



Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Galway County PPN Monthly Newsletter

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Cathaoirleach's Awards 2026 Ghradam an Chathaoirligh 2026



Friday 8th May 2026 The Raheen Woods Hotel Athenry, Co. Galway

The Cathaoirleach's Awards are an annual initiative to acknowledge and celebrate voluntary activity by individuals and groups in County Galway, across a range of areas including arts & culture, heritage, An Ghaeilge, environment & climate action, sports and social inclusion. The Awards Ceremony is being held on Friday 8th May commencing at 6.30 p.m. and we are live-streaming the Awards Ceremony on the Galway County Council Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Galwaycounty/>



WE VALUE YOUR
FEEDBACK
LET US KNOW
WHAT YOU THINK
GALWAY COUNTY PPN
MEMBER'S ONLINE SURVEY



<https://forms.office.com/e/TYQhFBh6Az>

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



**PPN REP
NOMINATION**

Galway PPN is Seeking
Nominations from PPN
Member Organisations.

Position vacant on the Secretariat Committee in 4 municipal
district areas: Loughrea, Oranmore/Athenry, Tuam & Ballinasloe
Municipal District

**Check your PPN Members Emails for further
information and nomination forms.
Read terms and conditions carefully.**

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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

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](#)

Public Participation Networks Roadmap

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

NATIONAL PPN TRAINING

PPN Training resources

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

PPN Stakeholders Training

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

Council & Government News

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



<https://www.galway.ie>



Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May 2026

WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, will hold a series of WEEE collections throughout County Galway. These collections will allow people from towns and villages across the county to dispose of any household electrical equipment and batteries in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) collections are scheduled for the following locations in Galway:

Saturday 2nd May 2026	Oughterard - Oughterard GAA Car Park, Pier Road, Oughterard, Co. Galway H91 EVW3	10am - 4pm
Saturday 9th May 2026	Loughrea - Loughrea Mart, Station Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway H62 AV97	10am - 4pm
Saturday 16th May 2026	Mountbellew - Mountbellew- Moylough GAA Club, Mountbellew, Co. Galway H53 X251	10am - 4pm
Saturday 23rd May 2026	Portumna - Co-Operative Mart, Dominic Street, Portumna, Co. Galway H53X867	10am - 4pm
Saturday 30th May 2026	Gort - Gort Co-Operative Mart, Ballybawn, Gort, Co. Galway H91 V256	10am - 4pm

Reduce Energy Bills – Retrofit Rig Coming to Clifden

Energy Efficiency Roadshow brings Mobile Retrofit Hub to Connemara

Retrofit Rig Week 1 (27 April – 1 May): Carraroe, An Croomán
Retrofit Rig Week 2 (5 May – 8 May): Clifden Fire Station

Spaces for free NZEB training sessions and 1:1 clinics are limited, booking is essential. For timetable info & to book, please scan the QR Code below

www.galway.ie/en/climate-action/climate-action-events-1

Tá an NZEB Retrofit Rig ag teacht go Connemara

Seachtain 1 (27 Aibreán – 1 Bealtaine): An Cromptán, An Cheathrú Rua
 Seachtain 2 (5 - 8 Bealtaine): An Stáisiún Dóiteáin, An Clochán

Tá áiteanna do sheisiúin traenáil NZEB agus do chlinicí 1:1 saor in aisce ach teoranta; tá áirithint riachtanach. Chun eolas ar an gclár ama agus chun áirithint a dhéanamh, déan scanadh ar an gcód QR thíos.

From Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th May 2026 - Clifden Fire Station, Clifden, Co. Galway

The Mount Lucas Retrofit Rig is coming to Clifden Fire Station from Tuesday the 5th to Friday the 8th May, offering free expert advice on home energy upgrades and a range of accredited training and information events (some with limited capacity). This mobile retrofit hub is a great opportunity to:

- Learn how retrofitting can reduce energy bills and improve comfort
- Get up to date advice on grants and supports
- Speak directly with experts about homes, businesses and vacant properties

Drop in Events (no booking required)

- Wednesday 6 May (afternoon): Retrofitting options and available grants
- Thursday 7 May (afternoon): Retrofitting advice and grant supports, including information from the Vacant and Derelict Homes Officers
- Friday 8 May (10am–1pm): Retrofitting and grants, with a focus on the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme

Bookable Events (limited places)

- Tuesday 5 May (9am–3pm): NZEB Fundamental Awareness Course
- Tuesday 5 May (5pm–7pm): 1:1 Business Energy Clinics with SEAI
- Thursday 7 May (9am–3pm): NZEB Fundamental Awareness Course
- Thursday 7 May (5pm–7pm): 1:1 Homeowner Energy Clinics with Galway Framework Initiative (GFI)

For full details, timetables and booking information, visit: [Energy Efficiency Roadshow brings Mobile Retrofit Hub to Connemara | Galway County Council](#)

We encourage homeowners, businesses and community members to attend and make the most of this free local resource.

Expressions of Interest for Art Experts on Public Art Management Group

GALWAY COUNTY PUBLIC ART

Expressions of Interest for Art Experts on Public Art Management Group

CALL-OUT

Closing date: Monday 11th May 2026

Galway County Council seeks Expressions of Interest from individuals, within the cultural sector, who wish to be considered as an external arts expert on the Galway County Council's Public Art Management Group. The Public Art Management Group (PAMG)'s role is to provide leadership and guidance in line with Galway County Council's Public Art Policy 2020-202 (<https://tinyurl.com/rsejj8mw>). This policy

outlines a clear framework for future public art commissions, in collaboration with our stakeholders, staff, Elected Representatives, artists, arts organisations and local communities. An external art expert will have one of the following:

- A background in different art forms, to reflect public art practice and the Irish National Guidelines on Public Art.
- An understanding of contemporary art and/or a track record in public art practice.
- At least one of the three external arts experts will be a practising artist (from any art form)

Please note:

- External art expert positions of the PAMG are voluntary roles. The external art experts appointed to the PAMG are exempt from applying to any Public Art projects undertaken by Galway County Council.

- External art experts on the PAMG are however selected to sit on assessment panels for public art projects undertaken by Galway County Council, and these roles are paid positions.

There is currently one vacant position for an external art expert on the Galway County Council's Public Art Management Group (PAMG), but a panel will be formed from submissions.

To register your interest, please compile a short bio and/or CV in one PDF file and email it to the Arts Office at artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie by Monday 11th May 2026.

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 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/x82150YcliT>

Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí - Suim Agat A Bheith Páirteach? Is bealach cairdiúil é Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí chun dearcthaí faoi shalachar madraí a athrú. Cláraíonn oibríthe deonacha agus geallann siad go mbeidh siad ina Siúlóir Glas Madraí. Féach Clár Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí:

National Spring Clean 2026



The National Spring Clean is now open for registration!

National Spring Clean is one of Ireland's most popular, well recognized and successful anti-litter initiatives. The objectives of National Spring Clean are:

- Encourage clean-ups throughout the whole month of April
- Galvanise the practices of recycling and re-use where possible
- Increase the number of events and participants
- Promote personal responsibility for litter
- Heighten awareness of litter and waste issues

More than 5250 events across Ireland last year removed 2,700 tons of litter from roadsides, parks and coastlines.

Householders, schools, businesses and communities across County Galway are encouraged to register and take part in the annual National Spring Clean campaign every April. National Spring Clean is operated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce in partnership with Local Authorities and supported by the Department of Climate, Environment and Energy and Mars Wrigley. Registrations are being accepted on www.nationalspringclean.org and further information is available from the Environment Section of Galway County Council 09150 9510 or environment@galwaycoco.ie

Stop Illegal Dumping, Respect Your County



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

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

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

Consultations & Public Engagement

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Headford Courthouse Feasibility Study

HEADFORD COURTHOUSE



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Galway County Council has engaged a design team, led by Helena McElmeel Architects, to develop a feasibility study on bringing the former Courthouse into public use. The project team wants to hear from you - your ideas, concerns and suggestions for how this space could best serve the community of Headford.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
WHERE: Leaf and Bean Café, Main St., Headford
WHEN: Wednesday 6th May, 4:30-7:00PM



ONLINE SURVEY AVAILABLE AT:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/headfordcourthouse>

Printed copies of the survey will be available at the public consultation event, or can be collected from our office: High Street, Headford, H91 Y0P6




In Person Public Consultation Event: Wednesday 6th of May 2026, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm
Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 at 11.59pm





Headford Courthouse is currently a disused vacant property in Headford Town Centre and Galway County Council has engaged Helena McElmeel Architects to undertake detailed surveys of the property and is inviting ideas on its re-use. You may complete the survey online (see link below) or, alternatively, we would be happy to hear your feedback at our public consultation event at Leaf and Bean Café, Main St., Headford on Wednesday 6th of May, 4:30-7:00 PM.

