

PPN NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Welcome to the **August 2024** Newsletter of Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN)

Please Share PPN Monthly Newsletters with all members of your group.

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To submit news items for next Month - email ppn@galwaycoco.ie

*Submissions Deadline: 23rd of each month - for the following month's issue.

Next issue has a special focus on: **Environment** pillar of the PPN.

PPN News

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS

PPN New Staff Member!

Welcome to Silvana!



Photo from left to right: Duana Tuite, Silvana Falasca.

Silvana Falasca started as the Galway County PPN Support Worker in June 2024. She has a background in Film & TV, as well as experience in public service. "I look forward to working alongside Duana Tuite (PPN Resource Worker) and everyone in the Galway County PPN, and other organisations, and most importantly it is a privilege for me to serve the wider community". Silvana can be contacted during office hours at: sfalasca@galwaycoco.ie Ph. 091 378 922.

Galway County PPN attended Oughterard Public Information Event on Thursday 25th July 2024

OUGHTERARD

COME SEE WHAT OUR VILLAGE HAS TO OFFER

ACTIVITY GROUPS BEING REPRESENTED ON THE NIGHT
GET ALL THE INFO FOR EACH ACTIVITY, MEET & GREET

THURSDAY 25TH JULY 6PM - 8PM
ONE NIGHT ONLY IN THE HALL

Contact: Shay
Oughterard Community Centre
oughterardccvents@gmail.com
Contact: Helen
Clann Resource Centre
development@clann.ie
clann.ie

OUGHTERARD COMMUNITY CENTRE









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Public Participation Network Galway County

Are you registered to access information on community funding and training opportunities?

Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN) is calling on all grassroots groups from Parish Halls & Community Centres, Men's and Women's Sheds, Volunteer Youth Clubs and Senior Citizen Groups, to make sure they register with the PPN, so they are informed of upcoming funding opportunities to cover running/energy costs, and other capital grants to purchase equipment and upgrade community amenities and facilities.

**Simply click 'register now' on our website
<https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/>**

Galway County PPN is a network of all community and voluntary groups based in County Galway and acts as an information hub between communities and Galway County Council, as well as providing training and capacity-building opportunities for communities.



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Public Participation Network Galway County

An bhfuil do ghrúpa cláraithe chun teacht ar eolas maidir le maoiniú pobail agus ar dheiseanna oiliúna?

Tá Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe (PPN) ag iarraidh ar gach grúpa pobail ó Hallaí Paróiste & Ionaid Phobail, Seideanna na bhFear agus na mBan, Clubanna Óige Deonacha agus Grúpaí Seanóirí, a chinntiú go gcláróidh siad leis an PPN, ionas go gcuirfear ar an eolas iad faoi mhaoiniú atá le teacht, deiseanna chun costais reatha/fhuinnimh a chlúdach, agus deontais chaipitil eile chun trealamh a cheannach agus áiseanna agus áiseanna pobail a uasghrádú.

**Níl le déanamh ach cliceáil ar 'cláraigh anois'
ar ár suíomh Gréasáin
<https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/>**

Is lionra é PPN Chontae na Gaillimhe de gach grúpa pobail agus deonach atá lonnaithe i gContae na Gaillimhe. Feidhmíonn sé mar nasc eolais idir an pobal agus Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, chomh maith le sinn cuirteann sé deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha aemhainne ar fáil don phobal.

When a group registers it becomes part of the Galway County PPN Structure.

Registration is easy and free of charge!

Registered groups receive regular updates, information on funding opportunities and also benefit from advertising their own community activities free of charge.

Register now: <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/registration-form/>

PPN NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL TRAIL CONFERENCE

From Saturday 31st August to Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Leitrim Development Company presents Ireland's first

NATIONAL TRAIL CONFERENCE

Experience a collaborative four day adventure featuring Leitrim's largest outdoor recreational event - **The Carrick Camino** - on Day 1 and a range of optional **outdoor excursions** on Day 2. These set the stage for Days 3 & 4 at The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon where attendees will hear from inspiring **keynote speakers**, visit exhibitions, participate in workshops, learn about new **trail development techniques** and connect with like-minded individuals.

Join us to be inspired, educated and explore Ireland's expanding trail network on this journey of connecting trail professionals and outdoor enthusiasts!

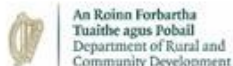
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2024 NATIONAL
TRAIL
CONFERENCE

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Join us to be inspired, educated, and explore Ireland's expanding trail network on this journey of connecting trail professionals and outdoor enthusiasts.

More information coming soon.
Visit
www.nationaltrailconference.ie
and follow us on social media



Leitrim Development Company are delighted to invite you to Ireland's first **National Trail Conference**, a landmark event dedicated to celebrating and enhancing our country's trail network. Mark your calendar for **August 31st to September 3rd in Leitrim**, and prepare for an inspiring and engaging experience.

Read more [HERE](#).

BARRIERS TO INVOLVMENT IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORKS



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Department of Rural and
Community Development



[Deadline to complete the survey is Thursday 19th September 2024.](#)

S3 Solutions is an independent consultancy company who have been commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to carry out a piece of research to explore any barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPN).

There will be an initial exploratory survey, which you can access at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPNQuestionnaire>.

The survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete and the final report will be shared with stakeholders. PPN members are encouraged to complete the survey, to help gather as much information and feedback as possible to inform the consultation phase of the research.

