



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Galway County PPN Monthly Newsletter

January 2026

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PPN NEWS

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS



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Galway County PPN Plenary Winter Meeting - November 2025 Presentations

Our **Winter PPN Plenary Meeting** was held online on Wednesday 12th November 2025.

You can find the PPN Winter Plenary Presentations [HERE](#)

PPN NATIONAL NEWS



Public
Participation
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Ireland

Barriers to Involvement in the PPN

The Department of Rural and Community Development and Gaeltacht (DRCDG) would like to share the report, "[Barriers to Involvement in the PPN](#)" and a recording of the webinar to launch the report [here](#)

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 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](#)

[Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2023](#)

Public Participation Networks Roadmap

Council & Government News

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



<https://www.galway.ie>

Christmas Tree Recycling



From Saturday 3rd to Saturday 10th January 2026

Galway County Council is accepting Christmas Trees for recycling during normal working hours at the following sites for the period Saturday 3rd January – Saturday 10th January 2026.

Athenry: Public Car Park beside Kenny Park

Ballinasloe: Civic Amenity Site, Poolboy, Ballinasloe H53VH95

Open 3rd, 6th, 8th and 10th January only

Clifden: Beach Road

An Cheathrú Rua: Halla Éinne Car Park H91RX2X

Gort: Lough Cutra Quarry, Bunnasrah, Gort

Loughrea: Fairgreen, Courthouse Road

Mountbellew: Black Quarry, Mountbellew – Ballinasloe Road (Near 50km speed limit sign)

Oughterard: Car Park, Oughterard

Maigh Cuilinn: Behind the bringbanks on Mountain Road

Portumna: Beside bringbanks, Castle Avenue H53WN23

Tuam: Civic Amenity Site, Athenry Road H54Y512

Headford: Council Yard beside Mart

Oranmore: Maree Community Centre Rear Car Park H91V12C

This service is provided free of charge for the domestic sector only.

For any enquiries, please contact the Environment Section, Galway County Council: 091-509510 environment@galwaycoco.ie

Community Support Centres - Expression of Interest



Galway County Council is inviting community groups and organisations to put forward facilities that could serve as Community Support Centres during severe weather events.

The initiative follows the experience of Storm Éowyn in January 2025, when the benefits of such centres were keenly felt across County Galway as communities confronted widespread disruption to services. The centres are designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for residents affected by adverse conditions, offering access to essential services such as water and hot food, phone charging and broadband, and toilet facilities. Groups or facility operators willing to assist are asked to complete the Expression of Interest Form via <https://forms.office.com/e/Lrk5J59vb3>

Further information is available from Theresa Donohue and Kieran Coyne in the Community Development Department of Galway County Council at 091 509225.

Affordable Housing Webinar - Video



Did you miss our Affordable Housing webinar on the 4th of December 2025? No worries — you can catch the full replay right [HERE](#). The webinar provided clear and accessible information on the Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme, covering eligibility, application requirements and supports available for first-time buyers.

Register Your Interest - Affordable Housing



Registrations open until 15th July 2026 at 20:00

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

To be kept up to date on affordable housing schemes in Galway County please register [HERE](#)

This is not an application process for affordable housing.

Please refer to www.affordablehomes.ie for further information on affordable housing.

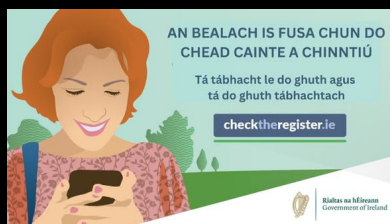
Check the Register



Are you 16 or 17 years old? You can pre-register to vote for upcoming elections or referendums now and your name will automatically be added to the register on your 18th birthday.

For more information, please visit: www.checktheregister.ie

Seiceáil an Clár



An bhfuil tú 16 nó 17 mbliana d'aois? Is féidir leat clárú roimh ré aois chun vótáil sna toghcháin nó na reifrinn atá le teacht agus cuirfear d'ainm leis an gclárann go huathoibríoch ar do lá breithe nuair a bheidh tú 18 mbliana d'aois. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, tabhair cuairt ar: www.checktheregister.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

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

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS

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

Clárú-Uathoibríoch Córas Nua Coigiltis Scoir



Cuirfeadh 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>

PRESS RELEASE: Delivering an Age-Friendly Health System – A Blueprint to Transform Health and Healthcare for Older Adults published



Minister for Older People and Housing, Kieran O'Donnell launching the Health Age-Friendly Health System (AFHS), a blueprint intended to transform health and healthcare for older adults in Ireland.

[Read More](#)

Consultations & Public Engagement

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Athenry Bus Routes 425A Consultation



Closing date: Tuesday 9th January 2026

A public consultation is now live on planned changes to the Mountbellew to Galway bus service. The National Transport Authority (NTA) is proposing to amend the bus network serving Athenry and wants to hear your views. The proposal consists of the following:

- ♦ Existing 425a TFI bus service to be rerouted to operate through Athenry; and
- ♦ Introduction of a new 416 TFI bus service to operate between Athenry and Tuam.

The Authority is proposing to implement these two changes at the same time. [Read More](#)

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

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Did you start your business after turning 50?



Did you start your first business after turning 50?

If so, I invite you to take part in a 1-hour online research interview in January as part of my PhD at TU Dublin.

Who can take part?

- You started your first business after your 50th birthday
- You are currently self-employed and running a small business
- You are based in Ireland

What are the interviews about?

The main goal of this study is to understand your experiences as a senior entrepreneur, the barriers you face, and the enablers that support your activities in an increasingly digital world. I want to learn how you currently use digital skills in your business, and what supports would help you feel more confident and capable in this area.

📍 Online interviews will be held in January. If interested, please contact Aleksandra Gruszka, PhD Researcher at TU Dublin, at D22127694@mytudublin.ie.

