



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

bealtainefestival
celebrating creativity in older age



Bealtaine in Galway 2016

What is Bealtaine?

The month of May belongs to the Bealtaine festival, celebrating creativity in older age! Thousands of older people now take part in the Bealtaine festival. From dance to cinema, painting to theatre, Bealtaine showcases the talents and creativity of both first-time and professional older artists.

Each year, Age & Opportunity invite local authorities, arts centres, libraries, active retirement groups, care settings and community groups from every part of the country to run Bealtaine events that celebrate creativity in older age.

What is happening in County Galway?

This year Galway County Council & Galway City Council as part of its Age Friendly Cultural Programme has again decided to produce a **Galway Bealtaine Brochure** to highlight and create awareness of the many wonderful events and activities taking place throughout Galway.

Once again we are inviting groups and organisations to host an event during May to celebrate Bealtaine. We will include your event in the Brochure.

What can I do?

We welcome all your ideas for events or activities, some examples are:

- Hold a music and dance session
- Have a poetry or craft day
- Hold an art exhibition
- Have a story telling session
- Celebrate Irish culture or other cultures in your area
- Celebrate the history & heritage of your area
- Have an evening of theatrics
- Hold a digital camera workshop
- Have fun with food



How can I get involved?

1. You must complete the application form giving us the details of your event.
2. You can download an application form at www.galway.ie/bealtaine or phone 091 509580/509584 for one to be posted to you.
3. Email it to bealtaine@galwaycoco.ie by **15 March 2016** or post it to the address below.
4. We will then include your event in the Brochure.

Tips for Holding Bealtaine Events

- **Involve** as many people and groups in the planning of the event such as local clubs, sports or community centres, primary and secondary schools, the local library and local businesses.
- Think of the **environmental impact** of your event. Contact the Councils Environmental Awareness Officer Sinéad Ní Mhainnín on 091 509566 to get advise on 'Greening' your event.
- Try to **promote** the event as much as possible for example by using posters, flyers, church newsletter, local media, social media and so on.
- **See what others have done.** Log onto www.galway.ie/bealtaine to see the Galway Brochure from previous years or the national Bealtaine website – www.bealtaine.com

Funding (County Galway only, excluding the City)

If your group requires funding to hold a BEALTAINE event, please apply for funding under the "Community Support Scheme 2016". Application forms and guidelines are available on www.galway.ie/en/services/artsoffice/funding/communitysupport/ or telephone 091 509580/509584. 4pm Thursday 25th February is the deadline for this funding.

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