

SUMMER *Ready*



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SUPPORTING COUNTY GALWAY TO BE SUMMER READY 2026

Galway County Council, through the coordinated efforts of its many service areas, is undertaking a comprehensive programme of preparation to ensure that County Galway is fully Summer Ready - providing an exceptional experience for the thousands of visitors who will explore the county in 2026, while enhancing the quality of life for those who live and work here. From investment in vital infrastructure and public amenities to enhanced seasonal operations, public realm upkeep, environmental management, and community focused initiatives, the Council is committed to presenting Galway as a destination of choice. This collective work ensures that our towns, villages, coastal areas, and scenic landscapes are well maintained, welcoming, and vibrant, reflecting the pride and ambition that define County Galway.

GO WEST

Galway County Council annually invests in the 'Go West' magazine of Knock Airport alongside Local Authority partners in Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon and Galway City.





TOURISM GOLF IN GALWAY - MARKETING CAMPAIGN

The Tourism Department is currently working on a dedicated three-year marketing campaign designed to promote golf in County Galway and its surrounding areas to a domestic and international audience. With the Ryder Cup taking place in neighbouring County Clare in 2027, there will be global attention on the West of Ireland in the lead-up. This campaign in collaboration with “This is Galway” aims to position the County of Galway as a premier golf tourism destination, encouraging visitors to extend their stay and explore the regions’ outstanding golf courses, landscapes, culture and hospitality



The first edition of this year’s publication featured “Connemara Golf Club” spotlighting the county’s high quality links golf experience. Further features and promotional activity will continue through the year as part of the ongoing campaign rollout.



MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST 2026

A delegation from Galway County Council and County City Council will travel to Milwaukee in August and will operate a dedicated stand at the Milwaukee Irish Fest. to promote Galway as a visitor destination for United States audiences.

Milwaukee Irish Fest 2026 takes place from the 13th-16th August. It is the worlds largest celebration of Irish culture, attracting over 130,000 visitors.

Our engagement in the festival strengthens the transatlantic relationship between the West of Ireland and the US Midwest.

In addition to participating in the festival, the delegation 2025 trip included engagements with Washington County, Wisconsin, focusing on agricultural, housing, and community development exchanges.

TOURISM AT A SLOWER PACE: GALWAY SHOWS EUROPE THE WAY

SLOWDOWN is a 4 year European project aimed at promoting slow tourism, a sustainable and enriching approach that fosters a deeper connection with destinations, their cultures, and local communities. Its main goal is to enhance regional policies to support and develop slow tourism, contributing to local economic growth and fostering more responsible tourism across Europe.

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SLOWDOWN

Galway County Council are tandem partners with the BIA Innovator Campus in Athenry on the SLOWDOWN Project. There are 9 partners in total, from 8 EU countries; Ireland, Hungary, Spain, France, Italy, Finland, Latvia, and Romania.

We are currently in the Policy instrument improvement stage, as well as finalising our Pilot Action project.

Visit www.interregeurope.eu/slowdown, www.biainnovatorcampus.ie or <https://tinyurl.com/SpotifySlowdown> for more information.

SLOWDOWN

Promotion of slow tourism for sustainable, local and regional economic development and well-being



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EAST GALWAY PROMOTION

EAST GALWAY DESTINATION EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (DEDP)

consultants Repucon now in place to guide the process. The first group meeting has already taken place, with the next meeting scheduled for May. Public consultation phase is set to begin in the coming months to ensure strong community input into shaping the plan. The DEDP will provide a clear, coordinated strategy to strengthen East Galway's economic development, support local businesses, enhance tourism offerings, and prepare the region for increased summer visitor numbers. By aligning local priorities with practical actions, the plan will help maximize opportunities in tourism for East Galway.

PROMOTIONAL MAP FOR GALWAY EAST

An East Galway Tourism Map and brochure have been developed and are being finalised for print. The Tourism Map provides a comprehensive guide to the region's visitor offering, showcasing family-friendly activities, outdoor recreation, heritage and cultural attractions, scenic walks and waymarked trails, lakes, rivers and key visitor amenities. A QR code links directly to an online directory of local businesses, enhancing accessibility and supporting the wider tourism economy.

The brochure complements the map by focusing on the principal towns, presenting an overview of attractions, services and visitor facilities with each location. Both publications will be in circulation in time to support visitor engagement throughout the 2026 summer season.

