Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Maigh Eo
Public Participation Network Mayo

OCTOBER 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

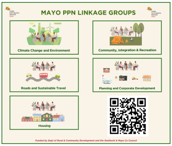
Join a Mayo PPN Linkage Group

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

Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2026 & Project Development Measure (PDM) 2026 Online Information Sessions

Mayo County Council invites Expressions of Interest under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2026 and Project Development Measure 2026.

Links to the online Expression of Interest forms and scheme outline are available on:
Town and Village Renewal Scheme

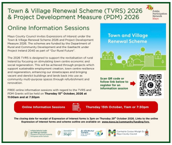
EOI portal closing: **3pm on Thursday 29th October 2026**. No EOI's will be accepted after that time.

Information sessions with regard to the TVRS and PDM Grants will be held on **Thursday 15th October, 2026 at 11:00am and at 7:30pm.**

Follow the link below or scan the QR code to register.
Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Project Development Measure - Online Information Sessions – Fill in form

If you have any queries, please contact community@mayococo.ie or phone 094-9064660.

TVRS & PDM 2026 are funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under Project Ireland 2040 as part of "Our Rural Future".



Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2026
& Project Development Measure (PDM) 2026

Online Information Sessions

Mayo County Council invites Expressions of Interest under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2026 and Project Development Measure 2026. The schemes are funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under Project Ireland 2040 as part of "Our Rural Future".

The 2026 TVRS is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland by focusing on stimulating town centre economic and social regeneration. This will be achieved through projects which support sustainable employment creation, town centre resilience and regeneration, enhancing our streetscapes and bringing vacant and derelict buildings and lands back into use as community multi-purpose spaces through refurbishment and renovation.

FREE online information sessions with regard to the TVRS and PDM Grants will be held on **Thursday 15th October, 2026 at 11:00am and at 7:30pm**

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Scan QR code or follow link below to register for an information session

Online Information Sessions | Thursday 15th October, 11am or 7:30pm

The closing date for receipt of Expression of Interest forms is 3pm on Thursday 29th October 2026. Links to the online Expression of Interest forms and scheme outline are available on www.mayo.ie/community/funding/tvrs.

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County 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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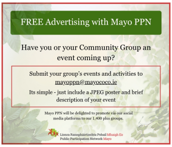

FREE Advertising with Mayo PPN

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

PLACES AVAILABLE - Tús Nua: Craft & Creativity Workshops for Older Adults!

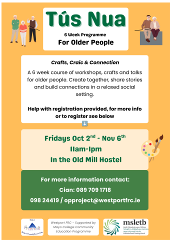
Join Westport Family & Community Resource Centre for a fun and relaxed 6 weeks full of creativity, craic & connection! Make something yourself and take it home at the end – all while making social connections and trying something new in a welcoming environment.

From painting to stencilling, chats to crafts and more in between!

Fridays, starting 2nd October
11am – 1pm
The Old Mill Hostel

Come along for the cuppa, good company or the crafts. Everyone leaves with something more than they came in with!

To Register or for more information - contact Cian on 089 7091718
(Support for this is provided)



Tús Nua
6 Week Programme
For Older People

Crafts, Craic & Connection

A 6 week course of workshops, crafts and talks for older people. Create together, share stories and build connections in a relaxed social setting.

Help with registration provided, for more info or to register see below

Fridays Oct 2nd - Nov 6th
11am-1pm
In the Old Mill Hostel

For more information contact:
Cian: 089 709 1718
098 24419 / opproject@westportfrc.ie

Westport FRC – Supported by Mayo College Community Education Programme

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Ballina Fringe Festival

Ballina Fringe Festival Celebrating Arts, Culture & Community

2-11 October 2026

Ballina Fringe Festival is a celebration of creativity, community and place on the Wild Atlantic Way. Since 2018, we have brought together artists, audiences and our town to share inspiring work across theatre, music, film, literature, visual arts and more.

Each October, Ballina comes alive with performances, exhibitions, workshops and conversations that connect people, spark new ideas and showcase the best of contemporary arts.

More information and tickets: Home - Ballina Fringe Festival

BALLINA FRINGE FESTIVAL
2-11 OCTOBER 2026

Wild Atlantic Words Festival

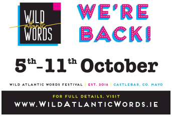
Booking info: All events at this year's festival are free of charge and on a first come, first served basis.

Donations are welcome and much appreciated.

The Festival Dome is heated, however, organisers recommend wrapping up warmly.

Location: Festival Dome at bridge st, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 PN20

More information and full programme: Wild Atlantic Words Literary Festival, Castlebar



Men on the Move - Autumn 2026

Men on the Move is an Activity Programme which is aimed at men aged 30 and over to get active, have fun and improve fitness levels. It involves weekly activity sessions which are led by a tutor .

You don't need to be fit to take part – the training sessions are structured so that you can find the level appropriate for you to join and progress your fitness at a pace to suit you!

Upcoming Sessions:
Castlebar: Monday 5 October-Monday 23 November • Starts at 8 PM
Fahy: Sunday 11 October-Sunday 29 November • Starts at 9:30 AM
Kiltimagh: Friday 2 October-Friday 20 November • Starts at 7:30 PM

More information and to register: Discover Men On The Move Events & Activities in Mayo, Ireland | Eventbrite

Queries to : dedonnelly@mayococo.ie

Information Session on Energy Options and Retrofits for Domestic Dwellings

Comhar Dún Chaocháin Teo, in conjunction with SEAI and Churchfield Home Services, is organizing an information session on the schemes that are available in relation to retrofits for domestic dwellings, energy efficiency measures, grants that are available etc

📍 The Seanscoil Community Centre in Ceathrú Thaidhg (F26 Y8P7)
📅 **Wednesday, 7th October 2026**
🕖 7.00 p.m.

Information will be available on:

- Retrofits and upgrades of domestic dwellings
- Energy efficiency
- Attic and wall insulation
- New windows and doors
- More efficient heating systems
- Current grants and schemes that are available
- Ways of improving the BER rating of your house

SEAI is Ireland's national sustainable energy authority which works with householders, businesses, communities and the government to create a cleaner energy future. Dr Orla Nic Suibhne, SEAI mentor, will outline all of SEAI's grants that are available for homeowners.

Churchfield Home Services is an SEAI registered One Stop Shop for home energy upgrades and is one of Ireland's leading home heating and insulation specialists. Its head office is based in Crossmolina, Co Mayo and Sean Ruane will describe the OSS journey.

If you are thinking of upgrading the energy efficiency, or retrofitting, your home this is an ideal opportunity to discuss your plans with qualified experts.

seai
Sustainable Energy Communities Programme

Seanscoil Community
Centre
Ceathrú Thaidhg

October 7th 2026

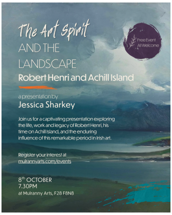
The Art Spirit and the Landscape

On **Thursday 8th October** at 7.30pm, Mulranny Arts Centre is hosting 'The Art Spirit & The Landscape: Robert Henri and Achill Island', a presentation by Irish art historian and artist Jessica Sharkey.

The presentation will explore Robert Henri's time in Achill, his work and his connection with the island and its people. The event is free and open to all.

Mulranny Arts Centre

Full details: [The Art Spirit and the Landscape with Jessica Sharkey — Mulranny Arts]



The Art Spirit
AND THE
LANDSCAPE
Robert Henri and Achill Island

Free Event
All Welcome

a presentation by
Jessica Sharkey

Join us for a captivating presentation exploring the life, work and legacy of Robert Henri, his time on Achill Island, and the enduring influence of this remarkable period in Irish art.

Register your interest at
mulrannyarts.com/events

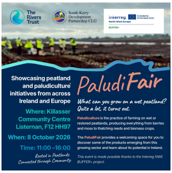
8th OCTOBER
7.30PM
at Mulranny Arts, F28 F8N8

Join Ireland's first PaludiFair!

Discover the potential of paludiculture, from new farm income opportunities to innovative peatland products and climate solutions.

Killasser Community Centre, Co. Mayo
8 October 2026
11:00–16:00
Free event

Join organisers for a cuppa and discover some of the products emerging from this growing sector and to learn about its potential in Ireland.



The Rivers Trust
South Kerry Development Partnership CLG
Interreg North-West Europe
Co-funded by the European Union
BUFFER+

Image source: PaludiDemo

Showcasing peatland and paludiculture initiatives from across Ireland and Europe

Where: Killasser Community Centre Listernan, F12 HH97

When: 8 October 2026

Time: 11:00 –16:00

Rooted in Peatlands.
Connected through Community.

PaludiFair

What can you grow on a wet peatland?
Quite a lot, it turns out.

Paludiculture is the practice of farming on wet or restored peatlands, producing everything from berries and moss to thatching reeds and biomass crops.

The **PaludiFair** provides a welcoming space for you to discover some of the products emerging from this growing sector and learn about its potential in Ireland.

This event is made possible thanks to the Interreg NWE BUFFER+ project.

