

PPN NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Welcome to the **September 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: **Community and Voluntary** pillar of the PPN.

PPN News

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWS

Galway Disability Forum



Monday 16th September 2024 - Online from 2.00pm to 3.00pm ALL ARE WELCOME!

Individuals with disabilities, carers, family members of persons with disabilities and those providing services for persons with disabilities constitute the Galway Disability Forum. The aim of the Forum is to improve the lives of persons with disabilities **residing in County Galway** by driving real change on those issues of common interest and concern which have arisen in discussion and debate at our regularly attended meetings. The Forum seeks to plan and coordinate actions that actively addresses these same issues of interest and concern.

If you wish to be part of the Galway Disability Forum you can contact ppn@galwaycoco.ie

Read more [HERE](#)

PPN Secretariat Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Secretariat Members only



The PPN Secretariat is a 11 member 'steering group' which oversees the workings of the PPN and acts as an administrative and communication mechanism for Galway County PPN. The 11 members of the PPN Secretariat were elected by the members of the PPN and held their first meeting in January of 2015.

Read more [HERE](#)

PPN Plenary (Meeting of Members)

SAVE THE DATE! 19th November 2024 Evening Time, West County Galway (more info to follow)

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



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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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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.

Please bring any information with you to support your complaint such as letters, forms, or reference numbers.

The Ombudsman **cannot** take complaints about consumer matters, financial products, private pensions or An Garda Síochána.

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



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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.galwaycountypn.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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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 gcuirfead 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.galwaycountypn.ie/>**

Is lionra é PPN Chontae na Gaillimhe de gach grúpa pobail agus deonach atá lonnaithe i gContae na Gaillimhe. Feidhmíonn sé mar nase eolais idir an pobal agus Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, chomh maith le sinn cuireann sé deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha acmhainne 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.galwaycountypn.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!

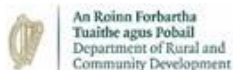
 **31 AUG-
3RD SEP, 2024**

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**2024 NATIONAL
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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



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 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.



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

Volunteer Galway

Closing date for nominations is Friday 11th October 2024



Do you know an amazing Volunteer in Galway who deserves to be celebrated? Nominations are now open for the 2024 Volunteer Ireland Awards!! Closing date for nominations is Friday 11th October 2024!!

To submit a nomination for a deserving individual Volunteer, Volunteer Group, or Volunteer Manager, just head over to volunteer.ie/nominate !Closing date for nominations is Friday 11th October 2024!!

Clonbur / Cloghbrack Pride of Place

Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8.30 pm



An important and great opportunity for the local community to discuss the future of this Centre.

More info [HERE](#)

Green Sod Ireland



"We had a really enjoyable volunteer morning: - Installing a new entrance - Installing a Pine Marten box and trail cam - Marking boundaries - Most importantly meeting our neighbours and creating connections locally. Thank you to our brilliant volunteers for your time and commitment to Green Sod Ireland."

Well done Green Sod Ireland!!

Consultations

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS

Pre-Planning Public Consultation – Ballygaddy Road Park Enhancement, Tuam



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Deadline for submit your feedback: Wednesday 11th September 2024

A public space already exists on the Ballygaddy Road in Tuam, however it is currently predominantly a grassed area. The proposed park enhancement will involve:

- Proposed pathways constructed from exposed aggregate concrete,
- Creating loop walks around the park, and intermittent informal play features, and seating/rest locations.
- Seating areas for community engagement,
- Dynamic play areas,
- Biodiversity planting with native species and wildflower spaces.

We invite you the public to have your say to help make the best possible Ballygaddy Park plan for Tuam town.

More info [HERE](#)

Exploring Patient and Doctor Views on Using AI to Help Treat High Blood Pressure



Help Shape the Future of High Blood Pressure Treatment! - Survey

If you have high blood pressure, we want your thoughts on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help treat it. Participate in our quick, anonymous survey led by Dr Conor Judge of University of Galway. Your input could help shape the future of healthcare!

Survey Link: https://psychologygalway.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qHlnzlwjTFFjoy

Anyone who completes the survey has the choice of being entered into a draw to win one of five €100 gift cards (Draw will take place on **15/10/2024**).

Consultations from Galway County Council [HERE](#)

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

European Commission targeted consultation on procedure for access to justice in environmental matters in relation to State aid decisions.



