



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

PPN WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday 16/08/2024

Dear members of Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN),

Please see information below which may be of interest to you;

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Weekly Digest News Submissions to ppn@galwaycoco.ie by Wednesday's 3pm

PPN NEWS

VOTE NOW FOR PPN REPRESENTATIVES

Nominations have been submitted from PPN members and ELECTIONS are now open for:

One PPN Rep. for **CLAREGALWAY PER CENT FOR ART.**

Votes only from PPN groups in and around Claregalway area.

Two PPN Reps. for **GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS.**

Votes only from PPN groups from East Galway for the following Municipal Districts: Loughrea, Athenry–Oranmore, Tuam, Ballinasloe.

Voting only allowed from registered PPN organisations within the relevant location.

One vote per organisation per position.

ELECTION INFORMATION has been emailed to all PPN members (check your spam/junk folder).

DEADLINE for votes WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2024

READ MORE AT: <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/ppn-representative-vacancies-july-2024-grd-board-members-x-2-per-cent-public-art-group-rep-x1/>

SAVE THE DATE - PPN Plenary (Meeting of Members)

19th November 2024 Evening Time, West County Galway (more info to follow).

!!!!All PPN Members Groups are invited!!!!



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Public Participation Network Galway County

SAVE THE DATE!

19th November 2024

Evening Time - West County Galway
GALWAY COUNTY PPN
**WINTER PLENARY
EVENT (IN PERSON)**

All PPN Member Groups Are Invited

Get Information On:

Funding & Financing Opportunities

Guest Speakers

Information Tables

PPN Updates

Community, Environmental & Social Inclusion Pillars

PPN Secretariat, Reps & Staff

Members Votes, Approvals & Survey

Contact: (acting) **PPN Resource Worker:**
Duana Tuite: 087 233 0720 / 091 378 817

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WWW.GALWAYCOUNTYPPN.IE

Barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPN)

We at S3 Solutions are 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).

We are keen to explore the demographic characteristics of groups and individuals involved in all 31 PPNs in Ireland and in doing so, investigate the diversity of participation. Where appropriate, we want to explore the barriers and challenges for diverse groups in actively participating in PPNs.

We will primarily use consultation to carry out the research. However, we are also conducting an initial exploratory survey, which you can access at the link below:

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

Information gathered via this survey is for the purpose of informing DRCD and will not be used for any other purpose. The survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete, but it's ok if it takes longer. The final report will be shared with stakeholders.

Ombudsman Monthly Complaints Clinic in Galway

The Ombudsman can investigate complaints from people who are not happy with how they have been treated by certain public service providers.

<https://www.ombudsman.ie/publications/information-leaflets/what-the-ombudsman-does/>

You can make complaint to the Ombudsman:

Online: Visit www.ombudsman.ie and click on 'Make A Complaint'

In writing: Ombudsman, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.

Ombudsman staff will be also taking complaints in person at Galway 'Complaints Clinic':

Galway Citizens Information Centre.

Augustine House, St. Augustine Street, Galway, H91 Y7XH. Phone: 0818 07 7600.

From: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Fourth Tuesday of every month (July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26).

You must have tried to resolve your complaint with the body before contacting us.

READ MORE AT: <https://www.ombudsman.ie/about-us/outreach-services/galway-cic/index.xml>

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Summer Stars

Right to Read

GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARIES Events: 19th Aug - 25th Aug

Aug
20th

Tuam Library

11am-12pm Learn about the Tuam Coat of Arms and create your own. Ages 5+. Booking required.

Galway City Library

10:30am MakerSpace Magic LEGO with Foroige. Ages 10-12. Booking required.

Oranmore Library

11am Birthday Cake Craft with Leah O'Grady. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Athenry Library

11am Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Aug
21st

Westside Library - Westside Wednesday

12pm Family storytime with Michelle Palmer. All welcome.

Letterfrack Library

1:30-4:30pm Coding workshop with Corrib Coding. Ages 8-12. Booking required.

Tuam Library

2:30pm Birthday Cake Craft with Leah O'Grady. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Loughrea Library

2:30pm Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Ballinasloe Library

2:30pm The Bronze Age workshop. Ages 9+. Booking required.