Siúnta | Solo Exhibition by Niamh Coffey

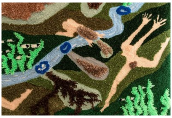
This exhibition takes its name from the Irish for a seam or joint, Siúnta weaves together separate narratives into imagined ecological relationships.

Forms of flesh, fur, flower and feather mingle and merge. Subjects develop symbiotic and antagonistic relationships, display unfamiliar actions and establish new habits together.

Niamh Coffey is a Dublin-based visual artist from Laois, whose practice encompasses textiles, drawings and sculpture.

End: October 18 @ 04:30 pm
Cost: Free
Custom House Studios + Gallery, Westport

More: [Custom House Studios + Gallery]

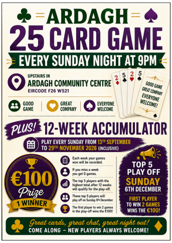


Ardagh 25 Card Game Accumulator

Ardagh 25 Card Game every Sunday night at 9pm upstairs in Ardagh Community Centre.

In addition to the weekly prize money, there will be a 12 week Accumulator from **13th September to 29th November (inclusive)**.

The top 5 players from the 12 weeks will play off on Sunday 6th December and the first person to win 2 games in the play off wins the Accumulator prize money of €100.



ARDAGH
25 CARD GAME
EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT AT 9PM

UPSTAIRS IN
ARDAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
EIRCODE F26 W521

GOOD GAME | GREAT COMPANY | EVERYONE WELCOME

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GREAT COMPANY
EVERYONE
WELCOME!

PLUS! 12-WEEK ACCUMULATOR

PLAY EVERY SUNDAY FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER
TO 29TH NOVEMBER 2026 (INCLUSIVE)

€100
Prize
1 WINNER

- Each week your games won will be recorded.
- If you miss a week you get 0 games.
- The top 5 players with the highest total after 12 weeks will qualify for the play-off.
- These top 5 players will play off on Sunday 6th December.
- The first player to win 2 games in the play-off wins the €100!

TOP 5
PLAY OFF
SUNDAY
6TH DECEMBER
FIRST PLAYER
TO WIN 2 GAMES
WINS THE €100!

Great cards, great chat, great night out!
COME ALONG – NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Autumn Courses at Knockmore Rathduff Resource Centre

Knockmore Rathduff Resource Centre are delighted to announce a programme of classes happening over the coming few weeks.

Details on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/knockmoreresourcecentre

Ring 094 925 8016 or email manager@knockmore.ie for more information.

SafeTALK Expression of Interest

Would you be interested in safeTALK training in Erris?

Erris Family and Community Support Centre are gathering expressions of interest from people who would like to take part in safeTALK suicide-alertness training.

To help them plan sessions that suit the community, they would like to know which days and times work best for those interested.

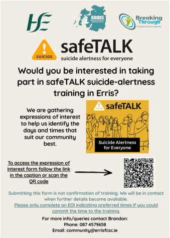
Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK) is a 3½ hour 'suicide alertness' programme that prepares participants (over the age of 18 yrs.) to identify and engage with persons who may be having thoughts of suicide.

The four basic steps of TALK are called 'suicide alertness skills' and are taught with the expectation that people learning them will use them to help save lives and reduce suicide risk in their community.

Please note that this is an expression of interest only and does not confirm a training place. Erris Family and Community Support Centre will contact everyone who submits an EOI when further details are available.

Please only complete an EOI indicating preferred times if you could commit the 3.5 hours to do the training.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eTiRmNE2UQ



safeTALK
suicide alertness for everyone

Would you be interested in taking part in safeTALK suicide-alertness training in Erris?

We are gathering expressions of interest to help us identify the days and times that suit our community best.

safeTALK
Suicide Alertness for Everyone

To access the expression of interest form follow the link in the caption or scan the QR code →

Submitting this form is not confirmation of training. We will be in contact when further details become available.
Please only complete an EOI indicating preferred times if you could commit the time to the training.

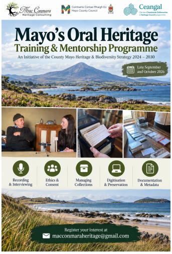
For more info/queries contact Brandon:
Phone: 087 4579658
Email: community@errisfcsc.ie

Mayo's Oral Heritage Training and Mentorship Programme

Are you interested in recording oral heritage in your community?

Mayo's Oral Heritage Training and Mentorship Programme - last few places remaining.

Contact macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or the Mayo Heritage Office on heritage@mayococo.ie / 094 9064092 to book your place.



Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting · Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Council · Ceangal

Mayo's Oral Heritage
Training & Mentorship Programme

An Initiative of the County Mayo Heritage & Biodiversity Strategy 2024 – 2030

Late September and October 2026

Recording & Interviewing
Ethics & Consent
Managing Collections
Digitisation & Preservation
Documentation & Metadata

Register your interest at
macconmaraheritage@gmail.com

Great Mayo Bakeoff and Charity Calendar Launch

The Kitchen Table Crew are delighted to announce their Great Mayo Bake Off and the launch of their 2027 charity calendar on **9th October** at the McWilliam Park Hotel in Claremorris.

Last year the Kitchen Table Crew created a recipe calendar to raise funds and awareness for two deserving charities, Cancer Care West and Kilkelly Community Centre.

The ladies make or bake all the recipes that go into the calendar as well as photograph the creations and design the calendar.

Last year was such a success; in fact they could have sold twice as many calendars if they had them!

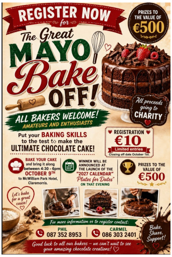
The Kitchen Table Crew's 2027 Calendar is now in the making and again they are creating a recipe calendar 'Dinner Dates' to be launched in October.

This year they are also having their own Mayo Bake Off, in search of Mayo's best chocolate cake! All the contestants have to do is register, bake their best chocolate cake, and bring it along to the McWilliam Park Hotel on the 9th October. The winner will be announced at the launch.

Registration is only €10, with prizes worth €500!

This year the Kitchen Table Crew have chosen The Ronald Mc Donald House, Cancer Care West, and Brickens Meals on Wheels as their chosen charities.

Ring Phil at 087 352 8953 or Carmel at 086 303 2401 for more information and to register.



REGISTER NOW for The Great MAYO Bake OFF!

PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF €500

All proceeds going to CHARITY

ALL BAKERS WELCOME!
AMATEURS AND ENTHUSIASTS

Put your BAKING SKILLS to the test to make the ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE CAKE!

REGISTRATION €10
Limited entries
Closing off date October 1st.

BAKE YOUR CAKE and bring it along between 4:30 - 6pm OCTOBER 9TH to McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris.

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE LAUNCH OF THE "2027 CALENDAR" "Plates for Dates" ON THAT EVENING

PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF €500

For more information or to register contact:
PHIL 087 352 8953 | CARMEL 086 303 2401

Bake, Share, Support!

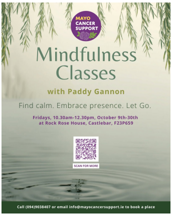
Good luck to all our bakers – we can't wait to see your amazing chocolate creations! ♡

Mayo Cancer Support FREE Mindfulness Classes

Commencing on **Friday morning, October 9th**, this four-week series of FREE mindfulness classes with Paddy Gannon is designed to help participants to learn mindfulness techniques that can help them to deal with trauma and stress.

These techniques will be particularly helpful for (but are not confined to) people who have had a challenging cancer diagnosis, those caring for a cancer patient/survivor or someone who has lost a loved one to cancer and will assist them in coming to terms with that.

For more information see https://bit.ly/4gUJlWO; call (094)9038407 (Mon-Fri) or email info@mayocancersupport.ie



MAYO CANCER SUPPORT

Mindfulness Classes

with Paddy Gannon

Find calm. Embrace presence. Let Go.

Fridays, 10.30am-12.30pm, October 9th-30th
at Rock Rose House, Castlebar, F23P659

SCAN FOR MORE

Call (094)9038407 or email info@mayocancersupport.ie to book a place

Autism Parenting Summit

Ready to join us this October?

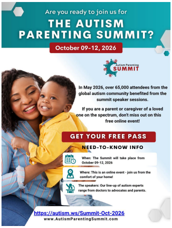
The Autism Parenting Summit is back **October 9–12, 2026!**

Join parents, caregivers, and autism professionals from around the world for a FREE online event featuring expert-led sessions filled with practical strategies, helpful insights, and support for everyday challenges.

Join from the comfort of home
Learn from autism experts, advocates & parents
Discover practical strategies you can use
Get your FREE Summit pass
BCBAs! Select Summit sessions are also available for General CEUs.

October 9–12, 2026

Register FREE: autism.ws/Summit-Oct-2026



Are you ready to join us for

THE AUTISM PARENTING SUMMIT?

October 09-12, 2026

Autism Parenting SUMMIT

In May 2026, over 65,000 attendees from the global autism community benefited from the summit speaker sessions.

If you are a parent or caregiver of a loved one on the spectrum, don't miss out on this free online event!

GET YOUR FREE PASS

NEED-TO-KNOW INFO

When: The Summit will take place from October 09-12, 2026

Where: This is an online event - join us from the comfort of your home!

