Forest Therapy Walk

This guided walk aims to enhance wellbeing through sensory connection in nature. You will be guided through grounding, relaxing & centering exercises in deep relationship with the natural environment.

Forest Therapy, also known as "Shinrin-Yoku," refers to the practice of spending time in forested areas for the purpose of enhancing health, wellness, and happiness. The practice follows the general principle that it is beneficial to spend time bathing in the atmosphere of the forest. The Japanese words translate into English as “Forest Bathing.” Forest Therapy or Shinrin-Yoku walks have been shown to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, improve mood, boost the immune system and improve sleep.

Times/Venues
Date: 23rd August 2017
Times: 11.00am – 1.30pm

Venue: Brigit’s Garden
Cost/Booking: Booking Required- book contact 0877042098  Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Forest Therapy Galway
Email: foresttherapygalway@gmail.com
Telephone: to book contact 0877042098
Hidden Sites Ancient Ireland

Experience the power and magic of some sites from Ireland's ancient past. Cross a tranquil turlough to visit a hidden dolmen complex. Learn to dowse (or "divine") ley lines.

Visit an enchanting “fairy fort” that had been inhabited for many centuries where we can picnic on locally sourced food. It features some unusual stone monuments. Walk across a turlough bed adorned with the Burren flora and clamber onto a limestone pavement leading to an ancient dolmen complex. Here you can try out dowsing/divining ley lines that traverse the site. Jackie will demonstrate interesting sound techniques and test the effects of using sound by dowsing afterwards!

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August 2017  
Times: 2pm – 5pm

Venue:  Garrylands Car Park, behind Coole Park near Gort

Cost/Booking: Booking Required to book contact 083 4117498 or info@earthwise.me
  Adult: €25  Child: €10  Concession: €20

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Earthwise  Email: jackiequeally@gmail.com
Telephone: 083 4117498  facebook.com/earthwiseconnect/
W. B Yeats Secret Landscape

Follow a tranquil river to hidden spots amidst collapsed caves and disappearing rivers to where Yeats use to picnic. After viewing a very early church site and a holy well we picnic in a secluded spot.

A magical walk provided by spiritual guide Jackie Queally. Follow a tranquil river to hidden spots to where Yeats use to picnic by a disappearing river and magnificent beeches. After exploring a haunting topography caused by collapsed caves we move on from such unusual topography to view a very early church site and a holy well. These sites offer you the chance to learn the ancient art of dowsing (rods supplied). We can sit in the courtyard of a local thatched cottage and enjoy refreshments.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August 2017  **Times:** 2pm – 5pm
**Venue:** layby Ennis Road, Gort
**Cost/Booking:** Booking Required  - Booking contact 083 4117498
Adult: €25  Child: €20  Concession: €10  Family: €60

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details Event Organiser/Organisation:** Earthwise
**Email:** jackiequeally@gmail.com  **Telephone:** 083 4117498
**Facebook** [facebook.com/earthwisconnect/](http://facebook.com/earthwisconnect/)  **twitter.com/hathora13**
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

Focus on Botany

Learn about the fabulous biodiversity of the Burren and how to record plants that grow in the shattered limestone pavement, wildflower meadow, ash and hazel woodland and turlough.

Burren Nature Sanctuary is set on a 50-acre organic farm featuring shattered limestone, ancient woodland, a unique disappearing lake and wildflower meadow. Along the nature trail meet the farm animals; goats, pigs and donkeys. The Botany Bubble houses the National Collection of Burren flora in the season. The Sanctuary Cafe is part of the Burren Food Trail. Try the savoury scone made with spinach, cheddar, walnut and hazelnut with seaweed salad garnish.

Times/Venues
Date: 21st August 2017  
Times: 11am - 11:30am

Venue: Burren Nature Sanctuary

Cost/Booking: Adult: €5  Child: €10  Concession: €5  Family: €35

Access Details
 suitable for Children: Yes  
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Burren Nature Sanctuary
Email: info@bns.ie  
Telephone: 094 637 444  
Website: bns.ie
Facebook: facebook.com/BurrenNatureSanctuary/  
 twitter.com/BurrenSanctuary
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

Athenry Art & Nature Project

Nature walk/talk in Monivea Woods with an installation of bat boxes/squirrel feeders and collection of natural materials. Refreshments after in Town Cafe. Follow up art project in Skylark Centre.

This project is for special needs visitors and residents of the Skylark Centre, Athenry only.

Times/Venues
Date: 22nd August 2017  
Times: 12pm - 4pm

Venue: Monivea Woods

Cost/Booking: Booking Required  
Admission Free

Booking - 0857726495/  eoin7791@yahoo.co.uk

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  
Wheelchair Access: Full

Car parking Available: Full

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Eoin O Neill / Athenry Heritage Centre
Email: eoin7791@yahoo.co.uk  
Telephone: 0857726495
Website: athenryheritagecentre.com
Exploring East Galway’s Past

Dr Christy Cunniffe will visit a number of Holy Wells and discuss their history and religious significance. The group will meet at the Woodford Heritage Centre at 2.30pm.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 23rd August,  
**Times:** 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** No
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** East Galway Family History Society CLG  
**Email:** eastgalwayfamilyhistory@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0909749309  
**Website:** galwayroots.com/main/news/exploring-east-galways-past
Go Wild - Nature Camps!

Discover the wonders of local wildlife in a fun and safe environment through field trips, surveys, and practical workshops led by local nature experts, with games, challenges, prizes....and loads more! Go Wild Nature Camp is a free event coordinated by Galway County Council & BirdWatch Ireland in collaboration with Oughterard Heritage Group, the Vincent Wildlife Trust, GMIT, NEAR Health & Animal Magic and funded by the Heritage Council and Galway County Council. The nature camp is suitable for children aged 7 - 10 years, adults and family members are welcome to attend and join in the activities. The nature camp is free but places must be reserved by visiting https://naturecamps.eventbrite.ie

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 21st & 22nd August, **Times:** 10.00am – 3.00pm
- **Date:** 23rd August, **Times:** 8.30pm – 10.30pm

**Venue:** Oughterard Courthouse Centre, Bridge Street, Oughterard,
**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free  Booking Required
**Booking:** jlusby@birdwatchireland.ie  or  naturecamps.eventbrite.ie

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes  **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Galway County Council & BirdWatch Ireland
- **Email:** jlusby@birdwatchireland.ie  **Telephone:** 085 7201892
- **Website:** https://naturecamps.eventbrite.ie  facebook.com/BirdWatchIreland
Guided Bog Walk and Bioblitz.

A guided walk around the bog exploring the various plants and wildlife habitats and discussing biodiversity, its meaning and its importance.

Also included is a **24hr bioblitz**. Our bioblitz will take place from 12pm on Aug 22\(^{nd}\) to 12pm Aug 23\(^{rd}\) attempting to record all the living species within our locality. All entries to mrc@moylough.com

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 23\(^{rd}\) August  
**Times:** 7pm – 9pm

**Venue:** Moylough,  

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free  

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Moylough Heritage Society  
**Email:** mrc@moylough.com  
**Telephone:** 087 3480583  
**Website:** moylough.galwaycommunityheritage.org
Coole Nature Event

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 27th August  
**Times:** 3pm - 4:30pm

**Venue:** Coole Park Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free  
**Access Details**  
Suitable for Children: No  
Wheelchair Access: Partial  
Car parking Available: Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The National Parks and Wildlife Service

**Email:** coolepark@ahg.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 091 631804

**Website:** coolepark.ie

coolegarrylandnaturereserve@facebook.com
Falconry Display at Athenry Castle

Set within the grounds of Athenry Castle there will be a falconry display by the wonderful Animal Magic.