The survey will be live until 19th September.



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Department of Rural and
Community Development

From [Department of Rural and Community Development](#)
Public Participation Networks latest news - read more [HERE](#).

An updated edition of a resource guide aimed at ensuring that marginalised and disadvantaged communities have opportunities to participate in local planning and decision-making has been launched.

'A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making'

Read more [HERE](#). Digital Version of the Guide is [HERE](#).

PPN MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

HARVEST DAY IN GLENMADDY COMMUNITY GARDEN - 13th July 2024



🥕🍷 Wonderful day and great turn out for digging of Sharon's Express early potatoes. 🍷🥕

🥕🍷 Everyone had a bucket of goodness heading home! 🍷🥕

Consultations

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS

Notice of Public Consultation on Draft Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2028

Closing date is 4pm on Friday 30th August 2024.

County Galway Draft Noise Action Plan 2024 -2028 is now available to download on the Galway County Council consultation portal <https://consult.galway.ie/>

Submissions in relation to the Draft Plan may be made by any of the following options:

Electronically through Galway County Council's Consultation Portal at the following address:

<https://consult.galway.ie/> and select the Draft Galway Noise Action Plan 2024-2028.

Via email to: noiseactionplan@galwaycoco.ie.

In writing marked "Submission - Draft Noise Action Plan 2024-2028" to Roads Section, Galway County Council Offices, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway.

The closing date for receipt of submissions on the draft plan is **4pm on Friday 30th August 2024.**

More consultations from Galway County Council [HERE.](#)

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Statement of Strategy 2024 – 2026, Dpt. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage

Closing date is 5pm, Friday 09 August 2024.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is currently reviewing its Statement of Strategy for the period 2024 – 2026.

The Strategy reflects the Department's commitments in the [Programme for Government – Our Shared Future, Climate Action Plan](#) and the [National Planning Framework](#) among others.

The Department is now inviting submissions in relation to its Strategy Statement. Please email your submission to strategy@housing.gov.ie.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is **5pm, Friday 09 August 2024.**

Consultations from Government [HERE.](#)

Funding

GRANT FOR BURIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE WORKS 2024



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Deadline for application: Friday 16th August 2024.

The Council encourages local communities to undertake the maintenance of their Burial

Grounds and financial assistance is available for the work involved.

Application Forms and Conditions for the above Grant are available on our website at www.galway.ie, or may be obtained from the Environment Section, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway - Tel. (091) 509510.

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is Friday, 16th August 2024.

Read more [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY CENTRE INVESTMENT FUND (CCIF) 2024

Deadline for application: Thursday 29th of August 2024.

Designed to support the development and refurbishment of community centres across Ireland.

Supporting essential maintenance, retrofitting, and other necessary improvements, with grants of between €10,000 - €100,000 towards capital costs to develop and enhance their existing community facilities.

Eligibility and Funding Scope

Existing community centres can apply for funding to cover a range of projects, including compliance with fire safety and building regulations, energy efficiency upgrades, and essential maintenance works.

Application Process

The application process involves two stages: initial registration and formal application submission. Application window opens on 29th of July 2024, with **applications due by 29th of August 2024**. Applicants can register online [HERE](#) ahead of the application open date of the 29th of July.

Support for Applicants

The Department is hosting online information sessions to assist applicants. The first session is scheduled for 25th of June 2024. Additionally, tutorials and support resources are available to guide applicants through the registration and application process.

For more detailed guidelines please see official press release [HERE](#).

NEW SOLUTIONS FUNDING TO SUPPORT SOCIAL INNOVATION



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Department of Rural and
Community Development

Deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Friday 30 August 2024

Minister Joe O'Brien recently announced the ESF+ **New Solutions Funding** to support social innovation across the country.

The overall objective of New Solutions is to enhance the social innovation ecosystem in Ireland and is co-funded through the European Social Fund+ 2021-2027 (ESF+), a European initiative aimed at reducing the risk of poverty and social exclusion, with an emphasis on disadvantaged groups.

I would like to bring to your attention that the first call for applications under the New Solutions Social Innovation Fund is **now open**. It provides up to €2.8 million to establish a Social Innovation Hub over the lifetime of the Programme.

For further details please see the official Press Release: [gov - Minister Joe O'Brien announces ESF+ 'New Solutions' funding to support Social Innovation across the country \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

DAF Growing Social Enterprise Capital Fund



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gcuntas díomhaoin
the dormant
accounts fund



Deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Friday 20 September 2024

The fund will provide capital supports to assist enterprises to achieve their social, environmental and economic objectives, and to improve their sustainability and impact.

This fund will support a wide regional spread of organisations, including those embedded in rural communities.

The call will be divided into two Strands:

Strand A: Small grants of between €1,500 – 15,000

Strand B: Larger grants from €15,001 to €100,000

Watch this [online Pre-Application Support video](#) for both Strand A & Strand B applicants.

An **Application Clinic** will take place on **Thursday, 12 September from 11am – 1pm**. This webinar will provide further information and supports to social enterprises applying for either Strand A or Strand B.

Click [HERE](#) to register for this event.

The closing date for applications is 5p.m. on 20 September 2024. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

Read more [HERE](#).

Read more in the Department of Rural and Community Development's **DAF Growing Social Enterprise Fund Launch press release** [HERE](#).