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/headfordcourthouse>

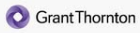


Have your say on Galway's Economic Future
Tabhair Do Thuairim Faoi Thodhchaí Eacnamaíochta na Gaillimhe

Tabhair Do Thuairim faoi Thodhchaí Eacnamaíochta na Gaillimhe
Have Your Say on Galway's Economic Future

Cabhróidh do thuairimí le cinntí a dhéanamh i roinnt réimsí, lena n-áirítear:
Your views will help to inform decisions on several areas, including:

 <small>Posta agus foirneáil Jobs and enterprise</small>	 <small>Bonnagar agus nasacht Infrastructure and connectivity</small>	 <small>Cathracha, bailte, sráidbailte agus ceantair thuaisithe City, towns, villages and rural areas</small>	 <small>Fás inbhuanaithe agus cumasúcháin Sustainable and inclusive growth</small>
Suirbhé Gnó <small>https://eu.sprw.ie/tt-ZVfW</small>	Business Survey <small>https://eu.sprw.ie/tt-88iNH</small>	Suirbhé Chónaitheoir <small>https://eu.sprw.ie/tt-1qh7j</small>	Residents Survey <small>https://eu.sprw.ie/tt-YUfTw</small>

Ní thógann na suirbhéanna ach **cúpla nóiméad** agus ba mhór againn do chuid tuairimí.
The surveys take **just a few minutes** and your input will make a real difference.

Closing date: Friday 22nd May 2026

Public Consultation Opens on Economic Development Strategy for Galway City and County

Residents Survey: <https://surveys.grantthornton.ie/.../Galways.../tt-YUfTw>

Business Survey: <https://surveys.grantthornton.ie/.../Galways.../tt-88iNH>

Spricodháta: Dé hAoine 22 Bealtaine 2026

Comhairliúchán Poiblí Oscailte maidir le Straitéis Forbartha Eacnamaíochta do Chathair agus do Chontae na Gaillimhe

Suirbhé Chónaitheoir: <https://surveys.grantthornton.ie/.../galways.../tt-1qh7j>

Suirbhé Gnó: <https://surveys.grantthornton.ie/.../straitis.../tt-ZVfW>

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/ViQ1wacghB

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 Bóthar Naomh Seosamh, Port Omna, Co. na Gaillimhe

Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag iarraidh doisteáil uain!

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.

www.forms.office.com/e/ViQ1wacghB



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
Galway County Council


WWW.GAILLIMH.EE/GA/SEIRBHISI/TITHIOCHT/INACMHAINNE/
(091) 509 305 AFFORDABLEHOUSING@GALWAYCOCO.IE

Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe 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. Glac an suirbhé [anseo](#)

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

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Wheel's Sector Training and Skills Survey 2026



the wheel Stronger Charities, Stronger Communities.

SECTOR TRAINING & SKILLS SURVEY

closing 5 May

Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

Closing date: Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 5pm

The Wheel has launched a national survey to find out about skills and training needs among the 281,000-strong community and voluntary sector workforce. If you're a worker or a decision-maker in the sector, please take a short break and help to demonstrate what skills and training can do to support you and your organisation.

As a token of appreciation, The Wheel will be giving away three free places on half-day workshops.

To be in with a chance of winning one of these places, please complete the survey and submit your email address by 5pm on Tuesday, 05 May 2026.

Take the survey today: [The Wheel's Sector Training and Skills Survey: 2026](#)

Inclusion Ireland: "Our Rights, Our Voices" National Survey



Closing date: Monday 18th of May 2026

Inclusion Ireland are calling on people with intellectual disabilities, their families, and their supporters from every corner of the country to help them shape the future of disability rights in Ireland.

This survey is your chance to tell the country:

*What is working in your daily life.

*What isn't working and creates barriers.

*What needs to change to ensure true inclusion.

There are 3 separate surveys, please choose the one that is relevant to you.

Survey 1: Adults with intellectual disabilities

Survey 2: Parents and guardians of children with an intellectual disability (up to age 18)

Survey 3: Families and supporters of adults with intellectual disabilities

Did you grow up caring for a family member?

DID YOU GROW UP CARING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER?

Master's study exploring youth caregiving experiences

This research explores what it felt like to grow up in a caring role – especially whether you felt recognised, connected, and truly seen.

You may be a good fit if...

- ✓ Age 18 years or older
- ✓ Grew up in Ireland or the Netherlands
- ✓ Supported a family member with illness, disability, mental health, addiction, or other care needs during your childhood or adolescence

Didn't see yourself as a carer back then? You're still welcome here

Ways to take part...

ONLINE CHAT
Take part in a relaxed online interview over a virtual cup of tea!

VOICE NOTES
Answer a few short questions by voice note, in your own time!

I'd love to hear your story!
Get in touch: a.evans1@students.uu.nl

Did you grow up caring for a family member? Áine Evans, a Master's student at Utrecht University, wants to hear your story. Áine is researching the experiences of adults (18+) who grew up caring for a family member in Ireland or the Netherlands — and what it felt like to be a young carer, especially whether you felt recognised, supported, and connected at the time. You don't need to have called yourself a carer at the time — many people only look back and recognise their role later in life.

Interested? Contact Áine at a.evans1@students.uu.nl or visit <https://linktr.ee/aineevansresearch>

More Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

Funding & Grants

DID YOU KNOW?

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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.GALWAYCOUNTYPN.IE/MEMBERS-DIRECTORY/](https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/members-directory/)
- ◆ TYPE YOUR GROUP NAME INTO 'ORGANISATION NAME' BOX
- ◆ FIND YOUR GROUP (NAME MUST BE EXACT MATCH)
- ◆ CLICK 'MORE' TO SEE YOUR PPN REGISTRATION NUMBER.

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

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

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.

Creative Europe Cooperation Projects 2026



Closing date: Tuesday 5th May 2026

This call will support projects carrying out a broad spectrum of activities and initiatives involving artists and stakeholders active in different cultural and creative sectors.

With a budget of around €60 million, the European Cooperation Projects funding will foster cooperation between organisations active in the field of culture, increasing the cross-border dimension of creation and circulation of European artistic content. It will also encourage the development, experimentation, dissemination, and application of new and innovative practices. This funding action is expected to support around 150 projects. The deadline for EU Cooperation Projects funding is 5 May 2026. For more information, please visit [2026 Creative Europe call for European cooperation projects open | Culture and Creativity](#)

Conservation Advice Grant Scheme 2026

CONSERVATION ADVICE SCHEME 2026

APPLICATION NOW OPEN
DEADLINE: 8 MAY 2026



Closing date: Friday 8th May 2026 at 5pm

The Conservation Advice Grant Scheme now includes owners living in the building and not limited to vacant homes! The scheme will cover up to 67% of the costs (subject to a maximum grant of €5,000) of having a conservation expert with appropriate expertise visit a traditional building, conduct a survey, and compile tailored advice on conservation, energy upgrades and fire safety.

The Conservation Advice Grant Scheme funding helps owners to avoid damage to their properties, benefit from the services of appropriately skilled tradespeople and ensure value for money in the completion of their projects. To learn more, including details about eligibility and how to apply, please visit [Conservation Advice Grant Scheme for Traditional Houses](#)

Short Documentary Bursary 2026



Closing date: Monday 11th May 2026 at 2 pm

Ardán & Galway City of Film are delighted to announce that applications are now open for the Short Documentary Bursary 2026, the annual documentary funding and mentorship scheme for filmmakers based in Galway City and County, or making a film about Galway City or County. We are looking for up-&-coming filmmakers to apply for this bursary to help them make one of their first steps in their filmmaking career. Successful applicants will be given a bursary of €3,000 to help them make a short doc of between 5 & 15 minutes in duration.

Ardán encourages both English and Irish language project applications.

For any further information on this year's bursary please email julie@ardan.ie

2026 SuperValu TidyTowns Competition



Closing date: Monday 11th May 2026

In place since 1958, the competition, administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and sponsored by SuperValu, continues to be one of the most recognised sustainable, environmental and community initiatives in the country.

There are almost 1,000 active TidyTown groups, and last year saw a record 929 entries to the SuperValu TidyTown competition. This saw over 30,000 volunteers giving up over 1 million hours of their time, all year round, to come together to make our communities cleaner, brighter and more vibrant places. The closing date for receipt of entries for this year's competition is Monday, 11 May 2026. Entry forms and further information about the SuperValu TidyTown competition are available at www.tidytowns.ie

Basic Income for the Arts Scheme 2026-2029



Closing date: Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 5pm

The Basic Income for the Arts (BIA) is for Professional Artists who can demonstrate an active creative practice which is predominantly based in Ireland. Eligibility criteria for application are set out in the Guidelines here: <https://www.gov.ie/.../basic-income-for-the-arts-scheme.../>

Arts and Disability Connect 2026



Round One Closing date: Tuesday 12th May 2026

Round Two 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

Paint Giveaway Competition

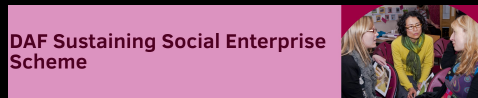


Closing date: Friday 15th May 2026

The Paint Reuse Network is excited to bring back the Colour to Communities Giveaway, offering communities across Ireland the chance to win up to 50 litres of high-quality, reused paint to brighten their local spaces. The competition is open to schools, charities, social enterprises, and community groups with creative ideas to give their areas a fresh, vibrant look while promoting sustainability. Three winners – two from each of Ireland’s National Waste Regions – will receive up to 50 litres of free water-based paint to bring their projects to life. How to Enter: Submit a short description of your proposed community painting project by 15 May 2026. Winners will be announced by the end of May!