Family Fun & Educational

Galway's Living Bog	H531N67
galwaylivingbog.com	
Athlery Arts & Heritage Centre	H65WC57
athleryheritagecentre.com	
Battle Of Aughrim Centre	H53Y5R5
heritage.galwaycommunityheritage.org/content/collections/places/battle-of-aughrim-visitor-centre	
Fallop Karting	H62Q265
polokarting.com	
Turaoe Fell Farm	H62A432
turaoefellfarm.com	
Sieve Aughy Centre	H62DX77
sieveaughycentre.com	
Dicks Bike Hire	H53E953
dicksbikerire.ie	

Food & Accommodation

Lignum	H62H738
lignum.ie	
Bollindery Park	H53XP26
bollinderypark.com	
The Pillar House	H53C778
facebook.com/thepillarhouse	
Shearwater Hotel & Spa	H53Q5P3
shearwaterhotel.com	
Nephin B&B	H53P484
090 964 2685	
Maycam Lodge & Marina	H53ACB3
maycamlodge.ie	
Gullanes Hotel	H53C379
gullaneshotel.com	
Rohean Woods Hotel	H65E443
facebook.com/roheanwoodshotel	
New Park Hotel	H54XK31
newparkhotel.ie	
Sheridan's Bar & Restaurant (Miltown)	H54D252
sheridansmiltown.com	
Leaf & Bean	H54YK52
leafandbean.ie	
The Mill House	H53XOA9
millhouseathlery.com	
Ahascragh Distillery	H53AH39
ahascraghdistillery.com	
The Clon Colla	H53FL80
thecolladistillery.com	
The Feeds of Athlery	H65ED39
feedsathlery.ie	
Sheridan's Bar & Restaurant (Miltown)	H54D252
sheridansmiltown.com	
The Old Barracks	H654170
oldbarracks.ie	
Ivy House Chocolates	H62YH92
ivyhousechocolates.ie	
Kylemore Cheese	H62AP64
kylemorefarmhousecheese.com	
Leahy Beekeeping	H62PH26
leahybeekeeping.com	

Nature & Outdoors

River Suck, Ballinacloe	
Football Bog Walk	H53AW96
Ballinacloe Marina	H53DW21
Lough Derg Slueway, Fortunna	
Gallop & Roll	E4315R0
Fortunna Malahome Park (St Charles)	H52P225
Shannon Bank Park (Outdoor Swimming Pool)	E42W922
Galway Glamping (Ballyglunin)	H54VC84
galwayglamping.ie	
Hymary Way (Clonbrock Walk)	E326
Ballyboon	
galwaytourism.ie/the-hymary-way	
Pod Uinnia	H53F953
poduinnia.ie	
Fortunna Forest Park	H53AH10
Loughderr Boat Trip	
Loughrea Lake	
Loughrea Cathedral & Heritage Trail	
Eyeleek Woods, Woodford	
Knockma Woods, Team	
Manvea Woods, Manvea	
Mountbellew Woods, Mountbellew	
Athlery Golf Club	H911R51
athlerygolfclub.ie	
Ballinacloe Golf Club	H53X940
facebook.com/ballinacloegolfclub	
Fortunna Golf Club	H53Y030
fortunna.ie	
Mountbellew Golf Club	H53XW62
mountbellew-golf-club.com	
Executive Helicopters	H62EWR0
executivehelicopters.com	
Ballyoran Greenway	

Heritage & Culture

The Courthouse - Arts & Community	H53EK74
athleryheritagecentre.ie	
Brackloon Castle & Farm	H53YR07
bracklooncastleandfarm.com	
Woodville House Walled Garden	
woodvillewalledgarden.com/	
Irish Workhouse Centre	H53EK74
irishworkhousecentre.ie	
Fortunna Castle	H53YK27
heritageireland.ie/fortunna-castle-and-gardens	
Battle of Aughrim Centre	H53Y5R5
heritage.galwaycommunityheritage.org/content/category/places/battle-of-aughrim-visitor-centre	
Clontarf Cathedral	H53XV25
Ahascragh Distillery	H53AH39
ahascraghdistillery.com	
Wall - Painting Exhibition by Mary Faly	H53ND00
discoverireland.ie/galway/wall-an-exhibition-of-paintings-by-mary-faly	
St. Mary Cathedral	
Cathedral of the Virgin Mary	
Little Mill Museum	
littlemillmuseum.com	

Scan the QR to get directions and discover more locations

Galway County Council - Vibrant County Galway | Fáilte Ireland | Ireland's Hidden HEARTLANDS

DESTINATION & EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CONNEMARA & ISLANDS

Work has begun by Fáilte Ireland on a new Destination and Experience development Plan for the Connemara & Islands regions.