Deadline for submissions Friday 6th September 2024

The European Commission has launched a targeted consultation to seek feedback from the business community and public authorities on a proposed new procedure aimed to give public access to judicial procedures to challenge specific decisions on State aid measures that allegedly contravene EU environmental law.

More info [HERE](#).

You can access the EU Survey questionnaire here: [EU Survey](#). The targeted consultation page can be found here: [European Commission targeted consultation..](#) The deadline for replies to the European Commission is **Friday, 6 September 2024**.

More info [HERE](#)

Public consultation on health and social care services and supports for older people.

Deadline is on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 5.00 pm.

Public Consultation on Health and Social Care Services and Supports for Older People open until 24 Oct

The independent Commission on Care for Older People, supported by the Department of Health, invites you to have your say on the health and social care services and supports provided for older people.

What do you think about Services & Supports for Older People in Ireland? Do you have an idea to improve Health & Social Care Services & Supports for Older People in Ireland? We'd like to hear your views.

Your views will inform the Commission's recommendations for the development of these vital services.

Find out more and share your views at:
gov.ie/ConsultationOlderPeople

Submit your views by 5pm on Thursday 24 October 2024.



Comhairliúchán Poiblí ar Sheirbhísí Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialta agus Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta oscailte go dtí 24 Deireadh Fómhair

Tugann an Coimisiún um Chúram do Dhaoine Scothaosta neamhspleách, le tacaíocht ón Roinn Sláinte, cuireadh duit do thuairimí a roinnt maidir leis na seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí sláinte agus cúraim shóisialta a chuirtear ar fáil do dhaoine scothaosta.

Cad a cheapann tú faoi Sheirbhísí Sláinte & Cúraim Shóisialta & Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta in Éirinn? An bhfuil tuairim agat faoi conas is féidir feabhas a chur ar Sheirbhísí Sláinte & Cúraim Shóisialta & Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta in Éirinn? Ba mhaith linn cloisteáil uait.

Cuirfidh do thuairimí bonn eolais faoi mholtaí an Choimisiúin maidir leis na seirbhísí rithabhachtacha seo a fhorbairt.

Faigh tuilleadh eolais agus roinn do thuairimí ag:
gov.ie/ComhairliuchanDaoineScothaosta

Seol isteach do thuairimí faoi 5pm Déardaoin an 24 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.



On behalf of the Commission on Care for Older People, the Department of Health has launched a public consultation on health and social care services and supports for older people.

The public consultation survey is now available online, along with information about how to respond, at gov.ie/ConsultationOlderPeople. The survey is open to all and will provide the Commission with insight into people's views of the strengths of current service provision as well as of areas for enhancement.

Please see attached ePoster (in English and Irish) for your information and to print, display, and disseminate to individuals and/or relevant stakeholder- organisations as appropriate.

The public consultation will remain open until 5.00pm on Thursday 24 October 2024.

Consultations from Government [HERE](#)

Funding

DAF Growing Social Enterprise Capital Fund



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the dormant
accounts fund



An **Application Clinic** will take place on **Thursday, 12th September from 11am – 1pm.**

Deadline to submit applications on Friday 20th September 2024 at 5pm.

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, 12th 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](#)

Access Europe: Your One Stop EU Funding Shop (Webinar)

Thursday 19th Sep 2024 – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Free to attend!

Don't miss this opportunity to see what your one stop EU funding shop has in store for Autumn & Winter 2024! We'll explore how Access Europe can demystify EU funding for your organisation through:

- Training & events
- One-to-one support and advice
- EU funding guides & newsletters
- Partner matchmaking & network building.

How to register:

You can book places for yourself and/or colleagues by clicking [HERE](#)

This event will take place on Zoom. Closed Captions can be enabled by participants.

Please email matthew@wheel.ie if you have any special requirements.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

Deadline for submission: Friday 27th September 2024

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) applications for funding are now open up to the **27th September 2024** and the information is available on the Galway County Council website:

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/archcon/grants/>

Geoheritage Programme Grant Scheme 2024/25



Deadline for applications: Monday 30th September 2024 at 12:00 (noon)

Geological Survey Ireland Geoheritage Programme is supporting the development and sustainability of Ireland's geoheritage through community-driven geoscience outreach initiatives, including education, and geotourism to promote community engagement and development of geoheritage awareness.

Geological Survey Ireland invites applications by **12:00 hrs (noon) 30 September 2024** for the Geoheritage Grant aid for 2024/25 up to **a maximum of €10,000**.