Aug
22nd

Tuam Library

11am Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

2:30pm History of Tuam for Children- storytelling followed by Craft. Booking required

Oranmore Library

2:30pm Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Aug
24th

Oranmore Library

11am-1pm Corrib Coding workshop. Ages 8-12. Booking required

Westside Library

11am Marine Explorers workshop. Ages 8-12. All welcome.

Clifden Library

11am Storytelling with APK Speech and Drama. Ages 3-7. All welcome.

Leabharlann an Spidéil

2:30pm Ceardlann eolaíochta mara. Do Ghasúir 8-12. Tá fáilte roimh chách

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Her Outdoors Week 2024

Details coming next week

14 + HER Outdoors events

happening across

Galway City & County!



AUGUST 12TH - 18TH

HER Outdoors is BACK from **12-18th August 2024** and Galway Sports Partnership have an exciting lineup of events happening across Galway City and County.

HER Outdoors Week looks to celebrate all the outdoors has to offer. Galway Sports Partnership is encouraging the women and girls of Ireland to [#EmbraceYourSpace](#) and [#FindYourOutdoors!](#)

Activities include swimming, water sports, Yoga, Cycling, Orienteering, Trek & Dip and much more around Galway County

Keep your eyes peeled to our [Facebook](#) feed next week to find out more... or check our [Website](#)

Supported by [Sport Ireland](#)

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024



National
Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th - 25th
August 2024

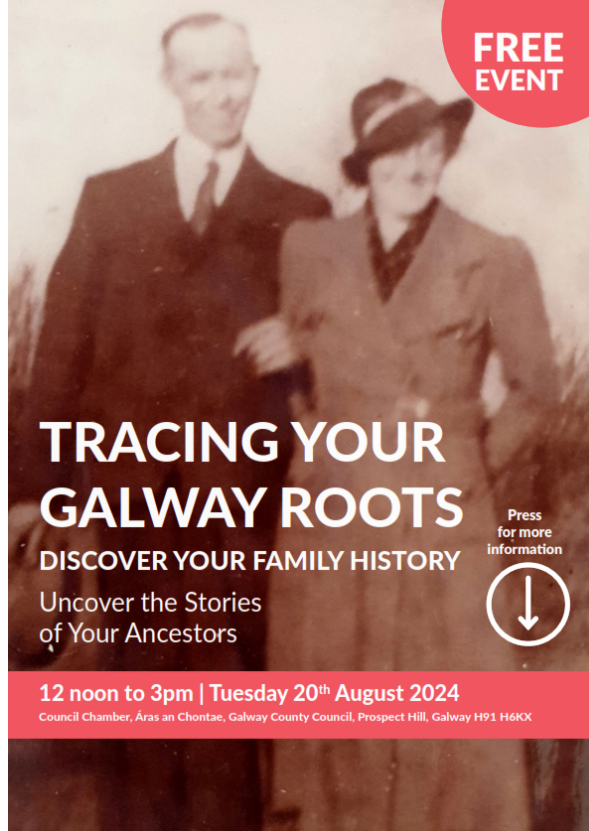


Connections,
Routes and
Networks

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 <https://www.heritageweek.ie/>



"Tracing your Galway Roots: Discover Your Family History"

Uncover the Stories of Your Ancestors. **Free Event (BOOKING ESSENTIAL!)**

Date: Tuesday 20th August 2024

Time: 12 noon to 3pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway H91 H6KX

Join us for a talk on "Mapping Galway Records" by John Grenham.

This will be followed by an interactive workshop on exploring your family history and genealogy. Expert genealogists, archivist, librarian and local community experts will guide you through the process of tracing your roots, finding ancestral records, and delving into fascinating family stories.

This event will assist you to:

Gain insights from experienced professionals and community heritage groups who will provide tips and tools for successful family research.

Connect with fellow history enthusiasts and genealogy experts, share stories, and exchange research strategies.

This event is being organised by the Heritage Office of Galway County Council in partnership with Galway County Council Archives, Local Studies, Galway Public Libraries, East Galway Family History Society, Galway Family History Society West (Limited), Western Family History Association, Ireland XO, Oughterard Heritage, Cumann Staire Ruaidhrí Uí Fhlaitheartaigh -Moycullen Heritage, Milltown Heritage, Killrerin Heritage, Moylough Heritage, Skehana and District Heritage Group & Woodlawn Heritage.