Times/Venues
Date: 27th August
Times: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: Athenry Castle

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Office of Public Works
Email: athenrycastle@opw.ie
Telephone: 091 844797
Website: heritageireland.ie
facebook.com/athenrycastle
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

**Connected Communities-Renville Park**

This project is all about encouraging communities & people of all ages to get outdoors, explore their natural surroundings & socialise in a healthy, educational, socially inclusive & fun environment. For 2 hours, Participants will have an opportunity to explore activities and skills such as nature arts, bush crafts, open fire cooking, nature connection activities, physical challenges, along with free play & exploration. Come along and learn all about our connected communities initiative!

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 27th August  
**Times:** 1pm – 3pm

**Venue:** Renville Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free - Booking Required  
to book contact Info@venture-out.ie

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Venture Out Wilderness Project CLG

**Email:** info@venture-out.ie  
**Telephone:** 0861049684

**Website:** venture-out.ie  
facebook.com/Ventureoutwildernessproject/
Chase a Fairy, Find a Bee...

'Biodiversity Bee Event' where the Flower Fairies show us the flowers the bees love and why they love them. Come see the bees and their bee hotel in a celebration of our local biodiversity.

**Times/Venues**
*Date:* 27th August
*Times:* 12pm -1pm & 2pm -3pm

**Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna

**Cost/Booking:** Booking Required to book contact 09097 59200

- Adult: €5  
- Child: €2  
- Concession: €5  
- Family: €10

**Access Details**
- Suitable for Children: Yes  
- Wheelchair Access: Partial  
- Car parking Available: No

**Organiser Details**
*Event Organiser/Organisation:* The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
*Email:* info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  
*Telephone:* 09097 59200
*Website:* irishworkhousecentre.ie
facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna
twitter.com/IrishWorkhouseC
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

Nature Walk at Thoor Ballylee

To mark the beginning of Heritage Week, the noted Environmentalist and artist Gordon D'Arcy will lead a Nature Walk along the Ballylee River that flows past Yeats's Tower. Learn about the rich flora and fauna that can be found on its banks, in the wood and in the river itself. Discover the workings of an old Mill. All are welcome for this two hour event.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August
**Times:** 2pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Thoor Ballylee, Gort

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society
**Email:** renamcallen@eircom.net  
**Telephone:** 091631436
**Website:** yeatsthoorballylee.org
Batwatch at the Castle!

Why not celebrate this year's theme "It's in your Nature", learning about the local wildlife, the Aughnanure Castle Bats! Aughnanure Castle is used as a roost by the local Pipistrelle population, several other Bat species have also been heard at the castle too including Daubenton's, Leisler's, Long-eared Brown bats and Natterer's! Join us for a truly enjoyable evening!

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 20th August  
**Times:** 8.30pm – 10.30pm

**Venue:** Aughnanure Castle, Oughterard

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** OPW

**Email:** aughnanurecastle@opw.ie  
**Telephone:** 091552214

**Website:** heritageireland.ie/en/west/aughnanurecastle/

facebook.com/aughnanurecastleopw/
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

Heritage Day Aughnanure Castle

A day celebrating nature and late medieval Gaelic society. Event and Activities include - Talks, face-painting, a raffle, floral displays and much more! Check Facebook page Aughnanure Castle Heritage Site for updates and further details.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August
Times: 1pm – 6pm

Venue: Aughnanure Castle, Oughterard,

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: OPW
Email: aughnanurecastle@opw.ie Telephone: 091552214
Website: heritageireland.ie/en/west/aughnanurecastle/
facebook.com/aughnanurecastleopw/
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

A Day in the Bog

Remember the hot days in the summer taking in the turf for the winter, when you were a child? Come and bring family and friends down to your local bog. Learn about the ways of cutting the turf, and the process involved and how it came about. Join us, with a BYO picnic, and enjoy an afternoon of nature in Claregalway

**Times/Venues**

**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 12pm – 4 pm

**Venue:** Claregalway Museum, Rooaunmore, Claregalway H91 C789

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

Booking Required - to book contact info@claregalwaymuseum.ie

idonate.ie/event/1747_claregalway-heritage-week--a-day-in-the-bog-.html

**Access Details**

**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Claregalway Historical and Cultural Society

**Email:** info@claregalwaymuseum.ie  
**Telephone:** 0867778217

**Website:** claregalwaymuseum.ie

facebook.com/ClaregalwayHistoricalSociety/  
twitter.com/forgemus
Coole Turlough - A Guided Walk

Coole Turlough is globally important due to its size, naturalness and its overwintering birds, particularly Whooper swans. This magical landscape inspired the poem 'The Wild Swans at Coole' WB Yeats.

The only dogs permitted on this walk are guide dogs.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August
Times: 3pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Coole Park Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No    Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The National Parks and Wildlife Service

Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 091 631804

Website: coolepark.ie
Coole Nature Detectives

Fun nature activities and exploration of the reserve in search of evidence of the many secretive animals that live here. Some indoor and outdoor activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Times/Venues**
*Date:* 23rd August  
*Times:* 3pm – 4.30pm

**Venue:** Coole Park Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The National Parks and Wildlife Service

**Email:** coolepark@ahg.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 091 631804

**Website:** coolepark.ie

coolegarrylandnaturereserve@facebook.com
Active & Outdoors

Abbey Village

A Sense of Place

Abbey: A Sense of Place an Artist’s Walkabout with Visual Artist Therese Murphy. This rural event will include drawing as a way of responding to our landscape, our heritage and our surroundings.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August
Times: 3pm – 6pm

Venue: Abbey Village/Abbey Community Centre, Abbey, Loughrea.

Cost/Booking: Admission Free - Booking Required - Limited to 20 spaces
to book contact gratitude.therese@gmail.com

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Abbey Tidy Towns
Email: gratitude.therese@gmail.com Telephone: 0879798134
Website: abbey.galwaycommunityheritage.org
Children's Afternoon with Nature

Green Sod Ireland's environmental scientist, Jeanne Sampier will facilitate a fun event specially designed for children to include nature painting, a bug hunt and the launch of our bug hotel.

This event is specially designed as a fund afternoon for children and will include an opportunity to learn about nature in a child friendly way. The event will be led by Jeanne Sampier an Environmental Scientist and will include a bug hunt, nature painting and the launch of our Bug Hotel at Ballyglunin Station.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August  
Times: 3pm – 6pm  
Venue: Ballyglunin Train Station

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  
Wheelchair Access: Full  
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Friends Ballyglunin
Email: ballyglunirailway@gmail.com  
Telephone: 0879138801  
Website: ballyglunin.com
Craft Fair

Local people will sell various items from knitwear to jewelry from 12noon to 4.00pm.

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 26th August
- **Times:** 12pm – 4pm

If you would like to take part in this event please contact me by 4.30pm on August 16th on 076 100 2534 or by email at siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park
- **Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie
- **Telephone:** 095 41054
- **Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
Scavenger Hunt for Children

Children will hunt for various items around the park with the help of our guides and after will have a make and do activity in our education room

**Children must be accompanied** by a parent/guardian and we advise you wear good walking shoes/boots and rainwear for this event.

**Times/Venues**

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**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**

- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park

**Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie

**Telephone:** 095 41054

**Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
Guided Tree Walk

Join our guide for a guided tree walk around the visitor centre and Ellis Wood trail.

