



**FREE  
FAMILY  
FUN!**

# **CRUINNIÚ@ PORTUMNA**

**SATURDAY JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**A CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE,  
PLACE & HERITAGE**

Galway County Council, Waterways Ireland, Portumna Castle (OPW) and the Irish Workhouse Centre are promoting the rich heritage of Portumna and its link to Lough Derg with an exciting programme of events that will be held in the Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna Castle and Castle Harbour.



## Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Conference:** A Celebration of People, Place and Heritage

**1:10pm**

**Dr Christy Cuniffe:** Lecture Title: 'The Sacred Sites and Associated Saints of the Mid-Shannon'

**1:45pm**

**Aron Donnelly:** Lecture Title: 'Viking Raids on the River Shannon'

**2:15pm**

**Joe Treacy:** Lecture Title: '19th & 20th Century Inland Water Transport in Ireland.'

**2:35 pm**

**Mary Healy:** Lecture Title: 'Gods, Goddesses and Myths of the Water'

**3:05pm**

**Noel Wilkins:** Lecture Title: 'Persons, Places and Things: Freshwaters Have Heritage Too'.

**For further details contact:**

**(090) 975 9200 or**

**email [info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie)**



## Portumna Castle, Gardens & Tea Rooms

**Running All Day...**

There will be a specially produced film for the event entitled, 'Lough Derg Stories' running throughout the day in the castle.

**11am & 2pm**

Lisa Guinan, a well renowned Herbalist will guide visitors around the grounds of the castle and introduce them to the wild medicinal herbs that are grown there. This will be followed by a practical demonstration on how to make old style herbal tonics, cough and cold medicines and herbal infused oils. Please bring along a camera if you would like a photographic record of the plants and writing material if you would like to take notes. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Lisa will run two tours and two workshops, starting times 11am and 2pm.

**3.30pm**

Shane Coogan, Water Safety Development Officer, Galway County Council 'Water Safety Awareness'.

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## Castle Harbour

1.30pm to 5.00pm

Boats, Crafts, Games, Music,  
Fun & much more...

### Heritage Boat Association

Come explore our magnificent floating heritage and see the Heritage Boat Association's display of heritage boats at Castle Harbour.

Why not partake in some wonderful arts and crafts or listen to some amazing local music in our marquees by the harbour.

### Hurleys by the Harbour

Come see Canning Hurleys Game of Throw-Ins!!!

### Loughrea Craft Club

Capture children's imagination with Loughrea Craft Club's amazing creative workshops

### Pignut Productions will present their magnificent flea circus

It's amazing! It's spectacular! It's astounding! It's tiny! Feats of astonishing bravery and breathtaking beauty -

acrobatics, trapeze, high wire and more - all performed by highly trained, teeny tiny fleas.

### Craft Making & Traditional Skills Demonstrations

Join Melanie Lorien for straw craft, Anna O'Donnell for butter making and using local herbs in cooking, Sandra King for spinning and weaving.

Chat to Noel Leahy, Slieve Aughty Honey about the ancient art of beekeeping and more.

### Displays & Demonstrations

Come see and chat to:

- ▶ Lough Derg Lifeboat Station
- ▶ Galway Water Safety Area Committee
- ▶ Local Authority Water Programme
- ▶ Inland Fisheries Ireland
- ▶ Waterways Ireland
- ▶ Meelick Kayak Club
- ▶ Port Omna Beo
- ▶ Portumna Angling Club

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**FREE**

shuttle bus  
all day

**Parking available at Portumna GAA Grounds.**

**FREE shuttle bus all day, provided by Ken Daly Package Tours.**

**Children to be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

***Programme maybe subject to change***

This event has been developed and funded by the Heritage Offices of Galway County Council and Waterways Ireland, the Office of Public Works, Local Authority Water Programme, Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna Castle, the Heritage Council and the local community.

It is supported by the Heritage Boat Association, Portumna GAA, Lough Derg Lifeboat Station, Port Omna Beo, Meelick Kayak Club, Portumna Angling Club, Ken Daly Package Tours, Canning Hurleys & Galway Water Safety Area Committee.



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