The online interview will be held in January 2026

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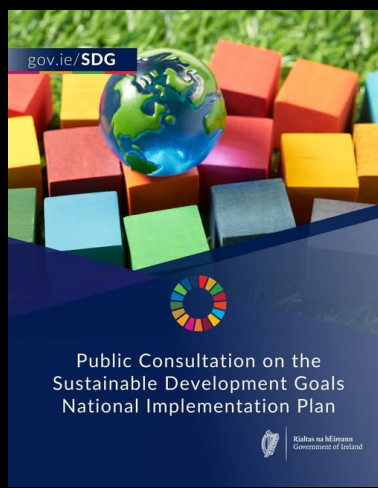
National Stakeholder Survey: Understanding community needs and preventing drug and alcohol use and related harm



Closing date: Monday 12th January 2026

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is undertaking a : ***Invitation to Participate in National Stakeholder Survey: Understanding community needs and preventing drug and alcohol use and related harm*** and Alcohol in Ireland, coordinated by the National Health Improvement Team (Public Health). As part of this work, we are inviting professionals and organisations from across sectors to complete a short online survey. The survey seeks to capture the perspectives of those working with children, families, young people, communities, and underserved groups, including those whose work focuses on health, wellbeing, education, community development, and social support. Please follow the link below to complete the survey: [HSE Stakeholders Survey](#).

Public Consultation on the development of Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) National Implementation Plan



Closing date: Friday 16th January 2026

The aim of this consultation is to gather stakeholder feedback on the preparation of Ireland's Third Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) National Implementation Plan (NIP).

Have your say here: <https://bit.ly/4ovzrRB>

Native Woodland Strategy 2026-2030 Consultation



Closing date: Friday 16th January 2026

Woodlands Ireland is seeking input into the creation of a Native Woodland Strategy for 2026 – 2030. The closing date for submission is Friday 16 January, 2026 and you can read details of how to make that submission [here](#).

Tender for Research: Access to Justice and Participation for Nonspeaking People



Closing date: Sunday 18th January 2026

Tender for research now open - Access to Justice and Participation: How nonspeaking people with intellectual disabilities should have their voices heard and their rights upheld. This research aims to highlight the systemic barriers they face across key areas like justice, health and education. We want to identify clear actions needed to ensure equal and meaningful participation wherever decisions are made. We are seeking an independent researcher to deliver this foundational work in 2026.

Review the tender documents and submit your proposal today! View the full tender document [HERE](#)

Submissions should be sent to info@inclusionireland.ie by 18th January 2026

Department of Health: Universal Health Coverage Survey



The Department of Health, invite you to share your views in an online focus group, on how Universal Health Coverage could work in Ireland. As a token of appreciation, participants will receive a €30 gift voucher. Please follow this link [here](#)

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.

[Read More](#)

Gear Swap Survey



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



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: www.publichealth.ie/uhc

Register your interest: www.surveymonkey.com/r/VXL693P

Menopause matters:

Empowering wellness in women through Exercise, Nutrition and Health Education

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**WOMEN
YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS**

EDUFIT IS OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAW TO WIN A €100 SPAS.IE VOUCHER FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR:

Women in any stage of menopause

English speaking & Residing in Ireland

TAKE PART IN OUR SURVEY ON ONLINE LIFESTYLE PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN

SCAN HERE

For more info contact Catherine.nchoil7@mail.dcu.ie

If you are a woman in any stage of menopause, english speaking & living on the island of Ireland, we want to hear your thoughts and opinions on online, women-specific, evidence-based lifestyle programmes. This survey (10–15 minutes) is accessible via this link https://dcusurveys.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6E9VZnodGWzypy6 As a thank-you, all survey participants will have the chance to enter a draw to win a €100 [spas.ie](https://www.spas.ie) voucher.

More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

Funding & Grants

Please note: 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.

The Hospital Saturday Fund GRANT APPLICATION FOR ORGANISATIONS 2026



Closing date for Standard Grants: Tuesday 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. [Read More](#)

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.

[Read More](#)

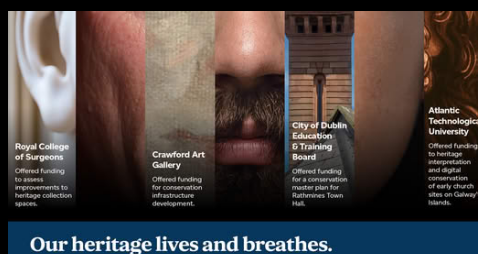
Historic Structures Fund 2026



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

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. [Read More](#)

Heritage Stewardship Fund



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

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. 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. [Read More](#)

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 Fund enables community groups to enhance the quality of local streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal areas. [Read More](#)

Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2026



Closing date: Thursday 22 January 2026 at 12pm

The Collaboration and Innovation Fund is a great opportunity to fund projects and activities that support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs. Who can apply?

Organisations that work in the public, not-for-profit, community and voluntary sector can apply for the Collaboration and Innovation Fund. Individuals and private sector organisations cannot apply for the Fund. You need a minimum of two organisations working in partnership to apply for the Fund.

Find more information about how to apply at www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund

Community Support Schemes 2026



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17.12.2025

Applications are invited from Community and Voluntary Groups for funding towards activities and events which benefit local communities throughout the County and support sustainable economic, community, and cultural development.

- **Support Scheme for Tourism, Festivals & Events:** Tourism Festivals & Participative Events.
- **Support Scheme for Community Development:** Community Amenities; Tidy Towns Activities in Public Spaces.
- **Support Scheme for Cultural Development:** Arts Act Grants; Heritage Grants; Irish Language Promotional Activities.
- **Support Scheme for Environmental Development:** Burial Ground Improvement Grants, Environmental Improvement Works.
- **Sports Participation and Development Grant**

Closing date: Friday 23rd January 2026 at 4pm

Galway County Council recognises that local communities are one of our greatest resources, and in recognition of this has developed the Community Support Schemes.

The purpose of the support schemes is to encourage and enable community and voluntary groups to actively participate in the development of their communities, the funding is intended to support projects and events that improve all aspects of local areas and deliver benefits to the wider community. Applicants may submit a maximum of 1 application per Support Scheme.

Applicants should apply via our online grants system at <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/> with the exception of grant applications for Irish Language Promotional Activities which are available from gaeilge@cocogaillimh.ie

Priority will be given to members of the PPN, therefore, please ensure your Group is registered at <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/registration-form/>

2026 Creative Ireland Open Call




Closing date: Friday 23rd January 2026 at 5pm

The key objective of this open call is to offer community groups, organisations, venues, artists, performers and everyone involved in the culture and creative sectors an opportunity to develop high quality projects/programmes that enable groups and individuals to realise their full potential and encourage greater access, knowledge and appreciation of the arts, creative industries, heritage and the Irish language. We encourage communities to engage with creativity in new and innovative ways. We welcome applications from groups who have not previously engaged with Creative Ireland.

