

July to
September
2017

Events Guide



Eyre Square, c.1905.
Courtesy of the NLI.



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object labels designed by
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National School



MÚSAEM CATHRACH NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY CITY MUSEUM

July

Saturday 1 July, 12pm – 1pm

GUIDED TOUR: Museum Highlights

Beginning with an overview – literally – of the City, Corrib and Claddagh, discover the fascinating history and folklore behind a selection of objects at Galway City Museum, including the rare Penfold postbox, the controversial statue of Ó Conaire and the well-travelled Galway civic sword and mace.

Age 8+

Saturday 8 July, 11am – 12pm

GUIDED TOUR: Drawing Folktales

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Family Event/Age 8+



Harvest Knot. Courtesy of the NMI

Friday 14 July, 11am – 12.30pm

WORKSHOP 1: Harvest Straw Craft

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Adult

Saturday 15 July, 11am to 2pm

TALKS: Soapbox Science

Soapbox Science brings science to the streets, with short and engaging public talks given by top female researchers along with live demonstrations. Learning and debate are encouraged! Held in conjunction with NUI Galway, 12 speakers from across the west of Ireland will share their work in technology, science, medicine and engineering.

All Ages (no booking required)

Saturday 22 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4pm

WORKSHOP: Creating Sea Creatures

Inspired by the new *Wild Atlantic* exhibition, join visual artist Tom Meskell – who has previously worked with the famous Macnas Street Theatre Company – to design and create your own sea creatures, real or imaginary, using recyclable materials.

Age 8 – 12 (COST: €10 per person)

Friday 28 July, 1pm – 2.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: The History & Revival of Headford Lace

In recent years, the long lost tradition of lace-making in Headford, which dates to the 1700s, has been rediscovered and reestablished by the local community. Join members of the Headford Lace Project as they share the history of the craft, its impact on their locality, both socially and economically, and their hopes for its future.

Age 10+



Bobbin Lacemaking. Courtesy of Ester Kieley

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 July, 1pm – 3pm

DEMONSTRATION: Bobbin Lacemaking

With origins in 15th-century Italy, bobbin lace is the oldest form of lace known in Ireland. Unlike needlepoint lace, which is made with a single-thread technique using embroidery stitches, bobbin lace is made with a variety of multiple-thread weaving techniques. Join members of the Headford Lace Project as they demonstrate their developing skills, having recently revived this activity in the community.

All Ages (no booking required)

August

SUMMER FILM CAMP

Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 August, 10.30am – 3.30pm

TEEN FILM CAMP: What Lies Beneath?

Join Garry Kelly of GK Media for this four-day film camp exploring Galway's connection to the sea through history, folklore and science. Participants will develop their communications skills, build their confidence, strengthen their means of self-expression, embrace their local history, and gain invaluable knowledge about the film industry whilst having fun. For further details and bookings visit: www.gkmedia.ie/summer-film-camp

Ages 11 – 16 (COST: €55 per person)



Merlin Park Castle at Merlin Woods

Saturday 12 August, 12pm – 2pm

WALKING TOUR: An Introduction to Merlin Woods

Have you been to Merlin Woods – the largest urban woodland in Galway? If not, why not join Caroline Stanley, co-founder of the Friends of the Merlin Woods, for an exploratory walk as she highlights some of the many treasures that the woodland has to offer. Boots or wellies advised and please dress for the weather. Meet at the council compound just past the playground of Merlin Woods City Park, Doughiska Road. All Ages

Saturday 12 August, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: The Galway-Passchendaele Connection

As many as 500,000 men died during the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. In his memoirs of 1938, Lloyd George referred to it as “one of the greatest disasters of the war ... no soldier of any intelligence now defends this senseless campaign”. On the centenary of this military campaign, join local historian and author William Henry as he discusses the role of Galwaymen in the conflict.

Age 12+

Food & Shelter



Thursday 3 August, 11.30pm – 1pm

WORKSHOP 1: Learning form the Past ... Food

Preparing food was an essential skill in prehistoric times. Join archaeologist Anne Carey to learn about the importance of flint in catching and preparing food and have a go grinding grain.

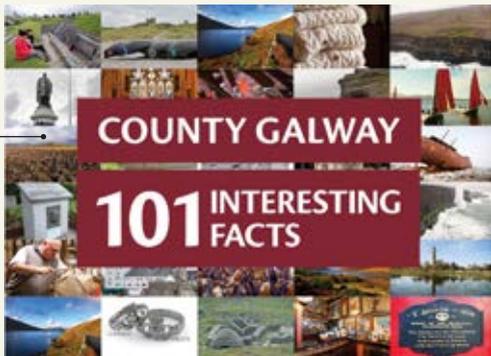
Age 7 – 12

Thursday 3 August, 2pm – 3.30pm

WORKSHOP 2: Learning form the Past ... Shelter

Shelter is one of the most important needs that humans have to meet. Join Anne Carey to learn about how archaeologists piece together the information they get from excavations to re-create prehistoric houses and have a go making post and wattle.

Age 7 – 12



Saturday 5 August, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: County Galway: 101 Interesting Facts

Join author Brendan John Murphy to hear some common and lesser-known facts about the history and heritage of Galway, city and county, which he has compiled for his forthcoming book *County Galway: 101 Interesting Facts*.

Age 10+

County Galway: 101 Interesting Facts by Brendan John Murphy



September

Saturday 2 September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: The Mayor (Admiral or King) of the Claddagh

In 1820, the historian James Hardiman wrote that the Claddagh 'from time immemorial has been ruled by one of their own body, periodically elected, who is dignified with the title of mayor, [who] regulates the community according to their own peculiar laws and customs.' Join Dr John Cunningham, NUIG, as he discusses the 'mayor' and his role as head of the community during the 19th century.

Age 10+



Lord Dunkellin, Eyre Square, c. 1900. Courtesy of the NLI

Saturday 9 September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: The Rise & Fall of Lord Dunkellin

The eldest son of the Lord Clanricarde of Portumna, Lord Dunkellin (1827-1867) served as MP for both Galway borough and county. In May 1922, a statue in his memory by renowned Victorian sculptor John Henry Foley was pulled from its pedestal in Eyre Square and unceremoniously dumped into the River Corrib. John local historian and author John Joe Conwell to find out why.

Age 10+

Saturday 16 September, 11am – 12pm

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Saturday 19 August, 11am – 12.30pm

WORKSHOP: Ocean Pressure & Shrinking Heads

Explore what life is like in the deep sea around Ireland. Investigate what pressure is, how it changes with depth and what it means for ocean exploration. Join the Explorer Education team to examine the Polystyrene Shrinking Heads which have felt the pressure of the deep sea.

Age 7 – 12

Saturday 19 August, 2pm – 3.30pm

WORKSHOP: Irish Marine Wonders

Ever wanted to know more about Ireland's marine diversity? Join team members from Galway Atlantaquaria to learn about some of the animals and plants that live in the ocean around Ireland. Examine a range of biofacts and seaweeds, carry out a squid dissection and design your own camouflaged animal.

Age 7 – 12

Saturday 26 August, 12pm – 3pm

DEMONSTRATION: Traditional Skills

In recent years, there has been a revival of traditional crafts and valuable practical skills that can be used in the repair and restoration of everyday objects. Join members of *Cumann na bhFear* – a local volunteer group with a strong community, social inclusion and heritage ethos – for a demonstration and celebration of traditional crafts.

All Ages (no booking required)

Portrait of George Henry Morris (1872-1914)
on loan from Redmond Morris, Lord Killanin



CELEBRATING POLAND IN IRELAND

The Bardzo Ładnie Foundation ('Very Nice Foundation'), in conjunction with Galway City Museum, presents a series of Sunday events introducing and celebrating Polish culture.

Sunday 6 August, 2.30pm – 4pm
ART CLASS: Polish Landscapes

Inspired by the diverse landscapes of Poland through the black-and-white photography of Michał Caka, join the Bardzo Ładnie Foundation to create abstract monoprints, a one-coloured technique encouraging imagination and creativity.
Age 7 – 12

Sunday 13 August, 2.30pm – 4pm
SCREENING & ARTCLASS: Reksio the Dog

Reksio (1967-1990) is a popular Polish animated TV series about the adventures of a friendly piebald dog, named 'Reksio', and his many friends. The Bardzo Ładnie Foundation invites you to enjoy an episode of *Reksio* and afterwards create your own comic strip about the famous Polish dog, or another character of your choice.
Age 7 – 12

CULTURE NIGHT 2017

Friday 22 September, 5.30pm – 8pm

LECTURES: Galway Working Lives

A dozen historians will present short illustrated talks on the topic of working lives in Co. Galway. This Culture Night event is curated and presented by Dr John Cunningham and Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley of the History Department at NUI, Galway. Galway City Museum will remain open to the public until 9pm.
Adult (no booking required)



Famous Galway Faces

Saturday 23 September, 2pm – 4pm

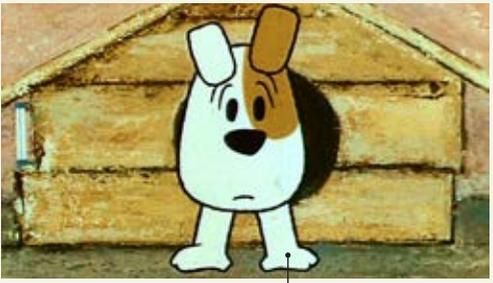
WORKSHOP: Famous Galway Faces

Why not join us on this drop-in workshop to learn about some famous Galwegians and then screen print your own unique cotton bag by choosing from a selection of famous faces. Please leave a donation for the bag!
All Ages

Saturday 3 September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: William Orpen's Wartime Paintings

In 1917, the Irish artist William Orpen (1878-1931) was appointed an official war artist. One of his works, depicting Lieutenant-Colonel of the Irish Guards, George Henry Morris (1872-1914) from An Spidéal, Co. Galway, is currently on display in the museum. Join art historian Anne Cormican as she discusses Orpen with a particular focus on his wartime paintings.
Age 12+



Reksio

Sunday 20 August, 2.30pm – 4pm

ART CLASS: 100 Years of Polish Avant-Garde

Simply put, avant-garde is art that goes against the grain. Inspired by Władysław Strzemiński, the internationally renowned Polish avant-garde painter, join the Bardzo Ładne Foundation to design and create your own unique patterns to decorate t-shirts!

Age 7 – 12

Sunday 27 August, 2.30pm – 4pm

ART CLASS: Traditional Polish Costume

From the Carpathian Mountains in the south to the Baltic Sea in the north, each region of Poland has its own unique style of traditional costume. Join the Bardzo Ładne Foundation as they introduce these eye-catching and colourful costumes and afterwards create mixed-media versions on large specially-prepared templates.

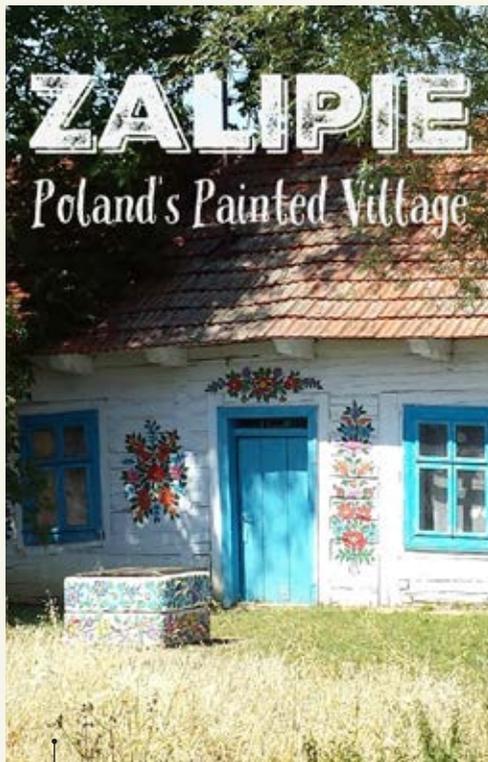
Age 7 – 12

Sunday 30 September, 2.30pm – 4pm

ART CLASS: The Most Beautiful Village in Poland

Every whitewashed church, house, barn and kennel in the Polish village of Zalipie is covered in painted flowers. The story goes that the tradition started when somebody painted a flower on their ceiling to hide a soot mark. The Bardzo Ładne Foundation invites you to learn about the village and afterwards make colourful 3-D flowers to decorate your own house.

Age 7 – 12



Zalipie

How to Book:

For further information or to make a booking please contact Galway City Museum on (091) 532460.

Please note the following:

- Events are **FREE** of charge unless otherwise stated and all materials are supplied.
- Events **must** be booked in **advance** (except where stated).
- Places are **limited** so book **early** to avoid disappointment.
- Please ensure you arrive in **advance** of the start time, otherwise your place may be reallocated.
- If you have booked and are unable to attend please contact the museum as soon as possible so that your place may be reallocated.

Contact:

Galway City Museum, Spanish Parade, Galway City.

Tel: (091) 532460

Email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Website: www.galwaycitymuseum.ie



Mailing List:

If you wish to join our mailing list please contact the museum on (091) 532460 or email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Opening Hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Sunday (summer only), 12pm to 5pm

Admission Free.

Children's Activities:

Activity sheets for children in English and Irish - *My Favourite Object / An Rud Is Fearr Liom* - are available from Reception. A variety of other activity and colouring sheets are also available.