



Outbound: the service will begin at Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit - Parkmore Road - Monivea Road - Bothar na dTreabh (Dual Carriageway - South East) - Dublin Road (R921) - Dublin Road (R338) - College Road - Bothar Pairc an Aonaigh - Stop (Galway Coach Station)

Return: Bothar Pairc an Aonaigh Stop (Galway Coach Station) - Lough Atalia Road - Ffrench Roundabout - Wellpark Road - Monivea Road - Ballybane Road - Morris Roundabout - Bothar na dTreabh - Lynch Roundabout - Monivea Road - Parkmore Road - Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit.

Speaking at the launch of the campaign, Mr Joe Tansey stated that "this year our service offers three distinct customer benefits relative to previous years, firstly the most competitive all-day parking fares in town, secondly by using Galway Coach Station, customers can avail of state of the art facilities, which offer excellent comfort for our passengers and thirdly, we aim to maximise use of all bus lane infrastructure including newly completed sections of the Dublin Road bus lane. Combined, these changes should serve to incentivise commuters and shoppers to avail of our Park and Ride service."

Reduced Train Fares from Athenry

Developing this integrated campaign, Galway City Council was delighted to work with Iarnród Éireann who agreed to cut its regular daily return fares from Athenry to Galway. Commenting on the campaign, Mr Myles Mc Hugh, Service Planning Manager, Iarnród Éireann, highlighted that "special day return fares of €6 adult and €4 children under 16 years will apply for the period of the promotion." In addition, as part of this initiative Iarnród Éireann has plans in place to increase its carparking capacity in Athenry in order to meet

increased demand for this service in the run-up to Christmas.

Reduced Bus Fares from Gort to Galway

As part of this campaign Bus Éireann is offering a so called Super Single fare from Gort to Galway at €5 and €10 return, which is normally €14 return offering a total saving of €4 on a return journey from Gort. In terms of bus services, Galway City Council wishes to highlight that it will be proactively working with all bus operators and relevant stakeholders throughout 2009 in an effort to accelerate the provision of reliable and customer focussed bus services in Galway.

Reducing Car Use on the School Run

Since commencing operation, Galway Transportation Unit has been working with staff from An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel programme. This excellent programme, which is currently underway in numerous schools in Galway City and County aims to encourage pupils, parents and teachers to walk, cycle, park 'n' stride, carpool or use public transport instead of the private car on the school run. To support the work of an Taisce in alleviating school run traffic, Galway Transportation Unit will be working to improve the safety of identified home/school routes so as to encourage maximum uptake of sustainable methods of travelling to and from school.

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Galway City Sports Partnership

Galway City Sports Partnership would like to thank a number of groups for their assistance in running a number of programmes of the past number of months. Connacht Branch IRFU, Football Association of

took part in the FUN X FOUR programme.

Recently a review of the programme was undertaken with a number of the coaches and development officers. More research into how the participants found the programme.



FUN X 4 Coaches

Ireland (FAI), Connacht Camogie Board and Connacht Ladies Gaelic Football Association all of whom provide greatly of their coaching and organisational skills, making the FUN X FOUR programme a major success. In all over 80 girls between the ages of 8 to 14 years

Titans Basketball Club Community Hoops programme took place in the months of July and August in both the East and West sides of the City. The Titans provided basketball activities to over 360 young people in a fun and inclusive manner. Titan's also provided a large number of participants with "Free Scholarship" to attend, with many of these expressing an interest in playing more basketball in the future. Besides being a worthwhile Social Educational and Personal and Community Development programme, the initiative had numerous Health Educational and other ancillary benefits. Many thanks to the staff of the G.M.I.T. and the Caretakers of the Galway City Councils Community Centres in both Renmore and the Westside.

Upcoming programmes:

Galway City Sports Partnership in conjunction with HSE will be running a women's meet and train group in Renmore. We aim to get as many women as possible to take part in this programme. It will run for 8 weeks. Start date: 14th January 2009.

Galway City Sports Partnership will be running a Teen Dance Programme for females in the New Year. This programme will be targeted at secondary school girls who wish to try dance as a physical activity. It is a way of learning new moves while getting fit. Start date: To be confirmed (TBC).

Code of Ethics and Good Practice in Children's Sports awareness course. Aimed at making children's sports "Child Centred". This course is aimed at everyone involved in children's sport from administrators to coaches and parents. Dates: TBC

Further information can be obtained by emailing galwayactive@galwaycity.ie or calling 091-536854.

Mayor's Awards 2008



Launch of the Mayor's Awards Cllr. Colette Connolly, Chairperson of the Galway City Development Board with representatives from the three Credit Union and Cllr. Pádraig Conneely, Mayor of the City of Galway.

- Local Environment, Neighbourhood & Residents' Groups
- Social & Community Support
- Positive Ageing
- Sports, Recreation, Children and Youth
- Young Volunteer of the Year

There will be a Galway Crystal trophy and a cheque for €700 for the winner in each category.

The three credit unions in Galway City, St. Columba's, Naomh Pádraig and St. Anthony's & The Claddagh have come together as joint sponsors of the Mayor's Awards have generously agreed to continue as sponsors of the Galway City Credit Unions Volunteer of Year Award. The closing date for nominations is 31st December 2008 and nomination forms are available from City Hall, the Credit Union offices in the City and to download from www.galwaycity.ie/cdb.

More details on the Mayor's Awards 2008 are available from www.galwaycity.ie/cdb or by telephone at 091-536 573.

Cllr. Pádraig Conneely, Mayor of Galway City, launched the sixth annual Mayor's Awards celebrating voluntary activity in community life in Galway City on Tuesday 21st October in City Hall. The Mayor called on people in Galway City to nominate unpaid volunteers for their work in the community in the City. This year's awards, which have been hugely popular over the last six years, have seen the inclusion of a Positive Ageing Award this year.

acknowledge outstanding people and organisations who, through their commitment to participating in unpaid community and voluntary activities, have had a significant impact on the quality of life of their communities in Galway City.

Nominations are invited from people resident in Galway City for individuals or organisations for the Mayor's Awards 2008. Nominations are being called for volunteers involved in

- Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cursaí Gaeilge

The Mayor's Awards 2008 will again

European Mobility Week



Ms. Martina Moloney, County Manager, Cllr. Peter Feeney, Mayor of the County of Galway, Cllr. Pádraig Conneely, Mayor of the City of Galway and Mr. Joe MacGrath, City Manager at the Launch of Mobility Week.



Children from St. James NS, Bushypark and Scoil Chaitriona Senior, Renmore with the Cllr. Peter Feeney, Mayor of the County of Galway, Cllr. Pádraig Conneely, Mayor of the City of Galway and Community Gardaí holding the flashing lights distributed as part of the Healthy Cities Initiative

Galway City Council participated in European Mobility Week for the first time in 2008. The week ran from the 16th to the 22nd September.



Scoil Chaitriona Senior

in conjunction with the local radio station Galway Bay FM, and on each day a different mode of transport was chosen.

Galway City Council in partnership with the HSE West distributed 5,000 flashing lights and 300 pedometers to members of the Public. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage more and more people to cycle and walk safely around Galway. The Gardaí played a big role in the distribution of the lights to cyclists and they commented publicly how beneficial this initiative was for the safety of cyclists on the road.

A leaflet detailing Private Cars Environmental Emissions Ratings was produced and made available to the general public. This proved to be very popular and provided information which allows car owners and especially people about to purchase cars to make informed decisions in relation to the carbon emissions of their vehicles.

A bike maintenance workshop was held in Eyre Square on 21st