The speakers: Our line-up of autism experts range from doctors to advocates and parents.

https://autism.ws/Summit-Oct-2026
www.AutismParentingSummit.com

Jewellery Upcycling Workshop at North Mayo Heritage Centre

Jewellery box overflowing with things you no longer wear? Join this creative workshop and learn from Tracy how to upcycle old and broken jewellery into something new and fabulous!

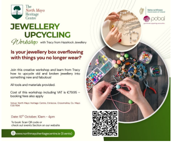
Saturday 10th October, 10am - 4pm

Use materials provided (or even bring some of your own to add) to put together unique and special jewellery from pre-loved parts.

All tools and materials provided. Just bring your own idea of beauty and a creative imagination. No experience required.

Please note the cost of this workshop including VAT is €79.95 – booking fees also apply.

More information and to register: Jewellery Upcycling - The North Mayo Heritage Centre



The North Mayo Heritage Centre

JEWELLERY UPCYCLING Workshop with Tracy from Hazelrock Jewellery

Is your jewellery box overflowing with things you no longer wear?

Join this creative workshop and learn from Tracy how to upcycle old and broken jewellery into something new and fabulous!

All tools and materials provided.

Cost of this workshop including VAT is €79.95 – booking fees also apply

Venue: North Mayo Heritage Centre, Enniscoe, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo F26 FR94

Date: 10th October, 10am - 4pm

To book: Scan QR code or check out events Section on our website

www.northmayoheritagecentre.ie (Events)

Climate Action Week 2026

Climate Action Week is Ireland's 10th Festival of Climate Action and will take place nationwide and online from the **12th to the 18th of October**. There are so many ways for your county, local community and citizens to get involved and support each other (even if your local celebrations fall outside of their official dates)!

Host
Everyone is invited to take part in Climate Action Week. And the organisers at An Taisce Climate Action Team encourage you to host and add your events to the Climate Action Week Event Guide and encourage members of the public to do the same, to ensure your local community STANDS OUT on the Climate Action Week Map. There is no limit to the number of events you can add to their event guide.

To add an event, simply click on the 'Add Your Event' tab on their website or follow this link: Add your event - Climate Action Week . Check out their Social Media Toolkit in the resources section of their website for posters, logos and stickers.

Attend
Encourage your community to visit the event guide to see what is happening in your area and book their spot. New events are being added to their event guide daily. Events - Climate Action Week

CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2026 10

SAVE THE DATE 12-18 OCTOBER

IRELANDS 10TH NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CLIMATE ACTION

DISCOVER EVENTS NEAR YOU

WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

www.climateactionweek.ie

#ClimateActionWeek

Lá Buí Bealtaine is Coming to Schools in Mayo

Táimid ag dul ar camchuairt scoile i Maigh Eo!

Beidh Lá Buí Bealtaine ag rith idir an **12 agus an 23 mí Dheireadh Fómhar 2026**

'Séard atá i gceist leis an gcamchuairt seo, ná áis agus tacaíocht a chur ar fáil do mhúinteoirí Gaeilge saor in aisce, agus draíocht na hamharclainne a roinnt leis na daltaí ina rang féin le rannpháirtíocht uathu.

Is deis iontach é seo do na daltaí chun tuiscint níos fearr a fháil ar Lá Buí Bealtaine, atá ar an tsiollabas don Teastas Sóisearach (Gaeilge T1), le tacaíocht ó chliar agus stiúrthóir proifisiúnta.

Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh linn faoi anseo ar DM nó ríomhphost a sheoladh go e.nichonchuir@antaibhdhearc.ie

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We're touring schools in Mayo!

Lá Buí Bealtaine will be touring between the **12th and 23rd of October 2026**

The aim of this tour is to provide free support to Irish language teachers , and to share the magic of theatre with the students in their own school.

It's an amazing opportunity for students to gain a stronger understanding of Lá Buí Bealtaine, which is on the T1 Irish Junior Cert curriculum, with the support of professional actors.

You can contact **An Taibhdhearc** about Lá Buí Bealtaine via DM or send an email to e.nichonchuir@antaibhdhearc.ie

AN TAIBHDHEARC

Lá Buí Bealtaine

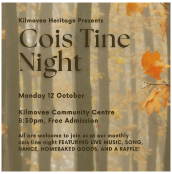
le Máiréad Ní Ghráda

Kilmovee Heritage Cois Tine Night

Mark your diaries for Kilmovee Heritage's next Cois Tine Night, **Monday October 12th** at Kilmovee Community Centre.

8:30pm
All are welcome.

Song, dance, baked goods, and a raffle on the night!



Kilmovee Heritage Presents

Cois Tine Night

Monday 12 October

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!

ATU Mayo Volunteer Fair

Mayo Volunteer Centre, in partnership with ATU Mayo, is delighted to invite community groups to take part in their upcoming Volunteer Fair:

St. Mary's Hall, ATU Mayo, Castlebar
Tuesday 13th October 2026
10:00am – 1:00pm

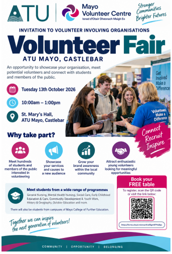
This event is a fantastic opportunity for Volunteer Involving Organisations (VIOs) to:
- Meet hundreds of students and members of the public interested in volunteering
- Showcase your services and causes to a new audience
- Grow your brand awareness within the local community
- Attract enthusiastic young volunteers looking for meaningful opportunities

The students at ATU Mayo come from a wide range of programmes, including General Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Social Care, Early Childhood Education & Care, Community Development & Youth Work, History & Geography, and Outdoor Education. Many are eager to gain valuable, practical experience that complements their studies – making this fair an excellent chance to connect with potential volunteers who are motivated and community-minded. There will also be students from campuses of Mayo College of Further Education.

To book your FREE table, please register here: [Mayo Volunteer Centre Volunteer Fair @ ATU Mayo Tuesday Oct. 13th 10:00am – 1:00pm]

Mayo Volunteer Centre look forward to welcoming you and working together to inspire the next generation of volunteers.

Please send any queries to Vincent McHale at vincent@volunteermayo.ie



ATU | Mayo Volunteer Centre
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Maigh Eo

Stronger Communities Brighter Futures

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER INVOLVING ORGANISATIONS

Volunteer Fair

ATU MAYO, CASTLEBAR

An opportunity to showcase your organisation, meet potential volunteers and connect with students and members of the public.

Tuesday 13th October 2026

10:00am – 1:00pm

St. Mary's Hall,
ATU Mayo, Castlebar

Connect Recruit Inspire

Why take part?

- Meet hundreds of students and members of the public interested in volunteering
- Showcase your services and causes to a new audience
- Grow your brand awareness within the local community
- Attract enthusiastic young volunteers looking for meaningful opportunities

Meet students from a wide range of programmes

General Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Social Care, Early Childhood Education & Care, Community Development & Youth Work, History & Geography, Outdoor Education and more.

There will also be students from campuses of Mayo College of Further Education.

Book your FREE table

To register, scan the QR code or visit the link below:

Together we can inspire the next generation of volunteers!

COMMUNITY | OPPORTUNITY | BELONGING

Connecting with Men Workshop

The HSE are holding a one day Engage Workshop on Connecting with Men

This interactive workshop will support all those practitioners and service providers who work with men, in varying capacities, to explore the world of males and to develop practical strategies for effectively engaging with them around health and wellbeing issues.

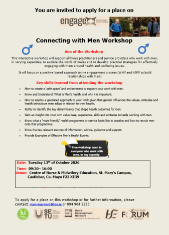
For more information see link to the Engage promotional video: [Engage - Connecting with Men]

Details are as follows:
Date: Tuesday 13th of October
Time: 09.30 – 16.00pm
Location: Centre of Nurse & Midwifery Education, St. Mary's Campus, Castlebar.

If you would like more information, please contact the HSE at mary.kearney3@hse.ie

Download booking form here: [Engage-Connecting-with-Men-Workshop-Booking-Form.docx]

Deadline for completed application is Friday 9th of October



You are invited to apply for a place on

engage

Connecting with Men Workshop

Aim of the Workshop

This interactive workshop will support all those practitioners and service providers who work with men, in varying capacities, to explore the world of males and to develop practical strategies for effectively engaging with them around health and wellbeing issues.

It will focus on a positive based approach to the engagement process (WHY and HOW to build relationships with men).

Key skills learned from attending the workshop

- How to create a 'safe space' and environment to support your work with men.
- Know and Understand 'What is Men's health' and why it is important.
- How to employ a gendered approach to your work given that gender influences the values, attitudes and health behaviours men adopt in relation to their health.
- Ability to identify the key determinants that shape health outcomes for men.
- Gain an insight into your own value base, experience, skills and attitudes towards working with men.
- Know what a 'male friendly' health programme or service looks like in practice and how to recruit men onto that programme.
- Know the key relevant sources of information, advice, guidance and support.
- Provide Examples of Effective Men's Health Events.

Free workshop open to everyone who work with men, in any capacity.

