



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# Galway County PPN Monthly Newsletter

June 2026

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### GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS



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### Cathaoirleach's Awards 2026 Live Stream



Volunteers and Community Groups from across County Galway have been honoured at the annual Cathaoirleach's Awards that took place Friday 8th May in Athenry. The ceremony, hosted by Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council, Councillor David Collins, celebrated the outstanding contribution of individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to improve life in their communities and was organised by Galway County Council in partnership with the Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN). Winners across a wide range of categories were recognised for their impact in areas such as arts, environment, community development, inclusion, and heritage; the Awards Ceremony has been live streamed on the Galway County Council Facebook.

Take a look here: <https://www.facebook.com/Galwaycounty/videos/1754673009249635>

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**Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) - Member's Survey**



Dear PPN Members, we need your help!!

Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) is conducting a survey among its members to help us better understand and support our member groups.

To achieve this, the survey focuses on identifying the current activities, challenges, and specific needs of the organizations that are part of the PPN. What would you like to see from your PPN? How can we help you achieve this? Do you require upskilling courses, help with getting information about your organisation out to the public? Please let us know by completing this survey.

**Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) - Member's Survey** here: <https://forms.office.com/e/TYQhFBh6Az>

**Please share the Survey with everyone in your PPN Member Group.**

## Nominations for Galway County PPN Secretariat Member now open



### Closing date: Ongoing

Dear PPN members, Nominations are now being sought for the role of **PPN Secretariat Member** representing the **Social Inclusion Pillar**. Full details of the role can be found [here](#).

Please find attached PPN Nomination Form for Secretariat Membership below:

[PPN Nomination Form for Secretariat Membership](#)

If you have any queries about this application form please email [ppn@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:ppn@galwaycoco.ie)

Completed Nomination Forms must be submitted on or before the closing date.

Completed form need to be returned via email to: [ppn@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:ppn@galwaycoco.ie)

## 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](#)

Read [PPN February2026 Newsletter](#)

# PPN NATIONAL NEWS



## 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](#)

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## Public Participation Networks Roadmap

Please find the PPN Implementation Roadmap [HERE](#)

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## NATIONAL PPN TRAINING

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### PPN Training resources

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

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### PPN Stakeholders Training

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

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## Council & Government News

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### GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



<https://www.galway.ie>

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**Water Safety Ahead of June Bank Holiday Weekend**



Galway County Council  
**Press Release**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**Wednesday, 27 May 2026**

**Galway County Council Promotes Water Safety Ahead of June Bank Holiday Weekend**

Galway County Council is encouraging the public to prioritise water safety ahead of the busy June Bank Holiday Weekend as people visit beaches, rivers, lakes and coastal areas across the city and county.

The Council, which promotes water safety on behalf of both local authorities in Galway through its participation in the County Committee for Water Safety, is supporting a joint public safety message from the Irish Coast Guard, Water Safety Ireland and the RNLI.

The public information campaign being rolled out countrywide is reminding people that while air temperatures may feel warm, water temperatures around Ireland remain dangerously cold.

With many people expected to take their first swim of the season over the bank holiday weekend, the public is advised to exercise caution and follow basic water safety advice.

Even on sunny days, sea and inland water temperatures are often below 15°C. Entering cold water suddenly can trigger cold water shock, causing involuntary gasping, panic and loss of breathing control, significantly increasing the risk of drowning.

People entering the water are encouraged to do so slowly and allow their bodies time to adjust to the cold temperatures. Swimmers should splash water on themselves to acclimatise, keep swims short, stay within their depth and avoid swimming alone. People are also advised to remain together at all times and ensure everyone exits the water safely.



Those planning activities on or near the water should check weather forecasts and tide times before heading out and carry a means of calling for help. The public is reminded to always wear a correctly fitting and serviced lifejacket or buoyancy aid and to avoid alcohol, which can impair judgement, coordination and reaction times. People should also let someone know where they are going and when they expect to return.

Members of the public are also reminded of the "Float to Live" advice if they get into difficulty in the water. People should stay calm and resist the urge to panic, tilt their head back with their ears submerged, relax and control their breathing, and gently move their hands and legs to help stay afloat. Once breathing is under control, they should raise a hand for help or swim to safety if possible.

If somebody is seen in difficulty on the water or along the coast, the public should use marine VHF Channel 16 or dial 112 and ask for the Coast Guard.

For further information on water safety, visit [www.watersafety.ie](http://www.watersafety.ie).

Galway County Council Promotes Water Safety Ahead of June Bank Holiday Weekend.  
 See the Press release above for more information.

**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**



**Closing date to register: 15th July 2026 at 8pm**

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

## Green Dog Walkers - Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí



Green Dog Walkers - Interested In Getting Involved? Green Dog Walkers is a friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. Volunteers register and pledge to be a Green Dog Walker.

See Green Dog Walkers Programme: <https://ow.ly/x82150YcltT>

Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí - Suim Agat A Bheith Páirteach? Is bealach cairdiúil é Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí chun deorthaí faoi shalachar madraí a athrú. Cláraíonn oibrithe deonacha agus geallann siad go mbeidh siad ina Siúlóir Glas Madraí. Féach Clár Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí: <https://ow.ly/MICp50Ycl8I>

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## 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)

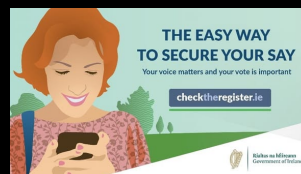
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Read more about Galway County Council services: <https://www.galway.ie/en/>

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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS

### 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](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

### Seiceáil an Clár



An bhfuil tú 16 nó 17 mbliana d'aois?

Is féidir leat clárú roimh ré anois 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](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

## Consultations & Public Engagement

### LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

#### Oughterard Town Team - Expression of Interest



#### **Closing date: 22nd June 2026**

Galway County Council would like to invite expressions of interest from the local community to create a dedicated Town Centre First (TCF) Town Team for Oughterard. A TCF Town Team is a group of local residents, businesspeople, community representatives and other stakeholders who come together to make their area a better place to live, work, study and visit. TCF Town Team members may come from diverse sectors and backgrounds. They have a unique position in the community to become 'local experts' on their area and to take a lead on the development of projects that can make positive long-term changes for the town.

The TCF Town Team will work closely alongside the Town Regeneration Officer and the Council's multi-disciplinary Regeneration team. Members must work on behalf of the community as a whole and not in their own interests or in the interests of an individual or a specific group(s).

After the closing of this call for expressions of Interest a shortlist of applicants will be created.

Please register your interest by submitting the Expression of Interest Form via e-mail to [regeneration@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:regeneration@galwaycoco.ie) or by post to Urban & Rural Regeneration Team, Economic Development and Planning, Rural Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway H91 H6KX.

For more information, please visit [Oughterard Town Team - Expression of Interest | Galway County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

#### Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership Survey



The Local Community Safety Partnership has launched a public survey to inform the development of Galway County Community Safety Plan. This survey is an important opportunity for communities across the County —to shape future priorities and actions in this area. We are asking you to take a few minutes to complete the survey at the link below:

[Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership Survey – Fill out form](#)

We also encourage you to share this link widely through your networks, community contacts, and any platforms where you feel it may reach individuals or groups with valuable insights. Broad participation is essential to ensure that the Community Safety Plan genuinely reflects the needs and lived experiences of people across Ireland.

### Affordable Housing Interest Survey – St. Joseph’s Road, Portumna, Co. Galway

**Proposed Affordable Housing Development at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna, Co. Galway**  
Galway County Council wants to hear from you!

We intend to deliver a development of Affordable Houses in St. Joseph's Road, Portumna, Co. Galway, and would greatly appreciate your feedback through this short two-minute survey. If you're actively seeking affordable housing and interested in purchasing one in Portumna, your feedback is welcomed.

[www.forms.office.com/e/ViQtwacghB](http://www.forms.office.com/e/ViQtwacghB)

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

WWW.GALWAY.IE/EN/SERVICES/HOUSING/AFFORDABLE/  
(091) 509 305 AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE

Galway County Council intend to deliver development of Affordable Houses in St. Joseph’s Road, Portumna, Co. Galway, and would greatly appreciate your feedback through this short two-minute survey.

If you're actively seeking affordable housing and interested in purchasing one in Portumna, your feedback is welcomed.

Take the survey [here](#)

### Suirbhé ar Leas i dTithíocht Inacmhainne – mBóthar Naomh Seosamh, Port Omna

**Forbairt Tithíochta Inacmhainne atá beartaithe ag mBóthar Naomh Seosamh, Port Omna, Co. na Gaillimhe**  
Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag iarraidh cloisteáil uait!

Táimid ag breithniú faoi láthair forbairt beartaithe ar Thithe Inacmhainne i mBóthar Naomh Seosamh, Port Omna, agus bheimis an-bhuíoch as d'aiseolas tríd an suirbhé gearr dhá nóiméad seo. Má tá tú ag cuardach tithíochta inacmhainne go gníomhach agus má tá suim agat ceann a cheannach i bPort Omna, cuirtear fáilte roimh d'aiseolas.

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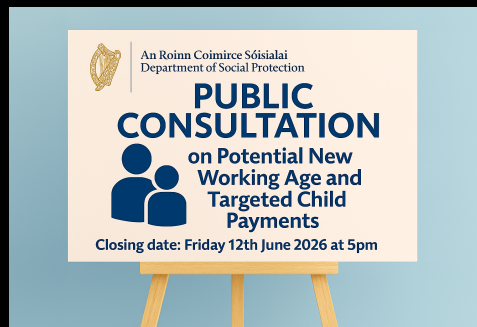
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(091) 509 305 AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE

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

## Public Consultation on Potential New Working Age and Targeted Child Payments



### Closing date: Friday 12th June 2026 at 5pm

The consultation seeks public and stakeholder views on major potential reforms to Ireland's social welfare system. It focuses on two proposed payments:

- A new Targeted Child Payment
- A new Working Age Payment

These proposals arise from commitments in the Programme for Government ("Securing Ireland's Future") and are not final decisions—they are options for discussion. The key aims are to:

reduce child poverty, simplify the welfare system, improve work incentives, ensure supports are better targeted at low-income households.

The consultation invites feedback on whether:

- These new payments should be introduced
- The existing system should be adjusted instead Or
- No major changes should be made

For more information please visit:

[Public Consultation on Potential New Working Age and Targeted Child Payments](#)

## Call for Input from the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



### Closing date: Monday 15th June 2026

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is calling for written contributions to the following zero-draft documents in relation to Article 29 of the UNCRPD:

1. Draft General Comment on article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (right of persons with disabilities to participation in political and public life).
2. Draft Guidelines on identifying and addressing intersectional discrimination against women and girls with disabilities.
3. Draft Guidelines on identifying and addressing disability-based violence.

Find more information on this call and submission details [here](#)

## 2026 Census of Social Enterprise



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- ▶ Calling on every social enterprise to complete the survey by June 28th.
- ▶ Don't miss out on this opportunity for your social enterprise to be included and heard.
- ▶ Important opportunity for social enterprises to influence future policy decisions, funding priorities, and support programme development.

An tSeirbhís Fostairtúla agus Póilíní agus Carachtair  
Department of Rural and Community  
Development and the Gaeltacht

**Closing date: Sunday 28th June 2026**

Calling all Social Enterprises – the 2026 Social Enterprise Census is now open.

Every social enterprise in Ireland regardless of size or sector are encouraged to participate and ensure your voice is heard. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your social enterprise to be included and heard. Important opportunity for social enterprises to influence future policy decisions, funding priorities, and support programme development. The Census can be accessed here: [2026 Social Enterprise Census](#)

More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

## Funding & Grants

### DID YOU KNOW?



**DID YOU KNOW?**

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FUNDING AND YOU NEED YOUR ORGANISATION'S PPN REGISTRATION NUMBER, HERE IS HOW YOU FIND IT:

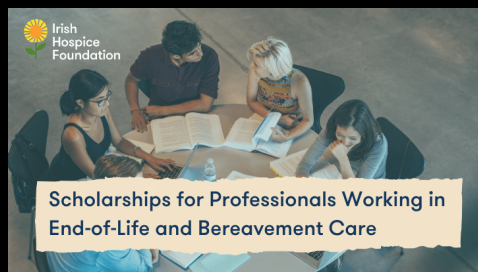
- ◆ GO TO MEMBERS DIRECTORY ON PPN WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.GALWAYCOUNTYPPN.IE/MEMBERS-DIRECTORY/](https://www.galwaycountyppn.ie/members-directory/)
- ◆ TYPE YOUR GROUP NAME INTO 'ORGANISATION NAME' BOX
- ◆ FIND YOUR GROUP (NAME MUST BE EXACT MATCH)
- ◆ CLICK 'MORE' TO SEE YOUR PPN REGISTRATION NUMBER.

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.

**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.

# Irish Hospice Foundation – Scholarships in End-of-Life & Bereavement Care



**Closing date: Sunday 31st May 2026**

Irish Hospice Foundation offers a small number of scholarships up to the value of €3,000 each to make Level 9 education in end-of-life and bereavement care accessible to multiple disciplines. Applications for the 2026/2027 academic year are now open. We are inviting applications from people who are pursuing Level 9 Post graduate study in Ireland, furthering IHF's 3 strategic goals which are as follows:

**Conversations about Death:** This scholarship is aimed at encouraging applicants who have conversations and about death and dying in the community, and who may be involved in thinking ahead or Advanced Care Planning.

Any level 9 study/course which is relevant to this topic is eligible. Suitable applicants may come from a range of professions including social care, healthcare, community development, homeless services, migrant and traveller communities.

**End of Life and Dying:** This scholarship seeks to encourage further education, understanding and management of risk factors at end-of-life. Any level 9 study/course which is relevant to this topic is eligible. Suitable applicants may come from a range of professions including End-of-life coordinators, chaplains, healthcare professionals within the sector, including healthcare assistants, nurses, medics, GPs, allied health professionals (occupational therapists, physiotherapists), community and residential palliative care teams.

**Bereavement and Grief:** This scholarship sets out to empower communities, workplaces and schools to consciously support grief on a day-to-day basis and is aimed at those who support others in their bereavement and grief. Suitable applicants may come from a range of professions including counsellors, psychotherapists, psychologists, social workers, advocates and bereavement support workers.

To apply and learn more about the scholarships, visit: <https://hospicefoundation.ie/our-supports/services/education-training/scholarships-in-end-of-life-and-bereavement-care/>

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## National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2026



**Closing date: Friday 5th June 2026**

The National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards Submissions for 2026 are now OPEN!