Please wear good walking shoes/boots and rainwear for this event.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 11am -12.30pm

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:**  Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park  
**Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 095 41054  
**Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
**Megalithic Site Survey**

This event is suitable for adults and children over the age of 7yrs. All materials will be provided. Children on this event will be presented with a certificate at the end of the event. **Please wear good walking shoes/boots and rainwear for this event.**

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 22nd August  
**Times:** 2.30pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park  
**Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 095 41054  
**Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

Archaeological Dig for Children

This event is suitable for 5 to 10 yrs. All materials are supplied & each child will be presented with a certificate at the end of the event. Parent/guardian must stay with the child/children & places are limited so arrive early.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th & 27th August Times: 11.30am -12.45pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Nature for Kids

Childrens activities, strictly for 5 - 10 year olds
Please bring boots and rainwear for this activity.
Places are strictly limited to 15 children per session. Adults must stay with child/children

Times/Venues
Date: 22nd & 24th August
Times: 11am - 12.30pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie  Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Imagination Exhibition Student Work

Imagination - An exhibition of creative and innovative furniture design and technology student projects from GMIT Letterfrack

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 20th August 2017  
**Times:** 10am - 5pm

**Venue:** GMIT Letterfrack, Connemara West Centre, Letterfrack, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** GMIT Letterfrack  
**Email:** samantha.flaherty@gmit.ie  
**Telephone:** 091 742 650  
**Website:** gmit.ie/national-centre-excellence-furniture-design.../gmit-letterfrack  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/OfficialGMITLetterfrack
Oidhreacht Dhúiche Sheoigheach

Bí linn do lá oscailte ar oidhreacht & geolaíocht Dhúiche Sheoigheach le haoíchainteoirí. Join us for an open day of heritage & geology of Joyce Country featuring guest speakers. FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH!

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 23rd August,
**Times:** 11.00am – 4.00pm

**Venue:** Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach Teo., Corr na Móna, Co. na Gaillimhe

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach Teoranta
**Email:** cdst@eircom.net  
**Telephone:** 094-9548031  
**Website:** discoverjoycecountry.com  
facebook.com/cdsteo/
The Art of Nature

Kinvara nestles at the foot of the Burren and the head of the sea, a place of beauty. This exhibition is the depiction of this rich and natural world by members of Kinvara Area Visual Arts.

**Times/Venues**

**Dates & Times:** 18\(^{th}\) August, 8pm – 9.30pm, 19\(^{th}\), 20\(^{th}\), 21\(^{st}\), 22\(^{nd}\), 23\(^{rd}\), 24\(^{th}\), 25\(^{th}\), 26\(^{th}\), 27\(^{th}\) August, 11am – 6pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** The opening is on Friday, 18th August and the exhibition coincides with the annual Cruinniu na mBád Festival which celebrates Kinvara's maritime heritage. (18th -20th August).

**Venue:** Kava, The Old Courthouse, Courthouse Road, Kinvara

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**

**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Kinvara Area Visual Arts  
**Email:** kava@kinvara.com  
**Website:** kava.ie  
facebook.com/KAVA-Kinvara-Area-Visual-Arts-1398579897086734/
Hands of History

Dress in period costume and try the tools and artifacts of the 17th Century, also armour, swords, longbows and muskets will be on display. Learn and experience the history of the castle.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 20th August  
**Times:** 3pm – 5pm

**Venue:** Portumna Castle & Gardens

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Office Of Public Works  
**Email:** portumnacastle@opw.ie  
**Website:** heritageireland.ie  
**Telephone:** 090 9741658  
facebook.com/portumnacastle
EXHIBITIONS

OPW 185 Exhibition

OPW 185 Exhibition demonstrates the breath of the public works and services carried out by generations of OPW staff over the 185 years of the organisation.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th August
Times: 9:30am - 5pm

Venue: Portumna Castle & Gardens

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Office Of Public Works
Email: portumnacastle@opw.ie
Website: heritageireland.ie
Telephone: 090 9741658
facebook.com/portumnacastle
EXHIBITIONS

Meelick Medieval Church

Launch of free booklet by Galway Community Archaeologist, Dr Christy Cunniffe, on Meelick Medieval Church.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 27th August  
**Times:** 12pm – 12.30pm

**Venue:** Meelick Church

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna  
**Email:** info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  
**Telephone:** 09097 59200  
**Website:** irishworkhousecentre.ie  
facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna  
twitter.com/IrishWorkhouseC
Loughrea Workhouse History

An exhibition telling the story of Loughrea Workhouse from earliest times to its current incarnation. Workhouse artifacts will be displayed, and a booklet on workhouses will be launched.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 24th August  
**Times:** 2.30pm – 6pm

**Venue:** Loughrea Library

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna  
**Email:** info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  
**Telephone:** 09097 59200  
**Website:** irishworkhousecentre.ie  
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Cures in Nature

David Broderick of the Lorrha-Dorrha Historical Society presents an exhibition on traditional cures in nature.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 25th August  
**Times:** 12pm – 5pm

**Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna  
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By the Banks of the Clare

On the 26th of August Lackagh Museum will launch the book "By the Banks of the Clare"
This year thanks to local author Michael Hurley's research Lackagh Museum will launch the book "By the Banks of the Clare" on the 26th of August in the Lackagh Museum at 20.30. The river Clare dissects the parish. The book will discuss the impact the river has had on the parish and will include the history of the river and interviews with locals. During the week the museum will be open to visitors. The Western Family History Association may also run an event during the week.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August
Times: 8.30pm - 10.30pm
Venue: Lackagh Museum
Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Lackagh Museum
Email: lackaghmuseum@hotmail.com
Telephone: 086 4506727
Website: lackaghmuseum.ie
EXHIBITIONS

Planning Through Time

Look out in the shop windows of Loughrea and Athenry for some miniature replica buildings. The exhibition highlights classically inspired architecture found in typical Irish 19th century main streets. This exhibition is part of an interactive art installation that will take place in the Galway City and County during October. Using miniature cardboard buildings children and families will design, develop and construct their own Irish town, tracking the developments of different architectural periods. Facilitated by artists on site they will negotiate planning and the making of communities, and with the turn of a card, make demolition decisions crucial to the development of their growing town.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th – 27th August

Venue: Main Street Loughrea and the centre of Athenry

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes       Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Alison Mac Cormaic
Email: alisonmacormaic@yahoo.ie  Telephone: 085 7140079

facebook.com/Planning-through-Time-258307727998462/
EXHIBITIONS

Exhibits from Local Communities

Killererin; Old Tuam Society; Mountbellew; Moylough; Skehana and Ballyglunin will each mount an exhibit of the heritage sites unique to their area at the station over Heritage week. Each of the communities will mount an exhibit will show the uniqueness of the Heritage in each particular area and in coming together demonstrate the wealth of heritage sites in the area capable of attracting visitors for a longer stay in the area.

Times/Venues
Date: 21st, 22nd & 25th August
Times: 8pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Store at Ballyglunin Station

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Friends Ballyglunin
Email: ballyglunirailway@gmail.com Telephone: 0879138801

Website: ballyglunin.com
Art Exhibition

Art Exhibition by Dympna Heanue Title: Connemara: a sense of place

Dympna Heanue is a local artist, she will open her exhibition to the public on August 13th in Connemara National Park and the exhibition will run until the end of August.

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 19th August
- **Times:** 9am - 5.15pm

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park
- **Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie
- **Telephone:** 095 41054
- **Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
FESTIVALS

Loughrea Walled Town Day  2017

Join Loughrea Medieval Festival for an afternoon of free Medieval family fun, this our 4th Loughrea Walled Town Day, Events include traditional crafts, medieval weapons display & re-enactments, a series of talks by Claíomh’s Dave Swift, combat fighting, juggling show, target archery, circus workshops, hands-on natural crafts, Ancient Music Ireland Exhibition, Dig It, and numerous other events.

