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Public Participation Network Galway County

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Monthly Newsletter

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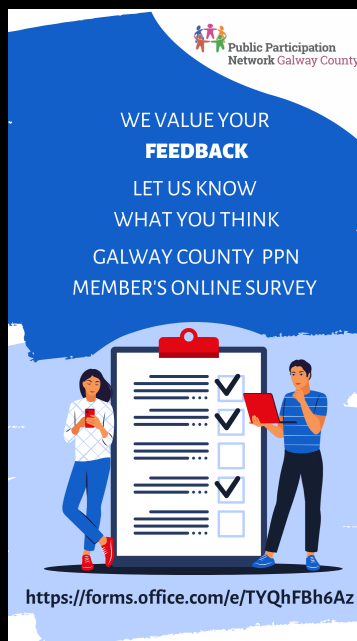
PPN NEWS

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



Dear PPN Members, we need your help!!

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

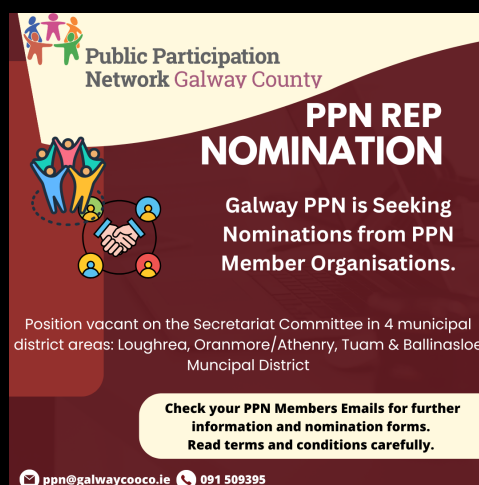
To achieve this, the survey focuses on identifying the current activities, challenges, and specific needs of the organizations that are part of

the PPN. What would you like to see from PPN? How can we help you achieve this? Do you need further upskilling courses, help with getting information about your organisation out to the public? Please let us know by completing this survey.

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

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

Nominations for Galway County PPN Secretariat Member now open



Closing date: Ongoing

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

Please find attached PPN Nomination Form for Secretariat Membership below:

[PPN Nomination Form for Secretariat Membership](#)

If you have any queries about this application form please email ppn@galwaycoco.ie

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

Completed form need to be returned via email to: 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)

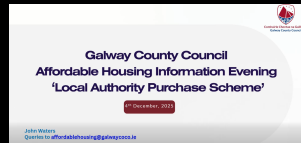
Council & Government News

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



<https://www.galway.ie>

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 dearchtaí faoi shalachar madraí a athrú. Cláraíonn oibrithe deonacha agus geallann siad go mbeidh siad ina Siúlóir Glas Madraí. Féach Clár Siúlóirí Glasa Madraí:

<https://ow.ly/MICp50Ycl8l>

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

Local Food & Craft Gift Fair



Closing date for applications: Friday, 7 August 2026

From Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th November 2026 - Black Box Theatre, Galway City

Calling all Galway makers, crafters and food producers! Showcase your artisan foods, jewellery, ceramics, textiles, woodwork, blacksmith creations and more at one of Galway's premier festive shopping events. Applications are now open for the 2026 Local Food & Craft Gift Fair

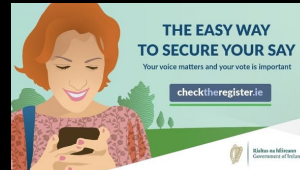
at the Black Box Theatre, Galway, running from 24–29 November. **Apply on Friday, 7 August 2026.**

Spaces are limited, so submit your Expression of Interest today and be part of this vibrant celebration of local creativity and craftsmanship. Apply now at <https://galwayleo.submit.com/show/187>

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

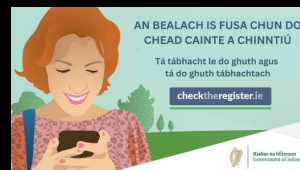
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEWS

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

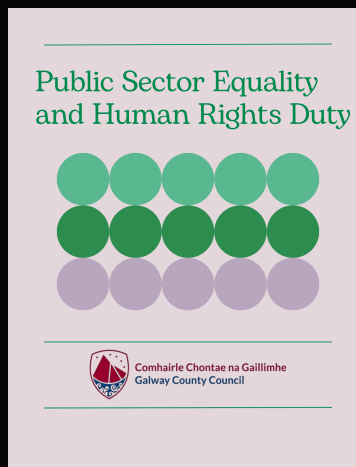
Portumna Outdoor Recreation Building & Park - Survey



In-person consultation: Wednesday 1st July from 2:00pm to 6:00pm - Portumna Courthouse on Clonfert Avenue, Portumna, Co. Galway --- Online closing date: Saturday 3rd July 2026

Galway County Council is inviting the community to a public consultation event and survey to help shape the future of Portumna's swimming area as a vibrant outdoor recreation, community and tourism destination. The proposed vision includes a water sports and recreation hub, improved walking and cycling connections, a strong focus on biodiversity and sustainability, and the development of a high-quality public park promoting health and wellbeing. The in-person consultation will take place at Portumna Courthouse on Clonfert Avenue on Wednesday, 1st July from 2:00pm to 6:00pm, with the online survey running alongside it. Survey link: [Portumna Recreation Park](https://forms.gate.com/3v38880P)

Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty



Galway County Council is keen to gather the views, lived experiences, and insights of community groups and individuals who represent a diverse range of perspectives across the county.

Engaging with stakeholders at an early stage will help us to better understand local needs and priorities and ensure that our plans, projects, and strategies included in the Annual Duty Action Plan 2026 are informed by the experiences of those most affected by them.

This forms part of our ongoing commitment to meaningful stakeholder engagement in line with the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

We would particularly welcome participation in relation to upcoming initiatives, including the Athenry Active Travel Scheme, which is expected to go to public consultation in **mid-July**. Feedback received through this engagement process will help shape the development and delivery of this and other future projects. For any queries, please contact Eithne directly emckiernan@galwaycoco.ie

Link to the consultation: [Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty - Consultation & Engagement](#)

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/VlQ1wacghB

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

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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 cloistéal uait!

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

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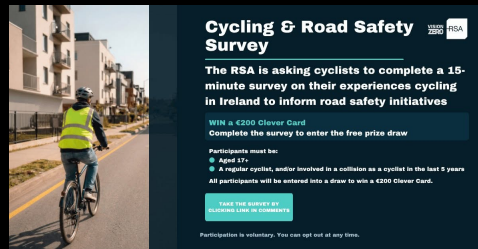
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More Consultations from Galway County Council [HERE](#)

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Road Safety Authority (RSA) - Cycling & Road Safety Survey



The RSA is asking cyclists to complete a 15-minute survey on their experiences cycling in Ireland to inform road safety initiatives.

Participants must be:

- Aged 17+
- A regular cyclist, and/or involved in a collision as a cyclist in the last 5 years

All participants will be entered into a draw to win a €200 voucher.

Take the survey here: [Road Safety Authority \(RSA\) Cyclist Attitudes & Behaviour Survey 2026](#)

Financing the Green Transition: Assessing the Role and Scalability of All Irish Social Enterprises for Climate Action



This is the first comprehensive research examining how all Irish social enterprises finance environmental and climate activities. Whether you're scaling green initiatives or prioritising other social missions, your perspective matters. Irish social enterprises often face barriers accessing green finance that traditional businesses do not, despite delivering strong environmental and social outcomes. Many social enterprises report that lenders and investors struggle to understand their model and impact. For the first time, we're gathering evidence on what stops social enterprises from accessing green finance, which barriers are fixable vs structural, and which policies would help you. This evidence aims to inform future government funding mechanisms over the next 5-10 years. Your participation will shape future policy discussions. This research is sponsored by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht; the survey takes 15 minutes and is completely confidential:

[Social Enterprises and Financing the Green Transition](#)

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.