Date: Tuesday 13th of October 2026
Time: 09:30– 16:00
Venue: Centre of Nurse & Midwifery Education, St. Mary's Campus, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 XE39

To apply for a place on this workshop or for further information, please contact: mary.kearney3@hse.ie or 094 904 2233

Rolling Sun Book Festival

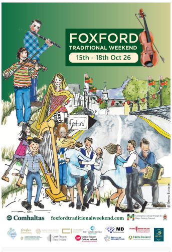
The Rolling Sun Book Festival **October 15th to 18th 2026**; is an annual celebration of books, ideas, music and storytelling held in the vibrant town of Westport, Co. Mayo.

Bringing together acclaimed authors, musicians, journalists and creative thinkers from Ireland and around the world, the festival offers an inspiring programme of conversations, performances, workshops and unique events in one of Ireland's most welcoming cultural destinations.

Westport Town, Multiple Venues

More info and booking: [Book Festival | Rolling Sun Book Festival | Westport]

ROLLING SUN BOOK FESTIVAL
WESTPORT



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TRADITIONAL WEEKEND
15th - 18th Oct 26

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foxfordtraditionalweekend.com

Foxford Traditional Weekend

Foxford will be buzzing from **Oct 15–18** for the Foxford Traditional Weekend!

Over 45 events will celebrate Irish music, song, dance & storytelling!

From pub sessions and Harp Day to the Mummers' Parade and family-friendly fun.

More: **https://foxfordtraditionalweekend.com**

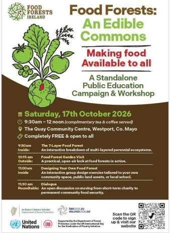
Food Forests Ireland Workshop

Food Forests Ireland are hosting a free workshop for the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17th
WHERE: The Quay Community Centre, Westport
TIME: 9.30am to 12 noon.

Open to all.

Whether you're a seasoned grower, a total beginner, or just curious about how living, edible landscapes can support our communities, everyone is welcome!



FOOD FORESTS IRELAND

Food Forests: An Edible Commons

Making food Available to all

A Standalone Public Education Campaign & Workshop

Saturday, 17th October 2026
9:30am – 12 noon *(complimentary tea & coffee served)*
The Quay Community Centre, Westport, Co. Mayo
Completely FREE & open to all

9:30am Inside:	**The 7-Layer Food Forest** An interactive breakdown of multi-layered perennial ecosystems.
10:15 am Outside:	**Food Forest Garden Visit** A practical, open-air look at food forests in action.
11:00am Inside	**Designing Your Own Food Forest** An interactive group design exercise tailored to your own community space, public land assets, or local school.
11:30 am Roundtable:	**Dialogue** An open discussion on moving from short-term charity to permanent community food security.

An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
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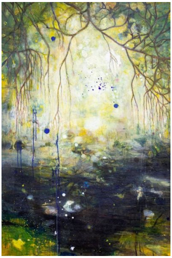
United Nations
Supported by the Department of Social Protection under the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty initiative.
Scan the QR code to sign up & visit our website



The Faraway Nearby | Solo Exhibition by Mags Duffy

The Faraway Nearby is a solo exhibition by Mags Duffy of the remembered geographies and stories of her childhood.

These new paintings question the uncertainty of what is real and what is imagined and how stories can become something else in the retelling.

Ends: October 18 @ 04:30 pm

More: Custom House Studios + Gallery

Native Woodland Conservation Training Course

Learn more about Native Woodlands in Ireland at an upcoming Native Woodland Conservation training course!

Register a place here: NWS 25 Anniversary Event – Woodlands of Ireland

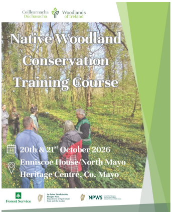
Date: Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October 2026
Location: Enniscoe House / North Mayo Heritage Centre, Prospect, Castlehill, Co. Mayo, F26 EA34

This 2-day Native Woodland Conservation course focuses on topics related to the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme including native woodland history, ecology, invasive species, other native woodland schemes under the Forestry Programme and how to implement measures of the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme for Foresters, Ecologists and Landowners.

The course is a requirement for foresters and ecologists to attend in order to receive accreditation to work on the NWC however the course would interest other stakeholders (i.e. statutory agency staff, nursery owners, environmental NGOs and interested individuals).

These courses with Woodlands of Ireland are held in conjunction with the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

Woodlands of Ireland are also having a celebration event to mark 25 years of the introduction of the Native Woodland Schemes on October 8th and 9th in Co Leitrim.Link for more information: https://www.woodlandsofireland.com/25-anniversary-nws/



Coillearnacha Dúchasacha Woodlands of Ireland

Native Woodland Conservation Training Course

20th & 21st October 2026
Enniscoe House/North Mayo Heritage Centre, Co. Mayo

Forest Service
An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
NPWS

Cook for Gaza – The Mary Robinson Centre

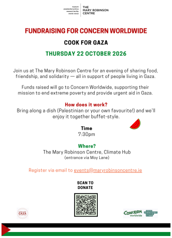
Thursday 22 October 2026

Start: 7.30pm

Bring along a dish, inspired by the featured region or simply one you love, and enjoy an evening of community, conversation, and shared purpose. All funds raised go directly to Concern Worldwide, helping deliver life-saving assistance to those who need it most.

If you would like to attend please send an email to events@maryrobinsoncentre.ie

More information and to donate to Concern Worldwide: The Mary Robinson Centre Ballina • Fundraise for Concern



THE MARY ROBINSON CENTRE

FUNDRAISING FOR CONCERN WORLDWIDE

COOK FOR GAZA

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

Join us at The Mary Robinson Centre for an evening of sharing food, friendship, and solidarity — all in support of people living in Gaza.

Funds raised will go to Concern Worldwide, supporting their mission to end extreme poverty and provide urgent aid in Gaza.

How does it work?
Bring along a dish (Palestinian or your own favourite!) and we'll enjoy it together buffet-style.

Time
7:30pm

Where?
The Mary Robinson Centre, Climate Hub
(entrance via Moy Lane)

Register via email to events@maryrobinsoncentre.ie

SCAN TO DONATE

Concern worldwide

Anonymous Art Sale – Custom House Studios + Gallery

Anonymous Art Sale in Memory of Margaret Adams, taking place at the Custom House Studios on **October 22nd from 7 – 10 pm.**

Custom House Studios + Gallery invites artists, makers and the wider community to come together for a special fundraising art sale in memory of **Margaret Adams**, their former Chairperson and a remarkable advocate for the arts and for Westport. Margaret was the first Chairperson of Custom House Studios when it was established in 2002 and remained at the helm for **23 years**, until her passing in February 2025. She was a passionate and committed champion of the Custom House, helping to realise the vision of transforming the historic building into a home for artists and a place where creativity could be shared with the community.

ANONYMOUS
ART SALE
IN MEMORY OF
MARGARET ADAMS
OCTOBER 22
7 – 9 PM

This fundraiser brings that spirit of community together once again.
Artists and members of the public are invited to contribute an original artwork on a 16 x 20 cm board supplied free of charge by Custom House Studios or donate an unframed original artwork. The finished works will form a unique anonymous art sale, with **every artwork priced at €50**.

But there is a twist… **You won't know who made it until you buy it.**
The name of every artist will remain hidden until the artwork is purchased. Once you have chosen your artwork and made your €50 purchase, you will discover the identity of the artist behind your piece.

All proceeds from the sale will go to Mayo Hospice, in recognition of the exceptional care and support Margaret and her family received. Custom House Studios invites the people of Westport, Mayo and beyond to join them for an evening of art, community, discovery and remembrance.

Come along. Choose a piece. Support Mayo Hospice. Discover the artist.

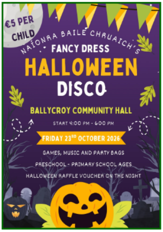
For full details and FAQs on how to participate, please visit
https://customhousestudios.ie/events/

Ballycroy Halloween Disco

You're very welcome to Ballycroy's Fancy Dress Halloween Disco!

Friday 23rd October
Ballycroy Community Hall

Games, music and party bags
Preschool - Primary School Ages
Raffle voucher on the night!

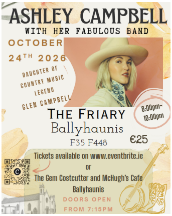


Ashley Campbell at The Friary Ballyhaunis

Ashley Campbell is bringing her beautiful blend of Americana, folk and country to the Friary on **October 24th.**

Tickets are available now on The Friary Eventbrite below and for those of you in or near the great town of Ballyhaunis, you can get yours from The Gem or McHughs.

Get ready for an unforgettable night!



Ashley Campbell, daughter of country legend Glen Campbell began her career playing banjo and keyboard in her father's band on several world tours and has found success as a solo artist in the country/Americana music scene; most notably with her debut single "Remembering" which she wrote for her father and is featured on the Grammy award winning and Oscar nominated album for the documentary Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me. Her original music has taken her all over the world, from China to Japan, to the main-stage at London's O2 Arena to opening for Kris Kristofferson, the Bellamy Brothers as well as playing at Carnegie Hall with songwriting legend Jimmy Webb.

