

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 076-1073000).

Special Heroes Ireland

We support families with children who have Special Needs or Life Limiting illness in Galway City & County. (Contact 087-4047618)

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 CWI 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. (Contact: info@communityworkireland.ie 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 Ruairi or Anthony on 086-7741623, 086-0479707 or 091-554421).

OBAR – 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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Christmas Market & Family Day

Thursday 8th December 2016

Forget the Black Fridays and the Cyber Mondays... the 8th of December is the traditional shopping day in many parts of Ireland and Westside Christmas Market is honouring this tradition in style. The Christmas Market has grown steadily over recent years and is now the 'main event' in a day-long celebration of Christmas fun for all the family.

The Christmas Market itself runs from 10:30am to 3:30pm and takes place in Westside Resource Centre. The market is organised by a committee of local community groups - in conjunction with Galway City Partnership - and the beautiful produce is handmade by the community groups. The proceeds from the market are reinvested back into local community activities.

Throughout the day there will be a number of open events that people visiting the market can attend and enjoy. Westside Library will be hosting the children from Scoil Croí Iosa for Carol Singing from 11:00am until 12pm. Later, at 2:15pm, the Library will also be the venue for Stories & Crafts for children. The little ones are bound to enjoy the seasonal theme.



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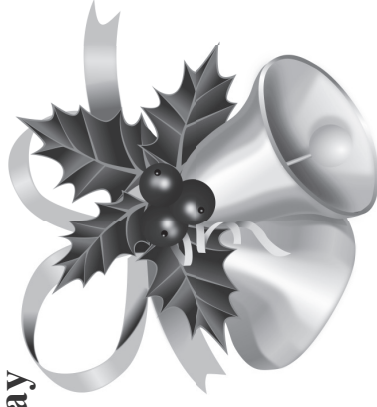


Christmas Jumper Day & Coffee Morning

Friday 16th December
10:30am - 12pm

at

Westside Resource Centre



At Westside Resource Centre our creative writers and friends will take to the 'Open Mic' for a session of readings entitled 'Seasonal Memories'. This event will run from 12:30pm to 1:30pm and all are welcome to attend. At 2.00pm world-famous seanchai Eddie Lenihan will take to the stage for an hour of storytelling and tall tales for grown-ups.

To finish the day on a high note, we will have live music and refreshments at the Resource Centre's 'Community Café' from about 3:00pm until 4:00pm. This will be followed by the ever-popular Christmas Raffle with lots of prizes and surprises. All are welcome... full details from Westside Resource Centre.



Locally made Christmas Cards available now
from Westside Resource Centre 091-528325

Social Inclusion Week 2016 - Westside Resource Centre



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Westside Resource Centre hosted a variety of events for Social Inclusion Week (7th to 13th November). Pictured above are: 1) Suzanne McKane and Saoirse Connolly, 2) Stella Ryan Higgins, Noreen O'Halloran and Joan Kavanagh, 3) Yvonne McGinley, 4) James Coyne and Edell Killarney, 5) Geraldine Daniels, 6) Ronan Scully and Ann Irwin, 7) Participants at the Westside Age Inclusion Fun Quiz. (Images 1 and 4 courtesy of Joe Travers)

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Youth Work Ireland Westside

The Westside Youth Project will be wrapping up some groups now as we head into Christmas; celebrating with an ice-skating trip for each group. There are a few developments left though before we leave 2016: Jive Youth Café has reopened on Wednesdays from 7-8.30pm; contact Katie for more information (087 937 4119). A new social issues group, using art and relaxation techniques, will be running for 13-16 year olds; if you're interested, get in touch with Maria (087 236 3021).

Looking ahead to January 2017, we're planning an adventure group, lots of cookery, a project on Traveller identity and history, the continuation of the Westside Youth Council, a yoga group, grinds, a samba group for older teens, first years' homework club, hip-hop dance, art port-folio preparation, teenage girls health and wellbeing group, and more! Drop us a line to get involved or with any queries:



Kerry Elyn 087-9371619
 Maria 087-2363021
 Isabel 087-9141522 Youth Work Ireland Galway



The activity group got cold and wet doing gorge-walking as an end-of-group trip -- and loved it!

Know Your Consumer Rights This Christmas

The season of gift-giving is upon us again and many people are spending a lot of money on presents for loved ones. Linda O'Toole of Galway Citizens' Information Centre is the speaker at the next Open door at 10:30am on Tuesday 6th December in Westside Resource Centre. Linda will address the issue of consumer rights and the steps you can take if you are not satisfied with a purchase you have made in a local shop or online. The Open Door is free and open to everyone. Come along and enjoy a chat and a cuppa in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

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

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

Sacred Heart Church Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24 December 2016: Christmas Eve Mass and Blessing of the Crib at 7:30pm

Sunday 25 December 2016: Christmas Day Masses at 10:00am and 11:30am
No Evening Mass

Monday 26 to Friday 30 December 2016: Morning Mass at 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 24 December 2016 (Christmas Eve)
 Confessions from 2:00pm until 4:00pm

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