Ireland Against Racism Fund



Closing date: Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 12noon

The Ireland Against Racism Fund 2026 is now open for applications, with €1.4 million available to support national and regional projects aimed at combating racism and fostering racial equality and community cohesion. The funding call will be based on five thematic pillars: - Being Safe and Being Heard – Supporting people who experience racism and protecting people from racist incidents and crimes; - Being Equal – Addressing ethnic inequities; - Being Seen and Taking Part – Enabling minority participation; - Being Counted – Measuring the impacts of racism; - Being Together – A shared journey to racial equality. The fund has three Schemes: Scheme 1 for projects seeking grants between €100,000 to €250,000; Scheme 2 for projects seeking grants between €40,000 to €100,000; Scheme 3 for projects seeking grants between €5,000 to €10,000.

For more information, please visit [Ireland Against Racism Fund](#)

NYCI Innovation Fund



Closing date: Friday 3rd July 2026 at 5pm

Innovation has always been a key part of a youth work response. Youth workers are consistently responding to the social, economic, political and cultural contexts that they meet in their practice.

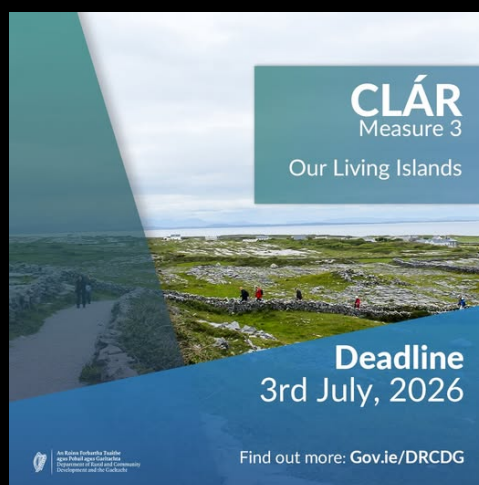
This fund recognises the ingenuity that is present in youth work and seeks to create an opportunity to build on this innovation. This fund has a particular focus on harnessing this innovation with the intention of supporting the introduction and/or embedding of a global youth work approach in your practice. The fund is not restricted to any criteria, beyond the fact that it should identify a core justice issue within a local-global context.

Project implementation should take place between July 15th - 30th September 2026.

Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to €5000 and free training with the Youth 2030 training team to support you in delivering a young person-centred project on issues relating to our global world. This funding is to support projects in the youth work sector.

Lear more and Apply: [Innovation Fund Grant Application - National Youth Council of Ireland](#)

CLAR Measure 3: Our Living Islands



Closing date: Friday 3rd July 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Benefact Movement for Good Awards – Community Special Draw



Closing date: Sunday 5th July 2026

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

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

Community Special Draw

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

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

SPAR and EUROSPAR Community Fund Supporting Local Sports Clubs



Closing date: Wednesday 8th July 2026

The SPAR and EUROSPAR Community Fund 2026 has been launched, offering a total of €60,000 in funding to support local sports clubs across Ireland. Proud partners of Team Ireland, SPAR and EUROSPAR are seeking clubs that are “hungry for success” and making a positive impact in their communities. The fund will award 30 clubs with grants of €2,000 each, supporting initiatives such as new equipment, facility improvements, and development projects that help clubs grow and thrive.

Lear more and Apply: [SPAR/EUROSPAR Team Ireland Community Fund](#)

Community Centre Investment Fund 2026 - Refurbishment Grant



Closing date: Monday 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](#)

Sound & Vision 4 - Round 61



Closing date: Thursday 16th July 2026 at 12noon

Sound & Vision 4 is a funding scheme for broadcasters and independent producers that funds the production of high-quality programmes about Irish culture, heritage, and experience and programmes to improve adult literacy. Round 61 is now open and we welcome funding applications from independent producers and broadcasters to support the production of high-quality broadcast content that reflects Irish culture, heritage, language and diversity, including content in the Irish language.

The relevant guides and application forms for Round 61 are available on www.cnamonline.ie or by request at sv4@cnam.ie All applications must be submitted via our [online portal](#).

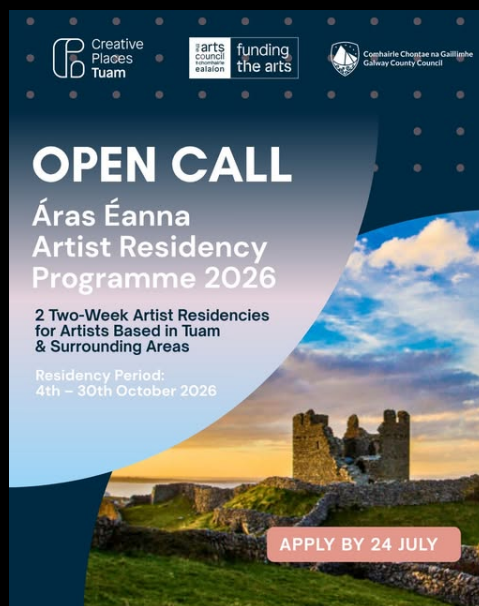
Full Circle Awards 2026



Closing date: Friday 24th July 2026

Nominate your local Circular living champion today! Do you know someone working hard to make life more circular and sustainable? Do you think they deserve a €2,000 prize for the great work they do? Nominate your local champion for the Full Circle Awards today. Winners will be chosen for each of 6 categories: Repair and Reuse Champion, Community Circular Champion, Creative Circular Design, Circular Living Advocate, Best Community Campaign, Circular Sports Champion. Find out who is eligible and how to enter here: [Full Circle Awards 2026](#)

OPEN CALL: Creative Places Tuam Áras Éanna Artist Residency Programme 2026



Closing date: Friday 24th July 2026 at 5pm

Residencies run from 4th to 17th October and from 18th to 30th October 2026

Creative Places Tuam is offering two artists from Tuam and the surrounding areas a two week residency at [Áras Éanna Ionad Ealaine Inis Oírr](#) on Inis Oírr. Each residency includes accommodation, studio space and a €1000 stipend giving you dedicated time to focus on your practice. This opportunity forms part of Creative Places Tuam's ongoing commitment to supporting artists and strengthening creative opportunities in Tuam and its surrounding communities.

Open to artists aged 18+ working in any artform. Emerging and established artists welcome.

Full details and how to apply: [Open Call – Creative Places Tuam Áras Éanna Artist Residency Programme 2026 - Creative Places Tuam](#)

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



Closing date: Friday 31st July 2026

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

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

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

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

What Works in Community Fund



Closing date: Friday 31st July 2026

The 2026 What Works In Communities Fund seeks to empower communities by supporting C&V organisations that deliver prevention and early intervention initiatives for children and young people, including those with disabilities, those that are marginalised, and those at risk of social exclusion.

The Fund specifically aims to support not-for-profit, non-statutory organisations based in the Ireland that are community-led and providing services, supports or advocacy for community benefit.

They must operate outside of formal state-run systems such as education or health service delivery.

Projects must apply one of the following approaches:

- Piloting and testing innovative prevention and early intervention approaches.
- Scaling up existing prevention and early intervention approaches where there is an opportunity to better understand how and in what contexts these approaches are effective.
- Evaluating an existing prevention and early intervention project so it can contribute to the national evidence base and potentially be upscaled and/or replicated elsewhere.