Have you been involved in a project that has helped create an Age Friendly Ireland? If so, apply today for the National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards 2026 at <https://agefriendlyireland.ie/>

We are thrilled to announce that IPB Insurance are our main event sponsor for the awards, being held in The Limerick Strand Hotel, on October 8th.

We are looking for projects that showcase age friendly initiatives from around the country that are contributing to making Ireland a great place in which to grow old.

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# SuperValu TidyTowns 2026 Special Awards



## Closing date: Monday 8th June 2026

The Tidy Town sponsored Special Awards are organised in parallel to the main competition and look to reward initiatives focused on improving your community. Entry is open to all TidyTowns Groups as well as other interested individuals or groups. They are delighted to announce two new sponsors under the Special Awards category for 2026. If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the special awards application forms, please contact the TidyTowns Unit for assistance by email [tidytowns@drcdgd.gov.ie](mailto:tidytowns@drcdgd.gov.ie) or on 01 773 6988 or 01 5391105.

Entry into the Special Awards is purely voluntary and non-entry will not affect performance in the main competition. Please email your completed Special Award application forms to the correct email address, clearly marked with the title of the Special Award. There are 17 Special Awards and the closing date is Monday 8th June 2026. The list of the Special Awards, with more information, links and entry forms can be found here: [Special Award Entry Forms – SuperValu TidyTowns](#)

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## Waters and Communities Special Award Prize Fund 2026 - as a part of SuperValu TidyTowns 2026 Special Awards



## Closing date: Monday 8th June 2026 at 5pm

The Waters and Communities Award is run in conjunction with the SuperValu TidyTowns competition. Tidy Towns groups can demonstrate a range of community initiatives along their local waterbodies such as protecting natural river riparian corridors, reducing or eliminating grassland herbicide usage, protecting wetlands, organising litter picks, conservation activities related to biodiversity and heritage, awareness raising activities such as aquatic citizen science events, promotion of angling and water-based activities, and other activities which generate water stewardship. Applications which demonstrate innovations in Nature Based Solutions to address local problems or promote protection of High Status (Blue Dot) waters, are particularly encouraged.

- Four Regional Award Winners: €1,000 each
- Four Regional Runner Up Award Winners: €500 each
- There will also be an additional prize of €1,000 for the overall winner of the four regions

For more information, please visit [Waters and Communities Award - TidyTowns Competition 2026 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](#)

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## Research Ireland Discover Programme



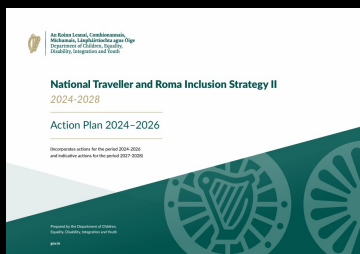
**Closing date: Thursday 11th June 2026 at 1pm**

The Research Ireland Discover Programme supports organisations to develop and deliver education and public engagement projects that aim to broaden participation and engagement of the public with research and innovation. The Programme offers grants up to €300,000 for any non-profit organization or community group designing community workshops, climate-science events, or public innovation and STEM engagement activities.

For more information, please visit [Research Ireland Discover Programme | Research Ireland](#)

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## Applications Open for the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative Local Offices and National Coordinator



**Closing date: Tuesday 17th June 2026 at 12.00 midday**

The local employment initiative was established in 2006 (as the 'Special Initiative for Travellers') to address the disproportionately high levels of unemployment and underemployment experienced by Travellers in Ireland. The programme currently operates through six local offices, supporting approximately 300 people each year. The Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative is now being expanded to include Roma communities as part of a commitment under the **National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy II 2024–2028**.

A new national coordinator will also be appointed to deliver the initiative in an increased number of locations nationwide. The selection of locations will be informed by the size and needs of Traveller and Roma populations in the areas concerned.

Targeted, locally based supports such as the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative are a key part of the actions under the **National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy II**.

Organisations with experience in providing local recruitment, training, employment and/or advocacy supports to Travellers and Roma, as well as those with a background in community development or peer outreach, are encouraged to apply to deliver the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative.

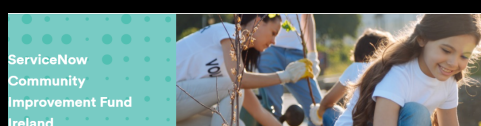
Applications for funding from the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative must be submitted by email to [equality@dcde.gov.ie](mailto:equality@dcde.gov.ie) by 12.00 midday on 17th June 2026.

In parallel, applications are also invited for the role of national Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative Coordinator. The coordinator will support the Department in overseeing the expansion and effective operation of the initiative. Eligible applicants should demonstrate relevant experience in delivering employment, training or enterprise supports, and/or experience working at regional or national level to address the needs of Traveller and Roma communities. Applications must be submitted by email to [equality@dcde.gov.ie](mailto:equality@dcde.gov.ie) by 12.00 midday on 17th June 2026.

For more information, please visit [Minister Foley announces the opening of applications for the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative & Open Call: Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative Expansion – Local Offices and National Coordinator](#)

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## ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund Ireland



**Closing date: Friday 19th June 2026**

The 2026 ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund is now open for applications!

ChangeX and ServiceNow continue empowering communities in Ireland to take local action on climate challenges with a new call for applications for the ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund.

• Nonprofits and schools can apply for funding for water, solar, or nature-based community projects that foster sustainable, inclusive local impact.

- Applicants can submit their own project for funding, with up to €30,000 available, or apply for support to bring one of three proven, high-impact climate ideas to life in their community

For more information and to apply, please visit the fund page: <https://www.changex.org/ie/funds/servicenow-ireland>

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## The AIB Community €1 Million Fund 2026



**Closing date: Friday 19th June 2026 at 5pm**

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund 2026 enables customers, the public, and employees to nominate local charities for funding across Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Great Britain.

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund is designed to support local charities that matter most to communities. The fund is split into two streams: €700,000 for charities nominated by customers and the public, and €300,000 for charities nominated by AIB employees.

For more information and to apply, please visit the fund page: <https://aib.ie/community-fund>

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## New Science on Screen Documentary Commission Announced STEM as Gaeilge!



**Closing date: Monday 22nd June 2026 at 3pm**

Ardán and [CÚRAM Centre for Research in Medical Devices](#) are teaming up with Dr Fintan Hegarty & Prof. Cathal Seoighe at the [University of Galway](#) who have received funding from Taighde Éireann – [Research Ireland](#) through the Discover Programme to produce an Irish language documentary set in the world of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) research.

They are looking for a 25-minute Irish-language STEM documentary and welcome a broad range of approaches – for example, STEM stories told through Irish; a project highlighting science and technology work in Gaeltacht communities; or a film exploring how STEM impacts the lives of Irish speakers. These examples are illustrative rather than exhaustive, and they encourage other creative interpretations of the connections between STEM and Irish. The successful filmmaking team (minimum of producer and director) will receive funding of €40,000 to deliver the 25 minute Irish language documentary by March 2027. Creative and ambitious responses to this call are encouraged.

The documentary will receive its first broadcast on TG4 after it has had its festival run, subject to commissioners' approval. For more information, please visit: [Applications Open for Science on Screen Documentary Commission - STEM as Gaeilge | Ardán](#)

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## EU Funding for Youth Initiatives - Webinar



**Closing date: Monday 22nd June 2026 at 3pm**

Join us and your Irish National Contact Points as we look at EU funding for youth activities through the [Erasmus+](#) and [European Solidarity Corps](#) programmes and the [first Interreg NPA Youth Call](#)

What to expect: Opportunities for organisations working with young people; Practical project examples; Supports available; Q&A session. [You can find the agenda for this event here](#)

To learn more and register, please visit: [EU Funding for Youth Initiatives | The Wheel](#)

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## Power to Participate: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement Fund 2026



**Closing date: Friday 26th June -- Information session: Wednesday 3rd June from 2:30 to 4pm**

The Power to Participate Fund is a €750,000 initiative aimed at supporting Disabled Persons' Organisations (DPOs) and eligible Civil Society Organisations in Ireland. This fund is designed to strengthen advocacy, participation, and engagement with Government, ensuring that the voices of disabled people are heard in shaping policies and services. The fund is open for applications and will close on June 26, 2026. It provides grants to organizations led by disabled people to work with Government on policies supporting the National Human Rights Strategy 2025–2030, aligning with Ireland's commitments under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The funding can support assistive technology, training, governance, and organisational growth.

More information about the fund, and how you can apply, is available online here:

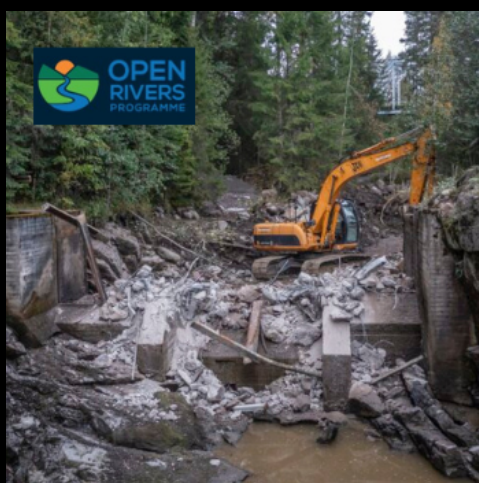
[Power to Participate: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement Fund 2026](#)

An information session on the funding call will take place on **Wednesday 3rd June from 2:30 to 4pm**. The session will be held on Zoom. ISL interpretation will be available on the call. If you wish to attend this information session, please email:

[disabilitygrantfunds@dcde.gov.ie](mailto:disabilitygrantfunds@dcde.gov.ie)

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## Open Rivers Programme (ORP)



**Closing date: Tuesday 26th June 2026 at 13:00 CEST (Central European Summer Time)**

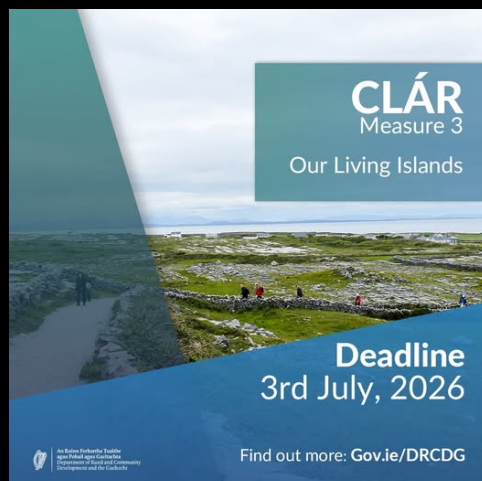
The Open Rivers Programme was created to restore European rivers that have become heavily fragmented due to the proliferation of in-stream barriers. It provides grants to support projects aimed at removing small dams and restoring river flow and biodiversity. This funding opportunity is ideal for projects dedicated to revitalising Europe's river ecosystems by removing obsolete river barriers.

These efforts align with the Programme's mission to restore endangered European rivers by supporting interventions that lead to the removal of small dams and the restoration of river flow and biodiversity. For full details on how to apply and access all the necessary

resources, please visit the "[Apply for a Grant](#)" page at [openrivers.eu](#). There, you'll find detailed guidelines and helpful materials to guide you in submitting a strong proposal.

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## CLAR Measure 3: Our Living Islands



**Closing date: Friday 3rd July 2026**

Recognising the critical role that community and voluntary organisations play in the provision of vital services to vulnerable sectors of the community and particularly on our offshore Islands, CLÁR 2026 has a specific measure to respond to the needs of these Island communities.

This measure will fund community transport and community amenities on our islands.

For details on this measure, please carefully read the scheme outline below:

[2026 CLAR Measure 3 Scheme Outline.pdf](#)

For more information, please visit [CLÁR-Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects](#)

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## Benefact Movement for Good Awards – Community Special Draw



**Opening date: Monday 22nd June 2026 - Closing date: Sunday 5th July 2026**

The [Benefact Group Movement for Good](#) is your chance to help us give away our profits to good causes. In just one minute, you can nominate the charities, CICs or non-profits of your choice for our draws. Every entry gives them the chance to receive a donation that could make a real difference.

We give all our available profits to charity and through this programme, one simple nomination can transform profit into impact.

### Community Special Draw

Our special draws award £5,000 to charities making a difference in the field of Community.

The draw is only open for 14 days, for more information, please visit [Movement for Good – Nominate a charity for an award](#)

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## Community Centre Investment Fund 2026 - Refurbishment Grant





**Closing date: 13th July 2026**

The Community Centres Investment Fund 2026 – Refurbishment Grant is providing funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas. Funding is being made available under 2 Categories, with grants of between €10,000 and €100,000 available:

Category 1: Small scale projects and improvements to facilities – €10,000 to €25,000

Category 2 Larger scale projects – €25,001 to €100,000

The Portal for online application will open on May 29th, 2026, at [MyPobal Portal](#) and will remain open until July 13th, 2026 Potential applicants are encouraged to register on the application portal in advance of this date.

**Information sessions**

The Department will host a number of online information events during May and check in clinics will be provided until June 2026 to support committees in preparing and submitting an application under Community Centres Investment Fund 2026: Refurbishment Grant. These information sessions will be recorded and can be viewed here in due course. Committees interested in attending these information sessions should register their interest in advance.

For more information, please visit [Community Centres Investment Fund](#)

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**Building Blocks Extension Scheme Phase 2  
Capital Scheme for Early Learning and Childcare Services**



**Closing date: Friday 31st July 2026**

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley has announced the opening of a €10 million capital funding scheme to deliver a significant number of additional early learning and childcare places. The Building Blocks Extension Scheme Phase 2 will provide grants for community and private early learning and childcare services who are Core Funding partner services to increase their capacity by means of extensions to their existing premises.

Community providers can apply for a capital grant of between €100,000 and €530,000 to extend their existing premises.

Private providers can apply for a capital grant of between €50,000 and €265,000 to extend their existing premises.

All projects will be required to deliver net increases in full-time places for one to three year-olds. Projects will also be required to incorporate Universal Design Guidelines. The closing date for applications is 31 July 2026. This will ensure that all applicants have sufficient time to engage with their design teams and their solicitors prior to the closing date. The outcome of the appraisal process will be communicated to services in September 2026. For more information, please visit [Minister Foley announces new €10 million capital scheme for early learning and childcare services](#)

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**Arts and Disability Connect 2026**



**Arts + Disability Connect**

An Arts Council funding scheme for individual artists with disabilities.