This region is already benefitting significantly from the previous **DEDP** which was launched in 2018, and a new **DEDP** is set to be launched in 2027. Community Consultations took place towards the end of 2025 in Clifden, Leenane, Oughterard, Inishbofin and the Aran Islands. They were very well attended and included the Galway County Council Tourism office, Tourism businesses, community groups, tourism bodies, agencies and volunteers.

CONNEMARA AND THE ISLANDS TOURISM NETWORKING EVENT

Galway County Council is a key partner in the Annual Connemara and the Islands Tourism Networking Event. This informal event brings tourism businesses from Connemara, the Aran Islands, and Inishbofin together to connect, share ideas, and explore opportunities for collaboration. The event is organised by **CAITN** (*Connemara and Aran Islands Tourism Network*) and supported by Fáilte Ireland along with Galway County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The Galway Co Co Tourism team participated in the 2026 event, held on the 4th March.



BATTLE OF AUGHRIM FEASIBILITY STUDY

As part of Galway County Council's ongoing programme of regenerative tourism investment, funding has been secured to progress a feasibility study for the revitalisation of the Battle of Aghrim Visitor Centre under the EU Just Transition Fund. Following a competitive public procurement process, the contract for the feasibility and concept development stage has been awarded to Haley Sharpe Design Limited, a specialist interpretive design consultancy with extensive experience in heritage and visitor attraction projects.

This study will inform the future development of the Visitor Centre, ensuring a high-quality, sustainable and engaging visitor experience that supports local economic development and aligns with regional and national tourism objectives.



The Galway Convention Bureau (**GCB**) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Galway as a premier destination for international meetings, conferences, and incentive events. Supported by Fáilte Ireland and local councils, the bureau provides free, impartial expert advice and practical assistance to business event planners.

The partnership aims to grow the business-tourism dividend across County Galway by increasing the volume and distribution of conferences, meetings and incentive events, thereby directing incremental delegate spend to local businesses, visitor attractions, activity providers, accommodation and dining.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS

County Galway's five Municipal Districts have been working intensively to ensure that the county is fully Summer Ready—for both the thousands of visitors who explore our towns, villages, and coastlines each year, and for the people who call Galway home. Across Conamara, Athenry-Oranmore, Ballinasloe, Loughrea, and Tuam Municipal Districts, a significant programme of preparation has been underway, focused on providing a welcoming, clean, safe, and vibrant environment throughout the summer season.

A central part of this effort is the ongoing investment in key infrastructure and public amenities. Galway County Council continues to upgrade and maintain essential assets such as roads, walkways, public parks, playgrounds, amenity trails, beaches, harbours, and tourism facilities. Improvements to signage, accessibility features, parking areas, and key public spaces ensure that communities and visitors alike can enjoy high-quality, well-maintained amenities during the busiest months of the year.

To support this work, additional seasonal resources are deployed county-wide during the summer, reinforcing day-to-day operations within each Municipal District. This includes extended opening and enhanced maintenance of outdoor amenities, as well as targeted initiatives to keep public areas looking their best. Increased litter control, strengthened public-realm upkeep, and coordinated responses to high-use locations help ensure that our towns, villages, coastal areas, and scenic attractions remain clean and welcoming.

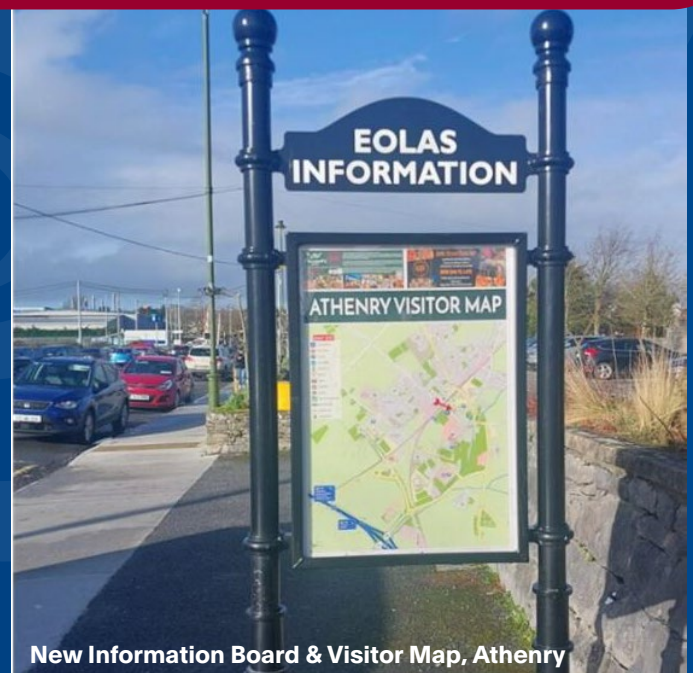
At the same time, visible enhancements such as grass-cutting programmes, floral displays, planter installations, and landscaping initiatives contribute to showcasing Galway at its most vibrant. Local communities, Tidy Towns groups, and volunteer organisations work alongside the Council to bring colour and life to shared spaces, creating a sense of pride and place that is evident across the county.