Learn more and Apply: [Announcement of 2026 What Works In Communities Fund - WhatWorks](#)

Ahascragh Streetscape Scheme



Closing date: Friday 31st July 2026 at 11pm

Galway County Council is offering a **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for Ahascragh**, closing **31 July 2026**, funded through the 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme under *Our Rural Future*. The programme aims to revitalise the village by improving the appearance of streets and buildings. Property owners, tenants, and community groups can apply for grants covering **up to 70–80%** of painting, restoration, signage, lighting, and greening works. The scheme encourages high-quality materials, thoughtful design, decluttering, and coordinated colours to enhance the village's character. Eligible applicants include owners or tenants of commercial, residential, unoccupied, or local-authority buildings within the designated area, as well as community groups applying with the owner's consent. For more information, please visit: <https://galwaycoco.submit.com/show/188>

Huawei Solar Sports Scheme



Closing date: Friday 31st August 2026

Sports clubs and organisations across Ireland are being encouraged to apply for the Huawei Solar Sports Scheme, which will award five grants of €10,000 each to support grassroots sport and community development. The scheme aims to invest in projects that strengthen local clubs, promote participation and deliver long-term benefits for communities. Funding can support sporting activities, facilities, equipment, development programmes and other sport-related initiatives.

Learn more and Apply: [HUAWEI SOLAR SPORTS SCHEME](#)

Arts and Disability Connect 2026



Arts + Disability Connect

An Arts Council funding scheme for individual artists with disabilities.

Arts and Disability Connect 2026

Round One	Round Two
Opens: 23 March	Opens: 10 August
Closes: 12 May	Closes: 29 September

Apply and download guidelines and Easy Read Information from 23 March here: www.adiarts.ie/connect

Contact: connect@adiarts.ie





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

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

LAWPRO Small Grants and Events Scheme



Closing date: Friday 18th December 2026

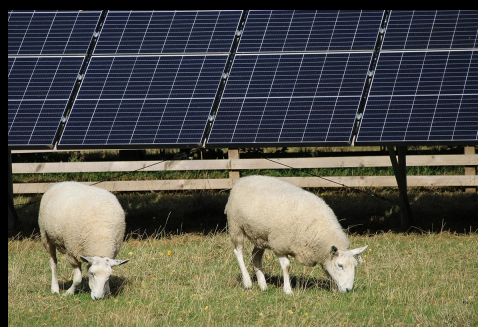
This grants scheme is for community groups to apply for small scale initiatives and events outside of LAWPRO's targeted open calls. It covers events such as World Wetland Day, Biodiversity Week, Science Week, etc. It may also be used for small awareness raising initiatives such as surveys and plans, citizen science, hosting a meeting, workshops, litter pick, publications, biodiversity signage, or other such small scale initiatives.

Applications must have a water quality or water awareness focus.

Please do not use this application form to apply for events to be hosted during Heritage Week (August 15th to 23rd 2026). A separate application process for Heritage Week grants will be advertised at a later date and well in advance of Heritage Week 2026.

Learn more & Apply: [LAWPRO Small Grants and Events Scheme 2026 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](#)

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](#)

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme



The **Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme** is a State programme that provides **financial payments and health supports** to people who spent time in certain Mother and Baby Homes or County Homes in Ireland, recognising the difficult conditions and separation many mothers and children experienced. The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme is now open for applications. You can [apply online](#) through our dedicated portal, or [apply by post](#) using a hard copy of the form. For more information, please visit [Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme](#)

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

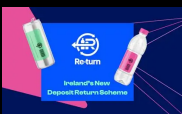


Closing date: Ongoing

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.

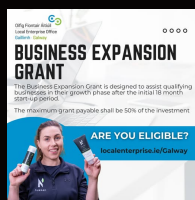
[Read more](#)

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



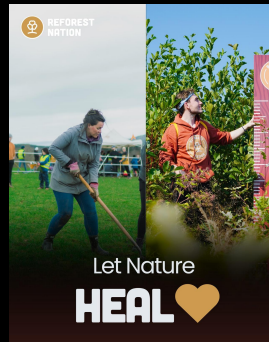
Closing date: Ongoing

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](#)





Training & Development

Art Club with Fiona



Starting Wednesday 1st July 2026 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Group 8HQ, Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre, Co. Galway

Art Club with Fiona is back this July. Suitable for children aged 7+.

Join Fiona for these exciting, jam-packed arts & crafts workshops. €15 per class -

To book a place please WhatsApp or Text 087 737 8729.

Women's Water Polo (age 30+)



Saturday 4th July 2026 from 5pm to 6:30pm - Kingfisher NUIG Galway City

Swim Ireland is launching the first 'Water Polo come and try' programme at Kingfisher University of Galway for Adult Women aged 30 + years. We are inviting midlife females to come along and join us for a fun water polo programme, that you haven't experienced before! Get ready for an introduction to basic knowledge of water polo, and everything it has to offer! Saying "Goodbye" to the old stereotypes surrounding Swimming and take the afternoon to bond with your fellow females! Minimum requirement to join this programme, being able to swim 100m front crawl without stopping and have proper breaststroke technique. For more information, please visit <http://https://www.swimireland.ie/> Register here: [Connacht - Water Polo Come and try Kingfisher NUIG Galway - Adult Women aged 30 + years - Buy Tickets](#)

National Play Day 2026

National Play Day
EYRE SQUARE
Saturday
July 4th
11am - 2pm

Tug O War
 Soccer
 Cricket
 Street Games
 Drumadore
 Obstacle Course
 Face Painting
 Creative art
 Sensory area
 Chalk Area
 Community Circus
 Pickleball

Cathracha Gníomhacha Active Cities GAILLIMH / GALWAY
 Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council
 An Roinn Leanaí, Michumais agus Comhionannais Department of Children, Disability and Equality

National Play Day

Corribdale Park Oughterard

11th July @ 13:00 - 15:00

Activities

- Garden Games
- Irish Dance
- Sensory Area
- Flag Football
- Circus Skills
- Face Painting
- and much more!

Free Event for All Ages and Abilities

Corrighlíocht Sport Na Gallíne Gaeilge Sports Partnership
Cumann Chéimneach na Gallíne Gaeilge County Council
Lá Náisiúnta Síogairthe National Play Day

Saturday 4th July 2026 from 11am to 2pm - Eyre Square, Galway City

Saturday 11th July 2026 from 1pm to 3pm - Corribdale Park Oughterard, Co. Galway

Galway Celebrates National Play Day with Fun, Fitness, and Family Activities in Eyre Square and Oughterard.

For more information, please visit [Galway Sports Partnership Events | National Play Day 2026](#)

Inishbofin Summer School 2026

Summer School INISHBOFIN 2026

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

6TH-10TH JULY 2026

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

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

HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE ISLAND!

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

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

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

Summer School
INISHBOFIN
2026

6TH-10TH JULY 2026

Established in 1984, the Inishbofin Summer School works with the multi-disciplined team, which this year includes marine biologists **Sibéal Regan** and **Dr. Noirin Burke**, ecologist, and artist **Gordon D'Arcy**, ecologist and conservationist **Conor Ryan**, local historian **Tommy Burke**, Environmental Education Specialist **Kay Synnott**, and award-winning poet, songwriter and children's writer **Catherine Ann Cullen**.

HAVE FUN AND EXPLORE THE ISLAND!

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

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

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From Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026 - Inishbofin Island, Co. Galway

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dungeons & Dragons



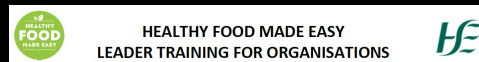
Starting on Thursday 9th July 2026 from 2:15pm to 4:15pm for 8 sessions - Tuam Library

Tuam Library is pleased to invite young people (11–15 years) to take part in an exciting series of Dungeons & Dragons sessions! Participants will have the opportunity to paint their very own miniature models, create distinct characters, develop storytelling skills, embrace creativity and teamwork while embarking on guided fantasy adventures in a structured and welcoming environment.

Booking is essential. To reserve a place, please contact: 093 242 87 - tuamlibrary@galwaycoco.ie

Spaces are limited, and early booking is recommended.