Apply here: <https://www.paintreuse.network/paint-giveaway2026>

DAF Sustaining Social Enterprise Scheme

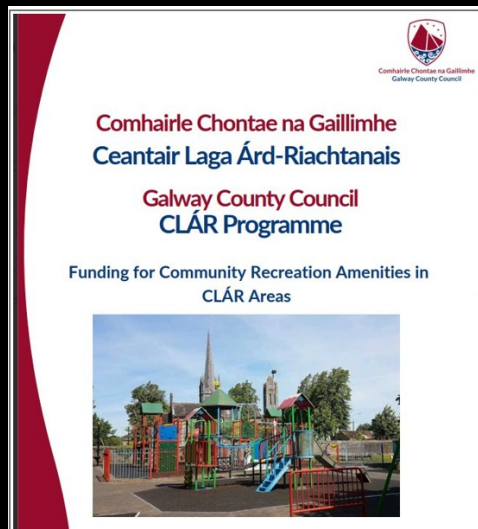


Closing date: Friday 15th May 2026 at 2pm

The DAF Sustaining Social Enterprise Scheme supports established social enterprises to grow their traded income and become more financially self-sufficient. This scheme funds the recruitment of key staff to drive income growth and sustainability OR the development of a shared service resource enabling existing staff to focus on income generation.

For more information and to apply, please visit [DAF Sustaining Social Enterprise Scheme - Pobal](#)

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) 2026



Closing date: Friday 15th May 2026 at 11pm

Community groups across County Galway CLÁR areas can apply for funding to develop, upgrade and enhance local facilities. Fully

completed forms must be returned to Galway County Council by 11pm on Friday the 15th May via

<https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/189>

If you have any queries, contact the Community & Rural Development Unit, Galway County Council Email: clar@galwaycoco.ie Tel: 091-509 396/091-509 266/091-509 334

For more information and how to apply, visit [Galway County Council](#)

Increase Physical Activity Grant



Increased Physical Activity Grant 2026

Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Na Gaillimhe
Galway Sports Partnership

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: SUNDAY 17th May 2026

Application Link in Bio
Email galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie for more info

The poster features a central logo and is surrounded by a collage of images showing various sports activities: a person on a bicycle, a group of people playing basketball, a person on a red track, a group of people playing soccer, a person on a boat, a person on a red first aid kit, and a person on a wheelchair.



Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Na Gaillimhe
Galway Sports Partnership

INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GRANT

INFORMATION MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY AT 7.30PM

Registration link in bio

galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie for more info

SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND

The poster has a green background with a white soccer field. It includes the Galway Sports Partnership logo and the Sport Ireland logo.

Closing date: Sunday 17th May at 11.59pm -- Information session: Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm

The Increase Physical Activity Grant funding is intended to help clubs/sporting organisations to increase the levels of participation in physical activity, especially amongst those who are not currently participating through the delivery of new programmes and projects. Particular emphasis is on Galway Sports Partnership's main target groups; women & girls, older adults (over 55yrs), people who are unemployed, disadvantaged groups and people from disadvantaged areas, young people and people with disabilities.

We will also be hosting a short information session on the grant on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm which can be booked via Eventbrite. To apply / for more information visit <https://www.galwayactive.ie/>

2026 Community Safety Fund



Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta
Pobail Áitiúil Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Local
Community Safety Partnership

Community Safety Fund Now Open

€4.75 million is now available to
support projects that make
communities safer.

Grants: 20k - 150k

Deadline: 18 May 2026

Open to community groups, NGOs &
Partnerships

Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 at 5pm

The annual fund allows for the proceeds of crime, seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and An Garda Síochána, to be redirected into local projects that support and enhance community safety.

This year's fund totalling €4.75 million is an increase since the initial allocation of €2 million in 2022.

Read more. For information on how to apply, visit www.gov.ie/communitysafety.

The Lidl Green Fund



Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 at 5pm

The Lidl Green Fund is designed to promote, support, and empower local sustainability community projects across Ireland to help communities actively champion sustainable living and protect the planet. Who can apply?

Charities, primary and secondary schools, and community groups from every county can now apply for Lidl's Green Fund with top award of €25,000 up for grabs and a further €75,000 allocated to a number of smaller projects. We're looking for projects or initiatives across four key areas:

- **Climate:** Projects that support climate action, such as the installation of solar panels or LED lighting.
- **Biodiversity:** Initiatives focused on supporting nature such as creating a community garden, nature trail, or supporting native and pollinator-friendly planting.
- **Reducing Waste:** Identifying and implementing solutions for a circular economy, including waste programmes, repair cafes, or upcycling workshops.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Educating local communities to promote healthier diets and food choices through community cooking programmes or nutrition workshops.

To apply, please visit: [Lidl Green Fund. Get a cash grant for your sustainability project!](#)



Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 at 5pm

An annual grants scheme funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the conservation and repair of traditional farm buildings and related structures.

The Scheme is open to farmers in the Republic of Ireland participating in and accepted into one of the following Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine schemes:

- Approved participants in ACRES.
- Approved participants of the Organic Farming Scheme and
- Are the owner of the building/other related structure for which funding is sought or are acting with the permission of the owner (in which case the owner must provide consent).

For full details, eligibility, and how to apply, visit [Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme | The Heritage Council](#)

2026-27 Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme



Closing date: Tuesday 19th May 2026

The purpose of the Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme is to support projects by civil society and trade unions that promote human rights and equality. A total of €350,000 is available to fund small projects up to €7,000 and general projects up to €22,000. This year's themes include disability rights, tackling racism, and human rights in the digital world (including AI). For more information, please visit:

[2026-27 Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme - Now Open | activelink](#)

Yeats Thoor Ballylee 2026 Artist-in-Residence Programme



YEATS
THOOR
BALLYLEE
SOCIETY

Closing date: Friday 22nd May 2026

Following the success of its Artist-in-Residence programmes held between 2023 and 2025, the Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society is offering one Literary Arts residency this summer, running from Friday, 31st July to Friday, 14th August 2026. The residency aims to highlight W.B. Yeats's genius for poetry, drama, and literature. Artists working in any of these areas are encouraged to apply.

The successful candidate will work at The Studio, located opposite Thoor Ballylee, W.B. Yeats's summer home near Gort, County Galway. Literary Artists interested in applying can find all the details on the Yeats Thoor Ballylee website:

[Call Open for Thoor Ballylee Literary Artist in Residence 2026 - Yeats Thoor Ballylee](#)

For the two-week residency, the successful candidate will receive accommodation and a daily stipend. Each artist will have the privilege of working beside Yeats's summer home, deriving inspiration as he did, from the natural beauty surrounding the 15th century Tower House.

The deadline for applications is 22nd May and the successful candidate will be notified by 15th June.

Further details can be found on the Yeats Thoor Ballylee website: www.yeatsthoorballylee.org

You can also direct your enquiries to yeatsstudioresidency@gmail.com

The Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society Artist in Residence Programme is supported by Galway County Council Arts Office.

Working with Nature Awards 2026



Closing date: Monday 25th May 2026

The Working with Nature Awards recognise individuals, community groups and organisations across Ireland who are actively protecting, restoring and reconnecting people with nature.

Now in its second year, the Awards celebrate impactful work across three categories:

1. Biodiversity & Rewilding, 2. Nature Media, and 3. Nature Education & Wellbeing.

Open to projects of all sizes, the Awards aim to highlight real, on-the-ground action while providing a platform to share stories that inspire wider change. Nominations are now open until 25 May, with the Awards Ceremony taking place on 2 July at Powerscourt Estate.

More information and entry details: www.powerscourt.com/workingwithnature

Culture Night 2026: Open Call



Open Call



Funding for free Galway County
Culture Night events on
Friday 18 September 2026

Deadline: 28 May at 4pm

Closing date: Thursday 28th May 2026 at 4pm

Culture Night takes place on Friday 18 September this year. Galway County Council's Culture Night open call is now open for applications on Submit. You can find the guidelines and application form here: <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/203>

If you've any questions about making an application for Culture Night funding please let us know on culturenight@galwaycoco.ie

National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2026



Closing date: Friday 29th May 2026

Age Friendly Ireland is delighted to confirm that the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2026 are now live for submissions—and we'd love you to put your project forward. Each year a local authority hosts the awards event, and we're thrilled to share that Limerick City and County Council will host this year's ceremony in The Limerick Strand Hotel on Thursday, 8 October 2026. This year there are ten award categories, aligned to the 8 World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Themes. These awards celebrate the people, partnerships and programmes making Ireland more Age Friendly. If your initiative is improving everyday life for older people—big or small, local or national—we strongly encourage you to apply.

Who can apply? Organisations, individuals/members of the public, agencies and communities – Everyone!

What we're looking for:

- Innovative projects with a real, positive impact on the lives of older people
- Initiatives that can be showcased and replicated by others
- Entries from local and national level

Ready to apply? Submit your application here: <https://agefriendlyireland.ie/national-age-friendly-recognition-and-achievement-awards/current-year/>

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@drcdg.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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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 [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](#)

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 adulthood@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 adulthood@brigitsgarden.ie or go to <https://brigitsgarden.ie/qqi-level-6-in-forest-school.../>

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](#)

PayPal Giving Fund Ireland

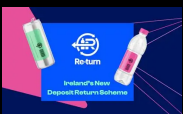


Closing date: Ongoing

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-urn 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](#)

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.