[Read more](#)

Tá Glao Oscailte Éire Chruthaitheach 2026


 Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

GLAO OSCAILTE!

Iarratais oscailte anois do Dheontais Phobail
Chruthaitheacha

Cuir isteach ar an nasc seo: galwaycoco.submit.com

Dáta Deiridh: Dé hAoine 23 Eanáir
Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, déan teagmháil le:
creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme 

Spríochdháta: Dé hAoine an 23 Eanáir 2026 5in

Tá Glao Oscailte Éire Chruthaitheach Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe 2026 ag glacadh le hiarratais anois. Is é príomhchuspóir an ghlaos oscailte seo deis a thabhairt do ghrúpaí pobail, d'eagraíochtaí, d'ionaid, d'ealaíontóirí, do thabheoirí agus do gach duine atá bainteach leis na hearnálacha cultúir agus cruthaitheacha tionscadail/cláir ardchaighdeán a fhorbairt a chuireann ar chumas grúpaí agus daoine aonair a lánacmhainneacht a bhaint amach agus a spreagann rochtain, eolas agus meas níos fearr ar na healáona, ar na tionscail chruthaitheacha, ar an oidhreacht agus ar an nGaeilge. Spreagaimid pobail chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chruthaitheacht ar bhealaí nua agus nuálacha. Cuirimid fáilte roimh iarratais ó ghrúpaí nár bhain le hÉire Ildánach roimhe seo. [Léigh tuilleadh](#)

Circulation of European Literary Works



Closing date: Thursday 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. [Read More](#)

Community Monuments Fund 2026



Closing date: Friday 30th January 2026

The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. Funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. [Read more](#)

Community Heritage and Biodiversity Grant Scheme 2026



Waterways Ireland

Community
Heritage and
Biodiversity Grant
Scheme 2026

Closing date: Saturday 31st January 2026

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). [Read More](#)

Artist Support Scheme 2026



Closing date: Tuesday 03 February at 4:00pm

Galway County Arts Office invites funding applications from individual artists to develop their arts practice and artistic career. Click here for the Artist Support Scheme guidelines and application form: <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/145>

An Scéim Tacaíochta d'Ealaíontóirí 2026



Spríochdháta: Dé Máirt 03ú Feabhra ag 4i.n.

Tá iarratais á lorg ag Oifig Ealaíon Chontae na Gaillimhe ó ealaíontóirí aonarach a chun a gcleachtas ealaíona agus a ngairm ealaíne a fhorbairt. Clíceáil anseo le haghaidh treoirínte agus foirm iarratais na Scéim Tacaíochta d'Ealaíontóirí:

<https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/145>

HSE National Lottery Grant Scheme 2026



Closing date: Friday 13 February 2026, Midday

The HSE is delighted to offer National Lottery grants to health and social care projects. Community groups and voluntary organisations can apply. You must provide health or social care services to the community. For example, you might help people with a disability, older people, carers or disadvantaged groups. The HSE will publish the application form on <https://www2.hse.ie/.../lottery.../national-lottery-grants/> when applications for 2026 funding opens on **Wednesday 14 January 2026**.

RISE Community Fund



Closing date: Saturday 14th February 2026

The RISE Community Fund for schools, supported by National Broadband Ireland and Granahan McCourt is aimed at addressing the rural urban digital divide. The fund will award €1,000 monthly grants to empower local businesses, community groups, farms and social enterprises to enhance their digital strategy. The Fund offers an immediate financial injection into your local community, boosting the digital ecosystem. [Read more](#)

Architectural Heritage Fund *STITCH IN TIME* GRANT



Galway County Council is operating a grant scheme: Architectural Heritage Fund *STITCH IN TIME* GRANT which is a grant for **Minor Repairs & Conservation Advice Reports** to assist owners towards the cost of minor repairs or maintenance works to Protected Structures, proposed Protected Structures or historic buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas that enhance the place or street. Other historic buildings may be considered but priority will be given to those with statutory protection. To ensure that owners are appropriately advised on the works required to their property the scheme can also be availed of to produce building condition reports/surveys, method statements or specifications by conservation professionals to identify and prioritise works that adhere to best conservation practice. [Read more](#)

Market Explorer Grant



The Market Explorer Grant aims to support eligible companies seeking to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service, or an existing geographic market for a new product/service. Funding of up to €10,000 is available, are you eligible? Find out more at <https://loom.ly/wYSN-ps>

Change: Operation Outbreak - Outbreak Simulations for Schools



Funding available to start an outbreak simulation at your school. Turn your classroom of 14-18 year old students into an interactive lab for outbreak response! [Read More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

Baboró Go See Fund



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. [Read More](#)

SEAI - Home energy upgrade for traditional homes



Closing date: Ongoing

SEAI has 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. [Read More](#)

Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for Older People



Closing date: Ongoing

Apply through the Galway County Council for these grants:
 Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability [Read More](#)
 Housing Aid for Older People - [Read more](#)

Vision Sport Ireland Associate Club Funding



Closing date: Ongoing

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

More Funding from Galway County Council



[Galway County Council](#)

More Funding from the Government of Ireland



[Government of Ireland](#)

More Funding from the European Union



[European Union](#)



[European Commission](#)



[Access Europe](#)

Training & Development

Get Ireland Walking



Starting on Wednesday 7th January 2026

Get Ireland Walking is delighted to partner again with the [GAA](#) and [Irish Life Health](#) for this year's Ireland Lights Up.

Ireland Lights Up starts on 7th January, 2026. Participating clubs are asked to host a community walk for up to 5 weeks. Clubs can determine their own schedule depending on volunteer capacity.

By registering for Ireland Lights Up you are automatically registered for the Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs Step Challenge!!! [Read More](#)

Visit us on **JAN 12**

Open Night!

The Leader's Voice:
Mastering Communication
in a Complex World

Panel Discussion with.....

PAT McDONAGH
Supermac's
Founder and
Managing Director

ANNA MARIA BARRY
Chanelle
Strategic Communications
Leader

JONATHAN MADDEN
Comworks
Founder and Entrepreneur

Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56

Registration
7.30pm sharp

Visit eastgalwayspeakers.com or
scan here to pre-register and secure your spot!