Healthy Food Made Easy Leader Training for Organisations



Closing date: Friday 10th July 2026

The HSE's Health Promotion and Improvement Department and the Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service are currently inviting organisations to identify staff interested in training as Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) Leaders. HFME Leader training will be offered free of charge to staff within organisations, across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, who can deliver the HFME programme as part of their current role. HFME is a nutrition education programme which provides an opportunity for participants to gain practical information on healthy eating, including reading food labels, budgeting and meal planning. Each week, participants learn how to cook new dishes that are quick and easy to prepare. The HFME programme is run over 6 sessions (approx. 2.5 hours per session) and is suitable for use with a wide range of groups in the community. The programme is flexible and the material can be adapted to suit course participants and their individual needs e.g. literacy and interests.

Two training courses for HFME Leaders will be delivered in August/ September 2026. They will take place in Galway on the following dates.

In the application form, you will be asked to select the dates that best suit you.

Galway Course Part 1: Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August 2026, 9.30am to 4pm SCCUL Enterprise Centre, Castlepark Road, Ballybane, Galway, H91 YA43

Galway Course Part 2: Tuesday 1st, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September 2026, 9.30am to 4pm Ballybane Community Resource Centre, Castlepark Road, Ballybane, Galway, H91 VP6D

Interested applicants must complete the online application form **by 5pm Friday 10th July**.

Link to online application form - <https://surveys.hse.ie/s/HFME26/>

For further information on the training, or application process, please contact Ashling Jennings, Health Promotion and Improvement Officer on 087 057 5425 or email ashling.jennings@hse.ie

Watersport Inclusion Games 2026



WATERSPORTS INCLUSION GAMES

GALWAY BAY 11-12 JULY

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July 2026 - Galway Bay

This year the games will take place in Galway Bay from the 11th to 12th of July.

The free event is designed to remove barriers for participants of all abilities and create a welcoming environment where everyone can try a wide range of activities, from diving to sailing..

Sign up as a Participant here: [WATERSPORTS INCLUSION GAMES Participant Sign Up 2026](#)

Sign up as a Volunteer here: [WATERSPORTS INCLUSION GAMES Volunteer Sign-up 2026](#)

Badminton Ireland Summer Camps

Badminton Ireland

BADMINTON TECHNIC CAMPS GALWAY

⌚ JULY & AUGUST 2026

JULY 13TH-16TH	Galway - Connemara ⌚ West Connemara Leisure Centre
JULY 27TH-30TH	Galway - City ⌚ Knocknacarra GAA
AUGUST 4TH-7TH	Galway - Tuam ⌚ Holy Cross Tuam

FOR AGES 7 - 15 YRS

Starting 13th July 2026 in Connemara

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

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

For more information or to get the booking link, please contact: dsherlock@badmintonireland.com

Places are limited — book early to avoid disappointment!

The Aughrim Summer Series 2026

EVENTS



THE AUGHRIM SUMMER SERIES 2026

12 JUNE	The architectural legacy of James Forth Kempster and his sons	1.15pm to 2.15pm.
17 JULY	Heraldry of the families of County Galway	1.15pm - 2.15pm
22 AUGUST	Walkabout and talkabout on the 1691 Battle of Aughrim	11.00 am - 2.30pm
18 SEPTEMBER	'Sure that's Women for you'	1.15 pm - 2.15 pm

All events are free to the Public

Visit us at the Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co Galway H53KH51
 Register your interest: Tel: 090 967 3939 | 087 6844 253 or Email: battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie
 Online: <https://battleofaughrim.info/>

Coming up: Friday 17th July The Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim, Ballinasloe

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

Register your interest: Tel. 090 967 3939 - 087 684 4253 or Email: battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie

Up Cycle a T-Shirt Craft Workshop for Teenagers 13+



UPCYCLE A T-SHIRT

craft workshop for teenagers 13+

Tuesday, 21st July from 2.15pm to 4.15pm

BOOKING REQUIRED

Clár Éire Iddnach
Creative Ireland
Programme




All materials supplied

Tuesday 21st July 2026 from 2:15pm to 4:15pm - Ballybane Library

Are you tired of wearing an ordinary T-shirt and looking like everyone else? Would you like to learn how to personalise your clothes and make them truly unique? Want to help the environment by upcycling what you already have instead of buying more? Then this workshop is perfect for you!

Book early, as places are limited! Email: ballybane@galwaylibrary.ie Phone: 091 509 244

Mountaineering Ireland's Happy Hiking – Hill Skills Days



Sunday 26th July 2026 from 10am to 4pm

Ready to take your first steps in the hills? Galway Sports Partnership is delighted to support Mountaineering Ireland's Happy Hiking – Hill Skills Day taking place on Sunday 26th July (10am–4pm) at Diamond Hill, Letterfrack. Perfect for beginners, this hands-on day will build your confidence in the outdoors with expert guidance on:

- ✓ Navigation & map reading
- ✓ Hill safety & equipment
- ✓ Movement skills on varied terrain

Whether you're new to hiking or looking to sharpen the basics, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn in a supportive and scenic environment in the heart of Connemara

Adults only – all welcome! Cost: €25 (subsidised)

Sign up here: [Happy Hiking - Hill Skills Day - 26th July - Galway Tickets, Sunday 26 July • 10 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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

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

Date: Friday 31st of July & Saturday 1st of August

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Venue: An Spidéal, Gaillimh (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €60



EVENT INFORMATION:

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

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

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

The one-day course will include the following:

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

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

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €60. To book your place contact

heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie



NBHS

An tSeirbhís Oidhreachta
Tígha Náisiúna
National Built
Heritage Service



An Roinn Títhíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

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**Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Galway
Email Marketing for Business**



Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September 2026 from 10am to 1pm - Online

Email marketing is 40 times more effective in reaching your target market than almost any other form of marketing communication, and it can be done for a fraction of the cost of many other tactics.

The buying process happens three times faster than social media. This is particularly true, now that the cost of online advertising has become more expensive and the space so more crowded.

This workshop will help you understand the importance of email marketing, and how to implement an effective email marketing strategy on a budget. Register now at:

[Email Marketing - 8th & 9th September 2026 - ONLINE | Local Enterprise Office Galway.](#)

**Business Administration & ICDL
Riarachán Gnó & ICDL**



Starting in September 2026 at VTOS & BTEI Ionad Breisoideachais Ros Muc CO. Galway

We are still running VTOS! You may qualify for a training allowance/payment while taking this course, provided you are over 21 years of age and have been receiving a social welfare payment for at least six months. Or come and take a free course. You can choose to complete as many modules as you wish, either on a part-time or full-time basis.

For further information, please give us a call or apply on [Business Administration & ICDL 1ú Bliain 26-27](#)

Ag tosú i Meán Fómhair 2026 ag VTOS & BTEI Ionad Breisoideachais Ros Muc

Tá Scéim VTOS fós againn! Is féidir íocaíocht nó liúntas oiliúna a fháil agus tú ag déanamh an cúrsa seo, fad is atá tú os cionn 21 bliain d'aois agus ag fáil íocaíochta leasa shóisialaigh le sé mhí anuas. Nó, tar agus déan cúrsa saor in aisce. Is féidir leat cibé modúil is mian leat a dhéanamh, ar bhonn páirtaimseartha nó lánaimseartha. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil, cuir glaoch orainn nó déan iarratas ar [Business Administration & ICDL 1ú Bliain 26-](#)

Free Financial Literacy courses - Alison x Irish League of Credit Unions

Alison
EMPOWER YOURSELF

Irish League of Credit Unions

2026-27 Financial Literacy Initiative

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

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

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

Why this matters:

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

Programme snapshot:

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

The UN SDGs we align to:

Alison
EMPOWER YOURSELF

Irish League of Credit Unions

4 Initial course areas:

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

Opt in to ensure your School or Centre Delivers:

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

- Alison is a proudly Irish social EdTech enterprise with 50M+ learners, 15M+ graduates, and 6,000+ free courses.
- Alison is dedicated to democratising education & supporting lifelong learning.
- Alison's free, open-access model enables mass uptake.
- Through lifelong access after completion, learners will have financial resources at their fingertips in everyday life.

