

Scéimeanna Tacaíochta Pobail -
Forbairt Chultúir 2026



Community Support Schemes -
Cultural Development 2026

Foirm larratais
Gníomhaíochtaí Bolscaireachta
ar son na Gaeilge

Application Form
Irish Language
Promotional Activities

Tá an fhoirm seo le fáil i gcló mór chomh maith

This form is also available in large print

Tá míle fáilte an fhoirm seo a líonadh i nGaeilge

NAME OF APPLICANT GROUP:
(legal name of your Group / Organisation)

Please confirm you have enclosed the following:

Fully completed and signed Application Form	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Tax reference number or CHY number showing the legal name of your Group/Organisation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of up-to-date Bank Statement or Credit Union Statement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Public Liability Insurance Policy with proof of indemnification for Galway County Council	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
1 quotation(s) for each expenditure item for which grant funding is sought	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

You may submit your completed application by one of the following methods:

By e-mail to: communitysupportscheme@galwaycoco.ie (this is our preferred method of receipt – please sign the form first, then scan & e-mail it with all supporting documentation).

or

By post to: Oifigeach Forbartha na Gaeilge, Corporate Services, Galway County Council, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX.

**Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is
23rd January 2026 at 4.00 p.m.**

Office Use Only:

Date Application Received: _____

If eligible, Ref. No. assigned: _____

SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant Organisation:		
Address of Applicant Organisation:		
Online details of Applicant Organisation: (Website, Facebook, Twitter, Other Social Media)		
Is your Organisation registered with the PPN?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Reg. No. _____ No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is your Group/Organisation non-profit making?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Status of your Group/Organisation:		
If you are registered for tax/VAT, please give your Tax Reference No. and e-tax clearance access no.		
If you are a registered Charity, please give your Charity Registration no.		
Total No. of Committee / Board Members in your Group/Organisation:		
Number of Paid Staff in your Group / Organisation:	Full-Time -	Part-Time -
Number of Volunteers in your Group / Organisation:	Full-Time -	Part-Time -
Contact Names for Correspondence: (Please provide primary and back-up contacts)	1.	2.
Position in Group/Organisation:		
E-mail Addresses for Correspondence:		
Telephone No.'s for Correspondence:		
Which of the municipal districts are you applying to for funding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Athenry-Oranmore <input type="checkbox"/> Ballinasloe <input type="checkbox"/> Conamara <input type="checkbox"/> Loughrea <input type="checkbox"/> Tuam <input type="checkbox"/> County-wide	

Description of any planned event:

Name of Event / Project:	
Date(s) of Event / Project:	
Cost to participant (if any):	
Location of Event / Project (include Eircode):	
Does your project/event involve people under 18? If yes, please submit your Child Protection Policy.	

SECTION 2: DETAILS OF IRISH LANGUAGE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY

How many people will participate in your event / project?	
Describe your Group's aim/purpose and list, in bullet points, your main achievements to date:	

Please describe your target group, and what need you have identified which will be met by your Irish Language Promotional Activity:

Please describe your proposed event and highlight how it will meet this need (If you are applying for funding to purchase equipment, please confirm how it is directly related to the delivery of your event):

How will your event (a) increase the knowledge of Irish; (b) create opportunities for the use of Irish; or (c) foster positive attitudes towards its use.

How will you sustain the impact of this event on the use of the Irish Language in your area / by your target group?

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL DETAILS

Please breakdown expenditure for which you are requesting funding. Please ensure you provide 1 estimate/quote for each expenditure item - lack of this supporting documentation will render your application ineligible.

Expenditure Item(s):	Amount:
-	€
-	€
-	€
-	€
-	€
-	€
-	€
Total Expenditure on proposed event:	€
Amount of funding applied for under this Scheme:	€
Amount of Funding on hand per most recent Bank/Credit Union Account Statement (please attach same):	€

Has your Group / Organisation received any other Council, Agency or Departmental funding or grant-aid over the last year? If Yes, please give details:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<div style="height: 120px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"></div>	

Have you raised any funding through local fund-raising events or sponsorship over the last year? If Yes, please give details:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<div style="height: 120px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"></div>	

Is this proposal part of a phased development or large-scale plans? If Yes, please give details:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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SECTION 4: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DECLARATION

If successful, how will your Group/Organisation acknowledge the financial contribution from Galway County Council?