**Arts and Disability Connect 2026**

<b>Round One</b>	<b>Round Two</b>
Opens: 23 March	Opens: 10 August
Closes: 12 May	Closes: 29 September

Apply and download guidelines and Easy Read Information from 23 March here: [www.adiarts.ie/connect](http://www.adiarts.ie/connect)

Contact: [connect@adiarts.ie](mailto:connect@adiarts.ie)



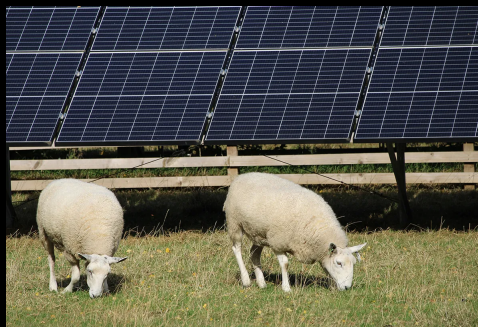


**Round Two: Opening date: 10th August - Closing date: Tuesday 29th September 2026**

The Arts and Disability Connect scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to be ambitious, to develop their practice and to connect with arts organisations and arts professionals in the Republic of Ireland. Arts and Disability Connect includes Mentoring, Training, New Work, and Research and Reflection awards for individual artists with disabilities. Guidelines and other resources can be found at: [Arts and Disability Connect funding | Artists | Arts & Disability Ireland](#)

If you have questions about the scheme, please email [connect@adiarts.ie](mailto:connect@adiarts.ie)

**Ballymoneen Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund**



**The fund will open in November 2026 and close in January 2027**

M-CO, on behalf of Power Capital, is supporting the development of the Community Benefit Fund linked to the Ballymoneen Solar Farm project in County Galway. This fund will provide financial support to community and voluntary groups, not-for-profit organisations and local initiatives, with the aim of delivering positive social, environmental and community benefits in the local area over the lifetime of the project. The first round of funding is set to open in November 2026 and close in January 2027, and it will run for 15 years with an annual fund value of approx. €231,284 available to support local initiatives. For expressions of interest or any queries in relation to the fund, please contact: [communitybenefitfund@mco.ie](mailto:communitybenefitfund@mco.ie) [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](#)

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### Forest School Leadership



There are funding supports available for Brigit's Garden upcoming Forest School Leadership courses:

- ◆ If you are in receipt of a social welfare payment, you may apply through Intreo for funding of up to € 1,000, paid on completion of the course.
  - ◆ Teachers can apply for the Teacher Refund Scheme, which refunds up to 40% of the course fee.
  - ◆ Each course also has 2x subsidised places of €1450. Contact Laura at [adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie](mailto:adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie) for further information.
- These supports can make it easier to gain your Level 6 Forest School Leadership qualification and bring outdoor learning to your community. For course information or queries, contact [adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie](mailto:adulteducation@brigitsgarden.ie) or go to <https://brigitsgarden.ie/qqi-level-6-in-forest-school.../>
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### Student Assistance Fund



The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) provides financial support to full or part-time students who are experiencing financial difficulties while attending college. Students can apply for the Student Assistance Fund to help with either temporary or ongoing financial difficulties.

The Student Assistance Fund is available to help with costs such as books and class materials, rent and other utility bills, food, essential travel, childcare costs and medical costs. [Read more](#)

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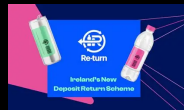
## PayPal Giving Fund Ireland



**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. [Read More](#)

## Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Re-turn Community Initiative



**Closing date: Ongoing**

The Re-urn Community Initiative empowers local groups in Ireland to fundraise through recycling, supporting sustainability and community engagement. Who can participate in fundraising through DRS? Tidy Towns, Schools, Clubs, Charities, Companies, Hospitals, Local Events and Festivals. [Read More](#)

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## Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Galway Digital For Business Support & Grow Digital Voucher



The Digital for Business support is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give **Local Enterprise Office** clients a digital edge. Our expert digital consultants assist through:

Analysis of existing digital systems in the business to identify potential gaps in meeting business need;  
Exploration of opportunities to optimise existing systems and to integrate with new solutions to enhance business operations; Guidance on the implementation of new or enhanced digital solutions. [Read more](#)

## LEO Grow Digital Voucher



The Grow Digital Voucher offers small and medium businesses with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology.

Funding: Of up to €5,000 to invest in software and training/IT configuration.

A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

[Read more](#)

## LEO Dearbhán Grow Digital



An bhfuil Digital for Business na hOifige Fiontair Áitiúla curtha i gcrích agat cheana féin?

Tóg an chéad chéim eile ar d'aistear digiteach, mar sin, leis an Dearbhán Grow Digital.

Fáil suas le €5,000 chun glacadh le teicneolaíochtaí nua, lena n-áirítear gach rud ó chórais íocaíochta ar líne, go cibearshlándáil, go córais áirithinte agus rialú stoic. [Léigh tuilleadh](#)

## LEO Feasibility Grant



The Feasibility Grant is designed to financially assist small businesses that wish to conduct market research for a product or service to examine its sustainability.

[Read more](#)

## LEO 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. [Read more](#)

## LEO Business Expansion Grant



The Business Expansion Grant is designed to assist qualifying businesses in their growth phase after the initial 18 month start-up period.

[Read more](#) Need more advice? E-mail us at [info@leo.galwaycoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.galwaycoco.ie)

## LEO Microfinance Ireland



Microfinance Ireland works with small businesses based in the Republic of Ireland, with fewer than ten employees by providing unsecured business loans of up to €50,000. Are you eligible? [Read more](#)

## Agri Loans MicroFinance Ireland



**Closing date: Ongoing**

MicroFinance Ireland's Agri Loan supports businesses that are regulated/reporting to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). 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)

## The Rural Social Scheme



**Closing date: Ongoing**

The Rural Social Scheme (RSS) provides a supplementary, stable income for farmers and fishermen/women who are unable to earn enough income from their farms or from fishing. Galway Rural Development's RSS team provides supports to local community organisations. [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](#)

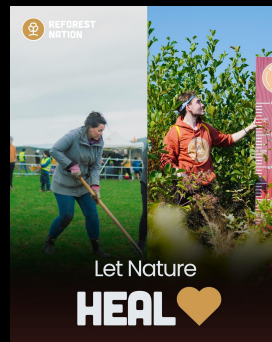
## Agriland Native Tree Area Scheme



**Closing date: Ongoing**

We're making it easier to plant trees. There is an array of options available with income tax-free payments guaranteed for up to 20 years. Why not plant the forest that suits your farm. The scheme is open to all landowners. [Read more](#)

## Reforest Nation Free Irish trees



**Applications now open**

Restoring nature should be easy — and for everyone. That's why we give away native Irish trees, free.

**Who's this for?** Farmers and landowners, People with a garden, Schools & local initiatives.

[Read more](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)

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### SEAI - Home energy upgrade for traditional homes



**Closing date: Ongoing**

The **SEAI** pilot grant scheme for the energy upgrading of traditional houses will provide tailored solutions for your traditional home and the upgrade options include all the technologies available to modern homes. [Read More](#)

### Housing Adaptation Grant & Housing Aid for older people and people with disability



**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](#)

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### 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](#)

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## Training & Development

Ballinasloe Cycling Club  
8 Week Children's Cycling Series

**BALLINASLOE CYCLING CLUB**  
**8 WEEK CHILDREN'S CYCLING SERIES**

AGES 6-12  
BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!

A fun 8 week cycling series introducing cycle sports, grass track racing and bike handling skills in a friendly, informal setting.

**VENUE**  
Ballinasloe Fair Green  
EIRCODE: H53 W596

**STARTS**  
Friday  
29 May  
2026

**TIME**  
6:30pm

**WHAT TO BRING**  
All kids need a functioning bike and a BICYCLE HELMET is mandatory.

**SAFETY FIRST**  
Helmets must be worn at all times.

**LIMITED SPACES - PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

**REGISTER BY WHATSAPP**  
**085 112 4028**

**Starting Friday 29th of May at 6.30pm Ballinasloe's Fairgreen Ballinasloe Co. Galway H53 W596**

Starting this Friday the 29th of May at Fairgreen for the next 8 weeks at 6.30pm on Ballinasloe's Fairgreen. A fun 8 week children's cycling series by Ballinasloe Cycling Club introducing cycle sports, grass track racing and bike handling skills in a friendly, informal setting.

Spaces will be limited so register early. Register by WhatsApp: 085 112 4028

**Bealtaine Festival – Celebrating the Arts & Creativity as we age**  
**Creative Writing Workshop**



**Next workshop: Thursday 4th June 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm Galway City Museum**

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP for Bealtaine - Inspired by Objects with Gerry Hanberry.

As part of the **Bealtaine Festival**, Galway City Museum presents a series of creative writing workshops inspired by objects from its collection. Led by award-winning poet and facilitator Gerry Hanberry, each session begins with an introduction to a selected object by Museum staff, followed by guided creative responses in a supportive and informal environment. Participants will be encouraged to develop their work in forms such as poetry, prose or reminiscence. [Read more](#)

Free, advance booking required: 091 532 460 [Museum@GalwayCity.ie](mailto:Museum@GalwayCity.ie)

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### **Gardening for Biodiversity & Wellbeing workshop**



**Thursday 4th June 2026 from 3pm to 3:45pm Galway City Library**

Join us at Galway City Library on Thursday 4th June at 3pm for a Gardening for Biodiversity & Wellbeing workshop. Discover how any outdoor space can become a year-round haven for wildlife and wellbeing. This event is brought to you by Europe Direct. This is a free event, open to all, but places are limited. Please book your free ticket at [BiodiversityAndWellbeing](#)

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### **Comic Book Making Workshop with Aiden Courtney**

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Gort Library 6th June  
2:30pm to 3:30pm.

**Saturday 6th June 2026 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Gort Library, Gort Co. Galway**

Get Creative at Gort Library! Join us for a wonderful Comic Book Making Workshop with talented artist and illustrator Aiden Courtney on 6th June, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.

## Introduction to Dry Stone Wall Construction Weekend by Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)

**INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION WEEKEND:** *Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)*

**Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Participants must be available to attend both days)  
**Time:** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**Location:** Galway  
**Price:** €108.23



### Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at Moycullen, Connemara, County Galway.

Learn the ancient art of building sturdy walls without any mortar. Our experienced instructors will guide you through the process, teaching you the techniques and skills needed to create your own masterpiece. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this event is perfect for anyone with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance, or, anyone interested in dry stone construction or just looking for a fun and educational day out in nature. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the past and leave your mark on the landscape!

### Refreshments

Refreshments, lunch and snacks will be provided.

### What to Bring

Hard toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Gloves will be provided. The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat.

### Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at €108.23 for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. For more information and to book a place click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-dry-stone-wall-construction-weekend-connemara-tickets->

The workshop is supported by the National Built Heritage Service  
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>



Oidhreacht Chultúrtha  
Dholáimhsithe in Éirinn  
Intangible Cultural Heritage in Ireland



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An tSeirbhís Chultúrtha  
Toghtha Náisiúnta  
National Built  
Heritage Service



An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage

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**[PM | Eventbrite](#)**

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**<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>**

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## Buggy Buddies Ballinasloe and Athenry



**Ballinasloe: Starting Tuesday 9th June at 12pm - Dunlo Running Track, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway**

**Athenry: Starting Tuesday 16th June at 11am - Athenry AFC, Moanbaun, Co. Galway**

Looking to ease back into exercise after having a baby — with a welcoming group and supportive atmosphere? Buggy Buddies is back for 2026!

This post-natal-friendly community physical activity programme is supported by Galway Sports Partnership through HSE funding and is perfect for:

New mothers from six weeks postpartum; Parents with babies and toddlers; Anyone with a small baby or toddler looking for a gentle, fun way to get active while connecting with others.

Delivered by qualified exercise professionals Helen Daly and Airike Monahan each programme runs for six weeks and is suitable for all fitness levels.

**Ballinasloe: Start Date: Tuesday 9th June Dates: June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and July 7th, 14th**

**Time: Tuesdays at 12pm Location: Dunlo Running Track, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway**

**Format: Outdoor Class only Bring: Yoga mat or towel + water bottle**

**Athenry: Start Date: 16th June 2026 Dates: June 16th, 23rd, 30th and July 7th, 14th and 21st.**

**Time: Tuesdays at 11am Location: Athenry AFC, Moanbaun, Co. Galway**

**Format: Indoor/Outdoor Class Wear: Weather-appropriate layers + rain gear Bring: Water bottle**

Booking is essential. Register at: **<https://www.galwayactive.ie/programme/11/buggy-buddies>**

Cost: €20 for the full 6-week term or €5 pay-as-you-go option

Free for anyone who needs it, no questions asked. Text Karen at 087 363 1550 for the code.

For enquiries, email **[galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie)**

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## The Aughrim Summer Series 2026

# EVENTS

## THE AUGHRIM SUMMER SERIES 2026

### 12

JUNE

The architectural legacy of James Forth Kempster and his sons

1.15pm to 2.15pm.

### 17

JULY

Heraldry of the families of County Galway

1.15pm - 2.15pm

### 22

AUGUST

Walkabout and talkabout on the 1691 Battle of Aughrim

11:00 am - 2.30pm

### 18

SEPTEMBER

'Sure that's Women for you'

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

All events are free to the Public

Visit us at the Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co Galway H53KH51

Register your interest: Tel: 090 967 3939 | 087 6844 253 or Email: [battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie)

Online: <https://battleofaughrim.info/>

**Starting: Friday 12th June The Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim, Ballinasloe Co. Galway**

The Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre runs a series of free lectures from June to September 2026 discussing a variety of interesting topics. Please see poster for list of events. All are welcome.

Register your interest: Tel. 090 967 3939 - 087 684 4253 or Email: [battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie)

## Men's Health Week 2026: Men's Pitch and Putt Taster Afternoon



**Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 11am - Mellows Pitch & Putt Club, Galway City €5 Euro**

Men's Health Week is approaching and in collaboration with Pitch and Putt Ireland and Irish Health Services, Galway Sports Partnership will again host the ever popular Men's Pitch'n Putt at the most tranquil, Mellow's Pitch and Putt facility over looking Galway Bay. Come along for a relaxed and enjoyable experience in one of the most tranquil settings in the west—perfect for getting active, connecting with others, and supporting men's wellbeing. For more information and booking please visit [Galway Sports Partnership Events | Men's Health Week Pitch and Putt Taster](https://www.galwaycoco.ie/events/men-s-health-week-pitch-and-putt-taster)

Booking also via the QR code on the poster above. Limited places.

## Webinar on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty: Implications for Ireland



**Wednesday 17th June 2026 from 12pm to 1pm -- Closing date to register: 9th June 2026**

The Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, also known as the “BBNJ Agreement”, is the first dedicated global treaty on

the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of the high seas and deep seabed. The entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement on 17 January 2026 represents a significant breakthrough for global ocean governance following a process that took over 20 years.

