag Forbairt Tuaithe na Gaillimhe agus tá súil againn go mbeidh tú úsáideach.

Clliceáil [ANSEO](#)

## Home & Supports HUB

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

Information on housing and supports made simple



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

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 tacaíochtaí



Suíomh gréasáin inrochtana le heolas maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí 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 tacaíochtaí chun rochtain a fháil ar mhaireachtáil neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíochtaí [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: 0818 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

## Local Food and Craft Gift Fair

*You are invited to the official opening of the annual*  
**LOCAL**  
**FOOD & CRAFT GIFT FAIR**



It's the perfect opportunity to get a sneak peak at the wide range of handmade crafts, artisan food products, gifts and much more.

**Thursday 27th November, 6pm to 7pm**  
 Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road, Galway

PUBLIC OPENING HOURS	
Thursday 27th Nov	4.30pm - 7pm
Friday 28th Nov	10am - 7pm
Saturday 29th Nov	10am - 4pm
Sunday 30th Nov	10am - 5pm
Monday 1st Dec	10am - 5pm
Tuesday 2nd Dec	10am - 4pm







City of Galway, Galway City Council, Galway County Council, Galway Region Development Authority, Galway Region Development Authority, Galway Region Development Authority

*Tuairim cuireadh duit chuig an oscailt oifigiúil*

# AONACH

## BRONNTANAS BIA AGUS CEARDAÍOCHTA ÁITIÚIL

Is deis iontach chun srafcéachaint a fháil ar réimse leathan ceardaíochta lámhdhéanta, earraí bia, ceardai, bronnánais agus go leor eile.

**Déardaoin, an 27 Samhain 8i.n. - 7 I.n.**  
An Dubhliann, Bóthar na Dige, Gaillimh

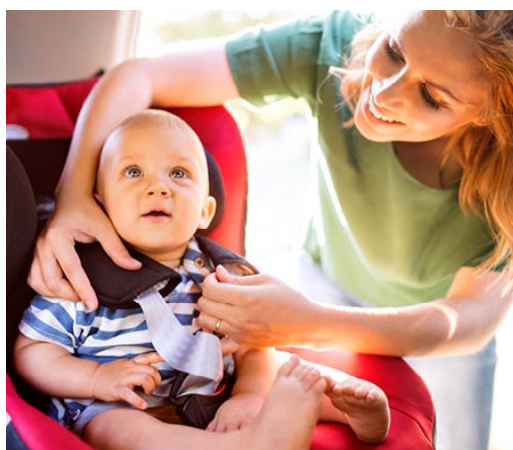
**Osclofar an t-aonach don phobal**

Déardaoin 27 Samhain	4.30pm - 7pm
De hAoine 28 Samhain	10am - 7pm
De Sathainn 29 Samhain	10am - 6pm
De Sathainn 30 Samhain	10am - 6pm
De Luainn 1 Nollaig	10am - 5pm
De Máirt 2 Nollaig	10am - 4pm

**Until Tuesday 2nd December 2025 Black Box Theatre, Dyke raod, Galway**

The Local Food and Craft Gift Fair returns to the Black Box Theatre, Galway, from Nov 27th–Dec 2nd for SIX days of local talent, handmade crafts, and delicious artisan food. Over 50 stalls of Galway’s best makers, free entry, family fun, and Barnardo the Magician to keep the kids entertained! Proudly supporting the Galway Sick Kids Foundation. Learn more at <https://ow.ly/RyyS50XnTyT>

**Road Safety Check it Fits**



**From Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th December 2025 from 10am - 5:30 Various locations in Co. Galway**

Peace of mind that your child's car seat is fitted correctly. According to our [Check it Fits research](#), as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can result in serious injury or a fatality in the event of a collision. Our 'Check it Fits' roadshow offers a full-time, nationwide, free service. Our team of experts will not only check that your child's car seat is fitted safely, they will also give a demonstration and answer any questions you might have. You don't need to book an appointment.

A list of our upcoming 'Check it Fits' event locations and dates are available here: [rsa.ie/checkitfits](https://rsa.ie/checkitfits)

**Hollyblue Annual Raffle 2025 by Gort Cancer Support**



**Closing date: Thursday 4th December 2025 at 23:00**

All funds raised from our annual raffle are used to support the vital work that we do, providing supportive services FREE of charge to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis in the South Galway/North Clare area.

