



DISCOVERING BUILDINGS ARCHAEOLOGY

Mick Lally Theatre +
City Walk / Galway City

17 September 2025

An Irish Walled Towns Network Event

Full Programme + Free Booking
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PROGRAMME

9:00 / Arrival + Registration

9:30 / Welcome + Introductions

10:00

Introduction to Buildings Archaeology

Dr. Shirley Markley, Lecturer in Medieval Archaeology & Director of the Certificate in Buildings Archaeology at Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo

10:40

Conservation Works to Talbot's Tower, Kilkenny: A Case Study in Buildings Archaeology

Cóilín Ó Drisceoil, Archaeologist with the National Monuments Service (NMS).

11:20 / Coffee Break

11:40

Early Buildings in Galway City

Dr. Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer, Galway City Council

Nicola Matthews, Senior Architect with the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS)

12:30 / Lunch Break (provided)



13:30

City Walk within the City Core Architectural Conservation Area

The City Walk will include many early buildings and sections of the Galway City Walls, including site visits to:

St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church

Visit to Community Monuments Funded works – with members of the conservation project team: Fergal McNamara (7L Architects), Frank Coyne (Aegis Archaeology) + Laurik Mathieu (Mathieu & Mitchell Contractors)

Galway City Museum / New Extension at the Spanish Arch

Visit to site of new museum extension located on top of a section of the CityWall with members of the project team: Seán Shanahan (Shanarc Archaeology) Cuala McGann (OBFA Architects), Richard McLoughlin (Lotts Architecture + Urbanism)

16:00 / Concludes