With two internationally acclaimed solo albums under her belt, her forthcoming third album Goodnight Nashville is set for release in June 2025. In 2023 Ashley released a collaborative album, Turtle Cottage, with Thor Jensen as the duo Campbell Jensen. Ashley has also released three videos with Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox and has performed on several tours in the UK and Europe with them since the spring of 2024.

Get your tickets here: Ashley Campbell @ The Friary Tickets, Saturday, October 24 • 8 PM - 10 PM | Eventbrite

Sports First Aid (FETAC Level 5) Course - Belcarra Community Centre

Mayo Sports Partnership is delighted to announce that they will be running a Sports First Aid (FETAC Level 5) Course on **Sunday, 25th October**, in Belcarra Community Centre, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

This course is specifically aimed at **sports club volunteers, coaches, committee members, and anyone involved in community sport** who wishes to develop their first aid knowledge and skills in a sporting environment.

Sports First Aid
Mayo Sports Partnership
Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Mhaigh Eo
SPORT IRELAND
National Framework of Qualifications

Course Details:
Course: Sports First Aid (FETAC Level 5)
Date: Sunday, 25th October
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Venue: Belcarra Community Centre
Cost: €30 plus booking fees

Places are limited, so early booking is advised.

To sign up, please click on the link; https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1981759046656?aff=oddtdtcreator

Halloween Paint & Sip

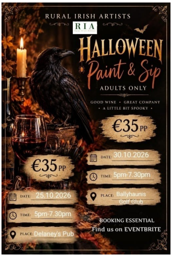
Rural Irish Artists are a collective representing all artists living and working in rural Ireland. They collaborate on community projects and support and promote artists from varying backgrounds.

Rural Irish Artists will be hosting a paint and sip on 2 dates this month!

Come paint with them! No experience required just an expectation to have fun!

Sunday 25th October, 5 - 7:30pm
Delaney's Pub, Ballyhaunis
Register here: [Halloween Paint and Sip 1 Tickets, Sunday 25 October • 5 PM - 7:30 PM | Eventbrite]()

Friday 30th October, 5 - 7:30pm
Ballyhaunis Golf Club
Register here: [Halloween Paint and Sip 2 Tickets, Friday 30 October • 5 PM - 7:30 PM | Eventbrite]()



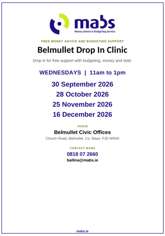
MABS - Belmullet Drop-In Clinics

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

- 30 September
- 28 October
- 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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Money Advice & Budgeting Service

FREE MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SUPPORT

Belmullet Drop In Clinic

Drop in for free support with budgeting, money and debt.

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

Europe's Rural Mobility Future: Setting Standards

On behalf of Kilkenny LEADER Partnership, we are pleased to share this announcement about three days of discussion and exchange on the future of rural mobility in Europe, taking place in Kilkenny, Ireland, on **27–29th October 2026.**

Event Details:
Date: 27-29th October 2026
Location: Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny, Ireland

The event, promoted by Renew Europe and MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, in association with Kilkenny LEADER Partnership (KLP) and the European Rural Mobility Network (ERMN) aims to be a high-level European conference on "**Europe's Rural Mobility Future: Setting Standards**".

The programme will begin on Tuesday, 27th October 2026, with a dedicated half-day ERMN side event, taking place from 14:00 to 17:30. The event will feature a short welcoming plenary followed by interactive parallel workshops, giving participants the opportunity to explore practical experiences and exchange on different themes related to rural mobility.

Further information is available at: [https://www.ermn-network.org/our-activites/europes-rural-mobility-future-setting-standards/]()

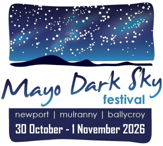
Mayo Dark Sky Festival 2026

Celebrating 10 Years of the Mayo Dark Sky Festival

The Mayo Dark Sky Festival is a three-day celebration of our pristine night skies and [proud winner of the Mayo County Council Cathaoirleach's Award for Best Festival 2026]().

From Friday **30 October to Sunday 1 November 2026**, join Mayo Dark Skies in Newport, Mulranny and Ballycroy for stargazing, expert talks, guided walks, planetarium shows, live music and inspiring night-sky experiences for all ages.

More information and to book tickets: [Mayo Dark Sky Festival | Mayo Dark Sky Festival]()



Lough Conn Childcare Halloween Fun Day

Halloween Fun Day at Lough Conn Childcare!

A fun-filled day of Halloween crafts, spooky activities, games, dancing, music and a Halloween party & disco!

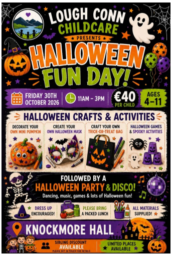
Friday 30th October 2026
11am–3pm
Knockmore Hall – located behind Knockmore/Rathduff Resource Centre
€40 per child

All materials supplied
Please bring a packed lunch
Sibling discount available

Booking is now OPEN!

[https://forms.gle/6YC3B4cpvE2ah58A7]()

Limited places available — they can't wait for a spooktacular day!


LOUGH CONN
CHILDCARE
PRESENTS
HALLOWEEN
FUN DAY!
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026
11AM – 3PM
€40 PER CHILD
AGES 4–11
HALLOWEEN CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
DECORATE YOUR OWN MINI PUMPKIN
CREATE YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN MASK
CRAFT YOUR OWN TRICK-OR-TREAT BAG
HALLOWEEN GAMES & SPOOKY ACTIVITIES
FOLLOWED BY A
HALLOWEEN PARTY & DISCO!
Dancing, music, games & lots of Halloween fun!
DRESS UP ENCOURAGED!
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH
ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED!
KNOCKMORE HALL
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH FOR DETAILS
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

The Clarke Museum of Irish History Presents Chilling Tales for Halloween

The Clarke Museum of Irish History is delighted to present Spooky Scéals Mini Movie & Monster Tales, a Halloween experience filled with eerie fun, curious creatures and stories that come alive.

Join The Clarke Museum of Irish History on **Saturday 31st October 2026** for a short Halloween mini movie followed by interactive spooky story readings, where young imaginations can dive into enchanted forests, mischievous ghosts and magical mayhem. Each session lasts around 30 minutes, making it the perfect bite sized Halloween adventure for families.

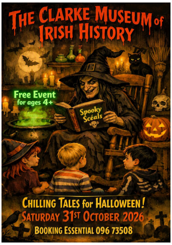
They're running three sessions throughout the day:

11am, 1pm and 3pm. This is a free event, but spaces are limited so booking is essential! Reserve your place by calling them on 096 73508.

Step into the spirit of Samhain, settle in for a frightfully fun tale or two and let the magic of Halloween unfold at The Clarke Museum of Irish History. #samhain #Halloween

** WHILST THEY HAVE DEEMED THIS EVENT TO BE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4+ PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MUST USE THEIR OWN DISCRETION BEFORE BOOKING THEIR CHILD A PLACE **

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS EVENT WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND OR FILMED FOR THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS


THE CLARKE MUSEUM of IRISH HISTORY
Free Event
for ages 4+
Spooky Scéals
CHILLING TALES for HALLOWEEN!
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026
BOOKING ESSENTIAL 096 73508

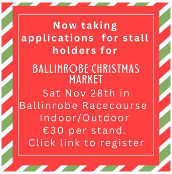
Stallholders Wanted for Ballinrobe Christmas Market

Tacú Family Resource Centre are now taking applications for stallholders at this year's Ballinrobe Christmas Market.

Christmas Market takes place on Saturday 28th November
Ballinrobe Racecourse

Stallholder Application Form for this year's below. Click Link for info & to register
Stall Holder Application Form

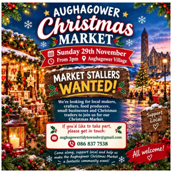
Forms must be submitted by October 23rd


Now taking applications for stall holders for
BALLINROBE CHRISTMAS MARKET
Sat Nov 28th in Ballinrobe Racecourse
Indoor/Outdoor
€30 per stand.
Click link to register

Aughagower Christmas Market Stallholders Wanted

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

Email aughagowertidytownshv@gmail.com or ring 086 837 7538 to book a stall


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!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2027

The Heritage Council has announced that its Community Heritage Grant Scheme **2027** offers funding to community groups and not-for-profit NGOs working to protect, celebrate and share Ireland's heritage.

This scheme supports community-led projects that protect, conserve, celebrate, record, share and promote Ireland's heritage.

Grants will range from €800 to €25,000.

Deadline: 16th October 2026

More information and to apply: Community Heritage Grant Scheme | The Heritage Council

Protecting, Conserving and Celebrating Ireland's Heritage
The Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2027 is now open
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2026 and Project Development Measure 2026

Mayo County Council invites Expressions of Interest under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2026 and Project Development Measure 2026.

The schemes are funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under Project Ireland 2040 as part of *"Our Rural Future".*

The 2026 TVRS is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland by focusing on stimulating town centre economic and social regeneration. This will be achieved through projects which support sustainable employment creation, town centre resilience and regeneration, enhancing our streetscapes and bringing vacant and derelict buildings and lands back into use as community multi-purpose spaces through refurbishment and renovation.