Why ILCU are leading this initiative

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

Ready to support Financial Education in your community? Sign your Credit Union up today

The UN SDGs we align to:

Alison
EMPOWER YOURSELF

Irish League of Credit Unions

How the initiative works

- 1. Confirm Participation**
Upon confirmation of your organisation's participation, you'll receive a unique link to share with learners.
- 2. Learner Sign-Up**
Learners simply register via this link and self-enrol in the courses. No admin for you!
- 3. Commence Learning**
Learners will navigate through 4 simple, self-paced CPD-accredited courses on desktop or mobile.

Would you like a local Credit Union Team Member to visit your school or centre for live facilitation? No problem! Just let us know when you sign-up and we will notify them of your interest.

What participating organisations gain

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

A word from the Initiative Executive Sponsors:

<p>"Financial literacy empowers people to take control of their financial future, and this collaboration with Dorene, ILCU and Alison allows us to deliver that impact at scale."</p> <p>David McDonnell CEO Naomh Brendan CUI Longhore</p>	<p>"Credit unions are about empowering members. Guidance and mentoring members around financial literacy has always been part of the credit union way. Dorene CUI and Naomh Brendan are partnering with Alison to open new ways to deliver direct to members."</p> <p>David McAuliffe CEO Dorene CUI, Dublin 8</p>	<p>"At Alison, we believe financial literacy is a life skill every young person in Ireland deserves. Giving them the knowledge to manage money confidently means giving them a stronger, more independent future. I'm proud to have sponsored this initiative, and to bring it to you via TV, CUI, and Youth Certified."</p> <p>Olivia Cosgrove Head of Social Impact, Alison</p>
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Sign your Credit Union up today

contact: Olivia Cosgrove, Head of Social Impact, Alison occosgrove@alison.com

The UN SDGs we align to:

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

Community Groups can sign up with *The Wheel* to access their free training/services.
Information on Trainings available at <https://www.wheel.ie/training>

An Cúinne Gaeilge (Irish Corner)

Tacaíochtaí do mhná fiontraíochta Éireannacha



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

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

Scéim Phíolótach Tacaíochta Turasóireachta na Gaeltachta



Spríocdháta: Dé Máirt 30 Meitheamh 2026

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

Cé atá incháilithe?

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

Céard iad na réimsí incháilithe?

- Eispéiris chuariteoirí bunaithe ar theanga agus ar chultúr
- Bonneagar turasóireachta
- Margaíocht agus forbairt dhigiteach

- Tionscnaimh turasóireachta pobail

De réir taighde ó Amárach Research, tá 42% den phobal in Éirinn ar mhaith leo dul ar saoire sa Ghaeltacht. Tá an t-éileamh ann agus tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag tabhairt tacaíochta duit an deis sin a thapú! Déan iarratas anois: [Scéim Phíolótach Tacaíochta Turasóireachta na Gaeltachta | Deontais | Cabhair a thugaimid | Gnó | Údarás na Gaeltachta](#)

Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta



Dé Máirt 30 Meitheamh agus Dé Céadaoin 8 Iúil 2026

Mar chuid dár dtacaíocht leanúnach d'earnáil na n-ealaíon sa Ghaeltacht, beidh Ealaín na Gaeltachta ag réachtáil dhá Cheardlann Airgeadais le Gaby Smyth. Tabharfar eolas praiticiúil agus cuimsitheach ar bhainistiú airgid, coinneáil cuntas agus saincheisteana cánach i seisiún ina ndíreofar go sonrach ar ealaíontóirí aonair (30 Meitheamh) agus ceann eile ar lucht eagraithe féilte (8 Iúil). Beidh deis ag rannpháirtithe ceisteana a chur i rith na gceardlann. Is i mBéarla a chuirfear na ceardlanna i láthair.

Is comhalta de chuid Institiúid na gCuntasóirí Cairte é Gaby Smyth. Tá os cionn 20 bliain de thairbhí aige ag tabhairt comhairle gnó agus cánach do dhaoine aonair agus do chomhlachtaí, go háirithe i réimse na litríochta, an cheoil, na scannánaíochta agus na hamharclannaíochta.

Ceardlann d'Ealaíontóirí - Dáta: 11rn, 30 Meitheamh

Cláraigh anseo: [Ceardlann Airgeadais le Gaby Smyth \(d'Ealaíontóirí\)](#)

Ceardlann d'Fhéilte agus d'Eagrais Ealaíon - Dáta: 7in, an 8 Iúil

Cláraigh anseo: [Ceardlann Airgeadais le Gaby Smyth \(d'Fhéilte agus d'Eagrais\)](#)

Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta



Spríocdháta d'iarraais: Deardaoin 16 Iúil 2026

Tá lúcháir orainn a fhógairt go bhfuil Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta fógartha anois. Tá treoracha iomlána na scéime, mar aon leis an bhfoirm iarraais, ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin Ealaín na Gaeltachta. Is é príomhchuspóir na scéime tacú le healaíontóirí am a chur ar leataobh chun barr feabhais a bhaint amach ina gcleachtas ealaíne. Tá an scéim dírithe ar ealaíontóirí ag gach céim dá ngairm, idir chleachtóirí luatha agus ealaíontóirí fadbhunaithe. Tá rogha ag iarrthóirí idir dhá leibhéal maoinithe: suas le €5,000 dóibh siúd atá luath ina gcleachtas agus suas le €10,000 dóibh siúd a bhfuil níos mó taithe acu. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, tabhair cuairt ar:

[Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta · Ealaín na Gaeltachta](#)

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:

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. Díróinn 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

Spriocdhátaí: Leanúnach

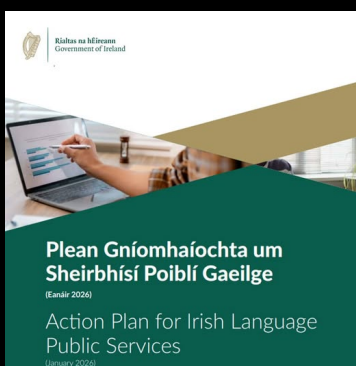
Uasmhéid mhaoinithe: €1,000

Tá an Scéim Oiliúna oscailte d'ealaíontóirí, d'eagrais nó do dhaoine aonair atá ag forbairt nó ag cur chun cinn na n-ealaíon sa Ghaeltacht. Tacaíonn an Scéim le deiseanna oiliúna agus traenála a bhaineann le cleachtas agus le gairm sna healaíona a fhorbairt agus le deiseanna um chumasú agus dea-chleachtas a fhorbairt in earnáil na n-ealaíon sa Ghaeltacht. Tacaíonn an Scéim le hoiliúint ghairmiúil nó le caighdeán gairmiúil a bhaint amach.

Léigh Tuilleadh

Teagmhálacha: Ceara Conway 091 503 100 c.conway@udaras.ie

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

RSA's ' Check it Fits

Check It Fits

IS COMING TO →

Galway

30/06 - Smyths Toys
Galway City
01/07 - ALDI
Oranmore
02/07 - ALDI
Loughrea
03/07 - Tesco
Ballinasloe



See rsa.ie/checkitfits

Friday 3rd July: Tesco Ballinasloe

The RSA's 'Check it Fits' service will be visiting Co. Galway in two weeks' time. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland, as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. The Check it Fits service is quick, easy, it's free. On the day, RSA experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. For more information, please visit

[Check It Fits child car seat service from the RSA](#)

UCTAT Resident Webinars: Changes to Supports for BOTPs in Ireland

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Changes to Supports for BOTPs in Ireland

The Irish Red Cross (IRC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are organising a series of information sessions for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection residing in UCTAT accommodation in Ireland, providing up-to-date information on recent and upcoming changes to supports and what these changes may mean for participants.

📍 Online, Zoom

🕒 Tuesday at 11:00
Thursday at 20:00

REGISTRATION DETAILS
Available via links shared with this post or from staff in your accommodation centre.

**Starting June 18th
Running for 4 weeks**

To join from a phone or tablet, you may need to download the free Zoom Workplace app.