Times/Venues
Date: 27th August
Times: 1pm – 5pm

Venue:  Fairgreen, Galway Road, Loughrea,

Cost/Booking:  Admission Free
Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes         Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available:   No
Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Loughrea Medieval Festival
Email: loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com
Website: loughreamedievalfestival.com
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FESTIVALS

Athenry's Walled Towns Day

Discover Anglo-Norman history in the best preserved medieval town in Ireland. The programme of events is free and inclusive for all the family to enjoy. Experience a great family fun day with demonstrations of birds of prey, medieval combat displays, children's craft workshops, puppet shows, tag archery, displays of Anglo-Norman weaponry, traditional arts & crafts, face painting and much more.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August
Times: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: Athenry Community Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre/Galway Co Council
Email: athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com
Telephone: 091844661 Website: athenryheritagecentre.com/

facebook.com/AthenryHeritage/ twitter.com/athenryheritage?lang=en
LIVING HISTORY

Heritage Market

Plenty to see and visit such as stalls, garden produce, medieval herbal remedies and artifacts created in the castle complex. **PLEASE NOTE TOURS ARE CANCELLED.**
The market will be both inside and outside the castle. Like in the past, it will be a celebration of growing healing and displays of harvestable and our heritage. There will also be plants to swap or buy.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August,
**Times:** 12.00pm – 5.00pm

**Venue:** Oranmore Castle

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial
**Car parking Available:** No

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Leonie Finn, Oranmore Castle
**Email:** leoniefinn@eircom.net  
**Telephone:** 0866003160
**Website:** oranmorecastle.com
Open Day at Templetogher Mill

The fully-restored and community-owned Corn Mill will be operating as in times past. There will also be a number of exhibitions on display. Tea and refreshments available.

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 27th August,
- **Times:** 12.00pm – 4.00pm

**Venue:** Templetogher Mill, Williamstown

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Williamstown Heritage Society
- **Email:** finneganelo100@gmail.com **Telephone:** 086 1603043
- **Website:** williamstownheritage.com  facebook.com/heritagewilliamstown
LIVING HISTORY

Folklore, Fossils & the Forge

When we think of nature we think of the great outdoors, but Ireland's relationship with the natural world is more complicated than that. Come to Workhouse Centre and step inside a naturalist's study.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August,
**Times:** 12.00pm – 4.00pm

**Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna

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Wool Spinning Championships

The Sheep and Wool Centre invite all wool spinners to come and spin to find the All-Ireland wool spinning Champion. The winner will be the person with the most wool spun in a half hour timeslot. Entries by email to info@sheepandwoolcentre.com. On the day entries no later than 1pm. Bring your spinning wheel and hand carders. Connemara Blackface fleece provided. Spinning starts at 2pm sharp. Come along and enjoy the fun. Perpetual trophy presented to the winner.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August, Times: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Venue: The Sheep and Wool Museum, Leenane

Cost/Booking: Admission Free Booking required - info@sheepandwoolcentre.com

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Sheep and Wool Museum, Leenane
Email: info@sheepandwoolcentre.com Telephone: 09542323
Website: sheepandwoolcentre.com
LIVING HISTORY

Free Wool Craft Demonstrations

Learn about the history of Connemara's sheep and woollen industry. Wool craft demonstrations of carding and spinning hourly. Come and try your hand at spinning and see how much fun it can be.

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 19\(^{th}\) August
- **Times:** 10am - 5pm
- **Venue:** The Sheep and Wool Museum, Leenane

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Full
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Sheep and Wool Centre
- **Email:** info@sheepandwoolcentre.com
- **Telephone:** 09542323
- **Website:** sheepandwoolcentre.com
Forge & Museum: Open All Week

Open All Week, the Restored Forge and Museum is a step back in time into Claregalway's past, with carpentry tools, farm equipment, pictures, documents and artifacts from the people of the parish. The Restored Forge belonged to Blacksmith Michael Smyth of Rooaunmore. It dates back to the early 1800's. At least 5 generations of Michael's family have worked at the forge. He worked in the forge till 1997. In 2007, it was restored by the Historical Society. The Museum next door was opened in 2014.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th – 27th August  
**Times:** 10am - 4pm

**Venue:** Claregalway Museum, Rooaunmore, Claregalway H91 C789

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Full
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Claregalway Historical and Cultural Society
- **Email:** info@claregalwaymuseum.ie  
- **Telephone:** 0867778217
- **Website:** claregalwaymuseum.ie
- **facebook.com/ClaregalwayHistoricalSociety/**  
- **twitter.com/forgemus**
Heritage of Native Oyster in Galway

Prof Noel Wilkins will present a lecture on the heritage of the native oyster (Ostrea edulis) in Galway Bay. The talk is aimed at a general audience and is illustrated with numerous slides. Noel Wilkins is an Emeritus Professor of NUI Galway where he lectured for many years in Zoology and carried out research on fish and shellfish.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August,
Times: 1pm - 2pm
Venue: Kinvara

Cost/Booking
Is Booking Required: No  Admission: Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: No

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Cuan Beo
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James Joyce's 'The Dead'

Lecture on James Joyce's ‘The Dead’ and his connections with Oughterard  By Professor Hubert McDermott NUIG

Times/Venues
Date: 24th August
Times: 8pm - 9:30pm

Venue: Oughterard Courthouse Centre, Oughterard, Co. Galway
Oughterard Courthouse is a restored building of historical importance and as is an exceptional venue

Cost/Booking: Adult: €5

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No          Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes          Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Oughterard Heritage

Email: oughterardheritage@gmail.com  Website: oughterardheritage.org
Telephone: 0851657496  Facebook: facebook.com/oughterardheritage
Connemara's Railway 1895-1935.

Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill is a native of Clifden and the author of several books and numerous articles on the history of West County Galway. Her work is based principally on primary sources, from public archives and private collections. In recognition of her contribution to the heritage of the county, she has received two Heritage Awards from Galway County Council and an honorary Master of Arts degree from NUI Galway. Kathleen lectures frequently to local history societies.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 25th August,
**Times:** 8pm - 9:30pm

**Venue:** Oughterard Courthouse Centre, Bridge Street, Oughterard

**Cost/Booking:** Adult: €5

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** No  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full
**Car parking Available:** Yes  
**Indoor/Outdoor:** Indoor

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Oughterard Heritage

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**Website:** oughterardheritage.org
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**Facebook:** facebook.com/oughterardheritage
TALKS

Celebrating Our Railway Heritage

Railway experts Frank Dawson and Jim Deegan will bring you on a journey through the history of Irish Railways and illustrate how rail has shaped the Ireland we live in today. Heritage Week at Ballyglunin Train Station will be officially opened on Monday 21st August. Visitors can enjoy the unique surroundings of Ballyglunin Train Station where The Quiet Man was filmed in 1951 starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

Times/Venues
Date: 21st August,
Times: 8:30pm - 10pm

Venue: The Storehouse, Ballyglunin Train Station, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Ballyglunin Railway Restoration Project
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Telephone: 0879138801
Facebook: facebook.com/oughterardheritage Twitter: twitter.com/ballygluninrail
TALKS

Learning Through Eagle Eyes

Talk: Learning about our environment through eagle eyes, with John Lusby. Explore some of the interesting encounters with birds of prey and what we can learn from them about the world around us.

