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Public Participation Network Mayo

# AUTUMN 2025 NEWSLETTER

## MAYO PPN - NEWS

### Mayo PPN Autumn Training Programme 2025

Are you looking to upskill; expand your knowledge of the regulations governing not-for-profits in Mayo; learn how apply for funding, manage your organisation, and promote your activities and events?

Mayo PPN is thrilled to offer a comprehensive suite of FREE training programmes this autumn covering all these topics and more, and we invite all interested members to sign up for one or more of these workshops.

**You must be a member and registered with Mayo PPN to avail of the training programme. Register with the QR code or at:**
Mayo PPN Autumn 2025 FREE Training Programme for Community Groups - Mayo PPN

AUTUMN 2025 TRAINING PROGRAMME

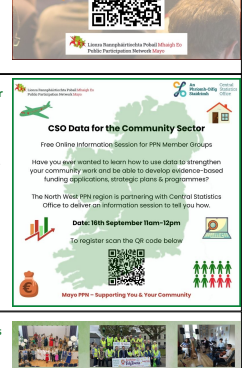
### CSO Data for the Community Sector - Free Online Information Session for PPN Member Groups

The CSO Census Roadshow will:

- Discuss changes to Census 2027, where the option to complete the form online will be introduced for the first time
- Offer insights into the 2022 Census results
- Provide a demonstration on how to harness Census data on the CSO website
- Host a Questions and Answers session

**To register, scan the QR code or follow the link:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/2ihZzp9xQrmWFe0PDANKMQ

For more information, visit: https://www.cso.ie/en/index.html


CSO Data for the Community Sector
Free Online Information Session for PPN Member Groups
Date: 18th September 11am–12pm
To register scan the QR code below
Mayo PPN – Supporting You & Your Community

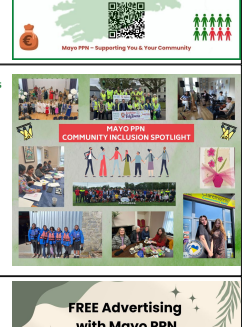
### Community Inclusion Spotlight - Welcoming New Communities Into Your Organisations

Would your organisation like to be featured on the Mayo PPN website and across our social media platforms?

Mayo PPN are running a new series called Community Inclusion Spotlight. It's a weekly feature on a Community Group highlighting how the group is welcoming New Communities into their area.

Send us a short description of your group ~150/250 words by email to : mayoppn@mayococo.ie. Include 3-4 photographs.

If you would like to find out more about this project have a look at some of the groups that have featured so far, go to: Community Spotlight - Mayo PPN


MAYO PPN COMMUNITY INCLUSION SPOTLIGHT

### Let's Hear What's Happening in Your Community this Autumn!

Have you or your community an event or activity coming up?
Avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN.

It's simple – email mayoppn@mayococo.ie and include a brief description of the event and a jpeg poster.

Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote to our 1,200 plus community groups.

**You tell us and we'll tell the Community!**

FREE Advertising with Mayo PPN
HAVE YOU OR YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP AN EVENT COMING UP?
Submit your group's events and activities to mayoppn@mayococo.ie
ITS SIMPLE – JUST INCLUDE A JPEG POSTER AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR EVENT

### Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map

The Interactive Map showcases community groups' location and list each groups services and amenities. It will list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. eg: marquee, stage, utensils etc.

The interactive map is displayed on the PPN website,
https://mayoppn.ie/resources/interactive-map/

Is your community group listed on the map? It just takes two minutes to submit your details.

Follow the link: https://forms.office.com/e/MxLwsqhshX

## COMMUNITY EVENTS IN MAYO

### Skills for Life - Basic Digital Literacy Skills

Skills for Life is a new nationwide programme delivered through Ireland's public libraries, offering people across the country access to practical learning opportunities to support everyday life.

Whether you want to feel more confident online, manage your finances, understand media, or live more sustainably – your local library is here to help.

No need to book in advance - just drop in.

**Wednesdays and Thursdays in September and October**
**Castlebar Library**
**11am - 1pm**

Contact Castlebar Library for more information: 094 9064910
Email: mariacunningham@mayococo.ie

Skills For Life
DIGITAL SKILLS DROP-IN SESSIONS
Need help with your phone or laptop? Or having trouble doing something online? We can help!
Relaxed One to One Support
No Cost
No question too basic - everyone welcome!

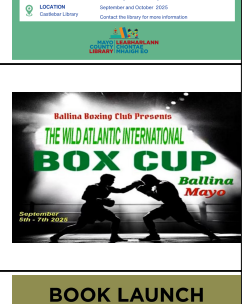
### Wild Atlantic International Box Cup 2025

Ballina Boxing Club are delighted to invite you to their 1st Annual "Wild Atlantic International Box Cup 2025". They are proudly supported by IABA (Irish Athletic Boxing Association), "The Merry Monk" and local business.

**5th - 7th September 2025.** Ballina Sports Centre.

Registration (€30 per entry) for this event is through this link only on a first come /first served basis. There is a limit of 300 boxers.

For more information and to register, visit: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-wild-atlantic-international-box-cup-tickets

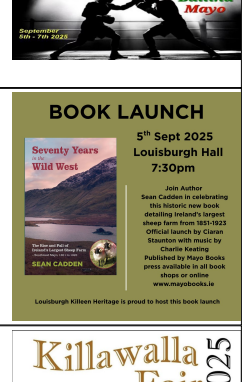

Ballina Boxing Club Presents
THE WILD ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL
BOX CUP
Ballina Mayo
September 5th - 7th 2025

### Louisburgh Book Launch: "Seventy Years in the Wild West"

Louisburgh and Killeen Heritage are so excited to be hosting Sean Cadden for the Louisburgh Launch of his new book, "Seventy Years in the Wild West". A much anticipated historic account detailing the rise and fall of Ireland's largest sheep farm 1851-1923.

Next Friday 5th Sept at 7:30pm in Louisburgh Town Hall official launch by Ciaran Staunton with music by Charlie Keating. Tea and cake and lots of chat with the author himself and books available to purchase on the night.

Published by Mayo Books Press and available in all book shops or online
www.mayobooks.ie


BOOK LAUNCH
5th Sept 2025
Louisburgh Hall
7:30pm
Seventy Years in the Wild West
SEAN CADDEN
Louisburgh Killeen Heritage is proud to host this book launch

### Killawalla Fair

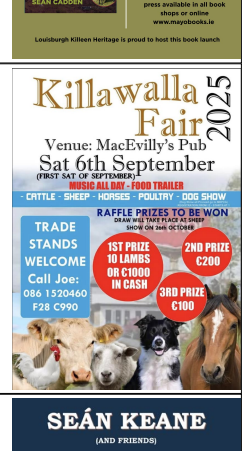
**Saturday 6th September**

MacEvilly's Pub

Don't miss this annual event that promises to be a great day for all!

Food and music all day

Raffle prizes to be won!


Killawalla Fair 2025
Venue: MacEvilly's Pub
Sat 6th September
CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES - POULTRY - DOG SHOW
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON
TRADE STANDS WELCOME
Call Joe: 086 1320460
1ST PRIZE 10 LAMBS OR C1000 IN CASH
2ND PRIZE C200
3RD PRIZE C100

### Seán Keane (and friends)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND for his EIGHTH annual Summer residency following an unprecedented 10-night sellout run in the summer of 2016, and further sellout runs in Summer 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023 & 2024.

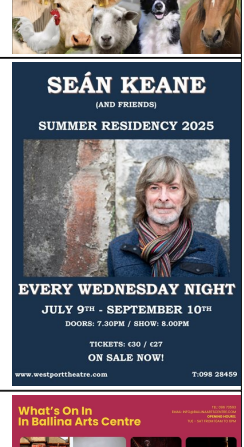
Seán Keane will bring his very popular concert to Westport Town Hall Theatre every Wednesday commencing July 9th.

Seán will be joined by Fergal Scahill and Fergus Feely.

**Ends: September 10**

Tickets: Seán Keane in Concert

Cost: €30/€27


SEÁN KEANE
(AND FRIENDS)
SUMMER RESIDENCY 2025
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
JULY 9TH - SEPTEMBER 10TH
DOORS: 7.30PM / SHOW: 8.00PM
TICKETS: €30 / €27
ON SALE NOW!
www.westporttheatre.com

### What's On In Ballina Arts Centre

From art exhibitions to classical music; from stand up comedy to family friendly workshops; from the fun and whimsical to the poignant and thought-provoking, there is something for everyone to enjoy this Autumn at the Ballina Arts Centre.

Check out their website for more information and to book tickets.

Events sell out fast so don't delay!

https://ballinaartscentre.com/events/

What's On In Ballina Arts Centre

### Leave No One Behind

Are you living in Claremorris and surrounding areas? Have you relocated here from another country? Are you interested in getting involved in cultural & integration programmes? We are delighted to announce upcoming workshops facilitated by ADT (All Together in Dignity) - approximately a three hour workshop where we will ask the group to creatively respond to the question 'How do we make sure everyone has their rights respected?'

We would be delighted to have you attend this workshop with the goal of setting up an Intercultural support group in Claremorris.

**September 8th - 12 to 3pm**
Venue - Claremorris Family Resource Centre - F12H2C2
Contact - 094-9377838 or e-mail info@claremorrisfrc.ie

We would be delighted to welcome people from Ukraine, Brazil, Portugal, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, India, Africa, China, Syria, etc... There are lots of nationalities now living in Claremorris and it would be get everyone together.