Ireland ratified the BBNJ Agreement on 23 September 2025 and DCEE is currently engaged in the process of identifying the steps needed to fully implement the BBNJ Agreement.

More information can be found [here](#).

This introductory webinar is open to all those interested in learning more about high seas biodiversity protection. It will introduce participants to the role played by Ireland in the BBNJ negotiations, the four main pillars of the Agreement and Ireland's plans for implementation, followed by a Q&A session.

To register, please email [BBNJ@dcee.gov.ie](mailto:BBNJ@dcee.gov.ie) by close of business on **9 June 2026** to indicate your interest in attending.

## Inishbofin Summer School 2026



**Summer School**  
**INISHBOFIN**  
2026

Prepare yourself for a week of fun, walking, heritage, learning and meeting new friends, a truly magical experience!

**6TH-10TH JULY 2026**

Established in 1984, the Inishbofin Summer School works with the multi-disciplined team to explore

- Island Life and Habitats and exploring outdoor learning
- Conservation and the SDG's
- Wellbeing and connecting to nature
- Island History and our place and space
- Creative Writing and Art

**HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE ISLAND!**

The Course is open to Adults over 18 years of age and is approved by the DEY for 3 Teacher EPV Days on full course completion.

**GET IN TOUCH**  
Book online at <https://national.aquarium.ie/ev-ents-at-the-aquarium/>



**COURSE FEE**  
Adult €165  
Retired Teacher €100  
Deposit €50



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**HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE ISLAND!**

Enjoy 5 days of guided island walks, historical talks, creative writing and art, and song. The Course is open to Adults over 18 years of age and is approved by the DEY for 3 Teacher EPV Days on full course completion.

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Prepare yourself for a week of fun, walking, heritage, learning and meeting new friends, a truly magical experience!

**6TH-10TH JULY 2026**

Away to Bofin, Croncrake Daily call, Ever changing landscape, Fresh air, Gales, Hail and Island Joy, Knotweed, Loosestrife in the Meadow, Nairín Organising, Planning, Questioning, Reflecting, Singing ... and Tommy telling tales, Under map umbrella, Very Welshome shelter thanks to Cat and Dave, Xcollect art induction with Gordon, Yes! A wonderful week and now some zzzz!

**HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE ISLAND!**

The Course is open to Adults over 18 years of age and is approved by the DEY for 3 Teacher EPV Days on full course completion.

**GET IN TOUCH**  
Book online at <https://national.aquarium.ie/ev-ents-at-the-aquarium/>



**COURSE FEE**  
Adult €165  
Retired Teacher €100  
Deposit €50

**Saturday 20th June 2026 from 1pm to 5pm Ballinasloe Fair Green & Emerald Ballroom**

Inishbofin Summer School 2026 – Now Open for Booking!

The Inishbofin Summer School returns for its 42nd year, taking place on Inishbofin Island from 6–10 July 2026.

- Open to adults (18+)
- Approved for 3 EPV days for teachers (on full completion)
- Fees: €165 (standard) / €100 (retired rate)

The programme includes a series of guided walks, talks and workshops exploring:

- Island habitats and outdoor learning
- Conservation and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Wellbeing and connecting with nature
- Local history and sense of place
- Creative writing and art

The course is delivered by a multidisciplinary team including marine biologists, ecologists, educators, artists and writers.

Further details and booking information are available here: [Inishbofin Summer School 2026](#)

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## Badminton Ireland Summer Camps



### Starting 13th July 2026 in Connemara

Badminton Ireland's popular summer camps are filling up fast, with limited spots remaining in some locations — don't miss out!

- 4-day camps • 10am – 2pm daily • €90 (booking fee included) • Includes a badminton t-shirt for every player • Ages: 7–15 • Led by qualified BWF coaches • Fun, inclusive environment • Perfect for learning new skills or improving your game

For more information or to get the booking link, please contact: [dsherlock@badmintonireland.com](mailto:dsherlock@badmintonireland.com)

Places are limited — book early to avoid disappointment!

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**TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Farm House - leath as béarla, agus leath as gaeilge**

# TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Farm House - leath as béarla, agus leath as gaeilge*

**Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of July & Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of August  
**Time:** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**Venue:** An Spidéal, Gaillimh (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)  
**Price:** €60



## EVENT INFORMATION:

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional building to restore?

The National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional Farmhouse: The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Traditional Building.**

The aim of the day is to raise awareness of traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate approaches and materials, and to share knowledge and guidance with building owners.

## The one-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractor
- The owner's perspective
- Tour of ongoing works at a traditional farmhouse
- Demonstrations and participation in traditional repair using appropriate materials led by an experienced conservation contractor

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable outdoor attire. Long sleeves recommended. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

## Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €60. To book your place contact [heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie](mailto:heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie)



**NBHS**

An tSeirbhís Oidhreachta  
 Tighle Náisiúna  
 National Built  
 Heritage Service



An Roinn Tithíochta,  
 Rialtais Áiríúil agus Oidhreachta  
 Department of Housing,  
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## Free Financial Literacy courses - Alison x Irish League of Credit Unions

### 2026-27 Financial Literacy Initiative

A scalable community education initiative from the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU) and Alison

Designed to give people across Ireland FREE practical, accessible education in budgeting, savings, credit, scam awareness, and everyday financial decision-making.


Helping communities build financial confidence at scale, for FREE. This initiative combines Alison's digital learning platform with ILCU's community reach to deliver CPD-accredited, self-paced financial literacy education to learners throughout the Republic of Ireland - with no cost to your organisation or its beneficiaries.

**Why this matters:**

43% of Irish adults do not meet the minimum OECD standard for financial literacy	48% feel financially unprepared for the future
54% is the average financial literacy score of Ireland	44% lack basic digital financial literacy skills
81% report a negative impact on mental health	Women and young people score below the national average.
For financial knowledge: 70% of Irish teenagers rely on parents	30% of Irish teenagers rely on social media

**Programme snapshot:**

Audience	Format	Fee	Duration	Launch
Any English speaker in the Republic of Ireland	Professional, CPD-accredited mobile-friendly, self-paced.	Free to the Community, Schools & Partners	Approx. 1.5 to 3 hours per course	Spring 2026

The UK SDGs we align to: 

**Alison** EMPLOYER YOURSELF **CPD League** **CreditUnions**

**4 Initial course areas:**

<b>Saving, Investing &amp; Financial Goal Setting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a savings mindset</li> <li>Core principles of investing</li> <li>Measuring progress and sustaining long-term financial security</li> </ul>	<b>Phishing &amp; Scam Awareness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding modern financial scams</li> <li>Recognising red flags and safe online practices</li> <li>Responding to scams and rebuilding confidence</li> </ul>
<b>Credit &amp; Debit Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding credit and debt</li> <li>Using credit responsibly and avoiding pitfalls</li> <li>Balancing both for long-term financial health</li> </ul>	<b>Budgeting &amp; Cash Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating a personal budget foundation</li> <li>Monitoring spending and financial habits</li> <li>Managing debt, savings, risk, and resilience</li> </ul>

**Opt in to ensure your School or Centre Delivers:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High quality financial education on:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saving, Investing, &amp; Financial Goal Setting</li> <li>Phishing &amp; Scams, including money Muling</li> <li>Personal Budgeting &amp; Cash Management</li> <li>Credit &amp; Debit Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN Sustainable Development Goals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government's 5 Year Strategy</li> </ul>
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**Why Alison are leading this initiative**

- Alison is a proudly Irish social EdTech enterprise with 500M+ learners, 10M+ graduates, and 5000+ free courses.
- Alison is dedicated to democratising education & supporting lifelong learning.
- Alison's free, open-access model enables mass uptake.
- Through lifelong access after completion, learners will have financial resources at their fingertips in everyday life.

**Why ILCU are leading this initiative**

- ILCU represents 90% of Credit Unions (CUs) in Ireland, each with a remit to support their communities.
- As member first organisations, the CUs are deeply invested in individual and societal personal & financial wellbeing.
- CUs are Irish consumers' most trusted Financial Institutions, committed to social impact & engagement.
- Irish CUs are dedicated to delivering the Government's 5-Year Financial Literacy strategy
- Together with the community, CUs aim to meaningfully deliver the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Ready to support Financial Education in your community? [Sign your Credit Union up today](#)

The UN SDGs we align to:

**Alison** EMPLOYER YOURSELF **CPD League** **CreditUnions**

**How the initiative works**

<b>1. Confirm Participation</b> Upon confirmation of your organisation's participation, you'll receive a unique link to share with learners.	<b>2. Learner Sign-Up</b> Learners simply register via this link and self-enroll in the courses. No admin for you!	<b>3. Commence Learning</b> Learners will navigate through 4 simple, self-paced CPD-accredited courses on desktop or mobile.
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Would you like a local Credit Union Team Member to visit your school or centre for live facilitation? No problem! Just let us know when you sign up and we will notify them of your interest.

**What participating organisations gain**

- Unlimited access to 4 x CPD-Accredited Irish Financial Literacy Courses
- Unlimited learners in your organisation and community
- Fee Free: Covered by your local Credit Union
- Learning on desktop, mobile, and live facilitation
- All free, on-demand, self-paced learner experience
- Local Irish support

**A word from the Initiative Executive Sponsors:**

<p><b>"Financial literacy empowers people to take control of their financial future, and this collaboration with Dúnas, ILCU and Alison allows us to deliver that impact at scale."</b></p> <p>David McInerney CEO Nuzim Breenan CU, Longford</p>	<p><b>"Credit unions are about empowering members. Guidance and informing members around financial literacy has always been part of the credit union way. Dúnas, ILCU and Alison are partnering with Alison to open new ways to deliver direct to members."</b></p> <p>David Mulvey CEO Tenax CU, Dublin 8</p>	<p><b>"At Alison, we believe financial literacy is a life skill every young person in Ireland deserves. Giving them the knowledge to manage money confidently means giving them a stronger, more independent future. I'm proud to have sponsored this initiative, and to bring it to you via TL, LCA, and Youth Certified."</b></p> <p>Olivia Cosgrove Head of Social Impact, Alison</p>
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**Sign your Credit Union up today**  
 Contact: Olivia Cosgrove, Head of Social Impact, Alison [occosgrove@alison.com](mailto:occosgrove@alison.com)

The UN SDGs we align to:

The programme provides CPD-accredited, self-paced courses covering budgeting, savings, credit management, and scam awareness — all accessible online and completely free for your organisation and the people you support. This could be a valuable resource for helping you to build financial confidence and reduce financial stress. There's no admin required — we simply provide a unique link for you and your organisation to share, and learners can enroll and complete the courses at their own pace. We can also arrange support from a local Credit Union team if in-person facilitation would be helpful. Once you **confirm your participation via this short form**, we will contact you to set up your account. Please see the above programme brochure, which provides you with any additional information you need.

## 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>

# An Cúinne Gaeilge (Irish Corner)

Tacaíochtaí do mhná fiontraíochta Éireannacha



Is clár saor in aisce é Cumasú d'fhiontraithe ban i gceantair Ghaeltachta Mhaigh Eo, na Gaillimhe, Dhún na nGall, Chiarraí, Chorcaí, na Mí, agus Phort Láirge, atá maoinithe ag Údarás na Gaeltachta agus á sheachadadh ag ATU agus MTU. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, tabhair cuairt ar

[Useful supports for Irish women entrepreneurs | ThinkBusiness](#)

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### Aniar Aneas, Aniar Aduaidh



### **Spriocdháta: Dé hAoine 29 Bealtaine 2026**

An ceoltóir, amhránaí agus/nó damhsóir tú atá idir 15-17 bliana d'aois a bhfuil an-suim agat sna healaíona traidisiúnta? An bhfuil ardchaighdeán ceoil/amhránaíochta/damhsa bainte amach agat cheana féin? Ar mhaith leat freastal ar cheardlann le taibheoirí proifisiúnta? Ar mhaith leat a bheith ar stáitse le ceoltóirí agus amhránaithe d'ardchaighdeán? Tá fáilte romhat cur isteach ar 'Aniar Aneas, Aniar Aduaidh'

Beidh an chomhdháil idirnáisiúnta 'Artistic Research and Endangered Conceptual Worlds' ar siúl ar champas Ollscoil na Gaillimhe ó 23-25 Meitheamh 2026 agus beidh taighdeoirí ealaíonta agus cleachtóirí ealaíonta ó gach cúinne den domhan ag freastal ar an ócáid. Reáchtálfar clár Taighde Dána 2026 taobh leis an gcomhdháil in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe 2026 chun go mbeidh na himeachtaí Gaeilge fite fuaite le clár na comhdhála idirnáisiúnta.

Beidh ceolchoirm ar siúl in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe ar an 23ú Meitheamh mar chuid den chomhdháil agus beidh plúr na gceoltóirí, na bhfonadóirí agus na ndamhsóirí ó Ghaeltachtaí na tíre ag taibhiú ag an gceolchoirm seo. Beidh ealaíontóirí óga na Gaeltachta ar stáitse freisin agus cuirfidh siad clár ceoil, amhránaíochta agus damhsa ar an ardán. Cuirfear an clár le chéile ag ceardlanna le háisitheoirí ó cheantair éagsúla Gaeltachta thar dhá lá ar champas Ollscoil na Gaillimhe 22-23 Meitheamh 2026.

Nasc don fhoirm iarratais anseo: ['Aniar Aneas, Aniar Aduaidh': Sprioclá d'iarrataisí Dé hAoine 29 Bealtaine 2026](#)

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**Scoláireachtaí chun freastal ar Chomhdháil Foróige**

**'Ceannaireacht don Saol 2026'**

Údarás na Gaeltachta foróige

## SCOLÁIREACHTAÍ AR FÁIL

### Ceannaireacht don Saol

Comhdháil iontach **Ceannaireacht don Saol** de chuid Foróige ar siúl 27 - 31 Iúil 2026 (Luan go hAoine) do dhéagóirí idir 15 agus 18 bliain d'aois in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad.

#### An Scoláireacht

- Clúdaítear Modúil 1 den chlár **Ceannaireacht don Saol** ag an gComhdháil.
- Scoláireacht €350 ar fáil ó Údarás na Gaeltachta a chlúdaíonn costas na comhdhála go hiomlán - lóistín san ollscoil, béilte agus imeachtaí an tráthnóna san áireamh.

#### Buntáistí na Comhdhála

- Cuir le do chuid scileanna ceannaireachta.
- Cuir aithne ar dhaoine nua.
- Bí ag foghlaim, ag forbairt agus ag baint triail as rudai nua.