This grant aid is available to support small community-driven geoheritage initiatives that will assist:

- 1) the delivery of public outreach, educational and geotourism activities to promote the geoheritage of an area; or
- 2) the delivery of required educational and geotourism activities to help aspiring projects to develop as *de facto* geoparks; or
- 3) the delivery of required educational and geotourism activities, for example helping UNESCO Global Geoparks maintain their UNESCO Global Network status.

Please find a copy of the application details and instructions [HERE](#)

Funding For European Projects For Adult Education and Community Development



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 www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/

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



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

Make the Link 2024

Starting Tuesday 3rd September 2024



An Roinn Coimircíe Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

INVITE YOU TO AN EDUCATION,
TRAINING & INFORMATION EVENT

Make the Link



ALL events 10am-1pm

Tues, 3rd September

Tuam- Ard Ri House Hotel

Thurs, 5th September

Loughrea- Lough Rea Hotel

Tues, 10th September

Gort- Lady Gregory Hotel

Thurs, 12th September

Ballinasloe- Shearwater Hotel

Information on:

**Training
Courses**

**Education
Opportunities**

**Individual
Support &
Guidance**

**Welfare
Entitlements**

**CE, Tús & RSS
Scheme
Placements**

Contact: Freeda | 091 844 335 or 087 367 4568
email: guidance@gretb.ie or Freephone: 1800 140 242



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INVITATION TO CLIENTS



Galway Rural Development, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board and the Department of Social Protection are joining forces to put on a series of information events this September, namely "Make the Link".

This is a great opportunity for you to meet and 'link in' with education and training agencies, all under one roof, and get useful information and advice with many free courses available. These 'Make the Link' events will showcase courses and training provided by GRETB, Galway Rural Development, Equal Ireland, Technological University of Shannon, ATU, and the University of Galway."

We will have staff from Employability Galway joining us, who can help people navigate their way back into employment if they have been out due to an illness. Galway Childcare will also be there to give advice on the financial support available to parents towards childcare costs if you are returning to work or education

In addition, WorkAbility, who support people with disabilities to improve their employment prospects will also be in attendance, as will Tús and Community Employment Programmes who offer part time and temporary work placements for unemployed people in local communities. Galway Volunteer Centre will showcase opportunities for anyone who would like to get involved or reconnect in their local communities, citizens information, Family Resource Centers and local libraries will have information on all their free services.

The roadshows run from 10am to 1pm each day in the following locations

Tuesday 3 rd September	Tuam	Ard Ri House Hotel
Thursday 5 th September	Loughrea	Loughrea Hotel and Spa
Tuesday 10 th September	Gort	The Lady Gregory hotel, Clifden.
Thursday 12 th September	Ballinasloe	The Shearwater Hotel

Contact: Freeda 091 844 335 or 087 367 4568 or Freephone: 1800 140 242

Email: guidance@gretb.ie

Local Climate Action Course

in partnership with Galway County Climate Action Unit & GRETB

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

Starting Wednesday 18th September 2024

For more info contact Email: communityed@gretb.ie Ph.: 091 706 294

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
- Elected Councillors

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](#)



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@cycleagainstsucide.com

Or register directly online with this QR code or at:

www.cycleagainstsucide.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.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

or email: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

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

Focus on: Environment Pillar

Biodiversity Summer School



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BIODIVERSITY

SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

AUGUST 31ST AND SEPTEMBER 1ST

DETAILS ON [EVENTBRITE.IE](https://eventbrite.ie) OR EMAIL: [RORY@GREENSODIRELAND.IE](mailto:rory@greensodireland.ie)



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BAP
Biodiversity Action Plan

Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September 2024

The Biodiversity Summer School will be taking place at Kylemore Abbey and is in partnership with Notre Dame Kylemore 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.

The 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.

For the full schedule and to book your free place visit the event page:

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

Kick sampling session in Kylemore Abbey with LAWPRO Community Water Officer

GREEN SOD IRELAND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOTRE DAME KYLEMORE

BIODIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL 2024



Kick sampling examines the aquatic macro-invertebrates as they are good at showing the quality of the river water.

Join us for a free Kick sampling session in Kylemore Abbey with LAWPRO Community Water Officer, David Rafter.

Make sure to bring your wellies!



SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER 12:45PM



Sunday 1st September 2024 at 12:45 pm

Join our Biodiversity Summer School next weekend to learn more about water quality from the [Local Authority Waters Programme](#).