Booking essential

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
COMMUNITY CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS
HOW DO WE MAKE SURE EVERYONES RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED?
8th September 12pm

### Sustainable Development Goals Forum

**Tuesday 9 September at Croke Park, Dublin.**

Theme: Development of the third National Implementation Plan

To attend please register at the following link: https://ti.to/sdg-forum-09-2025-croke-park/

Full Agenda to follow. This is a free event

Format: Online or in person
In person location: Cusack Suite, Croke Park, Dublin 3 (entrance through St. Joseph's Ave)
Online: Link will be emailed

The Forum will take place in the Cusack Suite, Croke Park, Dublin, from 9.30am – 4.30pm (registration from 9am). It will form one of the strands of consultation for the development of the new (third) National Implementation Plan.

The Forum will consist of presentations, breakout discussions and a panel discussion.

Everyone is welcome to attend and every effort will be made to meet the needs of all participants.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### Monthly Men's Cancer Support Group

If you or a loved one have, or are dealing with cancer, or you have experienced a cancer-related bereavement, come along to Mayo Cancer Support Association's new monthly Men's Support Group in Rock Rose House, Castlebar (F23P659), **commencing Tuesday evening, September 9th at 7.30pm.**

This free, monthly, in-person support group is facilitated by a professional and offers a safe space where people can both gain and share support to help navigate the experience of cancer.

For more information call (094)9038407 or email info@mayocancersupport.ie.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT
Monthly Men's Cancer Support Group
STARTING TUES. SEPT 9TH 2025 AT 7.30PM

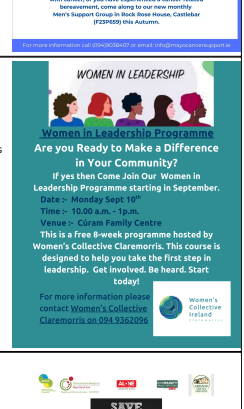
### Women's Collective Ireland - Claremorris: Women in Leadership Programme

Established in 2002, Women's Collective Ireland (WCI) is a national organisation that works directly with and represents the interests of grassroots women from communities in rural and urban settings throughout Ireland, represented by 17 Community Development Projects and a National Office.

WCI Claremorris are now taking names for the Women in Leadership Programme **starting on September 10th.** Contact 0949362096 to book your place.

WCI is core-funded through the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, employing over 50 members of staff.

For more information about Women's Collective Ireland,
visit: https://www.womenscollective.ie/


WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP
Women in Leadership Programme
Are you Ready to Make a Difference in Your Community?
If yes then Come Join Our Women in Leadership Programme starting in September.
Date – Monday Sept 10th
Time – 10.00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Venue – Caram Family Centre
This is a free 8-week programme hosted by Women's Collective Claremorris. This course is designed to help you take the first step in leadership. Get involved. Be heard. Start today!

### Saving Money by Understanding Your Energy Bill Workshop

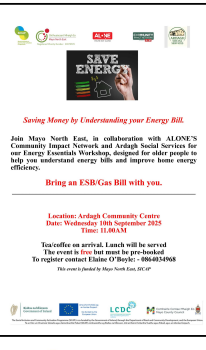
Mayo North East in collaboration with ALONE and Ardagh Social Services are hosting a workshop to "Understand your ESB Bill"

**Wednesday 10th September at 11am in Ardagh Community Centre.**

This workshop is aimed at empowering older people to understand their energy bills, adopt energy saving tips for the home and being confident in changing providers if desired.

***This is a free event but pre booking is required. A light lunch will be served afterwards***

If anybody is interested, please contact Elaine on 0864034968 to book a place.


SAVE ENERGY
Saving Money by Understanding your Energy Bill
Bring an ESB/Gas Bill with you.
Location: Ardagh Community Centre
Date: Wednesday 10th September 2025
Time: 11.00AM

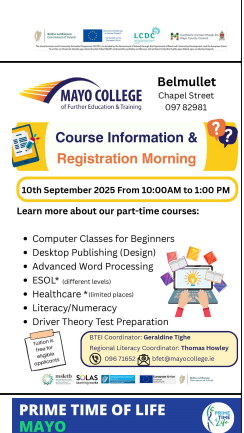
### Part Time Courses Belmullet

Mayo College welcomes you to their upcoming Course Information and Registration Morning. It's a great opportunity to explore the courses they offer and get all your questions answered.

**Event Details**

**Date: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025**
**Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
**Location:** Further Education Centre, Chapel Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo

Any questions before the event, please feel free to contact them at 097 82981 or 096 71652.


MAYO COLLEGE
Belmullet
Chapel Street
097 82981
Course Information & Registration Morning
10th September 2025 From 10:00AM to 1:00 PM
Learn more about our part-time courses:
Computer Classes for Beginners
Desktop Publishing (Design)
Advanced Word Processing
ESOL*
Healthcare
Literacy/Numeracy
Driver Theory Test Preparation

### Prime Time of Life

Prime Time of Life is a multi-modal exercise programme for middle aged and older adults who may have a clinical condition.

The programme is starting at Inver Community Centre, Erris on **September 11th.**

Registration is **FREE** for this course and booking is online only through Mayo Sports Partnership Eventbrite page, or scan the QR code.

Discover Mayo Sports Partnership Events & Activities in Mayo, Ireland | Eventbrite

The programme focuses on exercise prescription for individuals with clinical conditions that are most prevalent including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, and osteoporosis.

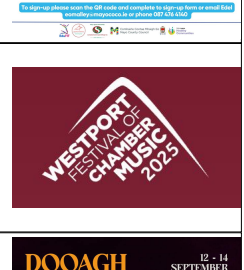
PRIME TIME OF LIFE MAYO

### Westport Festival of Chamber Music 2025

Established in 2013, we are a boutique festival presenting the best in Chamber Music performed by the finest of musicians from Ireland and around the world.

Here you can see our 2024 artists and programme. Also, take a look at our promotional video. Our festival photographer, Karen Cox, took some excellent photos you can view here.

Our 2025 festival will take place from **Thursday the 11th to Sunday the 14th of September** - further details will be available here shortly: Westport Festival of Chamber Music 2025: Thursday 11th - Sunday 14th September


WESTPORT FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC 2025

### Dooagh Folk Festival 2025

**12th to 14th September 2025**

Following a Sold-Out Inaugural Year, the Achill Island Festival Returns this September

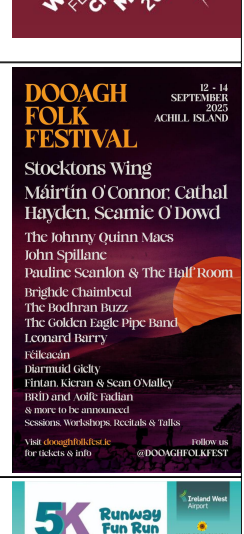
After a hugely successful and sold-out debut in 2024, the Dooagh Folk Festival will return to Achill Island this September, with Irish folk legends Stockton's Wing confirmed as this year's headline act.

Set once again in the heart of the scenic village of Dooagh, the festival promises another weekend of outstanding music, warm community spirit and unforgettable cultural celebration.

Tickets are now on sale and are moving fast following last year's sell-out.
Get yours now at: https://dooaghfolkfest.ie/

For accommodation queries please contact Achill Tourism or Keel Camping - the festival's official campsite. Early booking is strongly advised.

For updates, artist announcements and full programme details, follow @dooaghfolkfest on social media.


DOOAGH FOLK FESTIVAL
12 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2025
ACHILL ISLAND
Stocktons Wing
Máirtín O'Connor, Cathal Hayden, Seamie O'Dowd
The Johnny Quinn Macs
John Spillane
Pauline Scanlon & The Half Room
Brighde Chaimbeul
The Bodhran Buzz
The Golden Eagle Pipe Band
Leonard Barry
Fëlkacain
Diarmuid Gildey
Fintan, Kieran & Sean O'Malley
BRID and with Indian
& more to be announced
Sessions, Workshops, Recitals & Talks
@DOOAGHFOLKFEST

### Ireland West Airport 5K Runway Fun Run

There's not long to go until the annual Ireland West Airport 5K Runway Fun Run

**Saturday, 13th September at 6:00pm**

Run, walk, or jog for a great cause — all proceeds go to the 6 amazing 2025 charity partners

€20 Adults | €5 Under-16s | €40 Family (2 adults + 2 kids)
Race t-shirt included
Free parking on the day

Register now:
http://www.irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun

5K Runway Fun Run
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
Start Time: 6:00pm
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO.

### Westport Chess Club and Speedcubing Club

Chess & Speedcubing Club is back this Autumn!

**Begins Saturday 13th September**

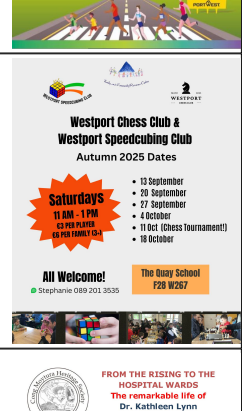
We're excited to share the dates for our Autumn term and registration is now open!

These fun Saturday sessions are open to all levels, and while it's a drop-in style club, we ask everyone to register in advance so we can plan for numbers.

Save your spot here:
https://l7vnu3g4muxtypeform.com/to/adxZSEFN

Come to all the sessions or just when you can — we'd love to see you there!

Feel free to tag a friend whose child might enjoy joining too.


Westport Chess Club & Westport Speedcubing Club
Autumn 2025 Dates
Saturdays 11 AM - 1 PM
13 September
20 September
27 September
4 October
11 Oct (Chess Tournament)
18 October
All Welcome!
The Quay School F28 W267

### "From the Rising to the Hospital Wards" - The Remarkable Life of Dr. Kathleen Lynn

Cong Moytura Heritage Society will host a commemorative presentation about Cong's own Dr. Kathleen Lynn in Cong.

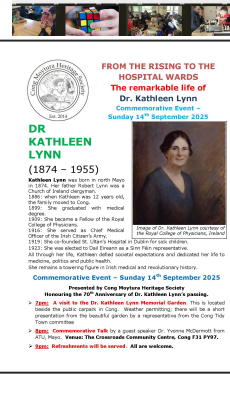
**Sunday 14th September 2025.**

The event will begin at 7pm, with a visit to the Dr. Kathleen Lynn Memorial Garden.

The talk, led by Dr. Yvonne McDermott ATU, will begin at 8pm at the Crossroads Community Centre in Cong.

Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

All are welcome.


FROM THE RISING TO THE HOSPITAL WARDS
The remarkable life of Dr. Kathleen Lynn
DR KATHLEEN LYNN
(1874 – 1955)
Commemorative Event – Sunday 14th September 2025

### Mayo's Older People's Council AGM/Information Day

Mayo Older People's Council invites you to: Mayo's OPC AGM/Information Day

**Date: Monday 15th September 2025**
Venue: The TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar – F23R288
Time: 10.00 to 14.00 (Registration time from 09.30)

The Mayo County Age Friendly Programme with the support of Mayo's Older People's Council has been operational for several years and continues to grow from strength to strength.

Special guests on the day will deliver presentations on:
Age Friendly Ireland, HSE Integrated Care for Older People, Crime prevention and Safety in the Home and much more……

Information stands from various services and supports available to the older population in Mayo will also be present on the day.
This event is free.

For further details please email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie or phone 094-9064111.

MAYO
AGE FRIENDLY
COUNTY PROGRAMME

### Join Mayo Mountain Rescue Team

Do you love hillwalking, hiking, or spending time in the great outdoors? Are you ready to put your skills, fitness, and passion to use in a way that truly makes a difference? Mayo Mountain Rescue is now welcoming applications for aspirant team members to train and progress towards becoming full members of our team.

Being part of MMRT is challenging, rewarding, and life-changing. As a volunteer, you'll:

– Help save lives and bring people safely off the hills
– Train with experienced mountaineers and rescue specialists
– Develop your skills in navigation, rescue techniques, and teamwork
– Become part of a supportive, committed community of volunteers

We are looking for people who are:

– Passionate about the outdoors and physically active
– Willing to dedicate time to training and callouts
– Ready to contribute their unique skills and energy to the team

Comprehensive training provided.

If you'd be interested in joining the Mayo Mountain Rescue Team please visit: https://tinyurl.com/5ewb5y69 or contact Mayo Volunteer Centre on 096 71444 or by email vincent@volunteermayo.ie
**Expiry Date: 15th September**

JOIN US!
MOUNTAIN RESCUE
MAYO TEAM
HELP SAVE LIVES IN THE HILLS
VOLUNTEER TODAY

### Living Well Programme

Living with a long-term health condition can be challenging.

The Living Well programme is a free self-management programme for adults with chronic or long-term health conditions. It gives you the skills and confidence to live well with your long-term health condition.

There is a course beginning in Claremorris on **Wednesday the 17th of September.**

It is delivered once a week, over a 6-week period in a friendly and supportive setting.

Please follow link for more information about the course: www.hse.ie/livingwell

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

### Irish Hospice Foundation Applications Open: Arts & Culture — Bereavement & Grief Training Course

Irish Hospice Foundation is delighted to announce applications are now open for our Arts and Culture — Bereavement and Grief training course commencing October 2025.

Applications are now open for the course running 25th October to 9th November 2025. **The application deadline is 17th September 2025 at 5:00pm.** Notification of places will be on or before 26th September 2025.

To learn more about the course and to apply, visit the course webpage: Training Course: Arts and Culture – Bereavement and Grief.

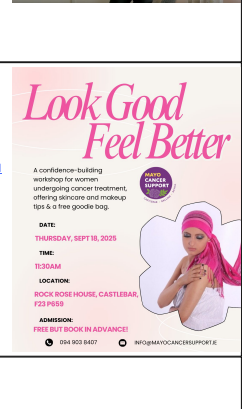
**Questions?**
Please email: arts@hospicefoundation.ie.

### Look Good Feel Better

Mayo Cancer Support are delighted to confirm the return of the very popular Look Good Feel Better skin-care and make-up workshops for patients undergoing cancer treatment to Mayo Cancer Support on **Thursday, September 18th** from 11.30am.

These workshops are free of charge but numbers are limited so please contact Mayo Cancer Support to reserve your place by calling (094)9038407 or email info@mayocancersupport.ie.

More information about this initiative: https://lookgoodfeelbetter.org/


Look Good Feel Better
DATE: THURSDAY, SEPT 18, 2025
TIME: 11:30AM
LOCATION: ROCK ROSE HOUSE, CASTLEBAR, F23 P659
ADMISSION: FREE BUT BOOK IN ADVANCE!

### Interwoven / Fite Fuaite

The Mary Robinson Centre, along with Project Dandelion, are inviting climate and nature groups across the Island of Ireland to each create and send a 10×10 inch (with a 1 inch sewing border) cotton square reflecting your work. All squares will be stitched together, creating a quilt that will then travel to COP30 in Belem, Brazil this November.

Watch this special message from Mary Robinson here: https://youtu.be/vW4FgPFvG8A?si=OcD8KIJ2MERB1Na3

Let's show the world the strength of Ireland's climate movement! 🥳💯⭐

**Deadline: 19th of September 2025.**

For more information: https://www.maryrobinsoncentre.ie/interwoven.html

INTERWOVEN
FITE FUAITE

### Mixie's Bog

Mixie's Bog, a short documentary featuring Mixie as he cuts turf in the traditional way in North Mayo – a practice he has kept up for over 60 years.

The North Mayo Heritage are delighted to show this documentary on Culture Night 2025

**19th September 2025**

The viewing will be followed by a question and answer session with the documentary makers. This is a very popular documentary so early booking is advised!

Cost: €10 pp (+booking fee)

Hall is wheelchair friendly. Free parking

Scan the QR code or book here: www.northmayoheritagecentre.ie/training-and-events/events or call 096 31809

Mixie's BOG
45min Documentary
19th September 2025
North Mayo Heritage Centre
BOOK NOW

### Culture Night Community Multicultural Concert - Claremorris

**Friday 19th September**

Don't miss this Community Multicultural Event at the Claremorris Town Hall as a part of Claremorris Culture Night, starting 7pm.

In 2025, Culture Night Claremorris celebrates its 20th anniversary, and for the first time, the Ukrainian community is proudly represented by an Organising Committee formed by active community members. The event aims to highlight Ukrainian culture while promoting intercultural understanding and inclusion.

This year's concert will feature vibrant performances by the dance group *City Dance Ensemble*, Ukrainian vocal ensemble, a classical violin duet, and other talented Ukrainian artists. We are delighted to welcome guest performers from across the globe, including Syrian musician **Mohammad Syfkhan**, a Paraguayan dance duo, the Indian Malayalee Association, Irish traditional musicians, the international Le Cairde group, and more.

Among the participants will be Olena and Anatolii, members of Le Cairde Ballyhaunis music group, who recently performed in Dublin at Ukraine Independence Day.

More information: https://culturenight.ie/event/community-multicultural-concert-2025/

ONE NIGHT FOR ALL ONE NIGHT FOR ALL
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL CONCERT 2025
CLAREMORRIS TOWNHALL THEATRE
FREE ADMISSION
19 SEPTEMBER, 7 PM
DANCE MUSIC CELEBRATION CULTURE CONNECTION

### Culture Night Art & Craft Workshops - Ballyhaunis

**Friday 19th September**

Le Cairde Ballyhaunis Art and Craft workshops.

Hand Craft workshop: 5pm-7pm

Arts/Crafts workshop: 7pm-9pm

Ballyhaunis FRC.

Mayo Culture Night
Friday, 19th of September 2025
Art & Craft
Free Workshops
Hand Craft Workshop 5pm - 7pm
Arts/Crafts Workshop 7pm - 9pm
Ballyhaunis Family & Community Resource Centre

### Culture Night - Mulranny Arts

Culture Night – Free Live Performance with Ursula Burns!
**When: Friday, 19th September 2025 (date on poster is incorrect)**
Where: Mulranny Arts (Oratory, The Old Convent)

Join us for a magical evening with The Dangerous Harpist, Ursula Burns, as she performs The Secret Melodies of Trees—a hauntingly beautiful instrumental harp album inspired by nature, memory and travel.

Admission is free, but places are limited—book your ticket now at
https://www.mulrannyarts.com/culture-night

Brought to you by Circus250 and Mulranny Arts.

Funded by Mayo Co. Council and The Arts Council

MULRANNY ARTS
CULTURE NIGHT
URSULA BURNS
The Secret Melodies of Trees
Friday 16th September 2025
The Oratory, The Old Convent, Mulranny F28 F8N8
Doors Open 7.45pm
Show - 8pm
Free Entry - Book Tickets @ www.mulrannyarts.com/culture-night

### Culture Night - The Linenhall: The Margaret Burke Sheridan Trail

Hold onto your (Opera) hats ladies and gents!

Introducing The Margaret Burke Sheridan Trail for Culture Night Late on **Fri 19 September!!!**

We are so excited to invite the people of Castlebar to (re)discover the magic of Opera and the extraordinary global success of the beloved Margaret Burke Sheridan.

This will be a sensational celebration of music, storytelling, exhibitions, and live performances throughout the town in honour of Castlebar's very own international opera star, affectionately known as La Sheridan.

All events are free of charge and no booking is required.

Please note: times and venues vary per event. Please make sure you check our website for the specific time and location of any events you are interested in.

See you there: The Margaret Burke Sheridan Trail | Arts for All at the Linenhall

Programme Highlights
FRI 19 SEPT
THE MARGARET BURKE SHERIDAN TRAIL
CULTURE NIGHT LATE 2025

### Sustainable Development Goals Week 19–28 September 2025

Ireland's fourth SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this year from **19-28 September.** SDG Week forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) which this year, will run from 18 September – 8 October. Last year, ESDW saw over 4000 events taking place across 39 countries, with almost 200 events held across Ireland.

For more information on sustainable development, SDG week and ideas for taking part, please go to: gov.ie/sdgs.

Queries can be sent to SDGs@dcee.gov.ie.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

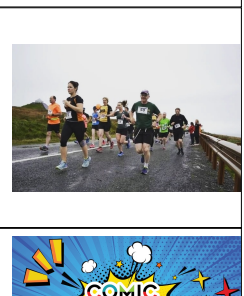
### Céide Coast Atlantic Run

**On September 20th** the Céide Coast Atlantic Run will depart from the iconic Céide Fields and participants will take in the breathtaking scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way in Ballycastle Co Mayo along the route.

The beautiful scenic Céide Coast Atlantic Run, hosted by Ballycastle Athletic Club, Co. Mayo takes you along the wild, rugged North Mayo Céide Coast, where you'll encounter iconic landmarks such as the Céide Fields, the breathtaking Céide cliffs, Ballycastle beach and Dún Briste (The Broken Fort), our famous sea-stack at Downpatrick Head.

Register today: https://eventmaster.ie/event/j4vdcE0TBz

For more information, visit: https://www.ceidecoasthalfmarathon.com



### Comic Fest Mayo

***It's back***

**Saturday 20th September 2025!**

Castlebar Library

There'll be loads to see and do for everyone. The full programme will be released soon, so keep an eye out for events that you might like to join in!

Stay tuned to Mayo County Library's Facebook page for updates:
https://www.facebook.com/mayocountylibrary

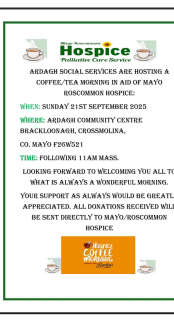
COMIC FEST MAYO
RETURNS TO CASTLEBAR LIBRARY
SATURDAY
20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### Tea/Coffee Morning in Aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice

Ardagh Social Services are hosting a fundraising tea/coffee morning in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice on **Sunday 21st September** after 11am Mass.

Ardagh Community Centre.

All support would be greatly appreciated.


Hospice
ARDAGH SOCIAL SERVICES ARE HOSTING A COFFEE/TEA MORNING IN AID OF MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE:
WHEN: SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025
WHERE: ARDAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
TIME: FOLLOWING 11AM MASS.

### Staying Fit for the Future

Staying Fit for the Future Better Balance has gained ground and recognition this year for Mayo Sports Partnership.

Our Physical Activity for Health programme has brought Better Balance to Achill, Ballina, Belmullet, Castlebar, Kilcommon and Swinford.

We look forward to offering an additional location this September: Kilkelly.

❓Want to know more about Better Balance?

Check out this video clip to see what it is about and what our participants are saying....👇

https://ow.ly/l4hk50Wp8Gi

Scan the QR code or visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ireland--mayo/mayo-sports-partnership/ to register

Contact: Edel - eolley@mayococo.ie

**Starting 22nd September**

STAYING FIT FOR THE FUTURE
A physical activity programme to improve your strength & balance
Local Information
Starting September 2025

### Ballina Fringe Festival - Short Film Storytelling

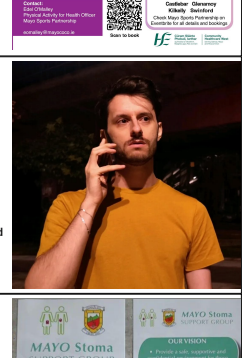
Ballina Fringe Festival is seeking short films filmed on smartphones for a day of filming in Ballina Methodist church on Saturday 4th of October.

Films should be under 10 minutes long and shot entirely on phone or ipad.

**Closing date September 23rd.**
€10 entry fee.
To apply: https://filmfreeway.com/Ballinafringefestival

Ballina Film festival will take place as part of Ballina Fringe festival between **October 3rd and 12th 2025** in Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland.

Image still from Dimitrios Astrouloupus film 'Undercover'.



### Mayo Stoma Support Group

Mayo Stoma Support Group will be having their next meeting on **Thursday 25th September 2025 at 7:00pm**

In the Ellison Hotel Castlebar.

Open to all who either have a stoma or care for them.

If you would like to book a place, please text 087 6275766

MAYO Stoma SUPPORT GROUP

### North Mayo Connect - Disability Information Fair

**Friday, 26th September**
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Ballina Community Sports Centre

Join us for the North Mayo Connect - Disability Information Fair, a free and inclusive event bringing together a wide range of services, supports, and information for disabled people, their families and carers.

Whether you're looking for advice, local resources or simply to connect with others, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn and engage in a supportive community setting.

Organised by Ballina Autism Friendly Town, Mayo DPO and Mayo North East SICAP.
- All welcome
- Free entry
- Informative and empowering

Come along and be part of a more inclusive Mayo!

NORTH MAYO CONNECT
DISABILITY INFO FAIR
FRIDAY 26th September
TIME 10.00 AM – 13.00 PM
Ballina Community Sports Centre
FREE EVENT

### Mayo Mayhem 2025

Mayo Mayhem - Ireland biggest windsurfing event - is back for its 8th edition!

Bursting with energy and excitement, this year's event is once again a 3-star ranked WWT/PWA World Wave Tour competition

Key Dates:
**Primary weekend: September 26–28, 2025 (Fri–Sun)**
Backup weekend: October 3–5, 2025

If neither weekend offers contestable conditions, we may reschedule later in the year.

Location: The event will run at either Achill Island or Belmullet. We'll confirm the exact location just a few days prior based on the forecast — ensuring the best conditions and minimal unnecessary travel.

Stay tuned for updates: https://mayomayhem.ie

mayo mayhem
Belmullet / Achill Island
www.Mayomayhem.ie

### Battle for the Lake Achill Island

Yihaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!

Are you ready for the wildest festival of the year????

Grab your tickets at the link below before they are all gone…

Battle for the Lake 2025
Watersports & Music Festival
Achill Island

**September 26-28th 2025**

Eventbrite Tickets

More Information Here

BATTLE FOR THE LAKE

### Claremorris Tennis Lessons

Are you over 65yrs and looking for a great way to stay fit and meet new people?

Would you like to avail of free tennis lessons at Claremorris Tennis Club?

Gavin Reapy - tennis coach is offering these lessons FREE of charge

Sundays 5:30 to 6:30

**Begins 28th September**

Contact Gavin on 086 4579594 - equipment provided

Coaching for 65+ yrs
FREE OF CHARGE!

### Social Gathering with Music by Chloe Sweeney

**Sunday 28th September from 7-9pm**

Ardagh Social Services are hosting a social gathering with music and dancing in Ardagh Community Centre on Sunday 28th September from 7-9pm.

Admission is €10 payable on door.

Come along to enjoy some great music and dancing.

Ardagh Social Gathering
Music by Chloe Sweeney
Sunday 28th September
7pm – 9pm
Ardagh Community Centre
Admission : €10 (payable at the door)

### Glencorrib Kilroe Weekly Card Game

Glencorrib Kiroe Community Sports Field is starting up their weekly card game on **Wednesday 1st October.**

8:30pm - all are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD
WEEKLY CARD GAME
GLENCORRIB COMMUNITY CENTRE
EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 8.30PM
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
ALL ARE WELCOME
COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025

### Illustration for Teens

Artist Melanie Whelan will lead this course for teens at the Custom House Studios and Gallery in Westport.

Six Week Block of Wednesday Evening Classes for TY, 5th & 6th Yr Students
**Beginning in October**
6 – 8pm
€180pp including materials

Register now, as spaces will fill up fast! Email admin@customhousestudios.ie for more information.

Illustration for Teens - Custom House Studios and Gallery

Melanie Whelan @ Custom House Studios + Gallery
Illustration for Teens

### Ballina Fringe Festival 2025

Ballina Fringe Festival is an annual celebration of the arts, culture, and creativity in Ballina, Co. Mayo.

**3rd - 12th October 2025**

The festival aims to showcase the rich artistic talents of the local community while bringing international influences to the town, creating a vibrant and inclusive cultural experience for all.

This year, once again the festival is organised by a team of brilliant and dedicated volunteers who really rely on your support to make this event as successful as possible – every euro raised goes directly into bringing the festival to life.

If you wish to support this unique festival, every euro raised goes towards the running of the festival so any donation is most welcome. Donate Here

For more information about the event or to get involved, visit: Home - Ballina Fringe Festival
Follow Ballina Fringe Festival's socials for updates!

BALLINA FRINGE FESTIVAL
3-12 October 2025

### SICAP "In Our Words" Event

You are invited to join us at our **SICAP "In Our Words" Event** – an inspiring showcase of community led Social Inclusion projects and initiatives supported by the Government of Ireland, European Union and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, and shared through the voices of those with lived experience.

**Date: Thursday 2nd October 2025**
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone
Time: 10:00 – 16:00, registration opens at 09:00

***Please note numbers are limited (maximum of two per organisation).***

*Register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.*
Register now
***A waiting list will be in operation when capacity at the venue is reached.***

Join us at our SICAP "In Our Words" Event

### Ceol Clash

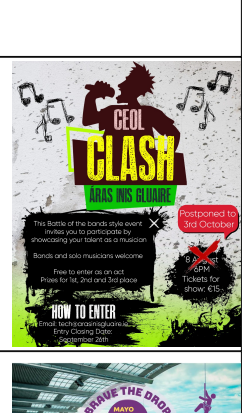
NEW DATE. SAME BUZZ.

Musicians — it is time to step up for Ceol Clash, now happening on **3rd October** at Áras Inis Gluaire!

FREE to enter
Open to bands + solo acts
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Tickets: €15

**Entry closes September 26th**

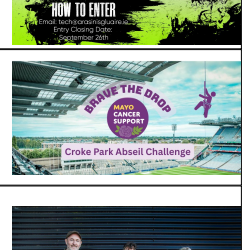
tech@arasinisgluaire.ie to grab your spot!


CEOL CLASH
ÁRAS INIS GLUAIRE
Postponed to 3rd October
HOW TO ENTER

### Brave the Drop - Mayo Cancer Support Croke Park Abseil Challenge

Take on the ultimate challenge and the experience of a lifetime by abseiling 150ft from the roof of Croke Park in Dublin on **October 10th, 2025** to raise funds for Mayo Cancer Support Association (Rock Rose House).

To sponsor an existing team or make a donation, visit: Brave the Drop - Mayo Cancer Support Croke Park Abseil Challenge

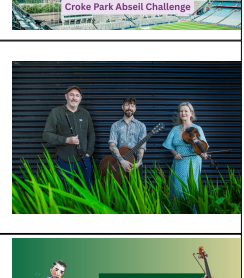

BRAVE THE DROP
MAYO CANCER SUPPORT
Croke Park Abseil Challenge

### Nollaig Casey, Niall McCabe & Mike McGoldrick - Ballina Arts Centre

This line-up features acclaimed fiddle and viola player Nollaig Casey, one of Ireland's fast-rising stars of the folk world, guitarist and singer Niall McCabe, and the incomparable multi-instrumentalist Mike McGoldrick.

After a successful Music Network tour in 2024, these three extraordinary artists have forged a musical bond that transcends the stage. With the synergy created they have decided to take the collaboration back on the road for 2025.

So book today! €20 (+booking fee) | **Sat 11th Oct** | **8pm**
👉 Buy Tickets Here



### Foxford Traditional Weekend

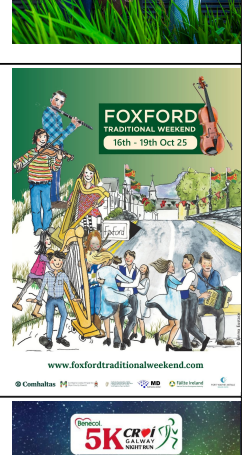
**16-19 Oct 2025**

A Family Friendly Cultural Weekend of Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling.

Immerse Yourself in Traditional Irish Culture...experience the best of traditional Irish music, song, dance and story-telling as the Foxford Traditional Weekend brings together talented musicians, gifted singers, hilarious storytellers and uplifting dancers, in a celebration of our rich cultural heritage.

Make sure you have your weetabix - as this will be a jam-packed weekend!

For more information and a programme of events, visit: Foxford Traditional Weekend


FOXFORD TRADITIONAL WEEKEND
16th - 19th Oct 25
www.foxfordtraditionalweekend.com

### Croí Night Run

The Annual Croí Night Run, sponsored by Benecol, is coming to Charlestown on Friday, **October 17th, 2025 at 8pm!**

Register at croinightrun.ie and complete your 5km your way – walk, jog, or run - with all funds going towards Croí's fight against heart disease and stroke.

Go to croinightrun.ie
Select Register - 'Take part in Your Area'
Fill in your details and select 'Join a Run'
Select (East Mayo AC Track) from the drop-down
Complete form

Let's light up the country together with the electric energy of the Croí Night Run!

5K CROÍ NIGHT RUN
Friday, 17th October, 2025
LOCATION
Location: East Mayo AC Track, Charlestown, F12T460
Time: 8pm

### "Listen to Me!"

**SAVE THE DATE: 21st October 2025**

Tusla, An Garda Síochána and CYPSC Mayo & Roscommon are running a conference on the impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and Families.

The event takes place on October 21st, in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris. Key speakers from Barnardos, An Garda Síochána and Tusla.

Lunch will be provided, information stands and networking. Registration from 9:30am, with conference running from 10am – 4pm.

Registration details will be available shortly.

Listen To Me!
Impacts of Domestic Abuse on Children and Families.
A Conference aimed at professionals working with children & families
SAVE THE DATE
McWilliam Park Hotel Claremorris
October 21st

### Westival - Westport Music & Arts Festival

We are thrilled to announce that **Westival** #2025 will take place from the **22th - 27th October**, celebrating + supporting Art Out West .

It's hard to believe it, but we are also celebrating 50 joyous years of Westport's beloved music and arts festival and this year and we invite you all to join in the celebrations. #westival50

We have a diverse and exciting program to offer for our anniversary year, with a particular focus on local talent.

Stay tuned, for exciting updates, ticket releases and much more.

Westival.ie

With thanks to the Arts Council Ireland.

Westival 50
Westport Music + Arts Festival

### Ballina Pumpkin Patch

Ballina… are you ready?!

The Ballina Pumpkin Patch is opening for the VERY first time this autumn and it's going to be spook-tacular!

On Saturday, **25th October and Sunday 26th October** you can:

Pick your perfect pumpkin
Snap Insta-worthy autumn pics
Soak up all the cozy, festive vibes

All monies raised go towards Let There Be Light - Ballina Christmas lights

Don't miss a thing - give their page a follow now to find out more info Ballina Pumpkin Patch

LET THERE BE LIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL PROUDLY PRESENTS...
BALLINA PUMPKIN PATCH
EST. 2025
OCTOBER 25TH -26TH
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

### Lecanvey Harvest Fair - October Bank Holiday Weekend

Lecanvey's Harvest Fair takes place from **25th - 27th October** in the Lecanvey Community Centre.

This annual harvest festival is steeped in heritage and tradition and is the mostly highly anticipated day of the year, in our locality.

It a big community weekend out for all the family!

Visit their website for updates and more information:
https://www.lecanveycommunitycentre.ie/upcoming-events/

LECANVEY HARVEST FAIR
October Bank Holiday

### Mayo Dark Sky Festival

The annual Mayo Dark Sky Festival was established in 2016 to celebrate Ireland's first Dark Sky Park.

It is held in the towns and villages surrounding Mayo Dark Sky Park - Newport, Mulranny and Ballycroy.

The 3-day event takes place from **Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November** this year and includes formal talks on themes of astronomy, biodiversity and culture, as well as a planetarium, seashore safari, art exhibitions and musical performances.

The festival was launched during National Heritage Week and tickets are now available.

The programme for the 2025 Festival will be updated regularly on the website throughout August and September - so watch this space for new events!

Mayo Dark Sky Festival
31 October - 2 November 2025
1-DAY ticket €25
2-DAY ticket €40
KIDS GO FREE!
tickets: www.MAYODARKSKYFESTIVAL.IE

### FACT Social Club Vintage Tractor Raffle

Follow the link below to be in with a chance to win an amazing prize. 🎟️

In conjunction with Tom Jordan (vintage enthusiast) Pat Towey, Men's Shed and Irish Prison Services this tractor was restored to its original self and was donated to our services.

Foxford & District Alzheimer Trust (FACT) Social Club are looking forward to the excitement building on raffle sales and to announce the winner. 🚜

Remember if you're not in, you won't win ✨⭐

**Deadline to enter: Friday 31st October**

Enter here: https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/Wina1950sFergusontractor20TVO

Support FACT Social Club
Vintage Tractor Raffle
Prize
1950's Ferguson 20 TVO
Valued at €5500
Tickets
€25 each or 5 for €100

### A Fundraising Concert in Aid of Claremorris Community Sports and Recreational Centre

Tony Christie, the legendary singer, musician and actor is set to pay a nostalgic, emotional and memorable visit to the town of his forefathers with a special 'Farewell to Amarillo' Tour Concert finale at Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on **Friday, 21st November 2025.**

This is more than just a concert, it's a celebration of over 50 years of music, memories and moments that defined generations, and it's his only show outside of Dublin.

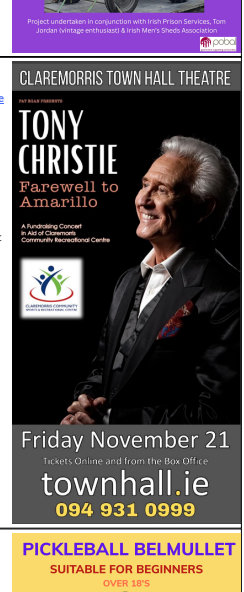
Best known for a number of big hit songs such as '(Is this the way to) Amarillo', 'I did what I did for Maria' and 'Avenues & Alleyways' from the 1970s, Tony is proud of his Mayo roots. He continues to record and perform and is regularly on tour across Britain and Europe. Tony's entertainment company is called Mayo Music Ltd, and managed by his son Sean.

Ticket prices are from €45 (standard) to €100 (premium) plus booking fees, with doors open from 7pm, and the concert starting at 8pm.

Premium ticket purchasers will enjoy a VIP package, including a special 'Meet & Greet' session with Tony after the Friday night show, front row seats at the concert, as well as a special gift bag with signed memorabilia. Tony and family members look forward to meeting each premium ticket holder – his ultimate fans.

**Friday 21st November 2025**
Doors: 7.00pm | Show: 8.00pm | Full Bar

Tony Christie - Farewell To Amarillo - TownHall.ie
Tickets Tickets - TownHall.ie


CLAREMORRIS TOWN HALL THEATRE
TONY CHRISTIE
Farewell to Amarillo
Friday November 21
townhall.ie
094 931 0999

### Pickleball in Belmullet

Looking to try something fun, social, and active? Join our new pickleball group—no experience needed.

Pickleball is a fun racket sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis.

Come meet new people, learn the game, and enjoy friendly competition every week.

To register you interest email belmulletpickleball@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL BELMULLET
SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS
OVER 18'S
Belmullet Sports Complex
Every Tuesday
7:00 - 9:00 pm

### Buggy Buddies Claremorris

Every Thursday at 9:30 AM!

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun meetup at Lake Park, Claremorris.

Bring your buggy, your little one, and enjoy a lovely time with other families.

See you there!

BUGGY BUDDIES
Meeting: 9:30am
Duration: every Thursday
Clare Lake park, Claremorris

### Ongoing Events/Offerings at Ardagh Community Centre

**Exercise classes:**
Céilí Gym continues on a Tuesday evening and Exercise to Music continues on a Thursday evening.

**Sports:**
Ardagh Community Centre are expanding the range of sports available this autumn – they include pickleball, badminton, basketball and soccer. Astro turf pitch also available.

**Family events**
Ardagh Community Centre is available to book for Family events and birthday parties.

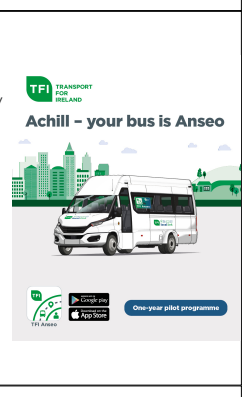
For more information and to book, contact Breege on 089 2337130.
Follow them on Facebook here: Ardagh Community Centre

### TFI Anseo Launch – Achill & Curraun Peninsula

The National Transport Authority has launched **TFI Anseo**, Ireland's first **Smart Demand Responsive Transport (SDRT)** pilot, now available in Achill and the Curraun Peninsula. **Running 7 days a week from 9am until 5pm** and will have to be **pre booked at least 2 hours in advance.** The service offers flexible, pre-booked journeys tailored to community needs. With no fixed routes, passengers can book via the TFI Anseo app or website, enabling affordable, inclusive, and sustainable travel across the region. This 12-month pilot represents a new era of technology-driven public transport, helping bridge the gap for rural and underserved areas.

**How to Use the TFY Anseo app:**
Download the app.
Set-up your account.
Add your pickup and destination locations.
Within the app you can add up to 4 additional passengers, please note all passengers must travel together.
Enable your location and push notifications so we can alert you when your bus arrives.
The bus will come to you!

Try it today and experience the future of local transport!
Check out our **website** for full details of our services: https://locallinkmayo.ie/time-table/
**Call us:** 094 900 5150
**Email:** mail@locallinkmayo.ie


Achill – your bus is Anseo

### NEW – Fully funded part-time online programme for people aged 30 and under

EQUAL Ireland, in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU), is now enrolling for their Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development — a fully funded, part-time online programme for people aged 30 or under.

Participants will gain:
- A recognised Level 6 qualification – Certificate Brochure
- Additional Coaching and mentoring to support you
- Workplace and/or career connections to build real-world experience

🔗 Apply now: http://www.equalireland.ie or online here
📧 Contact them: empowered@equalireland.ie
📅 Limited places – don't wait!

Further information: Join them on Zoom at 4pm – 4:30pm – any Monday and Thursday during August (see link below) or get in touch and they will be happy to get back to you. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83076565309?pwd=ZDzm66QF3lBzBaohJugjfAnvjUD02S.1

Meeting ID: 830 7656 5309
Passcode: 218713

Thanks to generous support from Rethink Ireland, Deloitte, and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, this course is offered fully funded to eligible participants.

Information leaflet: Empowered Information Leaflet
Application form: Empowered-Application-Form

New Empowered Project
Under 30?
Part Time Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development
Build Your Skills Shape your Future
Fully Funded
No Exams
Coaching & Mentoring
Career & Workplace Connections

### Balancing Stress

The HSE has developed a free, easy-to-access online programme called 'Balancing Stress' to support people across Ireland in managing everyday mental difficulties such as stress, anxiety, low mood and worry.

The Balancing Stress programme offers six online video sessions (each around 35 minutes) covering key topics including managing stress, worry, anxiety, low mood, and relationship stress. This online programme offers people evidence-based tools to manage stress effectively and enhance their mental wellbeing.

The programme is delivered by Dr Niamh Clarke, HSE Principal Psychologist, and features expert interviews with Professor Alan Carr, UCD School of Clinical Psychology.

You can watch the videos at your own pace, on your own time, using a phone, tablet or laptop.

The easy to use QR code will take you directly to the programme.

For more information about the program, you can read their leaflet here: HSE Balancing Stress Leaflet

Balancing Stress
Practical skills to cope with stress
A free HSE online stress management programme

### Embrace FARM

Embrace FARM provides emotional and practical support to farm families in the aftermath affected by serious injury where the person's life was altered whether physically or mentally/cognitively, and sudden death which includes death by suicide, sudden terminal illness, sudden medical events and farming accidents.

Your journey is your own, and Embrace FARM are here to walk it with you on your own terms.

Learn more about their mission and how they can help: https://embracefarm.com/

Embrace FARM

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### MACE Community Grants

50 chances to win €1,000!

MACE is giving away 50 Community Grants to local clubs and groups across Ireland.

Nominate yours today and tell us why they deserve it!

Apply here: Mace Community Grants Application

Please read Terms and Conditions carefully.

**Application deadline: 10th September**

MACE COMMUNITY GRANTS
€50,000
COMMUNITY FUND TO BE WON

### Minister Relaunches Fund to Support the Integration and Employment of Migrants

The Minister of State for Migration Colm Brophy has announced funding of up to €2.7 million for projects that aim to increase the integration and employability of people who have moved here as migrants. Funding is being made available under the Integration and Employment of Migrants action of the Employment, Inclusion, Skills & Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

The funding will support a small number of significant projects and €200,000 is the minimum grant that can be applied for.

All applications must be submitted by email to iem@justice.ie.

**Applications for funding will remain open until noon on Thursday, 11 September.**

Further information and the application form are available online at https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-justice-home-affairs-and-migration/publications/amif-and-esf-funding/

FUNDING CALL
€2.7M FOR PROJECTS THAT AIM TO INCREASE MIGRANT INTEGRATION & EMPLOYABILITY

### Mayo and Longford County Councils launch Arts Sustainability Initiative Call for Artists to participate in R.A.C.E

Mayo County Council in partnership with Longford County Council is delighted to announce the launch of R.A.C.E (Repaired Arts Circular Economy), an innovative project designed to support sustainability within festival and event contexts. The initiative received funding through the Environmental Protection Agency's Reuse and Repair scheme 2024.

The programme invites artists from Mayo, Longford and surrounding regions to participate in training focused on circular economy practices, followed by practical application through festival-based art projects. Selected participants will receive €125 training honoraria, with material grants of approximately €900 available for project implementation.

**Application Details:**
**Deadline: 5pm, Friday, 12 September 2025**
Online applications: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cNPemZ0pvkGiTf-kycBuhtMlppQFfoBpjqjOeuiRFIUNzNaNVpIWjc5SzhBRTRZTFNGSTg0NzhETS4u
CV submissions: artsoffice@longfordcoco.ie
Introduction sessions: Mayo (25 September: 10am-2pm), Longford (26, September 10am-2pm)
Training workshops: Mayo (6, November: 10am-4pm), Longford (27, November: 10am-4pm)

Successful applicants must demonstrate prior festival/event experience, reside within the target regions, and commit to full programme participation including 2026 project delivery

### The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants to registered medical health charities and individuals within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance for registered health charities, hospices, medical organisations and individuals with a medical condition or disability.

For more information, application guidelines, and to apply, visit: Apply for a grant – Hospital Saturday Fund

**Deadline: 16 September**

### Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 2 Educational Scholarship Scheme Now OPEN for Applications

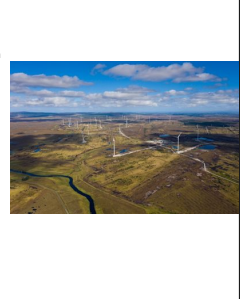
As part of the Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 2 Community Benefit Fund, OP2DAC has created an Educational Scholarship Scheme for local students. The 2025 Scheme includes a monetary grant to the value of €2,500 for each year of study, up to a maximum of 4 years, for four successful applicants living within 12km of Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 2. The Scheme may be used towards course fees, accommodation, tools, transport costs etc.

All programmes of third level study and further adult education will be considered, provided they are Level 6 and upwards, as per the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), including Apprenticeships. Four Scholarships will be awarded.

For more information and to apply, visit:
https://www.oweninnywindfarm.ie/community-benefits/

The closing date for submission of applications is **5:00pm, Friday, 26th September 2025.** Late applications will not be accepted. Please note, canvasing or lobbying of any Scholarship Panel member will result in automatic disqualification.

Please get in touch with the project team if you have any questions via info@oweninnywindfarm.ie or 045-439000.



### Heritage Keepers

The new round of the National Heritage Keepers Programme under the Environmental NGO Burrenbeo Trust is open for applications! This programme is a great opportunity any community group across the country to celebrate their local heritage.

The programme consists of 5 short online workshops, followed by a €1000 grant for the group to carry out an action (and optional fieldtrip) for any aspect of local heritage.

For more information on the programme visit www.heritagekeepers.ie
Insta: @heritage.keepers / FB: Heritage Keepers

**Deadline for applications: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM**

HERITAGE KEEPERS
ROUND 5
APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN
APPLY NOW
heritagekeepers.ie

### National Disability Authority's (NDA) Research Promotion Scheme

Save the Date! The 2025 to 2026 funding call for the National Disability Authority's (NDA) Research Promotion Scheme is now open.

This year, the National Disability Authority (NDA) is continuing the 2023/24 theme of – **Disability in Marginalised Groups and Communities.** NDA is open to studies examining the relationship between disability and all marginalised groups and communities but in particular with **Traveller and/or Roma** populations.

NDA anticipates awarding up to three grants and are open to individual grant applications for varying amounts between €15,000 and €40,000 with the total funding available not exceeding €80,000.

Further details available at NDA Research Promotion Scheme 2025-26: Disability in Marginalised Groups and Communities - National Disability Authority and the NDA's social media pages and LinkedIn.

**Application Deadline 6th October**

*The National Disability Authority is the independent statutory body, providing evidence-informed advice and research to Government on disability policy and practice and promoting Universal Design.*

NDA
Applications Open
NDA Research Promotion Scheme 2025-26:
Disability in Marginalised Groups and Communities

### Arts and Disability Connect Funding 2025

**Deadline: Tuesday 7 October at 4pm**

Arts and Disability Connect includes Mentoring, Training, New Work, and Research and Reflection awards for individual artists with disabilities. Application forms, guidelines and other resources can be found at https://adiarts.ie/artists/funding/connect/

'Come Ask Questions' Live Q&A on Zoom
Wednesday 3 September 12-1pm
Register Here

Join the ADI team online on Zoom and ask any questions you have about making an application to the Arts and Disability Connect scheme. For one hour they'll chat to you about your application ideas and answer questions you have about the New Work award, the Research and Reflection award, the Mentoring award and the Training award.
Live Captioning will be provided by MyClearText.

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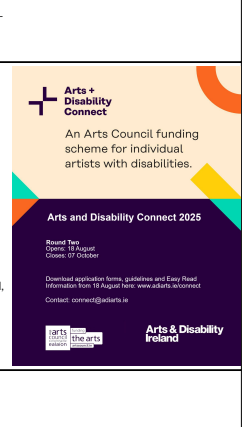

Arts + Disability Connect
An Arts Council funding scheme for individual artists with disabilities.
Arts and Disability Connect 2025

### Circular Communications Grants

Circular.ie, Ireland's national platform for circular economy communications, has launched a new €100,000 grants scheme to support initiatives promoting a more sustainable way of living in communities across Ireland, including in Mayo.

Two options are open to eligible applicants in Mayo: Circular Communications Core – a €1,000 grant for investing directly in communications and marketing activities; and Circular Communications Connections – a €5,000 grant which, in addition to funding, includes expert mentorship from communications and marketing professionals.

Those in Mayo eligible to apply for the grants include community groups, voluntary and non-profit organisations, or small businesses with a community mission delivering social, cultural, environmental, or civic benefits in the circular economy.

Applications for the Circular Communication Grants scheme are now open until **November 7.** The scheme is funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment through the Circular Economy Fund.

For more information, and to apply, visit: https://www.circular.ie/

## MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

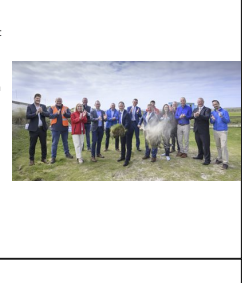
### Sod Officially Turned On New Water Sports Facilities In Keel And Carrowmore

On Thursday, July 24th the sod was officially turned on the new €1.2 million Water Sport Facilities in Keel, Achill and Carrowmore, Louisburgh in Mayo by Minister of State for Small Business and Retail & Circular Economy, Alan Dillon TD.

These facilities which have been developed by Mayo County Council in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and will provide best-in-class outdoor tourism facilities to enhance the visitor experience and serve as a central hub for outdoor activities in both of the stunning locations on the Wild Atlantic Way.

The new Water Sports Facilities in Keel and Carrowmore will help extend the outdoor tourism season by providing year-round hot showers, changing areas, toilets, secure storage, and induction space at both beaches.

Accessibility and sustainability will be key focus points for these projects, ensuring full wheelchair access and the installation of solar heating panels. It will also feature Changing Places facilities along with accessible toilets.



### The Swim Ireland Pop-Up Pool is Coming Soon to Ballinrobe!

Mayo County Council and Swim Ireland in partnership with Mayo Sports Partnership and South Mayo Swimming Centre Committee are delighted to announce the Pop-up Pool will be coming to Ballinrobe from September 2025 for a minimum of 12-18 months.

This modern fully functioning 12m long pool, in a hard-sided covered structure, is heated to 30 degrees, providing the perfect environment to learn to swim or enjoy being in the water. It will be located on Convent Road, between St Josephs NS and Ballinrobe Community School. With wheelchair accessibility and operated and staffed by Swim Ireland. It is "the pool that comes to the people".

This state-of-art, modern facility, situated in Convent Road, Ballinrobe will be a fantastic facility for the whole of South Mayo.

Local employment opportunities exist with Swim Ireland.
https://www.facebook.com/p/South-Mayo-Swimming-Pool-61576875716663/

The project stems from the Ballinrobe Community Futures action plan and is a step towards a permanent pool in the area.

Charlie Lambert, Mayo Sports Partnership: "All of us in Mayo Sports Partnership are also delighted to support the arrival of the Pop-Up Pool to Ballinrobe, the first in Mayo. Through Sport Ireland programme funding we aim to make available programmes such as Introduction to Swimming lessons, Swimmin Women, Swim for a Mile, Aquatics for All, Aqua Fit, Aquatics Academy and much more"

Swim Ireland Pop-Up Pool
The pool that comes to the people!
www.swimireland.ie/popuppool

### Culture Night 2025

**Friday 19th September**

A staple in the calendar, Culture Night returns on the 19th September 2025. "One Night For All," Culture Night promises a feast of free cultural events across Mayo from 4pm until late.

From music and film to literature and set dancing, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Culture Night is strategically funded by Mayo County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland and is supported by Creative Ireland and participating groups and venues in Mayo.

Check out Culture Night Mayo for events near you!

CULTURE NIGHT

### Open Call to Artists: Public Art Panel 2025 – 2030

Mayo County Council is seeking applications from artists to join the Public Art Panel 2025 – 2030.

The panel is being established to deliver potential public art commissions funded through the Per Cent for Art Scheme. Mayo County Council is keen to have artists encompassing a wide range of art forms, arts practices, community engagement approaches and specialist interests within the panel.

There will be an artist briefing online on the 15th August 2025 at 11am. Booking required: Email aotoole@mayococo.ie.

Further details and more information can be found in the Public Art Panel 2025 -2023 Guidelines: https://www.mayo.ie/en-ie/your-council/services/arts/public-art/current-projects/public-art-panel-2025-2030

**The closing date for applications is Friday 26th September 2025 at 5pm.**

For further information contact Aoife O'Toole, Public Art Coordinator, Mayo Arts Service, Mayo County Council on 094 9064375, aotoole@mayococo.i

OPEN CALL
MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC ART PANEL
2025-2030

### Identification of Bathing Waters 2025

Local Authorities must identify official bathing areas in their area every year so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. To help with this process Mayo County Council are asking people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment.

If you are a regular swimmer and want to help your Council decide which bathing areas should be classified as such, it might be helpful to consider the following:

How your swimming area has been used up to now;
How many people use the site;
What facilities exist at the site and how accessible it is;
Any safety issues.

If you wish to propose your favourite beach/river etc. as a new bathing water site or comment on an existing site please email bathingwater@mayococo.ie

**Closing date for submissions is the 26th September 2025**

### Baile Gaelach Bhéal an Mhuirthead

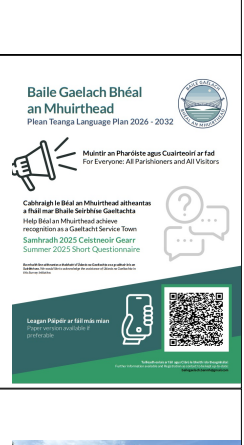
As part of a Dept of the Gaeltacht initiative, based on Acht na Gaeltachta (2012), Belmullet is endeavouring to become a Gaeltacht Service Town (Baile Seirbhíse Gaeltachta). A plan is being prepared for the years 2026 to 2032 and is of the utmost importance for the Erris Gaeltacht.