Monday 12th January 7:30pm in person at Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, & Online via Zoom

Join The Leaders Voice: Communication in a Complex World — a powerful FREE panel event bringing together top Irish business and communication leaders to share real insights on leading, influencing and communicating in today's fast-changing world. Whether you're a business owner, entrepreneur, leader, student or communications professional, this is a rare opportunity to learn from those shaping Irish enterprise and leadership today.

In person (Loughrea) & online (Zoom) Click the link to register and secure your place: <https://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com/blog/>

GRETB Employer Services - January 2026 Training

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EMPLOYER SERVICES
JANUARY 2026 TRAINING

- 19 Barista Skills - Ref. 502602
- 20 Training Needs Identification And Design - Ref. 500058
- 26 Environmental Sustainability Awareness - Ref. 500060
- 26 Hoof Trimming - Ref. 509196
- 26 Quality and Good Manufacturing Practice - Ref. 504258
- 27 Payroll - Manual & Computerised - Ref. 433536

GOALS 2026

REGISTER NOW

Starting Monday 19th January 2026

GRETB Employer Services has a range of funded, in-demand, career-boosting courses starting in January, available to individuals who are currently in employment, including part-time, full-time, and self-employed. Apply today: <https://bit.ly/3HKxpO7> Enter the course reference number.

Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI) 'Introduction to OHNI'

Oral History Network Ireland
Lionra Stair Bhéil na hÉireann

INTRODUCTION TO OHNI

FREE online event

Learn of OHNI's training and resources.

Monday 26th January
7-9pm

Registration is open to all.

Oral History Network Ireland
Lionra Stair Bhéil na hÉireann

WWW.ORALHISTORYNETWORKIRELAND.IE

Monday 26th January 2026 from 7pm to 9pm Online via Zoom

Join the Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI) for our first FREE virtual meet-up of the year: 'Introduction to OHNI'.

Find out about upcoming training programmes and connect with the oral history community and those passionate about preserving local and national stories. [Read more](#)

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

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www.gretb.ie #WeAreGRET B



Starting 26 January 2026 Every Monday, 9:30am - 12:30pm GRET B Centre Oughterard
Ready to boost your skills in the New Year? Join our part-time course in January 2026!
Certification Irish (3N0869) QQI. For more information: Email: kathleen.omalley@gretb.ie
Mobile: 086 067 7948 [Apply here](#)

Relove Fashion 2025 / 2026



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FASHION**
—→ 2025/26

**CURRICULUM-ALIGNED
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COMPETITION**



**DESIGN & CREATE YOUR
OWN SUSTAINABLE AND
REWEARABLE OUTFIT** **EXPLORE
CREATIVE
REUSE** **UPCYCLING / REPAIRS /
ALTERATIONS/MENDING**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-19



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. 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. [Read More](#)

Connacht Referee Course

A green poster for a Connacht Referee Course. At the top left is the Connacht logo. The main image shows a man in a red shirt talking to a man in a dark blue shirt on a field. Below the image is the title 'CONNACHT REFEREE COURSE'. The text below reads: 'Fancy picking up the whistle? Here's your chance! Connacht Referee Development Manager Andrew Fogarty will be running a trainee refereeing course for anyone interested in becoming a referee.' It lists the location as Dexcom Stadium, the date as Saturday, 31st January, and the time as 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. It also provides registration details: 'TO REGISTER: Email: Andrew.fogarty@irfu.ie Tel: 086 349 0818'.

CONNACHT REFEREE COURSE

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Where: Dexcom Stadium
When: Saturday, 31st January
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TO REGISTER:
Email: Andrew.fogarty@irfu.ie
Tel: 086 349 0818

Saturday 31st January 2026 from 10am to 2pm Dexcom Stadium College Road, Galway

Connacht Referee Development Manager Andrew Fogarty will be running a trainee refereeing course for anyone interested in becoming a referee.

To register: Email Andrew.fogarty@irfu.ie Tel.: 086 349 0818

Galway Women's Mini Marathon 2026



Monday 2 February 2026 - Craughwell, Co. Galway

SAVE THE DATE!! The Galway Women's Mini Marathon returns for its 4th year on Monday, 2 February 2026. A 10km run in Craughwell, Co. Galway, celebrating women in sport and community. Join us this St. Brigid's Day as we run, walk & celebrate together. All proceeds go towards Craughwell AC and the development of the club and its facilities. [Read More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

Child Development & Play

A poster for 'Child Development & Play' by GRETB. The poster is primarily blue and white. It features the GRETB logo at the top left, which includes the text 'gretb' and 'Growth, Resilience, Empowerment, Education and Training Board'. The main title 'Child Development & Play' is in yellow and white. Below the title, it specifies the 'Location: Oughterard FET Centre' and 'Certification: QQI Child Development And Play'. There is a 'SCAN ME' QR code and a 'MORE DETAILS' link. At the bottom left, it says 'WE ARE GRETB' with the website 'www.gretb.ie' and social media handles. On the right side of the poster, there are three small images showing children playing with toys.

Starting 10th February 2026 Every Tuesday Morning GRETB FET, Oughterard Centre, Oughterard Co. Galway

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! [Read More](#)

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

MARKETING TECHNIQUES for your Business



Oifig Fiontair Aibúil
 Local Enterprise Office
 Gaillimh Galway

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
 Galway County Council

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
 Galway City Council

MARKETING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Learn to identify your target market, analyse opportunities, and develop a powerful marketing strategy that drives results.

24 & 25TH FEBRUARY
 10AM TO 1PM

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Explore a range of marketing and public relations techniques – from traditional methods to innovative approaches like Guerrilla Marketing!

Register now
localenterprise.ie/Galway

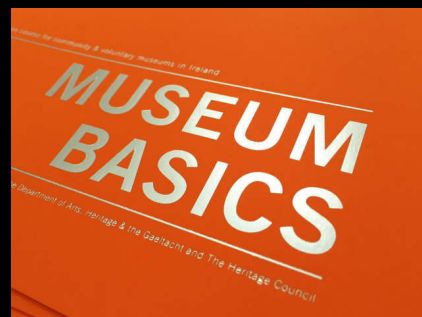
Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February 2026 from 10am to 1pm - Online

Unlock the marketing strategies your business deserves!

Join us 24 & 25 Feb, 10am–1pm (Online) and learn how to identify your market, plan smarter, and boost your brand with powerful marketing & PR techniques, including Guerilla Marketing.