Booking this event is available on Eventbrite (booking is essential as space is limited) The link is as follows:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tracing-your-galway-roots-discover-your-family-history-tickets-983142514727?aff=oddtcreator>

For further information please contact Ita Gordon @ igordon@galwaycoco.ie



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



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council



Tionscnamh Frithdhumpála 2024 Bailiúchán Earraí Toirtíúla

Cuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus Comhairle
Cathrach na Gaillimhe bailiúchán earraí toirtíúla ar fáil ag
Láithreacha Fóntas Polbí

**Thuama, Bhéal Átha na Sluaighe agus an Chlocháin agus ag
saoráid Dramhaíola Barna Recycling ar Bhóthar Áth Cinn Ón
29ú Iúil go dtí an 24ú Lúnasa 2024 (faoi réir athbhreithnithe)**

EARRAÍ A NGLACFAR LEO

Trosacán Cumhdaithe, Tollg,
Cathaoireacha uilleacha agus
svuiteanna 3 bhail, Vardrúis,
Locair cois leapa, Frámaí
leapa, Boird agus
Cathaoireacha Seomra Bia

EARRAÍ NACH NGLACFAR LEO

Dramhaíl tógála & scartála,
Earraí dramhaíola leictreacha,
Dramhaíl ghuaiseach, Mála
dramhaíola tí etc., Bréagáin,
Trampailíní etc., Nithe
ceirmeacha, Teicstílí

Táille ag an nGeata: **€5 an Veain/Carr agus Leantóir**

Tabhair ar aird nach mór an tseirbhís seo a chur in áirithe via láithreán
gréasáin Barna Recycling (thíos) sula dtagtar i láthair ag aon cheann
de na láithreacha thuas.

<https://barnarecycling.com/booking>

Tá réamh-áirithint riachtanach chun táille €5 an gheata a fháil. Mura
ndéantar sin, beidh ar an gcustaiméir táille an gheata agus droichid
meáite a íoc.

IS DO SHEALBHÓIRÍ TÍ TEAGHLAIGH AN TIONSCNAMH SEO AGUS SIN AMHÁIN.

Ní ghlacfar le hearraí ó oibrítheoirí tráchtála.

Leantóirí cairr béaloscaite amháin – Níl cead tarracóirí
NÍ CHEADAITEAR AON LEANTÓIRÍ CAPALL / AINMHÍ NÁ
TALMHAÍOCHTA

Nótáil: Beidh tú curtha ó dhoras

Maidir le fiosruithe do Chontae na Gaillimhe, déan teagmháil leis an
Rannóg Timpeallachta ar an uimhir **091 509510** nó seol ríomhphost
chuíg environment@galwaycoco.ie

Maidir le fiosruithe do Chathair na Gaillimhe, déan teagmháil leis an
Rannóg Timpeallachta ar an uimhir **091 536400** nó seol ríomhphost
chuíg environment@galwaycity.ie

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2024 Bulky Goods Collection

Galway County Council & Galway City Council will be providing a
bulky goods collection at the

**Tuam, Ballinasloe and Clifden Civic Amenity Sites and at Barna
Recycling Waste facility on the Headford Rd from 29th July to
the 24th August 2024 (subject to review)**

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED

Upholstered Furniture,
Couches, Armchairs and 3-
piece Suites, Wardrobes,
Bedside Lockers,
Bedframes, Dining Tables
and Chairs.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Construction & demolition
waste, Waste electrical
items, Hazardous Waste,
Bags of Household Waste,
etc., Toys, Trampolines etc.,
Ceramic Items, Textiles.

Gate Fee: **€5 per Van/Car and Trailer**

Please note that this service must be booked via the Barna Recycling
website (below) before arriving at any of the above sites.

<https://barnarecycling.com/booking>

Pre-booking is essential to avail of the €5 gate fee. Failure to do so will
result in the individual being required to pay the gate and weighbridge
fee.