Collectively, these efforts reflect a strong commitment to ensuring that County Galway is presented at its highest standard, offering a positive experience for residents and visitors throughout the summer season and beyond.

ATHENRY



Footpath & Pavement Repairs, Athenry



New Information Board & Visitor Map, Athenry

MONIVEA



New Pedestrian Crossing, Monivea

TUAM



The new Dog Park in Tuam provides a secure and dedicated recreational space for dog owners.



INDREABHÁN



Newly installed Picnic Benches, Trá Mhór, Indreabhán



BALLINASLOE



Ballinasloe Flower Towers & Boxes in Ballinasloe Town



Advanced Warning Signage at Lenamore Crossroads, Clonfert of the Hymany Way Walking Trail

LOUGHREA

Loughrea Town – Summer Planting



ORANMORE



Line Marking at Rinville, Oranmore



LOUGHREA



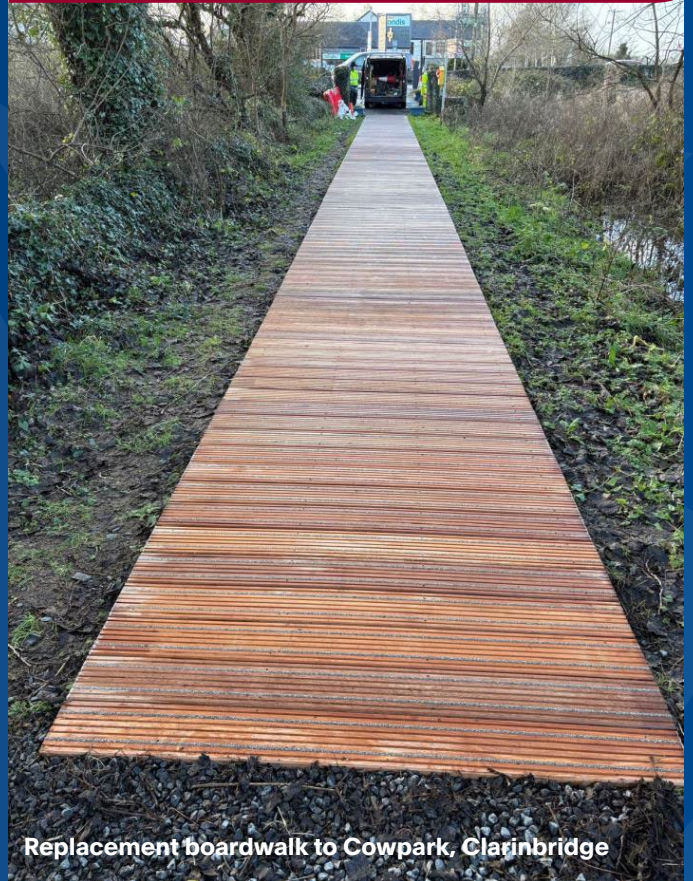
Erection of Swimming Safety Signage at Long Point, Loughrea

GORT



Works on upgraded Pedestrian Crossing in Gort.

CLARINBRIDGE



Replacement boardwalk to Cowpark, Clarinbridge

BEACHES

Environmental Awareness and Anti-Litter Measures: Not only does litter spoil the beauty of our beaches, but it also has a serious impact on marine life and their habitats. The most recent annual survey of coasts and inland waterways by IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) shows that most beaches attained 'clean' status, despite the summer weather bringing higher visitor numbers to our coasts. The trojan work of Clean Coast groups and other volunteers and tidy towns groups doing clean-ups, in addition to additional patrols by Community Wardens, are all instrumental in maintaining our beaches during the summer season. According to the survey, the most common litter items at beaches are cigarette butts, sweet papers, fast food wrappers, and coffee cup litter. Here are some of the ways you and your community can combat litter and build environmental awareness at your local beach or bathing area:

- **Take part in a 2 Minute Beach Clean**

Beach users are asked to spend 2 minutes picking up litter when they visit the beach, take a picture of the litter collected, post it on social media with the hashtag #2minutebeachclean, and put the litter in the bin. All our Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches have 2minute beach clean stations with bags and litter pickers you can borrow to make it easy for anyone to help keep our beaches litter free.