Bio: John Lusby is a research ecologist, environmentalist & educator, he works with BirdWatch Ireland and as researcher and presenter for wildlife documentaries. One of Johns main interests is birds of prey, which he has studied throughout the country and particularly in County Galway.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August 2017    Times: 3pm – 4pm
Venue: Loughrea Library, Church St., Loughrea
Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes    Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Loughrea Medieval Festival
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Twitter: twitter.com/LoughreaMedFest
TALKS

Exploring East Galway’s Past

Dr Paul Rondelez will talk about the history of the Woodford iron industry in the 17th and 18th century and the Woodford Furnace Festival in August 2018.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August 2017  
Times: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Venue: Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No  
Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: East Galway Family History Society CLG
Email: eastgalwayfamilyhistory@gmail.com  
Telephone: 0909749309
Website: galwayroots.com/main/news/exploring-east-galways-past
Exploring East Galway’s Past

Declan Kelly, MA will discuss both the perception and the actual historical background of the 139 clergies who served the diocese of Clonfert from 1800 to 1899.

Times/Venues
Date: 25th August 2017 Times: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Venue: Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
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Website: galwayroots.com/main/news/exploring-east-galways-past
Exploring East Galway’s Past

Brian Keary, MA will discuss the Congested District Board (1891-1923) and its work in the Sliabh Aughty area.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 24th August,
**Times:** 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** No
**Wheelchair Access:** Full
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
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TALKS

Exploring East Galway’s Past

Dr Joe Mannion will discuss the Clans and Surnames of East Galway in medieval times.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 22nd August,
**Times:** 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** No  **Wheelchair Access:** Full
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** East Galway Family History Society CLG
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Exploring East Galway’s Past

Monica Hynes, MA will discuss marriage patterns from the 1850s to 1920s in Woodford parish using the historical church, state and land records and three merchant families as case studies.

**Times/Venues**  
**Date:** 21st August,  
**Times:** 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** No  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** East Galway Family History Society CLG  
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**Telephone:** 0909749309  
**Website:** galwayroots.com/main/news/exploring-east-galways-past
Clonburmen in the British Army

Notwithstanding the enduring conflict between the British and Irish, the latter have fought the former's wars for centuries. This is the story of Clonbur men in that dynamic. Booklet available also.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August,
**Times:** 12.00pm – 1.00pm

**Venue:** All Saints Heritage Centre - Clonbur

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes   **Wheelchair Access:** Full
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
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Heritage Talk and Display Photos

A display of photos, a talk about the houses in Co. Galway pre 1916, a talk by Micheal Donnellan of Coillte on the history of Coillte and the surrounding area.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 21st August  
**Times:** 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Venue:** Mountbellew Walled Garden Demesne

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Mountbellew Heritage and Tourism Network

**Email:** MountbellewHeritageandTourism@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0851001262

**Website:** Moylough.galwaycommunityheritage.org
Moyglass Grouse Project Open Day

Presentation in O'Connor's Bar followed by Open Day to Moyglass Project site to see Red Grouse management works.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 7.30pm – 9.00pm

**Venue:** O'Connors Pub, Moyglass, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Moyglass Grouse Project  
**Email:** seamas.c Collins@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0868253007
The Lawrences of Lawrencetown

A launch of a free booklet by local historian Aron Donnolly, of the Irish Workhouse Centre, on the Lawrence family of Lawrencetown

Times/Venues
Date: 27th August
Times: 7:30pm - 8pm

Venue: Pardys Bar, Lawrencetown

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna
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TALKS

Workhouse Artifacts Day

Aileen O'Dowd of the Workhouse Centre presents a special talk on workhouse objects, as the centre begins the road to museum status. A rare opportunity to hear the workhouse story told through objects.

Times/Venues
Date: 22nd August
Times: 11.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: No

Organiser Details
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The Inn of Glentane

Lecture and launch of free booklet courtesy of the Irish Workhouse Centre on the Inn of Glentane, a business steeped in Irish history and culture. The talk will encompass the history of the locality.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August  
**Times:** 7.30pm – 8.30pm

**Venue:** Ruanes of Glentane, Castleblakeney

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
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Talk: Herbal Medicine

'Herbal Medicine from Garden to Bottle' is an introduction to traditional medicine-making techniques. A talk by Qualified Herbalist Vivienne Campbell, Until about a century ago many medicinal extracts prescribed by physicians (i.e. doctors) were made from medicinal plants. Herbalists continue to use these methods to extract and preserve the medicinal properties of plants.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August
Times: 4.15pm – 5pm

Venue: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No
Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Loughrea Medieval Festival
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TALKS

Talk-Edible & Medicinal Plants

Wild & Free: Discover local edible & medicinal plants’ a talk by qualified Herbalist Vivienne Campbell will cover common plants that can be used as nutritious wild foods & herbal medicines.
Talk titled is named after the renowned Irish classic book on foraging by Cyril & Kit Ó Ceirín of Lisdoonvarna.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August
Times: 1pm – 2pm

Venue: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Loughrea Medieval Festival
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TALKS

Portumna Priory Inscriptions

Launch of a free booklet by Aileen O'Dowd of the Irish Workhouse Centre on the Inscriptions of Portumna Priory

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August
Times: 12pm – 12.30pm

Venue: Portumna Library

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
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TALKS

Portrait of a Landlord

Hear the extraordinary story of James Collier Harter, the “excellent landlord” of Esker, outside Banagher in East Galway. The mark he made on its landscape and people endures to this day.

In this illustrated talk, we’ll follow the remarkable life of James Collier Harter. The grandson of a destitute gardener from Galway, Harter overcame imprisonment and personal tragedy to become one of nineteenth-century Manchester’s best-known entrepreneurs and philanthropists. We’ll see the enormous contribution he made to Manchester’s public institutions and charities, and find out why the people of Esker, Co. Galway, rejoiced at their “good fortune of being one of the noble Harter’s tenants”.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August       Times: 3pm - 5pm
Venue: Esker Schoolhouse, Eyrecourt Road, Banagher

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes       Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Shannon Heritage Tours
Email: info@shannonheritagetours.com   Telephone: 0831454548
Website: shannonheritagetours.com   facebook.com/Shannonheritagetours/
**Cricket in Co Galway**

A special lecture by Steve Dolan of the Irish Workhouse Centre in Portumna on the history of cricket in Co Galway with a special focus on Ballinasloe, the country's oldest club.

**Times/Venues**
*Date:* 23rd August  
*Times:* 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Ballinasloe Library

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
*Suitable for Children:* Yes  
*Wheelchair Access:* Full  
*Car parking Available:* Yes

**Organiser Details**
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**Ecclesiastical Heritage Talk**

Forming part of Loughrea Medieval Festival, join Dr. Christy Cunniffe, Archaeologist & Cultural Heritage Consultant, for a talk on “The Ecclesiastical Heritage of Medieval County Galway”.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 12 pm – 1pm

**Venue:** Loughrea Library, Church Street, Loughrea

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Loughrea Medieval Festival  
**Email:** loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com  
**Website:** loughreamedievalfestival.com  
facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival/

twitter.com/LoughreaMedFest
TALKS

Athenry 200

In the first of five lectures (over the next five years), Steve Dolan of the Irish Workhouse Centre will present a study of Athenry town in 1821. The bi-centenary of the first census is in five years.

Times/Venues
Date: 22nd August
Times: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: No

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie Telephone: 09097 59200
Website: irishworkhousecentre.ie

facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna

twitter.com/IrishWorkhouseC
17th Century Land Settlement

Join Jimmy Laffey, Skehana & District Heritage Group, for a presentation on The Down Survey of Ireland, the first ever detailed land survey on a national scale anywhere in the world.