On behalf of our Group/Organisation, I confirm that:

1. I have read, understood, and accept the Terms & Conditions applicable to this funding.
2. I certify that all information provided in this application, and all information given in any supporting documentation, is truthful and accurate.
3. I agree to the processing and disclosure of information by Galway County Council and to other third parties if required for fund administration, reporting evaluation and audit purposes, and further consent to the disclosure of this information (name of applicant organisation, amount of grant award, details of project/event funded) by these parties relating to the marketing or promotion of this funding.
4. I understand that this is a competitive process and agree to accept the decision of the assessment of my application as final.
5. I confirm that we have all appropriate policies in place:
 - a) Adequate and appropriate insurance cover for our activities
 - b) A Child Protection Policy where our activities involve children / young people under 18 and have submitted a signed Declaration under the Children First Act 2015

This Declaration must be signed by Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer, on behalf of the Applicant Group/Organisation:

Name (in block capitals):	
Signed:	
Position in Applicant Organisation:	
Date:	

Assessment Criteria for Irish Language Promotional Activities Applicants

Quality	Quality of proposal and level of need in local community which it is addressing, and alignment with local and national policies
Impact	Extent to which proposed activities will increase the knowledge of Irish, create opportunities for the use of Irish, foster positive attitudes towards its use.
Capacity	Demonstrated track record, achievements to date, previous drawdown performance.
Sustainability & Development	Financial feasibility and Project Feasibility of the proposal. Benefit of the award for the development of Irish locally in the area.
Collaboration and Inclusion	Level of social inclusion in programming of events, level of participation and involvement by wider community in activities of Group/Organisation.

Community Support Schemes 2026

Closing Date: 23rd January 2026 @ 4pm

Galway County Council recognises that local communities are one of our greatest resources, and in recognition of this, has developed the Community Support Schemes to provide annual financial support for a diverse range of events and projects across 3 distinct Schemes: Economic Development, Community Development, and Cultural Development. The collective aims of these schemes are:

1. To encourage community and voluntary groups to take an active part in the development of their local community.
2. To fund projects which are of benefit to the wider community, and by doing so, improve local economic, community or cultural development.
3. To promote local economic benefits, by encouraging all grant applicants to '**Shop Local**' as collectively this can make a big difference to their local economy.
4. To promote linkages with the Public Participation Network by requiring all applicants to be members of the Galway County Public Participation Network. You can register here - <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/registration-form/> - or ensure you are already a member here - <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/members-directory/>

Requirements:

- Application Forms must be fully completed – incomplete forms or applications without required compulsory documentation will not be considered.
- Please ensure that the Group Name you enter on your online application is the legal name of your Group, i.e., same as that on your Bank Account and Supplier Set-Up Form.
- All Groups must be properly constituted and if requested, must provide evidence of a constitution, registration as a voluntary group for tax purposes, or any other additional documents/photos required to fully establish their status.
- Applicants must comply with all funding deadlines for application & drawdown stages, and if successful, cannot change their approved project without the consent of Galway County Council.

Compulsory Documentation:

- Copy of your most up-to-date Bank/Credit Union Account Statement in the official/legal name of your Group.
- Proof of Public Liability Insurance Policy with indemnification to Galway County Council
- All applicants must submit a minimum of 1 quotation for each expenditure item for which grant funding is sought – we remind you to please 'Shop Local' where possible.
- Any statutory consents required for the project proposal must be in place at application stage and proofs submitted with your application.

Irish Language Promotional Activities (no match funding requirement)

In the context of our European heritage, Irish is the oldest spoken literary language in Europe (20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 – 2030). In the context of national policy, funding will be prioritised for activities and projects which:

- a) Increase the knowledge of Irish.
- b) Create opportunities for the use of Irish.
- c) Foster positive attitudes towards its use.

Who can apply and how much will be funded?

Community and Voluntary Groups/Organisations, Business Representative Groups, Chambers of Commerce, Sports Groups, Youth Groups, Schools. A maximum grant of €1,500 will apply, although the majority of awards will be less than €500.

What can be funded?

Examples of projects are:

- Funding for research on specific Irish language heritage, e.g., placenames, townlands, etc.
- Initiatives aimed at strengthening Irish as the main language of communication in the Gaeltacht.
- Community workshops / classes to promote use of Irish in communities, e.g., to encourage businesses who wish to offer a bi-lingual service to their customers, to assist voluntary organisations who wish to increase their use of Irish.
- Irish-language based activities and events held through the Irish language, e.g., community events or cultural, social, leisure and sporting activities run through the medium of Irish (the Council's Irish Language Officer must be invited to the event).
- Seachtain na Gaeilge activities and other events which celebrate our culture and heritage through the Irish language during the year.