 Irish Red Cross  IOM UN MIGRATION  An Eilinn 18 agus Cúil, Ceathú Bala - gaoi Iníre Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Вебінари для мешканців УСТАТ:

Зміни у підтримці для бенефіціарів тимчасового захисту в Ірландії

Ірландський Червоний Хрест (IRC) та Міжнародна організація з міграції (IOM) проводять серію інформаційних сесій для осіб, які користуються тимчасовим захистом та проживають у закладах УСТАТ в Ірландії. Під час сесій буде надано актуальну інформацію про нещодавні та майбутні зміни у системі підтримки, а також про те, що ці зміни можуть означати для учасників.




📍 Онлайн, Zoom

🕒 Вівторок о 11:00
Четвер о 20:00

ІНФОРМАЦІЯ ПРО РЕЄСТРАЦІЮ
Посилання для реєстрації доступні в цьому дописі або у працівників вашого центру розміщення.

**Починаючи з 18 червня
Тривалість серії – 4 тижні**

Для участі з телефону або планшета може знадобитися завантаження безкоштовного застосунок Zoom Workplace.

 Irish Red Cross  IOM UN MIGRATION  An Eilinn 18 agus Cúil, Ceathú Bala - gaoi Iníre Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Вебинары для проживающих в УСТАТ

Изменения в системе поддержки для лиц, пользующихся временной защитой в Ирландии


Ирландский Красный Крест (IRC) и Международная организация по миграции (ИОМ) проводят серию информационных сессий для лиц, пользующихся временной защитой и проживающих в центрах УСТАТ в Ирландии. Во время сессий будет представлена актуальная информация о недавних и предстоящих изменениях в системе поддержки, а также о том, что эти изменения могут означать для участников.

Онлайн, Zoom
 Вторник в 11:00
 Четверг в 20:00

ИНФОРМАЦИЯ О РЕГИСТРАЦИИ
 Ссылки для регистрации доступны в этой публикации или у сотрудников вашего центра размещения.

**Начиная с 18 июня
 Продолжительность серии – 4 недели**

Для участия с телефона или планшета может потребоваться установка бесплатного приложения Zoom Workplace.



Next sessions: Tuesday 30th June, Thursday 2nd July, & Tuesday, 7th July 2026 - Online

The Irish Red Cross (IRC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are organizing a series of information sessions for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection living in UCTAT accommodation. A total of 10 sessions in Ukrainian and Russian will take place until Tuesday 7th July and will provide information on recent and upcoming changes to Government supports.

All sessions cover the same content and are repeated across different dates and times to allow participants to choose a slot that suits them. Each session will last 60 minutes, including time for questions and answers. Sessions will be delivered in Ukrainian and Russian. For information on recent changes in English, please visit: [Ukraine Updates \(EN\)](#)

Sessions will take place online via Zoom. To register, please select your preferred session from the list below. After registering, you will receive a link to join your selected session.

Tuesday, 30 June, 11 am (in Ukrainian):

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0A5rfC4xSb-BlqUcphPZQ

Tuesday, 30 June, 11 am (in Russian):

https://iom-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Xo3SUjJ1S3WLUBv0thvpBQ

Thursday, 2 July, 8 pm (in Ukrainian): https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ckh2R0YcSki9DSsFnXb6SQ

Thursday, 2 July, 8 pm (in Russian):

https://iom-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XhaBpyaSQn6mnYwcP4vyLg

Tuesday, 7 July, 11 am (in Ukrainian): https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uc557pXSQzep7KQo9wuWTg

Tuesday, 7 July, 11 am (in Russian):

https://iom-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y-VzPQo4Q1aExW2ao2ouCw

Memory Cafés in Connemara



**MEMORY CAFÉ
LETTERFRACK**

*A welcoming space
for people living with
memory loss
and their carers.*

The Wild Goat Café
Connemara West Letterfrack

Wed 1st July
Wed 5th August
Wed 2nd September
Wed 7th Oct
Wed 3rd Nov
Wed 2nd Dec
2pm - 4pm

For More Information
Contact Kathleen: 087 241 4169

Memory Café Clifden

The District Hospital
H71 YV83

A welcoming space for people living with memory loss and their carers.

Second Monday of the Month

11.00am - 1.00pm

To Attend Please Contact
Teresa: 087 721 2329

Memory Café Oughterard

A welcoming space for people living with memory loss and their carers.

Lake Hotel Oughterard

Every Second Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday 12th May
Tuesday 9th June
Tuesday 14th July

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

To Attend Please contact
Nea: 086 130 4327

Caifé Cuimhne i gCarna

H91 W60F

Spás fáiltreachúil do dhaoine atá ag maireachtáil le cailleanas cuimhne agus dá gcéramaithe.

An tríú Luan de gach mí

DÉ Luain, 22 Meitheamh
DÉ Luain, 20 Iúil
DÉ Luain 17 Lúnasa

11.00am - 1.00pm

Tuille colais, déan teagmháil le:
Eileen Davis: 087 9722419

Caifé Cuimhne Indreabhán

An Tulach, Baile na hAbhann

Cruinnithe neamhfoirmiúla do dhaoine atá ag maireachtáil le cailleanas cuimhne agus dá gcéramóirí.

An tríú Céadaoin de gach mí

DÉ Céadaoin, 17 Meitheamh
DÉ Céadaoin, 22 Iúil
DÉ Céadaoin, 19 Lúnasa

11.00am - 1.00pm

Spaces limited - To Attend Please Contact
Nóra: 091 505540



Next meet-up coming up: Wednesdays 1st July, 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.

Helium - FREE Galway & Online Creative Summer Camps



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

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

Ages: 8-12

Location: St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

Workshop Dates: 14-16 July

Ages: 13-16 years

Location: St Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

Workshop Dates: 7-9 July

Book your Galway space HERE!

Online Workshops - If you can't make it in person Book your ONLINE space here!

Creative Places Tuam - Soundboard 121



Creative Places Tuam

SOUND BOARD 121

ONLINE EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

15 JULY 2026 10:00 - 13:00

Monthly 1-2-1 online support sessions for artists to test ideas, receive feedback and move projects forward

BOOKING REQUIRED

Creative Places Tuam is part of the national Creative Places programme developed and funded by the Arts Council.

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

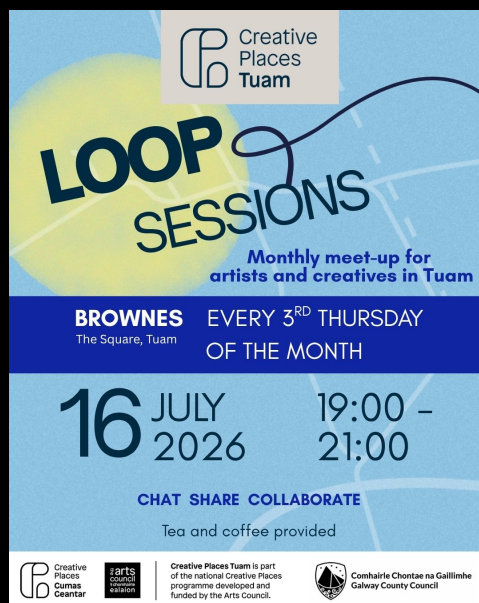
Wednesday 15th July 2026 from 10am to 1pm - Online via Zoom

Looking for a sounding board for your ideas? Whether you need personalised feedback, career or professional development advice, guidance on a funding application, problem-solving specific creative challenges or just space to figure out your next step, Soundboard 121 offers supportive one-to-one sessions tailored for artists and creatives.