VISION SPORTS IRELAND ASSOCIATE CLUB FUNDING



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

COMING SOON! Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Applications



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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



Advisory Notice - ORIS Project]

Advisory notice for all Groups considering submitting applications under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Measures - M1, M2, M3. More info can be found [HERE](#).

Please Note: This scheme has not been launched as yet for this year. It will be circulated through this Network when it is launched by the Department.

Housing Adaptation Grant

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability is a grant for people with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability.

It provides funding so you can improve how you enter and move around your home.

Read More [HERE](#).

Housing Aid for Older People

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

Housing Adaptation Grant - Read more [HERE](#)

Training

GRETB Open Day - Wednesday 28th August 2024



SAVE THE DATE! Open Day on Wednesday August 28th 2024.

Drop in to find out what Further Education can do for you.
Galway and Roscommon Further Education and Training (GRETB).

GRETB has training centres across Galway County - The Open Day is in the City location - Tuam Road, Galway City, Galway, Ireland

Courses starting in September. Apply now online at www.fetchcourses.ie

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CONVERSATIONAL IRISH (PART-TIME) - Reference: 425474

GRETB FET Centre, Tuam Road, Galway City.

Start Date 02/09/2024 - End Date 06/12/2024 Duration 14 Weeks

Apply now at <https://www.fetchcourses.ie/course/finder?sfcw-courseId=425474>

Ann McCormack, 091 566885, fetc@gretb.ie

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH - Reference 426875

Gort FET Centre Adult Education Centre – Dunmore Dummore Co. Galway

Start Date 09/09/2024 - End Date 23/12/2024 Duration 15 Weeks

Apply now at <https://www.fetchcourses.ie/course/finder?sfcw-courseId=426875>

GALWAY SPORT PARTNERSHIP'S ONLINE SAFEGUARDING (CHILD PROTECTION)

LEVEL 1: online child protection in sport, basic awareness course (3 hours).

Suitable for everyone involved in children's sport.

LEVEL 2: online course for Club Children's Officers. (3 hours).

Participants must have completed Safeguarding 1 before attending.

LEVEL 3: online course for Designated Liaison Person's .

Participants must have completed Safeguarding 1 before attending.

Different dates available. Cost is €20.00 per workshop.

More info [HERE](#)

The Wheel Members - Training

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

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

FREE Digital Literacy Courses with NCBI

Dereck Carolan, technology Trainer for NCBI, can help and support communities, specifically people with low sight or no sight and their families.

Website: <https://www.ncbi.ie/supporting-you/technology/ncbi-labs/>

Services Offered

- Group training courses, projects, and talks that will enable the low-vision and no-vision community to access their local area.
- Technology assessments and demonstrations.
- Technology clubs and webinars.

To discuss further how we can work together moving forward. Please feel free to contact: dereck.carolan@ncbi.ie or 086 608 6771.

Information on Springboard Courses

www.springboardcourses.ie providing **11,000 free or heavily subsidised college courses for unemployed, self-employed or returners to work.**

Courses are free for the unemployed, previously self-employed and returners to the workforce.

For others, 90 per cent of the course fee is funded by the Government, with participants required to contribute just 10 per cent of the fee. **Helpline – 1800 303 523**

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 has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

- PPN Workers
- PPN Secretariat Members
- PPN Representatives
- PPN Member Groups
- Local Authority Staff

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link:

[Register for Training | Social Justice Ireland](#)

LET'S TALK ABOUT SUICIDE

Free training opportunity!!

'Let's Talk About Suicide', is a new, free, online suicide prevention training programme developed by the **HSE National Office** for Suicide Prevention (NOSP).

Please see link to the training for full details:

['Let's Talk About Suicide' – a new online training programme - HSE.ie](#)

Mental Health Peer - Support



Is there a **Mental Health Peer-Supporter** available in your club or association?

Cycle Against Suicide's **free*** online Mental Health Peer-Support Training equips the everyday person with the step-by-step tools to give mental health support to their peers.

Train in Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide to:

- Gain a better understanding of what peer-support is and its role in maintaining good mental health within our communities.
- Learn how to use peer-support if someone in your club, association or community needs mental health support.

Become Your Club/Association's Mental Health Peer-Supporter!

For dates and times of training, or to express interest email: training@cycleagainsuicide.com

Or register directly online with this QR code or at:

www.cycleagainsuicide.com/community-buddy/



"It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help."

* Offered free of charge to any community volunteer who is over 18 and a non-healthcare professional, such as volunteers of local community clubs or associations, sports clubs, book clubs, arts clubs, Tidy Towns, Men's Sheds, parents' associations, residents' associations, and any group dedicated to engaging in their community's health and wellbeing.

New dates for our training in Mental Health Peer-Support to all the community clubs and associations in your network. This training is offered free to all community volunteers in a drive to bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Our next scheduled dates:

Course: Cycle Against Suicide's free* Community Mental Health Peer Support Training

Delivery: Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Dates:

September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct - Open now

To register: www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

or email: training@cycleagainsuicide.com

*Training is free to over-18s, non-healthcare professionals who volunteer in a community club and association.

Focus on: Social Inclusion Pillar



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

IRELAND AGAINST RACISM FUND 2024

Deadline for application: Wednesday 7th of August 2024 at 12.00

The Ireland Against Racism funding call is an important element in supporting the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism.

All applications must be submitted electronically. More info can be found [HERE](#).

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION PROCESS

Deadline for application: Monday 12th August 2024.