Jimmy’s presentation outlines the historical context which brought about the survey, it’s planning & measurement, maps, Books of Distribution and Survey, 1641 Depositions and the information now merged & contained online in the Down Survey site.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August
Times: 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Loughrea Library, Church Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Loughrea Medieval Festival
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Website: loughreamedievalfestival.com
facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival/ twitter.com/LoughreaMedFest
TALKS

Constable Patrick Whelan

The launch of free workhouse booklet, 'Caught on the Wrong Side of Revolution', on the life of Constable Patrick Whelan by Eoin O'Neill from Athenry Heritage Centre. Eoin will also be giving a lecture.

.times/venues
.date: 22nd August
.times: 8.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: No  Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: No

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  Telephone: 09097 59200
Website: irishworkhousecentre.ie
facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna  twitter.com/IrishWorkhouseC
Industrial and Natural Heritage

Jarlath Canney historian will present on the industrial heritage of Tuam and local area followed by value of our Natural Heritage by Dr Elaine O'Riordan, NUIG. Ballyglunin station has a strong industrial history due to its connections with the Blake estate (Blakes were local Landlords and merchants & one of the tribes of Galway) the area also has connection with the Beet factory in Tuam. Jarlath Canney, Historian will present on the Industrial History of the area. Dr Elaine O'Riordan, NUIG will deliver a presentation on the value of our Natural Heritage.

Times/Venues
Date: 25th August     Times: 8pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Store at Ballyglunin Station

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes     Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Friends Ballyglunin
Email: ballyglunirailway@gmail.com Telephone: 0879138801
Website: ballyglunin.com
Tracing Family History & Tour

A Guided Heritage tour from Ballyglunin to local historic sites, followed by a talk on Griffith Valuation and Downs Survey on family history in the area, Presenter Jimmy Laffy, Historian
The guided tour from the station will cover the many local heritage sites to include the Blake estate and heritage Golden Mile. This tour will be followed by an evening event presented by Jimmy Laffey, Historian, on Griffith Valuation and Downs Survey specifically relating to local families. All events will have opportunities for discussion and refreshments will be served

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 22nd August  
**Times:** 3pm - 6pm & 8pm - 9.30pm  
**Venue:** Store at Ballyglunin Station

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- Suitable for Children: Yes  
- Wheelchair Access: Full  
- Car parking Available: Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Friends Ballyglunin  
**Email:** ballyglunirailway@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0879138801

**Website:** ballyglunin.com
Bat Walk and Talk by Carole Reynolds

Times/Venues
Date: 23rd August
Times: 8 pm – 9.45pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Talk title: Industrial Heritage of Connemara during the 19th & 20th Century in Connemara by Breandan O'Scanaill

Times/Venues
Date: 24th August
Times: 2pm -3pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes       Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: No

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie
Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Afternoon Talk

Talk title: The Pine Marten in the West of Ireland by Brian Hughes

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August
Times: 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie
Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemarannationalpark.ie
Connemara Pony Information

Learn about the history and management of Connemara Ponies

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 21st, 23rd, 25th August
- **Times:** 2pm - 4pm

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Wheelchair Access:** Partial
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
- **Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park
- **Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie
- **Telephone:** 095 41054
- **Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie
TOURS

Reaching Out: Autism Day

Enjoy workhouse exhibits and tours in a relaxed (Lights Up - Sounds Down atmosphere). Hands-on demonstrations. SNA resources will be on-site.

Times/Venues
Date: 20th August 2017
Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna, Co. Galway
Times: 10:30am - 2:30pm

Cost/Booking
Is Booking Required: Yes  Admission: Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes  Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Irish Workhouse Centre
Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  Telephone: 09097 59200

Facebook: facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna
Tour of the Dominican Priory

A tour of the Priory dedicated to the memory of Seamus Lynch a place he loved and respected. Seamus, local historian, storyteller and friend. The tour will be given by Chris Loughnane, OPW guide.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August 2017
Times: 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Venue: Dominican Priory, Athenry, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  Car parking Available: Yes
Event Organiser/Organisation  Athenry Castle (OPW)

Organiser Details
Email: athenrycastle@opw.ie  Website: heritageireland.ie
Telephone: 091 844797
Facebook: facebook.com/athenrycastle
**TOURS**

Visit Nearby Kylemore Abbey

For any guests staying with us in Lough Inagh Lodge during Heritage Week, we are delighted to invite them to obtain complimentary tickets from the hotel to explore nearby Kylemore Abbey.

Enjoy the 5 mile journey from Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel to Kylemore Abbey (built in 1857) to arrive at this wonderful Estate. Kylemore Abbey is home to the Benedictine Order of Nuns who settled there in 1920 and have made huge contributions to the restoration of The Victorian walled Gardens & Gothic Church. Complimentary Tickets valid only for guests staying overnight in Lough Inagh Lodge. Booking for tickets must be made in advance. Transportation to/from Kylemore is not supplied by the hotel.

**Times/Venues**

Date: 20th - 24th August 2017  
Times: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel, Recess, Connemara

**Cost/Booking:** Booking Required  Admission Free  to book contact 00353 9534706

**Access Details**

Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Partial

Car parking Available: Yes

**Organiser Details**

Event Organiser/Organisation: Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel

Email: inagh@iol.ie  Telephone: 00353 9534706

Website: loughinaghlodge.ie

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TOURS

Mannion Clan Historical Trail

Join us for a guided tour of the principal sites associated with the ancient Ó Mainnín Clan of County Galway, led by Clan historian, Dr Joe Mannion, and NUI Galway archaeologist, Dr Mags Mannion. The guided tour of The Mannion Clan Historical Trail on 19 August is Day 2 of the 2017 Mannion Clan Gathering. Day 1 will focus on the village of Menlough, originally known as Mionlach Uí Mhainnín, after the Ó Mainnín chiefs who erected their principal castle there in medieval times. Descendants of the Clan from all over the world will gather in Thompson's Lounge Bar overlooking the castle site at 8.00 pm on Friday 18 for an evening of historical talks, Irish music, song, dance and storytelling.

Times/Venues

Date: 19th August 2017          Times: 2pm – 6pm

Venue: Meet at Mannion's Bar Car Park, Abbeyknockmoy

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes     Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Mannion Clan Association
Email: joe@mannionclan.org     Telephone: 087-6377172
Website: mannionclan.org/      facebook.com/themannionclan/
Free Guided Tours of the Castle

Take a Guided Tour of this great Semi-Fortified Manor House and learn the history of the Estate and the Burke family who once reigned here.

Times/Venues
Date: 27th August
Times: 9.30am - 5pm

Venue: Portumna Castle & Gardens

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes    Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Office of Public Works
Email: portumnacastle@opw.ie
Website: heritageireland.ie
Telephone: 090 9741658
facebook.com/portumnacastle
17th Century Kitchen Garden Tours

Guided tour of Portumna Castle 17th Century Walled Kitchen Garden by Lynn Lascar O O'Keeffe, OPW Craft Gardener.