#### Foirm Iarratais Anseo!

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#### Spríodhata

- 3 Meitheamh 2026

#### Áit

- Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
- 27 - 31 Iúil 2026

#### Tuilleadh Eolais

- Féach thíos



### Spríodhata: Dé Céadaoin 3 Meitheamh 2026

Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag maoiniú scoláireachtaí do dhaoine óga Gaeltachta idir 15-18 mbliana d'aois chun freastal ar Chomhdháil 'Ceannaireacht don Saol' (Leadership for Life) de chuid Fhoróige a bheidh ar siúl ón 27 Iúil go dtí 31 Iúil 2026 in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad.

Cludaíonn an scoláireacht seo costas iomlán na comhdhála (€350) agus tá lóistín ó Luan go hAoine, an chomhdháil féin, béilte agus na himeachtaí iarnóna ar fad san áireamh.

Más spéis leat iarratas a dhéanamh ar scoláireacht don Chomhdháil líon isteach an fhoirm thíos. Tá líon teoranta scoláireachtaí ar fáil. Glacfar le hiarratais go dtí 3 Meitheamh 2026. Déanfar na hiarratais uile a mheas agus beifear i dteagmháil leis na hiarratasóirí ráthúla ar an 8 Meitheamh 2026.

Má tá aon cheist agat maidir leis an scoláireacht is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an Údarás ag [pleanailteanga@udaras.ie](mailto:pleanailteanga@udaras.ie). Tá gach eolas faoin gcomhdháil ar fáil ar shuíomh Foróige. Cláraigh anois:

**[Scoláireachtaí chun freastal ar Chomhdháil Foróige 'Ceannaireacht don Saol 2026'](#)**

### Caifé na nEalaíontóirí agus na gCoimeádaithe



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## Caifé

### na nEalaíontóirí & na gCoimeádaithe

### Spríodhata: Dé Máirt 9ú Meitheamh 2026

**Dé Sathairn 27ú Meitheamh 10am – 4.30pm Amharclann Chois Fharraige, Indreabhán, H91P23Y**

Tá lúcháir ar Ealaín na Gaeltachta agus ar Visual Artists Ireland cuireadh a thabhairt duit a bheith i láthair ag Caifé na nEalaíontóirí agus na gCoimeádaithe in Amharclann Chois Fharraige. Is ar ealaíontóirí atá i mbun a gcleachtais i gCeantair Ghaeltachta Chonnacht, na Mumhan agus Thír Chonaill, agus ar fud Chontae na Gaillmhe, atá an ócáid seo dírithe, go príomha, agus tabharfaidh sí deis dóibh lá a chaitheamh i mbun plé ar

an gcleachtas ealaíne comhaimseartha (le healaíontóirí atá ag obair i réimsí éagsúla).

Céard leis ar cheart duit a bheith ag súil?

Príomhchur i Láthair: Aitheasc ón choimeádaí agus staraí ealaíne Catherine Marshall.

Clinicí & Cuir i Láthair ó na na Coimeádaithe:

Faigh léargas ar an gceird ónár n-aoi-choimeádaithe – Mary Conlon, Sara Muthi, Aoife Banks, agus Valeria Ceregini – agus iad ag cur síos ar fhorbairt a dhéanamh ar thaispeántais agus mar a chothaíonn siad caidrimh ghairmiúla. Beidh deis ag na rannpháirtithe clinicí coimeádaíochta 1:1 a eagrú, chomh maith le haiseolas pearsanta a fháil ó choimeádaí.

Taispeántais Cheird na nEalaíontóirí:

Bí i láthair ealaíontóirí agus iad ag cur a gcuid saothar i láthair agus ag roinnt a gcuid taithí ar bheith ag forbairt a gcuid ceirde sa gceantar.

Líonrú: Cas le healaíontóirí eile i dtimpeallacht shuaimhneach.

Is ócáid dhátheangach í seo – Gaeilge agus Béarla.

Táille Chlárúcháin: €10 (lón éadrom san áireamh).

Glaoch Oscailte: Taispeántais Cheird na nEalaíontóirí

Tugann Ealaín na Gaeltachta, i gcomhpháirt le VAI, cuireadh d'ealaíontóirí a gcuid suime a léiriú lena gcuid saothar a thaispeáint sa gCaifé na nEalaíontóirí agus na gCoimeádaithe ar an 27 Meitheamh.

Na healaíontóirí a roghnófar, cuirfidh siad sleamhnáin dá gcuid saothar i láthair agus gheobhaidh siad €50 mar tháille taispeántais. Le cur isteach ar áit: Cláraigh don imeacht seo ar shuíomh idirlín an VAI agus cuir d'iarratas chuig [services@visualartists.ie](mailto:services@visualartists.ie)

Riachtanais: Ráiteas gearr ón ealaíontóir (150 focal) agus trí ghrianghraf d'ardchaighdeán de do chuid oibre.

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## Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon



### Spricdháta: Dé Sathairn 20 Meitheamh 2026

Tá an scéim seo oscailte do ghrúpaí, d'eagraíochtaí, d'ealaíontóirí agus do dhaoine aonair sna ceantair Ghaeltachta le deis a thabhairt dóibh forbairt a dhéanamh ar thograí agus ar ghníomhaíochtaí ealaíon d'ardchaighdeán agus iad a chur ar siúl sa Ghaeltacht. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil, tabhair cuairt ar [Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon · Ealaín na Gaeltachta](#)

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## Coimisiún Nua Clár Faisnéise Science on Screen Fógartha



### Spricdháta: Dé Luain 22 Meitheamh 2026 ag 3i.n.

Tá Ardán agus CÚRAM ag dul i gcomhar leis an Dr Fintan Hegarty & an tOllamh Cathal Seoighe in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe, a bhfuil maoiniú bronnta orthu ag Taighde Éireann faoin Discover Programme, chun clár faisnéise as Gaeilge a léiriú i ndomhan taighde ETIM (Eolaíocht Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht agus

Matamaitic – nó STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) mar a dtugtar ar go minic). Clár faisnéise 25 nóiméad i nGaeilge faoi ábhar ETIM atá á lorg againn. Tá fáilte roimh chuir chuige éagsúla – mar shampla, scéalta ETIM á n-insint i nGaeilge; tionscadal a tharraingíonn aird ar obair eolaíochta agus teicneolaíochta i gceantair Ghaeltachta; nó scannán ina gcíortar an tionchar a bhíonn ag cúrsaí ETIM ar shaol na gcainteoirí Gaeilge. Níl iontu seo ach samplaí den chaoi a d'fhéadfaí tabhairt faoin gclár agus moltar go mór bealaí cruthaitheacha de chineálacha eile ar an gceangal atá idir ETIM agus an Ghaeilge a chur faoi bhráid. Bronnfar ciste €40,000 ar an meitheal scannánaíochta (ar a mbeidh léiritheoir agus stiúrthóir uirthi ar a laghad) a roghnaítear chun clár faisnéise 25 nóiméad i nGaeilge a chur ar fáil faoi mhí Márta 2027. Moltar freagraí ardaidhme cruthaitheacha a chur chugainn ar an ngairm seo. Is cúis ríméid dúinn a fhógairt go ndéanfar an clár faisnéise a chraoladh den chéad uair ar TG4 tar éis é a bheith curtha ar taispeánt ag féilte, ach sin faoi réir aontú na gcoimisinéirí leis. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil, tabhair cuairt ar

**[Applications Open for Science on Screen Documentary Commission - STEM as Gaeilge I Ardán](#)**

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## Scéim Phíolótach Tacaíochta Turasóireachta na Gaeltachta



### **Spríocdháta: Dé Máirt 30 Meitheamh 2026**

Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag lorg iarratasóirí faoi Scéim Tacaíochta Turasóireachta na Gaeltachta -ciste nua €350,000 chun borradh a chur faoin turasóireacht sa Ghaeltacht.

### **Cé atá incháilithe?**

- FBManna sa Ghaeltacht nó i limistéar pleanála teanga
- Grúpaí pobail agus comharchumainn
- Eagraíochtaí neamhbhrabúis

### **Céard iad na réimsí incháilithe?**

- Eispéiris chuairoteoirí bunaithe ar theanga agus ar chultúr
- Bonneagar turasóireachta
- Margaíocht agus forbairt dhigiteach
- Tionscnaimh turasóireachta pobail

De réir taighde ó Amárach Research, tá 42% den phobal in Éirinn ar mhaith leo dul ar saoire sa Ghaeltacht.

Tá an t-éileamh ann agus tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag tabhairt tacaíochta duit an deis sin a thapú! Déan

iarratas anois: **[Scéim Phíolótach Tacaíochta Turasóireachta na Gaeltachta I Deontais I Cabhair a thugaimid I Gnó I Údarás na Gaeltachta](#)**

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## Sceideal Scéimeanna Maoinithe Ealaín na Gaeltachta 2026



Tá dátaí oscailte agus spriocdhátaí scéimeanna mhaoinithe Ealaín na Gaeltachta ar fáil anois don bhliain 2026. Is é 19 Eanáir dáta oscailte na scéimeanna, cé is moite den Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta, a osclóidh ar an 2 Meitheamh.

**Spriocdhátaí:**

**16.07.26 - Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta**

**23.07.26 - Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon (Spriocdháta 2)**

**27.08.26 - Treisiú (Spriocdháta 2)**

**24.09.26 - Nearthú (Spriocdháta 2)**

Beidh dhá spriocdháta ar fáil do Scéim Treisiú, Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon agus Scéim Nearthú i rith 2026. Tá gach eolas ar scéimeanna Ealaín na Gaeltachta le fáil óna hÁisitheoirí Ealaíona agus ó fhoireann Cuisle. Cuireann muid comhairle agus tacaíocht ar fáil chomh maith, do lucht na n-ealaíon agus don phobal agus cuirimid fáilte roimh cheisteanna ar bith maidir leis na healaíona sa Ghaeltacht.

Is féidir leat teagmháil a dhéanamh linn ag [ealain@udaras.ie](mailto:ealain@udaras.ie)

Beidh sonraí na scéimeanna le fáil ar [www.ealain.ie](http://www.ealain.ie)

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**Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Scéim Síol**



**Spriocdhátaí: 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. [Léigh Tuilleadh](#)

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

**Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Scéim Oiliúna**



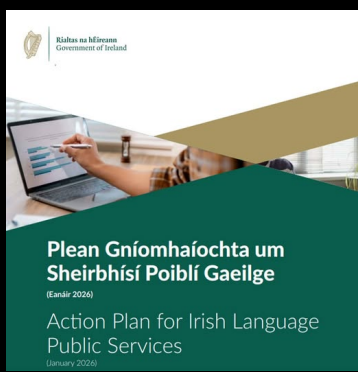
**Spriocdhátaí: Leanúnach**

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



Tá Plean Gníomhaíochta do Sheirbhísí Poiblí na Gaeilge 2026-2028 foilsithe ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus na Gaeltacht. Cuideoidh an plean le normalú na Gaeilge agus cuirfear í ag croílár na seirbhíse poiblí, ag cumasú do chainteoirí na teanga í a úsáid agus iad ag déanamh éileamh ar sheirbhísí. [Léigh tuilleadh](#)

## Supports & Resources

### Memory Cafés in Connemara

**MEMORY CAFÉ  
LETTERFRACK**

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

The Wild Goat Café  
Connemara West Letterfrack

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
2pm - 4pm

For More Information  
Contact Kathleen: 087 241 4169

**Memory Café  
Oughterard**

*Informal get-togethers  
for people living with  
memory loss  
and their carers.*

Lake Hotel Oughterard  
Every Second Tuesday  
of The Month

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

To Attend Please contact  
Nea: 086 130 4327



**Memory Café Inverin Tearmann Eanna**

*Informal get-togethers for people living with memory loss and their carers.*

The Third Wednesday of Each Month (18<sup>th</sup> of May)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

11.00am - 1.00pm  
To Attend Please Contact  
**Caroline: 086 7852156**



**Memory Café Roundstone**

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

Roundstone, The Bake-Away-Café

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June

12.00 pm - 2:00 pm

For More Information  
Contact Kathleen: 087 241 4169



**Memory Café Carna H92 X4WH**

*An Informal get-together for people living with memory loss and their carers.*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

11.00am - 1.00pm  
To Attend Please Contact  
**Eileen Davis: 087 9722419**



**Memory Café Clifden**

The District Hospital H71 YV83

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

Every Second Monday of the Month

11.00am - 1.00pm  
To Attend Please Contact  
**Teresa: 087 721 2329**

**Next meet-up coming up: Wednesdays 3rd June, 2pm - 4pm - The Wild Goat Café, Lettefrack**

Informal, welcoming meet-ups are taking place in Connemara for people living with memory loss and their carers. These cafés offer a relaxed space to chat, connect, and enjoy time together in a supportive community setting. Check the flyers above for more information.



**Wednesdays 3rd June 2026 from 2pm to 3pm - Online**

National Learning Network (NLN) are hosting a free webinar on Wednesday, 3 June 2026 on the topic of Paths to Employment with NLN – Supporting Individuals with Disabilities into Education and Work.

Work has the power to change a life, not just through a payslip, but through purpose, confidence, connection, and opportunity.

Launched in December 2025 by National Learning Network's parent group, Rehab, the #MoreThanAJob campaign aims to transform how Ireland supports people with disabilities into meaningful work. The goal is simple: to make work possible for people who have the ability and desire to contribute, but who rarely get the chance.

This webinar will showcase real stories and offer practical insights from our expert speakers who champion workplace inclusion and who will give advice on how NLN can support people into meaningful jobs with purpose. The session will be useful whether you're a parent, an educator, a health professional, an employer or a student looking ahead to the future. The webinar is free to attend but please register in advance: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

**ILMI Disabled Women's Healthcare Masterclass Series: Give to Gain**

**ILMI**  
INDEPENDENT LIVING  
MOVEMENT IRELAND

*Nothing about us without us*

Disabled women are coming together to build knowledge, confidence and collective power in how we navigate healthcare systems that were not built for us.

ILMI's Disabled Women's Healthcare Working Group is hosting a powerful series of online masterclasses focused on real experiences, real barriers and real change. We are delighted to be joined by guest speakers who are disabled women and leaders across healthcare, policy, advocacy and lived experience.

**SEXUAL HEALTH**  
with Jenny Williams  
Jenny Williams is founder and CEO of Enhance the UK, a mental health organisation supporting disabled people to live full lives. She is a leading voice on sexual rights, relationships and disability, speaking openly from lived experience.