**THIS INITIATIVE IS FOR DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDERS ONLY.
COMMERCIAL OPERATORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY
OPENTOP CAR TRAILERS ONLY – NO TRACTORS
NO HORSE / ANIMAL OR AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS ALLOWED.
NOTE : YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY**

For Galway County enquiries, please contact Environment Section
on **091 509510** or environment@galwaycoco.ie
For Galway City enquiries, please contact Environment Section on
091 536400 or environment@galwaycity.ie

More News from Galway County Council

<https://www.galway.ie/en/news/>

CONSULTATIONS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 - 2029

Submission deadline: Friday, 23rd August 2024 at 4pm

The role of the SPC'S, as committees of Galway County Council, is to consider and advise the Corporate Policy Group and the full Council on matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring, and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Council, and which are linked to the Corporate Plan. SPCs bring together both elected members and people actively working with social, community/voluntary, economic, and environmental bodies to assist in the work of the committees.

The draft scheme specifies assignment of sector(s) to each SPC and the number of representatives from each sector for each SPC. Submissions marked **Draft Strategic Policy Scheme 2024-2029** and/or observations from interested parties in relation to the scheme should be submitted not later than **4.00pm on Friday, 23rd August 2024**. To County Secretary: Secretary@galwaycoco.ie

MORE INFO:

[Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024](#)

&

<https://www.galway.ie/en/news/name,49133,en.html>

More Public Consultations by Galway County Council

<https://consult.galway.ie/en>

FUNDING

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

European Projects For Adult Education And Community Development

Adult Education Erasmus+ Info Session (Online): Thursday 22nd August 2024

Register: <https://www.leargas.ie/event/adult-education-erasmus-info-session-6/>

Deadline for funding applications through Erasmus+: Tuesday 1st October 2024.

The Adult Education team at Léargas is here to support any organisation that is new to European projects. Our Adult Education funding supports non-formal and informal learning for adults, which covers lots of social inclusion and community development work happening in your communities.

This funding can support:

- Training and job shadowing opportunities for staff and volunteers in European countries.
- International learning experiences for participants in adult learning and community programmes.
- Collaboration between organisations in European countries for exchange of practice and shared resource development.

Contact Jemma on jlee@leargas.ie Or visit <https://www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/>

New Solutions Social Innovation Fund

A call for applications for **Phase One** was launched in June 2024.

Interested parties are invited to apply to the call as a sole applicant, or as part of a consortium.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 30th August, 2024.

Further information, guidelines and application forms can be found on the [Pobal website](#).

It is intended that Phase Two will open for application in Q1 2025.

Creative Arts: Grants and Funding

Cultural Capital Scheme - Stream E & Artist Workspaces Capital Scheme.

Read More at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/46f4f-creative-arts-grants-and-funding/>

MORE FUNDING INFORMATION

Funding by Galway County Council

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

List of different funding schemes on the PPN website <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/grants/>

TRAINING



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Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board

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Tuam Road, Galway H91 Y8C2

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28th August
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[Local Climate Action Course](#)

Galway County Council Climate Action Unit and GRETB Community Education



Local Climate Action Course What you and your community group can do?

Six Week Course:
**Biodiversity, Energy, Food &
Waste, Recycling and Transport**
Starting Wednesday 18th Sept
GRETB Centre, Oughterard

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
communityed@gretb.ie
091 706 294



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na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

In partnership with Galway County Climate Action Unit & GRETB.

Starting Wednesday 18th September 2024.

For more info Email: communityed@gretb.ie or Phone: 091 706 294.

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Galway Sports Partnership's Online Safeguarding Training

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 information at: <https://galwayactive.ie/events-calendar.php>

PPN TRAINING & RESOURCES

The Department of Rural and Community Development have training and resources for PPNs.

MORE INFO AT:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/news/b4571-public-participation-networks-latest-news/#training-sessions>

Galway County PPN resources on our website <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/resources-2/>

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cuan Beo Calling all Environmental Groups - 17th & 18th August



Cuan Beo is hosting an array of marine-themed stalls, talks, and cookery demonstrations in the Cuan Beo Marquee at the 45th annual *Cruinniú na mBád* in Kinvara this **Saturday and Sunday, August 17th, and 18th**. Join us to learn more about the wonderful initiatives to improve the socioeconomic development, environment, cultural heritage, and quality of life in the region!