- **Get your community involved in the Big Beach Clean-Up**

The Big Beach Clean-Up is an annual call to action encouraging individuals, communities and volunteers from around the country to remove litter from the Irish coast and waterways at the end of the bathing season in September. In 2025, over 15,000 Clean Coast volunteers rolled up their sleeves to remove a staggering 95 tonnes of litter across the country as part of the Big Beach Clean weekend.



Signage at Traught Beach Kinvara



- Get your local schools to enter our Anti-Litter Poster Competition The winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in April, and we hope to display winners of the Beaches category at selected Blue Flag Beaches as an anti-litter message from local children to their local community.

- Enter the “Love Your Coast” Photography Competition

An Taisce’s Clean Coast Programme runs this annual competition to invite photographers to connect, capture, and celebrate the grace and charm of our remarkable coastal communities, heritage, biodiversity, and waterways. In 2025, 560 photographers submitted over 1,000 images from every corner of coastline across Ireland. The 2026 Competition runs until the 15th May.



COMMUNITY WARDENS

Community Wardens work with local communities to improve the physical environment through education, enforcement and local action. They monitor and report Council issues and liaise with the community and work hand in hand with the community coordinators in their areas and with staff in other directorates of the Council as well as with various stakeholders. Community Wardens will have increased patrols at Tourist locations over the summer period.



Community Warden

County Wide (Supervising Community Warden)	Chris Harrington
Athenry/Oranmore East	Thomas O'Sullivan
Athenry/Oranmore West	Laura Mullins
Ballinasloe North	Tony Cunnane
Ballinasloe South	Mike Kelly
Ballinasloe Town	Rory O'Connor
Ballinasloe MD	John Glennon
Connemara East	Fiona Connolly Loftus
Connemara North & West	Michelle McTavish
Connemara South	Martin Mannion
Loughrea	Liam Brien
Loughrea South (Portumna	David Kelly
Loughrea West (Gort)	Martin Cummins
Tuam North	Pat Roche
Tuam Town	Tomás Clancy
Tuam West	Willie Doyle



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Pádraig Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships 2026

PADRAIG PEARSE GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Galway County Council established the Gaeltacht Summer College Scholarship scheme in 2016 to honour Pádraig Mac Piarais, an educator who set up schools in Dublin and Galway and brought students to Conamara to learn Irish.

The scholarships give second-level students the opportunity to attend a fully funded Gaeltacht summer college course in Conamara, where they can improve their Irish language skills while enjoying a range of engaging activities.

Galway County Council awarded 27 Pádraic Pearse Gaeltacht Scholarships for Summer 2026 to second-level students residing in the functional areas of the county. The **scholarships** are worth approximately **€1,300** each.



Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Pearse Cottage,
Visitor Centre, Connemara, Co. Galway.

GALWAY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Galway Sports Partnership (GSP) will play a central role in supporting an active, healthy and connected county throughout the summer season through a suite of national and local programmes designed to engage all ages and abilities. As part of the national Summer Ready campaign, GSP will coordinate and deliver key flagship initiatives including Bike Week, National Play Day, HER Outdoors Week, and a range of Swim Ireland aquatic programmes along with our general programmes such as Men on Move, Buggy Buddies and Activator Programmes across County Galway. These initiatives align with Galway County Council's commitment to promoting wellbeing, strengthening community participation, and ensuring safe, inclusive opportunities for physical activity during the summer months. Each programme offers structured, accessible activities that encourage families, young people, older adults, and underserved communities to enjoy outdoor recreation in a safe and supported manner.



BikeWeek

Bike Week will see an expanded programme of community cycles, school engagement events, cycling skills workshops, and inclusive sessions, delivered in collaboration with local clubs, schools, and community groups.

National Play Day

National Play Day in July will provide free, family-friendly play opportunities that activate public spaces and promote unstructured, creative physical activity for children.

HER OUTDOORS WEEK

Through HER Outdoors Week in August, GSP will champion female participation by offering women and girls opportunities to try outdoor pursuits such as hiking, kayaking, paddle sports, and social cycling— ensuring that barriers to participation are reduced through local partnerships and targeted outreach. Complementing these land-based activities, the Swim Ireland summer swim programmes will offer accessible water-based opportunities including open-water introductory sessions, water-safety workshops, and inclusive “Swim for All” initiatives to promote confidence and safety around Galway’s beaches, lakes, and outdoor swimming locations.