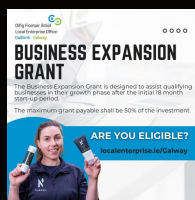
[Read more](#)

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

LEO Microfinance Ireland



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

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



IT PAYS TO PLANT TREES

There are 11 forest types available to farmers to plant new forests. Select the scheme that suits your farm.

Most popular options to date:

Scheme	Plant 5 hectares of Native Forest (woodland)	Plant 5 hectares of Agroforestry (woodland)	Plant 12 hectares of Mixed High Forest (woodland)
Grant	€8,824	€4,875	€8,952
Cost	€174,480	€48,750	€179,040

There are additional grants available for all work associated with establishing a new forest (such as trees, planting, fencing and maintenance).

Explore our options at www.agriland.ie/forestry

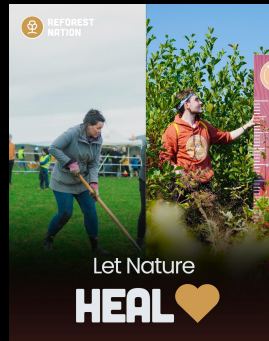
Seán Ó Súilleabháin, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Vision Sport Ireland Associate Club Funding



Closing date: Ongoing

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

More Funding from Galway County Council



[Galway County Council](#)

More Funding from the Government of Ireland



[Government of Ireland](#)

More Funding from the European Union



[European Union](#)



Saturday 2nd May 2026 from 11:00am to 2:00pm The Connacht Hotel - Galway

This 3-hour interactive workshop is designed to support and educate coaches of teenage girls (aged 12–17) across all sports. The workshop provides practical insights, real-life scenarios, and evidence-based coaching strategies to help coaches create a positive, motivating, and girl-centred environment. All participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate from Sport Ireland. Places are limited – early registration is advised! Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1986523892438?aff=oddtcreator>
For more information contact: Karen, Galway Sports Partnership email: kconcannon@galwaycoco.ie

National Heritage Week 2026: Training Days for Event Organisers



Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 13th May 2026

Thinking of hosting an event for **National Heritage Week** 2026? Make the most of it by joining our one of our online Training & Knowledge Sharing events this May 5th and 13th.

Discover this year's theme 'Heritage at Risk', hear from guest speakers, and pick up some promotional tips. Register now at <https://ow.ly/IEq850YIjSN>

Digital Skills Workshop for Volunteers involved in running Organisations, Charities and Clubs

A white poster with blue and purple accents for a 'DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS'. It features the Galway Volunteer Centre logo and the text 'Build confidence with digital tools for community communication, coordination, and connection'. Under 'Learning goals', it lists: 'Use email, messaging apps (WhatsApp), and video calls (Zoom)', 'Communicate clearly and confidently online', 'Stay safe and professional when representing your group', 'Find and share local information, resources, and events', and 'Help others get online - everyone starts somewhere!'. Under 'Details', it lists: 'Date: Wednesday 6th May', 'Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm', and 'Venue: GRD Offices, Lower Dublin Road, Tuam'. A 'To Book' section includes 'Click HERE or Scan Or phone Edel at 086 824 7639' and a QR code. Logos for Galway Volunteer Centre, Galway Rural Development, and LCDC are at the bottom, along with the text 'This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.'.

Wednesday 6th May 2026 10:30 - 12:30 Westside Resource Centre, Seamus Quirke Rd, Galway

This workshop helps Volunteers build digital confidence and use technology effectively for Communication, Coordination and Connection in their Community work. By the end of this 2 hour workshop you will be able to use Digital Tools such as email, messaging apps and video calls, communicate clearly and confidently online, stay safe and professional when representing your Community group, find and share local resources and grant information online, support other Volunteers with basic digital skills. This workshop is delivered by Edel Kavanagh from Volunteer Galway with support from Galway Rural Development (GRD) and the SICAP team. Any queries about the workshop contact Edel on 086 8247639 or email Melinda on mcoenryan@grd.ie

Please bring your own Laptop/tablets/phone. To book a place, please visit

Community Workshop: Climate Change, Landscape and Local Knowledge



Wednesday 6th May from 18:00 to 19:30 Diamond Hill Community Centre Letterfrack, Galway

This workshop shares insights from a research project exploring how climate change affects cultural landscapes and local traditions in Connemara. It aims to continue conversations about farming heritage, landscape heritage, and climate change in Connemara. Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided!

To read more and book a place please visit [Community Workshop: Climate Change, Landscape and Local Knowledge Tickets, Wednesday 6 May · 18 - 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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



Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th May and 4th June 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

Paediatric First Aid Training for Childminders



Saturday 9th May 2026 from 9:30am to 4:30pm Galway City

Be prepared to respond in an emergency. Our in-person Paediatric First Aid course gives childminders the practical skills and confidence to care for a sick or injured child until medical help arrives.

Participants will receive a Paediatric First Aid manual and a Certificate of Attendance valid for 2 years.

Childminding Ireland is the National Childminding Association. €80 for members | €90 for non-members. Learn more: childminding.ie

Ready, Set, Cycle



From Monday 11th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Ready, Set, Cycle is a fun cycling programme taking place from Monday 11th May to Friday 29th May this year. The cycling challenge is open to all staff and students of Smarter Travel partner workplaces and campuses. To check if your organisation is a Programme Partner, click here:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/.../get.../our-partners/>

The programme aims to encourage and support staff and students to begin, continue or increase cycling on their commute and beyond. It also offers a toolkit and resources for organisations to support cyclists through the provision of bike clinics and tours of bike facilities.

Registration for Ready, Set, Cycle 2026 is open. If you would like to register, please contact cycling@nationaltransport.ie

The Wheel Members - Training



Community Groups can sign up with *The Wheel* to access their free training/services.

Information on Trainings available at <https://www.wheel.ie/training>

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, Corcaí, 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

Údarás na Gaeltachta - Scéim Tacaíochta do Scrúduithe TEG

ÚDARÁS NA GAELTACHTA
SCÉIM TACAÍOCHTA DO SCRÚDUITHE TEG

Seo do Sheans
Cáilíocht
a Fháil sa Ghaeilge!

Deis iontach d'fhoghlaimoirí Gaeilge lonnaithe sa Ghaeltacht nó atá ag obair sa Ghaeltacht cáilíocht aitheanta TEG a bhaint amach – Tosaitheoirí (A1) go Meánleibhéal Ard (B2).

Cá hAit? Leitir Ceanainn, Gaillimh, Coreaigh, Trá Lí	Cathain? Bealtaine & Meitheamh 2026
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Cad é TEG?
Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge – scrúduithe i labhairt, chuastuisicint, léitheoireacht & scríbhneoireacht.

Clúdófar 60% den táille scrúdaithe TEG dóibh siúd atá lonnaithe sa Ghaeltacht.

Faigh do Chód !



Cláraigh le haghaidh do scrúdú ag: <https://www.teg.ie/>

 **Údarás na Gaeltachta**  **Ollscoil Mhá Nuad**
Ollscoil na hÉireann Mhá Nuad

Tá scéim tacaíochta á chur ar fáil ag Údarás na Gaeltachta do dhaoine atá lonnaithe sa Ghaeltacht atá ag iarraidh cáilíocht Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) a bhaint amach. Tríd TEG, cuirtear sraith scrúdaithe agus cáilíochtaí ar fáil do dhaoine fásta atá ag foghlaim Gaeilge agus tugann sé deis d'iarthóirí, ó leibhéal A1 go B2 (Tosaitheoirí go Meánleibhéal Ard), a gcumas a dheimhniú sa labhairt, sa chluastuisicint, sa léitheoireacht agus sa Ghaeilge scríofa.

Ionaid i Leitir Ceanainn, Gaillimh, Chiarraí & Corcaigh, Bealtaine & Meitheamh 2026
Cláraigh leis an Údarás agus gheobhaidh tú cód le húsáid agus tú ag clárú do TEG.

Údarás na Gaeltachta - Scéim Tacaíochta do Scrúduithe TEG

Suirbhé Tithíochta sa Ghaeltacht





Spríocdháta: Luan 4 Bealtaine 2026

Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag obair i gcomhpháirt le Comhairlí Contae agus geallshealbhóirí eile chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar ghéarchéim na tithíochta i gceantair Ghaeltachta.

Mar chuid den obair seo, tá suirbhé á reáchtáil chun an t-éileamh ar thithíocht a thomhas i measc cainteoirí Gaeilge nach bhfuil teacht acu ar thithíocht oiriúnach faoi láthair.

Nasc anseo <https://wfgzz6.short.gy/kmgbUb>

Sceideal Scéimeanna Maoinithe Ealaín na Gaeltachta 2026



Tá dátaí oscailte agus spríocdhátaí 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.