## Leenane Community Park Annual Christmas Dinner Dance 2025



### Friday 5th December 2025 at 7pm Co. Galway

Join us for a fun-filled evening in support of the **Leenane Community Park Project!** We're thrilled to host a night of fantastic food, live music, and great company. All funds go towards Leenane Community Park.

#### The Night's Highlights:

**Pre-Event Mingling:** Arrive early and enjoy pre-dinner drinks with friends at the Leenane Hotel.

**Delicious Festive Feast:** A superb three-course meal, featuring everyone's holiday favourite—roast Turkey & Ham.

**Live Music & Dancing:** Get ready to dance the night away with live music from the incredible Conor Duffy & Company.

**Exciting Raffle:** Fantastic prizes to be won, all in aid of the Leenane Community Park. Book your tickets for the dinner dance here:

[Leenane Community Park | Home](#)

**Make a Weekend of It!** Treat yourself and someone special to a night away. The Leenane Hotel is offering preferential B&B rates for our guests: Single Room: €65 Double/Twin Room: €100

[Please contact the hotel directly to book your room](#)

### Santa in Caltra Community Centre



### Sunday 7th December 2025 11am - 2pm 2025, Caltra Community Centre, Lislea, Caltra, Co. Galway

Santa coming to visit Caltra Community Centre on 7th December at 11am. All proceeds going to Children's Ward Portiuncula Hospital.

### Ballinasloe Town Band Christmas Craft Fair



**Sunday 7th December 2025 from 11am to 3pm - Ballinasloe, Co. Galway**

An ideal opportunity to pick up some handcrafted Christmas gifts Please support [Ballinasloe Town Band](#) Christmas Craft Fair.

### Spiddal Light-Up Vehicle Parade

**LIGHT-UP VEHICLE PARADE**  
**7th DECEMBER**  
 REGISTRATION: 4PM  
 STARTING: 6PM  
 SPIDDAL GAA / ROSSAVEAL / SCOIL ÉINNE  
**20 EURO PER EACH ENTRY**  
 TRACTORS/TRUCKS AND ANYTHING THAT LIGHTS UP RUN  
**PRIZES FOR BEST VEHICLES!**  
 CHARITIES:  
 BEAUMONT HOSPITAL  
 AN SPIDÉAL  
 FAOI SHOILSE DON NOLLAIG  
 Come join the festive fun and light up the night!

**Sunday 7th December 2025 at 6pm - Spiddal GAA, Rossaveal Scoil Einne Co. Galway**

Come join the festive fun and light up the night! Registration at 4pm.

**Charities:** Beaumont Hospital An Spideal, Faoi Shoilse Don Nollaig

### Everyone's Voice: A Human Rights Concert by i4Life

Confirmed Guests  
 • Matt & Orlaith Keane  
 • Bel Canto  
 • Baytones  
 More to be announced!

**Everyone's Voice**  
**A Human Rights Concert by i4Life**

Town Hall Theatre, Galway  
 Sunday 7th December  
 Time 19:30pm | Tickets €20  
 091 569777 | [www.tht.ie](http://www.tht.ie)  
Subject to THT development/online booking charge

**Sunday 7th December 2025 at 7:30pm - Town Hall Theatre, Galway**

i4Life's Human Rights Concert is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness of the challenges faced by health professionals in low and middle-income countries. These professionals often work under challenging conditions, providing care in environments marked by systemic inequities and human rights concerns.

The concert brings together acclaimed musicians and socially engaged audiences to highlight these issues through the universal medium of music. By combining cultural expression with advocacy, "Everyone's Voice" seeks to inspire dialogue, foster solidarity, and mobilise support for global health equity. Attendance at "Everyone's Voice" is more than participation in a musical and artistic experience, it is a contribution to a broader movement that affirms the right to health and the dignity of those who provide it.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://tht.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173662713>

### Loughrea Lions Club Christmas Concert



**Tuesday 9th December 2025 8pm Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Athenry Rd, Loughrea, Co. Galway H62Y189**

Tickets €20 available now from Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Keary's Auctioneers, Mary's Flower Shop or any Lions Club Member.