HER Outdoors Open Water Swimming Salthill & Inis Oírr

Collectively, these programmes strengthen community resilience, support health and wellbeing, and encourage safer engagement with outdoor and aquatic environments throughout the summer season. GSP’s coordinated approach ensures strong collaboration with community organisations, schools, sporting bodies, and

Council departments, contributing to a vibrant summer activity calendar that supports both national priorities and local needs. This structured programme of work positions Galway County Council and Galway Sports Partnership as key enablers of safe, active, and inclusive summer experiences for all residents.



GALWAY LIBRARY SERVICES

Galway Public Libraries continue to offer a vibrant and varied programme of free events for adults and children throughout the year. This year's theme, Imagine, Explore, Play, encourages creativity and curiosity through books, stories, author visits, hands-on workshops, and opportunities to learn and connect through play. As part of the national Right to Read initiative, the Summer Stars Reading Challenge will once again run across all our branches. Children can sign up in their local library and will receive a small gift to motivate them to keep reading throughout the summer. A series of events will take place during the season to encourage regular library visits, and all participants will be awarded a certificate and medal at the end of the programme.

The Little Library Bags initiative also continues, offering a free bag of books in English or Irish for every child starting primary school in 2026. These bags will be available to collect in all library branches from May onwards.

As in previous years, TTRS (Touch-Type Read and Spell) remains available to library members who may benefit from structured literacy and typing support. Nessy licences also continue to be provided, offering additional literacy assistance for children who require targeted, engaging learning tools. These literacy supports help maintain and improve your child's reading level over the summer months, ensuring continuity and confidence as they move into the next school year.

Throughout the Summer, Galway Public Libraries host a wide range of ongoing activities across the city and county. These include book clubs, chess clubs, regular storytimes, Ciorcail Comhrá sessions, exhibitions, talks, music recitals, LEGO and DUPLO play sessions, craft groups, arts workshops, and creative writing groups. These programmes support community engagement, lifelong learning, and opportunities for social connection for people



Summer Stars events in Galway Libraries

LIBRARY BRANCHES & MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

Opening hours for all branches are available at: www.galway.ie/en/libraries-archives/find-my-library

Galway City

- Galway City, Ballybane & Westside

Athenry-Oranmore MD

- Athenry & Oranmore

Ballinasloe MD

- Ballinasloe, Ballygar, Glenamaddy & Moylough

Conamara MD

- An Cheathrú Rua, Clifden, Inis Meáin, Inis Oírr, Inis Mór, Inishbofin, Leenane, Letterfrack, Oughterard, Roundstone & An Spidéal