Spríocdhátaí:

16.07.26 - Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta

23.07.26 - Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon (Spríocdháta 2)

27.08.26 - Treisiú (Spríocdháta 2)

24.09.26 - Neartú (Spríocdháta 2)

Beidh dhá spríocdháta ar fáil do Scéim Treisiú, Scéim Forbartha na nEalaíon agus Scéim Neartú 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

Beidh sonraí na scéimeanna le fáil ar www.ealain.ie

Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Scéim Síol



Spríocdhátaí: 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

Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Scéim Oiliúna



Spríodhataí: Leanúnach

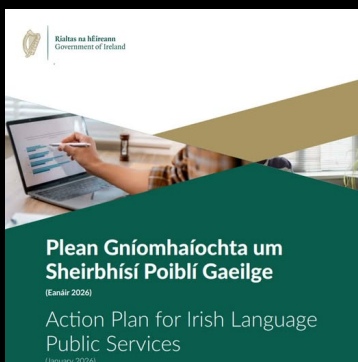
Uasmhéid mhaoinithe: €1,000

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

Plean Gníomhaíochta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge 2026-2028



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

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

ILMI
INDEPENDENT LIVING
MOVEMENT IRELAND

DISABLED WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

MASTERCLASS SERIES

Give to Gain

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.

6TH OF MAY AT 6.30PM
SEXUAL HEALTH with Jenny Williams
Jenny Williams is founder and CEO of Enhance the UK, a user-led organisation supporting disabled people to live full lives. She is a leading voice on sexual rights, relationships and disability, speaking openly from lived experience.

13TH OF MAY AT 6.30PM
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.

20TH OF MAY AT 6.30PM
WITH LUCY WEBSTER
Lucy Webster is a journalist, author and disability advocate. Her work focuses on ableism, representation and the lived experience of disabled women, and she is the author of *The Wheelchair Queen*.

JUNE - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
NAVIGATING AN ABLEIST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM with Jessica Slice
Jessica Slice is an author, speaker and activist. Her work explores disability, motherhood and identity, and her book *Little Person* challenges inaccessible systems and expectations.

3RD OF JUNE AT 6.30PM
HEALTHCARE DIGITAL PASSPORT with Nicole Lam
Nicole Lam is Guidance and Research Lead with the HSE National Disability Quality Improvement Team. She works to reduce barriers and addressing barriers within healthcare systems.

8TH OF JUNE AT 6.30PM
OUR HEALTHCARE SCREENING SERVICES with Aoife Collins
Aoife Collins is a Senior Health Promotion Officer with the National Screening Service. She works to improve accessibility and equity across healthcare 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

ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE

#ILMI #DisabledWomen #Healthcare #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs

"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.

Starting Wednesday 6th May 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:

- Wednesday 6th of May at 6.30pm: Sexual Health with Jenny Williams
- Wednesday 13th of May at 6.30pm: All Things Menopause with Catherine O'Keefe
- Wednesday 20th of May at 6.30pm: Webinar with Lucy Webster
- 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

Memory Cafés in Connemara

hi Galway

FORUM

MEMORY CAFÉ
LETTERFRACK

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

The Wild Goat Cafe
Connemara West Letterfrack

Wed 15th April
Wed 6th May
Wed 3rd June
2pm - 4pm

For More Information
Contact Kathleen: 087 241 4169

LCDC



Next date coming up: Wednesdays 6th May, 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.

Local Assembly - Spring 2026 Family Carers Ireland

Wednesday 13th May 2026 from 10.30am to 1pm - Menlo Hotel, Galway City, H91 E98N

Support FCI to drive real change by having your say on key issues and challenges facing the 500,000+ family carers in Ireland and hear feedback from FCI on previous issues raised by carers. Come along to your Local Assembly and:

- Meet your local Support Manager and your local National Council of Family Carers delegates
- Meet and connect with other carers from your area
- Hear feedback from Family Carers Ireland on the issues raised by carers at the last Local Assembly
- Participate and provide your feedback into a 'Big Topic' discussion that is relevant to you.

While all family carers are invited to attend, only those who are current members of FCI are eligible to be a delegate representative on the National Council of Family Carers and to vote on behalf of your Local Assembly.

Be sure to register for our local assembly and make sure your voice is heard:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../local-assembly-spring-2026...>

Hello, How Are You?



Friday 15th May 2026

Hello, how are you? It's a simple question—but it can make a powerful difference.

Hello, How Are You? is a campaign on May 15th about connecting with those around us and engaging in open conversations about mental health. It's about asking the question, 'How Are You?' with meaning, and really listening to the response. A small conversation can open the door to connection, support, and understanding. Whether it's a friend, colleague, neighbour, or family member—reach out, start the conversation, and really listen.

Learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved: <https://bit.ly/Mhihello>

Living Well

Living Well
A programme for adults with long-term health conditions

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

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

Upcoming Living Well Programmes

Venue	Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
Ballybane, Galway City	Thursdays	23 rd April 2026	28 th May 2026	10.30am – 1.00pm
Online	Wednesdays	27 th May 2026	01 st July 2026	10.30am – 1.00pm

To book your place contact

Name: Martha McTigue
Phone: 086 0142688
Email: mmctigue@southmayo.com
www.hse.ie/LivingWell

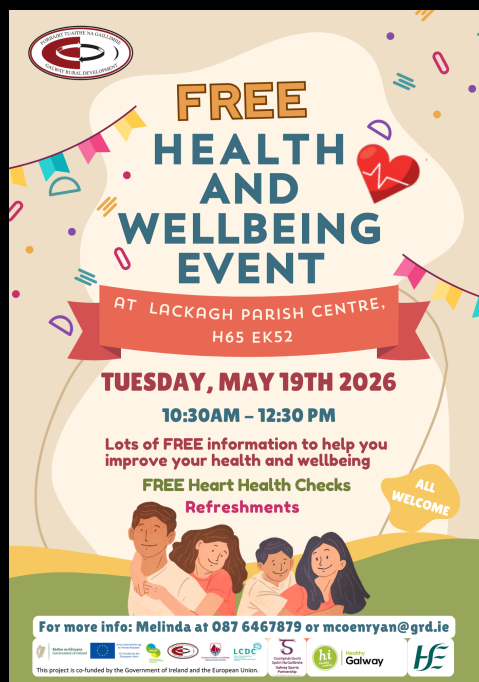
*Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain and depression.

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

Ballybane, Galway City, until Thursday 28th May 2026

Online, from Wednesday 27th May to Wednesday 1st July 2026

Living Well Programme is a free group programme aimed to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The programme will be delivered by trained facilitators once a week, over a 6-week period in a friendly and supportive setting. Contact Martha McTigue 086 014 2688 or mmctigue@southmayo.com



Tuesday 19th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm - Lackagh Parish Centre Turloughmore Co. Galway

Lots of free information to help you improve your health and wellbeing and free Heart Health Checks.

Form more information, contact Melinda at 087 6467879 or mcoenryan@grd.ie

Starting Solid Foods

Starting Solid Foods Babies welcome!

Are you starting your baby on solid food or planning to start soon?

Join one of these in person workshops to learn more, and have your questions answered by a member of the HSE Community Nutrition & Dietetic Team.

Ballybane Library
2026
10.30am-12pm
Tuesdays
24th February
28th April
16th June
Registration Essential
Please email: ballybane@galwaylibrary.ie

Westside Library
2026
10.30am-12pm
29th January
25th February
26th March
WayfairHouse, Tuam Rd
30th April
22nd May
22nd June
Registration Essential
Please scan QR code or click here

Next dates coming up: Thursday 22nd May & 22nd June 2026 10.30am - 12pm Wayfair, Wayfair House, Tuam Rd, Galway H91 W260

- Tuesday 16th June 2026 10.30am - 12pm Ballybane Library

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](#)

Healthy Ireland at Your Library Event: Retirement Planning Seminar - Ballinasloe

Retirement Planning Seminar
May 27th 2026
10.00am - 2.00pm
Ballinasloe Library, H53 T320

Free Event

9.30–10am: Arrival, tea/coffee

10–10.30am: Pensions and Planning for Retirement, Dónal Carey, Carey Corbett Financial Solutions

10.30–11am: Keeping Active in Retirement, Ellie Loftus, Galway Sports Partnership

11–11.20am: Tea/coffee & networking

11.20–11.50am: Nutrition & Diet, Aisling Snedker, Clinical Dietician

11.50–12.10pm: Five Ways to Wellbeing, Sarah Fahy, Mental Health Ireland

12.10-12.30pm: Social Welfare Entitlements, Yvonne Kenny, Department of Social Protection

12.30- 1.30pm: Lunch

1.30-1.45pm: Public Library Resources & Facilities, Caroline Rowan, Executive Librarian

1.45-2.00pm: Social Prescribing, Katie Grant, Galway Social Prescribing

To register, please email ballinasloe@galwaylibrary.ie or call 091 509 551

Wednesday 27th May 2026 from 10.00am to 2.00pm Ballinasloe Library, H53 T320

Healthy County Galway, in partnership with Galway Libraries, invites you to a free Retirement Planning Seminar taking place on Wednesday, 27 May 2026, from 10.00am to 2.00pm in Ballinasloe Library.

This practical and informative event is designed for people approaching retirement or recently retired, and will cover a wide range of topics to support health, wellbeing and financial planning in later life.