Links to the online Expression of Interest forms and scheme outline are available on:
Town and Village Renewal Scheme

EOI portal closing: **3pm on Thursday 29th October 2026**. No EOI's will be accepted after that time.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme
Project Ireland 2040
Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Once-Off Transport Grant Scheme

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is delighted to announce the launch of the Once-Off Transport Grant Scheme for 2026, in partnership with TFI Local Link Mayo.

Sláintecare.
Healthy Communities

This unique funding scheme of €25,000 is designed to break down transport barriers and improve access to vital health and wellbeing services for communities experiencing higher levels of deprivation and social isolation across Mayo.

Scheme guidelines: https://mayoppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Slaintecare-LLM-once-off-grant-scheme-guidelines-2026.pdf

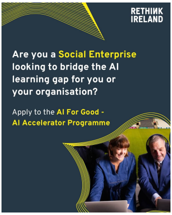
Application Form: https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fmayoppn.ie%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2026%2F05%2FSlaintecare-LLM-once-off-grant-application-form_2026.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK

All travel must take place before October 31st, 2026.

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:


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

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

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**.

Applicants are invited to join one of their application clinics on **Wednesday, 7 October or Wednesday, 21 October 2026.** These one-hour webinars will provide information on fund eligibility and the application process and offer an opportunity to answer any questions you have. Register for an application clinic here:

- Application Clinic 1 **(Wednesday, 7 October at 11.00 AM)** – Register Here
- Application Clinic 2 **(Wednesday, 21 October at 12.00 PM)** – Register Here

In the meantime, 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/

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.

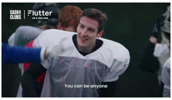
The 2026/2027 scheme is now open to applications.

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.



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

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.

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 open 19 October 2026
Applications close 26 February 2027

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

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.

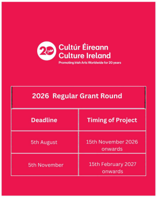
Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals. Applications are accepted from the artist/arts organisation or international presenting partner.

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]


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

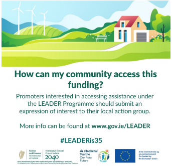
LEADER Programme

LEADER is a community-led approach to local development funded through [Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027.]

It has been operating in Ireland since its commencement in 1991 and has evolved through five successive programming periods to become a key intervention within EU rural development policy.

LEADER supports private enterprises and community groups who improve the quality of life and economic activity in rural areas. It is delivered by a network of [Local Action Groups (LAGs)] selected to implement [Local Development Strategies] for their respective geographical areas.

For more information and to apply for funding, visit: [LEADER Local Action Groups - Contact Details]



How can my community access this funding?

Promoters interested in accessing assistance under the LEADER Programme should submit an expression of interest to their local action group.

More info can be found at **www.gov.ie/LEADER**

#LEADERis35

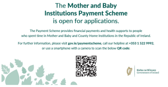
Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme provides financial payments and health supports to people who spent time as mothers or children in Mother and Baby or County Home Institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

The Scheme recognises the deep and lasting impact of these experiences and is delivered with a commitment to kindness, sensitivity and respect.

Applications are now open. Further information on eligibility, supports available and how to apply is available at [Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme] or by calling +353 (0)1 5229992.

View information leaflet here: [Attachment 1-MotherBaby_Information_Leaflet_EN_2025]



The **Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme** is open for applications.

The Payment Scheme provides financial payments and health supports to people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

For further information, please visit **gov.ie/paymentscheme**, call our helpline at **+353 1 522 9992**, or use a smartphone with a camera to scan the below **QR code**:

NEWS FROM THE MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
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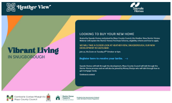
Starter Home Purchase Scheme Webinar

A lunchtime webinar for the new Starter Home Purchase Scheme at the Heather View development in Castlebar will take place on **Tuesday October 6th at 1pm.**

With information regarding the development, the Starter Home Process and getting mortgage ready, this webinar is open to all interested, however you must register for the webinar in advance at the following link: [Heather View | Castlebar, Co. Mayo | Sayvale Homes]


Heather View
Sayvale Homes
Vibrant Living
IN SNUGBOROUGH

LOOKING TO BUY YOUR NEW HOME

Hosted by Sayvale Homes and joined by Mayo County Council, the Heather View Starter Homes Webinar will explain the Starter Homes Purchase Scheme, eligibility criteria and how to apply.

WE WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HEATHER VIEW, SNUGBOROUGH, OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN CASTLEBAR.

Join us, Via Zoom on Tuesday 6th October at 1pm.

Register here to receive your invite. →

Sayvale Homes will talk through the development, Mayo County Council will talk through the Starter Home process and we will also be joined by Money Sherpa who will talk through how to get mortgage ready.

Continue to content

Job Opportunities at Mayo County Council

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

Graduate Planner
[Information Booklet – Graduate Planner]
[Apply Here]
Completed applications should be submitted not later than **4:00pm on Thursday 8th October 2026**

Assistant Engineer
[Information Booklet - Assistant Engineer]
[Apply Here]
Completed applications should be submitted not later than **4:00pm on Thursday 8th October 2026**

Sheridan - McDonnell
BURSARY
AWARD

Seven Young Mayo athletes Honoured with Sheridan McDonnell Sports Bursary Awards

Seven talented young athletes from across Mayo have been recognised for their sporting achievements with the presentation of the 2026 Martin Sheridan John McDonnell Sports Bursary Awards.

More: [Seven Mayo athletes honoured with Sheridan McDonnell Sports Bursary]

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Mayo County Council

Mayo County Council Welcomes German Ambassador to Ireland

The Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council, Cllr John Caulfield, and Chief Executive Kevin Kelly, together with a number of Council officials, were pleased to welcome His Excellency David Gill, Ambassador of Germany to Ireland, to Mayo County Council earlier today.

A productive meeting took place to explore shared interests in economic development, culture and the arts, while also recognising the important contribution of town twinning partnerships in strengthening the longstanding connections between Mayo and Germany.

Recipient Of Inaugural Mayo County Council Film Bursary Announced

Mayo County Council Arts Service is delighted to announce Croía McDermott as the recipient of the 2026 Mayo County Council Film Bursary. The bursary has been awarded for the creation of the short film *Jumpers for Goalposts*.

Croía McDermott is a Mayo-based film producer working across independent film and television. Her debut short film as producer, MACHA, premiered at the Galway Film Fleadh in 2026 and recently won Best Irish Short Film at the Clare Island Film Festival. Croía has also worked across Screen Ireland-supported productions, RTÉ Storyland and independent feature films, and is currently developing and producing a number of projects through the West of Ireland. She is particularly interested in championing Irish stories, emerging filmmakers and filmmaking in the West.

Mayo County Council Arts Service and Film Mayo are excited to support *Jumpers for Goalposts* as it makes its way to the screen, and to mark this exciting milestone in the development of the screen sector in County Mayo.

The Mayo County Council Film Bursary and Film Mayo are strategically funded by Mayo County Council and the Arts Council.

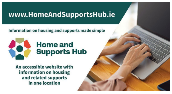
More: [Mayo | Recipient Of Inaugural Mayo County Council Film Bursary Announced]

Home and Supports Hub

The Home and Supports Hub website is a central source of accessible information on housing and related supports for disabled people.

Developed by The Housing Agency, the website provides comprehensive information on supports to enable disabled people to live independently in their own home. It includes information on various housing related grants, housing tenure options, including social and affordable housing, together with guidance on the application processes for different schemes.

Find out more here: [Accessible Information On Housing And Related Supports For Independent Living]


www.HomeAndSupportsHub.ie
Information on housing and supports made simple
Home and Supports Hub
An accessible website with information on housing and related supports in one location

Contract Signed For Outdoor Pursuits And Climbing Wall Project At Lough Lannagh, Castlebar

The Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council, Cllr John Caufield, together with the Chief Executive Kevin Kelly, Minister Alan Dillon, Elected Members of Castlebar Municipal District, Officials of Mayo County Council and ATU gathered together for the contract signing with Kenaidan Contractor Ltd for the construction of a new Outdoor Pursuits and Climbing Wall Building at Lough Lannagh, Castlebar.

This exciting project will add another fantastic dimension to the award-winning Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex, creating new opportunities for sport, adventure and outdoor recreation for people of all ages.

The development will further strengthen Lough Lannagh as a leading sports and outdoor pursuits hub for Mayo, enhancing an already hugely popular facility and helping to put Castlebar and Mayo firmly on the map as a destination for active recreation.

Minister James Browne Officially Opens New Community Dwelling In Kilbride, Swinford

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, officially opened a new community dwelling at Kilbride, Swinford, developed in partnership with Mayo County Council, Sophia AHB and the HSE.

The purpose-built development will provide a modern, high-quality home for individuals transitioning from a congregated setting to a community-based living environment, supporting greater independence, inclusion and quality of life.
The development was delivered by Kellman Development Ltd, who completed the project to a very high standard.

The opening marks another significant milestone in the ongoing commitment of Mayo County Council and its partners to deliver housing solutions that meet the diverse needs of communities across County Mayo.

More: [Mayo | Minister James Browne Officially Opens New Community Dwelling In Kilbride, Swinford]

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Mayo Celebrates Culture Night!