You can get your free ticket and full details here:

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

Extending our wildwoods



Friday 6th September 2024, 19:30 – 21:30

Loughrea, Kylebrack West, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

CELT are honoured to host a special free presentation : "Making more wildwood in Scotland: are there lessons for or from Ireland ?" by renowned Scottish environmentalist Dr Roddy Fairley.

This event is supported by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under Forestry Promotion programme funding.

Free event! Registration is essential and donations are welcome!

Register [HERE](#)

ABHAINNCHARA FESTIVAL 2024 - SPACES FOR NATURE

AbhainnChara
A Festival to Celebrate Rivers and Ancient Woodlands

Protecting living riparian corridors | Connecting forests and rivers

Derreen Gort

*Join us for a long weekend
of events and community*

It's celebration time for the **Abhainn Dá Lóilíoch Woodland Group** (native woodland and river valley).

Abhainn Dá Lóilíoch
Woodland Group

From Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th September 2024

ABHAINNCHARA FESTIVAL coming up with so many good events!!

Check full programme of events here and book your place:

<https://adlwoodlandgroup.ie/upcomming-events/>

Collection, treatment and re-use of old fishing gear

CIRCNETS PRESENTS
**COLLECTION, TREATMENT
& REUSE OF USED
FISHING GEAR WEBINAR**

PART OF #EMDINMYCOUNTRY DAY 2024

DATE
12/09/2024

TIME
11:00 AM ICELAND
12:00 PM IRELAND
1:00 PM NORWAY/SWEDEN
2:00 PM FINLAND

REGISTER HERE

interreg-npa.eu/projects/circnets/

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Circular economy
in my country

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OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY
Sotenäs kommun
NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology
MarEco

The webinar will take place on Thursday 12th September at 12 noon

The Western Development Commission is inviting you to join us for an insightful webinar on the collection, treatment, and reuse of used fishing gear, presented by the CIRCNETS project.

The CIRCNETS project is a 3 year project funded by the Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme. The aim is to examine solutions for the collection, treatment and recycling of End-of-Life fishing gear to ensure that they do not end up polluting our seas.

You can find out more about the project here: <https://www.interreg-npa.eu/projects/circnets/home/>

We will highlight some practices from around the Northern Periphery and Arctic region. We have speakers from Sweden, where a municipality run collection model is working well; From Oceanize, based in Norway who are implementing circular practices in the aquaculture industry and from NovelPlast in Ireland who have explored various ways to incorporate end of life fishing gear into their operations.

To register for our webinar please follow this link: [Collection, Treatment & Reuse of Used Fishing Gear Tickets, Thu, Sep 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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:

September 18th: Birds with Bird Specialist.

October 16th: Skies with Dark Sky Ireland.

Don't miss out — reserve your spot today!

Register [HERE](#) - Sep 18th

Register [HERE](#) - Oct 16th

Galway County Council News

Notice: Office Closure for Staff Training Fógra: Dúnadh Oifige d'Oiliúint Foirne

Due to upcoming Staff training sessions, the public counters and phone lines for the Sections listed below will be closed to the public during the times listed. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Mar gheall ar sheisiúin oiliúna Foirne, beidh na cuntair phoiblí agus na línte gutháin do na Rannóga atá liostaithe thíos dúnta don phobal le linn na n-amanna atá liostaithe. Ár leithscéal as aon mhíchaoithiúlacht.

Section/Office	Closure period
Planning Section Áras an Chontae and Local Enterprise Office	2 nd September from 10.30am until 2pm
Athenry Local Area Office	2 nd September from 10.30am until 2pm
Housing Section Áras an Chontae	2 nd September from 12noon until end of day
Tuam Local Area Office	2 nd September from 12noon until end of day
Rural & Communication, Integration & Environment Sections Centrepont Liosban	4 th September from 10am until 2.30pm
Ballinasloe Local Area Office	4 th September from 10am until 2.30pm
Corporate Services and Human Resources Sections Áras an Chontae	4 th September from 11.30am until end of day
City and County Libraries	4 th September <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballinasloe Library - closed all day 2. Ballybane Library - closed all day 3. Tuam Library- closed all day 4. Headford Library - closed all day <p>Normal opening hours for all other Libraries</p>
Loughrea, Gort and Portumna Local Area Offices	4 th September from 12noon until end of day
Physical Infrastructure and Climate Action Units	5 th September from 10.30am to 2pm
Finance, Motor Tax, Information & Communication & Digital Transformation Units	5 th September from 10.30am to 2pm
An Cheathrú Rua Local Area Office	5 th September from 10.15am to 2pm
Clifden Local Area Office	5 th September full day

Lean for Business

FREE taster session September 4th, Menlo Park Hotel
Spaces are strictly limited - **BOOK NOW!**

LEAN FOR BUSINESS

Galway businesses have saved a combined total of over €5 million through our Lean for Business programme since it began!

- INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY
- INCREASED SALES
- IMPROVED EFFICIENCIES
- REDUCED COSTS
- LESS WASTE

Apply for the **LEAN FOR BUSINESS** programme now and enjoy all the benefits of a more efficient workplace!

Difig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office
Gaillimh · Galway

in partnership with Enterprise Ireland

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - From 9.30am to 1.00pm MENLO PARK HOTEL, GALWAY

Free Lean for Business Workshop

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE GALWAY is delighted to offer a free LEAN FOR BUSINESS half day workshop for clients interested in the LEAN FOR BUSINESS PROGRAMME, in particular, small and medium businesses that would benefit greatly from the very substantial improvements in productivity and profitability that can result from the application of lean principles and techniques. Spaces are strictly limited, Book now at <https://loom.ly/Bkcrkq4>

National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards



National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards.

Galway County Council is pleased to have been shortlisted for recognition at our National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards.

The project involved the installation of bus shelters serving rural areas in Conamara; at Casla and Inverin, and the shelters are located adjacent to community facilities.

The project was designed and managed by the Carraroe Area Office team (Roads), supported by the local Conamara Councillors, with construction by Pdraig Folan Civil Engineering.



The awards ceremony will be in November.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



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



Rialtas na hÉireann
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 Health

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-health/>



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

Public & Patient Involvement Panel



PPI IGNITE NETWORK

A team at the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is beginning to work with the Department of Health to develop a plan on how to engage with the public in relation to these new developments.

HIQA is creating a Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) panel to support the development of new services that allow the collection, use and sharing of health information for service improvement, research and innovation. To help guide HIQA's work and for more information please, visit:

[Collecting, using and sharing health information for better health services, policy, research and innovation · PPI Ignite Network \(ppinetwork.ie\)](https://ppinetwork.ie)

Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

<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

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Friday 20th - Sunday 29th September 2024

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Take Part in SDG Week 2024!

Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place this year from 20 - 29 September. The SDGs belong to everyone and SDG Week is open to all - individuals, groups, schools, and colleges, businesses, and institutions. To take part, organise an event - however big or small - or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development and join the annual week of action for the SDGs.

- 1 START NOW!** Think about how you could promote sustainable development and plan an activity, project or event to take place during SDG Week
- 2 REGISTER** Upload your idea on the European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) website: <https://www.esdn.eu/esdw>
- 3 ACT!** Organize and promote your initiative during the wider ESDW which runs from 18 September - 8 October 2024! Explore which events are taking place and participate in activities near you!

For more information on sustainable development, SDG Week and ideas for taking part please see www.gov.ie/SDGs

#SDGIRL #ESDW2024

@Dept_ECC
@forbartha
@DEPRCC
EuropeanSustainableDevelopmentWeek

SPRIOCANNA FORBARTHA INBHUANAITHE
Bí Páirteach i Seachtain SFI 2024!

Beith an tríú Seachtain na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaíthe (SFI) de chuid na hÉireann ar síl i mbliana ón 20 - 29 Meán Fómhair. Baineamas na SFanna le garb dháine agus tá Seachtain SFI oscailte do chách - daoine sonair, grúpaí, scoilanna agus coláistí, gnóchait agus institiúidí. Chun páirt a ghlacadh, is fíréid leat imeachd a organisú - bíodh sé beag nó mór - nó aird a tharraig ar ghníomhaíocht nó tionscadal a chaitreams forbartha inbhuanaíthe chun cin, agus páirt a ghlacadh sa seachtain ghníomhaíochta bílantúil do na SFanna.

- 1 TOSAIGH ANOIS!** Smaoineáir ar conas a d'fhéadfaí forbairt inbhuanaíthe a chur chun cin, agus gníomhaíocht, tionscadal nó imeachd a ghlacadh a bheith ar síl i rith Seachtain SFI.
- 2 CLÁRAIGH** Uaslódáil do smaoineamh ar salomh gréasáin SFI: www.esdn.eu/esdw
- 3 GNÍOMHAIGH!** Déan tionscadal a organisú agus a chur chun cin i rith SFI níos láithre - a bheith ar síl ón 18 Meán Fómhair - 8 Deireadh Fómhair 2024! Faigh amach cad tad na himeachtaí atá ar síl agus glac páirt in imeachtaí gar duit!