The programme includes talks on pensions and retirement planning, keeping active, nutrition and diet, mental wellbeing, social welfare entitlements, and social prescribing, as well as information on local library resources and supports.

The seminar will feature guest speakers from Carey Corbett Financial Solutions, Galway Sports Partnership, Mental Health Ireland, the Department of Social Protection, Galway Social Prescribing and Galway Libraries. Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided, with time built in for networking and discussion. This is a free event, but registration is required.

To book a place, please email ballinasloe@galwaylibrary.ie or call 091 509 551

Become an LGBT Champions Programme

LGBT Ireland For Inclusion For Equality For Everyone | **HFE** | **Sláintecare**

BECOME AN LGBT CHAMPION
Be the champion older LGBTQI+ people deserve
 For health and social care professionals working with older people

WHY IT MATTERS

- Older LGBTQI+ people are more likely to live alone, face isolation, and fear discrimination in care settings.
- Many worry about being forced "back into the closet" when accessing care and support.
- Understanding lived experience is vital to ensuring dignity, safety, and inclusion in later life.

WHAT THE PROGRAMME OFFERS

LGBT Ireland's Online Champions Training Programme equips health and social care professionals with:

- Expert-led, practical training
- Tools to create safer, more inclusive services
- Resources to support LGBTQI+ older people with dignity and respect
- Guidance to embed inclusive practice across teams and organisations

"Participation in the LGBT Champions Training Programme is an absolute must for any organisation striving to become an ally to the LGBTQI+ community."
 LGBT Champion Participant

START NOW!
 Scan the QR Code to apply
 OR email james@lgbt.ie for details.

UPCOMING ONLINE TRAINING DATES (1–5pm)

- Wed 25 Feb 2026
- Thurs 26 Mar 2026
- Wed 29 Apr 2026
- Wed 27 May 2026

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Next date coming up: Wednesday 27th May 2026 - Online from 1pm to 5pm

LGBT Ireland has just confirmed the first new dates for 2026 for the LGBT Champions Programme.

LGBT Ireland's Online LGBT Champions Training Programme supports health and social care professionals to provide safer, more inclusive care for LGBTQI+ older people.

Older LGBTQI+ people are more likely to live alone, experience isolation, and fear discrimination in care settings. Many worry about being forced "back into the closet" when seeking support. The Champions Programme offers practical, evidence-informed training and resources to help services respond with dignity, confidence, and respect.

People can apply by: Scanning the QR code on the attached poster, completing the online application here:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc7cHJ8UIPLXw.../viewform> or emailing james@lgbt.ie for more information

Helium - FREE Galway & Online Creative Summer Camps

A place to just be themselves July 2026
GALWAY Creative Summer Camps
For young people living with long-term health conditions.

Ages 8-12
• St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

Ages 13-16
• St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

helium
Inspiring life through art

Fully funded - free to attend.
Book today at www.helium.ie

The poster features a blue background with a photograph of two children sitting at a table, focused on their art project. The text is white and orange, providing details about the camp's location and age groups.

A creative escape to imagine and grow July 2026
ONLINE Creative Summer Camps
For young people living with long-term health conditions. Free art box delivered to you.

Ages 6-8

Ages 8-12

Ages 13-16

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The poster features a blue background with a photograph of a hand holding a paintbrush, with paint splatters around it. The text is white and orange, providing details about the online camp and age groups.

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!](#)**

Ireland Summer Games 2026



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>

**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

An Roinn Dlí agus Cúir,
Ceantral Bialle agus Imirce
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

Women's Sheds of Ireland



Women's Sheds
of Ireland *"Mná le chéile"*

**Are you interested in
setting up a Women's Shed
in your area?**

Women's Sheds of Ireland is the national organisation
supporting and **connecting** Women's Sheds
across the country.

TOOLKIT AVAILABLE
Everything you need to know about
starting and running a Women's Shed in Ireland.

Email us at
Main@womensshedsireland.com
for your *free toolkit*

www.womensshedsireland.com

Women's Sheds of Ireland now have a toolkit available for anyone interested in setting up, starting and running a Women's Shed in your local area. Visit <https://www.womensshedsireland.com> or email main@womensshedsireland.com to find out where and how you can be supported.

Empowering Parents. Supporting Children. Building Community.



Empowering parents.
Supporting children.
Building community.

 An Roinn Leanai, Michumais agus Comhionannais
Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Did you know? There are 121 Family Resource Centres across communities in Ireland offering free and inclusive supports for parents and children. FRCs provide “help for all, and more help for those who need it” — from practical parenting supports to parent & toddler groups, home visiting, and evidence based programmes like Parents Plus, Circle of Security, Infant Massage, and more.

If you're looking for support or want to connect with your local centre, visit www.familyresource.ie

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

Кліники 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 inquiries, please call Olga 087 186 3815

"Health, Home and Your Environment" Free information and advice clinics



Centre for Environmental Justice
Community Law & Mediation

Our Health, Home and Your Environment clinics are for your concerns about:

- The quality of the air inside your home and outdoors
- Water quality in your home
- Access to green space
- Water pollution (rivers, lakes, groundwater or coastal)
- Biodiversity loss
- The impacts of climate change affecting you and your community


Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock, Dublin 17, D17 K662

01 - 847 7804

info@communitylawandmediation.ie

www.communitylawandmediation.ie

To book, fill out our booking form and mention our new environmental clinic



SCAN ME

Community Law & Mediation's Centre for Environmental Justice is running monthly free information and advice clinics on how to address environmental harms and protect biodiversity. The 'Health, Home and Your Environment' free information and advice clinic aims to empower you with the information needed to act for a just solution that ensures the health of you, your home, and your community. To book into a clinic, fill out the below form, mentioning our environmental clinic:

<https://tinyurl.com/yb6xjxmf>

Jumpstart



‘Jumpstart’ is a new digital learning initiative developed by GRETB to support young people aged 15 to 25 who are currently not engaged in education or training.

Jumpstart is delivered through a dedicated mobile application; registered participants can access learning at a time to suit their circumstances.

There are no formal examinations or assignments; instead, learners are asked to commit to active engagement with the content.

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



Is tionscnamh foghlama digiteach nua é ‘Jumpstart’ atá forbartha ag GRETB chun tacú le daoine óga idir 15 agus 25 bliana d’aois nach bhfuil i mbun cúrsaí oideachais ná oiliúna faoi láthair. Cuirtear Jumpstart ar fáil trí aip shoghluaiste, is féidir le rannpháirtithe atá cláraithe rochtain a fháil ar fhoghlaim ag am a oireann dóibh féin. Níl aon scrúduithe ná tascanna foirmiúla ann; ina ionad sin, iarrtar ar fhoghlaimoirí gealltanas a thabhairt go mbeidh siad rannpháirteach go gníomhach san ábhar.

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

University of Galway and University of Galway Students’ Union Free Period Products / Táirgí Míostraithe Saor in Aisce



Free Period Products | Táirgí Míostraithe Saor in Aisce now available from:

- ◆ Áras na Mac Léinn (SU Office + Ladies toilet ground floor)
- ◆ Áras Moyola (Ladies toilet ground floor)
- ◆ Library Basement (SU Cloakroom, SU Síbín + Ladies toilet ground floor)
- ◆ Engineering Building (Foyer)
- ◆ Arts/Science Concourse (Beside Student Enquiry Centre)
- ◆ Arts Millennium Building (Ladies toilet ground floor)

Please take only what you need! [Read more](#)

AsIAM's - One Stop Shops 1



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](#)

Traveller Counselling Service - Toire



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

HSE Winter Preparedness Signposting

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/ 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

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 printed from 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.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
Visit: 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
Visit: 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
Visit: 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 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)

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 benefits the community by supporting the health and wellbeing of family carers and those for whom they care.
National Carline 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 Carline 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](#)

Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service



1800 66 22 88

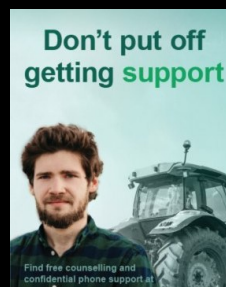
Is a 24-hour freephone helpline. We support women and children impacted by domestic abuse through: crisis accommodation and refuge, emotional support and advocacy, court accompaniment, safety planning and referrals, community-based support. [Read more](#)

Belong To & Pieta Counselling Service for LGBTQ+



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

Men's Mental Health Support



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

Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing

Connecting YOU to your local community

If you live near, Tullam, 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

Website: www.grd.ie

087 475 9547 katiegrant@grd.ie

Support Numbers

Support Numbers
Emergency Number: 999/112

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

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Rainbows Ireland

Rainbows Ireland
Supporting Children and Young People with Bereavement and Family Separation

The Rainbows programmes will start in **March 2025** **FDR, Ballinacree Social Services**

Rainbows Group support provides:

- A 9-week listening, group support programme for children and young people with Bereavement and Family Separation.
- Children and young people of a similar age than Yours.
- Separate groups are formed for Bereavement and Family Separation.

Rainbows provides a safe space to talk about difficult feelings, hot counselling, therapy or one to one support.