As part of St Stephen's Green Trust's (SSGT) strategic goal to contribute to a more humane asylum system in Ireland and its decade-long commitment to supporting people in the international protection (IP) system, the Trust is making funding available in 2024 for organisations with a track-record of advocacy work in relation to migrant issues.

Detailed criteria including links to the online application forms can be found [HERE](#).

More info about funding from St Stephen's Green Trust (SSGT) can be found [HERE](#).

Compassionate Communities in Palliative and End of Life Care Conference

Monday 9th September 2024

Compassionate Communities in Palliative and End of Life Care Conference

Location: Canal Court Hotel, Newry

Date: Monday, 9 September 2024

QR Code

Palliative Care Week
8-14 September

AIIHPC
All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care

Irish Hospice Foundation

Foyle Hospice
Together we care

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eacetracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

We would like to hear from you if you are involved in supporting a project in the community which is aimed at supporting people with life-limiting conditions or people dealing with dying, death, and loss in the community. These projects can be run by organisations, by volunteers or a single individual.

Please submit a short application by **5pm on Monday, 19 August**. [Submit your statement through this form](#).

Read more [HERE](#)



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Adult Learner Centre, Moycullen, Co. Galway

Start Date 07/10/2024 Duration 6 Weeks

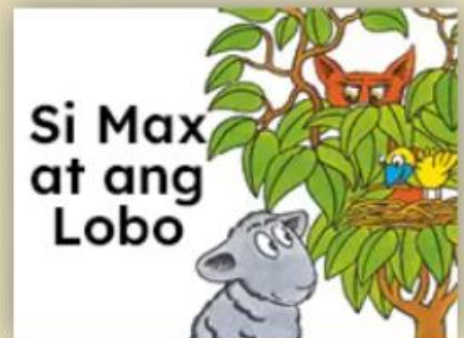
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Audrey Byrne 086 065 3900 audrey.byrne@gretb.ie

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membership!

Si Max at ang Lobo
Max and the Fox
(Level 3)



Pilipino

English

Bilingual



Galway County Council News

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO ALL GALWAY COUNTY COUNCILLORS



Comhairleoirí nuathofa Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe in Áras an Chontae
Newly elected Councillors for Galway County Council attending Áras an Chontae

[Photo source](#)

From all at Galway County Participation Network (PPN), we wish all the Councillors new and returning, the very best in the years ahead. We are looking forward to working with you!

The Public Participation Network (PPN) is a structure for public engagement and participation in Local Government in each Local Authority area.

Galway County Public Participation Network has been established to enable people and community groups in County Galway to have a say on issues that concern them.

It is an official platform for representation on policy making boards and committees of local authority and other bodies, and it works to develop the Environmental, Social Inclusion, and Community & Voluntary pillars of the PPN.

Galway County PPN Newsletter is sent to County Councillors as well as PPN Groups each month by email.

Read more about PPN [HERE](#).

National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024



National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th - 25th
August 2024



Register Your Event

ARE YOU RUNNING AN EVENT? Heritage week is fast approaching us and is a great opportunity to showcase local heritage in Co. Galway. **The Heritage Week Portal is now open, so please register your event as early as possible at: -**
<https://www.heritageweek.ie>

ATTENDING EVENTS? Each year Heritage Week kicks off on the third weekend of August and runs until the end of the following weekend. Many national and hundreds of local community organisations participate by organising events throughout the country. Many of the events that take place during the week are free and the programme highlights the abundance of great work that is carried out in all communities in Ireland to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage. To find out all about the events taking place around County Galway, log on to [Home | National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024](#)

YOUR VOICE MATTERS AND YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Galway County Council are updating the Electoral Register. It is your responsibility to ensure your details are correct.

checktheregister.ie

If you are already registered to vote you should check the Electoral Register to confirm and update your details by providing your PPSN, Eircode and Date of Birth.

If you are not registered to vote you can now register online. To update your details or to register go to checktheregister.ie.

For further information or hard copy forms please email electors@galwaycoco.ie phone 091-509310 or visit:

Galway County Council
Áras an Chontae,
Prospect Hill,
Galway
H91 H6KX

checktheregister.ie QR Code



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Government of Ireland

The registration process has changed. What's different?

- Registering to vote for the first time is now possible online at www.checktheregister.ie
Use of PPSNs facilitates identity checking meaning that now, most people won't have to visit a Garda station to have forms witnessed.
- 16- and 17-year-olds will be able to pre-register to vote
Introduction of a pending electors list enables those 16 and 17 to pre-register and be automatically registered when they turn 18.
- You must be living full time in the State to be eligible to vote
We will ask you your nationality in your application as this may affect which elections you can vote in.

An Irish citizen	You are eligible to vote in all elections and referendums
An EU citizen	You are eligible to vote in European and local elections
A British citizen	You are eligible to vote in Dáil and local elections
All other	You are eligible to vote in local elections

Want to register to vote?

Apply at www.checktheregister.ie Choose this if you:

- Have your PPSN and Eircode available
- Are aged 18 or over and living in Ireland
- Are aged 16 or 17 and want to pre-register

Some cases require a form

Select www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/forms Choose this if you:

- Don't have a PPSN
- Want to update your citizenship
- Want to apply for a special or postal vote
- Want to make a third-party request for a change to the register

Already registered but need to update details?

