

Galway City Partnership - Westside Project

We coordinate and support community work and participation in the Westside area and are actively engaging with numerous individuals, agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the community are being met and to empower local people for positive change. Activities supported by Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board, HSE West and Galway City Council. (Contact 087-9303468 or 091-528325).

Big Brother Big Sister

Big Brother Big Sister is an internationally renowned youth mentoring programme that forms friendships between a young person and an adult volunteer. This programme is operated in Ireland by Foróige, the national youth development organisation. The Galway regional office is based in the Westside Resource Centre. (Contact Andrea or Kate on 091-554420).

Westside Crèche & Pre School

Westside Crèche & Pre School is a community based childcare service which aims to support and assist families and children in the Westside area through the provision of accessible, affordable, high quality childcare. (Contact Pauline on 091-581707).

EPIC – Empowering Young People in Care in Ireland

EPIC is an independent association for young people in care and with care experience. We provide information, advice and support as well as an independent advocacy service for young people in care, aftercare or with care experience. (Contact Brenda on 091-395605 or 087-6249344).

National Advocacy Service

The National Advocacy Service aims to provide independent advocates to people with disabilities who find it difficult to speak for themselves. (Contact Rebecca or Andrea on 091-528325).

Gorta - Self Help Africa

Gorta - Self Help Africa works with rural communities to help them improve their farms and their livelihoods. (Contact Ronan on 087-6189094).

Community Workers' Cooperative (CWC)

The leading national membership organisation that promotes and supports community work to address poverty, social exclusion and inequality. Our work includes developing and influencing policy as it affects communities living in poverty, research, campaigning on issues that affect communities experiencing poverty and inequality and supporting our members in their work for social justice at grassroots and national level. (Email: info@cwic.ie. Website: www.cwic.ie. Phone: 091-528325 / 087-2998619 / 087-9326467).

MEAS Garda Youth Diversion Project

The GYDP is a community based and supported youth development project which seeks to divert young people from becoming involved (or further involved) in anti-social or criminal behaviour. These projects facilitate personal development and promote civic responsibility. (Contact Ruairí or Anthony on 086-7741623, 086-0479707 or 091-554421).

OBAIR – Local Employment Service Network

If you are unemployed and in receipt of a Social Welfare payment, the LESN staff can assist you with free and confidential information and guidance to explore your options for work, education and training. We can also provide assistance with CV preparation, application forms and interview preparation. (Contact Mary or Pádraig on 091-581955).

Epilepsy Ireland

Epilepsy Ireland provides a professional information service to support and empower people with epilepsy and their families, who have problems coming to terms with the condition and its implications. (Contact Edel on 091-587640).

Galway City Community Network

Galway City Community Network (GCCN) is a network of community, voluntary and environmental organisations active in Galway City. GCCN is the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. (Contact Ann on 087-9326467).

**Special Screening of 'Mise Éire'**

As part of the continuing commemoration of the events of 1916, Westside Resource Centre will host a special screening of the classic documentary created by George Morrison and featuring the music of Seán Ó Riada. **'Mise Éire'** charts the lead-up to and the aftermath of the 1916 Rising.

The period covered in the film (1896-1918) was one of the most momentous in recent Irish history. In **'Mise Éire'**, history can be seen precisely as it happened before the eyes of newsreel cameramen who were present at critical developments.

'Mise Éire' will be screened in Westside Resource Centre on Tuesday 19th April. This coincides with the centenary of the events surrounding the aborted landing of German weapons on Bannagh Strand in Co. Kerry.

Places are limited, so make sure to contact the resource centre on 091-528325 or info@westsideresourcecentre.ie to reserve your seat.


Westside Arts Festival 2016
Dates Confirmed

The organising committee of Westside Arts Festival has confirmed the dates for this year's event. The Festival will start on Monday 4th July and run until Saturday 9th July. Watch this space for more details.

International Women's Day

Westside Resource Centre celebrated International Women's Day on Tuesday 8th March 2016. A very enjoyable event began with afternoon tea where funds were raised for Gorta – Self Help Africa. This international charity is based in the Resource Centre and works with rural communities to help them improve their livelihoods. Ronan Scully, Development Manager and Fundraiser, gave a very interesting talk on "Women in International Development".



Hildegard Naughton, TD.; Ciara Tallon, Gorta - Self Help Africa; Catherine Connolly, TD.

