

**Galway City Partnership - Westside Project** coordinate and support community work and participation in the Westside area and engage 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** are 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 091-554420).

**WorldWide Global Schools** is Ireland's national Global Citizenship Education (GCE) programme for post-primary schools. The aim of the programme is to increase the number of post-primary schools engaging in quality global citizenship education by providing a comprehensive range of supports and training.

**Galway City Community Network** 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).

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

**National Advocacy Service** aims to provide independent advocates to people with disabilities who find it difficult to speak for themselves. (Contact 076-1073000).

**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).

**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. (Contact: info@communityworkireland.ie 091-528325 / 087-2998619 / 087-9326467).

**MEAS Garda Youth Diversion Project** 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 Anthony on 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 Robert or Pádraig on 091-581955).

**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).

**EPIC – Empowering Young People in Care in Ireland** 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).

**RISE Service** is the provider of choice of person-centred, health and social care services that facilitate people who are disadvantaged to participate in the life of their local community in ways that match their choices, aspirations and needs. (Contact Louise on 086-8371638 or Louise.Kenny@Rehabcare.ie)



## WESTSIDE NEWSLETTER

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### Westside Arts Festival 2019 9th to 13th July

The theme for this year's Westside Arts Festival is "Lighting the Way" and we are taking our inspiration from astronomy and the stars. The festival will run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and there will be a host of activities to suit all ages.



Mobile Planetarium coming to Westside  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

One of the highlights this year will be a visit by the Exploration Dome, which is a mobile outdoor planetarium. It is designed to explore science, astronomy, geology and geography in a fun and interactive way. Exploration Dome uses state-of-the-art digital projection technology, stunning graphics and advanced computer simulations. The astronomy shows and films are suitable for all ages.

Westside Arts Festival is organised by a voluntary committee and relies on volunteers from the community to make it a success every year. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Suzanne at [suzanne@gcp.ie](mailto:suzanne@gcp.ie) or 091-528325. Further details available from...

[facebook.com/westsideartsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/westsideartsfestival)

### "The Big Hello"

#### National Community Weekend

Westside Resource Centre and Westside Community Organic Garden joined forces on the May Bank Holiday to take part in the inaugural National Community Weekend. 'The Big Hello' is a new initiative by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The principal idea was to encourage communities to host events in their local area in order to strengthen community ties and help tackle the problem of social isolation.

Westside Community Organic Garden held an open day and cookery demonstration. The garden volunteers were on hand to take visitors on a tour to show how the project has progressed. The garden was extended recently and a new polytunnel has been installed and this will allow for a greater range of produce to be grown. The sun shone throughout the day and the whole event was very enjoyable. Proceedings were nicely rounded off with delicious home-made refreshments and live music in Westside Resource Centre.



### AA Meetings

Local AA meetings take place in Room 7 at Westside Resource Centre on Tuesdays at 1pm. The National Helpline can be contacted on 0800 9177 650 or email [help@aaemail.org](mailto:help@aaemail.org)



Westside Resource Centre provides photocopying, faxing and laminating services to members of the public. We also offer internet access and printing in black and white. These services are available Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm.

Westside Resource Centre,  
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### Bike Week Challenge

Westside Resource Centre is celebrating the 2019 Galway Bike Festival on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June with an ambitious cycling challenge. Our goal is to complete a "Circuit of Connacht" - a distance of almost 500km - in under 9 hours on spin bikes. The imaginary route will reach all five counties and all four corners of the province. We need your help to achieve this so come in to Westside Resource Centre and cycle a few kilometres to help us get across the finish line.



All monies raised on the day will go to our three selected charities: Self Help Africa, Epilepsy Ireland and Westside Age Inclusion.

For more information, contact Westside Resource Centre on 091-528325 or just drop in on the day and cycle a distance with us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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### WorldWise Global Schools at Global Festival of Action

WorldWise Global Schools attended the Global Festival of Action in Bonn, Germany from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May where over 1700 activists, development experts, change-makers and creatives from more than 150 countries joined forces to catalyse action on the world's most pressing development issues.

WorldWise Global Schools presented the work they are doing in Ireland on the Sustainable Development Goals and Global Citizenship Education, and how they are working to achieve target 4.7 in particular.

For more information on the work of WorldWise Global Schools contact Aishling or Aoife at Westside Resource Centre or visit our website on [www.worldwiseschools.ie](http://www.worldwiseschools.ie)



### Westside Craft Group

The Craft Group are going strong in Westside Resource Centre. A wonderful day was had by all recently when the group had a day out to meet the ladies from a craft group in Limerick, where ideas were exchanged.



### Artistic Greeting Cards

Westside Resource Centre's popular Greeting Card Collection has been reissued. The collection features work by artists in the local community and the cards are ideal for any occasion. A pack of 12 cards costs €10 and they are available from Westside Resource Centre. All proceeds go to support the work of the Resource Centre, which is a registered charity working to support the local community.



### Launch of Healthy Galway City Strategy 2019-2021

The new Healthy Galway City Strategy was launched in Westside Library on 4<sup>th</sup> June by Minister Catherine Byrne T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Health. Copies available from Reception in Westside Resource Centre or online at <https://bit.ly/2lloVKD>



Members of Galway City Local Community Development Committee pictured at the launch of the new Healthy Galway City Strategy with Mayor of the City of Galway Cllr. Niall McNelis and Catherine Byrne T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Health.

### Vacancy

#### Community Employment Scheme

Shantalla Community Development Company  
St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla

(Vacancy Ref: #CES-2079922)

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

Please contact your local DEASP Employment Services/Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy. Vacancy Reference Number will be required. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and applicants must also be in receipt of a qualifying Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Applicants should supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form.

**Duties:** Participants will be involved in the general maintenance work, using horticulture tools and equipment (training provided) and all related tasks. Works will include the upkeep of the Shantalla area and the community centre.

### Westside Community Garden

The volunteers are very busy at the moment tidying up and planting this season's fruit and vegetables. The polytunnel is a great addition to the capacity of the garden to produce crops on a year-round basis.

Westside Community Organic Garden was shortlisted for this year's Gradam Seosaimh Uí Ógartaigh.

New volunteers are always welcome. Just come along on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon.

Westside Community Organic Garden

