



**GALWAY CITY COUNCIL  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
& GALWAY 2020**

**SOCIAL  
INCLUSION  
WEEK 2017**

**16 - 22 OCTOBER**



# GALWAY CITY COUNCIL, GALWAY SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK 2017

A collective response to address Poverty and So  
taking place in Galway by groups and organisat

**AN OPEN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK 2017 BY MAYOR OF GALWAY CITY, CLLR. PEARSE FLANNERY & MAYOR OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, CLLR. EILEEN MANNION. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'FESTIVAL OF INCLUSION'. MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 11AM, TRIBETON, 1-3 MERCHANTS ROAD UPPER, GALWAY**

## **SCHOOLS INTERCULTURAL FUTSAL BLITZ & EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 10:00-13:00, WESTSIDE

A local futsal blitz (5 aside football) for primary school children in the city. Prior to delivering football sessions themed around integration and inclusion, an educational 'Show Racism the Red Card' programme will be delivered to 6th class. The participating schools are Scoil Bríde and Galway Educate Together.

FURTHER DETAILS NIGEL 086 041 8648

## **WESTSIDE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 18:00-20:00

WESTSIDE RESOURCE CENTRE

Westside Resource Centre marks Social Inclusion Week 2017 by holding a celebration of a multicultural society and by acknowledging the common challenges and themes facing communities at home and abroad. The event will be comprised of an exhibition of paintings based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This Artwork was created during the "Painting the

Planet" Community Art Project which took place in Westside during September 2017. The international atmosphere will be complemented and completed by musical performances and cuisine from around the world.

FURTHER DETAILS JAMES 091 528 325

## **LAUNCH OF BRIDGE PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH WESTSIDE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 18:00-18:30

WESTSIDE RESOURCE CENTRE

The BRIDGE Project (Building a Receptive and Integrated Galway of Equals) seeks to promote the effective delivery of reception and integration supports (including advocacy and capacity building interventions) to asylum seekers and third country nationals living in Galway City and County. The launch is an opportunity for stakeholders and service users to learn more about the project and its workers.

FURTHER DETAILS SUZANNE 091 528 325

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# COUNTY COUNCIL & GALWAY 2020

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cial Exclusion in Galway City, highlighting the good work  
ions in tackling issues within their local community.

### LAUNCH OF GALWAY INTEGRATION CONSORTIUM FACEBOOK PAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WESTSIDE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 18:30-19:00  
WESTSIDE RESOURCE CENTRE

The Galway Integration Consortium is a network of agencies, both statutory and voluntary, with the ultimate goal of supporting best practice in relation to integration in Galway City. One way we hope to achieve this is by highlighting issues and trying to identify feasible actions to be taken to combat them. The Launch is to showcase the new Facebook Page and explore the work to-date of the Consortium. Information will be available at the event.

FURTHER DETAILS SUZANNE 091 528 325

### INTERCULTURAL STORYTELLING

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER, 18:30-20:30  
OLBC CLUB HOUSE, SEA ROAD, GALWAY

Intercultural Storytelling is an event where each and every member of our diverse community can tell a story about their own community, encouraging understanding and tolerance of everyone's unique cultural identity. It will also include past members to speak on the night of their experiences of growing up in the 1950s or 1960s.

FURTHER DETAILS JOE 091 585 866

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION NETWORK (CPN) GALWAY INFORMATION DAY ON THE GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 10:00-13:00  
THE INSTITUTE FOR LIFECOURSE & SOCIETY (ILAS) NUIG

The purpose of the day is to build awareness, interest and participation of Voluntary Disability Groups in Galway in the work of the Galway City Community Network.

FURTHER DETAILS CATHY 086 384 7440

### "ONE WORLD SINGERS" INTERCULTURAL & INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 11:00-12:00  
CROÍ NA GAILLIMHE, ST VINCENT DE PAUL, 1 MILL STREET

One World Voices Singers Group from Croí na Gaillimhe is specifically designed to promote social integration in Galway City and connect people from direct provision with the broader community. The social event brings people from direct provision centres and the local community together to perform and listen to music and singing from other cultures and countries. It's an opportunity for people in the asylum seeking process to show something positive from their country and the universality of music provides both the connection between the uniqueness of music and song.

FURTHER DETAILS LORETTA 091 895 203

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## CREATING NEW FRIENDSHIPS

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 11:00-13:00

THE GAF YOUTH CAFE, FAIRGREEN ROAD

Transition year students from Our Lady's College Galway will come together with students from St Joseph's Training Centre Ability West for the first time. The group will create a friendship tree together with a view to planning frequent friendship meetings throughout the year.