Culture Night 2026 took place across the island of Ireland on Friday the 18th of September.

Integration

Culture Night is strategically funded by Mayo County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland and is supported by Creative Ireland, Mayo Local Authority Integration Team, and participating groups & venues in Mayo.

For further information regarding Culture Night in Mayo contact Saoirse Anton, Culture Night Co-ordinator and Assistant Arts Officer, on mayoculturenight@mayococo.ie.

Mayo Culture Night 2026 Event Summary (PDF)

ADVANCE NOTICE
UPCOMING TRAFFIC DISRUPTION
TRAFFIC DISRUPTION
ROADS UPDATE
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Mayo County Council

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

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE GAELTACHT

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

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WELCOME TO
BALLINA
SENSORY PARK

Minister Calleary Officially Opens Ballina Sensory Park At Tom Ruane Park

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has officially opened the newly developed Sensory Garden in his hometown of Ballina. The garden, which was awarded funding of €54,570 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, will provide a therapeutic and calming outdoor sanctuary which will enhance the lives of people with sensory needs.

The Community Recognition Fund was introduced in 2023 to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland.

The Community Recognition Fund has provided over €4.7 million in Mayo towards the delivery of over 80 projects supporting towns and villages across the county.

The sensory garden was also allocated funding of €65,000 in 2021 from the then Minister for Disability, Anne Rabbitte.

More: Minister Calleary officially opens Sensory Garden in Ballina

Minister Dara Calleary approves €125,479 for Comharchumann Forbartha Ionad Deirbhile in the Mayo Gaeltacht

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, announced that he has approved a grant of €125,479 to install a new roof on Halla Naomh Breandáin, Eachléim.

The hall is a vital facility for the area, used by a wide range of groups including Coláiste Uisce, Club Óige na hEachléime, Foróige, Club Iomartha An Fhóid Dhubh, Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta, Gaeilge Iorrais, summer camps, the national school, and the local preschool.

More: Minister Dara Calleary approves €125,479 for Comharchumann Forbartha Ionad Deirbhile in the Mayo Gaeltacht

Minister Calleary announces €2.5 million for 44 community vehicles under the CLÁR programme

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced €2.5 million to deliver 44 vehicles under measure 2 of the 2026 CLÁR programme.

The CLÁR programme funds small-scale infrastructure projects in designated rural areas through a range of different measures.

The funding announced today for vehicles under measure 2 of the scheme will empower community and voluntary organisations to continue delivering much needed services for people with reduced mobility in accessing day care and vital therapeutic treatments, and for people attending clinics to access cancer treatment. The announcement today will also provide funding towards vehicles for community first responders, search and rescue organisations and groups that provide meals on wheels in our communities.

CLÁR Areas
CLÁR
2026
Eligibility Expanded to 110 Additional Areas
gov.ie/DRCDG
for more details

Projects being funded include:
Craoibhín Ballina €100,000;
Grainne Uaile Sub Aqua Club and Search & Recovery Unit Ballina €52,764;
Foróige Ballyhaunis Youth Service Bey Project €62,056;
Western Care Association Ballyhaunis €74,700;
Irish Wheelchair Association Belmullet €44,554;
St Anthony's school Castlebar €79,700

More: Minister Calleary announces €2.5 million for 44 community vehicles under the CLÁR programme

Ministers Calleary and Buttimer announce over €1.6 million funding for St. Vincent de Paul and Protestant Aid

Over €1.6 million in funding has been announced for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Protestant Aid.

Minister **Dara Calleary TD** and Minister of State **Jerry Buttimer** TD announced the continued funding to support the valuable work of both organisations.

€1.41 million for the **SVP - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ireland**
€250,000 for Protestant Aid

The funding will help support access to essential services and resources, including food, education, household necessities and emergency hardship assistance for those most in need.

More: [Minister Calleary Minister Buttimer St. Vincent de Paul Protestant Aid €1.6 million]()

€1.6 MILLION
FUNDING FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND PROTESTANT AID

Minister Jerry Buttimer Opens Rural Development Research Symposium at University College Cork

Rural development research takes centre stage in Cork.

Minister Jerry Buttimer today opened the Rural Development Research Symposium at University College Cork — the first event of its kind in almost 20 years.

Bringing together researchers, academics, policymakers and rural development stakeholders, the Symposium is exploring the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of rural Ireland.

Organised by UCC and Teagasc, the event is supported by our Department under Ireland's national rural development policy, Our Rural Future.

The Symposium is another important opportunity to connect research, evidence and policymaking to support thriving rural communities across Ireland.

More: [Minister Jerry Buttimer opens Rural Development Research Symposium at University College Cork]()

COMMUNITY NEWS

Employment Opportunity: Tourism Development Officer for Joyce Country & Western Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark

Joyce Country & Western Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark are seeking a motivated and outgoing Tourism Officer to be part of their small team of three in the Joyce Country & Western Lakes Geopark region. This role, funded by Údarás na Gaeltachta, requires a working ability for speaking Irish who will be responsible for promoting the Geopark locally, nationally, and internationally, managing events, and engaging with local businesses to develop sustainable tourism initiatives.

Additional responsibilities include developing guided tour offerings, contributing to social media and digital marketing campaigns, and coordinating with research institutions and geological societies to enhance the Geopark's profile. The successful candidate will be flexible, self-motivated, and able to work on their own initiative and with voluntary/community groups. This is an ideal opportunity for someone passionate about heritage tourism and Irish language and culture, to make a meaningful impact in one of Ireland's most spectacular landscapes, with strong possibilities for career development.

Email info@jcwlgeopark.ie for job specification. **CV with cover note to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Friday 16th October 2026**

Join the Mayo Concert Orchestra

Are you a musician looking for an opportunity to play with one of the "best in the west"??

Look no further than the Mayo Concert Orchestra!!

In existence for over 30 years and still going strong

They are always looking for new members so if you are Over 18 and can sight-read to grade 7 level+

Come along and join!

Contact they on THIS page https://www.facebook.com/MayoConcertOrchestra or email info@musicwest.ie

They would love to hear from you!

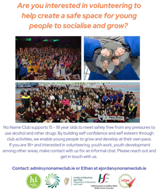
Volunteers Wanted

Castlebar No Name Club Volunteers Wanted

No Name Club are looking to find interested volunteers to re-start the club in the Castlebar area.

No Name Club is a space for 15-18 year olds to meet, socialise and develop as individuals in a safe and open setting. Clubs meet generally one evening a week.

If you're interested in potentially getting involved, possibly with 2 hours a week, please feel free to message the page, or contact Ethan at ejordan@nonameclub.ie.
https://www.facebook.com/castlebarnnc



Are you interested in volunteering to help create a safe space for young people to socialise and grow?

No Name Club supports 15 - 18 year olds to meet safely free from any pressures to use alcohol and other drugs. By building self confidence and self esteem through club activities, we enable young people to grow and develop at their own pace.
If you are 18+ and interested in volunteering, youth work, youth development among other areas, make contact with us for an informal chat. Please reach out and get in touch with us.

Contact: admin@nonameclub.ie or Ethan at ejordan@nonameclub.ie

Concern Debate Volunteer Adjudicators Wanted

The Concern Debates programme introduces students to important themes including poverty, justice, equality and development through the art of debating.

As a volunteer adjudicator, you'll have the opportunity to support students by judging their debates and providing constructive feedback to help them develop their skills and confidence.

Volunteers can choose to adjudicate secondary school debates, primary school debates, or both. On this page, you'll find all the information and resources you need to get involved with either programme.

No expertise is required to become an adjudicator but an open mind is essential. You must be able to see both sides of an argument and be able to give constructive, positive feedback.

Full online training is provided for each volunteer adjudicator and the Concern Debates team are on hand to talk you through our support materials. We ask that all adjudicators, both new and returning, attend our online training each year before the Concern Debates programme begins.

Adjudicators must be residents on the island of Ireland to volunteer. All adjudicators must be Garda vetted. For more information, please contact debates@concern.net.

Sign up here: [Volunteer Adjudicator Sign-Up Form | Concern Worldwide]()

Mayo Cancer Support FREE Creative Psychotherapy for Teens/Young Adults

At Mayo Cancer Support Association they are delighted to be able to offer important emotional and psychological support to teenagers and young adults who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis or a cancer bereavement in the form of FREE creative psychotherapy.

To find out more call (094)9038407 during office hours; email info@mayocancersupport.ie or follow this link: [Creative psychotherapy for teens/young adults — Mayo Cancer Support Association]()

Services at Cúram Family Centre Claremorris

Did you know how many services are available at Cúram Family Centre?

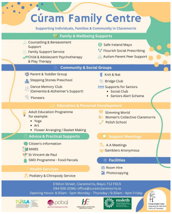
At Cúram, they're here to support individuals, families, and their community at every stage of life. From counselling and family support to community groups, education programmes, health services, practical advice, and much more – there's something here for everyone.

Visit their [Facebook Page]() to learn more about each of the services and groups available at Cúram Family Centre.

Whether you're looking for support, want to meet new people, learn a new skill, or simply find out what's available in your community, our doors are always open.

