

NEWS

In brief

Croke Park jump for Cancer Care West

A FUNDRAISER in support of Cancer Care West will see 50 people jumping off the roof of Croke Park in Dublin.

The Big C Drop will take place on Friday, June 12, when individuals will be taking a leap from a height of 150 feet to raise essential funds for the charity.

Individuals from Galway are invited to do something meaningful for a cause close to home.

To support the participants, Cancer Care

West has offered to handle all logistics along with a return bus from Galway.

Every euro raised will go directly to Cancer Care West, helping provide free, professional support for up to 3,000 patients and their families from across the West and North West each year.

With places limited to just 50, people are advised to register as soon as possible.

To register or find more information, visit: www.cancercareswest.ie.



ARTIST Support Scheme recipient Moira Mahony from Athenry receiving a DLI/ADCI Playwriting Award for her play Lifejacket from Ollie Kenny of the Drama League of Ireland. PHOTO: MOIRA MAHONY

Council scheme will support Athenry artist

AN ATHENRY-based theatre artist has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2026 Artist Support Scheme by Galway County Council. The scheme awards funding of €33,860 to artists working across literature, music, theatre, traditional arts and visual arts. It is aimed at supporting professional artists at all stages of their careers to develop their practice and progress new work. Moira Mahony from Athenry applied as an early-stage artist to develop her play Life-

jacket, which she will redraft, rehearse, produce and present. Set in Galway, the play follows a man in his 40s dealing with addiction, illness and family estrangement, exploring themes of alcohol culture, masculinity, mental health, intergenerational trauma and recovery through sharp humour and emotional honesty.

Thirteen successful artists in 2026 include Aisling Conneely, Alison Mac Cormain, Ari Batti, Fergal Scahill, Laurie Legrand, Lorraine Stack,

Máire Robinson, Maisie Lee, Moira Mahony, Peadar Tom Mercier, Roisin Lowry, Ruth Smith and Shirley-Anne Godfrey.

"This annual scheme provides essential financial support to professional artists, allowing them to develop their arts practice and artistic career," said Galway County Arts Officer Sharon O'Grady.

"It provides a vital bridge in funding and often positions artists to apply for larger-scale opportunities in the future," she added.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) NA RIALACHÁIN PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ) - CUID 8

IARRATASÓIR: Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
SEOLADH AN LÁITHREÁIN: Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe
BAILE FEARAINN: Fearann an Bhoscaigh

De réir cheanglais Chuid 8 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2001 (arna leasú), tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe forbairt a dhéanamh ag an suíomh thuasluaite ina mbeidh Reilig Moslamach in aice leis an Reilig atá ann cheana féin i dTuaim, Contae na Gaillimhe.

Tugadh faoi Scagadh le haghaidh 'Measúnacht Chúil' Chéim 1 i gcomhair na forbartha beartaithe agus baineadh an tatal as sin nach gá 'Measúnacht Chúil' Chéim 2 [Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (RTN)] a dhéanamh.

Beidh pleananna agus mionsonraí na forbartha beartaithe ar fáil lena scrúdú nó lena gceannach ar chostas nach mó ná an costas réasúnta a bhainfeadh le cóip a dhéanamh, le linn gnáthuaireanta oifige (Luan go hAoine, 9.00n. - 4.00i.n., gan Laethanta Saoire Bainc agus Laethanta Saoire Poiblí san áireamh) ó Dé hAoine 8 Bealtaine 2026 go Luain 8 Meitheamh 2026, ag na láithreacha seo a leanas:

- Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, An Rannóg Pleanála (Cuntar Poiblí), Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91 H6KX.
- Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Oifig Ceantair Tuaim, An tSráid Ard, Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe, H54 F627
- Tairseach Chomhairliúcháin Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag <https://consult.galway.ie/ga>

Is féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí maidir leis an bhforbairt beartaithe, a bhaineann le pleanáil chúil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an limistéir ina mbeadh an fhorbairt lonnaithe, a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig an Rannóg Pleanála, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91 H6KX; nó i bhfoirm leictreonach tríd an suíomh gréasáin speisialta ag <https://planning.localgov.ie/ga/search/application> (Tairseach ar líne na GBRA) le bheith istigh tráth nach déanaí ná Luain 22 Meitheamh 2026.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - PART 8

APPLICANT: Galway County Council
SITE ADDRESS: Tuam, Co. Galway
TOWNLAND: Farrannabox

In accordance with the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Galway County Council intend to carry out a development at the above location comprising of a Muslim Burial Ground adjacent to the existing Burial Ground at Tuam, Co. Galway.

A Stage 1 'Appropriate Assessment' screening was carried out for the proposed development and has concluded that a Stage 2 'Appropriate Assessment' [Natura Impact Statement (NIS)] is not required. Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or for purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.00pm, excluding Bank Holidays and Public Holidays) from Friday 8th May 2026 until Monday 8th June 2026 at the following location:

- Galway County Council, Planning Department (Public Counter), Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX
- Galway County Council, Tuam Area Office, High Street, Tuam, Co. Galway, H54 F627
- Galway County Council's Consultation Portal at <https://consult.galway.ie/>
- Galway County Council's Consultation Portal in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to the Planning Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX; or in electronic format via the special website at <https://planning.localgov.ie/en/search/application> (LGMA online portal) to arrive not later than Monday 22nd June 2026.

Tá míle fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus ghnó i nGaeilge: gaelge@cocogallimh.ie www.gallimh.ie
customer services@galwaycoco.ie www.galway.ie @GalwayCoCo

J. Brann, Rúnaí Contae

In brief

Tuam poet launches new collection

TUAM poet has launched her fourth poetry collection, *Growing Pains* by Danielle Hollan. The collection tells a raw and unflinching account of surviving a toxic relationship and the process of rebuilding identity in its aftermath. Spanning half a decade of lived experience, the collection traces the emotional arc of a relationship defined by control and harm. Known for her emotionally honest and accessible style of writing, Hollan said, "this book is a map of a love that broke me, and the strength it took to put myself back together."

Structured into five thematic sections: Honeymoon, Handcuffs, Hangover, Insight, and Homecoming – the collection mirrors the progression of the relationship and its emotional aftermath.

Hollan's previous collections include *Beautifully Chaotic* (2019), *The Dilemma* (2020) and *Surviving You* (2021).

Alongside poetry, she also works across



POET Danielle Hollan from Tuam.

music and storytelling, combining written and visual media to document contemporary culture and emotion.