Select www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/search Choose this if you:

- Have your PPSN and Eircode
- Need to confirm your details
- Need to update your address



HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL WASTE

Any household waste electrical items, batteries or energy saving light bulbs accepted, large or small! From Fridges to Phones, Laptops to Electric Lawnmowers, Toys to Power Tools, and everything in-between, WEEE recycle anything with a plug or battery! For further information contact WEEE Ireland <https://www.weeeireland.ie/contact/> or 012999320.

Electrical, battery and lighting waste can also be recycled throughout the year at civic amenity sites in Tuam, Clifden and Ballinasloe with full details at:

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/environment/wasteandlitter/civicamenitysites/>

News from the Departments

[Department of Rural and Community Development](https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-rural-and-community-development/)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-rural-and-community-development/>



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A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making

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Read more [HERE](#).

Trading for Impact 2024-2027' - Ireland's National Social Enterprise Policy

This new policy has been designed to cultivate and sustain a strong and impactful social enterprise sector in Ireland that enriches the social, environmental, and economic wellbeing of our communities.

The policy details five key objectives are: Building Awareness of Social Enterprise, Growing and Sustaining Social Enterprise, Supporting the Green Transition, National and International Engagement, Impact Measurement.

Read more [HERE](#).

Funding related to this policy is below

DAF Growing Social Enterprise Capital Fund

Click [HERE](#) for information on the DAF Growing Social Enterprise Capital Fund

Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-children-equality-disability-integration-and-youth/>



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Department of The Environment, Climate and Community

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-the-environment-climate-and-communications/>



An Roinn Comhshaoil,
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide
Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications

An Cúinne Gaeilge



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

CLUICHÍ, RANNTA AGUS SPRAOI

[Dé Sathairn 03 Lúnasa 2024 ag a 10.30 r.n](#)

CLUICHÍ, RANNTA AGUS SPRAOI
le hElaine Ní Bhroin

📍 Áras Mhic Amhlaigh
📅 Dé Sathairn 03.08.2024
🕒 10.30r.n. - 11.30r.n.

Dírthe ar pháistí suas go 6 bliana d'aois



Gaeilge 

GAMES, RHYMES AND FUN
with Elaine Ní Bhroin

📍 Áras Mhic Amhlaigh
📅 Saturday 03.08.2024
🕒 10.30am - 11.30am

Aimed at children up to 6 years old



Gaeilge 

Bí linn do mhaidin spráúil do theaghlaigh, Dé Sathairn 03 Lúnasa ag a 10.30r.n. Beidh Elaine Ní Bhroin linn ag spraoi cluichí agus ag múineadh rannta dúinn! Tá an t-imeacht seo dírithe ar pháistí suas go 6 bliana d'aois. Níl aon chostas ar an imeacht seo, ach tá spásanna teoranta, mar sin is gá clárú roimh ré trí theagmháil a dhéanamh le hAoife ag 085 137 2447 nó optgaeilgeabc@gmail.com.

Join us for a fun-filled morning for families, on Saturday 3rd August at 10.30am. Elaine Ní Bhroin will be with us to play some games and teach us some rhymes 'as Gaeilge'. This event is aimed at children up to 6 years of age and is suitable for families who are learning Irish! There is no cost for this event but spaces are limited so early registration is recommended. Book your spot now by contacting Aoife on 085 137 2447 or optgaeilgeabc@gmail.com.

Ealaín na Gaeltachta

Spríodhata: 29 Lúnasa 2024.



Scéim Sparánachta d'Ealaíontóirí 2024

Spríodhata 29ú Lúnasa 2024

www.ealain.ie

Cuireann Ealaín na Gaeltachta fáilte roimh ealaíontóirí Gaeltachta iarratas a dhéanamh ar an Scéim Sparánachta 2024. Tá an scéim dírithe ar ealaíontóirí, ag gach staid dá gcleachtas gairmiúil, in aon réimse nó réimse cleachtais sna healaíona, atá ag maireachtáil sa Ghaeltacht agus ag feidhmiú trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Méid na Sparánachta:

1. €5,000 an t-uasmhéid d'ealaíontóir atá luath ina gcleachtas.
2. €10,000 an t-uasmhéid d'ealaíontóir atá níos aibí ina gcleachtas.

Spríodhata: 29 Lúnasa 2024.

Tuilleadh eolais ANSEO.

Féile Ainm Cleite

Ó Aoine 13th go Domhnach 15th Meán Fómhair 2024

Ainm Cleite

Féile na bhFilí & na Scríbhneoirí
Ceantar na nOileán



13-15 Meán Fómhair 2024



Coinnigh an Dáta oscailte!

Beidh Féile Ainm Cleite ar siúl arís i Meán Fómhair.

Tuilleadh eolais [ANSEO.](#)

Údarás na Gaeltachta



Tá Údarás na Gaeltachta tar éis a bheith roghnaithe mar cheann de naoi bpáirtí déag i dtionscadal uailmhianach chun éiceachórais athúsáide, deisiúcháin agus athnuachana (RRR) a phiólótu i sé réigiún ar fud Iarthuaisceart na hEorpa (NWE). Is freagairt é seo ar an méadú tapa ar dhramhaíl ó threalamh leictreach agus leictreonach (WEEE) sa réigiún, go príomha mar gheall ar shaolré níos giorra na ngléasanna leictreonacha.

Is iad príomhchuspóirí Thionscadal E6:

Acmhainn Eorpach a thógáil le haghaidh athúsáid, deisiúcháin agus athnuachan trealamh leictreach agus leictreonach, bunaithe ar shé 'éiceachóras píolótach'.