ATHENRY WALLED TOWNS DAY 20 24

FREE
FAMILY
FUN DAY

ATHENRY COMMUNITY PARK
& ATHENRY HERITAGE CENTRE

1~5PM | SUNDAY

18th AUGUST

CONNECTIONS,
ROUTES &
NETWORKS



Pilgrimage to
our Lady's well,
Athenry
1366

Programme is subject to change.

A Free Family Fun Day: Arts, Crafts, music, song and dance, Medieval Re-enactments, Puppet shows, Children's crafts, food stalls, walking tour of the town of Athenry, historical presentations and much, more...

www.athenryheritagecentre.com | www.galwaycommunityheritage.org

This event is funded by The Heritage Council and Galway County Council and has been developed in partnership between Galway County Council & Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre. It is supported by Athenry Community Council, Athenry Tidy Towns and the businesses and communities of Athenry.



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An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council





GUTHANNA STAIR CHONAMARA

RECORDED VOICES OF CONEMARA HISTORY

Chuid de Iniúchadh Na Gaillimhe Ar Taifead Oidhreachta Béil : Part of the Galway Audit of Oral Heritage Collections

Le / by Dr Tomás Mac Conmara



SAOR
IN AISCE



FREE
EVENT

**Ionad Oidhreachta
Leitir Mealláin & Gharumna
H91 CH7X
Dé Luain, 19^ú Lúnasa 2024
2.00i.n.**

**Leitir Mealláin & Gharumna
Heritage Centre
H91 CH7X
Monday, 19th August 2024
2.00p.m.**

Faigh amach faoin chuardach mór le haghaidh bailiúcháin taifeadtaí de stair bhéil Chonamara

Find out about the search for recordings of Conemara's oral history

Tá an iniúchadh spreagúil ag Oifig Oidhreachta Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, le cúnadh ón gComhairle Oidhreachta
This project is under the direction of Galway County Council's Heritage Office and supported by the Heritage Council



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The Heritage Council



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



GREEDSOD CONFERENCE AT KYLEMORE ABBEY

Green Sod Ireland, in partnership with Notre Dame University, are hosting a Biodiversity Summer School on **August 31st and September 1st** with an outstanding panel of experts led by Benjamin Thébaudeau, of Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark, Dr Terry Morley of the University of Galway and Jess Williams of Hometree.

A two day event that will bring together environmental charities, professionals, local community groups, and members of the public. The focus of the event will be to provide a series of events that are educational and enjoyable and empowering.

Contact Rory McCanna for more information or to book your place at the conference. roly@greensodireland.ie 0871616451

READ MORE AT:

<https://greensodireland.ie/2024/07/19/biodiversity-summer-school-2024/>

Harmony & Heritage

A Milltown Tribute

**FREE
EVENT**

Refreshments
will be provided.
All welcome.

Sunday 25th August 2024

www.milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org

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|---------------|---|
| 10am | Commemorative Mass in honour of Fr Liam O'Beirn |
| 11am | Official opening of Milltown Community Museum |
| 12 Noon | From Milltown to Brooklyn: Mícheál Ó Lócháin and <i>An Gaodhal</i> , the World's First Irish Language Newspaper |
| 12:15pm | Milltown Musicscape in the early 1900s |
| 12:30pm - 1pm | Music and Song |

Press for more
information



Mícheál Ó Lócháin



PJ Conlon

This event is part of a project supported under the Heritage Council's grants programme in 2024 and Galway County Council



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



National
Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

PPN INFO

- PPN Monthly Newsletter and Weekly Digests [HERE](#)
- See events, or **add your own event**, on our [EVENTS CALENDER](#)
- Funding opportunities on our Newsletters/Weekly Digest or [WEBSITE](#)
- National PPN news and resources [HERE](#)
- Galway County PPN Members Directory [HERE](#)



Phone: 087 233 0720

Email - **Members & Operational Queries:** administrator@galwaycountypn.ie

Email - **News submissions & Communications:** ppn@galwaycoco.ie

Website: www.galwaycountypn.ie

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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