Loughrea MD

- Loughrea, Portumna, Gort, Woodford, Killimor & Eyrecourt

Tuam MD

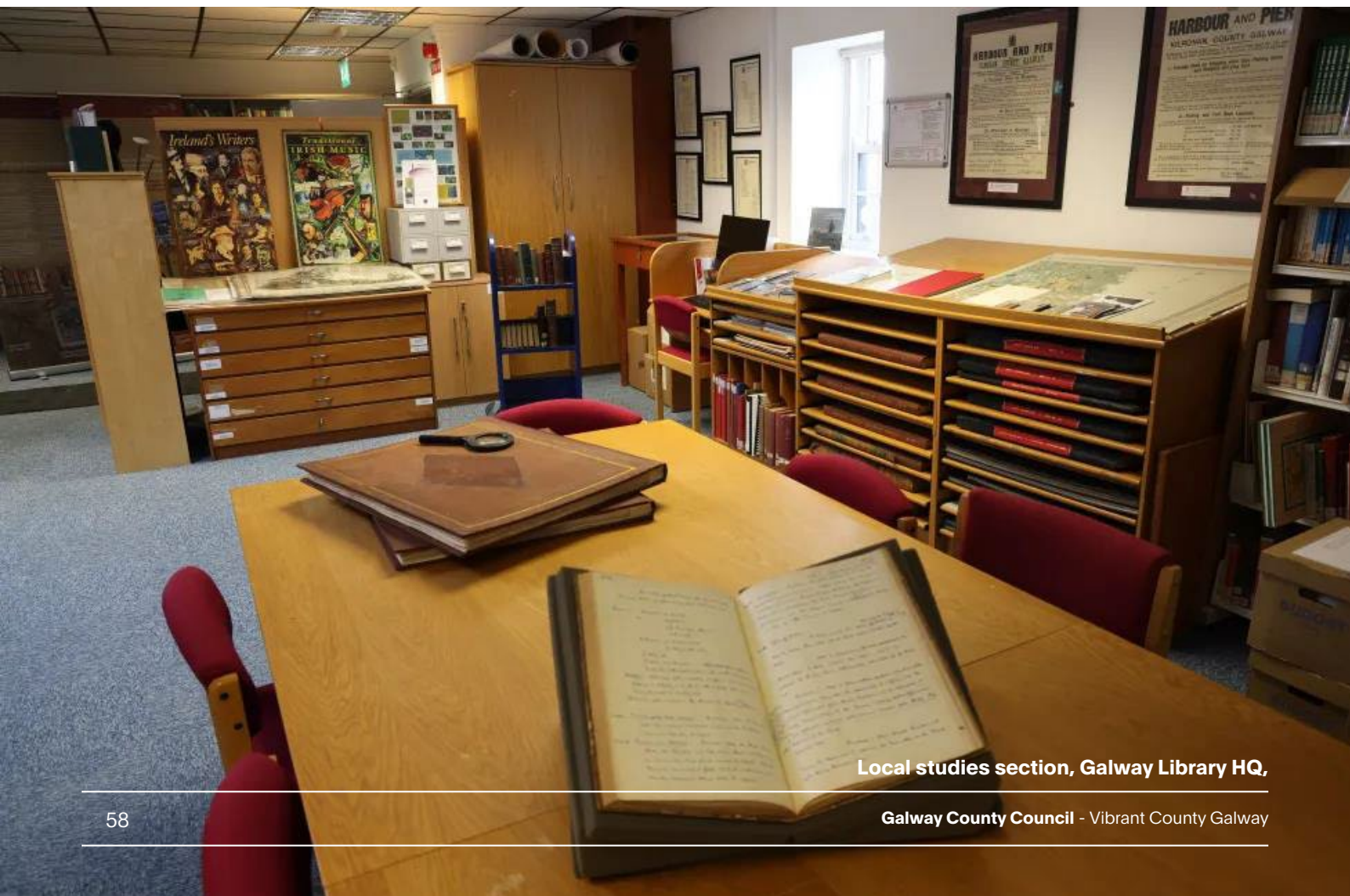
- Tuam, Dunmore & Headford



Summer Stars getting their medals at Inishbofin Library

Our local studies section is located at Galway Library HQ, Island House, Nun's Island. Visitors and researchers can make an appointment to speak with the local studies librarian and to view rare books and maps. Many local history resources are also available online.

See <https://www.galway.ie/en/libraries-archives/local-history-genealogy> for a full overview.



Local studies section, Galway Library HQ,



Galway Fire & Rescue Services

Seirbhís Dóiteáin & Tarrthála na Gaillimhe

FIRE SERVICE

Fire safety in the home is important all year round but in the summer months there are additional risks such as the use of B-B-Qs. Remember the STOP Fire Message;

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An Garda Síochána
Ireland's National Police and Security Service

WILDFIRE INFORMATION FOR FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

- It is illegal to burn on open ground for the control of growing vegetation between February 28th and September 1st
- Farmers and landowners in breach risk prosecution and or penalties under the Dept. of Agriculture's support payments for farmers (single Farm Payment, AEOS, REPS, Disadvantaged Area Scheme)
- Galway County Council will impose a charge on the owners or the beneficial occupiers of the land or property in relation to the attendance of the Fire Service



WILDFIRE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

- Avoid lighting fires outdoors when there are high winds or high temperatures
- Do not discard cigarette ends - make sure they are extinguished completely
- Report anyone acting irresponsibly or carelessly with fire in the countryside

PLEASE REMEMBER!

Wildfires are a serious drain on Fire Service resources. Fire crews may be delayed in attending life threatening house fires or road traffic collisions when fighting wildfires.

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTION

Free Public Wi-fi

Galway County Council supports over 55 free public Wi-Fi access points throughout the county as part of the Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) programme and the WiFi4EU initiative. Many BCP sites offering more services to their communities and visitors.

Galway County Council supports these initiatives through its Broadband Office.

Broadband Connection Points (BCPs)

Broadband Connection Points (or BCPs) are publicly accessible locations that receive 150Mb high-speed broadband connectivity as part of the National Broadband Plan. A BCP is a location where public Wi-Fi is provided free of charge. The establishment of BCPs is considered by Government as a long-term investment to help rural communities reach their full potential. It forms part of the national Connected Communities Initiative between the Government, NBI, and Vodafone.

There are currently 21 live BCPs across County Galway, including one on each of the islands of Inishbofin, Inis Mór, Inis Meáin, and Inis Oír, as well as multiple sites throughout rural Connemara. Several BCPs are strategically located in tourism, heritage, and community settings, including museums, cultural centres, and multi-use community facilities.