FURTHER DETAILS CLAIRE 085 142 8705

## WELLBEING COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 11:00-13:00

SONAS DAY CENTRE, MERVUE

Sonas drop in centre will be hosting a wellbeing coffee morning. A health care professional will be in attendance to give advice on healthy living in later years. Everyone is welcome to attend the event and we look forward to welcoming you to Sonas and telling you about our service. Staff will be available to offer information on supports and help answer any questions regarding the service, your wellbeing and how to find out more about entitlements.

FURTHER DETAILS MARTINA 091 753 402

## 'COME AND TRY' WALKING FOOTBALL

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 14:00-16:00

MERVUE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Galway Sports Partnership is hosting a walking football which is a low intensity fun way for older adults to stay active and have fun in a socially inclusive way. Both men and women are invited to play. No experience of playing football necessary. The game is

played with a softer ball and no physical contact is allowed.

FURTHER DETAILS JASON 087 981 7549

## SONKE MULTICULTURAL CHOIR INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 19:00-21:00

UNITED METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VICTORIA PLACE

SONKE Multicultural Community Choir is a socially inclusive choir, inviting people from all walks of life and all backgrounds to join in to celebrate music and song. It is a group of people who join together to have fun and sing world music. The value of celebrating voice and song is, for many, a form of therapy. The energy of world music draws the audience in and encourages them to participate rather than just listen. All welcome, no auditions.

FURTHER DETAILS LIZ 085 771 7670

## PAINT A SMILE

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 13:00-17:00

GALWAY YELLOW SCULPTURE, ARTS/SCIENCE

CONCOURSE, NUIG, ASSEMBLY

WALK INTO EYRE SQUARE

Come along to our great 'Paint a Smile' event as part of NUIG Equality Week and Galway Social Inclusion week, where we are celebrating everyone's uniqueness, individuality and differences. We will be meeting at the Galway Yellow sculpture on the Arts/Science concourse. Here, we will 'Step Outside Our Defining Box' with the activity of bringing everyone together. We all share more similarities than we think, regardless of nationality, socio-economic background, gender and sexual orientation. Our aim is to see

beyond the 'labels' and praise each and everyone's diversity. Then, we will gather together and walk into Eyre Square as one. Once, in Eyre Square we will all paint our hands in different colours and print them on a sheet, which will later be hung up. Messages of welcome to refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and international students can be written on the handprints as well as painting a pretty picture beside your handprint.

FURTHER DETAILS MEGAN 091 492 747

### **INFORMATION NIGHT WITH MUSIC & FOOD**

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 19:00-21:00

AMACH LGBT, TEACH SOLAIS, LGBT RESOURCE CENTRE

Evening filled with information on services and social events that take place in Teach Solais together with a discussion for planned events and any suggestions that the community wish to share.

FURTHER DETAILS MARIA 085 736 4536

### **MULTICULTURAL STORYTELLING & HOT CHOCOLATE**

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 9:30-10:30

CLADDAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

As a celebration of the wide diversity of our school community we are holding a storytelling event at our school. We are focusing on the link between pre-school and primary school, which is a focus of the European Union Horizon 2020 objectives. We are planning to welcome the preschool students and teachers from our onsite preschool run by Olivia O'Reilly as well as children and parents who are residents of the direct provision centre at the Eglinton Hotel.

FURTHER DETAILS ANNIE 091 586 173

### **CHANGING CONFLICT**

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 18:00-20:00

WESTSIDE RESOURCE CENTRE

& FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 18:00-20:00

BALLYBANE RESOURCE CENTRE

Helplink's Conflict Resolution Centre are having two workshops to teach community members about conflict, bias and the effective methods for dealing with them appropriately. The workshops also include the role of human rights and various techniques for resolving conflict in amicable ways and use a collaborative approach to problem-solving that is beneficial for inclusion of marginalised groups.

FURTHER DETAILS LORRAINE 091 759 887

### **WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL FOR ALL**

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 20:30-22:00

& FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 19:00-20:30

ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Galway Sports Partnership & Titans Wheelers Basketball Club are coming together to get people to try out Wheelchair Basketball. We are inviting able-bodied people to come and try to play against the Wheelers. It will give a good idea of the issues involved when using a wheelchair in a fun environment.

FURTHER DETAILS JASON 087 981 7549

### **FÁILTE ISTEACH - WELCOME IN!**

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER, 10:30-12:30

ARD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

ARD Fáilte Isteach English classes welcome the public to sample their culture, food and music. This group is made up of 10 different nationalities and volunteer teachers who run the 6 classes. Come along and meet your neighbours. All are welcome!

FURTHER DETAILS ELSKE 091 768 852

## VOLUNTEER GALWAY INFORMATION STAND

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER, 14:00-18:00  
EYRE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE

An information stand and table with promotional material manned by a staff member from Volunteer Galway to meet and greet members of the public in the shopping centre and provide information on Volunteer Galway's service and on volunteering opportunities available.