**Times/Venues**
- **Date:** 21\(^{st}\), 22\(^{nd}\) August  **Times:** 12pm - 1pm
- **Date:** 24\(^{th}\) August  **Times:** 2pm - 3pm

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free  Booking Required to book contact 090 9741658

**Venue:** Portumna Castle & Gardens

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
- Suitable for Children: Yes  Wheelchair Access: Full
- Car parking Available: Yes

**Organiser Details**
- Event Organiser/Organisation: Office Of Public Works
- Email: portumnacastle@opw.ie
- Website: heritageireland.ie
- Telephone: 090 9741658
- facebook.com/portumnacastle
Workhouse Heritage Day

To mark heritage week, the Workhouse is offering free guided tours for families on August 26th. Tours take place every hour on the hour from 10am to 4pm. A folklore booklet will also be launched.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 9.30am – 5pm

**Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
**Email:** info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  
**Telephone:** 09097 59200
**Website:** irishworkhousecentre.ie
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Tours of Franciscan Friary

For Heritage Week the committee members will be giving a tour of the Franciscan Friary, that dates back to the mid 13th century. Come along and learn the wonderful history of this great landmark.

**Times/Venues**

- **Date:** 23rd August  
  **Times:** 7pm – 8pm
- **Date:** 27th August  
  **Times:** 12.30pm – 1.30pm

There are two tours happening. The first tour will be Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017 and the second tour will be held on Sunday, August 27th, meeting at the Friary at 12:30 pm.

**Venue:** Claregalway Franciscan Friary

**Cost/Booking** - Admission Free - Booking Required to book contact 0867778217

**Access Details**
- **Suitable for Children:** Yes
- **Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Claregalway Historical & Cultural Society

**Email:** info@claregalwaymuseum.ie  
**Telephone:** 0867778217

**Website:** claregalwaymuseum.ie

facebook.com/ClaregalwayHistoricalSociety/
twitter.com/forgemus
Sounds of the Workhouse

Come and listen to our special composition for Heritage Week by local musician Ian Garner. You can learn about the natural sounds which resounded through the workhouse when it was in operation.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 23rd August  
**Times:** 12.30pm – 3.30pm

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna  
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**Telephone:** 09097 59200  
**Website:** irishworkhousecentre.ie  
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Lá Gaeilge i dTeach na mBocht

A day dedicated to the Irish Language, with tours (on the hour) through Irish. A unique opportunity to tour the Workhouse through our own native tongue. Led by our own tour guide Nuala Conroy.

Times/Venues
Date: 21st August
Times: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Teach na mBocht, Port Omna, Co. na Gaillimhe

Cost/Booking: Booking Required - to book contact 09097 59200

Cost: Adult: €5 Child: €2 Concession: €5 Family: €10

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie Telephone: 09097 59200
Website: irishworkhousecentre.ie facebook.com/WorkhousePortumna twitter.com/IrishWorkhouseC
Tracing Family History & Tour

A Guided Heritage tour from Ballyglunin to local historic sites, followed by a talk on Griffith Valuation and Downs Survey on family history in the area, Presenter Jimmy Laffey, Historian

The guided tour from the station will cover the many local heritage sites to include the Blake estate and heritage Golden Mile. This tour will be followed by an evening event presented by Jimmy Laffey, Historian, on Griffith Valuation and Downs Survey specifically relating to local families. All events will have opportunities for discussion and refreshments will be served.

Times/Venues
Date: 22nd August
Times: 3pm - 6pm & 8pm - 9.30pm
Venue: Store at Ballyglunin Station

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Full
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Friends Ballyglunin
Email: ballyglunirailway@gmail.com Telephone: 0879138801
Website: ballyglunin.com
Sr Conception Fagan was the Artist/Maker of the Oranmore Maree 1916 Banner. Two local historians will map the life of Sr Conception Fagan and the Presentation Nuns from the 1900's onwards.

We will start the walk at where the convent was originally and where the boarders stayed. We will walk through the village showing how the village developed through the decades. Walk to the new convent, how the nuns survived, walking through the graveyards and ending up at Sr Conception Fagan's. The 1916 Banner given to the volunteer's by Sr Conception Fagan and is still being used today in Commemoration Services. It is currently being restored and will be displayed in the Library.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 19th August 2017  
**Times:** 10.00am – 11.00am

**Venue:** Joe Howley Statue, Oranmore Village, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser:** Oranmore Maree 1916 Commeration Committee  
**Email:** dolores.kilroe@hotmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0879137828
Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Join us for an encounter in the esker landscape Tullykyne to Killanin. Stops along the 4.5km walk will look at the esker profile, pointing out plants & animals, and noting sites of historic interest.
Join Prof. Martin Feely, Geologist and Dr. Caitriona Carlin Ecologist for an encounter in the Tullykyne to Killanin esker landscape - the only esker west of the Corrib. Discover its origin and how it influenced the flora, fauna, wildlife and local history. Setting off from Tullykyne NS at 10am and finishing at Brigit’s Garden. Stops along the 4.5km walk will look at the profile, plants & animals and sites of historic interest. Dress for the weather, bring water and suncream. All welcome.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th August 2017 Times: 10am - 1pm
Venue: Tullykyne National School, Tullykyne, Moycullen

Cost/Booking: Booking Required Admission Free
Booking - moycullenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Moycullen Historical Society
Email: moycullenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Telephone: 087 4364699
Website: moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org
Facebook: facebook.com/MoycullenHistoricalSociety
twitter.com/@CStaireMhaighC
Guided Killagoola Loop Walk

2-3 hour guided walk of Killagoola loop includes stops to learn about flora & fauna of the river Kip, history of the Clydagh bridge and mills, Geoghegan Monument and early Christian site of Teampall Eanna. A spot of berry picking along the way may also be the order of the day.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 20th August 2017  
**Times:** 10am – 1pm

**Venue:** An Fuarán (Opposite The Forge Bar), Moycullen

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Moycullen Historical Society  
**Email:** moycullenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 087 9508087  
**Website:** moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/MoycullenHistoricalSociety  
**Twitter:** twitter.com/CStaireMhaighC
WALKS

Guided tSean Reilig Loop Walk

A 2-3 hour 6.5km guided walk covering origins of Moycullen village, O’Flaherty clan and their anglo-norman castle ruin, tSean Reilig with vocational stones & some of the oldest marked graves in Galway. Along the route you will also see a restored 19th century handball alley and the old Galway-Clifden railway line.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August 2017  
**Times:** 10am – 1pm

**Venue:** An Fuarán (Opposite The Forge Bar), Moycullen

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Moycullen Historical Society  
**Email:** moycullenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 087 9508087  
**Website:** moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/MoycullenHistoricalSociety  
**twitter.com/CStaireMhaighC2**
Guided Killarainey Woods Walk

3km guided walk from the village crossroads through to the flora and fauna of our woodlands and canals. Stops will include such sites as ringforts, pre-famine granary and cultivation ridges. Learn about the rich history and heritage of our village – including the many folklore stories of Killarainey wood.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 27th August 2017  
**Times:** 11am – 12pm  
**Venue:** An Fuarán (Opposite The Forge Bar), Moycullen

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Moycullen Historical Society  
**Email:** moycullenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 087 9508087  
**Website:** moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/MoycullenHistoricalSociety twitter.com/CStaireMhaighC
Woodlawn's Water Features

Proceed along Golden Mile taking in water features of Woodlawn including lake, ice house and bridges. Ends at Woodlawn N.S.

Dr. Christy Cunniffe talks on Killaan Holy Well 6.30pm. The group shall proceed along Golden Mile concentrating on water features of the estate including lakes, bridges and ice house. Ends @ Woodlawn N.S where light refreshments served.