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

For more information:
085 1702530

085 170 2530 rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com

Macra Club

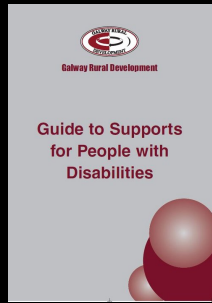
WANT A MACRA CLUB IN YOUR AREA?

- 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 hub, hall, outdoor space...
- Contact your local Macra TDO**
086 780 8987
ddonnelly@macra.ie
You'll get the help & support needed
- Check out Macra**
Sports, Community Agriculture, Travel, Personal Development, Fun, Arts, Competitions, Festivals...and lots more!
- Aged 17-35 and looking for fun?**
GREAT!

086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie

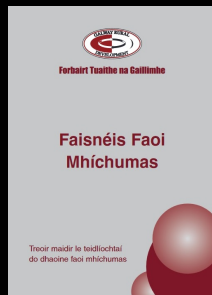
086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie

Guide to Supports for People with Disability



Galway Rural Development (GRD) has produced this booklet to provide information, guidance and advice on services and supports for children, young people and adults with disabilities in Co. Galway. More info [HERE](#)

Faisneis Faoi Mhíchumas



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

Clliceáil [ANSEO](#)

Home & Supports HUB



Start your journey towards independent living! This website is a tool for you to find the information on housing and supports you need to access independent living. Find more information on Home & Supports Hub [HERE](#)

Home & Supports HUB



Tosaigh ar do thuras i dtreo maireachtála neamhspleách!

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

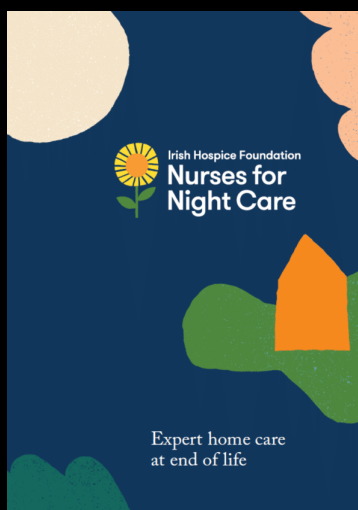
a fháil maidir le tithíocht agus tacaíochtaí chun rochtain a fháil ar mhaireachtaí neamhspleách. Faigh tuilleadh eolais ar an Mol Baile & Tacaíochtaí [ANSEO](#)

THE HomeShare



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](#)

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](#)

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

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 Freefone 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](#)

Galway County Age Friendly Programme



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

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

Age Action



Read about Positive Ageing
and supports for older people

[HERE](#)

UNIVERSAL CLASS: Caring for Seniors



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

Galway Volunteer Centre



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

OTHER ORGANISATION'S NEWSLETTERS



Health & Wellbeing Newsletter [HERE](#)



Healthy Galway
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#)



ALONE
Newsletter [HERE](#)



Community & Disability Newsletter [HERE](#)



ILMI eBulletin:
[HERE](#)

Notice Board / Events

Fleadh na Bealtaine 2026



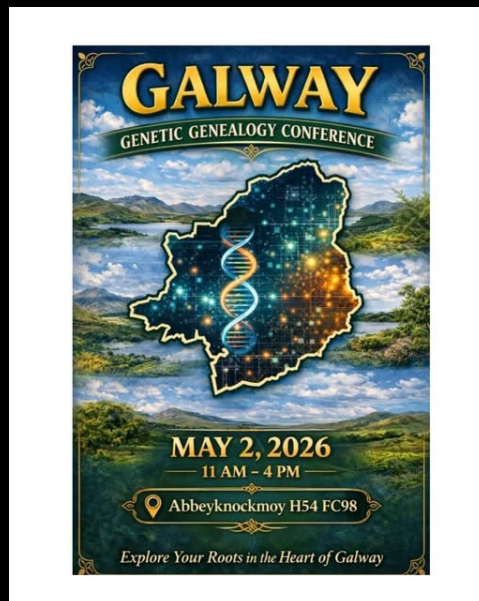
FLEADH NA BEALTAINÉ

30th April - 4th May 2026

From Thursday 30th April to Monday 4th May 2026 - Galway City

Get ready to welcome the summer in true Gaelic style! Fleadh Na Bealtaine is Galway City's newest traditional Irish music and cultural festival, arriving this May Bank Holiday weekend. Rooted in the ancient Celtic traditions of Bealtaine, this festival is a vibrant celebration of music, fire, folklore, and community. For more information, please visit www.fleadhnabealtaine.ie

Galway Genetic Genealogy Conference



Saturday 2nd May 2026 - Abbeyknockmoy Community Centre, Co Galway - H54 FC98

An interesting and informative series of talks by local experts will help to show how using genetic genealogy, records plus DNA, can deepen an understanding of a family's history and connections.

The day's speakers include Eileen Faherty, Tourism Development Officer at Carna Emigrant Centre, Patrick Glennon Admin The Tribes of Ulster Project, Midie Corcoran founding member and artistic director of Earwig! Arts; a Tuam community arts group, and an expert in all things Corcoran & Farrell in Tuam, Peter Leonard who is using YDNA to research the older origins of the Leonard surname from east Galway and Martin Curley who works with schools, community groups and individuals on family and local history projects.

A light lunch will be provided and a suggested donation of €10 to cover this and other costs would be appreciated of attendees

For more information please see updates in the East Galway Genealogy & DNA FB group or contact Martin at 089 416 4830

Pilgrims for Palestine!



PILGRIMS FOR PALESTINE
FUNDRAISING
Night
 in aid of Gaza Go Bragh
 ON MAY 2ND IN GALWAY ROWING CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM

ETHICAL BAR ON THE NIGHT



A NIGHT OF **Music, Solidarity AND Hope**

Lúan & Eva Carroll	Padraig Jack	Plus
James Lohan	The Gaza Tones	Guest Speaker
Sailhymn	The Tav Jam	Audrey Kissane
Áine Tyrrell	Band	of the
		Clear Lens Podcast

LINK TO OUR IDONATE: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraisers/pilgrimsforpalestine2026>

LINK TO TICKET TAILOR WEBSITE FOR BUYING TICKETS TO THE EVENT: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pilgrimsforpalestine>

Saturday 2nd May 2026 from 19:30 to 23:45 - Galway Rowing Club, Galway City, H91 K072

Pilgrims for Palestine! An evening of Music, Solidarity and Hope! For more information and to buy a ticket, please visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/.../pilgrimforpalestine/2073213>

CELT Bealtaine Weekend in the Hills - Festival of Traditional Crafts



Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2026 - Slieve Aughty Centre, Kylebrack West, Loughrea

A weekend of craft learning and community building. Come learn a skill, soak up the culture, have fun and make everlasting friendships! Camping and glamping is available and organic lunch is included. Courses include:

Felted Foraging Bowl Workshop, Cleft Gate Making Workshop, Silver Jewelry, Basket Weaving, Weave your own Willow Backpack, Stone carving, Dry Stone Wall Building, Traditional Leather Crafting, Felted Bag Design Workshop, Longbow Making, Bowl turning on a Foot Powered Lathe, Wild Food Foraging with Olwyn, Súgán Chair Building, Natural Doll Making Workshop and more.

For more information, please visit [Weekend in the Hills | CELT](#)

Eastside Arts Festival



From Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th May 2026

The Eastside Arts Festival is an exciting new community-led celebration of Galway City East, and is expected to run from 7 to 9 May 2026. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for people living on the east side of the city to come together as a community, showcase their talents, and appreciate the wonderful work of a range of local groups. The festival aims to foster inclusion, accessibility, and sustainability, creating a space where different cultures and generations can connect through the arts. Events will take place at various community hubs, including Ballybane Library, the Ballybane Community Resource Centre, and the SCCUL Enterprise Centre. The programme offers something for all ages and interests, integrating visual arts, performing arts, interactive workshops, and nature-based activities. We encourage you to scan the QR code to take a look at the programme of events and start planning ahead. Contacts: Tel: (091) 509 244 - Email: ballybane@galwaylibrary.ie

Community Singing Circle

COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE

**STARTING
MAY 8TH 7-8.30PM**

Would you like to come gather to share songs, meet new faces, and lift each others spirits through song? We will sing songs of love and peace that remind us of our power, our spirit, our connection. No pressure, no performance – just the joy of voices coming together.

What to expect:

- Relaxed, welcoming atmosphere
- Simple songs taught by ear
- A chance to de-stress
- Tea, chats, fun

VENUE- THE HEALTH HUB, MAIN ST, LOUGHREA.

0868573298
Loughrea, Co Galway
www.martinaflaherty.com

Transformation Through Sound & Voice

Starting Friday 8th May for 6 weeks, at 7pm - The Health Club, Main Street Loughrea, Co. Galway

New Community Singing Circle starting on Friday May 8th. Come sing, breathe, unwind, meet others and lift each others spirit through song. This is about: Wellbeing, Connection and Joy of singing. All welcome – No experience needed – just bring yourself. For more information contact Martina Flaherty: 086 857 3298 or www.martinaflaherty.com

Athenry CycleFest 2026



Saturday 9th May 2026 from 1pm to 4pm - Athenry Town Park, Athenry Co. Galway Free event

Get ready to roll into the BikeWeek with a FREE afternoon packed with pedal-powered fun at the 2026 Athenry CycleFest! There's something for everyone: face painting, ice cream, vintage bikes, stilt walkers, electric trishaw tours and more... Plus loads of bike goodies and surprises along the way... you won't want to miss it! More info check out the Facebook event page: [Athenry CycleFest 2026 / Bike Week | Facebook](#)

Galway County Africa Day



Saturday 9th May 2026 from 2pm to 5pm - Tuam Palace Grounds (beside Coral Leisure Centre), Tuam, Co. Galway. Free event

Galway County Integration Team is pleased to announce Galway Africa Day 2026!