FURTHER DETAILS RUTH 091 581 727

## FESTIVAL OF INCLUSION WITH THE WESTSIDE YOUTH PROJECT

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER, 17:00-19:00  
CORRACH BUI COMMUNITY BUILDING, RAHOON

Come and celebrate the Festival of Inclusion with the Westside Youth Project. There will be food, music, games and other activities. Young people and parents are invited to come along to join in the fun. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent.

FURTHER DETAILS ISABEL 087 914 1522

## SILVER SCREEN & SOCIAL SUPPER

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 18:30-20:30  
WESTSIDE RESOURCE CENTRE

Westside Age Inclusion are having an evening out for older people living in the Westside Community. The evening will commence with a classic movie on the big screen at Westside Resource Centre. The movie will be followed by a healthy & hearty supper at the 'Pop-up' Community Cafe. The event will provide older people with a festive social evening and aims to encourage further participation in ongoing community events and activities.

FURTHER DETAILS NICHOLA 091 589 861

## DEAF AWARENESS DAY

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 09:00-14:30  
SCOIL CHAITHRÍONA, SENIOR REMORE

Sing and Sign Renmore will host a Deaf Awareness Day where, as far as possible, children will communicate through Irish Sign Language. The group aim to integrate the deaf community, ethnic minorities, children with special needs and disadvantaged children. The Deaf Awareness Day will include a cake sale, games and singing with Irish Sign Language.

FURTHER DETAILS MAIRÉAD 085 719 2381

## MULTICULTURAL PUPPET SHOW

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 10:00-10:45  
BALLYBANE PUBLIC LIBRARY, CASTLEPARK ROAD

Ballybane Library are hosting a puppet show with a multicultural theme for pupils from Claregalway National School.

FURTHER DETAILS SIOBHAN 091 380 590

## CREATIVE COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 14:00-16:00  
RED DOOR STUDIO, PROSPECT HILL

Drop-in information day to welcome the public to the Red Door Studio. The studio is a welcoming creative community where the public and art therapists develop their artwork alongside one another in a shared, supportive space. Art materials will be provided on the day to explore your creativity.

FURTHER DETAILS URSULA 087 704 2098

## INTERWOVEN: GALWAY WORLD FASHION SHOW

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 18:30-23:00  
ELECTRIC GARDEN & THEATRE  
36 UPPER ABBEYGATE STREET

FRIDAY

Galway Anti Racism Network and One World Tapestry present an eclectic night of colour, creativity and style! Featuring models from diverse backgrounds and communities, including asylum seekers and people living in Direct Provision, the event will celebrate Galway's rich cultural 'tapestry', showcasing traditional clothing and costumes from all over the world: Malawi, Pakistan, Nigeria, India, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Syria, China, Morocco, Ireland and more! There will be a panel of judges and some very special guests throughout the night, including Mr and Miss Malawi Ireland 2017. The fashion show will be followed by live music from local artists such as V.Touch (Zimbabwe) and a world music DJ. This is a night to come together – to meet new people, to share and learn from each other, to dance, celebrate and continue to weave the vibrant tapestry of Galway – All Tribes Welcome!

FURTHER DETAILS ALICE 085 179 5982

SUNDAY

### AUTUMN FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER, 14:00-16:00  
GAP HOUSE, 36 LAUREL PARK, NEWCASTLE  
Galway Autism Partnership (GAP) will be welcoming all ages and

all abilities to an autism inclusive family fun day.

FURTHER DETAILS AISLING 091 588 899

ALL WEEK

### MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA AS PART OF SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK AND INCORPORATING WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

29 SEPTEMBER – 20 OCTOBER, 11:00-12:15

CÉIM EILE DAY CENTRE

MERLIN PARK HOSPITAL GROUNDS

4 Sessions of a combination of a mixture of music, dance, drama and exercise for people who experience mental health problems. This helps increase their self confidence, self esteem, encourages and facilitates social interaction and educates them in simple ways of keeping fit.

FURTHER DETAILS MAIREAD 091 766 540

### STREET FILM MAKING

16 – 22 OCTOBER, STREETS OF GALWAY

Galway One World Centre will have mobile film makers approaching Galway citizens to ask what inclusion means to them and will produce a short piece to celebrate this festival of inclusion in Ireland's most diverse city.

FURTHER DETAILS VICKY 087 264 5344



### EVERYONE HAS A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE... SOCIAL INCLUSION ENSURES THEY CAN!

Social Inclusion Week is a celebration of participation, equality and inclusion and this year we are aiming to ensure that even more people join in and get involved in the events and activities. The week will be used to highlight social inclusion initiatives that are taking place locally and social exclusion issues both locally and nationally.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:

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