**ALL THINGS MENOPAUSE**  
with Catherine O'Keefe  
Catherine O'Keefe is Ireland's first menopause coach, founder of menopause.ie and an author. She works to increase understanding and support around menopause across Ireland and the UK.

**WITH LUCY WEBSTER**  
Lucy Webster is a journalist, author and disability advocate. Her work focuses on activism, representation and the lived experience of disabled women, and she is the author of 'The Wheel from Down Here'.

**NAVIGATING AN ABLEIST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**  
with Jessica Slice  
Jessica Slice is a author, speaker and activist. Her work explores disability, motherhood and identity, and her book Little Parents challenges inaccessible systems and expectations.

**HEALTHCARE DIGITAL PASSPORT**  
with Nicole Lam  
Nicole Lam is Guidance and Research Lead with the HSE National Disability Quality Improvement Team. Her work focuses on disability justice and addressing barriers within healthcare systems.

**OUR HEALTHCARE SCREENING SERVICES**  
with Aoife Collins  
Aoife Collins is a General Health Promotion Officer with the National Screening Service. She works to improve accessibility and equity across screening programmes, leading work to reduce barriers and make services more inclusive for disabled people.

This series will explore key issues across our lives including access to screening, menopause, sexual health, digital healthcare and navigating ableist systems.

**TO REGISTER EMAIL:** [fionaweldon@ilmi.ie](mailto:fionaweldon@ilmi.ie)

**ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE**

ILMI | #DisabledWomen | #Healthcare | #MoreThanAJob | #ILMIVolunteers

**"GIVE TO GAIN"**  
means systems must learn from disabled women and change.

**THIS IS ABOUT ACCESS, EQUALITY AND REAL PARTICIPATION.**  
*No woman left behind.*

**NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US.**

**Next session coming up: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 6:30pm**

Disabled women are coming together to build knowledge, confidence and collective power in how we navigate healthcare systems that were not built for us. ILMI's Disabled Women's Healthcare Working Group is hosting a powerful series of online masterclasses focused on real experiences, real barriers and real change. Upcoming sessions include:

- June - date to be confirmed: Navigating an Ableist Healthcare System with Jessica Slice
- Wednesday 3rd of June at 6.30pm: Healthcare Digital Passport with Nicole Lam
- Monday 8th of June at 6:30pm: Our Healthcare Screening Services with Aoife Collins

This series will explore key issues across disabled people's lives including access to screening, menopause, sexual health, digital healthcare and navigating ableist systems.

To register email: [fionaweldon@ilmi.ie](mailto:fionaweldon@ilmi.ie)



**Friday 5th June 2026 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm Crabpool Beach, Salthill, Galway**

**Meet at the Yellow Shelter on the promenade**

Galway Sports Partnership is delighted to support Dips for Health with Mental Health Ireland – a refreshing and uplifting way to connect, recharge, and boost your mental wellbeing.

Whether you're a first-time dipper or a seasoned sea lover, this event is open to everyone!

Secure your spot at [www.galwayactive.ie](http://www.galwayactive.ie), link in Events.

For more information: Sarah Fahy [sarah.fahy@mentalhealthireland.ie](mailto:sarah.fahy@mentalhealthireland.ie)

This programme is led by Sarah Fahy from Mental Health Ireland and is supported by Irish Water Safety, Swim Ireland, Healthy Ireland, Galway Sports Partnership, Galway City Partnership, Into the Blue Aquatic Wellbeing and Galway City Council.

## Parents Connect Event

**Join our Free Parents Connect Event**  
For parents and carers of babies & young children (0-3 years)

**Expecting a new baby? Caring for a child 0-3 years?**

Come along!

**Thursday**  
**June 11 (2026)**

**9:30-11:30am**

**Radisson Red, Galway**  
Crown Square, Joyce's Road,  
Galway, **H91 H5PX**  
(on bus route)

**9:30-10:00** Tea/Coffee,  
Information Stands  
**10:00** Speakers

- ✓ Enjoy a coffee
- ✓ Tips for you and your baby's wellbeing
- ✓ Guest Speakers

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Information Stands

[Click here to Register](#)

Further information: Siobhan McAndrew HSE  
Health Promotion & Improvement 087 1882053 or  
email [Siobhan.McAndrew1@hse.ie](mailto:Siobhan.McAndrew1@hse.ie)

**Thursday 11th June 9.30 - 11.30 Radisson Red, Crown Square, Joyces Rd, Galway. H91 H5PX**

Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 0-3 years? Are you expecting a new baby? Come join us for at Galway Parent Connect Free Event to meet other parents, hear from experts, meet services & browse information stands. Click here to register [Parents Connect Event, Galway - June 11, 2026 Tickets, Thursday 11 June · 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

## Stepping Up to Secondary School

- a webinar from Parent Hub, Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force



**Monday 15th June 2026 7:30pm - Online**

Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force - Parent Hub presents "Stepping Up to Secondary School", a webinar for 6th class parents - helping your child with the school transition. Who Should Attend? Parents of 6th class students transitioning into secondary school is September 2026.

To book your place, please visit [The Parent Hub | Events | Stepping Up to Secondary School](#)

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## Starting Solid Foods

**Next dates coming up: Tuesday 16th June 2026 10.30am - 12pm Ballybane Library &**

**Tuesday 22nd June 2026 10.30am - 12pm Wayfair, Wayfair House, Tuam Rd, Galway H91 W260**

Thinking about starting your baby on solid foods? Join one of our upcoming workshops for reliable advice and support from the HSE Community Nutrition & Dietetic Team.

Whether you're a first-time parent or looking for some fresh ideas, these events are perfect for getting tips and tricks on introducing solids to your little one. The experts will share practical advice, answer your burning questions, and provide resources to make this transition as smooth as possible.

To check more dates available and to register, please click [here](#)

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## Creative Places Tuam - Soundboard 121

**Wednesday 17th June 2026 from 10am to 1pm - Online via Zoom**

Looking for a sounding board for your ideas? Whether you need personalised feedback, career or professional development advice, guidance on a funding application, problem-solving specific creative challenges or just space to figure out your next step, Soundboard

121 offers supportive one-to-one sessions tailored for artists and creatives.

We offer 30 minute sessions between 10 AM - 1 PM every third Wednesday of the month. The next offering is Wednesday 17th June 2026.

The sessions take place on Zoom. A link will be sent directly to your email in advance of your booked time. Booking Link:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/e3rAOL4d> or contact [info@creativeplacestuam.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacestuam.ie)

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## Men's NCT Health Day



**Wednesday 17th June 2026 from 4pm to 8pm - Family Resource Centre, Headford, Co. Galway**

Solas Family Resource Centre in Headford, will be running their annual Men's NCT Health Day during Men's Health Week on Wednesday 17th June 2026. Free admission!

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## Creative Places Tuam - Loop Sessions



**Thursday 18th June 2026 19:00 - 21:00 at Brownes, The Square, Tuam - Co. Galway**

Join us for the next Loop Sessions, Creative Places Tuam's monthly artist meet-up! Artists from all artforms (musicians, poets, painters, crafters, dancers etc) and career stages are welcome. Bring an instrument, a poem, something you are working on or simply bring yourself. Loop Sessions are informal monthly gatherings where creatives can connect, share ideas, and spark collaborations - all in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Teas and coffee provided. Come along, meet your peers, and get inspired! For enquiries contact [info@creativeplacestuam.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacestuam.ie)

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## Ireland Summer Games 2026



Be a Part of the Action  
Ireland Summer Games  
2026

**VOLUNTEER TODAY**

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

**From Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st June 2026**

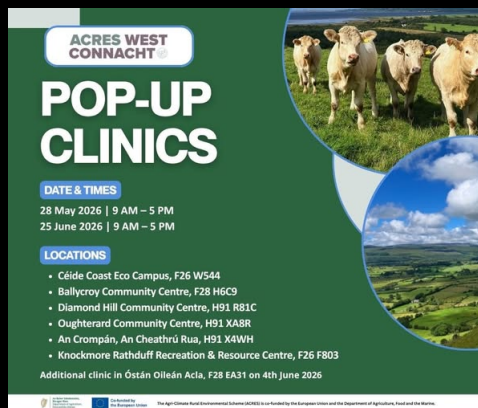
Looking for a positive and meaningful way to make an impact this summer?

Special Olympics Ireland is now recruiting volunteers for the Ireland Summer Games, 18–21 June!

Join the team that brings Ireland’s largest inclusive sporting event to life. With over 1,200 athletes and 6,000 fans, this is your chance to be part of something truly unforgettable.

Sign up today: <https://irelandgames.ie/volunteer>

**ACRES West Connacht Pop-Up Clinic**



**Thursday 25th June 2026 9am - 5pm**

If you wish to discuss any ACRES-related queries such as NPIs, Landscape Actions or ways to improve your commonage score, call into your local clinic to discuss with your Project Officer.

No appointment required. Check the poster above for the locations.

**Helium - FREE Galway & Online Creative Summer Camps**





### **Starting Tuesday 7th July - St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla - Galway City & Online**

Bookings are now open for Helium's FREE summer camps in GALWAY for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions.

Ages: 8-12

Location: St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

Workshop Dates: 14-16 July

Ages: 13-16 years

Location: St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

Workshop Dates: 7-9 July

**[Book your Galway space HERE!](#)**

**Online Workshops** - If you can't make it in person **[Book your ONLINE space here!](#)**

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### **The Home Energy Saving Kit**



The kit contains five tools to help you measure how your home is using energy, where the energy might be escaping and how you can make easy changes to start saving right away.

Home Energy Kits are available to borrow from libraries across Galway County and City.

Pop into your local branch to find out more.

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### **Galway Volunteer Centre**

**Galway Volunteer Centre**  
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach na Gaillimhe

# STRONGER TOGETHER

Invite volunteers.  
**Create real impact.**

Volunteers bring energy, skills and passion that help organisations achieve more and reach further.

Open your doors to volunteers and see the difference they can make.

**THE BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANISATION**

- MORE CAPACITY**  
Volunteers help you do more of what matters.
- NEW SKILLS**  
Volunteers bring fresh ideas, experience and enthusiasm.
- STRONGER COMMUNITY LINKS**  
Volunteering builds connections and trust in your work.
- POSITIVE IMPACT**  
Together, you can make a bigger difference.
- RAISE YOUR PROFILE**  
Volunteers help raise awareness of your organisation.

**OUR SERVICES**

- VOLUNTEER POLICIES**  
We help you create clear, practical policies that support good volunteering.
- GARDA VETTING SUPPORT**  
We guide you through the vetting process so you can recruit with confidence.
- TRAINING AND ADVICE**  
We provide training and expert advice to strengthen your volunteering programme.
- ONE-TO-ONE GUIDANCE**  
Personalised support tailored to your organisation's needs.

*Let's build a stronger Galway - together.*

Volunteers. Communities. Change.  
*Be part of it.*

GET IN TOUCH  
We're here to support you in welcoming volunteers.

Email us at [edel@volunteergalway.ie](mailto:edel@volunteergalway.ie)

Galway Volunteer Centre - Our services: Volunteer Recruitment, Garda Vetting Support, Training and Advice. Volunteers help you do more of what matters.

Contact: Westside Resource Centre Seamus Quirke Road Galway H91 C1KX

Phone: 086 824 7639 - Main Office: 091 581727 - Email: [edel@volunteergalway.ie](mailto:edel@volunteergalway.ie)

## AkiDwA's Employment Project Hiring Non-EEA Migrants, Immigration Permissions and Work Permits

**25 AkiDwA**  
Years  
Justice, Equality & Belonging

## Immigration Training for Employers and Recruiters

Register to learn about who you can hire and how to navigate Immigration Permissions/Stamps, Work Permits and Labour Market Access Permission.

**FREE**

Online | 2-hours

To view available dates and register for trainings, scan QR code or click link in post:

For more information contact:  
[emcoordinator@akidwa.ie](mailto:emcoordinator@akidwa.ie)

An Roinn Dlí agus Cúir,  
Custair Biala agus Iompar  
Department of Justice,  
Home Affairs and Migration

AkiDwA is back with a new phase of Employment Project in 2026. This year they are offering free immigration and inclusive recruitment training for employers, alongside employment-readiness and mentoring support for migrant women. Training will be delivered online by Fragomen, with job fairs planned later in the year. You can sign up for the training here:

**Register Your Interest: [Hiring Non-EEA Migrants, Immigration Permissions and Work Permits](#)**

If you'd like to learn more or get involved, feel free to reach out: [emcoordinator@akidwa.ie](mailto:emcoordinator@akidwa.ie)

**HSE Social Inclusion BOTB Support**

## HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION BOTP SUPPORT

**Who do we support?**  
Individuals residing in UCTAT Accommodation/  
Congregated settings and those living with chronic health conditions.

Olga 087 186 3815



Community clinics are no longer available. For all inquiries, please contact Olga.



## Підтримка BOTP HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

**Кому ми надаємо підтримку?**  
Людям, які проживають у місцях наданих державою (житло надане UCTAT) та особам із хронічними захворюваннями

Ольга 087 186 3815

Клініки більше не працюють. З усіх питань телефонуйте до Ольги.

Support for individuals residing in UCTAT Accommodation/Congregated settings and those living with chronic health conditions. For all inquires, please call Olga 087 186 3815

## Traveller Suicide Bereavement

**Traveller Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service**

We are here to support Traveller families nationwide who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- We offer **FREE** confidential emotional support to help families navigate this incredibly difficult time.
- Rapid response support** within 24 - 48 hours after the loss of a loved one by Suicide.
- Practical help** liaising with services, arranging meetings & accessing resources.
- Understanding Traveller-specific needs** when working with services.

**Contact Details:**

<b>Ciara Mc Donagh</b> ☎ 086 102 1852 ✉ ciara.mcdonagh@otm.ie	<b>Tracy Mc Donagh</b> ☎ 086 102 1855 ✉ tracy@otm.ie
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TRAVELLING TO WELLBEING | OTM | HSE

A new suicide bereavement support service has recently been launched, accessible to all members of the Traveller Community nationwide, and includes support for the whole family. For more information contact Ciara at 086 102 1852 or Tracy at 086 102 1855

## Traveller Counselling Service - Toire

**TRAVELLER COUNSELLING SERVICE** | **TORIE** PATHWAYS TO WELLBEING TRAVELLERS TALKING

**Free Counselling for the Traveller community in Galway with the Traveller Counselling Service**

The Traveller Counselling Service has partnered with TORIE Counselling to provide **free counselling** for the Traveller community in Galway.

The counselling service uses a culturally inclusive framework that respects Traveller culture, identity and values.

The counselling sessions can be done in person, over the phone, or over video. It is not a crisis/emergency service.