Book your spot now at <https://loom.ly/thB7dEc>

Museum Basics Course with Irish Museums Association-Ireland



Course dates: Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March 2026 09:30 - 13:00 Online via Zoom

Museum Basics Course Online via Zoom with Irish Museums Association-Ireland. Course dates: 19, 20, 23 and 24 March 2026, 09:30 - 13:00. See following Link for Expression of Interest Form. Limited Availability. It is aimed primarily at those working within the smaller, community or volunteer-led sector, or those wishing to refresh or benchmark their practice against agreed best practice standards.

[Read more](#)

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





SSE Airicity | **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 adulthoodeducation@brigitsgarden.ie or 091 550 905.

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)

An Cúinne Gaeilge (Irish Corner)

Chiste Spreagtha 2026

Ciste Spreagtha

Maoiniú d'imeachtaí le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2026

Spreagadh chun gnímh a thabhairt do ghrúpaí pobal laistigh agus lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht le himeachtaí sa phobal a eagrú

GLACFAR LE HIARRATAIS ROIMH **14 Eanáir 11RN**

Cé mhéad?
Tá suas le €1,000 ar fáil d'imeacht amháin nó €5,000 do shraith imeachtaí

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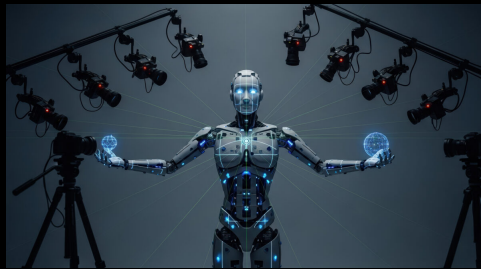
Spriocdháta: 14 Eanáir 2026 ar 11rn

Tá babhta a 1 den Chiste Spreagtha oscailte anois do 2026!

Tá go dtí 14 Eanáir ar 11rn agaibh le cur isteach ar an mhaoiniú seo d'imeachtaí a bheas a titim amach le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 Márta 2026).

Tá an t-eolas ar fad & foirm cláraithe le fáil ar snag.ie/cs

An Togra Scéalaí



Spriocdháta: 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. Fáiltímid 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

Scéalaí <https://filmfreeway.com/AnTograScealai> Todhchaí dhigiteach na Gaeilge - tá sé inár lámha!

Aistritheoirí Óga 2026



Spriocdháta: 23 Eanáir 2026

Tá comórtas aistriúcháin uile-oileáin do dhaltaí meánscoile seolta ag an gCoimisiún Eorpach agus Rialtas na hÉireann.

Beidh scoileanna ar fud oileán na hÉireann in ann a gcuid daltaí a chur isteach don naoú heagrán den chomórtas aistriúcháin Gaeilge 'Aistritheoir Óga'. Tá iarratais oscailte go dtí an 23 Eanáir 2026, agus

reáchtálfar an comórtas féin ar an 5 Márta i ngach scoil rannpháirteach. Scoileanna ar mian leo a bheith páirteach sa chomórtas, ní mór dóibh clárú faoin 23 Eanáir 2026 trí ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig DGT-GA-AISTRITHEOIRI-OGA@ec.europa.eu Beidh an comórtas ar siúl Déardaoin an 5 Márta 2026. Tá tuilleadh eolais faoin gcomórtas, faoin bpróiseas clárúcháin agus faoi rialacha an chomórtais le fáil anseo Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, déan teagmháil le Pól Ó Grádaigh ag DGT-Dublin@ec.europa.eu nó 087 487 2621. [Léigh Tuilleadh](#)

Tonnta 2026



Ghailimh 29 Eanáir 2026 - 1 Feabhra 2026

Tá Oifig na dTicéad do Tonnta 2026 OSCAILTE! Tar éis bliana den scoth in 2025, bígí inár dteannta arís an bhliain seo chugainn chun céiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an nGaeilge, ar oidhreacht Naomh Bríd agus ar Ghailimh mar chathair dhátheangach! Faigh do thicéid anois ag www.tonnta.eu 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. Díríonn tosaíochtaí straitéiseacha Ealaín na Gaeltachta 2023-2027 ar cheithre mhórtheideal: Pobal, Ealaíontóirí, Óige agus Eagrais.

Tá Scéim Síol oscailte do ghrúpaí agus do dhaoine aonair lasmuigh de chomhthéacs oideachais foirmeálta sna ceantair Ghaeltachta. Tabharfar tús áite do thograí atá á reáchtáil go hiomlán as Gaeilge. Teagmhálacha: Ceara Conway 091 503 100 c.conway@udaras.ie [Léigh Tuilleadh](#)

Ealaín na Gaeltachta: 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. [Léigh Tuilleadh](#)

Teagmhálacha: Ceara Conway 091 503100 c.conway@udaras.ie

Supports & Resources

MenoWell 2 Galway



MenoWell 2 Galway

And **FREE** 6-week online expert-led evidence-based women-specific exercise and lifestyle medicine programme to help women thrive in midlife and beyond.

We asked, participants answered (responses from 3,617 women who completed 'MenoWell') – and together, we have created 'MenoWell 2'. Please note, women are welcome to sign-up to 'MenoWell 2' without having completed 'MenoWell'.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

- Pre- and post-testing. Choice of 4 x 40-minute live online strength, balance and mobility exercise classes per week.
 - Mondays at 7pm, Tuesdays at 8pm, and Thursdays at 7pm and 8pm.
- 1 x 30-minute live online health masterclass per week.
 - Mondays at 1pm.
- Customised exercise, nutrition, and health resources.
- An on-demand library of exercise videos and health masterclass recordings.

6 HEALTH MASTERCLASSES

1. Tiny Tweaks for Massive Health Benefits: Mastering Daily Habits.
2. Set Up For Success: Adapt Your Environment for Good Nutrition Habits.
3. Move to Improve: Exercise Strategies to Say Goodbye to Aches & Pains.
4. Gut Feelings: Food, Mood & Wellness for Women.
5. Clear & Calm: Mental & Emotional Wellness for Midlife Women.
6. The Art of Recovery: Reclaiming Strength, Balance & Wellbeing in Midlife and Beyond.

KEY INFORMATION

Live online exercise classes are not required, but women will have access to an on-demand library of substitute exercise videos throughout and after programmes.