Tacú leis na héiceachórais seo trí 'Mhol Seirbhíse', chomh maith le méadú scála trí eispéiris foghlama le Pobail Chleachtais agus abhcóideacht beartais.

Tuilleadh eolais [ANSEO](#).

Notice Board / Events

AMDALAH AFRICA FOUNDATION - AMDAF

Closing date is 5pm on Monday 5th August 2024



WE ARE HIRING!

POSITION: PROJECT DIRECTOR

JOB TYPE: PART TIME

SEND A COVER LETTER & CV TO:

INFO@AMDAFIRELAND.COM

CLOSING DATE:

AUGUST 5TH, 5PM

 083 374 7482

www.amdafireland.com 

SUSTAINABLE ART WORKSHOP

With Maria Hitchcox

Tuesday, August 6th 2024 at 11am

SUSTAINABLE ART WORKSHOP

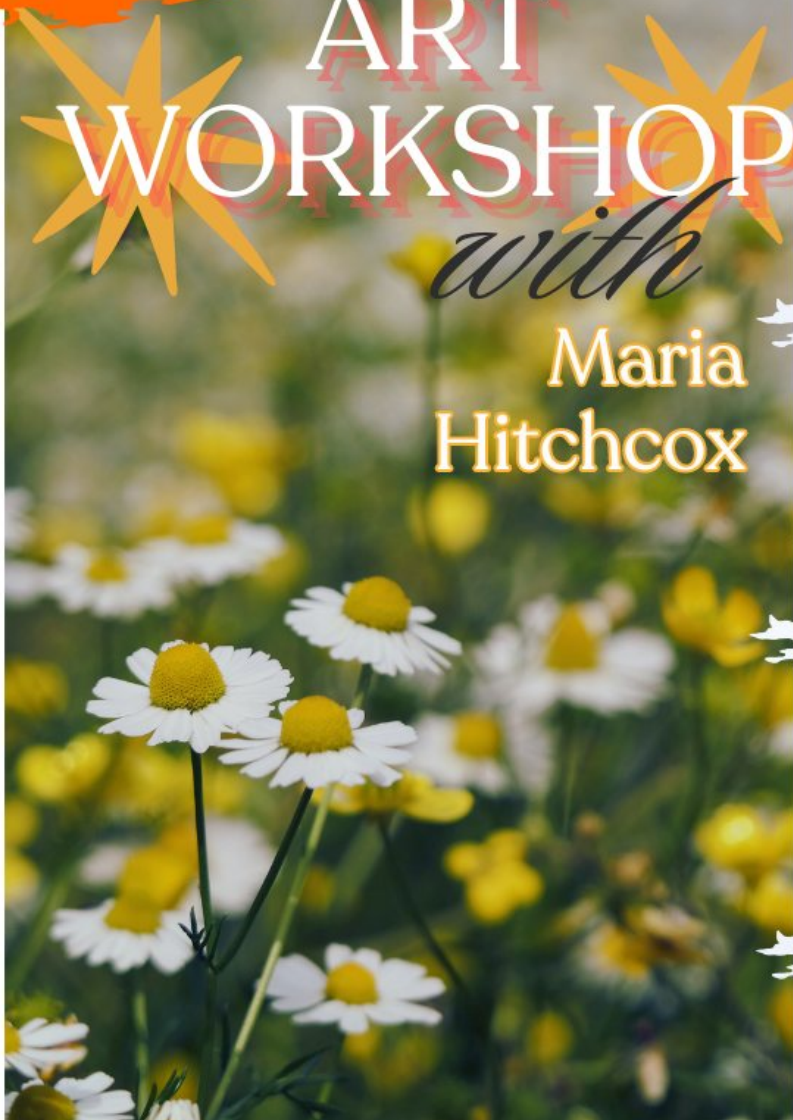
with
Maria
Hitchcox

**Summer
Stars**
Right to Read

Ballinasloe Library

August 6th
11am-12 pm

Suitable for ages 6+
Booking required

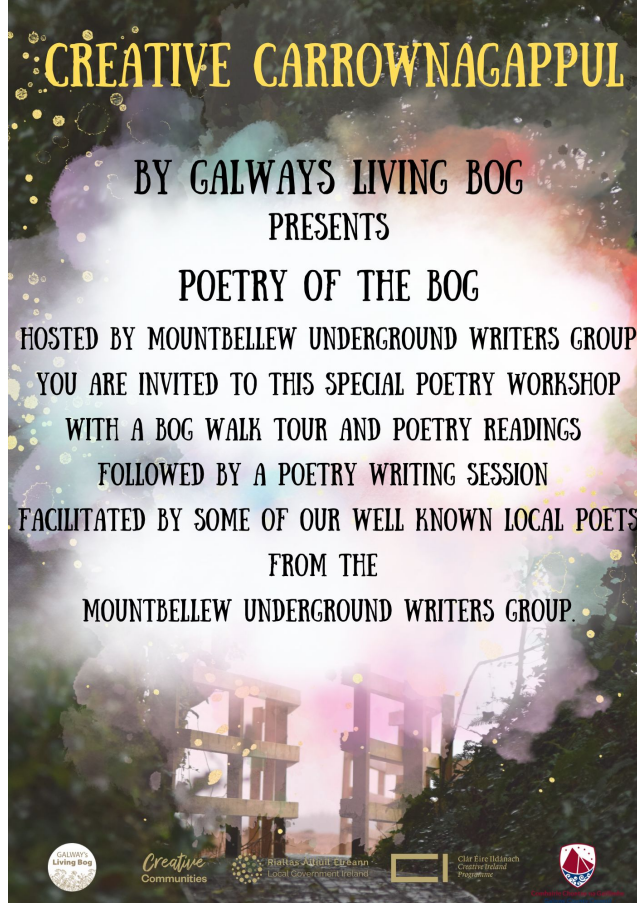


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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Celebrating
100
Galway Teabhplanna
Public Libraries Poiblí na Gaillimhe