**086 308 1476**  
**087 637 9074**  
**01 868 5761**

TRAVELLER | TORIE | gfm

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

# AsI Am's One Stop Shops 1

**As I Am** IRELAND'S AUTISM CHARITY  
**COMMUNITY HUB**  
*One Stop Shop 1*  
 (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon)

Supported By: **HSE**

**AsI Am's Community Hub - One Stop Shop 1**  
 is now welcoming bookings for the  
 in-person Information and Advice service

[www.asiam.ie/what-we-do/community-hubs](http://www.asiam.ie/what-we-do/community-hubs)

Community Hub 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 [here](#)

## AsI Am Online Employment Programme for autistic job seekers

**As I Am** IRELAND'S AUTISM CHARITY

**ONLINE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME FOR AUTISTIC JOBSEEKERS**

**Employment Groups & Weekly Job Search Strategy & CV Clinic**

**Our programme supports:**

- Job Search Strategy
- CV Development & Application Letter Writing
- Interview Skills
- Understanding Neurodiversity in the Workplace

Calling Autistic Jobseekers, book in for online employment groups here: <https://calendly.com/employmentsupportscheduling>

## HSE Winter Preparedness Signposting

**HSE Resources**

**HSE Health App**  
 The HSE Health App is a secure way to:

- access HSE information
- find Health Services
- keep and find personal health information

Visit [www2.hse.ie/health-app/](http://www2.hse.ie/health-app/) for more information on the App.

**Health Promotion**  
 For health information leaflets on Alcohol, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity or Quitting Smoking visit [www.healthpromotion.ie](http://www.healthpromotion.ie)

**My Medicines List**  
 My Medicines List is a form that lists all the medicines and supplements patients are prescribed. The My Medicines List can be print from [www.hse.ie/safermeds/](http://www.hse.ie/safermeds/) or patients ask for a copy at their local pharmacy.

**Home Support Service for Older People**  
 Aims to support older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to support informal carers. For more information on how to apply, scan the QR code or go to the following website:  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/home-support-services/apply-for-home-support-services/apply-for-home-support-services.html>

**Fair Deal Scheme**  
 The Fair Deal Scheme is a government-funded nursing home support programme where individuals contribute a means-tested, fixed amount toward long-term care costs, and the HSE pays the remaining balance. To find more information on applying, scan the QR code or visit the website by following this link:  
<https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes/allowances/fair-deal-scheme/about/>

**Local Services & Supports**  
 To find details of all the Older People Services provided where you live, please scan the QR code or visit the website at the following:  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/older-people/mao-older.html>

**Advocacy**

**Safeguarding Ireland**  
 Safeguarding Ireland promotes safeguarding of adults who may be vulnerable to protect them from all forms of abuse by persons, organisations and institutions  
 Email: [info@safeguardingireland.org](mailto:info@safeguardingireland.org)  
 Visit: [www.safeguardingireland.org](http://www.safeguardingireland.org)

**Sage Advocacy**  
 Sage Advocacy is the National Advocacy Service for Older people. It works to ensure that people have easy access to information, support, independent advocacy and safeguarding services in all settings.  
 Phone: 01 536 7330  
 Email: [info@sageadvocacy.ie](mailto:info@sageadvocacy.ie)  
 Visit: [www.sageadvocacy.ie](http://www.sageadvocacy.ie)

**Decision Support Service**  
 The Decision Support Service provide a service for people who need support to make certain decisions (such as where you live, medical treatment options etc.). This includes people who would like to plan ahead for the future.  
 Phone: 01 211 9750  
 Email: [queries@decisionsupportservice.ie](mailto:queries@decisionsupportservice.ie)  
 Visit: [www.decisionsupportservice.ie](http://www.decisionsupportservice.ie)

**Community Supports**

**ALONE**  
 ALONE is a National Organisation that enables older people to age at home and also provides:

- Telephone Support & Befriending Services
- Assistive Technology
- Social Prescription
- Support Coordination

Referrals to ALONE can be made through an online referral form available at [www.alone.ie/make-a-referral](http://www.alone.ie/make-a-referral) or through the National Support and Referral Line: 0818 222 024

**Alzheimer's Society of Ireland**  
 The ASI works across the country in the heart of local communities, providing dementia-specific services and supports and advocating for the rights and needs of all people living with dementia and their carers.  
 National Helpline Service: 1800 341 341  
 (Open 6 days a week)

**HSE Winter Preparedness Signposting**

**Community Supports (Continued)**

**COPD Support Ireland**  
 COPD Support Ireland is the national charity supporting people living with COPD and their carers, uniting local support groups across Ireland to provide advocacy and assistance.  
**General Enquiries: 01 539 2181**  
**Email: info@copd.ie**

**Family Carers Ireland**  
 Family Carers Ireland benefit the community by supporting the health and wellbeing of family carers and those for whom they care.  
**National Careline Service: 1800 240 724**  
 (Mon – Thurs: 9am to 5:30pm)  
 (Fri: 9am to 5pm)

**Age Friendly Homes**  
 The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme aims to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence for as long as possible.  
**Phone: 046 924 8899**  
**Email: healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie**  
**Visit: www.agefriendlyhomes.ie**

**Asthma Society of Ireland**  
 The national representative body for people with asthma strives to be the authentic voice of the 450,000 people with asthma in Ireland, representing their views and interests with policy and change makers at all levels.  
**Asthma Advice Line: 1800 445 464**

**Care Alliance Ireland**  
 Care Alliance Ireland work with organisations to provide better information and supports to family carers, providing opportunities for collaboration on family carer initiatives.  
**National Careline Service: 01 874 7776**  
**Email: info@carealliance.ie**

**Mental Health & Wellbeing**

**Yourmentalhealth.ie**  
 Website with information and advice about your mental health and wellbeing including services and supports available to you.  
**Confidential Helpline: 1800 111 888**

**Social Prescribing**  
 Social Prescribers link people into local community-based activities and supports to help maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.  
**allirelandsocialprescribing.ie**

**Samaritans**  
 Samaritans is a charity in Ireland offering emotional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to anyone who is in distress, lonely, struggling to cope or feeling suicidal.  
**Free phone: 116 123**  
**Email: jo@samaritans.org**

**Citizens Information**  
 Citizens Information Ireland is Ireland's national, free, and independent public information service, providing comprehensive, easy-to-understand advice on social services, entitlements, and rights.  
**Website: citizensinformation.ie**  
**National Phone Service: 0818 07 4000**

**For Staff Use Only**

**HSE Area Finder**  
 HSE Area Finder is a tool designed to support healthcare professionals streamline patient care and enhance the quality of healthcare services. It provides healthcare professionals with a point of contact for primary care and community services, based on Eircode and Address.

*\*Intended for use by Health Professionals only*

Important Winter Preparedness resources and supports. Scan QR codes for more detailed information.

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



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](mailto:helpline@grcc.ie)

### Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service



**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+**

**Supporting LGBTQ+ youth across Ireland**

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

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

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

Talk to our [Youth Workers](#) 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**

**Don't put off getting support**

Find free counselling and confidential phone support at

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

**Social Prescribing**

**Social Prescribing**

**Connecting YOU to your local community**

If you live near, Tuam, Athlery 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](mailto:katiegrant@grd.ie)

Website: [www.grd.ie](http://www.grd.ie)

📞 087 475 9547 [katiegrant@grd.ie](mailto:katiegrant@grd.ie)

**Support Numbers**

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

<p><b>THE SAMARITANS</b>  <b>116 123</b>  <a href="mailto:Email:jo@samaritans.ie">Email:jo@samaritans.ie</a></p>	<p><b>PIETA</b>        Text "HELP" to <b>51444</b>  <b>1800 247 247</b>        Galway: <b>091 502921</b></p>
<p><b>ALONE</b>  <b>0818 222 024</b>  <a href="http://www.alone.ie">www.alone.ie</a></p>	<p><b>SpunOut: text about it</b>        Text "Hello" to <b>50808</b>  <a href="http://www.text50808.ie">www.text50808.ie</a></p>
<p><b>AWARE</b>  <b>1800 80 48 48</b></p>	<p><b>YourMentalHealth,(HSE)</b>        Freephone:  <b>1800 111 888</b></p>
<p><b>CHILDLINE</b>  <b>1800 666 666</b>        Instant messaging:  <a href="http://www.childline.ie">www.childline.ie</a></p>	<p><b>Men's Development Network</b>  <b>1800 816 588</b></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE</b>  <b>1800 778 888</b></p>	<p><b>Women's Aid</b>  <b>1800 341 900</b></p>
<p><b>MABS</b>        (MONEY, ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SEXUALITY)  <b>0761 072 000</b></p>	<p><b>HSE, DRUGS &amp; ALCOHOL HELPLINE</b>  <b>1800 459 459</b></p>
<p><b>GAMBLING CARE</b>  <b>1800 936 725</b>  <a href="http://www.gamblingcare.ie">www.gamblingcare.ie</a></p>	<p><b>National LGBT+ Helpline</b>  <b>1890 929 539</b></p>

Please Reach Out.

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

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

Rainbows Group support provides:

- A 7-week learning, group support programme for children and young people with Behavioural and Parental Separation.
- Children and young people of a similar age than 'Twinkl'.
- Separate groups are formed for Behavioural and Parental Separation.
- Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings/not controlling, manage 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  
085 170 2530

TÚSLA  
NUIÁL WINDS  
085 170 2530

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

### Macra Club

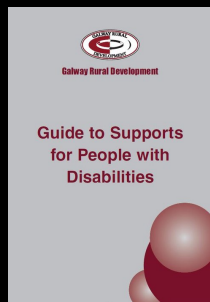
**WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?**

- 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](mailto: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?**

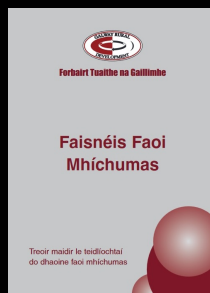
☎ 086 780 8987 [ddonnelly@macra.ie](mailto:ddonnelly@macra.ie)

### 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 mhaireachtaí neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíochtaí [ANSEO](#)

## Siel Bleu Ireland: Exercise Classes for Older Adults

### Exercise Classes for Older Adults

Boost your physical, mental & social well-being through exercise.

As a non-profit organisation, Siel Bleu Ireland designs tailored physical activity programmes for older adults and people living with chronic conditions. We promote autonomy and well-being, ensuring that everyone has the capacity and self-confidence necessary to live independent and happy lives.





**Community Classes**

Improve your physical, social and mental health in one of our community groups near your home.



**1-to-1 exercise classes**

Ideal for those who can't travel to a community class or prefer the benefits of an in-person experience.



**Siel Bleu At Home**

Designed for people who would rather practice physical activity in their own home through online classes.

More information at  
01 209 6889 | [info@sielbleu.ie](mailto:info@sielbleu.ie) | [www.sielbleu.ie](http://www.sielbleu.ie)  
CHY 19489 | CRA 20076504




Siel Bleu Ireland, a non-profit organisation, provides adapted physical activity programmes for older adults and people living with chronic conditions. Their mission is to help people maintain their independence, confidence, and overall quality of life through accessible physical activity. They offer:

- Online exercise classes through our “Siel Bleu At Home” programme, allowing participants to stay active from the comfort of their own home;
- In-person community classes designed to improve physical, mental, and social well-being in a friendly and supportive environment;
- As well as one-to-one exercise sessions for individuals who may require more personalised support.

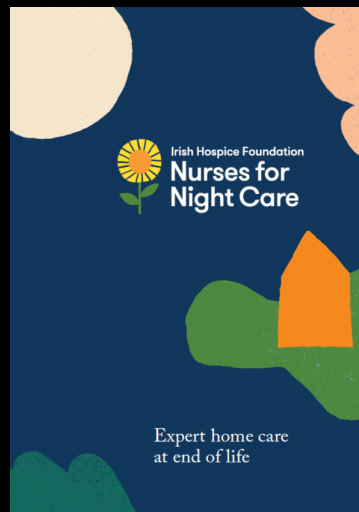
More information at 01 209 6889 | [info@sielbleu.ie](mailto:info@sielbleu.ie) | [www.sielbleu.ie](http://www.sielbleu.ie)



*Homeshare* is a simple concept with numerous and wide-ranging benefits for all participants. *Householders* are people who have a home they are open to sharing but require a little support and companionship in return. Householders with a room to spare are carefully matched, with Garda vetted accommodation seekers (*Homesharers*). Based on their support requirements, shared interests, and personality. The Homesharer provides 10 hours of practical support and companionship as well as an overnight presence each week in exchange for their accommodation. [Read more](#)

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### Nurses for Night Care



Irish Hospice Foundation funds the Nurses for Night Care service for people dying with illnesses other than cancer. Nurses for Night Care enables people with diseases like dementia, motor neurone disease, advanced respiratory disease, heart failure and end stage kidney disease to receive expert nursing care and support at night in their own homes in their final days. It also provides reassurance and respite for families and loved ones caring for someone at home. [Read more](#)

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### Information and Support Line



Facing or caring for a friend or family member with a life-limiting illness can be both a challenging and uncertain time for anyone. The Information and Support Line is a confidential line that provides signposting, practical supports and resources about end-of-life care in Ireland. It is important to note that the Information and Support Line is not a medical, emergency or crisis service. The Information and Support line is available on freephone 1800 60 70 66 from 9am – 1pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays and other holiday periods). You can also email queries to [support@hospicefoundation.ie](mailto:support@hospicefoundation.ie)

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### Bereavement Support Line



No-one has to grieve alone. Our Bereavement Support Line is here to provide comfort and support. If you are grieving or worried about someone else who is, call Freephone 1800 80 70 77, available Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm. This service

offers a confidential space for individuals to discuss their grief or ask questions related to the death of someone they care about. The service aims to provide comfort and emotional support, and any information shared is kept confidential unless necessary for safeguarding reasons. For more info, please visit [Bereavement Support Line - Irish Hospice Foundation](#)

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### 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](#)

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### Galway Volunteer Centre



At Galway Volunteer Centre you can find out more about volunteering and get advice and support on opportunities to suit you. [Read more](#)

### Ombudsman Monthly Complaints Clinic in Galway



The Ombudsman examines complaints from people who feel they have been unfairly 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. To book into a clinic or to find out if your query is a legal query, click [here](#) or call 01 847 7804

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## OTHER ORGANISATION'S NEWSLETTERS

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Healthy Galway  
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#)



ALONE  
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Community & Disability Newsletter [HERE](#)



ILMI eBulletin:  
[HERE](#)

## Notice Board / Events

### Kinvara Plein Air Festival 2026



**From Friday 29th May to Monday 1st June 2026 – Kinvara, Co. Galway**

The Kinvara Plein Air Festival is a well-established annual event and the third largest festival on the calendar of plein air events in Ireland. Over the June bank holiday weekend, more than 150 artists will descend on Kinvara, the Burren and South Galway for four days of outdoor painting in some of the most beautiful spots on the Wild Atlantic Way: Kinvara village, Coole Park, Ballyvaughan, Lough Cutra Castle and Eagle's Rock in the Burren. There's a full programme of workshops, daily paint outs and social events, with an opportunity to exhibit artwork and win some great prizes.

