

**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. (Contact Suzanne: 091-528325 or 086-0433376).

**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).

**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 Elaine or Andrea on 091-528325).

**Special Heroes Ireland**

We support families with children who have Special Needs or Life Limiting illness in Galway City & County. (Contact Michelle or Paula on 089-2226419 or 085-1232086)

**Galway City Community Network**

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

**Community Work Ireland (CWI)**

Through our network of members, CWC promotes and supports community work to address poverty, social exclusion and inequality. Our work includes developing and influencing policy, research and campaigning on issues of 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**

We are 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).

**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).

**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).



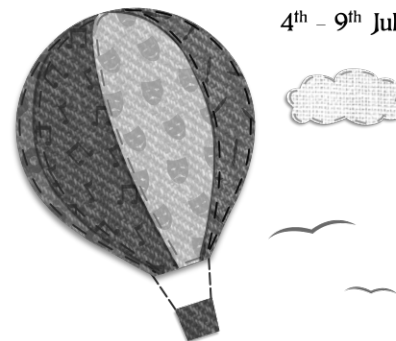
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**WESTSIDE NEWSLETTER**

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# Westside Arts Festival 2016

4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July



Up, up and away! Westside Arts Festival has launched its programme for 2016 and there is a whole lot of festival fun in store! The festival will run from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and all events are free of charge. There is an exciting line-up of performances and activities – with over 30 different events in total – providing something for people of all ages and all tastes.

As usual, the programme has a great mixture of local talent appearing alongside well established artists. We are delighted to welcome back many of our regular contributors and also to introduce some new friends... ConTempo Quartet, Theatre Room Galway, Tribal Chamber Choir and Galway Early Music to name but a few.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival and the 2016 theme is "Our Creative Community". The festival aims to promote and celebrate the spirit and people of Westside through the arts and is firmly rooted in the local community. We make use of a range of local venues to host all of our events and we encourage people to attend and participate as much as possible.

In this centenary year we have incorporated a number of items which recall the 1916 Rising. There will be a special showing of the famous documentary film 'Mise Éire', a talk on 'Galway in the 1916 Rising' and a display from Galway City Council's 'Path to Freedom' exhibition.

The full programme is now available online at [www.facebook.com/westsideartsfestival](http://www.facebook.com/westsideartsfestival) and printed copies will be distributed widely prior to the festival. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the art exhibitions, crafts displays, interactive workshops, storytelling, film, cookery, puppets, patchwork and paints.

**Westside Community Patchers**

Westside Community Patchers is a group made up of like-minded ladies who meet every Thursday morning from 10am to 12pm, in the Westside Resource Centre, for patchwork quilting. The group is together for a number of years now and during that time many wonderful projects have been completed by the ladies, from large quilts to small coasters, etc., some of which have been raffled for charity. The aim of the group is to learn patchwork quilting by sharing ideas and talents, while enjoying a cuppa and a chat.

Westside Community Patchers will exhibit some of their creations during Westside Arts Festival and will host a patchwork display and workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 12:30pm.

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

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

## 'Know Your Rights' A Guide for Older People

The Irish Council for Civil Liberties Roadshow visited Westside Resource Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to promote the publication of the latest guide in their 'Know Your Rights' series. This publication, entitled 'A Guide for Older People' is the seventh in the series and is designed to inform older people in clear and accessible language about their rights under various key areas of the law in Ireland.

Printed copies of 'A Guide for Older People' will be available from



reception at Westside Resource Centre. The guide is also available, along with the other titles in the 'Know Your Rights' series, for print and download free of charge on the Irish Council for Civil Liberties webpage: [www.knowyourrights.ie](http://www.knowyourrights.ie)

On the occasion of his Golden Jubilee, best wishes to Fr. Malachy from all at Westside Resource Centre.



**Father Malachy Hallinan**  
1966 - June 19th - 2016  
**Golden Jubilee**

## Westside Community Garden Open Day

The volunteers of Westside Community Garden will hold an Open Day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 2pm. The event is a celebration of the success of the garden and the hard work and dedication of the volunteers throughout the year. The Open Day is part of this year's Westside Arts Festival and will include workshops on Smoothie Making and Herbs & Health.

Volunteers are always welcome in Westside Community Garden. Come along on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12pm or contact 091-528325 for more information.

## Youth Work Ireland Galway

**Westside Youth Project SUMMER CAMPS are fast approaching!!!**

Younger Ages 10yrs – 12yrs Camp  
Older Ages 13yrs – 18yrs Camp

Specific Summer Camps:  
Older Teens Film Camp (Ages 15 yrs + )  
Traveller Crafts Camp (Ages 11yrs – 15yrs)

**Dates: during July and August.**

Cost: €10/€15 (discount if 2 or more children from same family)

For more information and to secure a place, call

Isabel 087-9141522  
Maria 087-2363021  
Kerry Elyn 087-9371619

PLACES ARE LIMITED!



## Volunteer Galway - What We Can Do For You!

Established in 2006, Volunteer Galway provides a quality user-friendly service to members of the public and voluntary groups, covering Galway City and County. Based at 27 William Street West, our support service aims to increase access to positive volunteering for the public and for volunteer involving organisations.

At Volunteer Galway anyone interested in volunteering can access information without having to make a commitment. Our service can be accessed online or by making an appointment. Organisations can advertise their volunteer roles on our regularly updated website and, once registered, will receive dedicated support from staff on how their recruitment is going for every role that they advertise. Anyone signed up to our vetting service will receive training and support from staff in how to use the service and go about vetting volunteers involved in their organisation.

Our Community Events Calendar is a free resource for anyone in the community looking to find out what is going on in Galway. Anyone hosting a community event can register their

event on our calendar, where it can be viewed by people coming to our website. At Volunteer Galway our staff can offer their expertise in the many aspects of volunteer management through our training and consultancy service. We are now offering training and networking opportunities through our community excellence network for non-profit organisations to support them to grow and be even more successful.



Volunteering can help improve self-esteem, combat social isolation and enhance recovery from mental health difficulties. Our Flourish service offers confidential one-to-one support to anyone experiencing a mental health challenge who would like to volunteer to aid their recovery. We also organise Community Excellence Gatherings to help organisations to network and find out about services that they can avail of to build strong and sustainable organisations.

For more information contact Volunteer Galway on 091-581727.

## Artistic Greeting Cards

The Westside Greeting Card Collection celebrates the work of local artists and crafts people, many of whom have displayed pieces in Westside Resource Centre over the years. The collection consists of twelve individual and original images with subject matter ranging from the maritime landscapes of the west coast, to floral themes, to bold and modern interpretations of local landmarks.

A pack of 12 cards costs €10 and the collection is available from Westside Resource Centre Reception and from Westside Library. All proceeds from sale of the cards go towards supporting the services provided by 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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a tide for change  
in Galway and County



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Environment, Community and Local Government



European Union  
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SICAP  
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme