Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Maigh Eo
Public Participation Network Mayo

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Lets hear what's happening in your community this summer!
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 Jpeg poster.
Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote to our 1,400 plus community groups.
You tell us and we'll tell the Community!

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MAYO PPN - NEWS

Mayo PPN Autumn Information Evening and County Plenary

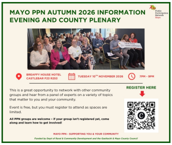
Mayo PPN wishes to invite you to our Autumn 2026 Information Evening and County Plenary on **Tuesday the 10th of November** at 7pm in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo.

Join us for:
Updates on PPN activities
Guest speakers
Networking opportunities
Connecting with like-minded groups

Event is free, but you must register to attend, as spaces are limited.

Please scan the QR code or follow the link below:
Mayo PPN Autumn 2026 Plenary and Information Evening – Fill in form

Light refreshments will be served.



MAYO PPN AUTUMN 2026 INFORMATION EVENING AND COUNTY PLENARY

BREAFFY HOUSE HOTEL CASTLEBAR F23 R253
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026
7PM - 9PM

REGISTER HERE

This is a great opportunity to network with other community groups and hear from a panel of experts on a variety of topics that matter to you and your community.

Event is free, but you must register to attend as spaces are limited.

All PPN groups are welcome – if your group isn't registered yet, come along and learn how to get involved!

MAYO PPN - SUPPORTING YOU & YOUR COMMUNITY

Funded by Dept of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht & Mayo County Council

Mayo PPN Autumn Training Programme

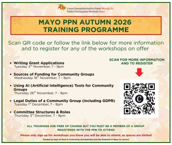
Mayo PPN are delighted to be rolling out another suite of FREE trainings this Autumn/Winter for PPN member groups, so if you're looking to upskill, learn how apply for funding, manage your organisation, and promote your activities and events, we invite you to register for one or more of these workshops.

Please scan the QR code or follow the link below for more information and to register. All trainings are being offered online for your convenience.

Mayo PPN Autumn 2026 FREE Training Programme for Community Groups - Mayo PPN

We are pleased to be able to offer this FREE suite of training to PPN members, but conducting these workshops requires significant resources on the part of the PPN. As such, we are asking that you please ensure that you will be available to attend the training(s) for which you have registered.

If your group is not registered with the Mayo PPN and would like to join, you can read the eligibility criteria and apply at: Join Mayo PPN - Mayo PPN



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MAYO PPN AUTUMN 2026 TRAINING PROGRAMME

Scan QR code or follow the link below for more information and to register for any of the workshops on offer

- **Writing Grant Applications**
  Tuesday 3rd November, 7 - 9pm
- **Sources of Funding for Community Groups**
  Wednesday 18th November, 7 - 9pm
- **Using AI (Artificial Intelligence) Tools for Community Groups**
  Thursday 26th November, 7 - 9pm
- **Legal Duties of a Community Group (including GDPR)**
  Tuesday 1st December, 7 - 9pm
- **Committee Structures & Roles**
  Thursday 3rd December, 7 - 9pm

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

ALL TRAININGS ARE FREE OF CHARGE BUT YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF A GROUP REGISTERED WITH THE PPN TO ATTEND

Please only sign up for workshops you know you will be able to attend, as spaces are limited

Funded by Dept of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht & Mayo Co Council

PPN National Conference 2026

Mayo PPN were delighted to join PPN representatives and staff from all 31 Local Authority areas, along with others working in community development from across the country at the 2026 PPN National Conference at the Hodson bay Hotel in Athlone.

Taking place on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th September, the PPN national conference was hosted by Roscommon PPN in association with Roscommon County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development & the Gaeltacht.

Held under the theme "Empowering Communities Through Connection, Collaboration and Cohesion," the conference featured inspiring speakers, engaging workshops and discussions, along with site visits showcasing some of County Roscommon's heritage, biodiversity and community-led initiatives.

Most importantly, the two days provided an opportunity for PPNs from across the country to come together, exchange experiences, build new connections and share ideas about strengthening community participation throughout Ireland.

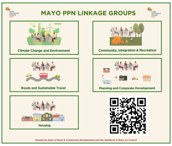
Mayo PPN Linkage Groups

Following on from successful information sessions held in 2025, we were delighted to launch Mayo PPN's Linkage Groups, with the first meetings held online in May and June of 2026.

Join like-minded community members as we work together to develop policies that can influence meaningful change across the county.

Stay tuned for dates for the next round of meetings.

Scan QR code or visit [Linkage Groups - Mayo PPN] to learn more.


MAYO PPN LINKAGE GROUPS
Climate Change and Environment
Community, Integration & Recreation
Roads and Sustainable Travel
Planning and Corporate Development
Housing
Funded by Dept of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht & Mayo Co Council

Community Inclusion Spotlight

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

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

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!

Have you or your community an event or activity coming up?
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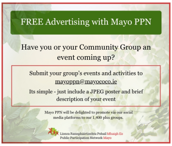

FREE Advertising with Mayo PPN

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 will be delighted to promote via our social media platforms to our 1,400 plus groups.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS IN MAYO

Friday Night Dark Sky Walks with Mayo Dark Sky Park are BACK!

Don't miss out, Book Now!

BOOKING REQUIRED as spaces are limited:
https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/2003571667793?aff=oddtdtcreator

Dark Sky walks are for the mind and body to reset and enjoy nature under naturally dark skies.

IF conditions allow, we will enjoy some stargazing with a tour of the night sky along the way, and a visit to a restored cottage as part of the National Park's restoration project.

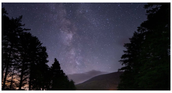
The walks are held at the Letterkeen Trailhead/cottage (Letterkeen, Srahrevagh, Newport, Co.) on the Vary's Loop trail (2.5 km loop), with a gravel and boardwalk surface.

The duration of the walk is approximately 2.5 hours, and walkers should dress accordingly for the time of year and weather; warm clothing and comfortable shoes.

Shuttle pick-up at 7:30pm at Ned Lyons statue in Newport, Co. Mayo. Return to Newport at approx 10:30/11pm.

Commonly asked Questions can be found at the event link.

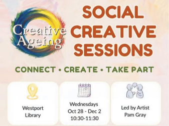
Event Cover Photo By Shane Lavelle



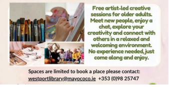
Creative Ageing - Social Creative Sessions

Westport Library is inviting older adults to come enjoy six weeks of creativity, connection and fun!

Join artist led sessions **every Wednesday from October 28th to December 2nd** , 10:30-11:30am. These sessions are free, and open to everyone, with no artistic experience needed!


Creative Ageing
SOCIAL CREATIVE SESSIONS
CONNECT • CREATE • TAKE PART
Westport Library
Wednesdays Oct 28 - Dec 2 10:30-11:30
Led by Artist Pam Gray

More: https://ow.ly/9UiI50ZZkIN



Free artist-led creative sessions for older adults. Meet new people, enjoy a chat, explore your creativity and connect with others in a relaxed and welcoming environment. No experience needed, just come along and enjoy.

Spaces are limited to book a place please contact:
westportlibrary@mayococo.ie +353 (0)98 25747

R.A.C.E (Repaired Arts Circular Economy) Symposium in Swinford

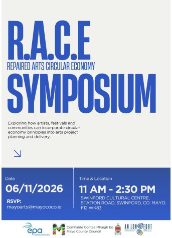
Longford and Mayo County Councils are pleased to announce the **Repaired Arts Circular Economy (R.A.C.E.) Symposium**, which will take place on **Friday, 6th November 2026**, from 11.00am to 2.30pm at Swinford Cultural Centre, Station Road, Swinford, Co. Mayo (F12 WK83). Minister Alan Dillon, Minister of State with special responsibility for the Circular Economy, will be the invited guest speaker for the event.

People with an interest or involvement in the Circular Economy and its role in the arts, creative practice and projects and festival making are encouraged to attend. **Attendance is free of charge; however booking is essential, and you can do so by emailing mayoarts@mayococo.ie, please include your name, organisation and any specific dietary requirements by Monday 2nd November.**

[R.A.C.E. Symposium Programme]()
[R.A.C.E. Symposium Press Release]()

The project was funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's Reuse and Repair Grant Scheme and supported by Longford County Council and Mayo County Council.

*For further information regarding the **R.A.C.E Symposium** please contact:*
Shane Crossan, Arts Officer, Longford County Council artsoffice@longfordcoco.ie
Ann Marie McGing, Arts Officer, Mayo County Council at mayoarts@mayococo.ie



R.A.C.E
REPAIRED ARTS CIRCULAR ECONOMY
SYMPOSIUM

Exploring how artists, festivals and communities can incorporate circular economy principles into arts project planning and delivery.

Date
06/11/2026
RSVP:
mayoarts@mayococo.ie

Time & Location
11 AM - 2:30 PM
SWINFORD CULTURAL CENTRE, STATION ROAD, SWINFORD, CO. MAYO. F12 WK83

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Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council
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Erris Skills Share Community Education Programme

Erris Family and Community Support Centre supported by Mayo, Sligo Leitrim ETB are delighted to introduce Erris Skills Share Community Education Programme, an exciting six-week programme bringing people together to share practical skills and learn from one another!

Led by members of our own community, taster workshops will include:

Sewing Skills and Pin Cushion Making Workshop with Atty Gaughan
Baking with Nessa from Butty's Kitchen
Woodturning with the Erris Men's Shed
The Basics of Mending and Repairing clothes with John from JP Sewing
Spring Bulb Planting Workshop with Baile Slachtmhar Bhéal an Mhuirthead/ Belmullet Tidy Towns

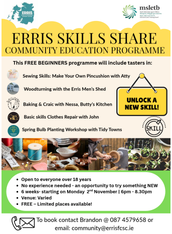
Come along to try something new, discover useful skills for everyday life, and get to know others in your community!

Starting Monday, 2nd November and running every Monday until 7th December.
Time: 6pm - 8.30pm

Light refreshments provided
All materials will be provided.

Venue varies week to week.
Places are limited; booking is essential!

To register or express an interest in sharing a skill, please contact Brandon:
087 457 9658
community@errisfcsc.ie



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ERRIS SKILLS SHARE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This FREE BEGINNERS programme will include tasters in:

Sewing Skills: Make Your Own Pincushion with Atty
Woodturning with the Erris Men's Shed
Baking & Craic with Nessa, Butty's Kitchen
Basic skills Clothes Repair with John
Spring Bulb Planting Workshop with Tidy Towns

UNLOCK A NEW SKILL!
SKILL

- Open to everyone over 18 years
- No experience needed - an opportunity to try something NEW
- 6 weeks- starting on Monday 2nd November | 6pm - 8.30pm
- Venue: Varied
- FREE – Limited places available!

To book contact Brandon @ 087 4579658 or
email: community@errisfcsc.ie

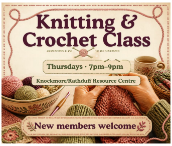
Knitting & Crochet Class Knockmore

Join [Knockmore Rathduff Resource Centre]() for their Knitting & Crochet Class!

Make time for a little creativity and company at Knockmore/Rathduff Resource Centre! Come along, enjoy a chat and get those needles and hooks moving.

Thursdays
7pm–9pm
Knockmore/Rathduff Resource Centre

New members are always welcome — they'd love to see you there!



Knitting & Crochet Class
Thursdays · 7pm–9pm
Knockmore/Rathduff Resource Centre
New members welcome

Lone Parent Peer Support Group

ARE YOU PARENTING ALONE?

Erris Family & Community Support Centre are bringing lone parents and caregivers together for our next Lone Parents Peer Support Group meeting.

Join them in a relaxed, supportive space to connect with others who understand the journey of parenting by yourself.

This is an opportunity for support and also to be part of shaping this new group.

Erris Family & Community Support Centre's Family Support Worker, Danielle will be there to answer any questions or direct and advise if anyone needs it.

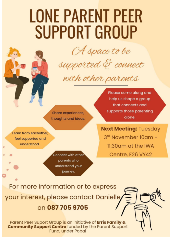
They want the space to be one of support, information, advocacy and empowerment.

Please join them for their next meeting, **Tuesday 3rd of November** 10am – 11:30am at the IWA Centre.

Evening meet-ups also possible if that is something parents would prefer.

This is funded by the Parent Peer Support Fund under Pobal & Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Danielle on 087 705 9705



LONE PARENT PEER SUPPORT GROUP

A space to be supported & connect with other parents

Please come along and help us shape a group that connects and supports those parenting alone.

Share experiences, thoughts and ideas.

Learn from eachother, feel supported and understood.

Connect with other parents who understand your journey.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd November 10am - 11:30am at the IWA Centre, F26 VY42

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Danielle on **087 705 9705**

Parent Peer Suport Group is an initiative of **Erris Family & Community Support Centre** funded by the Parent Support Fund, under Pobal

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAVELLERS IN MAYO!

Mayo Traveller Movement is delighted to highlight the Traveller Apprenticeship Incentivisation Programme!

Are you aged 16 or over and interested in starting an apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship training? This is a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills, gain qualifications and build a brighter future!

€3,000 financial support towards your apprenticeship journey, subject to approval.

What's in it for you?
Earn while you learn
Receive financial support
Gain skills that last a lifetime
Create your future!

Meet the team in Mayo!

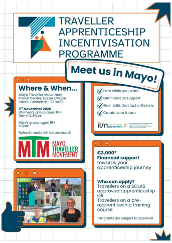
Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
Mayo Traveller Movement, Parish Centre, Upper Chapel Street, Castlebar.

Women's group (ages 16+): 11am–12.30pm
Men's group (ages 16+): 1pm–2pm

Refreshments will be provided!

This is a great opportunity for Traveller men and women to find out more, ask questions and explore the apprenticeship opportunities available to them.

Spread the word! Share this information with your sons, daughters, family members and anyone who might benefit from this opportunity.


TRAVELLER APPRENTICESHIP INCENTIVISATION PROGRAMME
Meet us in Mayo!
Where & When...
Mayo Traveller Movement, Parish Centre, Upper Chapel Street, Castlebar, F23 XK6B
3rd November 2026
Women's group ages 16+
11am-12.30pm
Men's group ages 16+
1-2pm
Refreshments will be provided!
MTM MAYO TRAVELLER MOVEMENT
Earn while you learn
Get financial support
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€3,000*
Financial support
towards your apprenticeship journey
Who can apply?
Travellers on a SOLAS approved apprenticeship
OR
Travellers on a pre-apprenticeship training course
*all grants are subject to approval

Autism & Puberty - A Neuroaffirmative Webinar with Amanda McGuinness

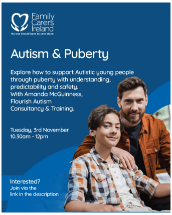
Family Carers Ireland invites stakeholders to this neuroaffirmative webinar exploring how to support Autistic young people through puberty with understanding, predictability and safety. We will consider changing bodies, body boundaries, privacy and personal care, alongside practical strategies, visual supports and recommended resources that promote autonomy, dignity and understanding.

Delivered by Amanda McGuinness, Autism specialist and parent to four Autistic children, two of whom have an Intellectual Disability, the training integrates professional knowledge with lived insight to support meaningful understanding and confident decision-making.

Tuesday 3 November • 10:30 AM - 12 PM GMT
Online

This session will be recorded and available to watch for a short period to all who register.

Sign up at: [Autism & Puberty Tickets, Tuesday 3 November • 10:30 AM - 12 PM GMT | Eventbrite]


Family Carers Ireland
No one should have to care alone
Autism & Puberty
Explore how to support Autistic young people through puberty with understanding, predictability and safety.
With Amanda McGuinness, Flourish Autism Consultancy & Training.
Tuesday, 3rd November
10.30am - 12pm
Interested?
Join via the link in the description

Balla Christmas Market - FINAL CALL FOR MARKET VENDORS!

Want to showcase your business at Balla Christmas Market?

PAYMENT DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!

All bookings must be paid by this date. Unpaid bookings are NOT guaranteed!

Don't miss out on being part of the magic!

Ring 094 936 5846 or email [ballacrd@gmail.com]

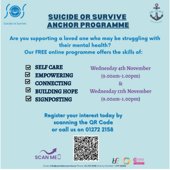
Balla COMMUNITY CENTRE
BALLA CHRISTMAS MARKET
FINAL CALL FOR MARKET VENDORS
DEADLINE:
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THIS DATE. OTHERWISE, YOUR BOOKING IS NOT GUARANTEED.

Free Online Programme for Those Supporting People with their Mental Health

The suicide prevention charity, Suicide or Survive, has developed the innovative Anchor Programme for people who are supporting a loved one on a personal basis - relative, friend, etc - who is struggling with their mental health.

This free online programme will run on **Wednesday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 11th from 9am to 1pm** on each day.

For more information follow this link: [Free online programme for those supporting people with their mental health – West Be Well]


Suicide or Survive
SUICIDE OR SURVIVE ANCHOR PROGRAMME
THE ANCHOR PROGRAMME
Are you supporting a loved one who may be struggling with their mental health?
Our FREE online programme offers the skills of:
☑ SELF CARE
☑ EMPOWERING
☑ CONNECTING
☑ BUILDING HOPE
☑ SIGNPOSTING
Wednesday 4th November (9.00am-1.00pm) & Wednesday 11th November (9.00am-1.00pm)
Register your interest today by scanning the QR Code or call us on 01272 2158
SCAN ME
Email: info@suicideorsurvive.ie Phone: 01 272 2158 Charity Number: CHY 16442

Making Arts Projects Inclusive: Practical Approaches for Artists and Support Workers

Mayo County Council's Arts Service is delighted to host a professional development event at Ballina Arts Centre, Ballina on **Thursday 5th November from 10:30 am to 3:30 p.m.** The session will be facilitated by Kate Wilson, Director of Undercurrent Dance company and artists Isolde Carmody and Emilie Conway and is aimed at artists with disabilities, support staff and personal assistants working in inclusive settings, supporting artists and participants with diverse access requirements.

The day will start with an introduction and background to Undercurrent; an ever-evolving practice in access and integration by Kate Wilson, followed by Isolde Carmody who will discuss her experience as an artist with disabilities, what has helped, what hasn't, the wish list, and the overarching need for flexibility. Emilie Conway and Isolde Carmody will demonstrate practical tips including methods of guiding visually impaired artists and participants, supporting people with sensory, physical and hidden impairments and Emilie Conway will talk about her work as an artist and access consultant at the RHA, the National Gallery and abroad bringing her experience and knowledge of trends and approaches in international contexts.

Lunch will be provided and sign language interpreter support will be available. To book a place, go to:
[Professional Development Events - 05/11/2026 and 17/11/2026 . – Fill in form]

Places are limited and will therefore be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

This event is funded by Creative Ireland.

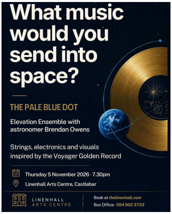
Further information is available from [mayoarts@mayococo.ie].

MAKING ARTS PROJECTS INCLUSIVE
Practical Approaches For Artists And Support Workers
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
From 10.30 am - 3.30pm
In Ballina Arts Centre
The session will be facilitated by Kate Wilson, Director of Undercurrent Dance company
LINK IN BIO TO REGISTER

The Pale Blue Dot: The Voyager Golden Record Reimagined For Our Time

Linenhall Arts Centre

Thursday, 5 November 2026
7:30pm
€20/€18 plus €1.00 booking fee

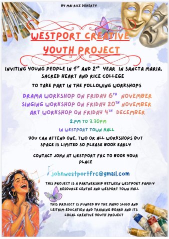

What music would you send into space?
THE PALE BLUE DOT
Elevation Ensemble with astronomer Brendan Owens
Strings, electronics and visuals inspired by the Voyager Golden Record
Thursday 5 November 2026 · 7.30pm
Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar
LINENHALL ARTS CENTRE
Book at thelinenhall.com
Box Office: 094 902 3733

“To the makers of music — all worlds, all times…”. These words were etched onto the Golden Records that were affixed to NASA’s Voyager spacecrafts, launched in 1977. Humanity’s message to the cosmos, these records carryied music, sound and greetings from Earth into the vastness of interstellar space, in the hope that one day an extraterrestrial might find it and learn something about us.

The performance is accompanied by stunning visuals from video designer Manuela Corbari, while Brendan Owens, Astronomer Emeritus for the Royal Observatory of Greenwich, brings the story and science of the Voyager mission vividly to life.

Beautiful, searching and cosmic, The Pale Blue Dot invites audiences to reflect on our shared worlds, this fleeting moment in time, and the enduring human desire to reach beyond ourselves and be heard… “Our world, our time”.

For more information and to book tickets to this unique show, visit www.thelinenhall.com, or call our box office on 094 902 3733.


BY MAI RICE DOHERTY
WESTPORT CREATIVE YOUTH PROJECT
INVITING YOUNG PEOPLE IN 1ST AND 2ND YEAR IN SANCTA MARIA, SACRED HEART AND RICE COLLEGE
TO TAKE PART IN THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS
DRAMA WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
SINGING WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
ART WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
2.PM TO 3.30PM
IN WESTPORT TOWN HALL
YOU CAN ATTEND ONE, TWO OR ALL WORKSHOPS BUT SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY
CONTACT JOHN AT WESTPORT FRC TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
johnwestportfrc@gmail.com
THIS PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WESTPORT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE AND WESPORT TOWN HALL
THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE MAYO SLIGO AND LEITRIM EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD AND ITS LOCAL CREATIVE YOUTH PROJECT

Westport Creative Youth Project

Places Still Available for Westport Creative Youth Project!

Young people in 1st & 2nd year in Sancta Maria College, Sacred Heart School Westport and Rice College Westport are invited take part in creative workshops in Westport Town Hall Theatre.

Drama workshop in Friday 6th November 2-3.30pm
Singing workshop on Friday 20th November 2-3.30pm
Art workshop on Friday 4th December 2-3.30pm

(You can attend 1, 2 or all 3 workshops)

Contact John in Westport Family and Community Resource Centre to book your place: johnwestportfrc@gmail.com

This project is a partnership between Westport Family and Community Resource Centre & Westport Town Hall Theatre and is funded by the Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board and its Local Creative Youth Project.

JOHN SPILLANE
Fri Nov 6 | 8pm
Town Hall Theatre
Westport | Co. Mayo
BOOKINGS
www.westporttheatre.com
T: 098-28459

John Spillane in Concert

John Spillane is a musician, songwriter, performer, recording artist, storyteller, poet and dreamer. Rooted in people, place and story, his music transports the listener and his live performances captivate audiences around the world.

As an artist his music appeals to listeners across many genres and generations. His vocal style has a unique almost sean-nós like quality and his performances shimmer with the magic realism that permeates many of his songs as he effortlessly flits between beautiful poetry tinged with melancholy to roguish, irreverent humour.

John has the ability to charm, mesmerise and entertain in equal measure.

November 06 @ 08:00 pm
Cost: €26.50
Westport Town Hall Theatre

Tickets: Westport Town Hall Theatre, Co Mayo, Ireland

Ballyhaunis Community Garden
Food Forest Event
Join us to continue building the base layer of our new space!
Friday, Nov. 6th @ 2 pm
Saturday, Nov. 21st @ 1:30 pm
Helpers and Learners welcome!
Behind the Ballyhaunis Family Resource Center, F35 PF60
Find us on: Facebook or Instagram

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Friday, Nov. 6th at 2pm
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Ballyhaunis Community Garden
F35 PF60

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
ACRYLIC TEXTURE CLASS

Acrylic Texture Art Class – “Hidden in Bloom”

Join Claremorris Family Resource Centre for a beautiful 4-week Acrylic Texture Art Class with Dani Bueno!

Learn step by step in a friendly, small-group setting with personal guidance from Dani. Perfect for beginners who would love to explore their creativity and create something beautiful!

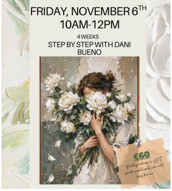
Starting Friday, 6th November 2026
Time: 10am–12pm
Duration: 4 weeks
Price: €60 per person
Level: Beginner-friendly
Small group with personal guidance

Please note: Painting materials are NOT provided, so participants will need to bring their own.

Location: Claremorris Family Resource Centre, Mount Street, Claremorris, F12 H2C2

Book your place today!
Call: 094 937 7838
Email: info@claremorrisfrc.ie

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this lovely opportunity to get creative, learn something new, and enjoy some relaxing art time


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
10AM-12PM
4 WEEKS
STEP BY STEP WITH DANI BUENO
€60
Painting materials are NOT provided, so participants will need to bring their own.

Echoes of Attymass

Step back in time this November with a fascinating journey through the history of Attymass.

Presented by the Attymass History & Heritage Group, 'Echoes of Attymass: The Way We Were' is a photographic exhibition celebrating the people, places and stories that have shaped one of North Mayo's most distinctive communities.

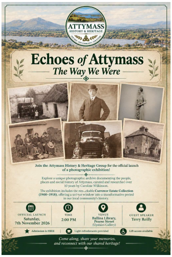
Curated and researched over ten years by Caroline Wilkinson, the exhibition showcases an extraordinary photographic archive alongside the remarkable Currower Estate Collection (1900–1918), offering visitors a rare glimpse into rural life and community heritage.

Whether you have family connections to the area, are tracing your Mayo roots, or simply enjoy discovering the rich history of North Mayo, this exhibition is well worth a visit.

Ballina Library (Upstairs Gallery)
Official Launch: Saturday, 7th November 2026
2.00pm
Guest Speaker: Terry Reilly
Free Admission

The exhibition runs until 26th November 2026 during normal library opening hours.

Come along, meet members of the Attymass History & Heritage Group, and discover the stories, faces and memories that have shaped generations of life in North Mayo.


ATTYMASS
HISTORY & HERITAGE
Echoes of Attymass
The Way We Were
Join the Attymass History & Heritage Group for the official launch of a photographic exhibition!
Explore a unique photographic archive documenting the people, places and social history of Attymass, curated and researched over 10 years by Caroline Wilkinson.
The exhibition includes the remarkable Currower Estate Collection (1900–1918), offering a unique window into a transformative period in our local community's history.
OFFICIAL LAUNCH
Saturday, 7th November 2026
TIME
2:00 PM
VENUE
Ballina Library, Pearse Street
(Upstairs Gallery)
GUEST SPEAKER
Terry Reilly
Admission is FREE
Light refreshments provided
Lift access available
Come along, share your memories, and reconnect with our shared heritage!

'Magic Moments, Medals & Memorabilia: 'Sport and Oral Heritage'

The Oral History Network of Ireland's FREE Community Event
Saturday 7th November 2026, 9am-5pm
TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

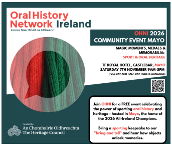
The Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI) is hosting a FREE community heritage event exploring how physical objects, sporting achievements, and lived experiences unlock local history and collective memory.

Supported by The Heritage Council, this event offers a fantastic lineup of speakers, a practical oral history masterclass, and an opportunity to develop your network of formal and informal support. This interactive day will give you the practical tools and confidence to record your own community oral history projects, while learning how others have brought theirs to life.

This will be an interactive event with attendees invited to a Sporting 'Bring & Tell' Session: bring along an item of personal sporting significance, such as an artefact, photograph and memorabilia, and share its story. You will have the opportunity to record a short oral history interview with our team and have your object professionally photographed.

Location: TF Royal Hotel & Theatre, Castlebar Co. Mayo
Date: Saturday 7th November 2026 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Admission: FREE with light lunch/tea/coffee provided (Pre-booking required — Full Day and Afternoon-Only options available)

Full agenda and to register: FREE: OHNI Community Event in Mayo – OHNI FREE event: 'Magic Moments, Medals & Memorabilia: Sport & Oral Heritage' – T.F. Royal Hotel & Theatre Old Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo


Oral History Network Ireland
Líonra Stair Bhéil na hÉireann
OHNI 2026
COMMUNITY EVENT MAYO
MAGIC MOMENTS, MEDALS & MEMORABILIA:
SPORT & ORAL HERITAGE
TF ROYAL HOTEL, CASTLEBAR, MAYO
SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 9AM-5PM
(FULL DAY AND HALF-DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE)
Join OHNI for a FREE event celebrating the power of sporting oral history and heritage - hosted in Mayo, the home of the 2026 All-Ireland Champions.
Bring a sporting keepsake to our "bring and tell" and hear how objects unlock memories.
Funded by
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

The Makers Market, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh

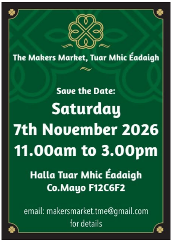
LOCAL MARKETS ONLY WORK WHEN PEOPLE SHOW UP
The Makers Market in Tuar Mhic Éadaigh is built on a simple idea: local people supporting local makers.

Every month, around 20 small businesses set up their stalls with handmade, homegrown and home-baked goods. They come because they believe there will be a community waiting.

If you've been thinking about visiting, this is your reminder: even a quick call-in makes a real difference.

It keeps the market alive, the stalls worthwhile, and the atmosphere worth returning to.
First Saturday of the month - Next event Saturday 7th November, 11.00am to 3.00pm

Halla Tuar Mhic Éadaigh, Co.Mayo F12C6F2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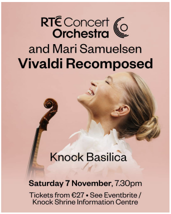

RTÉ Concert Orchestra
and Mari Samuelsen
Vivaldi Recomposed
Knock Basilica
Saturday 7 November, 7.30pm
Tickets from €27 • See Eventbrite / Knock Shrine Information Centre

Knock Basilica Presents "Vivaldi Recomposed"

Join the RTE Concert Orchestra and renowned Norwegian violinist Mari Samuelsen for an unforgettable evening in Knock Basilica on **Saturday, November 7th.**

See www.knockshrine.ie for more details and online ticket reservations.

Tickets are also available from the information centre at Knock Shrine from 9am to 4pm daily.

Claremorris FM
94.6

CRAOL – Community Radio Ireland QQI Courses Coming Soon to Claremorris with CCR94.6FM

[CCR946.IE](CCR946.IE) Claremorris Community Radio are looking for volunteers/participants to get involved in producing or presenting shows or creating your own. Training in Media Expression is provided giving you the tools and techniques to start making radio. You'll get one-to-one support and practice in small groups on practical tasks, like recording and sending files, and in soft skills like interviewing, presenting, writing for the radio, and programme planning.

They'll be running 3 QQI courses over 2026/27: Media Expression; Community Radio Skills; Communication Skills for the Workplace. Starting with:

QQI LEVEL 3 Media Expression, commencing 10-1pm 07/11/2026 to 19/12/2026 with break for festive season holidays. Back on 09/01/2027 – 23/01/2027

QQI LEVEL 3 where: Digispace, Claremorris. [Unit 10, Lakeside Retail Park, Clare, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 X9N1]()

Contact communications@ccr946.ie , call 085 7506104 or just drop into the radio on Chapel Court, Chapel Lane, Claremorris, Co Mayo, F12 D535

No prior knowledge is required, all you need is your ears!

Board Games Night Westport

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of board games, card games, and laughter!

Welcome to Games Night!
Monday 9th November
7pm - 9:30pm

FREE
BOARD
GAMES
NIGHT

Come join Westport Family & Community Resource Centre at the Quay Community Centre for a night of fun and games. Whether you're a board game enthusiast, card game master, or just looking to socialise and have a good time, this event is perfect for you!

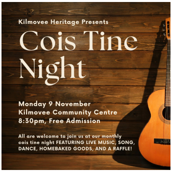
Bring your favorite games or try out some of theirs - there's something for everyone. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, or get together with your friends.

You are welcome to drop-in/ come and go throughout the event as you please.

Tea + Coffee and biscuits are provided.

So mark your calendars and don't miss out on this exciting evening of friendly competition and laughter. Organisers look forward to seeing you there!

[Games Night (NOVEMBER) | Facebook]()


Kilmovee Heritage Presents
Cois Tine Night
Monday 9 November
Kilmovee Community Centre
8:30pm, Free Admission
All are welcome to join us at our monthly cois tine night FEATURING LIVE MUSIC, SONG, DANCE, HOMEBAKED GOODS, AND A RAFFLE!

Cois Tine Night

Kilmovee Heritage invite you to their November Cois Tine Night.

Monday 9th November
8:30pm

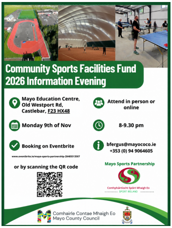
Kilmovee Community Centre

Music, dance, baked goods, and a raffle on the night! All are welcome.

Mayo Sports Partnership to Host Community Sport Facilities Fund 2026 Information Night for Sports Clubs and Community Groups

Mayo Sports Partnership is pleased to invite sports clubs and community groups from across Mayo to attend a **Community Sport Facilities Fund 2026 Information Session** on **Monday, 9th November 2026**, from **8:00pm to 9:30pm** at **Mayo Education Centre, Castlebar**, with an option to attend online.

The Community Sport Facilities Fund is the Government's primary funding programme for supporting the development and enhancement of sports and physical recreation facilities, as well as the purchase of eligible sports equipment. The 2026 programme includes grants of up to €250,000 for local projects, equipment grants of up to €70,000, Tier 2 grants ranging from €250,000 to €550,000, and new Tier 3 grants of up to €750,000 for larger multi-sport projects.



Community Sports Facilities Fund 2026 Information Evening

Mayo Education Centre,
Old Westport Rd,
Castlebar, F23 HX48

Attend in person or online

Monday 9th of Nov

8-9.30 pm

Booking on Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.ie/mayo-sports-partnership-28485513507

or by scanning the QR code

bfergus@mayococo.ie
+353 (0) 94 9064605

Mayo Sports Partnership

Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Mhaigh Eo
SPORT IRELAND

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

The information session is designed to help clubs and community groups understand the funding opportunities available, eligibility requirements, key dates and the application process.

The workshop will be delivered by Joe Butler who has extensive experience in preparing sports capital funding applications for the Mayo League over the years.

Attendees will be welcomed with tea and coffee on arrival before a detailed presentation on the Community Sport Facilities Fund 2026. The evening will conclude with a dedicated question-and-answer session, providing attendees with an opportunity to seek guidance on their proposed projects and applications.

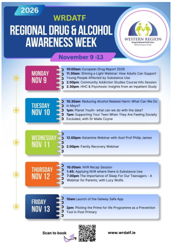
This is an ideal opportunity for clubs and community groups considering facility development, facility improvements or sports equipment purchases to gain valuable insights and improve their chances of submitting a strong funding application.

Event Details
Date: Monday, 9th November 2026
Time: 8:00pm – 9:30pm
Venue: Mayo Education Centre, Westport Rd, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 HX48,
Attendance: In Person or Online
Cost: Free of Charge

Booking is essential and places can be reserved through Eventbrite: MSP Community Sport Facilities Fund Information Night Link

Mayo Sports Partnership encourages all interested sports clubs and community groups to attend and learn how this significant funding opportunity can help deliver lasting benefits for their communities.

For more information or queries contact Mayo Sports Partnership Club Development Officer Brendan Fergus
Email: bfergus@mayococo.ie or Phone: 094 9064605



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REGIONAL DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

WESTERN REGION
Drug & Alcohol Task Force

November 9 -13

MONDAY NOV 9
- **10:00am:** European Drug Report 2026
- **11.30am:** Shining a Light Webinar: How Adults Can Support Young People Affected by Substance Use
- **2.00pm:** Community Addiction Studies Course Info Session
- **2.30pm:** HHC & Psychosis: Insights from an Inpatient Study

TUESDAY NOV 10
- **10.30am:** Reducing Alcohol Related Harm: What Can We Do in Mayo?
- **1pm:** Planet Youth- what can we do with the data?
- **7pm:** Supporting Your Teen When They Are Feeling Socially Excluded, with Dr Malie Coyne

WEDNESDAY NOV 11
- **12.00pm:** Ketamine Webinar with Asst Prof Philip James
- **2.00pm:** Family Recovery Webinar

THURSDAY NOV 12
- **10.00am:** NVR Recap Session
- **1.45:** Applying NVR where there is Substance Use
- **7.00pm** The Importance of Sleep For Our Teenagers - A Webinar for Parents, with Lucy Wolfe.

FRIDAY NOV 13
- **10am** Launch of the Galway Safe App
- **2pm:** Piloting the Prime for life Programme as a Prevention Tool in Post Primary

Scan to book

www.wrdatf.ie

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week Events

Join Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force during their 2026 Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week.

A number of online and in-person trainings and information sessions are taking place from **Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November.**

More information and to book your place for any of these offerings: **https://www.wrdatf.ie/training-awareness-week.php**

Connecting with Our Diaspora Event

Following on the heels of their survey regarding diaspora engagement in the West and Northwest of Ireland, Western Development Commission invite interested parties to participate in this unique networking opportunity for community groups, individuals and organisations based in the West and Northwest engaging with our diaspora.

Amongst the main findings of the research were that people wanted to have more opportunities to network, to learn from each other and to work together to engage more effectively with our diaspora.

COIMISIÚN FORBARTHA AN IARTHAIR | WESTERN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Connected Communities, Global Relationships

Findings from Research on Diaspora Engagement in the West and Northwest of Ireland

To follow on from this, Western Development Commission have organised two events in November which will provide exactly this opportunity. Both events will have similar aims and formats, with one held in Claremorris and the other in Sligo to make them accessible to as many attendees as possible across the region.

Mindful that many people are engaging with our diaspora as volunteers and in their own free time, the Sligo event will be in the evening and will involve a buffet supper followed by a networking meeting. You can read the full survey report here: WDC Diaspora Engagement Research Report

Each event will provide:
A short overview of the findings and recommendations from the Western Development Commission's research on Diaspora Engagement.

Opportunities to meet others working in diaspora engagement, including in similar sectors, and share what is working, challenges experienced and lessons learned.

A chance to help identify practical priorities for collaboration and future support, including the possible development of a regional network.

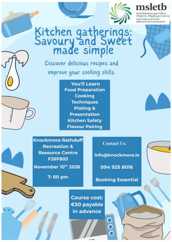
Register your spot for either event on Eventbrite: Connecting with our Diaspora - Mayo event Tickets, Tuesday, November 10 • 10 AM - 2 PM | Eventbrite

MAYO EVENT
10th November 2026
McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, F12 D1W3
Networking meeting from 10 a.m. followed by buffet lunch

Kitchen Gatherings: Savoury and Sweet Made Simple
Cooking course suitable for beginners/improvers starting in Knockmore on **10/11/2026**.

Booking essential. €50 payable in advance.

Email info@knockmore.ie or ring 094 925 8016 to register.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Kitchen gatherings: Savoury and Sweet made simple

Discover delicious recipes and improve your cooking skills.

You'll Learn
Food Preparation
Cooking Techniques
Plating & Presentation
Kitchen Safety
Flavour Pairing

Knockmore Rathduff Recreation & Resource Centre
F26F803
November 10th 2026
7: 00 pm

Contact Us:
info@knockmore.ie
094 925 8016
Booking Essential

Course cost: €50 payable in advance

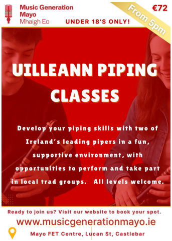
Master Pipers To Inspire Next Generation in Mayo
Music Generation Mayo is delighted to announce a new programme of Uilleann Pipe workshops for young musicians, led by two of Ireland's most renowned traditional musicians, Emer Mayock and Diarmuid Moynihan. Open to players under 18 years of age, these small-group classes are suitable for both beginners and more experienced pipers wishing to develop their skills. Participants will receive expert tuition, build technique and repertoire, and connect with fellow young traditional musicians in a supportive learning environment.

The six-week term begins on **Wednesday, 11 November 2026** at the Mayo Further Education & Training Centre, Lucan Street, Castlebar.

Music Generation Mayo is County Mayo's music education programme for children and young people and is part of Ireland's national Music Generation network. Its mission is to ensure that all children and young people have access to high-quality music-making opportunities, regardless of background or circumstance.

Music Generation Mayo is managed by the Mayo Music Education Partnership, led by Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board in partnership with Mayo County Council Arts Office, Mayo Local Community Development Committee and Mayo Education Centre.

For further information on Uilleann Piping for Under 18s and to book a place for the workshops that begin on Wednesday 11 November, please visit: Music Generation Mayo Music Generation Mayo


Music Generation Mayo
Mhaigh Eo
UNDER 18'S ONLY!
€72
From 5pm

UILLEANN PIPING CLASSES

Develop your piping skills with two of Ireland's leading pipers in a fun, supportive environment, with opportunities to perform and take part in local trad groups. All levels welcome.

Ready to join us? Visit our website to book your spot.
www.musicgenerationmayo.ie
Mayo FET Centre, Lucan St, Castlebar

Castlebar First Responders Open Night
Want to give back to your community? Come have a chat with Castlebar First Responders!

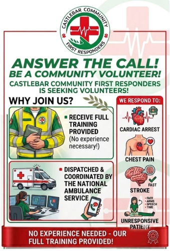
They're holding an Open Night and they're on the lookout for new volunteers to join their team!

Whether you're interested in stepping up as a First Responder for local emergency calls, or helping them fundraise for critical, life-saving equipment, there's a place for you here.

Pop in, meet their current responders, and see how you can make a real impact.

Date: 11th November
Time: 8pm
Venue: TF Royal Hotel & Theatre, Castlebar

They can't wait to meet you!


ANSWER THE CALL!
BE A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER!
CASTLEBAR COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

WHY JOIN US?
- RECEIVE FULL TRAINING PROVIDED (No experience necessary!)
- DISPATCHED & COORDINATED BY THE NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

WE RESPOND TO:
CARDIAC ARREST
CHEST PAIN
STROKE
UNRESPONSIVE PATIENT

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - OUR FULL TRAINING PROVIDED!

CASTLEBAR COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS
FAST
FACE
ARMS
SPEECH
TIME

Growing Up in a Digital World
We all want the best for our children, but navigating the digital world can feel overwhelming, especially with so much conflicting advice available.

Parents and carers of primary school-aged children are invited to Cúram Family Centre, Claremorris, for an informative and relaxed workshop with Lyndsey Gill, Child & Adolescent Creative Psychotherapist.

Together, participants will explore how digital devices can affect children's emotional and social development, including their sleep, mood and behaviour, and look at practical ways to build healthy habits and boundaries at home.

Thursday, 12th November
Registration from 6.45pm | Workshop 7pm–9pm
Cúram Family Centre, Dalton Street, Claremorris

Free workshop – places are limited!

Register:
m.cribbin@curamclaremorris.ie
087 911 9714

They look forward to welcoming you!

GROWING UP IN A DIGITAL WORLD
Understanding the impact of digital devices on your child's emotional and social development

Cúram Family Centre welcome
Lyndsey Gill
Child & Adolescent Creative Psychotherapist specialising in Play Therapy

We all want the best for our children, but navigating the digital world can feel a bit daunting.
- ✓ Feeling overwhelmed by all the conflicting advice about children and devices?
- ✓ Wondering how devices might really be affecting your child's sleep, mood, and development?
- ✓ Struggling to find a healthy, realistic balance that actually works for your family?
- ✓ Wishing you had some straightforward ideas for setting boundaries at home?

Join our relaxed workshop to understand how digital devices affect your child, and discover simple, stress-free ways to build healthy screen habits at home.

For Parents & Carers of Primary School Aged Children
Thursday 12th November | Registration 6.45pm
Start time 7pm sharp - 9pm
In Cúram Family Centre, Dalton St, Claremorris
m.cribbin@curamclaremorris.ie
087 911 9714

Register now for your free place as spaces are limited

TUSLA
Cúram Family Centre
Lyndsey Gill

Killala Tower Hub Presentation

The Clarke Museum of Irish History is hosting a very special presentation by Mary O'Keeffe-Mulhern on **Thursday 12th November 2026, at 7pm.**

Mary O'Keeffe-Mulhern, a tourism educator and former lecturer with extensive experience in tourism development and marketing, is working via a community driven initiative, to harness Killala's rich history and heritage, in revitalising the town and attracting more visitors. As a member of the Local Government Ireland's, Killala Town Centre First (TCF) Team, Mary and the TCF Team are working with Ballina Municipal District, Mayo County Council and Fáilte Ireland to advance this vision.

This is a free event but spaces will be limited so booking is essential, please call the Clarke Museum on 096 73509 to reserve your place now!

More: https://www.facebook.com/jackieclarkecollection

Photo Credit of Aerial Picture of Killala: Bartek Rybacki/Mayo North Tourism, Ireland

KILLALA TOWER HUB PRESENTATION
WITH
MARY O'KEEFFE-MULHERN
ON
THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2026 @ 7PM
THE CLARKE MUSEUM OF IRISH HISTORY
The Clarke Museum of Irish History

Circus Science by the Sea Festival

Europe's only circus science festival is back!

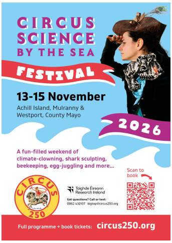
Join Circus250 **13-15th November** in Achill, Mulranny and Westport, County Mayo for three fantastic days of circus with a scientific twist.

Don't miss a fun-filled weekend of performances, workshops, talks and exhibitions that explore science in imaginative, surprising and hopeful ways. This year's lineup includes climate-clowning, shark sculpting, beekeeping, egg juggling and more…

This year, Circus250 are also delighted to welcome Artist in Residence, sculptor Tom Meskell and Scientist in Residence, neuroscientist Dr Robin Dale, who will support creative and scientific activity throughout the festival and beyond.

All venues wheelchair accessible. Please contact bigtop@circus250.org or 0862 432107 to ask about access and let them know your additional needs.

Full programme and more info at: Circus Science by the Sea – Circus250


CIRCUS
SCIENCE
BY THE SEA
FESTIVAL
13-15 November
Achill Island, Mulranny &
Westport, County Mayo
2026
A fun-filled weekend of
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beekeeping, egg-juggling and more…
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Got questions? Call or text:
0862 432107 bigtop@circus250.org
Full programme + book tickets: circus250.org

'The Big Fish Supper' - Save the Date!

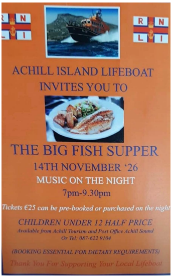
Having cancelled last year's event as a mark of respect following the passing of Achill Island RNLI's former Chairman, Michael Edward Lavelle whom they know will be looking down on them this year, Achill Island RNLI are delighted to announce that 'The Big Fish Supper' is back again.

It will take place in the usual venue, Óstán Oiléan Acla (Alice's) at Achill Sound on **Saturday 14th of November, 2026** between 7pm and 9.30pm with the usual music on the night again from the brilliant 'Lifeboat Quartet'.

Tickets at €25 each with children half price have just gone on sale with Kathleen at the Achill Sound Post Office, Chris at the Achill Tourist Office and with Mary by phone at 087 6229104.

As well as the usual Door Prize and raffle they will have the draw for the winner of the beautiful seascape painting in oils 'Waiting for the Tide' which was so kindly donated last year by local artist Seosamh Ó Dalaigh.

So save the date, 14th November, 2026 for the 'Big Fish Supper' at Alice's in Achill Sound, join Achill Island RNLI on their 30th Anniversary year and support your local #achillrnli Lifeboat in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INVITES YOU TO
THE BIG FISH SUPPER
14TH NOVEMBER '26
MUSIC ON THE NIGHT
7pm-9.30pm
Tickets €25 can be pre-booked or purchased on the night
CHILDREN UNDER 12 HALF PRICE
Available from Achill Tourism and Post Office Achill Sound
Or Tel: 087-622 9104
(BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS)
Thank You For Supporting Your Local Lifeboat

Fabric Upcycling Workshop!

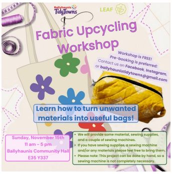
Learn how to turn unwanted materials into useful bags!

Sunday, November 15th
11am - 5pm
Ballyhaunis Community Hall
E35 Y337

Workshop is Free! Pre-booking is preferred:
Contact Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns on Facebook, Instagram, or
ballyhaunistidytowns@gmail.com

- They will provide some material, sewing supplies, and a couple of sewing machines.
- If you have sewing supplies, a sewing machine, and/or any materials please feel free to bring them.
- Please note: This project can be done by hand, so a sewing machine is not completely necessary.

Thank you to LEAF- Local Environmental Action Fund for funding this workshop!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Swinford Agricultural Show 2026 AGM

The Swinford Agricultural Show 2026 AGM will take place on **Monday 16th November** at 8pm in Bolands Bar, Bridge street Swinford.

All are welcome, especially new members.

AGM
ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

BirdWatch Mayo Kruger Adventures

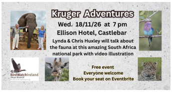
Lynda and Chris Huxley will present an illustrated talk on the wonders of this South African national park.

Lynda and Chris will present the flora and fauna of this magnificent South African national park including the large mammals and birds. Their talk will be illustrated with many photographs and video footage.

[The Ellison HotelCastlebar, Mayo](#)
Wednesday, November 18 • 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Free event, but you must book your slot in advance.

Book tickets: [Kruger Adventures Tickets, Wednesday, November 18 • 7 PM - 8:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Kruger Adventures
Wed. 18/11/26 at 7 pm
Ellison Hotel, Castlebar
Lynda & Chris Huxley will talk about the fauna at this amazing South Africa national park with video illustration
Free event
Everyone welcome
Book your seat on Eventbrite

BirdWatchIreland
Mayo Branch

Northern and Western Regional Bioeconomy Workshop

The CoBioEcon Project (Towards a Co-designed Regional Strategy for the Bioeconomy) is developing Ireland's first regional bioeconomy strategy specifically tailored for all three regions of Ireland. Funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), the project is a collaboration between University College Dublin and the University of Galway.

Researchers are looking for a wide-range of stakeholders from community members to farmers to policy-makers to industry actors to help them co-develop a regional bioeconomy strategy for the Northern and Western Region.

Join them for this online workshop on **Thursday 19 November 2026,** from 10am to 12 noon.

Participants will review proposed measures, suggest changes, identify delivery responsibilities, and discuss priorities and safeguards. The draft strategy, a short briefing and measure cards will be provided beforehand.

If you are interested in contributing to the development of this strategy, please reply to jon.faulkner@ucd.ie.

Further information is available at https://www.cobioecon.com/.

CoBioEcon
Towards a Co-designed Regional Strategy for the Bioeconomy in Ireland

Ballintubber Abbey Proudly Presents: Fauré & Stanford in Concert

Sunday, 22nd November 2026
Doors 4:15pm | Concert 4:45pm | Tickets €25

A flagship event in Mayo's 2026 EU Cultural Programme, featuring Cór Mhaigh Eo and Louisburgh Voices, the ConTempo String Quartet, acclaimed soloists and organist, performing Fauré's beautiful Requiem alongside works by Stanford and Massenet.

The evening will also feature a pre-concert talk by Professor Harry White, exploring the connections between Irish and European classical music traditions.

Tickets and more information: [Ballintubber Abbey Trust DAC | Fauré and Stanford Concert at Ballintubber Abbey](#)

Fauré and Stanford Concert

CULTÚR 2026 Sharing Ireland's Culture
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council
Cultúr Éireann
Culture Ireland
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IRELAND2026.EU

Kilmovee Christmas Craft Fair

Kilmovee Community Centre are excited to finally have their outdoor Christmas Craft fair signs ready!

They'll be going up at key road-side locations around the area.

Word of mouth is also a big help, so spread the word!

They hope you'll join them on **22nd November** to support local business and spread some Christmas joy!

KILMOVEE
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAIR
KILMOVEE COMMUNITY
CENTRE . F45 WY60
SUN 22 NOV
10.30am to 2.30pm

Volunteer Parade Assistant – Ballina Christmas Lights Event

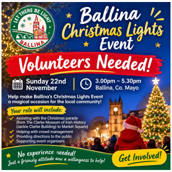
Date: Sunday 22nd November
Time: 3.00pm – 5.30pm
Location: Ballina, Co. Mayo

Volunteers are needed to help make Ballina's Christmas Lights Event a magical occasion for the local community. Volunteers will assist with the Christmas parade, which will depart from The Clarke Museum of Irish History (Jackie Clarke Building) and proceed to Market Square for the official turning on of Ballina's Christmas Lights.

Duties may include:
- helping to guide parade participants,
- assisting with crowd management,
- providing directions to members of the public,
- supporting event organisers to ensure the parade runs safely and smoothly.

No previous experience is necessary - just a friendly attitude, enthusiasm, and a willingness to help bring some Christmas magic to Ballina!

Sign up through I-Vol: [https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/...](https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/)
Or contact Mayo Volunteer Centre on 096 71444



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- ✓ Helping with crowd management
- ✓ Providing directions to the public
- ✓ Supporting event organisers

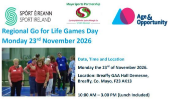
No experience needed!
Just a friendly attitude and a willingness to help!
Get Involved!

LET THERE BE LIGHT
BALLINA

Regional Go for Life Games Day

The Go for Life Games are a celebration of recreational sport and community for older adults across Ireland.

They feature fun, inclusive games that promote movement, social connection, and participation, not competition.



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND
Mayo Sports Partnership
Age & Opportunity

Regional Go for Life Games Day
Monday 23rd November 2026

Date, Time and Location
Monday the 23rd of November 2026.
Location: Breaffy GAA Hall Demesne, Breaffy, Co. Mayo, F23 AK13

10:00 AM – 3.00 PM (Lunch Included)

Monday the 23rd of November 2026.
Location: Breaffy GAA Hall
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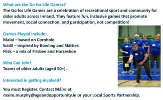
10:00 AM – 3.00 PM (Lunch Included)

Must register in advance. Email maire.murphy@ageandopportunity.ie



What are the Go for Life Games?

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Games Played Include:

Malaí – based on Cornhole
Scidil – inspired by Bowling and Skittles
Flisk – a mix of Frisbee and Horseshoe

Who Can Join?

Teams of older adults (aged 50+).

Interested in getting involved?

You must Register. Contact Máire at maire.murphy@ageandopportunity.ie or your Local Sports Partnership.

OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE – A CHILD HEALTH EVENT FOR TRAVELLER FAMILIES

Calling all Traveller parents, carers and grandparents of children aged 0–5 years!

Join Mayo Traveller Movement CLG for a friendly and informative day focused on your child's health, development.

Wednesday November 25th
10:30am–2:00pm
An Sportlann, McHale Rd, Castlebar, F23 X651**

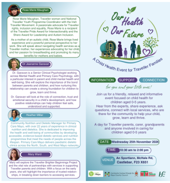
What's happening?

- Expert talks on child health, development, nutrition and wellbeing
- Advice on starting solid foods and fussy eating
- Parent & child relationships and emotional wellbeing
- Traveller family experiences
- Questions & Answers with healthcare professionals
- Information and support from local services
- Tea, coffee, sandwiches, fruit & refreshments
- **A useful family gift pack for every family!**

Information stands include: HSE Health Promotion, Nutrition for Family, Child Health Services, Speech & Language, Dental Hygiene, Mayo University Maternity Services, Mayo County Council Library, Healthy Mayo, Traveller Brighter Beginnings, Mayo Traveller Movement and other local community supports.

Come along, have a cuppa, meet services, ask questions and get the support you need to help your little ones **grow, learn and thrive.**

For more information email: info@mayotm.ie or ring 094 9068768 / 085 8396715



Rose Marie Maughan

Rose Marie Maughan, Traveller woman and National Traveller Youth Programme Coordinator with the Irish Traveller Movement. A passionate advocate for Traveller rights, inclusion and equality, Rose Marie is a recipient of the Traveller Pride Award for Intersectionality and the Shero Award for Leadership and Autism Inclusion.

As a mother of an autistic child, Rose Marie brings lived experience and a powerful personal perspective to her work. She will speak about navigating health services as a Traveller mother, her experiences advocating for her child, and her passion for breastfeeding and promoting its many benefits for mothers and babies.

Dr Jeananne Garavan

Dr. Garavan is a Senior Clinical Psychologist working across Mental Health and Primary Care Psychology, with a particular interest in parent and child mental health and well-being. She will explore the importance of the bond between parents and children, and how nurturing this relationship can create a strong foundation for children to grow, learn and thrive.

Dr. Garavan will look at the role of connection, trust and emotional security in a child's development, and how positive relationships can help children feel safe, understood and supported.

Heather Miller

Community Nutrition and Dietetic Manager for Primary Care Mayo, with over 22 years of experience in clinical nutrition and dietetics. She is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of communities by developing accessible, evidence-based dietetic services and nutrition programmes that meet the needs of people across the lifespan. Primary Care Mayo delivers paediatric dietetic clinics across the North, South, and West Mayo networks.

Mary Ward

Mary will explore the Traveller Brighter Beginnings Project and the vital role of partnerships with services in supporting Traveller parents and children. With a focus on the early years, she will highlight the importance of trusted relationships, in breaking down barriers to accessing services.

Our Health Our Future

A Child Health Event for Traveller Families

INFORMATION SUPPORT CONNECTION

for you and your little ones!

Join us for a friendly, relaxed and informative event focused on child health for children aged 0-5 years.
Hear from the experts, share experience, ask questions, connect with local services, who are there for the community to help your child, grow, learn and thrive.

A day for Traveller parents, carer, grandparents and anyone involved in caring for children aged 0-5 years

DATE Wednesday 25th November 2026
TIME 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
VENUE An Sportlann, McHale Rd, Castlebar, F23 X651

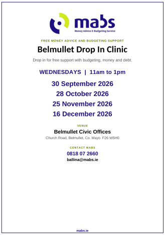
MABS - Belmullet Drop-In Clinics

Money , Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) will hold a **free drop-in clinic** at Belmullet Civic Offices (Áras Inis Gluaire) from 11am–1pm on:

- **25 November**
- **16 December**

Drop in for free, impartial advice and support with budgeting, bills or debt.

For more information, contact 0818 07 2660 or ballina@mabs.ie.



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WEDNESDAYS | 11am to 1pm

30 September 2026
28 October 2026
25 November 2026
16 December 2026

VENUE
Belmullet Civic Offices
Church Road, Belmullet, Co. Mayo F26 W5H0

CONTACT MABS
0818 07 2660
ballina@mabs.ie

mabs.ie

SafeTalk Suicide Alertness Training

Erris Family & Community Support Centre invite interested parties to this upcoming safeTALK training in Belmullet.

This is Suicide Alertness training that prepares participants to identify and engage with persons who may be having thoughts of suicide. Organisers think it's important to have as many people as possible from local organisations, GAA and sports clubs, and the wider local community involved and trained in safeTALK, so they encourage everyone to take part.

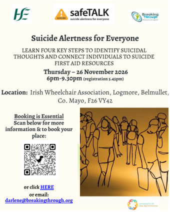
The training date is set for:

Thursday – 26 November 2026
6pm-9.30pm (registration 5.45pm)
Location: Irish Wheelchair Association, Logmore, Belmullet,
Co. Mayo, F26 VY42

Make sure to register at the link below to book in for the session or you will not be confirmed to take part in this training.

Please scan the QR code or follow the link to register: [**OPEN TO ALL** - safeTALK (Suicide Alertness For Everyone) Belmullet, Mayo - Booking by Bookwhen]()

Organisers thank all those who took the time to express their interest. They did their best to accommodate all that they could, and hope to see you all there.



safeTALK
suicide alertness for everyone

Suicide Alertness for Everyone

LEARN FOUR KEY STEPS TO IDENTIFY SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO SUICIDE FIRST AID RESOURCES

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Location: Irish Wheelchair Association, Logmore, Belmullet, Co. Mayo, F26 VY42

Booking is Essential
Scan below for more information & to book your place:

or click HERE
or email:
darlene@breakingthrough.org

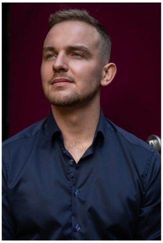
Dan McCabe in Concert

Dan McCabe burst onto the scene in May 2020 when a single YouTube upload of his favourite songs arranged in his signature style went viral, racking up over 50 million views in just three months.

He has since established himself as one of Ireland's most compelling voices, blending the soul of traditional Irish ballads with contemporary folk. Today, McCabe is riding the momentum of his chart-topping releases and high-profile performances.

Thursday November 26 @ 08:00 pm
Westport Town Hall Theatre

More information and tickets: Westport Town Hall Theatre, Co Mayo. Ireland



Jack Keogh & His Band in Concert

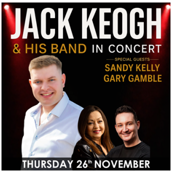
Award-winning Irish country star Jack Keogh brings his acclaimed live band to Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on **Thursday 26th November 2026** for what promises to be a fantastic night of live country music.

Fresh from winning Dance Band of the Year 2026 and following the success of his latest single Plough On Paddy, Jack continues to cement his place as one of Ireland's brightest young country stars.

Adding to an already outstanding line-up are two of Ireland's most popular performers, Sandy Kelly & Gary Gamble. Together, they'll deliver an unforgettable evening of music, entertainment and great country favourites.

Early booking is advised for what is expected to be one of the highlights of the Autumn country music calendar.

More info and tickets: Jack Keogh & his Band in Concert - townhall.ie


JACK KEOGH
& HIS BAND IN CONCERT
SPECIAL GUESTS
SANDY KELLY
GARY GAMBLE
THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

The Night Joe Dolan's Car Broke Down

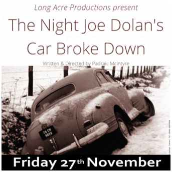
Following a record-breaking run at The Olympia Theatre the hit music & comedy show The Night Joe Dolan's Car Broke Down comes to Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on **Friday 27th November 2026.**

Imagine being stranded with the legendary Joe Dolan in a rural pub in Cavan on the night his car breaks down. That's just the sort of fantasy scenario that's imagined in The Night Joe Dolan's Car Broke Down, written and directed by Padraic McIntyre.

The play is set on a stormy St. Stephen's night as people gather to celebrate the 60th birthday party of the The Horse Munley. As the storm worsens and people head home, a knock to the door brings the night's entertainment to a new level. As the play unfolds so too does personal secrets, the music and the craic, but the following morning lines blur between what actually happened and what has been imagined or wished for.

With laser sharp accuracy and a perfectly tuned ear Padraic McIntyre untangles a surprising web of relationships in recent rural Ireland. A hilarious night of entertainment not to be missed!

More information and tickets: The Night Joe Dolan's Car Broke Down - townhall.ie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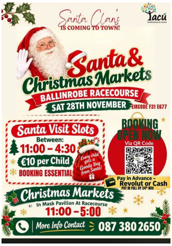
Friday 27th November


Santa Claus
IS COMING TO TOWN!
Tacú
Santa &
Christmas Markets
BALLINROBE RACECOURSE
SAT 28TH NOVEMBER
EIRCODE F31 E677
Santa Visit Slots
Between:
11:00 – 4:30
€10 per Child
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Every child gets a Goody Bag from Santa!
BOOKING OPEN NOW
Via QR Code
Pay in Advance –
Revolut or Cash
PAY IN FULL BY 24th NOV
Christmas Markets
In Mask Pavilion At Racecourse
11:00 – 5:00
More Info Contact
087 380 2650

Ballinrobe Christmas Markets and Meet & Greet with Santa

Hard to believe It's that time of year again!

Ballinrobe's annual Christmas Market takes place on Saturday the **28th of November** at the Ballinrobe Racecourse.

Book your child's visit with Santa before slots run out!
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/GegPPPPgkN

John Colleary - Mighty Quack!

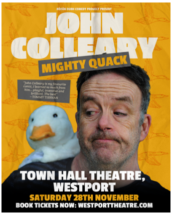
Having toured extensively with Tommy Tiernan in recent years, John has performed consecutive successful solo shows, Loud And Colleary (2023), Head Like A Shed (2024), and Wildlife (2025) all over the country with great success.

Apart from being one of the most in-demand comics in the land, John has also co-written and starred in IFTA nominated shows, The Savage Eye (RTÉ2) and Irish Pictorial Weekly (RTÉ One). Other TV credits include appearances on Hardy Bucks and Bridget & Eamon (RTÉ2).

A talented actor and mimic, John featured as one third of The Gusset Brothers on The Tommy Tiernan Show (RTÉ One). 2026 and beyond promises even more success for John as he brings his new show Mighty Quack on tour.

November 28 @ 08:00 pm
Westport Town Hall Theatre

More information and tickets: Westport Town Hall Theatre, Co Mayo. Ireland


RÓISÍN DUBH COMEDY PROUDLY PRESENT
JOHN COLLEARY
MIGHTY QUACK
"John Colleary is my favourite comic, I learned so much from him... playful, inventive and brilliant. The best"
– TOMMY TIERNAN
TOWN HALL THEATRE, WESTPORT
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
BOOK TICKETS NOW: WESTPORTTHEATRE.COM

Jingle and Mingle Christmas Market at the Fr Peyton Centre

A Magical Day of Christmas Cheer, Family Fun & Festive Spirit!

Saturday 28th November
12pm - 5pm
Attymass, Ballina F26 X884

Get ready to kick off the Christmas season at our much-loved Jingle & Mingle Christmas Market at the Fr. Peyton Centre! Join them for a wonderful family fun day filled with festive magic, local talent, creativity and community spirit.

Christmas Carols & Live Music – Enjoy the sounds of the season and sing along to your favourite Christmas classics.

Shop Local, Shop Unique – Browse their talented local crafters and discover beautiful handmade gifts and Christmas treasures.

Christmas Arts & Crafts – Let little imaginations sparkle with festive creativity and fun for all ages.

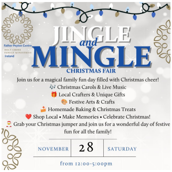
Homemade Baking & Festive Treats – Treat yourself to delicious homemade goodies and seasonal delights.

Festive Fun for All the Family – Make special memories, meet friends, support local makers and soak up the warm, welcoming atmosphere of Christmas in the community.

So, dig out your favourite Christmas jumper, bring the family and join friends and neighbours for a day of merriment, music, laughter and Christmas magic at the Fr. Peyton Centre!

Jingle, mingle and make memories with the Fr Peyton Centre this Christmas!

If you would like to take a stall, get in touch, Call 096 45374


Father Peyton Centre
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES
Ireland

JINGLE and MINGLE
CHRISTMAS FAIR

Join us for a magical family fun day filled with Christmas cheer!
🎶 Christmas Carols & Live Music
🎁 Local Crafters & Unique Gifts
🎨 Festive Arts & Crafts
🍰 Homemade Baking & Christmas Treats
❤️ Shop Local • Make Memories • Celebrate Christmas!
🎅 Grab your Christmas jumper and join us for a wonderful day of festive fun for all the family!

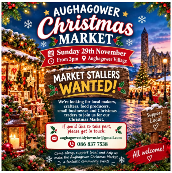
NOVEMBER | 28 | SATURDAY
from 12:00-5:00pm

Aughagower Christmas Market - Stallholders Wanted!

After such a successful Christmas Market last year, Aughagower Christmas Market is back on **Sunday 29th November.**

Market organisers are currently seeking stall-holders.

If you'd like to take part, please get in touch at aughagowertidytownshv@gmail.com or ring 086 837 7538


AUGHAGOWER Christmas MARKET
Sunday 29th November
From 3pm Aughagower Village

MARKET STALLERS WANTED!

We're looking for local makers, crafters, food producers, small businesses and Christmas traders to join us for our Christmas Market.

If you'd like to take part, please get in touch:
aughagowertidytownshv@gmail.com
086 837 7538

Come along, support local and help us make the Aughagower Christmas Market a fantastic community event!

Support Local
All welcome!

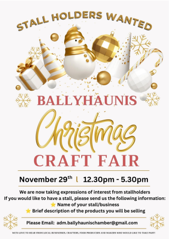
Ballyhaunis Christmas Craft Fair - Stallholders Wanted

Are you a local business, crafter, food producer or maker? Ballyhaunis Chamber would love to have you join them at the OUTDOOR Ballyhaunis Christmas Craft Fair to coincide with the Turning On of Ballyhaunis Christmas Lights

Sunday, November 29th
12.30pm – 5.30pm
Ballyhaunis

They are now taking expressions of interest from stallholders. If you would like to have a stall, please email them with:
Name of your stall/business
Brief description of the products you will be selling
adm.ballyhaunischamber@gmail.com

Come along and be part of what promises to be a wonderful festive day in Ballyhaunis! They'd love to hear from you!


STALL HOLDERS WANTED

BALLYHAUNIS
Christmas
CRAFT FAIR

November 29th | 12.30pm - 5.30pm

We are now taking expressions of interest from stallholders
If you would like to have a stall, please send us the following information:
⭐ Name of your stall/business
⭐ Brief description of the products you will be selling

Please Email: adm.ballyhaunischamber@gmail.com

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES, CRAFTERS, FOOD PRODUCERS AND MAKERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART!

Claremorris Town Hall Theatre Winter Market

! ! SAVE THE DATE ! !

Claremorris Town Hall Theatre are delighted to announce that their annual Winter Market will take place on **Sunday, 29th November** from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

With over 40 stall holders selling a variety of items, this is one market you don't want to miss!

They will have the Hall decked and the Christmas tunes playing, creating a cosy festive atmosphere.

Claremorris Town Hall Theatre's annual
Winter MARKET
SUN 29TH NOV
11am - 4pm
SAVE THE DATE!
www.townhall.ie

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Rethink Ireland AI for Good Fund

Rethink Ireland are thrilled to announce the launch of their AI for Good Fund. This €1.75 million Fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations working to better understand and adopt AI, with the aim of supporting missions, strengthening communities and advancing social innovation across Ireland.

This one year Fund was created in partnership with Google.org and The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) under the Dormant Accounts Fund. Up to 30 awardees will receive a package of supports, including:

1. A place on Rethink Ireland's AI Accelerator programme of upskilling and AI adoption
2. A Cash grant of up to €15,000 for each participating organisation to support their AI adoption journey
3. Non-financial support customised to each organisation's needs on their AI adoption journey

RETHINK IRELAND
Are you a Social Enterprise looking to bridge the AI learning gap for you or your organisation?
Apply to the AI For Good - AI Accelerator Programme

They invite applications from:

- Not-for-profit organisations that have already identified a problem or gap that they believe AI could help solve, with staff members who are keen to upskill in AI with support from leadership

The fund is open for applications from **September 30th until the 9th of November 2026.** Please see Rethink Ireland's website for more information on **who is eligible to apply** and **how to submit your online application**.

For any questions you may have, please contact Rethink Ireland at aiforgood@rethinkireland.ie.

NTR Wind & Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds 2026

The NTR Wind and Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds provides an excellent opportunity for local community groups to develop projects in proximity to NTR wind farms. If you are unsure about a possible project, please get in touch with SECAD and they will do their best to advise.

Tel: 021 – 461 3432 email: info@secad.ie website: www.secad.ie

Deadline for applications: Friday 13th November 2026.

Please find linked Guidance Notes for the NTR Wind & Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds, which may help you in developing your application.

You can access the application form here - https://www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/ntr/

Catchment Support Fund 2027

The River Basin Management Service Catchment Support Fund 2027 is now open for applications!

NOW OPEN
Catchment Support Fund 2027
Seirbhís Bainistíochta Abhantraí
River Basin Management Service
Catchment Support Fund
Administered on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Learn more at riverbasin.ie

Are you a community group or NGO working to protect and improve water quality in Ireland? The River Basin Management Service's Catchment Support Fund 2027 can help strengthen your organisation and support your work to protect our rivers, lakes and coastal waters.

In 2026, the fund awarded over €1.11 million to 56 groups across 20 counties, alongside two national projects.

Application deadline: 16th November 2026 at 11:30pm

Apply online: RBMS Catchment Support Fund 2027 | Online Consultation Portal of the River Basin Management Service

Consult your local Community Water Officer before applying!

The River Basin Management Service administers the Catchment Support Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Regional Creatives Fund Ireland

The Regional Creatives Fund Ireland is Amazon's annual grant programme supporting registered Irish charities that create pathways into creative industry careers for people from underserved communities. Grants are available for organisations already running impactful creative upskilling programmes, helping them sustain, strengthen, or scale the work they're already doing. The fund covers all creative industries, from music and film to theatre, gaming, publishing, fashion, comedy, and beyond.

The application is designed to be manageable. It should take around 30 to 45 minutes to complete. You'll be asked a small number of short written questions about your programme, your impact, and what this funding would make possible, plus some structural questions (dropdowns and tick boxes) that help them understand your context. You don't need to write a formal proposal or start anything from scratch. Just tell them what you do, why it matters, and what you need.

If you haven't already, they'd recommend reading the Grant Guide and their How to Write a Strong Application guide before you begin.

Apply here: Welcome to the Regional Creatives Fund Ireland 2026

Applications close at midnight on 30 November 2026. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2026/2027

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The scheme supports outdoor recreation activities such as walking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and hiking. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

The 2026/2027 scheme is now open to applications.

Deadline for Measures 2 and 3: December 15th

More information: Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Cash4Clubs Fund

Cash4Clubs is a small grants scheme for community sports clubs and organisations to use as they see fit, whether that's to purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications or invest in the sustainability of their club.

CASH4 CLUBS
Flutter UK & IRELAND
You can be anyone

Grants of €2,000 open on 1 October through Cash4Clubs, the small grants scheme funded by Flutter UKI and delivered by the charity Sported, with five major awards of €10,000 also available for the first time.

The money is unrestricted, so the group decides what it goes on, from venue hire to equipment to coaching. Open to not-for-profit clubs, groups and charities whose members are all aged 18 and over, with priority for groups in areas of high deprivation and those involving under-represented adults.

Applications close 1 January 2027

More information and to apply: Cash4Clubs | Home

Texaco Support for Sport Fund

The Texaco Support for Sport initiative is designed to recognise the important contribution that sports clubs make within Irish society by supporting them in a manner that can benefit them most, through the presentation of a cash prize. It offers 1 (one) sports club based in each county within the Republic of Ireland an opportunity to win a cash prize of €5,000 (Five thousand euros).

SUPPORT FOR SPORT
€5,000 AWARD FOR A CLUB IN EVERY COUNTY
Any sport Every county

Sporting bodies who have been granted tax exemption under Section 235 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and are featured on a list published by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners on 2nd July 2026 are eligible to apply. Click here for details.

The application process is now open online at **www.TexacoSupportforSport.com**

Closing date for applications is 21st January 2027 with adjudication taking place thereafter.

Community Monuments Fund 2027

The 2027 Community Monuments Fund is now open to applications.

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COMMUNITY MONUMENTS FUND 2027

The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage.

The fund aims to help owners and custodians to conserve, maintain, protect and promote local archaeological monuments and historic sites. 120 sites are expected to benefit in 2027.

Funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

Total funding available nationally for projects under Community Monuments Fund 2026 will be €7,500,000.

Applications close 5 February 2027

Read more about the fund and how to apply here: Community Monuments Fund 2026: Call for Projects – gov.ie

Some projects funded through the Community Monuments Fund in 2026 are featured in this post. They are conservation works at Kilpipe Church, Wicklow County Council, the Cistercian monastery of Abbeymahon, Cork County Council, and Taghmon Castle, Wexford County Council

2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF)

The Department of Culture, Communications and Sports have launched the 2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF). The Department has made some changes for the 2026 round compared to the 2023 round therefore applicants are strongly advised to read the information Guide (attached) in full before applying online.

An Roinn Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt
Department of Culture, Communications and Sport
2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF)

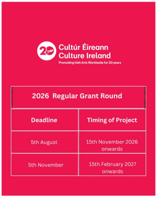
The Community Sport Facilities Fund is the primary vehicle for government support for the development of sports and physical recreation facilities and the purchase of non-personal sports equipment throughout the country.

If you are applying to the 2026 CSFF round, you must apply using the Department's new portal, SPRAOI (Sports Programme Registration and Application Online Interface). Details of how to register, or to check if your sports club is registered, are available here: Sports Capital

Applications close 26 February 2027

Culture Ireland's Regular Grant Funding Scheme

Culture Ireland operates a range of funding programmes to support and promote the presentation of Irish arts internationally.



Cultúr Éireann
Culture Ireland
Promoting Irish Arts Worldwide for 20 years

2026 Regular Grant Round	
Deadline	**Timing of Project**
5th August	15th November 2026 onwards
5th November	15th February 2027 onwards

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals. Applications are accepted from the artist/arts organisation or international presenting partner.

Culture Ireland considers applications involving contemporary Irish artists for all forms of the arts as defined in the Arts Act 2003: "arts means any creative or interpretative expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture, and includes any medium when used for those purposes".

REGULAR GRANT ROUND REMINDER – Culture Ireland's grant deadlines for the rest of 2026

BHABHTA RIALTA MEABHRÚCHÁN – Spriocdhátaí Babhtaí Deontais Chultúr Éireann daingnithe don chuid wile de 2026

More information and to apply: Showcase Scheme – Culture Ireland | Cultúr Éireann

NEWS FROM THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

Mayo Groups Honoured at IPB Pride of Place Awards 2026

ipb pride of place 2026
in association with Co-operation Ireland
ipb
co-operationireland
Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council

Mayo County Council nominated three outstanding community groups for IPB Pride of Place Awards this year:

- Clogher Environmental Group CLG in the Population 300-1000 Category 2;
- Ballina Autism Friendly Town (BAFT) in the Inclusive Communities Category 9; and
- Foxford Alzheimer's Community Trust (FACT) in the Age Friendly Communities Category 12.

The awards ceremony took place Saturday, 24th October 2026, in the Convention Centre Dublin.

We are delighted to announce that Foxford Alzheimer's Trust are the newly crowned National Age Friendly Community Champions.

Congratulations as well to all the team in Ballina Autism Friendly Town on taking the runners-up award in the Inclusive Communities Category.

Well done to the groups, their supporters and to Mayo County Council for their support.

Current Vacancies at Mayo County Council

Mayo County Council are currently setting up panels for the positions of:

- Assistant Architect
- IS Project Leader
- Civil Technician (Grade II)
- Civil Technician

Closing date for application: **Thursday, November 5th**

Closing: November 5th 2026
Visit: www.mayo.ie/careers
CURRENT VACANCIES
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Council

Additionally, Mayo County Council are setting up a panel for the following position:

- Emergency Control Operator (West Regional Communications Centre)

Closing: Thursday, November 12th

Full particulars and application form can be found here: https://mayo.ie/careers/current-vacancies

HER Moves Lights Up Castlebar at Mayo Teen Girls Fest

The success of Mayo HER Moves Teen Fest was built on months of planning, partnership and collaboration, but on the day itself, it was all about one thing – seeing hundreds of teenage girls finding activities that moved them, inspired them and made them smile.

What can we say? What. A. Day.

Over **750 teenage girls from 14 secondary schools across Mayo** came together at Mitchells GAA Complex for an unforgettable **Mayo HER Moves Teen Fest**, hosted by Mayo Sports Partnership.

Read more: HER Moves

Mayo Road Safety Office Launches New Pedestrian Crossing Leaflet

Mayo Road Safety Office has launched a new pedestrian crossing leaflet providing information and advice for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists on the safe use of Pedestrian Crossings.

The leaflet highlights key safety messages, including stopping before crossing, looking carefully in both directions, listening for approaching traffic, waiting for vehicles to stop and remaining alert while crossing. It also reminds motorists of their responsibility to slow down, remain vigilant and give pedestrians the time and space they need to cross safely.

Launching the leaflet outside Castlebar National School reinforces the importance of road safety within the school community and the need for a shared commitment to protecting young pedestrians and cyclists on their daily journeys to and from school.

More information and to download the leaflet: Mayo | Mayo Road Safety Office Launches New Pedestrian Crossing Leaflet

Mayo Community Futures Celebrates 20 Years Of Community-Led Development

Mayo Community Futures marked its 20th anniversary at a special celebration in Balla Community Resource Centre on 17th October, bringing together community representatives, volunteers and stakeholders from across County Mayo to recognise two decades of community-led planning and development.

Since its introduction in Mayo in 2006, Community Futures has empowered local communities to identify priorities, develop action plans and shape their own future. To date, 42 communities have completed the process, with many renewing and updating their plans to meet changing local needs.

The event featured a commemorative video highlighting the programme's impact across the county, with contributions from community representatives, development organisations and Mayo County Council.

More: Mayo | Mayo Community Futures Celebrates 20 Years Of Community-Led Development

Mayo County Council Showcases Community, Culture And Innovation During EU Presidency County Pairing Initiative Visit

Mayo County Council was delighted to welcome Ambassador Maaike van Koldam Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Irish Ambassador to the Netherlands, Ann Derwin, to County Mayo as part of Ireland's EU Presidency County Pairing Initiative.

The visit provided an opportunity to showcase Mayo's rich cultural heritage, vibrant communities, innovative enterprises and outstanding natural environment while strengthening connections between Ireland, the Netherlands and the wider European community.

More: [Mayo | Mayo County Council Showcases Community, Culture And Innovation During EU Presidency County Pairing Initiative Visit]

Mayo County Libraries Schools' Service And Children's Books Of Mayo Project Launch New Partnership For 2026-2027 Academic Year

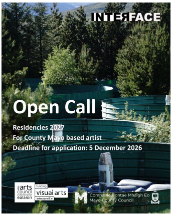
Mayo County Library Schools Service and the Children's Books of Mayo Project are delighted to announce a new partnership for the 2026-2027 academic year that will provide schools and teachers throughout County Mayo with access to a specially curated collection of local books and educational resources.

The new collaboration will see a collection of titles from the Children's Books of Mayo Project, together with copies of the Children's Books of Mayo Map, made available for teachers and schools to borrow through the Mayo County Library Schools Service for periods of up to six weeks.

Schools interested in accessing the collection or learning more about the Schools Library Service can contact the Schools Library Section at Mayo Library Headquarters by telephone on (094) 9064919 or by email at **khealy@mayococo.ie**.

More information: [Mayo | Mayo County Libraries Schools' Service And Children's Books Of Mayo Project Launch New Partnership For 2026-2027 Academic Year]

Open Call for Artist Residency


INTERFACE
Open Call
Residencies 2027
For County Mayo based artist
Deadline for application: 5 December 2026
arts council
schomhairle ealaíon
funding
visual arts
artscouncil.ie
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

Mayo County Council Arts Service and Interface Inagh are delighted to announce the opportunity for 1 artist from County Mayo to apply for a 2-week residency at Interface.

Proposals are invited from practicing artists, writers, dancers and musicians whose work explores intersections between scientific research, ecology and the arts.

- Applicants must be living and working in Mayo.
- This residency is kindly supported by Mayo County Council.
- Time of Residency: May 3-15 2027

- How to apply: Please send 1 PDF proposal including your proposal, C.V, Artist Statement and at least 6 samples of recent work or links to work to interfaceinagh@gmail.com
- What is offered: Studio space, accommodation and a stipend of €1,100
- **Deadline for application: 5 December 2026**
- Please note: A driver's license and a car are essential for this residency
- For further information on Interface Inagh, please visit: **www.interfaceinagh.com**

Clarke Museum of Irish History Receive Interim Accreditation Award under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI)

A proud day for The Clarke Museum of Irish History and Mayo County Council

The Clarke Museum of Irish History were delighted to receive their Interim Accreditation Award under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) at their awards ceremony in the Cusack Suite, Croke Park.

MSPI is the national standards programme for museums in Ireland, recognising high standards in collections care, governance, education, exhibitions and visitor services. Achieving Interim Accreditation reflects the hard work, professionalism and dedication of the entire museum team, led by Museum Manager Yvonne Corcoran Loftus, together with the valued support of Mayo County Council, their Steering Group, their dedicated staff and volunteers.

The Clarke Museum were delighted that Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council, Councillor **John Caulfield**; Director of Services, Síofra Kilcullen; and **Councillor Michael Loftus**, representing the Museum Steering Group, joined the museum team to celebrate this very special occasion.

The Clarke Museum are extremely proud of this important achievement and of everyone who contributed to reaching this milestone. They extend their sincere thanks to the Heritage Council and the MSPI team for their guidance, encouragement and continued support throughout the process.

Congratulations also to the 15 other museums from across Ireland that received awards. It was especially wonderful to see the Clarke Museum's Mayo neighbours, Ballinglen Museum of Art, **Ballinglen Arts Foundation** receive Interim Accreditation and the **National Museum of Ireland** Turlough Park, receive Maintenance of Accreditation.

A proud day for museums in Mayo.

Mayo Sports Partnership 2025 Annual Report

Now available for you to download and enjoy

MAYO
SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT
2025
Mayo Sports Partnership
Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Mhaigh Eo
SPORT IRELAND
www.mayo.ie/sportspartnership
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

- 13,588 People Benefitted from 504 Mayo Sports Partnership Programmes
- 7,235 participated in 5 physical activity interventions ie parkrun etc
- €1,224,937 invested in sport development across the county
- 4,496 participated in 12 Women in Sport initiatives
- 1,338 People with a Disability engaged in the Sports Inclusion Programme
- €75,056 in targeted funding supports given to 101 clubs / community groups

20,823 people participating in some 504 Mayo Sports Partnership programmes and 5 intervention initiatives was one of the standout statistics in the organisations recently published 2025 Mayo Sports Partnership Annual Report. Overall investment, monetary and in kind, through the Partnership was €1,224,937 which reached practically every corner of the county through participation initiatives or small grants.

Full Press release and reports in English and Irish can be found here: [Mayo | Mayo Sports Partnership 2025 Annual Report Now Available]

Official Opening of New Housing Development in Polranny, Achill

Minister for Social Protection Minister for Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary TD officially opened a new 20 home housing development at Tir na Mara, Polranny, Achill, which was developed by Mayo County Council.

The new development consists of 4 one bed, 4 three bed and 12 two bed semi-detached houses.

The development was designed and managed by Mayo County Council's in house architects and housing sections. The construction works on the project were carried out by Contracting Firm LPB along with Consultant Engineers on the Civil & Structural side Jennings O'Donnovan, Mechanical & Electrical Engineers and Quantity Surveyors KCK.

More information: Mayo | Official Opening of New Housing Development in Polranny, Achill

Communities Across Mayo Celebrate Local Climate Action

Ireland's 10th Climate Action Week was a resounding success with hundreds of events taking place across the Country.

Communities across Mayo joined-in and showcased their own actions through a series of climate action events.

With the support of Mayo County Council over 30 community-led events took place from the 9th to the 21st of October.

More: https://www.mayo.ie/news/Community-Climate-Action-Week-2026

Pictured: Lacken Sensory Garden

Road Closures and Traffic Disruption Notices

There are a number of temporary road closures and traffic disruptions in place or planned in the coming days across Mayo.

Save yourself the hassle of being caught unaware by checking current notices on: Mayo County Council News

ADVANCE NOTICE
UPCOMING TRAFFIC DISRUPTION
TRAFFIC DISRUPTION
ROADS UPDATE
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

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

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Government Launches *Our Rural Future* 2026 - 2031

What does the future hold for rural Ireland?

From thriving towns and villages to stronger local economies, better public services and more connected communities, Our Rural Future 2026–2031 sets out the next phase of rural development.

The new policy focuses on five key areas:

Creating thriving rural places
Improving access to public services
Supporting rural businesses and employment
Building stronger, more resilient communities
Protecting our rural environment

It also introduces a new strategic rural investment initiative to help unlock major regional projects, alongside measures to tackle rural isolation and support communities.

Want to know what's planned for your community?

Explore the policy and accompanying Action Plan: Government launches Our Rural Future 2026-2031 An ambitious new policy to drive rural development and strengthen rural communities

Budget 2027: Ministers Calleary and Buttimer secure €628 million in funding for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

€208 million secured for continued delivery of Rural Development schemes
€260 million for schemes within Community Development
€160 million for Gaeltacht, the Irish Language, and the Islands

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, and Minister of State, Jerry Buttimer, have announced a Budget package worth €628 million for 2027.

This funding ensures continued investment across the wide range of current and capital schemes operated by the Department, which support rural areas and communities throughout the country, including our Gaeltacht and island communities.

More: Budget 2027: Ministers Calleary and Buttimer secure €628 million in funding for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Mayo Tidy Towns Groups Take Home Honours at 2026 Supervalu Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD offered his congratulations to each of the Mayo winners at this year's National Awards, including Gold Medalists Ballina, Belmullet, Castlebar, Mulranny and Westport; Silver Medal winners Cong; Bronze Medal winners Balla; All Ireland Pollinator Plan Regional Small Town winners Belmullet, and Dark Sky Ireland winners Newport.

Minister Calleary also announced the allocation of €1.5 million in funding to support the work of almost 1,000 TidyTowns groups nationwide. This funding is intended to aid groups in their continued efforts to make their towns and villages better places to live, work and visit. This announcement brings the total amount allocated to TidyTowns groups since 2017 to €14 million.

Full details of all this year's winners are available at www.tidytowns.ie and at www.supervalu.ie

SuperValu
TidyTowns
Caring for our environment

Ministers Calleary, Buttimer and Harkin launch new Government strategy to support the community and voluntary sector over the next five years

A new five-year strategy to support Ireland's community and voluntary sector has been launched.

Ar Scáth a Chéile

Ministers **Dara Calleary TD** , **Jerry Buttimer** and **Marian Harkin** launched **Ar Scáth a Chéile: Promoting Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities.**

The strategy sets out 43 commitments across five key areas, with a focus on:

Giving communities a stronger voice in decisions that affect them
Supporting training, skills and capacity building
Strengthening partnerships and engagement
Supporting digitalisation and creative communities
Empowering communities to respond to climate change

The strategy will help build stronger, more inclusive and resilient communities across Ireland over the next five years.

More: New strategy to support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland for 2026-2030

Minister Buttimer Launches New Social Procurement Toolkits to Strengthen Trade Between Public Buyers and Social Enterprises

Creating more opportunities for social enterprises across Ireland.

Minister **Jerry Buttimer** has launched two new Social Procurement Toolkits at the Unlocking Social Value event in Dublin.

r, T.D, Minister of State at the Dept
ity Development and the Gaeltacht

Developed to strengthen connections between public sector buyers and social enterprises, the toolkits will help:

Social enterprises identify and access public procurement opportunities
Public buyers incorporate social value into purchasing decisions
Support employment, social inclusion and local communities
Deliver wider social and environmental benefits through public spending

The event, supported by the Department and Pobal, forms part of Trading for Impact, Ireland's National Social Enterprise Policy.

Read more: Minister Buttimer Launches New Social Procurement Toolkits to Strengthen Trade Between Public Buyers and Social Enterprises

Minister Dara Calleary approves €5.4m for redevelopment of Conradh na Gaeilge Headquarters in Dublin

This historic building at 6 Harcourt Street is being developed under the National Development Plan as a centre for the Irish language in Dublin. It will create a dynamic historic experience for the public and for tourists in the city and will provide office space for Irish language organisations such as **Conradh na Gaeilge**, **Oireachtas na Gaeilge** and Raidió Rí-Rá.

6 Harcourt Street is one of three major Gaeltacht capital projects that are advancing in the Department along with the €35m redevelopment of Inis Oírr pier and the construction of a multi-million-euro Education and Youth Centre in Indreabhán, Co. Galway.

More: Minister Dara Calleary approves €5.4m for redevelopment of Conradh na Gaeilge Headquarters in Dublin

EU Presidency conference highlights the vital role of public libraries in Europe

Libraries are at the heart of our communities — and across Europe, they're helping to shape a more connected and inclusive future.

As part of Ireland's EU Presidency, representatives came together to explore the vital role of public libraries in supporting learning, inclusion, digital access and community life.

A great opportunity to share ideas, strengthen European connections and celebrate the difference libraries make every day.

More: EU Presidency conference highlights the vital role of public libraries in Europe

Image source: https://www.facebook.com/DeptRuralandCommunityDevelopment

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mayo Senior Players Selected for All Star Awards

Congratulations to the 6 Mayo senior players who have been selected for All Star awards following a monumental year.

Well done to Sam Callinan, Enda Hession, Jack Carney, Kobe McDonald, Ryan O'Donoghue and Darragh Beirne.

A brilliant achievement for the players and a thoroughly deserved reward for all their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year.

This is a very proud moment for the players, their families, their clubs and everyone involved in Mayo GAA.
Mayo GAA

ALL-STARS 2026
SAM CALLINAN
ENDA HESSION
JACK CARNEY
KOBE MCDONALD
RYAN O'DONOGHUE
DARRAGH BEIRNE
INTERSPORT Elverys

Clinical Support Worker, Mindspace Mayo

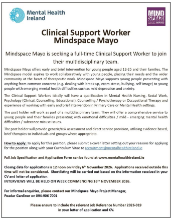
Mindspace Mayo is recruiting for a Clinical Support Worker to join their team. This is an opportunity to play an important role in supporting people experiencing mental health difficulties and contributing to a compassionate, person-centred service.

If you're passionate about mental health and have the skills and experience to make a difference, they'd love to hear from you.

Location: Mayo
Role: Clinical Support Worker

Find out more about the role, including the full job description and how to apply: Current Job Opportunities - Mental Health Ireland

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 6th November 2026.



Mental Health Ireland

MIND SPACE MAYO

Clinical Support Worker
Mindspace Mayo

Mindspace Mayo is seeking a full-time Clinical Support Worker to join their multidisciplinary team.

Mindspace Mayo offers early and brief intervention for young people aged 12-25 and their families. The Mindspace model aspires to work collaboratively with young people, placing their needs and the wider community at the heart of therapeutic work. Mindspace Mayo supports young people presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying, self-image) to young people with emerging mental health difficulties such as mild depression and anxiety.

The Clinical Support Workers ideally will have a qualification in Mental Health Nursing, Social Work, Psychology (Clinical, Counselling, Educational), Counselling / Psychotherapy or Occupational Therapy and experience of working with early and brief intervention in Primary Care or Mental Health settings.

The post holder will work as part of a multidisciplinary team. They will offer a comprehensive service to young people and their families presenting with emotional difficulties / mild - emerging mental health difficulties / substance misuse issues.

The post holder will provide generic/risk assessment and direct service provision, utilising evidence based, brief therapies to individuals and groups where appropriate.

How to apply: To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter setting out your reasons for applying for the position along with your Curriculum Vitae to recruitment@mentalhealthireland.ie

Full Job Specification and Application Form can be found at www.mentalhealthireland.ie

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 6th November 2026. Applications received outside this time will not be considered. Shortlisting will be carried out based on the information received in your CV and letter of application.
INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON WEEK COMMENCING 16TH NOVEMBER 2026.

For informal enquiries, please contact our Mindspace Mayo Project Manager,
Peadar Gardiner on 094-906 7001

Please ensure to include the relevant Job Reference Number 2026-019
in your letter of application and CV.

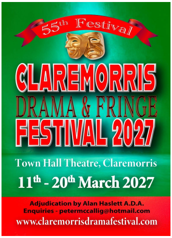
Entries Open for Claremorris Drama & Fringe Festival 2027

Entry is now open for the 2027 Claremorris Drama Festival, which will take place in Claremorris from Thursday 11th of March to Saturday 20th of March 2027.

The adjudicator will be Alan Haslett ADA, GODA.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 23.59 GMT, November 6th, 2026.

More info and to enter: Entries Sought – 2027 Fringe Festival – Fringe Festival


55th Festival
CLAREMORRIS
DRAMA & FRINGE
FESTIVAL 2027
Town Hall Theatre, Claremorris
11th - 20th March 2027
Adjudication by Alan Haslett A.D.A.
Enquiries - petermccallig@hotmail.com
www.claremorrisdramafestival.com

GAA.ie Interview: Edwin McGreal and Anthony Hennigan

GAA.ie's Cian O'Connell speaks with Never Stop Dreaming authors Anthony Hennigan and Edwin McGreal about their book chronicling Mayo's remarkable All-Ireland SFC adventure.

Listen here: GAA.ie interview | Never Stop Dreaming authors Anthony Hennigan and Edwin McGreal by OfficialGAA

NEVER STOP DREAMING
MAYO'S STORY OF ALL-IRELAND GLORY

Counselling at Erris Family & Community Support Centre

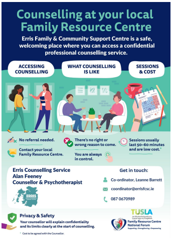
Erris Family & Community Support Centre is pleased to offer a new affordable, community-based counselling service as part of our range of local supports.

The service will be operated and subsidised via Erris FCSC with sessions delivered by a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist who is pre-accredited.

The service is non-judgmental, confidential and a safe space to help you in working through life's challenges.

If you wish to access this service or want to get some more information, please contact their Co-ordinator Leanne: coordinator@errisfcsc.ie or 0870670989

Supported by Tusla - The Child & Family Agency.



Counselling at your local Family Resource Centre

Erris Family & Community Support Centre is a safe, welcoming place where you can access a confidential professional counselling service.

ACCESSING COUNSELLING | WHAT COUNSELLING IS LIKE | SESSIONS & COST

No referral needed.

Contact your local Family Resource Centre.

There's no right or wrong reason to come.

You are always in control.

Sessions usually last 50-60 minutes and are low cost.*

Erris Counselling Service
Alan Feeney
Counsellor & Psychotherapist

Get in touch:
Co-ordinator, Leanne Barrett
coordinator@errisfcsc.ie
087 0670989

Privacy & Safety
Your counsellor will explain confidentiality and its limits clearly at the start of counselling.

* Cost to be agreed with the Counsellor.

TUSLA
Family Resource Centre National Forum
Supporting • Strengthening • Empowering

Climate Ambassador Programme 2027

Applications are now open to apply to become a 2027 Climate Ambassador.

Come find your tribe of fellow planet protectors and make 2027 the year of climate literacy, action & communication.

Find more information and the application form here: [Apply to be a 2027 Climate Ambassador - Climate Ambassador]

Make sure you apply before 5pm on the 30th of November.

BECOME A
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www.climateambassador.ie
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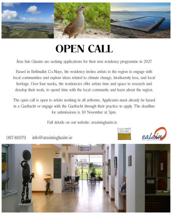
Open Call - Áras Inis Gluaire Seek Applications for New Residency Programme in 2027

Based in Bellmullet Co. Mayo, the residency invites artists to the region to engage with local communities and explore ideas related to climate change, biodiversity loss, and local heritage. Over four weeks, the residencies offer artists time and space to research and develop their work, to spend time with the local community and learn about the region.

The open call is open to artists working in all artforms. Applicants must already be based in a Gaeltacht or engage with the Gaeltacht through their practice to apply.

The deadline for submissions is 30 November at 5pm.

More: [Open Call for Artists | Áras Inis Gluaire Arts Centre]



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Full details on our website: arasinisgluaire.ie

097-81079 info@arasinisgluaire.ie

Dance Concepts is Hoping to Come to Knock

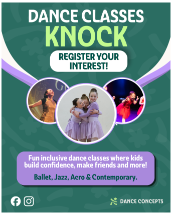
Exciting news for local families!

Dance Concepts, currently running classes in Claremorris and Ballyhaunis, is exploring bringing fun, confidence-building dance classes to Knock for children aged 3–12 years! They're opening a FREE priority waiting list to see how many local children would love to join them.

Ages 3–12 years
Fun, friendly and confidence-building classes
No dance experience needed
No payment or commitment required
Knock, Co. Mayo

Register your child's interest here:
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTDgKBdwgqj73WXrYbI9-8_nqZQeXcQMNxlLxevJMT3C8vHw/viewform?usp=publish-editor]

Help bring Dance Concepts to Knock!


DANCE CLASSES
KNOCK
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!
Fun inclusive dance classes where kids build confidence, make friends and more!
Ballet, Jazz, Acro & Contemporary.
DANCE CONCEPTS

Mayo Man is First Irish Runner to Cross Finish Line at Dublin Marathon

Congratulations to Mayo native Hugh Armstrong who finished as first Irish runner across the line and eighth overall in this year's Dublin Marathon.

An amazing achievement!

More: [Armstrong leads the way as Mayo makes its mark in Dublin Marathon]

Pic: Sportsfile.

DUBLIN MARATHON
Irish Life
SPORTS DIRECT

Mayo Author's Latest Book Captures Top Honour

Mayo author Anne Printer has received national recognition after winning the Best Junior Children's Book Award for her second book, Higgle the Holly Tree, at the 2026 Carousel Aware Prize for Independent Authors (CAP Awards).

The award was announced at a special ceremony held in Chapters Bookstore, Dublin, on Friday, 9 October. The CAP Awards celebrate excellence in independent publishing across a range of categories, including fiction, non-fiction, anthologies, children's books for younger and older readers, and book cover design.

More: [Mayo | Mayo Author's Latest Book Captures Top Honour]

CAROUSEL Aware PRIZE
FOR IRISH INDEPENDENT AUTHORS
CHAPTERS BOOKSTORE
CAP

National Heritage Week 2026 Awards County Winners

The Heritage Council's National Heritage Week Awards recognise the fantastic work of groups, organisations and volunteers who help make National Heritage Week possible.

Through their dedication and work they contribute to making National Heritage Week a festival that can be enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the 2026 County Award Winner from Mayo:

Heritage Day at Jack's Cottage, Islandeady
Islandeady Heritage Committee

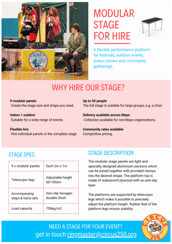
See the full list of county winners here: [https://ow.ly/bRgq5101VhP]

2026
National
Heritage Week
Awards
A Heritage Council programme
County
Awards

Modular Stage for Hire
Circus250 have a brand new flexible stage, suitable for outdoors and indoors, that is available to hire at community rates.

Based on Achill Island. Transport available within Mayo.

Call 0862 432107 for more details or email bigtop@circus250.org.



MODULAR STAGE FOR HIRE

A flexible performance platform for festivals, outdoor events, indoor shows and community gatherings.

WHY HIRE OUR STAGE?

9 modular panels
Create the stage size and shape you need.

Indoor + outdoor
Suitable for a wide range of events.

Flexible hire
Hire individual panels or the complete stage.

Up to 50 people
The full stage is suitable for large groups, e.g. a choir.

Delivery available across Mayo
Collection available for non-Mayo organisations.

Community rates available
Competitive pricing.

STAGE SPEC

9 x modular panels	Each 2m x 1m
Telescopic legs	Adjustable height 60-100cm
Accompanying steps & hand rails	Non-slip hexagan durable finish
Load capacity	750kg/m2

STAGE DESCRIPTION

The modular stage panels are light and specially designed aluminium sections which can be joined together with provided clamps into the desired shape. The platform top is made of waterproof plywood with an anti-slip layer

The platforms are supported by telescopic legs which make it possible to precisely adjust the platform height. Rubber feet of the platform legs ensure stability.

NEED A STAGE FOR YOUR EVENT?
get in touch ringmaster@circus250.org

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS/SURVEYS

Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County Mayo) Bye-Laws 2026 - Public Consultation
Mayo County Council in exercising powers conferred on it under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004, as amended and in the interest of public safety hereby gives notice of its intention to make Special Speed Limit Bye-laws in accordance with the 'Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland', as issued and amended by the Department of Transport; in respect of certain roads within the administrative area of the County of Mayo.

The draft bye-laws (for respective Municipal Districts) may be inspected during normal office hours (9:30am - 1pm and 2pm - 4:30pm) Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) **until Tuesday 3rd November 2026** (inclusive) at the following locations:

Ballina Civic Offices, Arran Place, Ballina, Co Mayo. F26 E5D7
Castlebar Area Office, Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. F23 WF90
Claremorris Area Office, Kilcolman Rd, Claremorris, Co. Mayo. F12 P383
Swinford Area Office, Station Rd, Swinford, Co. Mayo, F12 V126
Ballinrobe Area Office, Kilmaine Rd, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, F31 RR96
Westport Municipal District Office, Altamont Street, Westport, Co. Mayo. F28 W248
Belmullet Civic Offices, Church Road, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. F26 W5H0

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

The draft bye-laws (in map format) will also be available to view online at and during the above dates.

More information: [Mayo | Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County Mayo) Bye-Laws 2026 - Public Consultation]()

The latest time for receipt of Submissions and observations is **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 4:30pm.**

David Mellett - Director of Services

Public Consultation on the Review of the National Maritime Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan
The Irish Coast Guard (IRCG), a division of the Department of Transport, is seeking input to a review of Ireland's National Maritime Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan known as the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The NCP, which was first published in 2020, sets out a national framework for preparedness, response, recovery and interagency coordination relating to maritime casualties and marine pollution incidents along our coasts and at sea – within Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone.

An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Open from **30 September to 4 November**, IRCG have designed an [online survey]() to help capture public and stakeholder views, particularly those with an interest in pollution prevention, preparedness and response management – having regard to the potential impacts that a major maritime pollution incident could have on wildlife, local industries, and the environment. In addition, in an effort to further assist respondents, IRCG have also prepared an Issues Paper for context – this can be accessed on the relevant Gov.ie webpage [here]().

More information: [Public Consultation on the review of the National Maritime Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan]()

Public Consultation on the Proposed Approach to the National Wastewater and Drainage Plan (NWWDP)

Uisce Éireann is developing its first National Wastewater and Drainage Plan (NWWDP), which will establish a long-term, evidence-based framework for understanding public wastewater system performance, assessing future risks and identifying planning and investment needs to 2055. The Plan will support environmental protection, sustainable growth, housing delivery and economic development, helping to ensure wastewater infrastructure continues to meet Ireland's future needs.

Public consultation on the Proposed Approach and Strategic Context and the proposed scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment commenced **22nd October and will run until the 17th December 2026.**

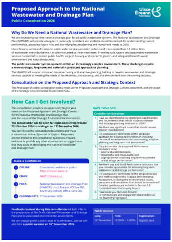
They are seeking your views on:
the challenges, opportunities and future trends that should shape the Plan;
the proposed approach to developing the NWWDP;
the proposed Performance Indicators;
the scope and methodology of the Strategic Environmental Assessment; and
how Uisce Éireann should communicate and engage as the Plan develops.

Feedback will inform the preparation of the Draft NWWDP and its accompanying environmental assessments. A key element of the consultation is the proposed set of national Performance Indicators, which will provide a consistent framework for assessing wastewater system performance and future vulnerability. They particularly welcome feedback on whether these indicators are clear, meaningful, and appropriate.

More information and consultation documents are available at www.water.ie/nwwdp.

Registration details for a public webinar on 16th November 2026 (12:30pm-1:30pm) can be found here.

Submissions can be made via:
Online: consult.water.ie
Email: NWWDP@water.ie
Post: National Wastewater and Drainage Plan (NWWDP), Uisce Éireann, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City



Proposed Approach to the National Wastewater and Drainage Plan
Public Consultation 2026

Uisce Éireann
Irish Water

Why Do We Need a National Wastewater and Drainage Plan?

We are developing our first national strategic plan for all public wastewater systems. The National Wastewater and Drainage Plan (NWWDP) will provide a long-term, nationally consistent and evidence-based framework for understanding current performance, assessing future risks and identifying future planning and investment needs to 2055.

Uisce Éireann, as Ireland's national public water services provider, collects and treats more than 1.2 billion litres of wastewater every day before it is safely returned to the environment. Providing safe, secure and sustainable wastewater services is essential to protect public health, support housing and economic growth, and safeguard Ireland's water environment and natural resources.

The public wastewater system operates within an increasingly complex environment. These challenges require a more strategic, long-term and nationally consistent approach to planning.

The NWWDP will support informed decision-making and adaptive planning, helping to develop wastewater and drainage services capable of meeting the needs of communities, the economy, and the environment over the coming decades.

Consultation on the Proposed Approach and Strategic Context

This first stage of public consultation seeks views on the Proposed Approach and Strategic Context document, and the scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

How Can I Get Involved?

This consultation provides an opportunity to give your views on the Proposed Approach and Strategic Context for the National Wastewater and Drainage Plan, and the scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The consultation will be open for eight weeks from 9:00AM 22nd October 2026 to midnight on 17th December 2026.

You can review the consultation documents and make a submission online, by email or by post. Responses are not limited to the consultation questions. You are welcome to provide any other observations or suggestions that may assist in developing the National Wastewater and Drainage Plan.

Make a Submission

1 **ONLINE:** Consultation website or portal: https://consult.water.ie
2 **EMAIL:** NWWDP@water.ie
3 **POST:** National Wastewater and Drainage Plan (NWWDP), Uisce Éireann, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.
4 **CLOSING DATE:** 17 December 2026

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Consultation Questions

1. Have we identified the key challenges, opportunities and future trends that should shape wastewater and drainage planning in Ireland to 2055? Are there any significant issues that should receive greater consideration?
2. Do you have any comments on the proposed approach for developing the NWWDP, including the use of evidence-based decision-making, adaptive planning and long-term risk assessment?
3. Do you consider the proposed Performance Indicators to be:
   - clear and understandable;
   - meaningful and measurable; and
   - appropriate for assessing long-term wastewater and drainage performance?
4. Are there any additional Performance Indicators that you consider appropriate for assessing long-term wastewater and drainage performance?
5. Do you have any comments on the proposed scope and methodology of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, including the environmental issues, pressures and sensitivities that should be considered? Detailed questions are included in Section 1.8 (Consultation) of the Scoping Report.
6. How would you like Uisce Éireann to communicate and engage with stakeholders as the NWWDP progresses?

Feedback received during this consultation will help inform the preparation of the Draft National Wastewater and Drainage Plan and its associated environmental assessments.

We are engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, and we will also host **a public webinar on 16th November 2026.**

Public webinar

Date:	Time:	Registration:
16th November	12:30PM – 1:30PM	Register here

National Survey of Older Adults About Home Support

The **Attune Project** (funded by the Health Research Board) is running a survey of older adults currently in receipt of any type of home support. Over 550 older adults have completed the survey so far. The results will directly inform the Department of Health, HIQA guidelines and Health Service Executive decision making about the new Statutory Home Support Scheme.

All survey responses are collected anonymously. Answering this survey will not affect any current home support services that you get.

Your answers are very important to us and will help to improve home support for everyone.

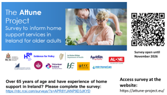
Researchers want to hear about your experiences of home support, including paid support and informal/unpaid care that helps you to live at home.

The survey could take 15-20 minutes depending on your answers.

If you are unable to fill in this survey yourself, a family member or unpaid carer can help you. This person should not be a paid home support worker who provides a service for you.
The survey has full ethical approval from RCSI University Dublin.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to complete the survey:
https://rdc.rcsi.com/surveys/?s=APR8YJANP9D3JKYD

More information: Attune Project – A study to inform home support services in Ireland



The **Attune** Project
Survey to inform home support services in Ireland for older adults

Survey open until November 2026

RCSI
HRB Evidence for Policy
An Roinn Sláinte Department of Health
Age Action
ALONE
Volunteer Ireland
HSE
UCC
Irish HomeCare

Over 65 years of age and have experience of home support in Ireland? Please complete the survey:
https://rdc.rcsi.com/surveys/?s=APR8YJANP9D3JKYD

Access survey at the website:
https://attune-project.eu/

Community Mobility Workshop - Have Your Say!

Funded by Research Ireland through the Sustainable Communities National Challenge Fund, the CONUNDRUM project aims to understand mobility issues in Irish towns and to reimagine how we could achieve more sustainable transport and mobility outside of our cities.

Their purpose is to support more resilient urban areas and sustainable communities by enabling government, citizens and enterprise to work more effectively together.

For communities without significant public transport infrastructure or financial resources to upgrade to private electric vehicles, a push to decarbonise mobility has the potential to further marginalise our most vulnerable groups particularly in smaller towns with less developed infrastructure.

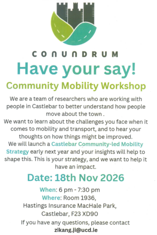
As such, while decarbonisation may be the ultimate policy objective, achieving just transitions to more sustainable mobility is key to meeting wide-spanning policy goals.

Researchers will launch a Castlebar Community-led Mobility Strategy in 2027 and they want to hear from you. Join them for this public consultation:

Wednesday 18th November
6 - 7:30pm
Room 1936, Hastings Insurance MacHale Park
Castlebar F23 XD90

Any queries, please email: zikang.ji@ucd.ie

More information about the Conundrum Project is available here: CONUNDRUM: Co-creating sustainable community mobility - Cities, Governance & Sustainability



CONUNDRUM
Have your say!
Community Mobility Workshop

We are a team of researchers who are working with people in Castlebar to better understand how people move about the town .
We want to learn about the challenges you face when it comes to mobility and transport, and to hear your thoughts on how things might be improved.
We will launch a Castlebar Community-led Mobility Strategy early next year and your insights will help to shape this. This is your strategy, and we want to help it have an impact.

Date: 18th Nov 2026

When: 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: Room 1936,
Hastings Insurance MacHale Park,
Castlebar, F23 XD90

If you have any questions, please contact
zikang.ji@ucd.ie

Mayo Age Friendly Strategy Public Consultation Questionnaire

The Mayo Age Friendly Programme, led by Mayo County Council as part of the national Age Friendly Ireland initiative, continues to support older people to have a voice in local decision-making and to help make Mayo a great place in which to grow older.

On 7th September, the Mayo Older People's Council hosted its Annual General Meeting and Information Day at the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar.

The event also marked the official launch of a countywide consultation to inform the development of the new Mayo Age Friendly Strategy 2027-2031. Building on the achievements of the current strategy, the new plan will help shape priorities and actions to support older people across Mayo over the coming years.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to complete the survey online:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ak62RDZ7YY?origin=lprLink

Deadline for completing this survey will be 30th November 2026.

The survey can also be downloaded as a PDF and submitted via email to agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie or posted to:
Mayo Age Friendly, Mayo County Council, Mayo House, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23N504

Age Friendly Strategy Public Consultation Questionaire PDF
Age Friendly Strategy Public Consultation Questionaire PDF As Gaeilge

Age Friendly mayo
MAYO AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
HELP MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS DEVELOP AN AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY THAT SUPPORTS OLDER PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE HEALTHY, ACTIVE, INDEPENDENT, SAFE, AND CONNECTED LIVES
SCAN HERE TO ACCESS
OR
HTTPS://FORMS.CLOUD.MICROSOFT/E/AK62RDZ7YY

Creative West - The Future - Have Your Say

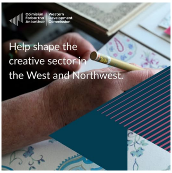
Have your say on the future of the creative economy in the West and Northwest of Ireland.

The Western Development Commission has launched Creative West 2035, a research project exploring the needs, challenges and opportunities shaping the creative economy across Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, Galway and Clare.

Building on the landmark 2008 Creative West report, this research will help support the future development of the creative economy of the West and Northwest.

Complete the survey here: **https://loom.ly/3vf-a4Y**

The closing date for the survey is 24 December 2026


Coimisiún Forbartha An Iarthair
Western Development Commission
Help shape the creative sector in the West and Northwest.

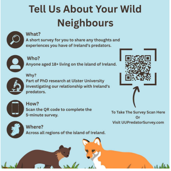
Tell Us About Your Wild Neighbours - Wildlife Survey

The University of Ulster invites people to take part in an important survey, which aims to examine public views and experiences relating to wildlife on the island of Ireland in order to inform wildlife management, conservation planning, and evidence-based decision-making, and will also contribute to academic research in this field.

By sharing your views and experiences, participants can help contribute to a better understanding of this issue.

The survey takes approximately five minutes to complete and is open to adults aged 18 and over living on the island of Ireland.

Find out more and take part: **https://uupredatorsurvey.com/**


Tell Us About Your Wild Neighbours
What?
A short survey for you to share any thoughts and experiences you have of Ireland's predators.
Who?
Anyone aged 18+ living on the island of Ireland.
Why?
Part of PhD research at Ulster University investigating our relationship with Ireland's predators.
How?
Scan the QR code to complete the 5-minute survey.
Where?
Across all regions of the island of Ireland.
To Take The Survey Scan Here
Or
Visit UUPredatorSurvey.com

Rural Maternity Research Project

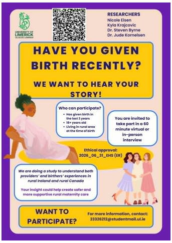
Researchers at the University of Limerick are currently conducting a study to better understand rural birthing experiences and how care can be made safer and more supportive for families in rural communities. They are interviewing individuals who have given birth and live about 60 minutes from a maternity ward.

The aim of this project is to get a better understanding of mothers who live in rural areas and their opinions and feelings around their maternity care. This study does not have a hypothesis and researchers are using an inductive approach so any results are directly grounded in the responses they receive. Their goal is to let participants guide the conversation and share the experiences they feel comfortable with. Participation is completely optional, and all data collected will be confidential. Participants will have the option to leave an email so they can see the results of the study once completed. Researchers received ethical approval for this study through the University of Limerick.

Researchers will be asking questions surrounding:
Prenatal care options in their area
If they felt safe and supported in their pregnancy
How far they had to travel for maternity care
Any barriers to care
Anything else they feel was important for researchers to know

Participation involves a confidential interview conducted via MS Teams and is completely voluntary.

For more information, email: 23326212@studentmail.ul.ie


UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH
RESEARCHERS
Nicole Eisen
Kyla Krajcovic
Dr. Steven Byrne
Dr. Jude Kornelsen
HAVE YOU GIVEN BIRTH RECENTLY?
WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY!
Who can participate?
Has given birth in the last 3 years
18+ years old
Living in rural area at the time of birth
You are invited to take part in a 60 minute virtual or in-person interview
Ethical approval: 2026_06_31_EHS (ER)
We are doing a study to understand both providers' and birthers' experiences in rural Ireland and rural Canada
Your insight could help create safer and more supportive rural maternity care
WANT TO PARTICIPATE?
For more information, contact: 23326212@studentmail.ul.ie

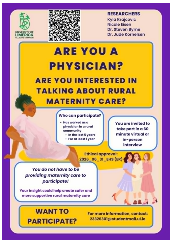
Rural Maternity Research Project - Physicians

Researchers at the University of Limerick are also conducting a complimentary study interviewing physicians who work in rural communities to ask them about their experiences with maternity care in these areas.

They are hoping that looking at these two populations alongside each other will allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the current antenatal setting in rural Ireland.

Participation involves a confidential interview conducted via MS Teams and is completely voluntary.

For more information, email: 23326212@studentmail.ul.ie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ARE YOU A PHYSICIAN?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT RURAL MATERNITY CARE?
Who can participate?
Has worked as a physician in a rural community
In the last 5 years
For at least 1 year
You are invited to take part in a 60 minute virtual or in-person interview
Ethical approval: 2026_06_31_EHS (ER)
You do not have to be providing maternity care to participate!
Your insight could help create safer and more supportive rural maternity care
WANT TO PARTICIPATE?
For more information, contact: 23326301@studentmail.ul.ie

Diabetic RetinaScreen
An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála National Screening Service
HRB Health Research Board
Ollscoil na Gaillimhe University of Galway

Opportunity for Young Adults Living with Diabetes

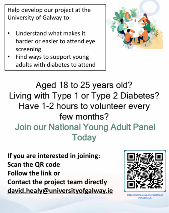
Researchers at the University of Galway are seeking young adults aged 18-25 living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes to join a National Young Adult Panel.

Panel members will help shape a project focused on understanding and improving attendance at diabetic eye screening.

The **Young Adult Panel** will be involved in the project as co-researchers, and the panel members will meet for 1–2 hours every couple of months to share their knowledge and lived experiences. Panel members will be reimbursed for their time. Researchers welcome young adults who have attended eye screening and those who have not to join the panel.

Those interested can follow the link below, scan the QR code on the flyer, or contact the project team directly at david.healy@universityofgalway.ie

Young Adult Panel contact form



Help develop our project at the University of Galway to:

- Understand what makes it harder or easier to attend eye screening
- Find ways to support young adults with diabetes to attend

Aged 18 to 25 years old?
Living with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes?
Have 1-2 hours to volunteer every few months?

Join our National Young Adult Panel Today

If you are interested in joining:
Scan the QR code
Follow the link or
Contact the project team directly
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National Survey on Pay and Conditions of Employment in the Community, Voluntary and Charities Sector 2026

The Wheel is inviting organisations across Ireland's community, voluntary, charity and social enterprise sector to take part in its latest Pay & Benefits Survey.

The survey is now open and forms part of The Wheel's ongoing research into pay, benefits and employment conditions across the sector. The organisation has been publishing this research since 2008, with the aim of building a reliable and up-to-date picture of employment practices.

The survey will gather information that can help organisations benchmark salaries and benefits, identify emerging workforce issues and support future planning. Areas covered include pensions, flexible working and developments in employment legislation.
The Wheel said the findings will also contribute to the evidence base used in advocacy with government, funders and other stakeholders.

Organisations are asked to ensure that the survey is completed by someone with access to their full pay and benefits data. Where the recipient is not the appropriate person, The Wheel is asking them to pass the survey invitation to the relevant colleague.

Complete The Wheel's Pay & Benefits Survey

The Wheel thanks all organisations that have already participated and those contributing to the research, noting that their input will help strengthen understanding of workforce conditions across the sector.

HAVE
YOUR
SAY
the wheel
Stronger Charities. Stronger Communities.
PAY & BENEFITS
SURVEY
2026

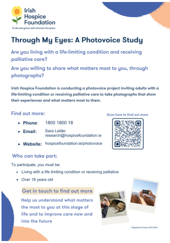
Through My Eyes: A Photovoice Study

Irish Hospice Foundation is conducting a photovoice research study inviting adults living with a life-limiting condition and receiving palliative care to share their experiences through photography.

To take part in the study, scan the QR code or go to: Through My Eyes: A Photovoice Study at End of Life

If you would like to find out more / have any questions, Irish Hospice Foundation's Director of Research & Policy, Sara Leitão, would love to hear from you. Her contact details are:

Phone: 1800 1800 18
Email: research@hospicefoundation.ie



Irish Hospice Foundation
To die and grieve well wherever the place

Through My Eyes: A Photovoice Study

Are you living with a life-limiting condition and receiving palliative care?

Are you willing to share what matters most to you, through photographs?

Irish Hospice Foundation is conducting a photovoice project inviting adults with a life-limiting condition or receiving palliative care to take photographs that show their experiences and what matters most to them.

Find out more:

- **Phone:** 1800 1800 18
- **Email:** Sara Leitão research@hospicefoundation.ie
- **Website:** hospicefoundation.ie/photovoice

Scan here to find out more

Who can take part:

To participate, you must be:

- Living with a life limiting condition or receiving palliative
- Over 18 years old

Get in touch to find out more

Help us understand what matters the most to you at this stage of life and to improve care now and into the future

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The Irish Volunteering Index – Have Your Say!

The Irish Volunteering Index is a national survey on volunteering in Ireland. It explores who volunteers, who does not, what motivates people, what barriers they face and how volunteering can be better supported in the future.

Help build the national picture of volunteering in Ireland
During International Volunteer Year 2026, Volunteer Ireland are launching the first edition of the Irish Volunteering Index. And they need your help!

Have your say: your voice matters!
Take part in the survey, preferably through the link shared by an organisation you are connected to.

Take the survey

Organisation or local government?
Help us reach more voices across Ireland. Organisations, local authorities and sectoral bodies can still sign up, share their own survey link and receive personalised results for free.

How to get involved:
Sign up to participate – help us share the survey far and wide once it launches
Share the survey with your own members and volunteers
Gain insights for your organisation, compare your results and create impact

Sign up

More: Irish Volunteering Index

Help us build a picture of volunteering in Ireland!
Irish Volunteering Index
The biggest survey on volunteering and social engagement
Have your say on irishvolunteeringindex.ie
Volunteer Ireland
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National Equity in Education Survey

Have you been involved in any educational initiatives? If so, researchers from Maynooth University's National Centre for Inclusive Higher Education want to hear from you!

HELLO! CAN YOU HELP?
TAKE OUR SURVEY PLEASE!
Maynooth University National University of Ireland Maynooth
National Centre for Inclusive Higher Education
Equity Excellence Empowerment

This project aims to create a national repository of all the research and evaluations in Ireland on supporting access and widening participation initiatives into education which have been undertaken since the beginning of the National Access Plan (NAP) in 2005.

The research will produce a national Equity Initiatives Framework for Ireland, a report showcasing featured case exemplars drawn from a systematic review and the survey findings, and a 'What Works' Toolkit highlighting effective measures and approaches, along with examples of best practice. We would greatly appreciate it if you fill it in and/or could please share this survey with relevant members of your organisation, department or team:

Take the survey here: [Equity Initiatives in Ireland - Online Surveys | Online surveys]()

Survey for Green Finance for Irish Social Enterprises

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht is seeking your support by completing this **15-minute survey** on Green Finance for Irish Social Enterprises.

This is the first comprehensive research examining how all Irish social enterprises finance environmental and climate activities. Whether you're scaling green initiatives or prioritising other social missions, your perspective matters.

Social Enterprises:
Make sure your voice is heard
National Research Study on Green Finance & Irish Social Enterprises
Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

The survey takes 15 minutes and is completely confidential. It covers your environmental and climate activities (or why you've chosen not to pursue them), financing approaches, barriers to green finance access, policy supports needed, and how you balance mission with financial sustainability.

By completing the survey, you will:
Inform future green finance policy and support mechanisms
Strengthen sector advocacy and evidence-based funding discussions
Provide participating organisations with benchmarking insights
Contribute to international research on social enterprise finance
Support Ireland's climate and sustainability transition

Please complete the survey: https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b1wv8rsnQ8MNdCS.

Have your say: Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland (DDAI) survey

Proposed changes could affect vital financial supports for disabled drivers and passengers, their families, and carers.

The Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Tax Relief Scheme (DDPTRS) currently provides:

VRT exemption
VAT refund
Motor tax exemption
Fuel duty refund
Toll exemptions.

DDAI Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland

A new Vehicle Adaptation Scheme (VAS) has been proposed, but it doesn't include these wider supports. DDAI is concerned the DDPTRS could be removed entirely, leaving many disabled drivers and passengers significantly worse off.
Your feedback will help DDAI represent those affected and highlight the real impact of any changes.

Take the short survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2YYZY3L

MEMBERSHIP OF MAYO PPN

membership

[Who Can Become a Member of Mayo PPN ?]()

Click [here]() for further information on the benefits of joining and membership criteria.

Let's hear your groups news/activities/events!

Mayo PPN will circulate your group's events and activities on their social media platforms.
If your group has something of interest to the County - let us know!
email mayoppn@mayococo.ie or call 094 906 4345.

Stay in Touch with Mayo PPN

There are many ways to keep in touch and up to date. Follow Mayo PPN on Social Media for current news and updates.
Facebook: (https://www.facebook.com/MayoPPN)
Instagram: (https://www.instagram.com/mayo_ppn/)
X (Twitter): (https://twitter.com/mayoppnetwork)

Don't forget to tag us in your news items!

Please share this newsletter with the members of your community groups, as it is important that everyone is kept up to date and well informed.

Mayo PPN – Supporting You – Supporting Your Community
Kevin Cunniffe - PPN Coordinator
Sarah Rawlings - PPN Administrator
On behalf of the PPN Secretariat Committee
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