**Times/Venues**

**Date:** 22nd August  
**Times:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Venue:** Killaan Cross - Golden Mile - Woodlawn N.S

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**

**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Woodlawn Heritage Group  
**Email:** woodlawnhg@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0861003888  
**Website:** woodlawn.galwaycommunityheritage.org/  
facebook.com/woodlawnheritage
Heritage Walking Tour

Join Colman Shaughnessy & Joe Loughnane, Loughrea Memorial Group, for a walk & talk around Loughrea, introducing you to the town’s built & natural history from it's medieval routes to the present day. This is a walking tour so please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 27th August  
**Times:** 12:45pm - 1:45pm

**Venue:** Clonfert Diocesan Museum, grounds of St. Brendan’s Cathedral, Barrack Street, Loughrea, 

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Loughrea Medieval Festival –2017. 
**Email:** loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com

**Website:** loughreamedievalfestival.com
Bat Walk at Coole Park

Tonight for international bat night there is a bat walk at Coole Park. Come and discover more about these mysterious creatures with an NPWS ranger. Bring torch and strong footwear. Weather dependent

**Times/Venues**  
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 8.30pm – 10pm

**Venue:** Coole Park Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free  
**Access Details**  
Suitable for Children: Yes  
Wheelchair Access: Partial  
Car parking Available: Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** National Parks & Wildlife Service & Galway Bat Group  
**Email:** coolepark@agh.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 091 631804  
**Website:** coolepark.ie

facebook.com/coolegarrylandnaturereserve/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf
Bat Walk and Talk by
Carole Reynolds

Times/Venues
Date: 23rd August
Times: 8 pm – 9.45pm

Venue: Connemara National Park

Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes   Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Guided Nature Walk

As these walks cover rough wet, boggy terrain, it is essential visitors have appropriate footwear and rainwear.

Times/Venues
Date: 19th, 23rd, 25th August
Date: 26th August
Date: 27th August

Venue: Connemara National Park
Cost/Booking: Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes
Wheelchair Access: Partial
Car parking Available: Yes

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation: Connemara National Park
Email: siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 095 41054
Website: connemaranationalpark.ie
Open Workshop

Open workshop with demonstrations and guided tours of furniture and other wooden artefacts.

**Times/Venues**

*Date:* 20th August 2017  
*Times:* 10am - 5pm

**Venue:** Connemara West Centre, Letterfrack, Co Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**

*Suitable for Children:* Yes  
*Wheelchair Access:* Full  
*Car parking Available:* Yes

**Organiser Details :**  
*Event Organiser/Organisation:* Conservation Letterfrack  
*Email:* janet@conservationletterfrack.ie  
*Telephone:* 09541036  
*Website:* conservationletterfrack.ie
Printing & Hat Making Workshop

Learn how to make a printer's hat using the traditional Japanese paper craft of origami, or work with artifacts from the National Print Museum’s collection to create a 'wanted' poster.

The National Print Museum’s Education Department Outreach Programme is coming to Loughrea, where people of all ages can pop in and create a 'wanted' poster and printer’s hat.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 2pm - 4pm

**Venue:** Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:**  Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial
**Car parking Available:** No

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Loughrea Medieval Festival
**Email:** loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com
**Website:** loughreamedievalfestival.com
facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival/
twitter.com/LoughreaMedFest
Nature Bookmaking Workshop

The National Print Museum’s Education Department Outreach Programme is coming to Loughrea Medieval Festival, teaching children how to use traditional and modern methods and materials to create their very own hardback book.

**Times/Venues**
*Date:* 26th August  
*Times:* 11am – 12pm

**Venue:** Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free - Booking required contact loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com

Children learn to handcraft their own hardback book which they then decorate and personalise with leaves, flowers, and feathers. Free workshop, but booking essential. 15 children. Aged 8-12 years.

**Access Details**
*Suitable for Children:* Yes  
*Wheelchair Access:* Partial  
*Car parking Available:* No

**Organiser Details**
*Event Organiser/Organisation:* Loughrea Medieval Festival
*Email:* loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com
*Website:* loughreamedievalfestival.com
facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival/  
twitter.com/LoughreaMedFest
Workshop on Family History

A Genealogy Workshop, with free advice to help people trace their family history will be held in the Lackagh Parish Centre. People are encouraged to bring a laptop. The interactive workshop will focus on furthering the participant’s own family history research through a range of online resources, including census, church, civil, and land records. Our team of experienced mentors will be available on the day to give free advice and tuition on family history sources and searches.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 2pm – 5.30pm

**Venue:** Lackagh Parish Centre, Turloughmore  
**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** No  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Western Family History Association  
**Email:** info@wfha.info  
**Telephone:** 085 733 0368  
**Website:** wfha.info  
**twitter.com/WesternFHA**
Who Do You Think You Are?

Come to the Irish Workhouse Centre for 'Genealogy Thursday'. Genealogists and Historians will be on-hand to give advice on the resources available and give tips on growing your family tree.

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 24th August  
**Times:** 1pm – 6pm

**Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** The Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna
**Email:** info@irishworkhousecentre.ie  
**Telephone:** 09097 59200
**Website:** irishworkhousecentre.ie
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Irish Wildflower Flags Workshop

Drop-in & create an Irish Wildflower Flag with Down to Earth Green Crafts. Children will be introduced to different Irish Wildflowers & use the juices of plants & flowers to create patterns on fabric. Down to Earth Green Crafts will be bringing the magic of creating with nature to the Loughrea Medieval Festival. They will be offering a natural creative space for children to explore and learn with all the amazing materials that nature provides. A drop-in, have-a-go free workshop, open to children of all ages.

**Times/Venues**  
**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 11am – 1pm

**Venue:** Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**  
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Full  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**  
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Loughrea Medieval Festival  
**Email:** loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com  
**Website:** [loughreamedievalfestival.com](http://loughreamedievalfestival.com)

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Wooden Medallion Workshop

Join Down to Earth Green Crafts for a drop-in free workshop, making a medallion/necklace from natural material that the children can decorate with flowers/paint. Down to Earth Green Crafts will be bringing the magic of creating with nature to the Loughrea Medieval Festival. They will be offering a natural creative space for children to explore and learn with all the amazing materials that nature provides. A drop-in, have-a-go free workshop, open to children of all ages.

Times/Venues
Date: 26th August  
Times: 2pm – 4pm

Venue:  Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

Cost/Booking:  Admission Free

Access Details
Suitable for Children: Yes  
Wheelchair Access: Full

Car parking Available:  No

Organiser Details
Event Organiser/Organisation:  Loughrea Medieval Festival
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Harvest Knots Workshop

Find out about the importance of the harvest and try your hand at weaving with straw. Harvest Knots Workshop led by Tom Doyle and Aoife O’Toole, from the National Museum of Ireland, Country Life. Tom Doyle has a BA in Irish Heritage Studies & is part of the Education & Outreach Department for the Irish Folklife Division since 2001. Aoife O'Toole has worked in the Education & Outreach Department at the National Museum since 2006 & has a BA in Irish Art History & Design. A drop-in, have-a-go free workshop, open to all ages.

**Times/Venues**

**Date:** 26th August  
**Times:** 11am - 4pm

**Venue:** Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**

**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial

**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**

**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Loughrea Medieval Festival

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WORKSHOPS

Peg Doll Making Workshop

This event is suitable for children over 5yrs but also suitable for adults. All materials are supplied. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

**Times/Venues**
**Date:** 21st August  
**Times:** 11am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** Connemara National Park

**Cost/Booking:** Admission Free

**Access Details**
**Suitable for Children:** Yes  
**Wheelchair Access:** Partial  
**Car parking Available:** Yes

**Organiser Details**
**Event Organiser/Organisation:** Connemara National Park  
**Email:** siobhan.geoghegan@ahg.gov.ie  
**Telephone:** 095 41054  
**Website:** connemaranationalpark.ie