MenoWell content is available in the on-demand library for women who may not have taken part in that programme or for women who would like to revisit the content.

Lifetime access to the resources and on-demand library.

STARTING MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026 AT 1PM

To sign up, please scan the QR code or visit: www.edufft.ie/menowell-2-galway/

www.edufft.ie @edufftireland

Starting on Monday 19th January 2026 at 1pm

Start the New Year feeling strong, confident, and empowered!

'MenoWell 2 Galway' is a **FREE** 6-week online expert-led and evidence-based women-specific exercise and lifestyle medicine programme to help women thrive in midlife and beyond.

This programme is starting on **Monday 19th January** and is aimed at women living in county Galway. [Read more & Register](#)

Supporting Neurodivergent Teens Experiencing Social Exclusion



A WRDATF Planet Youth Webinar

Supporting Neurodivergent Teens Experiencing Social Exclusion
A webinar for parents of teenagers

With **Dr Malie Coyne**
Clinical Psychologist and Author

Monday the 19th of January
19.00 – 20.15

Register here: or via QR code at:

Monday 19th January 2026 at 7pm - Online

Join Dr Malie Coyne, Chartered Clinical Psychologist, University of Galway Lecturer, Best-selling Author, and Parent, for a follow-up to her recent talk on teenage social exclusion – this time focusing on neurodivergence and belonging. Parents can register at:

<https://wrdarf.ie/parent-hub/events.php>

Free World Cancer Day Webinar



Free World Cancer Day Webinar

Small Steps, Big Impact: Physical Activity for Cancer Risk Reduction

Wednesday, 4th February 2026
12pm to 1:15pm

Visit www.hca.ie/cancerprevention for the registration link

Brought to you by the Irish Cancer Prevention Network

Irish Cancer Prevention Network

Marie Keating, breakthrough research, nccp, Irish Cancer Society, An tSeirbhís Náisiúnaí Scrúdaíochta National Screening Service

Wednesday 4th February 2026, from 12pm to 1.15pm - Online

The Irish Cancer Prevention Network are holding a webinar on Wednesday the 4th of February 2026, World Cancer Day, from 12pm to 1.15pm with the theme of Small Steps, Big Impact: Physical Activity for Cancer Risk Reduction. The webinar content will be delivered by

subject matter experts and received. Registrants can watch the webinar live or receive a link to watch back at a time convenient for them. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Adult Safeguarding Update with Amanda Casey, HSE Chief Social Worker

Adult Safeguarding update with Amanda Casey, HSE Chief Social Worker. Online member briefing facilitated by DFI, NFVSP, and NDSA. 24 February 2026, 12pm to 1pm, MS Teams. Logos for National Federation of Voluntary Bodies, Disability Federation of Ireland, and National Disability Services Association.

Thursday 24th February 12pm - 1pm - Online

Join us for an online webinar with Amanda Casey, Chief Social Worker, HSE, who will outline the work she has been engaged in since taking up post in August 2024 and current developments in adult safeguarding policy, practice and reform in the HSE.

The Disability Federation of Ireland, DFI, the National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers supporting people with Intellectual Disabilities, NFVSP and the National Disability Services Association, NDSA are jointly hosting this briefing session for their member organisations.

Please complete the full registration form including any key questions you wish to raise as part of the webinar. Register [HERE](#)

Neurodiversity and Sleep: A webinar for the parents of teenagers

Neurodiversity and Sleep. A webinar for the parents of teenagers. With Lucy Wolfe, Sleep Consultant and Author. Thursday the 26th of February, 19.00 - 20.15. Register here: or use the QR code. Logos for WRDATF Planet Youth Webinar and Sleep Clinic.

Thursday 26th February at 7pm - Online

Lucy Wolfe, Sleep Consultant and Author will explore the complicated topic of neurodiversity and sleep. This webinar will cover some of the ways that parents can support their teens to better understand and prioritise their sleep. Parents can register at:

<https://www.wrdatf.ie/parent-hub/events.php>

Cycle Against Suicide - 'Win a Shed' Raffle

Win a SHED Raffle. Worth Over €23,500! Support mental health and be in with a chance to win a stunning shed in our Cycle Against Suicide charity raffle! €10 for 1 ticket / €20 for 3 / €50 for 7. cycleagainstsucide.com/win-a-shed-affle/. Winner Announced: March 17th, 2026 at 6PM. Logo for Cycle Against Suicide.

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. Support the vital work the charity does in mental health and suicide prevention! Buy a ticket here: <https://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/win-a-shed-raffle/>

Jumpstart



**Jump
START**

Jumpstart Your Future

Are you 15 to 25 years old, not in school, training or working, but thinking about making a change? The **Jumpstart** app is here to help

- Discover learning that fits your lifestyle
- Build skills employers are looking for
- Understand your strengths better
- Take control of your next step—your way
- GRETB Digital badge on course completion

New Paths, Bright Futures

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www.gretb.ie/jumpstart
Email: jumpstart@gretb.ie

'Jumpstart' is a new digital learning initiative developed by GRETB to support young people aged 15 to 25 who are currently not engaged in education or training. Jumpstart is delivered through a dedicated mobile application; registered participants can access learning at a time to suit their circumstances. There are no formal examinations or assignments; instead, learners are asked to commit to active engagement with the content.

For further information email: jumpstart@gretb.ie or visit <https://gretb.ie/jumpstart/>

Jumpstart



**Jump
START**

Déan Jumpstart ar Do Thodhchaí

An idir 15 agus 25 bliain d'aois thú, gan a bheith i láthair ar scoil, nó i mbun oiliúint nó cúrsaí oibre? An bhfuil athrú ar intinn agat? Tá aip **Jumpstart** anseo chun cuidiú leat.

- Faigh amach faoi chúrsaí foghlama atá feiliúnach duitse
- Foghlaim scileanna atá á lorg ag fostóirí
- Faigh tuiscint níos fearr ar do chuid buanna
- Beir smacht ar do chéad chéim eile – ar do bhealach féin
- Suaitheantas digiteach GRETB tar éis an chúrsa a chur i gcrích

Conair Nua. Saolta Mathe a bheith i ndán dó

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Is tionscnamh foghlama digiteach nua é 'Jumpstart' atá forbartha ag GRETB chun tacú le daoine óga idir 15 agus 25 bliana d'aois nach bhfuil i mbun cúrsaí oideachais ná oiliúna faoi láthair.