### Active Festive Walk



**Friday 12th December 2025 at 10:15am Ballinfoile Community Centre, Ballinfoile, Co. Galway**

Join Us for an Active Festive Walk! Get into the holiday spirit with a refreshing walk in Ballinfoile! Meet at: Ballinfoile Community Centre Date on Friday, all walkers welcome! Enjoy tea/coffee after the walk.

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper! Let's celebrate the season, stay active, and connect with the community. Spread the word and bring a friend!

**Glenamaddy Musical Society presents  
A Nights at the Musicals**



**Friday 12th and Sunday 14th December 2025 8pm - Town Hall Theatre, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway**

Join us for a night of singing, dancing, and pure musical magic with Glenamaddy Musical Society- A night at the Musicals! Get ready to be entertained by our talented cast as they bring the magic of musical theater to life on stage. Tickets available on [Eventbrite](#)

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**Slieve Aughty Centre Indoor Christmas Market**



**Sunday 14th December 2025 - Slieve Aughty Centre Kylebrack West, Loughrea H62 DX77**

The Slieve Aughty Centre Christmas Market is coming and this year everything will be indoors! Get ready to step into a winter wonderland! Join us for our annual Christmas Market — filled with holiday cheer, local crafts, delicious treats, twinkling lights, and festive music. What to expect: Handmade gifts, warm drinks, festive music, and more! Bring your friends, family, and festive spirit — this is one holiday tradition you won't want to miss.

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**Music for Galway presents Galway Messiah**



Resurgam | Collegium | Vespera | St. Nicholas' Singers  
Children's Chorus | Mark Duley, director

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**Tickets**  
Premium €40 / Premium Concession €36  
Standard €30 / Concession €27 / Solidarity €15

**Booking**  
online: [www.musicforgalway.ie](http://www.musicforgalway.ie)  
phone: 091 705962



### Sunday 14th December 2025 at 7:30 pm St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway City

Galway Messiah is a new approach to presenting Handel's seasonal oratorio, born right here in Galway.

A performance by the people of Galway for the people of Galway, this is a truly cross-community production in which amateur singers share a stage with a stellar lineup of professionals, all directed by Mark Duley.

This performance offers an opportunity to the St. Nicholas Singers and other adults and children throughout the community to work with Galway's professional choir Resurgam and soloists, and Galway's baroque instrumental ensemble Vespera to bring a uniquely Galway performance to life.

For more information, please visit: <https://musicforgalway.ie/event/galway-messiah/>

### National Christmas Raffle 2025 by Family Carers Ireland.

Family Carers Ireland *Care for Carers this Christmas*  
Together, we can make a difference this Christmas

Enter our fantastic **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** for a chance to **WIN** one of **10 AMAZING PRIZES!**

**Draw Date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Tickets from €5

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> €1,000 CASH	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> €500 SELECT HOTELS VOUCHER
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b> Luxury Overnight IN KILRONAN CASTLE	

Plus more fantastic hotel getaways across Ireland!

### Draw date: Thursday 18th December 2025

Christmas is a time for togetherness, and for thousands of family carers across Ireland. It's also a time when care continues quietly at home. This festive season, you can help bring comfort and joy to those who give so much by supporting Family Carers Ireland by taking part in our National Christmas Raffle: <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ChristmasRaffle25>  
Every act of kindness helps us continue providing vital supports to carers nationwide.

### HeART of Gaza Exhibition at Galway City Museum



**On display until early 2026 - Monday–Saturday | 9am–1pm & 2pm–5pm**

**Tourist Office Gallery, Galway City Museum - Admission Free**

HeART of Gaza is a powerful exhibition of artworks created by 26 Palestinian children, aged 3 to 17, sharing their experiences of growing up amid unimaginable hardship. Each artwork is accompanied by a personal statement from the young artist — heartfelt words about what they love, what they miss, the people they've lost, and the sights they've seen. This emotive collection is the result of a collaboration between Mohammed Timraz, a community worker from Deir al Balah, Gaza, and Féile Butler, an architect from Sligo, Ireland. HeART of Gaza is moving audiences across the world — a reminder of resilience, hope, and the universal spirit of childhood.

## 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.**

Le dea-ghuí, (with kind regards)

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