We offer 30 minute sessions between 10 AM - 1 PM every third Wednesday of the month. The next offering is Wednesday 15th July 2026. The sessions take place on Zoom. A link will be sent directly to your email in advance of your booked time. Booking Link:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b8zj2Mme> or contact info@creativeplacestuam.ie

Creative Places Tuam - Loop Sessions



Creative Places Tuam

LOOP SESSIONS

Monthly meet-up for artists and creatives in Tuam

BROWNES EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
The Square, Tuam

16 JULY 2026 19:00 - 21:00

CHAT SHARE COLLABORATE
Tea and coffee provided

Creative Places Tuam is part of the national Creative Places programme developed and funded by the Arts Council.

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

Thursday 16th July 2026 19:00 - 21:00 - Brownes, The Square, Tuam - Co. Galway

Join us for the next Loop Sessions, Creative Places Tuam's monthly artist meet-up! Artists from all artforms (musicians, poets, painters, crafters, dancers etc) and career stages are welcome.

Bring an instrument, a poem, something you are working on or simply bring yourself.

Loop Sessions are informal monthly gatherings where creatives can connect, share ideas, and spark collaborations - all in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Teas and coffee provided! Come along, meet your peers, and get inspired. For enquiries contact

info@creativeplacestuam.ie

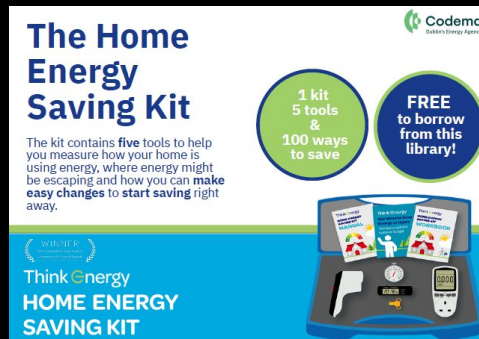
Repair Café



Saturday 25th July - Aras na nGael, Dominick Street, Galway City

Born out of the 2025 Galway City Climate Festival, this volunteer-led initiative is dedicated to keeping items in use and out of landfills. Affiliated with the global repaircafe.org movement, the café offers a free, community-centered space where skilled menders share their expertise. Whether you have a torn garment or a tricky fix, the "drop-in" sessions operate on a first-come, first-served basis, ensuring everyone gets a chance to learn the art of repair. Beyond just fixing things, it's a wonderful social hub where you can meet neighbours, watch menders at work, and join a dedicated social stitching space for knitting and embroidery. The Repair Café gathers once a month on Saturday afternoons in Galway City: July 25 - Aras na nGael, Dominick Street; - August 22 - Aras na nGael, Dominick Street. You can find the full schedule of upcoming dates and filter through local events via their community calendar at repaircafegalway.tapl ink.bio

The Home Energy Saving Kit



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

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

Pop into your local branch to find out more.

Galway Volunteer Centre

Galway Volunteer Centre
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach na Gaillimhe

STRONGER TOGETHER

Invite volunteers.
Create real impact.

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

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

EVERY HOUR COUNTS.

THE BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANISATION

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

OUR SERVICES

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

Let's build a stronger Galway - together.

Volunteers. Communities. Change.
Be part of it.

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

Email us at edel@volunteergalway.ie

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

Contact: Westside Resource Centre Seamus Quirke Road Galway H91 C1KX

Phone: 086 824 7639 - Main Office: 091 581727 - Email: edel@volunteergalway.ie

"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

SCAN ME

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

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>

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

25 AkiDwA
 YOURS
 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,
 Cúirteal 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

HSE Social Inclusion BOTB Support

HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION BOTB 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 BOTB HSE SOCIAL INCLUSION

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

Ольга 087 186 3815

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

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

Wise Women's Circle - Loughrea



Wise Women's Circle

Loughrea

Would you like to get to know new people....

Do a little art & crafts...
Do some creative courses...
Go on excursions...

A new group set up in Loughrea, inviting like minded people who have an interest in arts, crafts, any type of creativity, culture & much more...

Every Wednesday Night at 7.00pm.

Venue: Loughrea Men's Shed, Cross Street, Loughrea, H62 HF72

For more information contact Lorraine on 087 464 4140



Every Wednesday at 7:00pm, the gathering at Loughrea Men's Shed on Cross Street (H62 HF72, entrance via the laneway) welcomes everyone—whether you're new to town or a long-time local—with sign-ups on the night and more information available from Lorraine at 087 464 4140.

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.

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

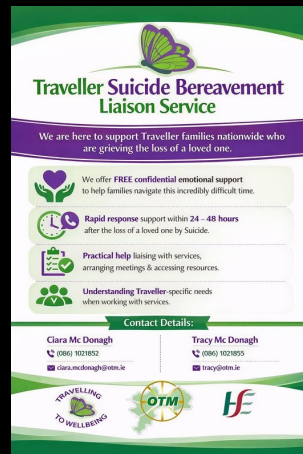


Free Period Products / Táirgí Míostraithe Saor in Aisce now available from:

- ◆ 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](#)

Traveller Suicide Bereavement



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

Traveller Counselling Service - Toire



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

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](#)

AsIam Online Employment Programme for autistic job seekers



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

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

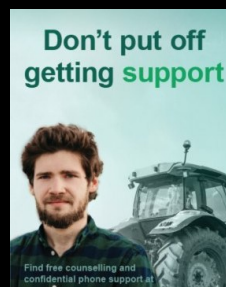
Is a 24-hour freephone helpline. We support women and children impacted by domestic abuse through: crisis accommodation and refuge, emotional support and advocacy, court accompaniment, safety planning and referrals, community-based support. [Read more](#)

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 AND A SURE FUTURE 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 7 years.
- 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:
www.rainbowsireland.ie

085 170 2530 rainbowsballinasloe@gmail.com

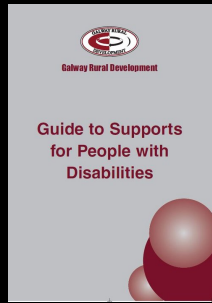
Macra Club

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!

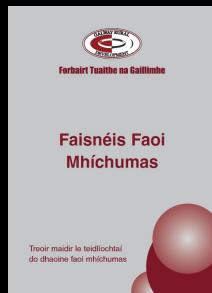
086 780 8987 ddonnelly@macra.ie

Guide to Supports for People with Disability



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

Faisneis Faoi Mhíchumas



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

Clliceáil [ANSEO](#)

Home & Supports HUB



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

Home & Supports HUB



Tosaigh ar do thuras i dtreo maireachtála neamhspleách!

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

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

Siel Bleu Ireland: Exercise Classes for Older Adults



Exercise Classes for Older Adults
Boost your physical, mental & social well-being through exercise.

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

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

1-to-1 exercise classes
Ideal for those who can't travel to a community class or prefer the benefits of an in-person experience.

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

More information at
01 209 6889 | info@sielbleu.ie | www.sielbleu.ie
CHY 19489 | CRA 20076504

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#)

Siel BLEU IRELAND

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

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

More information at 01 209 6889 | info@sielbleu.ie | www.sielbleu.ie

THE HomeShare



THE HomeShare
AFFORDABLE, SUPPORTIVE HOMESHARING
ACROSS IRELAND.
www.thehomeshare.ie



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

Nurses for Night Care



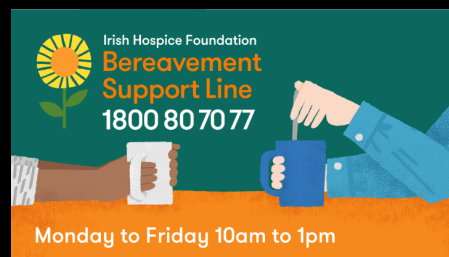
Irish Hospice Foundation funds the Nurses for Night Care service for people dying with illnesses other than cancer. Nurses for Night Care enables people with diseases like dementia, motor neurone disease, advanced respiratory disease, heart failure and end stage kidney disease to receive expert nursing 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

Glenamaddy Community Garden Open Day



Sunday 5th July 2026 from 11am to 4pm

Glenamaddy Community Garden Open Day - Ballyhard, Glenamaddy Co. Galway F45 FK57

What to expect: Plant and flower sales, Art Exhibition, Home Baking, Local honey for sale, Hot Dog stand, Craft Sale, Face painting and Huge Raffle with great prizes.