Cuirtear Jumpstart ar fáil trí aip shoghluaiste, is féidir le rannpháirtithe atá cláraithe rochtain a fháil ar fhoghlaim ag am a oireann dóibh féin. Níl aon scrúduithe ná tascanna foirmiúla ann; ina ionad sin, iarrtar ar fhoghlaimoirí gealltanas a thabhairt go mbeidh siad rannpháirteach go gníomhach san ábhar.

Tuilleadh eolais anseo: <https://gretb.ie/ga/jumpstart/> nó seol ríomhphost chuig: jumpstart@gretb.ie



Alongside OSS 2, Asiam.ie Community Hub – One Stop Shop 1 is now open for in-person Information & Advice appointments. Serving Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, OSS1 offers support on Autism-related topics such as understanding a diagnosis, daily living, wellbeing, education, employment, housing, social welfare and more. Autistic adults and parents/caregivers can now book a 40-minute session through the link below.

For questions, you can also email oss1@asiam.ie

Booking/Info: <https://asiam.ie/what-we-do/community-hubs>

OCO Survey on Extremism, Discrimination and Gender Roles



A new survey from the Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) on *Emerging Social Issues in Modern Ireland* shines a light for the first time on the impact on children of a rise in extremism, discrimination and shifting attitudes toward gender roles.

Read the full report [HERE](#)

OOL Antoisceachas, Idirdhealú agus Róil Inscne



Tá daoine óga breá eolach ar leithcheal, ar antoisceachas agus ar róil 'thraidisiúnta' inscne de réir suirbhé nua ó Oifig an Ombudsman do Leanáí (OOL) Léigh an tuarascáil iomlán [ANSEO](#)

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 are now recruiting fluent Irish-speaking frontline practitioners from across the Galway Gaeltacht to train as Rainbows Facilitators in early 2026. If you are interested join an online information session to discuss next steps. [Book here](#)

Traveller Counselling Service - Toire



The advertisement features the logos for the Traveller Counselling Service and TORIE (Pathways to Wellbeing, Travellers Talking). The main text reads: "Free Counselling for the Traveller community in Galway with the Traveller Counselling Service". It states that the service has partnered with TORIE to provide free counselling for the Traveller community in Galway. A callout box notes: "The counselling service uses a culturally inclusive framework that respects Traveller culture, identity and values." Contact information includes: "The counselling sessions can be done in person, over the phone, or over video. It is not a crisis/emergency service." Phone numbers are listed as 086 308 1476, 087 637 9074, and 01 868 5761. Logos for the Traveller Counselling Service, TORIE, and gfm are at the bottom.

Are you part of the Traveller Community and need to talk to someone? The Traveller Counselling Service, partnering with Toire, are offering a free counselling service to the Traveller community in Galway. For more information call 086 308 1476 or 087 637 9074 or 018 685 761

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. [Read more](#)
HELPLINE: 1800 355 355 helpline@grcc.ie

Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service



The advertisement features the Esker House logo and the text: "Domestic Abuse Support Service". The phone number 1800 66 22 88 is prominently displayed, along with "24 Hour Freephone Helpline". The bottom of the ad shows a row of purple flowers.

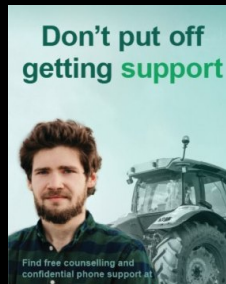
1800 66 22 88
Is a 24-hour freephone helpline. We support women and children impacted by domestic abuse through: crisis accommodation and refuge, emotional support and advocacy, court accompaniment, safety planning and referrals, community-based support. [Read more](#)

Belong To & Pieta Counselling Service for LGBTQ+



Talk to our [Youth Workers](#) if you need support.
Our [Crisis Counselling Service](#) with Pieta is always available.
Our [online group for new members](#) is back

Men's Mental Health Support



Every man can face challenges with his mental health. Talking about it can make things feel a little easier. [Read More](#)

Social Prescribing

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Connecting YOU to your local community

If you live near, Tullam, Athlone or Loughrea and need some support to connect to local groups, this service is for you. For more information:

Contact: **Katie Grant**
Social Prescribing Coordinator

Phone: 091 844 335
087 4759547

Email: katiegrant@grd.ie

Website: www.grd.ie

QR code

☎ 087 475 9547 katiegrant@grd.ie

Support Numbers

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Emergency Number: 999/112

THE SAMARITANS 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.ie	PIETA Text: 'HELP' to 51444 1800 247 247 Galway: 091 502921
ALONE 0819 222 024 www.alone.ie	SpunOut: text about it Text: 'Hello' to 50808 www.text50808.ie
AWARE 1800 80 48 48	YourMentalHealth(HSE) Freephone: 1800 111 888
CHILDLINE 1800 666 666 Instant messaging: www.childline.ie	Men's Development Network 1800 816 588
NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE 1800 778 888	Women's Aid 1800 341 900
MABS (MONEY ADVICE & BUDGETING SERVICES) 0761 072 000	HSE, DRUGS & ALCOHOL HELPLINE 1800 459 459
GAMBLING CARE 1800 936 725 www.gamblingcare.ie	National LGBT+ Helpline 1890 929 539

Please Reach Out.

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Rainbows Ireland

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

The Rainbows programmes will start in
on **March 2025** **FDC, Galway Social Services**

Rainbows Group support provides:

- A 5-week learning, group support programme for children and young people with Behavioural and Parental Separation.
- Children and young people of a similar age than Yours.
- Separate groups are formed for Behavioural and Parental Separation.
- Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings/hot conversations, worries or use to one support.

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

For more information:
085 170 2530

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Macra Club

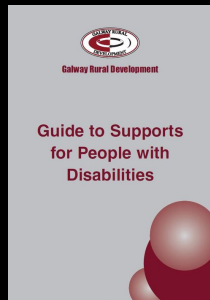
**WANT A MACRA CLUB
IN YOUR AREA?**

- 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 TDO**
086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie
You'll get the help & support needed.
- Check out Macra**
Sports, Community, Agriculture, Travel, Personal Development, Fun, Arts, Competitions, Festivals...and lots more!
- 5 GREAT REASONS**

Aged 17-35 and looking for fun?