D'Alton Street, Claremorris
Monday–Thursday | 9:30am–5:00pm | Friday 9:30am–4:00pm
094 936 2096
office@curamclaremorris.ie

More: [curamclaremorris.ie]()



Cúram Family Centre

Supporting Individuals, Families & Community in Claremorris

Family & Wellbeing Supports

- Counselling & Bereavement Support
- Family Support Service
- Child & Adolescent Psychotherapy & Play Therapy
- Safe Ireland Mayo
- Flourish Social Prescribing
- Autism Parent Peer Support

Community & Social Groups

- Parent & Toddler Group
- Stepping Stones Preschool
- Dance Memory Club (Dementia & Alzheimer's Support)
- Pioneers
- Knit & Nat
- Bridge Club
- Supports for Seniors
  - Social Club
  - Seniors Alert Scheme

Education & Personal Development

- Adult Education Programme for example:
  - Yoga
  - Art
  - Flower Arranging / Basket Making
- Slimming World
- Women's Collective Claremorris
- Polish School

Advice & Practical Supports

- Citizen's Information
- MABS
- St Vincent de Paul
- SMD Programme - Food Parcels

Health Services

- Podiatry & Chiropody Service

Support Meetings

- A.A Meetings
- Gamblers Anonymous

Facilities

- Room Hire
- Photocopying

D'Alton Street, Claremorris, Mayo. F12 F6C5
094 936 2096/ office@curamclaremorris.ie
Opening Hours: 9.30am - 5pm Monday - Thursday / 9.30am - 4pm Friday

Free Sustainability Plan Website Launched for Communities Across Ireland

Building on their previous successful partnerships and extensive experience with joint sustainability projects, the Blessington Tourist Office and Blessington Allotments Campaign formally launched [SustainabilityPlan.ie]() in August 2026.

[SustainabilityPlan.ie]() enables any small business, community group, sports club or school to benchmark their current sustainability performance, set measurable targets over the next five years, and plan how they will make further progress.

Completing a sustainability plan provides a clear roadmap to reduce waste, cut emissions, improve biodiversity, and could be beneficial for future funding applications.

More: https://sustainabilityplan.ie/

Blessington Tourist Office
SustainabilityPlan.ie
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Everybody is Welcome at [Craoibhín Ballina]()

Looking for a reason to get out, meet people, try something new or simply enjoy some good company?

[Craoibhín Ballina]() is an inclusive community social centre where everybody is welcome.

It supports people as they get a little older in Ballina and the surrounding area, with opportunities to meet people, try something new, keep active and take part in community life.

There are lots of ways to get involved – from art, languages and music to chair yoga, boccia, knitting and crochet, exercise, bingo and social occasions.

But Craoibhín is about more than activities. It's about connection.
People come through the door for an activity, get to know others, make friends and become part of a welcoming community.

Whether you're in your 50s or 60s and looking for new interests and opportunities to meet people, or simply want to get out and take part in community life, Craoibhín has something to offer.

Craoibhín Ballina, St Anne's Building, Old Convent Grounds,
McDermott Street, Ballina

To find out more about activities or joining Craoibhín, contact the Centre on 087 278 5365.

Urgent Need for Volunteers at Mayo SPCA

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING AT MAYO SPCA

Shifts: 10am–1pm or 3pm–6pm

Make a Real Difference to Vulnerable Animals
Care for abandoned, neglected, and rescued cats and dogs.
Provide comfort, affection, and stability to animals who may be frightened or recovering.
Help animals thrive through feeding, cleaning, walking, and socialising.

Join a Structured, Supportive Volunteer Team
Clear tasks each shift (cats, dogs, laundry, bowls, walking).
Friendly guidance from experienced volunteers.
A welcoming community that values every hour you give.

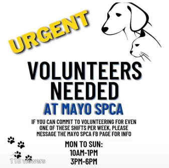
Flexible, Manageable Time Commitment
Choose either a **morning shift (10–1)** or **afternoon shift (3–6)**.
Ideal for students, part-time workers, retirees, or anyone with limited availability.

Be Part of a Community Making a Real Impact
Mayo SPCA relies heavily on volunteers — your time directly expands the shelter's capacity.
You contribute to a wider community effort to improve animal welfare across Mayo.

Personal Wellbeing & Fulfilment
Volunteering with animals reduces stress and boosts mood.
You leave each shift knowing you've made life better for an animal who needed you.

Contact:
+353 86 803 2592
info@mayospca.ie

More: Mayo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA)



URGENT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AT MAYO SPCA

IF YOU CAN COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING FOR EVEN ONE OF THESE SHIFTS PER WEEK, PLEASE MESSAGE THE MAYO SPCA FB PAGE FOR INFO

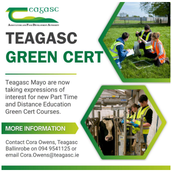
MON TO SUN:
10AM-1PM
3PM-6PM

118 viewers

Expressions of Interest in Teagasc Mayo Green Cert

Teagasc Mayo are now taking Expressions of Interest from prospective students who may be interested in completing Part Time and Distance Education Green Cert programmes here locally in Co Mayo.

Further information can be got by calling the Teagasc office in Ballinrobe on 094 9541125 or by emailing Cora.Owens@teagasc.ie



Teagasc

TEAGASC GREEN CERT

Teagasc Mayo are now taking expressions of interest for new Part Time and Distance Education Green Cert Courses.

MORE INFORMATION

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PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS/SURVEYS

Public Consultation to inform the Review of the Disability Act 2005

Closing Date for submission is Friday 9th October at 5pm

The Minister for Children, Disability & Equality has launched a public consultation to inform the review of the Disability Act 2005.

They would particularly like to hear from disabled people, their families and carers, their representative groups, and Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs).

Let Your Voice Be Heard: Public Consultation to inform the Review of the Disability Act 2005

Public Consultation to inform the review of the Disability Act

An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais
Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Gov.ie/DisabilityActReview

Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation

Your voice can help shape the future of tourism in Ireland.

Through the Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation, Fáilte Ireland is seeking feedback from people who benefit from accessible and inclusive tourism when travelling in Ireland.

Insights gathered through the consultation will help improve understanding of visitors' experiences and expectations across areas including trip planning, transport, accommodation, attractions and visitor experiences.

Take part in the survey at the following link: Fáilte Ireland Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Survey

Survey closes 29th of October.

Fáilte Ireland
Your Voice, Your Journey

UCD/IPCOR Prostate Cancer Partner Survey

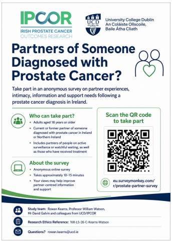
Are you the current or former partner of someone diagnosed with prostate cancer in Ireland or Northern Ireland?

UCD and the Irish Prostate Cancer Outcomes Research (IPCOR) programme are inviting partners aged 18 or over to take part in an anonymous 10–15 minute survey exploring partner experiences, intimacy, information and support needs. This includes partners of people managed with active surveillance or watchful waiting, as well as those who have received treatment.

Survey: https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/leaflet

UCD Research Ethics Reference: 168-LS-26-C-Kearns-Watson.

Survey closes 31 October 2026.



IPCOR
IRISH PROSTATE CANCER OUTCOMES RESEARCH

University College Dublin
An Coláiste Ollscoile,
Baile Átha Cliath

Partners of Someone Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer?

Take part in an anonymous survey on partner experiences, intimacy, information and support needs following a prostate cancer diagnosis in Ireland.

Who can take part?

- Adults aged 18 years or older
- Current or former partner of someone diagnosed with prostate cancer in Ireland or Northern Ireland
- Includes partners of people on active surveillance or watchful waiting, as well as those who have received treatment

About the survey

- Anonymous online survey
- Takes approximately 10–15 minutes
- Your views may help improve partner-centred information and support

Scan the QR code to take part

eu.surveymonkey.com/r/prostate-partner-survey

Study team: Rowan Kearns, Professor William Watson, Mr David Galvin and colleagues from UCD/IPCOR

Research Ethics Reference: 168-LS-26-C-Kearns-Watson

Questions? rowan.kearns@ucd.ie

Barriers to Accessing Bank Accounts for Small Community Groups

Social Justice Ireland is an independent think tank and justice advocacy organisation that advances the lives of people and communities through providing independent social analysis and effective policy development to create a sustainable future for every member of society and for society as a whole.

We're conducting a short survey to better understand how Community Groups access basic financial services, and where gaps may exist. As Community Groups need a dedicated bank account in order to receive grants and funding, by sharing your perspective, you'll contribute to research that aims to improve access to basic financial products for community groups. The survey is **quick, anonymous**, and **open to everyone**.

The Survey is open until 31st October 2026.

You can complete the survey here: Barriers to Accessing Bank Accounts for Small Community Groups Survey

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND

working to build a just society

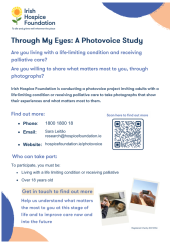
Through My Eyes: A Photovoice Study

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

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
PACT

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!

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]

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

DDAI
Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland

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
www.mayoppn.ie

Click here for further information on the benefits of joining and membership criteria.

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