11am Sound Bath Meditation

11.30am Dry Felt Craft Demo

12noon Tai Chi Session

2 to 4pm Music by Freebird

Health Checks by Garveys Pharmacy. All are welcome.



PORTUMNA TIDY TOWNS
CAR BOOT SALES & OUTDOOR MARKET
 GREAT FINDS, GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT FOR THE PLANET!

Sunday 21st June Portumna Mart car park ♥ H53 X867

Sunday 5th July Portumna Mart car park ♥ H53 X867

Sunday 19th July Portumna Irish Workhouse car park ♥ H53 EK74 **DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT!**

Sunday 23rd August Portumna Mart car park ♥ H53 X867

Open to traders from 8am
 Open to the public until 1pm

Raffle at entrance gate.

Cars €10
 Vans/Trailers €15

ALL WELCOME.

To book your stall spot please Whatsapp/Text **087-9597532** or **085-7481153**

Checkout Facebook/Instagram for further updates.

PORTUMNA TIDY TOWNS
 promoting sustainability, recycling, circular economy and caring for the environment.
 portumnatidytowns@gmail.com

Sunday 5th July 2026 Open to traders from 8am - Open to the Public from 9am.

The second of Portumna Tidy Towns Summer Car Boot Sales will be held this Sunday July 5th.

All welcome! Pop down and grab a bargain or if you would like to sell items from your stall/ car boot please contact the numbers on the poster above.

Westside Arts Festival 2026



Westside Arts Festival
 7th to 11th July 2026

In the Stream of Time

All events are free of charge
 facebook.com/westsideartsfestival

Children must be accompanied by an adult unless otherwise stated on the programme

From Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th July 2026

The 2026 festival theme is “In the Stream of Time”, which speaks of ‘evolution’, ‘change’ and ‘progression’ and indeed ‘the emergence of new things and new ideas’. It has strong intergenerational resonances as each generation has its own experience of the world...as the stream of time moves on!

The full programme of events is available at [Westside Arts Festival](#)



From Tuesday 7th to Sunday 12th July 2026

The **Galway Film Fleadh 2026** marks the 38th edition of Ireland's leading international film festival, running for **six days** in the heart of Galway city. Screenings and events will take place at key venues including the **Pálás Cinema** and **Town Hall Theatre**, showcasing a diverse selection of feature films, documentaries, and short films from both Irish and international filmmakers. For more information, please visit [Galway Film Fleadh >> 7-12 July 2026](#)

Galway International Arts Festival 2026



From Monday 13th to Sunday 26th July 2026

The Galway International Arts Festival is one of Ireland's premier cultural events, bringing together artists, performers, and audiences from around the world.

The 2026 edition spans two weeks from 13 to 26 July, offering a diverse program of theatre, music, comedy, dance, visual arts, and literary events. The festival emphasizes both innovative contemporary work and reinterpretations of classic pieces, creating a dynamic cultural experience for all visitors.

For more information, please visit:

[Galway International Arts Festival 13-26 July 2026 | Ireland | Galway International Arts Festival](#)

WTAF!?! 2026

Westend Theatre & Arts Festival



From Monday 20th to Wednesday 29th July 2026

After an electric first year, WTAF!?! returns to Galway from 20 – 29 July 2026, celebrating underground art in the back rooms, basements, rooftops and side streets of Galway's Westend.

A bold, alternative festival in Galway celebrating theatre, music, art, drag, circus, comedy, and more in non-traditional spaces. WTAF!?! is geared towards new and emerging artists and younger creative communities, with a rebellious spirit that disrupts the status quo. It's for the punk poets, DIY dramatists, rogue musicians, chaotic creators, and anyone who's ever felt like they don't fit the mould (or never wanted to in the first place). If you've ever been told your work is too ... different, too out there or doesn't 'fit' the box as per say, then this is your space. WTAF!?! is a festival of the in-between spaces, the back rooms, the basements, the rooftops, the streets; the places where the underground art community hustles and bustles. We are turning alternative venues of Galway's WestEnd into a playground for the arts & whatever else you dream up.

For more information, please visit [Westend Theatre & Arts Festival](#)

Dungeons and Drama Summer Camp at Portumna Castle



From Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd July 2026 from 10am to 2pm Portumna Castle and Gardens

The Dungeons and Drama Summer Camp at Portumna Castle runs from July 21st to 23rd, 10am to 2pm daily, offering live-action role-playing, confidence building, creativity exploration, and tools to settle nerves for ages **8–15**, with limited spaces available and prices at €90 per child or €75 with a sibling discount, so book now by calling Clare at 083 350 9 011 at the stunning Portumna Castle and Gardens.

SAVE THE DATE! Galway Pride Festival 2026



From Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th August 2026 - Galway

The annual Galway Pride Festival – the longest continual Pride event in Ireland is expected to take place from 2 to 8 August 2026. This new event will encompass everything that makes our city the cultural magnet that it is. The aim is to encourage involvement from the wider community, and to highlight the great variety of people that make Galway such a vibrant and exciting place to live and visit. Events throughout the week will include evenings of information and awareness, arts and performance, music nights and the colourful parade on the final Saturday of the festival.

For more information, please visit <https://www.galwaytourism.ie/event/galway-pride-festival>

SAVE THE DATE! Cashel Sports Challenge 2026



CASHEL CHALLENGE 2026
SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST

9:00 AM
CHECK - IN
CASHEL COMMUNITY CENTRE

10:00 AM
200M SWIM
SMALL PIER

11:00 AM
24KM CYCLE
BOULGERS

12:30PM
5KM RUN/CYCLE
FAIR GREEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT VIVIENNE 0874792314
FOLLOW @CASHELFESTIVAL FOR UPDATES
Trirathlon Ireland

Saturday 8th August 2026 at 9am - Cashel Community Centre, Cashel, Co. Galway

Join us for a brilliant day of sport, community and fun in Cashel! From the swim at the pier to the cycle and run, it's an event not to be missed. For more information contact Vivienne: 087 479 2314.

Expression of Interest here: [Cashel Sports Challenge 2026 - Expression of Interest](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Cycle of Hope - Mizen to Malin Challenge - September 6th to 11th



2026 Cycle of Hope
Mizen to Malin Challenge
5th -12th September 2026

Hop on your bike & join us for
World Suicide Prevention Day

Register Now
WWW.CYCLEAGAINSTSUICIDE.COM

World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th, is a global reminder that suicide prevention is everyone's business. It is a day to raise awareness, challenge stigma and encourage conversations that can save lives. This year's theme, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide," calls on all of us to replace silence with understanding, stigma with compassion, and isolation with connection. By creating a culture where people feel safe to talk and seek help, we can give hope to those who may be struggling.

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day, Cycle Against Suicide invites you to join our Cycle of Hope: Mizen to Malin Challenge, taking place from 6th-11th September. (Travel days Saturday 5th & 12th).

Whether you ride for a day, a few days or the full journey, you will be part of a powerful movement bringing communities together, supporting those impacted by suicide and promoting help seeking behaviour. Register today: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/RK6KuL5h76/bORiUr1sQ>

SAVE THE DATE!

Misleór Festival of Nomadic Cultures 2026



From Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th September 2026

Closing date for Nomadic Shorts submissions: 31st July 2026

Save the date – more to be announced soon through <https://www.misleor.ie/> & **Misleór**

Also, the submission deadline for **Nomadic Shorts** stays open until **31st July 2026**.

Nomadic Shorts invites filmmakers/storytellers from a nomadic background to submit short films for inclusion in the festival programme.

For more information, please visit [Misleór Festival of Nomadic Cultures](https://www.misleor.ie/)

Submissions should go to misleorfestival@gmail.com

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

Le dea-ghuí, (*with kind regards*)

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