As part of the consultation process, Dept of the Gaeltacht are carrying out research and we invite all - whether you speak Irish regularly, or not at all - to please complete this short questionnaire:
- All adult residents of Béal an Mhuirthead Parish (age 15+)
- All others who stop and use the shops and services in the town regularly and
- All visitors from anywhere

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey - click on the link below, or scan the QR code.

https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSciSiVfPbX.../viewform...

The information collected is confidential and your identity will remain anonymous.


Baile Gaelach Bhéal an Mhuirthead
Plean Teanga Language Plan 2026 - 2032

### Mayo County Council, Architectural Conservation Office Host Taking On A Traditional House - The Repair And Reuse Of Vacant Traditional Buildings' Event

On Friday 11th July 2025 at the National Museum of Ireland Turlough Park attendees joined the Architectural Conservation Office from Mayo County Council and the National Built Heritage Service for an event entitled 'Taking on a Traditional House - The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings.'

The talks focussed on vernacular architecture, grants, energy efficiency and approaches to the repair of traditional buildings with participants taking part in traditional skills demonstrations using earth mortars and lime mortars.

A further two-day course with the Buildings Lime Forum Ireland supported by the National Built Heritage Service led by experienced practitioners and specifiers is scheduled to take place at Westport House on **September 26th and 27th 2025.**

To book your place and for further information
see: https://buytickets.at/buildinglimesforumireland/1759111

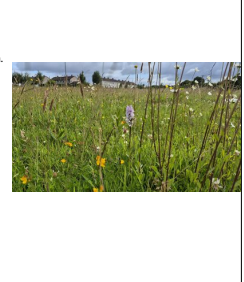
### Castlebar Town Park Biodiversity Enhancement Project in Bloom

Castlebar Town Park is a significant urban green space located in Castlebar, Co. Mayo. The Park is seen as a complimentary amenity site to the Castlebar Riverwalk and Great Western Greenway projects. The park consists of extensive amenity grasslands, children's playground, multi-use games area (MUGA), fitness stations, and a central plaza.

Over 2024 – 2025, Mayo County Council Biodiversity Officer has received funding through National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Local Biodiversity Action Fund to put in place biodiversity enhancement measures, for Castlebar Town Park. The Town Park has immense potential to increase biodiversity, creating a greater space for nature and species richness through simple site management measures.

This project is managed and developed through Mayo County Council Biodiversity Office and Castlebar Municipal District and is funded by NPWS Local Biodiversity Action Fund. Castlebar Town Park is managed through Castlebar Municipal District, with additional input from local volunteer groups and schools.

For greater information on how to manage sites for biodiversity and pollinators please visit www.pollinators.ie, or contact Sheila Murphy, Mayo County Council Biodiversity Officer at biodiversity@mayococo.ie.



### Judging For IPB Pride of Place to Get Underway in Mayo

Final stages of judging for the 2025 IPB Pride of Place Competition in Mayo took place on Thursday, August 7th and Friday, August 8th, 2025, with the visit of judges for the competition to Mayo.

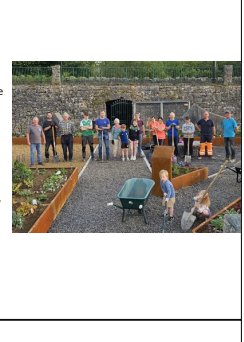
IPB Pride of Place Competition in association with Co-operation Ireland, is an all-island competition organised by Co-operation Ireland and Local Authorities. The Pride of Place competition celebrates the efforts and endeavours of communities throughout Ireland, to make their place the best place to live.

The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and improve the daily lives of people in their communities.

Mayo County Council has nominated two groups for Pride of Place 2025. The groups are: (1) Cong Village in Category 1 - Population (0 - 300) and (2) Achill Tourism Category 11- Community Tourism Initiative

The Pride of Place awards winners will be announced at the Pride of Place Awards Ceremony on **November 7th, 2025**, hosted by Limerick City and County Council in the Strand Hotel, Limerick.

Further information on Pride of Place please email community@mayococo.ie.



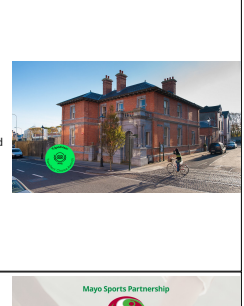
### Jackie Clarke Collection Named a Winner of the 2025 TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award!

Congratulations to the Jackie Clarke Collection for being awarded Traveller's Choice 2025 by Trip Advisor, placing them in the top 10% of attractions worldwide!

A standout among Mayo County Council's cultural offerings, the Jackie Clarke Collection is housed in the beautifully restored Provincial Bank building, an architectural gem from the late 19th century designed by Thomas Manly Deane.

The Museum hosts Ireland's most important private collection of historical material held in public trust. With over 100,000 items spanning four centuries, it's a must-visit for history lovers.

**Don't just read about Irish history—come and feel it.**
Jackie Clarke Collection, Pearse Street, Ballina
Open Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–5pm
Admission: Free
www.clarkecollection.ie



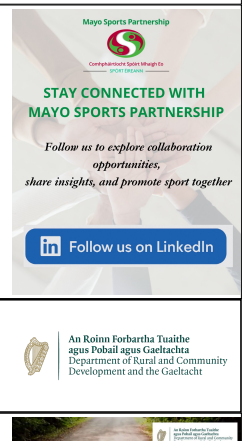
### Stay Connected with Mayo Sports Partnership

Keep up to date on all that's happening through MSP's website, Facebook, Instagram, X and now LinkedIn.

Follow them to explore collaboration opportunities, share insights, and promote sport together:

Mayo Sports Partnership on LinkedIn: https://ow.ly/3cJ950WM6NB

Learn more about Mayo Sports Partnership on their website: Mayo Sports Partnership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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE GAELTACHT

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

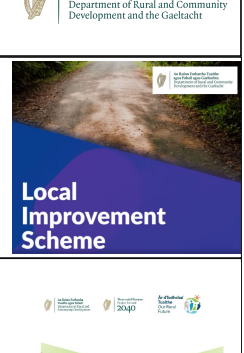
### Local Improvement Scheme

Minister Calleary announces €14m in additional funding to Local Authorities for upgrade works on rural roads and laneways under the Local Improvement Scheme.

The allocation represents a significant increase to the 2025 funding available under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) – bringing the overall investment to a record €30 million for the year.

Additional funding includes **€1,578,016 for County Mayo.**

For more information, see: Local Improvement Scheme


Local Improvement Scheme

### Minister Calleary announces €8.7 million for 221 outdoor recreation projects

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced €8.7 million to deliver 221 recreational based projects nationwide through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

The funding announced is in respect of Measure 1 (small scale repair and development of recreational infrastructure) and the Project Development Measure of the Scheme.

Further announcements in respect of Measures 2 and 3 of the Scheme will be made later this year.

Among the projects being funded include walking trails, mountain access routes and outdoor swimming amenities such as: County Mayo – Lahardane: Development of a trail from the Titanic Park in Lahardane towards Nephin car park – €40,000.

Details of the 221 successful projects are available here.

### €4 million in funding in 2025 as part of Department's strategic partnership with Coillte

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht has a strategic partnership in place with Coillte. The partnership agrees to provide €15 million in funding for the period 2022-2026 to Coillte to enhance recreational facilities on Coillte land and to support increased tourism and economic activity in rural areas.

The Department recently announced details of €4 million in funding in 2025 as part of its strategic partnership with Coillte.

In addition to supporting the development of new infrastructure projects and the maintenance of existing trails on Coillte lands, this year an additional €1.4 million is being provided towards the ongoing cost of repairing trails that were damaged by the storm earlier this year.

169 sites will undergo maintenance works in 2025 while 17 new amenities are also being developed including Belleek in Co Mayo and Woodstock in Co. Kilkenny. The full list is available to view here

Strategic Partnership With Coillte

### Minister Calleary approves €1.9m for the Language Assistants Scheme

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced that the Language Assistants Scheme is being extended by a year for the school year 2025/26 and that a 10% pay rise is to be given to the language assistants as part of a package worth €1.964m for the year.

The scheme operates in 102 primary schools, 29 post-primary schools and one special school across the Gaeltacht and in 11 primary schools and 5 post-primary schools located in Gaeltacht Service Towns or in Irish-Language Networks in which language plans are in effect.

Read more: https://loom.ly/0Ahw8zY

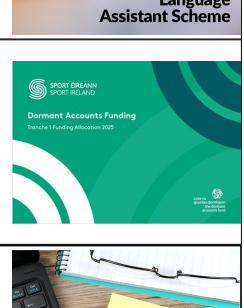
€1.9 million for the Language Assistant Scheme

### Dormant Accounts Funding of €124,500 announced by Ministers and Sport Ireland for Mayo sports and community initiatives

Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Sport and Postal Policy Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities Jerry Buttimer TD, and Sport Ireland CEO Dr Úna May have welcomed the investment of €4.17m, which will support a range of vital work across Ireland.

Further details of allocations in all LSPs can be found HERE

For more information contact Mayo Sports Partnership at 094 9064360 or email mayosportspartnership@mayococo.ie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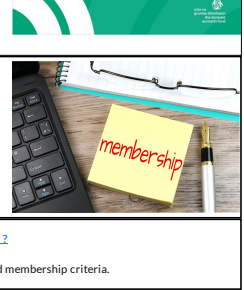
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X (Twitter): (https://twitter.com/mayoppnetwork)

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**Mayo PPN – Supporting You – Supporting Your Community**
Mary Costello – PPN Coordinator
Sarah Rawlings - PPN Administrator
*On behalf of the PPN Secretariat Committee*
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