For the full programme, please visit [Kinvara Plein Air](#)

### Headfest 2026



**Until Monday 1st June 2026**

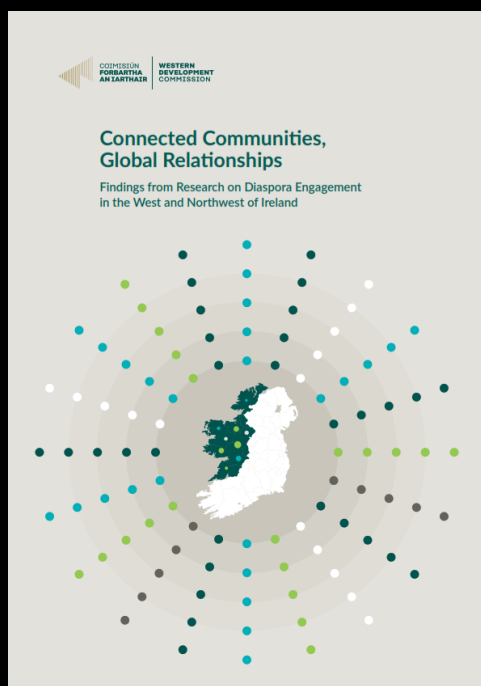
Headfest 2026 invites you to experience “The Corrib: Land, Water, Air,” a celebration of the River Corrib and the biodiversity, heritage and culture that shape Headford and the surrounding area.

Taking place over the June Bank Holiday weekend, the festival brings together music, sport, community events and local enterprise, with something for all ages.

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

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## **Connected Communities, Global Relationships & Webinar: Diaspora Engagement in the West and Northwest of Ireland**



**Tuesday 2nd June 2026 from 11am to 12pm (GMT+1) - Online**

The Western Development Commission have just published new research on diaspora engagement in the West and Northwest of Ireland which should be of great interest to a wide range of groups and organisations. Perhaps unsurprisingly, heritage and genealogy groups were amongst the largest cohort of survey respondents and the report reveals the quiet but very valuable role that such groups are playing in reconnecting people with place through genealogy, heritage, archives, local history and community memory. A number of case studies contained within the report should be of particular interest – the **Global Irish Famine Way, Kilrush and District Historical Society** and **Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair**. This report is essential reading for anyone interested in heritage, migration and diaspora connection. To read the full report, an Executive Summary or any of the case studies, go to [Connected Communities, Global Relationships - Western Development Commission](#).

The Western Development Commission will also be holding a public webinar to share the findings and to reflect on how the work of heritage groups and others working in this area can be better supported to meet the potential that's out there. It's on June 2nd at 11 a.m. You can sign up at [Webinar: Diaspora Engagement in the West and Northwest of Ireland Tickets, Tuesday, June 2 · 11 AM - 12 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#).

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**Giob Geab with Shani Williams**

Galway Climate Inspirations Festival  
Communities in Action  
24 - 28 June

**Giob Geab**  
with Shani Williams



Group Presents;  
5 Slides,  
5 Minutes Sharp!

Community groups, Social Enterprises, Biodiversity groups, and Residents Associations are invited to present their sustainability projects

To apply contact [Climate@GalwayCity.ie](mailto:Climate@GalwayCity.ie) by 5 June or for more info go to [GalwayClimateFestival.ie](http://GalwayClimateFestival.ie)

📍 Festival Tent, Fr. Burke Park, Galway  
🕒 19:00pm-22:00pm Thursday, 25 June, 2026

Féile Pobail Inspioráide Aeráid na Gaillimhe  
Pobail Faoi Lánsaol  
24 - 28 Meitheamh

**Giob Geab**  
le Shani Williams



Cur i láthair grúpa;  
5 sleamhnán,  
faoi 5 nóiméad!

Grúpaí Pobail, Bithéagsúlacha, Fiontar Shóisialta, agus Cumainn Áitritheoirí is arail; léirigh do thionscnaimh inmharthanachta nó a smaointe nuálacha ar stáitse.

Iarratais: [Climate@GalwayCity.ie](mailto:Climate@GalwayCity.ie) suas go 5 Meitheamh.  
Tuilleadh eolais: [GalwayClimateFestival.ie](http://GalwayClimateFestival.ie)

📍 Puball na Féile, Páirc an Athar de Búrca  
🕒 19:00i.n.-22:00i.n. Déardaoin, 25 Meitheamh, 2026

**Closing date: 5th June 2026**

Would you or your group like to present your sustainability projects or ideas at the Giob Geab community story telling night, as part of the **Galway Climate Inspirations Festival 2026**.

The Giob Geab event will take place on Thursday 25 June between 7 – 10 pm, in the Festival Tent, Fr. Burke Park, Galway City.

The format is simple: a group presents 5 slides for 5 minutes sharp, highlighting the environmental, biodiversity and / or climate actions taking place in Galway through your Resident / Community group.

Please click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We-jmzXn-OA> to gain an understanding of the style, energy, and lighted-hearted atmosphere of the event.

To apply please email [climate@galwaycity.ie](mailto:climate@galwaycity.ie) by the 5th June stating:

Email title / subject = **Giob Geab**

The name of the project

Contact name

Brief outline of the projects goals & objectives

**Or**

if you or your members would like to attend the event as a member of the audience, please click on the link below and follow the registration process.

<https://galwayclimatefestival.ie/giob-geab-with-mc-shani/>

We would be delighted to have you join us at the event, whether as a participant or as part of the audience. Come along, enjoy the evening, and connect with like-minded people. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Saturday 6th June at 7.30pm Black Box Theatre - Galway City - Free event**

Get ready to move! This vibrant world céilí celebrates the music and dance traditions from around the world including West African dance, Palestinian Dabke, Ukrainian dance, as well as the traditional Irish céilí dances – all to live music.

Featuring a line-up of world-class musicians and dancers, this uplifting event invites everyone — seasoned dancers and complete beginners alike — onto the dancefloor. No experience needed and all ages are welcome — each dance style is taught as you go. Energised by live music, pulsating rhythms and the thrill of learning new cultural dance forms, this unique and joyous event will have you moving, smiling, sweating and wanting more.

Come with friends, family or on your own — Céilí Afro Dabke Ukraine is an invitation to gather, meet new people, celebrate the richness of world cultures and dance.

Free entry, reserve your ticket in advance: [Céilí Afro Dabke Ukraine - World Music Céilí](#)

**Men's Health Week 2026**

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK 2026				Monday 15th – Sunday 21st June 2026	
This year's theme is "One Step at a Time"					
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT	
Monday 15th of June	St O' Higgins, Roscommon Harbour, Galway City, H91 P839	Men's Health Fair	9.00am - 1.00pm	Paul@shiggins.com	
	Westside Community Centre H91 B853	'Come and try it' - Men's Health Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	civild@ga.ie	
	Chlorine Works T12 H835	Men's Shave Walk	11.00am	maand@westside.ie@gmail.com	
Monday 16th of June		Men and Mental Wellbeing Evidence, News and Practical Advice	10.00am - 11.00am	Enigma_Funding@ga.ie https://www.mhsw.ie	
	Cloughjordan Community Centre H91 D448	Walking Soccer	12.00pm	lgrapple@pghalway.ie	
	Roanmore Barracks H91 E22C	Men's Health Fair	3.00pm - 7.00pm	aima.gibson@edmorehouses.ie	
Wednesday 17th of June	Broadford, St Peter's Hall, H91 TW5F	Health Information Evening	4.00pm - 8.00pm	John@malack.ie	
	Ballyvaughan College Highschool Road Galway H91 P930	'Come and try it' - Men's Health Event	6.00pm - 8.30pm	venice@ga.ie	
	Malins Park and Park H91 E22C	Push and Pull	11.00am	lgrapple@pghalway.ie	
Thursday 18th of June	FORBID Community H91, Clifton H91 T577	Men's Health Fair	11.00am - 1.00pm	m.pope@forbidcommunity.ie	
	Edelweiss Community Resource Centre H91 W940	Men's Health Event	6.00pm - 8.30pm	grace@ga.ie	
Friday 19th of June	Ballyvaughan Community Resource Centre, Broadford Rd, Galway, H91 P930	Traveler Men's Health Information Session	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Arling_Cahoon@pghalway.ie	
Saturday 20th of June	Wheen Cross Mart, H91 V520	Men's Health Fair	8.30am - 12.30pm	p.johnd@forbidcommunity.ie	

**From Monday 15th to Sunday 21st June 2026**

Men's Health Week 2026 starts on Monday June 15th, check the poster above for details.

**Free Wellness Event Male Carers**

**FREE WELLNESS EVENT FOR  
Male Carers**



**11AM – 2PM, THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
RAHEEN WOODS HOTEL, ATHENRY**

\*This event is open to Male Carers only

- Access support information
- Try out activities
- Relax and enjoy a light lunch with other Male Carers

**TO BOOK CLICK [HERE](#) OR SCAN QR CODE**

Enquiries: [galwaycs@familycarers.ie](mailto:galwaycs@familycarers.ie)





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

**Thursday 18th June 2026**

This event is promised to be a fun, relaxed and informative day with a lovely lunch and a one day free pass will be given to all carers who attend to access the Raheen Tranquillity Leisure suite use of pool, sauna, steam room , jacuzzi and gym at their convenience.

Enquiries: [galwaycs@familycarers.ie](mailto:galwaycs@familycarers.ie)

**Family Fun Event: SmartBay Sea Secrets –  
Discover the Wonders Beneath Galway Bay at Galway City Museum**



**Family Fun Event:  
SmartBay Sea Secrets - Discover the Wonders Beneath Galway Bay**

**When:** Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> (12pm to 2pm)  
**Where:** Galway City Museum







**Saturday 20th June 2026 12pm - 2pm - Galway City Museum, Galway, H91 CX5P - Free event**

A fun family free event where you can meet real-life scientists from SmartBay! Discover what's happening beneath the waves and learn about sea life, cool technology, and ocean secrets in Galway Bay. Got questions? Their friendly team will be there to chat and share exciting stories about exploring the ocean! SmartBay is Ireland's National observation and validation facility for the marine and ocean energy sector. Free drop-in event. No booking required.

See stunning underwater photographs of Galway Bay in the new exhibition An Tír Faoi Thoinn – The Land Beneath the Waves now on display at Galway City Museum. For more information, please visit: [TALKS: SmartBay Sea Secrets – Discover the Wonders Beneath Galway Bay • Galway City Museum](#)

**Ballinasloe Multicultural Mid Summer Festival**

**BALLINASLOE  
MIDSUMMER  
MULTICULTURAL  
FESTIVAL 2026**

**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026 | 1PM - 5PM**  
**EMERALD BALLROOM & FAIR GREEN**  
H53 X7T1

- ▶ Opening Ceremony with Ballinasloe Town Band
- ▶ Schools Arts & Flags Display
- ▶ International Food, Music, Song & Dance
- ▶ Family Fun Run
- ▶ Live Music & DJ
- ▶ Sports Club Taster Sessions
- ▶ Sensory Games & Activities
- ▶ Ice Cream & Coffee Truck

**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

CONTACT 0909646516 OR BALLINASLOE.IE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

**Saturday 20th June 2026 from 1pm to 5pm Ballinasloe Fair Green & Emerald Ballroom**

Ballinasloe's Multicultural Midsummer Festival returns on Saturday, June 20th, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, bringing the community together at the Fair Green and Emerald Ballroom. This vibrant family event celebrates cultural diversity and community spirit through a rich programme of activities and entertainment. Contact 090 964 6516 or <https://www.ballinasloe.ie/>

**My Culture, My Heritage / Refugee Celebration 2026**  
**From Many Nations to One Community**

**Make a Difference Youth Club Tuam**  
**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**  
**MY CULTURE MY HERITAGE / REFUGEE CELEBRATION 2026**  
*From Many Nations to One Community*  
Celebrating Refugees and Cultural Diversity

Would you like to be part of this special event?  
We are calling on:

- ▶ Cultural Food Exhibitors
- ▶ Dancers
- ▶ Singers
- ▶ Spoken Word Artists
- ▶ Performers
- ▶ Volunteers

Come and showcase your culture, talent, food, or story!

Date: Saturday, 20th June 2026  
Time: 4pm - 7pm  
Venue: Family Resource Centre Tuam  
To participate, contact: **089 969 5496**

Supported by:

SICAP, Comhairle Chontae na Gallainne, Galway County Council

**Saturday 20th June 2026 from 4pm to 7pm Family Resource Centre Tuam**

Make a Difference Youth Club Tuam Call for Participants!

Would you like to be part of this special event? To participate, contact 089 969 5496

**Climate Inspirations Festival 2026**



**From Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th June - Fr. Burke Park and venues across Galway city**

From 24–28 June 2026, Galway City will come alive with the award-winning Climate Inspirations Festival — five days of creativity, conversation and community action responding to the climate crisis.

Expect 30+ events including climate art, interactive exhibitions, live music, talks, workshops, a community fair and the much-loved Climate Cocktail Club — all centred around Fr. Burke Park and venues across the city.

Join artists, scientists, sustainability leaders and local communities, with speakers and performers including Harrison Gardner, Prof. John Sweeney, Roisin Murphy, John Gibbons, Sharon Shannon, Jiggy and DJ Sally Cinnamon. Full programme will be available at

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

**Loughrea Through Little Eyes**

**Closing date: End of June**

LCRfm 102.9 are excited to launch a brand new photography competition for young creators in their community. They want to see Loughrea through little eyes, the places, moments, sunsets, nature, landmarks, sports, friendships, family moments, or favourite spots that make our town special.

PRIZES: Voucher for Under 8s; Voucher for Under 12s - THEME: Our Town

HOW TO ENTER:

- Take a photo based on the theme
- Post it in the comments below
- OR message the LCRfm page privately
- OR share it to your stories and tag LCRfm 102.9
- Don't forget to include your child's name and age

Photos can be taken on a phone or camera, closing date: End of June

**Best wishes from the PPN Team!**

Le dea-ghuí, (*with kind regards*)

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