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais faoi Forbartha Inbhuanaíthe, Seachtain SFI agus smaoineamh maidir le páirt a ghlacadh, feach www.gov.ie/SFI

#SDGIRL #ESDW2024

@Dept_ECC
@forbartha
@DEPRCC
EuropeanSustainableDevelopmentWeek

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is delighted to announce that Ireland's third SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this year from **20th to 29th September**, forming part of the wider [European Sustainable Development Week \(ESDW\)](https://www.esdn.eu/esdw), which this year, will run from **18th September – 8th October**. [Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications](https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-the-environment-climate-and-communications/) are partnering with European Sustainable Development Week and you can join them by registering your event: <https://www.esdn.eu/esdw>

Department of Rural and Community Development

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



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

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

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.

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 Communications

<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

Ealaín na Gaeltachta

Dé Máirt 3 Meán Fómhair ag a 7i.n

Dé Céadaoin 4 Meán Fómhair ag a 10r.n.

**Ceardlann Airgeadais
le Gaby Smyth**

ealain
NA GAEILTEACHTA



- Dé Máirt, 3 Meán Fómhar @7i.n nó
- Dé Céadaoin, 4 Meán Fómhar @10r.n

Cláraigh anois ag ealain@udaras.ie

Beidh ceardlann airgeadais d'ealaíontóirí á reáchtáil againn ar líne i gcomhar le Gaby Smyth ar an 3 Meán Fómhair ag a 7i.n nó ar 4 Meán Fómhair ag a 10r.n.

Is féidir clárú trí ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig ealain@udaras.ie. Déan cinnte do rogha dáta thuas a lua sa ríomhphost.

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH - Reference 426875

Be confident using 'cúpla focal' to communicate at a basic level socially or for work.

Gort FET Centre Adult Education Centre – Dunmore 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>

Claire Fahy, 091 630 624 claire.fahy@gretb.ie

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 phíolótú 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'.

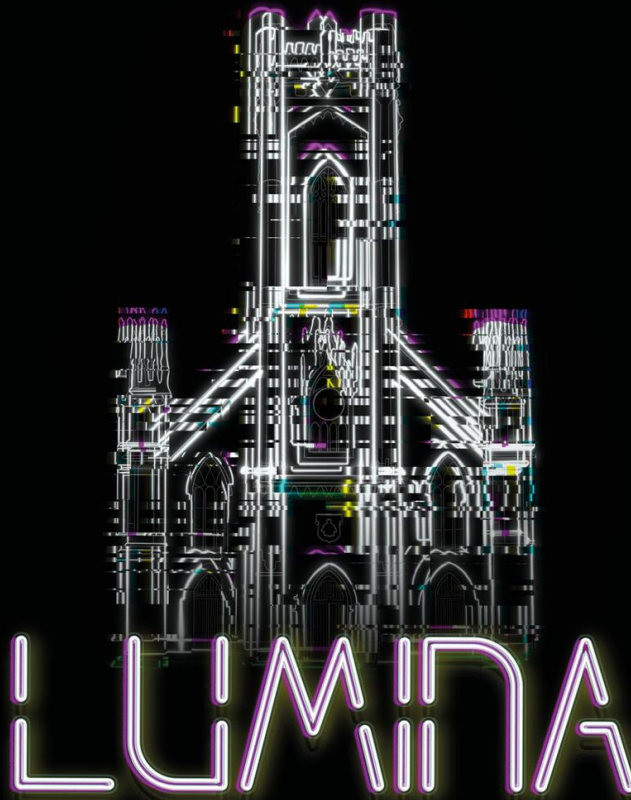
Tacú leis na héiceachórais seo trí 'Mhol Seirbhíse', chomh maith le méadú scála trí eispéiris foghlama le Pobail Chleachtais agus abhcóideacht beartais.