Africa Day is the annual day that commemorates the foundation of the African Union and celebrates the people and culture of African countries. In Ireland, all 31 Local Authorities host cultural, artistic, and family-friendly events for Africa Day. These include contemporary African-Irish culture events, as well as family fun days, fashion, art, film, music, dance, and food events. Africa Day 2026 is organised by the [Galway County Local Authority Integration Team \(LAIT\)](#) and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs. You can read more about

Celebrating Women in Politics Mar chuid de chomóradh Mná sa bPholaitíocht



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

Coiste Chruinnítú na mBan, Cathair agus Contae na Gaillimhe
Mar chuid de chomóradh Mná sa bPolaitíocht
Galway City and County Women's Caucus Committee
Celebrating Women in Politics

The Day Iceland Stood Still
9 Bealtaine 2026 7:30i.n.
9 May 2026 7:30pm
Amharclann na Cathrach

Mrs. Robinson
18 Bealtaine 2026 7:30i.n.
18 May 2026 7:30pm
Galway Town Hall Theatre

Saorchead Isteach Ticéid ag tkt.ie | Free Entry Tickets at tkt.ie

Saturday 9th and Monday 18th May

Galway City and County Women's Caucus Committee, Celebrating Women in Politics, cordially invite you to two special film screenings of:

- 'The Day Iceland Stood Still' at 7:30pm on Saturday 9th May 2026 and,
- 'Mary Robinson' at 7:30pm on Monday 18th May 2026

In the Town Hall Theater, Galway City, H91 H3C32.

Each screening will be followed by a fireside chat and reception. This event is free to attend but tickets must be secured through The Town Hall Theater [Town Hall Theatre, Galway](https://www.townhalltheatre.com).

Dé Sathairn an 9ú agus Dé Luain an 18ú Bealtaine

Mar chuid de chomóradh Mná sa bPolaitíocht, cuireann Coiste Chaireas na mBan i gCathair agus i gContae na Gaillimhe cuireadh romhat bheith i láthair ag dhá thaispeántas speisialta scannán:

- 'The Day Iceland Stood Still' ag 7:30i.n. ar an Satharn 9 Bealtaine 2026 agus,
- 'Mary Robinson' ag 7:30i.n. ar an Luan 18 Bealtaine

In Amharclann na Cathrach, Gaillimh, H91 H3C32.

Beidh comhrá agus fáiltiú cois tine ina dhiaidh ar an dá oíche. Tá saorchead isteach ag an ócáid seo ach ní mór ticéid a chur in áirithe tríd Amharclann na Cathrach - [Town Hall Theatre, Galway](https://www.townhalltheatre.com).

SAVE THE DATE!!

3 Day Challenge Charity Tour of Connacht - 600k in 3 Days



TWELVE BENS CYCLING CLUB
Supporting
Western Alzheimer's
Cancer Care West

**3 DAY CHALLENGE
TOUR OF CONNACHT
600KMS IN 3 DAYS**

From Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2026

[Twelve Bens Cycling Club](https://www.twelvebenscyclingclub.com) Charity Tour of Connacht. Connacht Challenge - 600km in 3 Days

Twelve Bens Cycling Club are taking on a 600km Tour de Nacht over three days to raise vital funds and awareness for our chosen charities: ❤️ Western Alzheimer's ❤️ Cancer Care West

Day 1. Clifden - Belmullet via Louisburgh, Westport, Newport and Mulranny.

Day 2. Belmullet - Carrick on Shannon via Ballina, Inishcrone and Collooney.

**Day 3. Carrick on Shannon - Clifden via Knock, Ballinrobe, Maa
m, Roundstone, Ballyconnelly.**

Every kilometer ridden supports individuals and families affected by illness across the West of Ireland. All money raised goes directly to the charities. Email: twelvebenscc@yahoo.com <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/twelvebenscyclingclub>

National Famine Commemoration 2026



Sunday 17th May 2026 - Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna, Co Galway.

The National Famine Commemoration is an annual State event that honours the memory of those who suffered, died, or were forced to emigrate during An Gorta Mór. It provides an opportunity for reflection, remembrance, and recognition of the profound impact this period had on Ireland and its people.

For more information, please visit: [State Commemoration: National Famine Commemoration 2026](#)

Get SunSmart! Children's Art Competition 2026



Closing date: Friday 22nd May 2026

Looking for something fun and creative for children this spring? Healthy Ireland and the HSE's National Cancer Control Programme are inviting pre-school and primary school children to take part in the Get SunSmart Children's Art Competition 2026. Winners in each category will receive:

• OPW Family Heritage Card • Dublin Zoo family pass • National Book Token

Find out how to enter: www.gov.ie/getsunsmart



Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2026

Street Feast is back on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th May 2026.

A national weekend of street parties and community lunches, all about bringing neighbours together and helping communities feel more connected.

Now in its 16th year, Street Feast is a simple but powerful idea — pull up a chair, share some food and get to know the people who live around you. Whether it's a street, estate or apartment block, everyone is welcome to take part. Anyone can host a Street Feast. Just register at StreetFeast.ie to receive a free party pack with bunting, posters, invitations and a handy DIY guide to help you get started

Headfest 2026



June Bank Holiday, 27th May - 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/>



TRAVELLER PRIDE 2026 *SAVE THE DATE*

Join us in celebrating Traveller Pride Week 2026 with a panel hosted by Emma Ward and Special Guests!

28th May, 1pm - 2pm Athenry, Galway.

Emma Ward, Shane McCarthy, Lee Anna Ward, Rose Marie Maughan, Martin Ward

Disability Participation News Hub, FBD Insurance, Supermac's

Thursday 28th May 1pm - 2:30pm Athenry Community Hall, Cross St, Gorteenacra, Athenry

Join the Traveller Pride Week 2026 this May in Athenry as we celebrate it with a panel hosted by Emma Ward, featuring special guests! The Disability Participation News Hub are delighted to host this event to mark Traveller Pride Week 2026, celebrating Traveller identity, intersectionality, and culture. This year's theme is: Looking back, moving forward: Being an individual while celebrating our collective history. The event will be hosted by disabled Irish Traveller, writer, freelance journalist and disability rights activist, Emma Ward, featuring a panel of special guests to chat about identity, culture, intersectionality and everything in between! Register here: [Disability Participation News Hub: Traveller Pride Week Celebration Event Tickets, Thursday, May 28 · 1 PM - 2 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Headfest 8K Run | Jog | Walk



HEADFEST MONAGHAN'S HEADFORD

8K RUN
RUN | JOG | WALK

TIME: 19:00 FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026
Ticket entry ONLY on: EVENTBRITE.IE
 START: THE SQUARE, HEADFORD. H91 FW61
RACE WILL BE CHIPPED TIMED BY TRIBAL RUNNING
 THIS YEAR WE ARE INTRODUCING CLUB TEAM PRIZES IN MENS & WOMENS RACE TO PROMOTE CLUB RUNNING.
 COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT FOR FIRST 250 ENTRIES
 JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AT THE SQUARE AFTERWARDS

REGISTRATION FEE : €25

For more info: headfest8krace@gmail.com

PRIZE CATEGORIES:
 MEN & WOMEN FIRST 3,
 MASTERS MEN & WOMEN 1ST
 O40, O50 & O60's
 JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS 16-17YRS

Tickets: Scan QR code with camera on phone to enter

Logos: Headfest Harriers, West-Midlands Credit Union, Wild Atlantic Way, Fáilte Ireland, European Union, LEADER, West-Midlands & Athlone

Friday, 29th May 2026 at 7:00pm from The Square, Headford, Co. Galway H91 FW61

Get ready to hit the ground running (or jogging, or walking!) at the Headfest 8K on Friday, 29th May 2026! This event welcomes all levels of participants — whether you plan to run competitively, jog with friends, or walk the route and soak up the atmosphere. The 8K course offers a great opportunity to challenge yourself while enjoying a supportive community environment. Your €25 registration includes professional chipped timing, an exclusive commemorative T-shirt, and well-deserved refreshments. Don't miss out on a fantastic evening of community and activity!

Secure your spot today via Eventbrite: [Headfest 8k Run/jog/walk in partnership with the Headford Harriers Tickets, Friday, May 29 · Starts at 7 PM | Eventbrite](#)

SAVE THE DATE!! Ballinasloe Multicultural Mid Summer Festival



ARTS & CULTURE, FAMILY FUN, MUSIC, SPORTS

Ballinasloe Multicultural Mid Summer Festival

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.

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

Le dea-ghuí, (*with kind regards*)

Silvana Falasca

Galway County PPN Support Worker

Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht / *Galway County Council*
Áras an Chontae / Prospect Hill / Galway / H91 H6KX

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