BCP facilities and Services:

Each BCP provides free external Wi-Fi access to the public. Many locations also offer facilities for:

- Remote work • Study
- Digital skills training
- Arts and cultural programming

A number of BCPs operate in conjunction with heritage museums, cultural centres, and community hubs, reflecting the diverse roles these sites play in local life.

Remote Working Capacity:

BCPs in Galway now collectively offer over 60 remote-working spaces across the county, combining BCPs, Connected Hubs, and community digital hubs.

Several BCPs are registered on the Connected Hubs platform, increasing visibility and access for workers, students, and community groups. More information on remote working hubs can be found at:

<https://connectedhubs.ie>

Arts, Culture & Digital Engagement:

Some Galway BCPs participate in The Ark's virtual arts programme, which delivers creative digital workshops for children through local BCPs. This strengthens cultural access and supports arts participation in rural communities.

In 2026, the National Famine Commemoration will take place at the Irish Workhouse Centre in Portumna, which is also a designated BCP. This marks the first time the State ceremony has been held in County Galway, highlighting the cultural and historical significance of the site.

Public Access Points (WiFi4EU)

The WiFi4EU initiative promotes free outdoor Wi-Fi access in public spaces such as parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres, and museums across Europe.

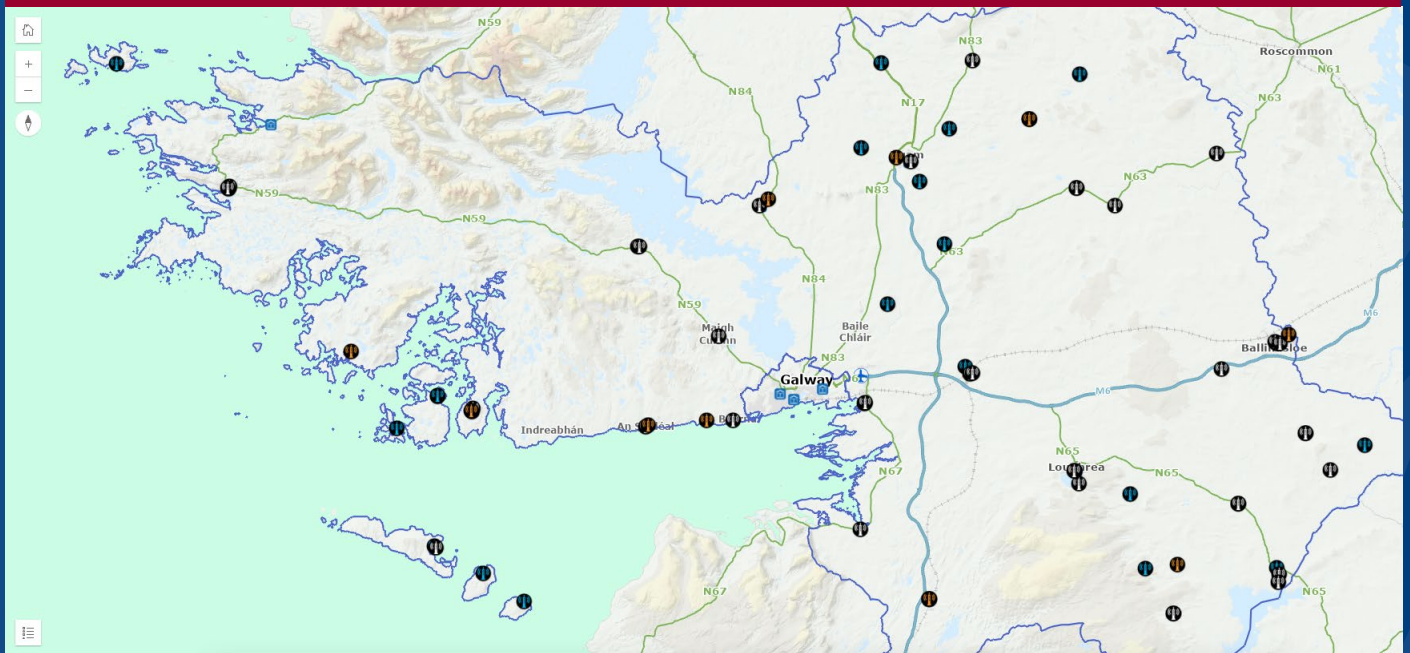
It is co-funded by the EU Commission and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

- There are 35 WiFi4EU access points installed across County Galway, providing free Wi-Fi to residents and visitors.
- Locations of live WiFi4EU access points are available on Galway.ie under the Digital Strategy section.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

A map showing the distribution of both BCPs and WiFi4EU access points across County Galway is available on www.Galway.ie under the Digital Strategy section.

Getting Online: Public WiFi Availability Link



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