Tuilleadh eolais [ANSEO](#)

Notice Board / Events

LUMINA
Culture Night

SEPT 2024 • FRI 20 SEPT 2024 • FRI 20 SEPT 2024 • FRI 20 SEPT 2024 • FRI 20 S



CULTURE NIGHT LATE • FROM 21:30 • TUAM CATHEDRAL RC, H54 WP66



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An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
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culture
works



CREATIVE
PLACES
TUAM



Culture Night takes place on **Friday, 20 September!** Galway County has a magical programme lined up with something for everyone to enjoy. This year's programme highlight is **Lumina**, a breathtaking nighttime spectacle that will captivate audiences as the facade of Tuam Cathedral is transformed into a canvas of light and sound through projections and live choral performances. Join this must-see event with family, friends, and neighbours! Culture Night is One Night for All.

More info: <https://culturenight.ie/event/lumina/>

Create Your Own Social Media Stories.
One day hands-on smartphone filmmaking workshop.

CONNECTING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Tale
Gate



CREATE YOUR OWN SOCIAL MEDIA STORIES

One day hands-on smartphone filmmaking workshop

Talegate Media and Publishing in association with
Dublin Smartphone Film Festival

SATURDAY 21ST OF SEPTEMBER | 10.30 AM TO 5PM
THE ENTERPRISE HUB
BALLINASLOE

THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP

*ten spaces available
for 18-21 year olds*

TO REGISTER EMAIL;
CLAIRELONG0790@GMAIL.COM

supported by;



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Date: **Saturday 21st of September 2024** Time: **10.30-17.30**

Location: The Social Space, the Enterprise Hub, Ballinasloe

Target audience: ages 18-21

Cost: free!

Unleash your Social Media Voice!

Learn how to create your own video stories with this one-day workshop.

You'll get hands-on with the basic writing and smartphone filmmaking techniques needed for creating videos as an Influencer, Journalist, or Entertainer.

Contact info: clairelong0790@gmail.com

Exhibition Open Call

CONNECTING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES



EXHIBITION OPEN CALL

All ages and abilities welcome to apply!

CRAFTWORK, VISUAL ART, POETRY, SCULPTURE
ETC. WELCOME

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN UNTIL 25TH OF
SEPTEMBER

EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN MOUNTBELLEW

EMAIL
CLAIRELONG0790@G
MAIL.COM FOR AN
APPLICATION FORM

SUPPORTED BY;



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Creative Ireland
Programme



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Deadline for application: Wednesday 25th of September 2024

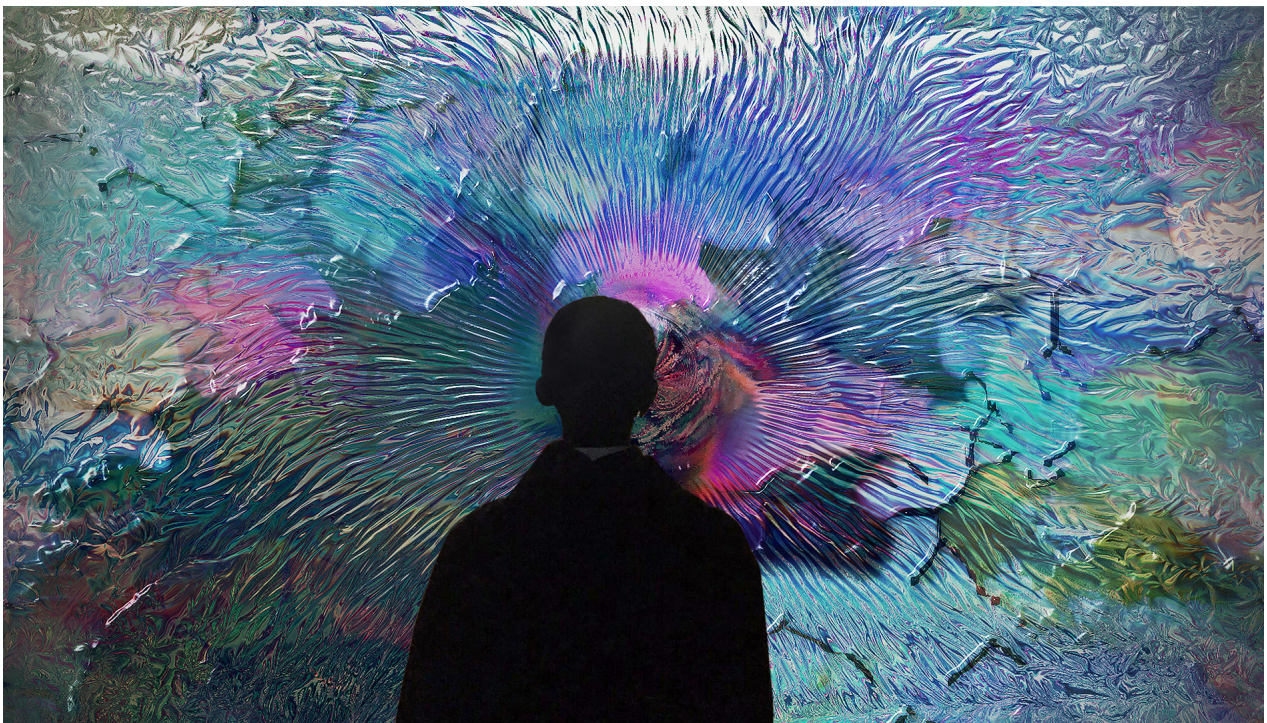
Free event!

An Open Call for an exhibition to be held in Mountbellew later in the month. All ages and artistic abilities are welcome to apply as we want a diverse collection from the wider community.

Email clairelong0790@gmail.com for an application form which will be emailed back to you. Additionally, if you have any queries please email the same address.

Craftwork (knitting, embroidery, woodwork, crochet etc), sculpture, visual art and poetry are all welcome!

Augmented Body, Altered Mind



Friday 27th September 2024 - Áras Éanna, Inis Oírr - Aran Islands

The interactive artwork '**Augmented Body, Altered Mind**', created by artist Alan James Burns, celebrates the neurodivergent mind and highlights the importance of inclusive design and creative thinking when addressing climate action.

On **September 27**, climate action policymakers, activists, and individuals with lived experience of disability will come together for an informal discussion and workshop. The goal is to explore how to make climate action more just, with attendees learning practical skills that can be used in creating greater access and equality in climate action with particular focus on policy.

This event will inform Alan's latest collaborative project '**Divergently Together**', a partnership with DCU, which uses STEM technologies to empower disabled and neurodivergent communities in climate action.

If you would like to join us for this event, or would like any additional information, please register your interest here. [Registration Link](#)

Supports & Resources

Explore

CHIME MENTORING PROGRAMME

Explore provides individualised structured support for young Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults, age 16-25 years, under the Chime Mentoring Programme as they transition onto further education, vocational training and employment. This will be facilitated through the support of the Explore Mentors.

What we provide:

- One-to-one mentor support - what are my life goals
- Individual Progression Plan (IPP) - a pathway for how I am going to achieve my goals
- Work experience or job sampling sessions
- Access to peer support panel
- Advice and information
- Personal development
- Life skills workshops
- Advocacy support

Our Mentors will link with:

- Post primary schools (mainstream/deaf schools)
- Colleges & third level institutions
- Vocational training facilities
- Community & voluntary sector
- Prospective employers
- Professional agencies

Steps on the journey:

Explore aims to bridge the gap by supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing young adults on their journey into adulthood and linking them to existing services and supports.

Explore mentors will coordinate a series of workshops and activities based on what the Deaf and Hard of Hearing young adults need, what they are good at, what they like, and what they want to do.



Contact the Explore team by emailing explore@chime.ie





Cavernoma



What is it?

- A cavernoma is made up of abnormal blood vessels, found mostly in the brain and spinal cord.
- Cavernomas have thin leaky cell walls. This can sometimes cause blood within the cavernoma to ooze into the surrounding tissue or within itself, enlarging the cavernoma. This can cause many symptoms.
- The hereditary form of cavernoma is recognised as a rare disease.
- Cavernoma is also known as: Cavernous Angioma, Cavernous Haemangioma or Cerebral Cavernous Malformation(CCM).

Symptoms

- • Haemorrhage, stroke, seizures, headaches.
- • Neurological partial/full paralysis, tremors, weakness, numbness, fatigue, memory and concentration difficulties.
- • Speech and eyesight problems.
- The type, severity, combination and duration of symptoms vary, depending on the location of the cavernoma.

About Us



Cavernoma Ireland is a voluntary support group. Founded in 2018.

Our mission is to help people living in Ireland who are affected by cavernoma, including friends, family, carers and professionals.

Our goal is to raise awareness of cavernoma, and its consequences for those affected.



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](#).

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

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

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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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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/>

Best wishes from the PPN Team!

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- **Email:** administrator@galwaycountypn.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: **Community and Voluntary** pillar of the PPN.

Le dea-ghuí (with kindest regards)

Duana & Silvana

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