There are still places available for our sustainable art workshop with Maria Hitchcox on **August 6th at 11am**.
Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Please phone 091509551 or email ballinasloe@galwaylibrary.ie to book a place.

POETRY OF THE BOG

Saturday, August 10th 2024, starting at 10am



Whether a poetry lover or writer, a beginner, a listener or just curious, you are welcome to come along and enjoy a day of Bog Poetry magic on **Saturday, August 10th, starting at 10am.**

For booking info: Email: gtcomountbellew@gmail.com Call: 090 96 79765

SOUND BITS

Thursday 25th August 2024 at 1pm



HEDGEHOG STUDY

Hedgehogs in the Garden

Do you know if there are hedgehogs in your garden?

Do you want to find out?



The Irish Hedgehog Survey is looking for residents in County Galway to fill out a short online survey to tell us about your garden and whether you have seen any hedgehogs or not. Please follow this link or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire – it will only take five minutes!

www.irishhedgehogsurvey.com/garden-hedgehogs

We would also like to visit some gardens in this area and survey for hedgehogs this summer. If you are interested, please get in touch:

irishhedgehogsurvey@gmail.com [@IrishHedgehogSurvey](https://www.facebook.com/IrishHedgehogSurvey) [@Irish_hedgehog_survey](https://www.instagram.com/Irish_hedgehog_survey)

This survey is being carried out by researchers at the School of Natural Science, University of Galway supported by National Parks and Wildlife, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

National Biodiversity Data Centre



An tSeirbhís Páircenna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúla
National Parks and Wildlife Service

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www.irishhedgehogsurvey.com/garden-hedgehogs

Following on from this, we would also like to visit some gardens in the areas of **Kinvara**, **Craughwell** and **Clarinbridge** and survey for hedgehogs this summer.

TUAM LIBRARY August Events



Comhairle Chathair na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

TUAM LIBRARY AUGUST EVENTS

<p>ADULT BOOKCLUB</p> <p>Friday 30th 12.30–2pm</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY RHYME TIME</p> <p>Every Week 11am Ages 0–5</p>	<p>CRAFT EVENT: FLOWER GARDEN</p> <p>Thurs 15th, 3pm Paint a flower garden with us on Ages 6+ BOOKING ESSENTIAL</p>
<p>SUMMER STARS STORY TIME</p> <p>Every week at 3.30pm Ages 5+</p>	<p>SOUNDBITES</p> <p>29th, 1–2pm Lunchtime Music Session</p>	<p>MINDFULNESS EVENT WITH AUTHOR NIAMH DOYLE</p> <p>16th 2.30–3.30pm Ages 6+ BOOKING ESSENTIAL</p>
<p>BREASTFEEDING GROUP</p> <p>Thursday 8th 10.30am</p>	<p>TEENAGE BOOKCLUB</p> <p>Sat 10th August, 3–4pm</p>	<p>SERENA MOLLOY POETRY WORKSHOP</p> <p>22nd 11am–12pm, Ages 7–12 BOOKING ESSENTIAL</p>
<p>SUMMER STARS COLOURING CHAMPIONS</p> <p>Colour and display your Summer Stars designs in Tuam Library</p>	<p>SUMMER STARS</p> <p>Join our Summer Reading Challenge! Games, fun, and crafts all summer</p>	



tuam@galwaylibrary.ie **093 24287**

GREEN SOD IRELAND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOTRE DAME KYLEMORE

BIODIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL 2024



SAT 31ST AUGUST AND SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER

Join us in Kylemore for free events over the weekend on a range of topics including ground nesting birds, dark skies, invasive species removal and lots more!

MORE INFO COMING SOON



Not Stopping Now: Nature's Resilience Webinar Series

NOT STOPPING NOW!

Webinar Series
How Nature Rocks and Teaches Us Resilience



Presented by:



We are thrilled to announce a new series of webinars designed to help you reconnect with nature! Hosted by the Climate Ambassador Programme in collaboration with The Heritage Council and The Biodiversity Officer Network, the sessions will be focusing on a different aspect of our amazing biodiversity.

Webinar Schedule:

- August 21st: Bats with Bat Conservation Ireland.
- September 18th: Birds with Bird Specialist.
- October 16th: Skies with Dark Sky Ireland.

Don't miss out — reserve your spot today!

Register [HERE](#) - Aug 21st

Register [HERE](#) - Sep 18th

Register [HERE](#) - Oct 16th

Supports & Resources

MYWASTE



Help, encouragement and support for sporting clubs and organisations to implement simple and effective waste actions that will positively impact environmental sustainability.

For more information and to download the free MyWaste Sports Club Toolkit click [HERE](#).