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All Ireland Standards for Community Work

Community Work Ireland, on behalf of the All Ireland Endorsement Body for Community Work, Education & Training, has just published a standards document entitled 'All Ireland Standards for Community Work'. This handbook outlines what the scope of community work is and provides a framework of standards to help ensure that "the key values and associated knowledge, skills and qualities required for the practice of effective community development work" are adhered to.

Copies of 'All Ireland Standards for Community Work' are available from Westside Resource Centre.

Classes in Westside Resource Centre

An increasing range of educational providers are opting to use Westside Resource Centre as their venue of choice in the Westside area. Classes and courses are available on topics ranging from creative skills such as writing, painting and music to more practical skills such as yoga and computers.

The classes cater for adults of all ages and walks of life. Westside Resource Centre is situated in the heart of Westside and is an integral part of the community. The building is fully wheelchair accessible and offers comfortable, modern spaces for learning and creativity.

More information is available from

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www.westsideresourcecentre.ie

www.facebook.com/westsideresourcecentre

info@westsideresourcecentre.ie

Calling All Gardeners

Spring is in the air at last. It's time to check the tools and buy the seeds to get growing. The volunteers are already active in the community garden but they do need more hands to help with digging and planting.

All volunteers welcome. Come along on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12pm or contact 091-528325 for more information.



Epilepsy Ireland - Free Training for Parents

Epilepsy Ireland will hold a STEPS programme (Support & Training in Epilepsy Programme) for Parents on Friday, 15th of April 2016 at the Maldron Hotel, Oranmore from 10am to 1pm.

The session gives parents the opportunity to discuss some of the challenging issues that can present with Epilepsy and get information and direction in relation to them.

Topics covered on the day will include Epilepsy & Behaviour; Epilepsy & Education; Epilepsy & The Medical System; Positive Parenting & Stress Management.

This session is free to attend but booking is essential by phoning 091-587640.

Galway Early Music Festival

The 2016 Galway Early Music Festival will take place from 12th to 15th May. It features an international programme of concerts, talks, workshops and exhibitions celebrating women as composers, musicians, patrons and inspiration in medieval, renaissance and baroque European music.

Booking and Information:
www.galwayearlymusic.com

Westside Resource Centre provides photocopying, faxing and laminating services to members of the public.

Westside Resource Centre, Seamus Quirke Road, Galway. 091-528325

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Directory of Services for Older People



Copies of the Directory of Services for Older People are available from Reception at Westside Resource Centre. 091-528325.

International Women's Day

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Newly elected TDs Catherine Connolly and Hildegard Naughton attended the event and spoke briefly on the subject of equality for women. The event was rounded off with a wonderful musical recital from Galway Early Music, a group who promote the performance of medieval, renaissance and baroque music in Galway. The afternoon was a great success and was enjoyed by all.



Left to right: Hildegard Naughton, TD; Ronan Scully, Gorta – Self Help Africa; Catherine Connolly, TD; James Coyne, Westside Resource Centre.



Art, Craft and Educational Classes

Meetings, Seminars & Social Gatherings



Your local Resource Centre hosts a wide variety of different functions and courses.

Westside Resource Centre

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1916 Lecture Series Continues

Ballybane and Westside Libraries, in conjunction with Ballybane and Westside Resource Centres are running a year-long lecture series to commemorate the events of 1916.

Well-known figures such as William Henry and Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington have already given very informative and engaging talks and we look forward to welcoming Tom Kenny to Westside Resource Centre on Wednesday 13th April at 6:30pm.

Further lectures will be presented by Dr Jim Higgins and Dr Catirona Clear, among others, over the coming months. Contact Westside Library on 091-520616 for further details.

Creative Gifts Available from Westside Resource Centre

Westside Resource Centre has received a number of paintings and prints from a very generous anonymous donor. They are now for sale to the general public in order to raise funds for the running of Westside Resource Centre. These unique pieces are priced at a very reasonable level and everyone is encouraged to visit Westside Resource Centre to view the paintings on display in the reception area.

Westside Resource Centre has also produced a collection of twelve greeting cards celebrating the work of local artists and crafts people, many of whom have displayed pieces in Westside Resource Centre over the years. A pack of 12 cards costs €10 and the collection is available from Westside Resource Centre Reception. All proceeds from sale of the cards go towards supporting the services provided by Westside Resource Centre.