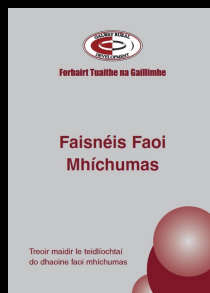
☎ 086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie

Guide to Supports for People with Disability



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



Start your journey towards independent living! This website is a tool for you to find the information on housing and supports you need to access independent living.

Find more information on Home & Supports Hub [HERE](#)

Home & Supports HUB



Tosaigh ar do thuras i dtreo maireachtála neamhspleách!

Is uirlis é an suíomh Gréasáin seo chun an fhaisnéis a theastaíonn uait

a fháil maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí chun rochtain a fháil ar mhaireachtáil neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíochtaí [ANSEO](#)

Galway County Age Friendly Programme



Read about Galway County Age Friendly Programme [HERE](#)

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

Age Action



Read about Positive Ageing
and supports for older people [HERE](#)

UNIVERSAL CLASS: Caring for Seniors



Are you caring for a family member at home and would like further support? Read more about Universal Class, Inc. [HERE](#)

Galway Volunteer Centre Events

Volunteer Galway events

[Read more](#)

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. [Read more](#)

Community Law & Mediation: Free Legal Advice Clinics Online



You can now book free legal advice clinics online on our website.

To book into a clinic or to find out if your query is a legal query, click [here](#)

or call 01 847 7804

OTHER ORGANISATION'S NEWSLETTERS



Health & Wellbeing Newsletter [HERE](#)



Healthy Galway
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#)



ALONE
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Community & Disability Newsletter [HERE](#)



ILMI eBulletin:
[HERE](#)

Notice Board / Events

HeART of Gaza Exhibition at Galway City Museum



Until Sunday 4th January 2026 - 9am–1pm & 2pm–5pm 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.

Kilconly's Winter Wonders: From Whoopers to White-fronts



Friday 9th January 2026 8pm - Kilconly Community Centre

Discover the magic of winter waterbirds! Learn about whooper swans, their journeys, and why Kilconly's wetlands matter. Sammy Pooley from University of Galway will share insights on a major research project and the upcoming swan census. Bring your stories and sightings—community knowledge is key!

Subtitle – European Film Festival



From Friday 16th to Sunday 18th January 2026 at 6.15pm

Town Hall Theatre, 1 Courthouse Square, Galway City

In conjunction with the Town Hall Theatre, Subtitle Film Festival, is delighted to return to Galway to present some of its most popular titles for a weekend best of! Come and see popular, accessible comedies, thrillers and dramas, for a magical weekend of cinema. After six years away, Subtitle are thrilled to return to Galway with a programme that captures what Subtitle does best: discovering the most exciting new European talent while celebrating the films that have shaped them. This year brings five Irish premieres—bold, intimate, award-winning new work from across the continent—alongside five modern classics that remind us why European cinema endures. From luminous debuts and moral thrillers to beloved favourites like *Amélie*, *The Intouchables* and *Headhunters*, it's a line-up full of heart, craft and cinematic storytelling at its finest. [Read more](#)

Spanish Film Festival Ireland



From Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th January 2026

Spanish Film Festival Ireland (SFFI), also known as Iberscreen, will take place in Galway focusing on Ibero-American cinema and bridging cultures through film. Expect screenings, discussions, and cultural events. Every film in the programme will be followed by a Q&A. [Read more](#)

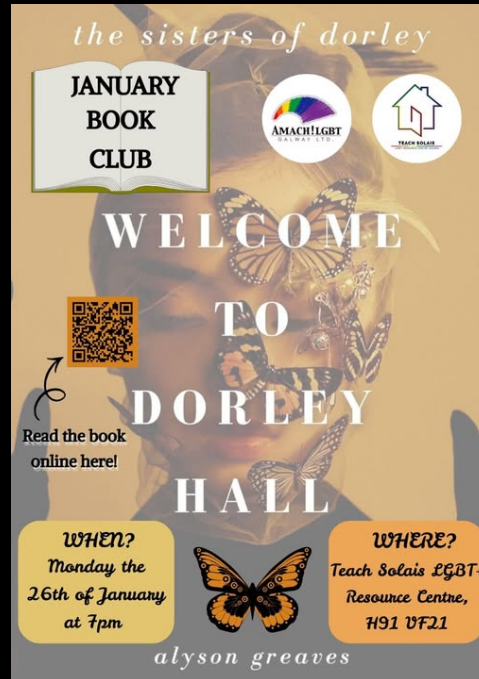
Music for Galway presents: MIDWINTER FESTIVAL 2026: THE QUARTET EXTENDS



From Friday 23 to Sunday 25 January 7.30pm - Town Hall Theatre

The string quartet is no stranger to Galway audiences, in no small part thanks to the tireless work of the ConTempo Quartet. With this festival, we seek to celebrate the versatility of the string quartet and to 'extend it' by pairing it up with a variety of different musicians to perform quartets, quintets, sextets and even an octet to finish! Mostly a celebration of the great musicians Ireland has to offer, we have invited a clarinetist, a soprano, a pianist, an uilleann piper and a second string quartet. We also invite our young Cellissimo Ambassador, Spanish cellist Margarita Guerrero Martínez to join in for one of the concerts. [Read more](#)

**Amach LGBT Galway January Book club:
Welcome to Dorley Hall by Alyson Greaves**

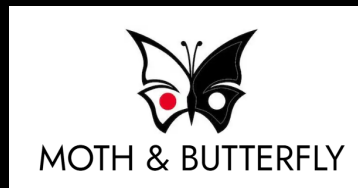


Monday 26th of January 2026 - Teach Solais LGBT+ Resource Centre, 1 Courthouse Square, Galway H91 VF21

The book club have chosen Welcome to Dorley Hall by Alyson Greaves as the first book of 2026! Plenty of time to get reading over the next while! Come to talk books, drink tea, and all things cozy.

Read the book online [HERE](#)

The Moth & Butterfly International Festival of Storytelling & Improvisation 2026



From Thursday 29th January to Sunday 1st February 2026

The Moth & Butterfly International Festival of Storytelling & Improvisation 2026 will take place in Galway City, County & Online - January 29th - February 1st 2026! [Read more](#)

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

Le dea-ghuí, (*with kind regards*)

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