The poster has a light orange background. At the top right is the logo for 'GAMBLING AWARENESS TRUST .ie'. On the left, a blue speech bubble contains the text: 'Talk by Tony O' Reilly who stole 1.75million from work to fund his gambling addiction'. To the right of this is a logo for 'Solas Resource Centre' featuring a sun and a line of people. The main title 'OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING' is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of the title is a photograph of a globe made of twigs with a small house on top. At the bottom left, a green speech bubble says: 'Martin Dunne Counsellor & Psychotherapist, Galway Problem Gambling Support'. At the bottom right, a blue speech bubble says: 'Tuesday 14th November, Anglers Rest Hotel 7.30pm'. At the bottom center is a red circle with a white diagonal line over a playing card (the Ace of Spades).



Do you suffer from Anxiety?
Is it affecting your quality of life?
Are you unemployed?
Would you like help?

If the answer to the above questions is YES and you feel you need help. You should consider doing:

THE FRESHSTART PROGRAMME

FRESHSTART is a Personal development programme that will TEACH YOU how to get on with your Life. You will also get the chance to attain a QQI Major award.

To learn more Email: dave.scully@nlm.ie
Or Call (091) 781265 and leave a message.

FRESHSTART
Some things cannot be learned ONLINE



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Welcoming Migrants through Conversational English Classes

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TUTORS NEEDED

**VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
THROUGH CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES**

MEET NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**TEACHING OR TEFL/ESOL EXPERIENCE
HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL**

INFORMAL SESSIONS FOCUSED ON CONVERSATION

TRAINING AND RESOURCES PROVIDED

CONTACT:

Jamie at jburke@thirdageireland.ie

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Anam Cara:

We are there to help and support bereaved parents navigate the festive season.

Our **Galway Face to Face** meeting will be taking place

Our **online** meeting for Anam Cara Galway and Mayo will take place

If you know any bereaved parents who would like to join either of these meetings please get them to contact us on

085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie.

As always Anam Cara offer their services free of charge for as long as needed.

GALWAY COUNTY AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME 2024



Age Friendly Ireland is the organisation responsible for the national Age Friendly Programme, affiliated to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Age Friendly Galway County is delivered by Galway County Council and works to improve the services and facilities that our older people have identified as being important to them, and the wider community, as they live healthy and active lives.

Info on the Galway County Council website [HERE](#)

More info on Age Friendly Galway County [HERE](#)

Can We

Help?



Age Action's Care and Repair does small DIY jobs, free of charge, for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence.

Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out jobs in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. If someone is coming out of hospital, no matter where they live, we would support them to make sure their home is safe.

Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready for their return.

If you require work done in your home to make it safer after a stay in hospital we can help.

If you are a professional working with older people who would benefit from this service you can download a referral form from www.ageaction.ie.

For all other queries about Care and Repair please contact us using these numbers:

Age Action national line: 0818 911 109

Age Action in Dublin: 01 4756989

Age Action in Cork: 021 2067399

Age Action in Galway: 091 527831

Email: careandrepair@ageaction.ie

Age Action
Age Equality

care+
repair



Read more about Positive Ageing and supports for older people - Click the links below:

<https://www.copegalway.ie/senior-support-service/positive-ageing-week/>

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/communityenterpriseeconomicdevelopment/inclusion/agefriendly/>

Ombudsman

The Ombudsman examines complaints from members of the public who believe they have been unfairly treated by certain public service providers. The organisation also investigates complaints about failures by public bodies to provide accessible buildings, services and information, as required under Part 3 of the Disability Act 2005.

The Ombudsman provides a free public service that is open and accountable. We examine complaints in a fair, independent, and impartial way.

Volunteer Galway Events

Volunteer Galway events - Read more below:

<https://volunteergalway.ie/volunteer-galway-events/>

Other Organisation's Newsletters:



Healthy Galway City & County - Adele Rankin is the new Healthy Galway County Coordinator, in Galway County Council. This is a brand new Newsletter from County Galway, if you have news to submit related to health please contact Adele on

arankin@galwaycoco.ie

Read Newsletter [HERE](#)



Age Friendly Newsletter [HERE](#).



Irish Environmental Network [HERE](#).

Community and

Disability
Newsletter



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OF IRELAND

Community and Disability Newsletter - Issue [HERE](#).



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home.

To read the latest newsletter from **Alone**, just click the link below and click in the top corner of the Newsletter to change the page... to read click [HERE](#).

Link to Alone website here: <https://alone.ie/>



Directory of Services for Older People

Read Directory Online [HERE](#).

Or see council website for information or to request a printed copy for your Centre/Service/Group:

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/communityenterpriseeconomicdevelopment/inclusion/agefriendly/>

Happy Holidays from the PPN Team!

Follow us on Social Media for the latest updates - click the round buttons below !



- **Website:** www.galwaycountyppn.ie
- **Social Media Tag:** [#Galwaycountyppn](#)
- **Facebook:** [GalwayCountyPPN](#) | **X:** [GalwayCoPPN](#)
- **Email:** administrator@galwaycountyppn.ie

To submit news items for next Month - email ppn@galwaycoco.ie

*Submissions Deadline: 23rd of each month - for the following month's issue.

Next issue has a special focus on: **Environment** pillar of the PPN.

Le dea-ghuí (with kindest regards)

Duana & Silvana

Galway County PPN Team

Public Participation Network (PPN) Galway County
Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail (PPN) Chontae na Gaillimhe

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