

Welcome

Portumna Courthouse Public Meeting

20th August 2025



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



**An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail**
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Welcome

Thank you

Purpose : Explore how the Courthouse can support the town

Revitalization of the Courthouse

Acknowledgement of stakeholders & contributors

Vision

Portumna Courthouse is a vibrant, inclusive, and accessible community hub where creativity, collaboration, and civic life thrive.

We envision a space that honours its heritage while embracing the future – a place where people of all backgrounds can connect, express, learn, and lead. Through sustainable practices and shared stewardship, the courthouse will serve as a catalyst for local innovation, cultural enrichment, and social wellbeing.

Facilities

A Hub of Diverse Facilities
for All Stakeholders



Overview

Actively working through the final stages of operational planning and facility setup to ensure the courthouse is fully equipped, functional, and ready to support a wide range of community uses.

Access
Security
Furnishings

Equipment
Facility management

Shorelines will be our
first large scale
event



Introducing the Courthouse Collective

The Courthouse Collective is a community driven initiative that invites individuals and groups to become active partners in the life of the Courthouse.

Whether you're organising a weekly group meeting, hosting a book club or attending a film night – this is your space to connect, create, and contribute.

The Courthouse Collective is more than a booking system – it's a community-powered model that ensures the space remains active, accountable, and responsive to local needs.

Who Can Join the Collective?

- Local groups
- Artists & performers
- Community organisers
- Local businesses
- Schools
- Individuals
- Not for profit organisations

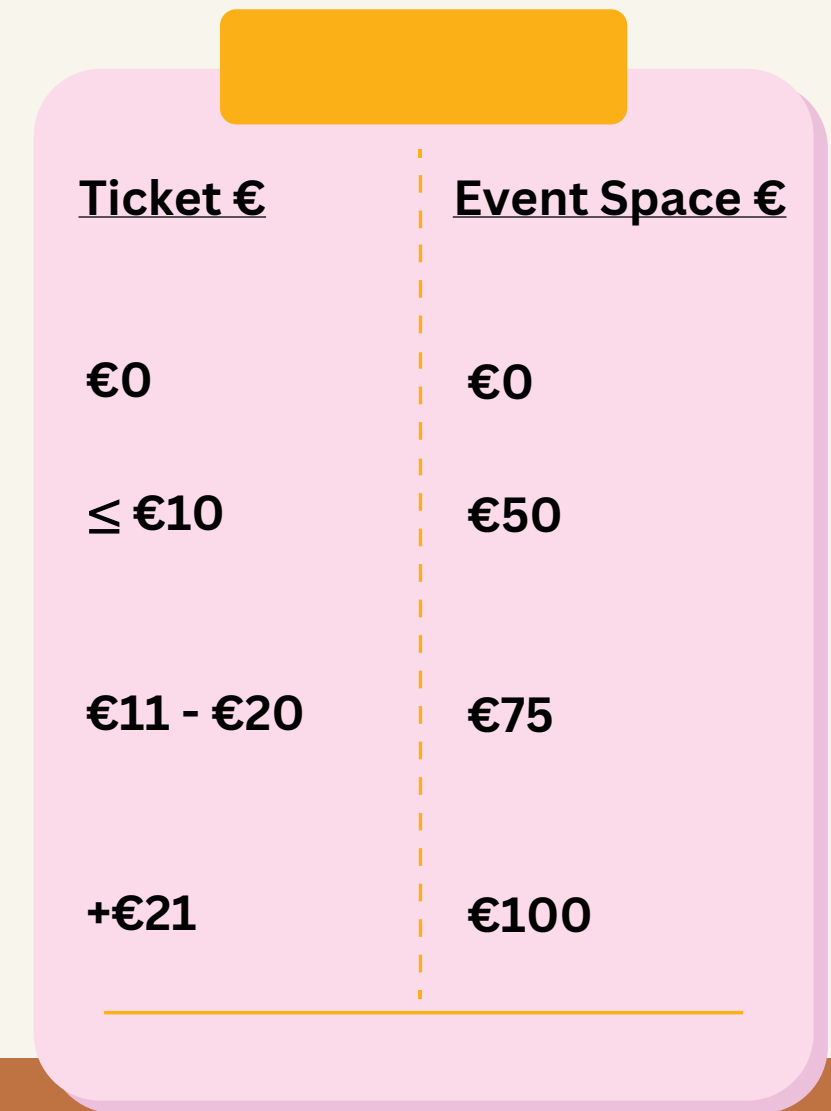
The Model

Annual Membership

- €100 per year
- Commencing September 2025
- Includes use of the event space and facilities , hourly or by event
- Subject to availability via calendar booking
- Bookings can be made 6 months in advance
- 2025/2026 membership for the first 35 groups to register is being funded though Creative Ireland
- All funds generated are repatriated back into the Courthouse

The Model

If you are a not-for-profit group or a local business, charging admission for an event, a small fee applies:



<u>Ticket €</u>	<u>Event Space €</u>
€0	€0
≤ €10	€50
€11 - €20	€75
+€21	€100

Joining the Collective

- While we are finalising our branding, online booking system and social channels, you can join the collective by completing a quick registration form.
 - Scan the QR code (available in the Courthouse Collective Information Booklet)

OR

- Email karaghkelly@galwaycoco.ie and request a registration form

Booking the Courthouse

- Please send an email to karaghkelly@galwaycoco.ie
- You will receive a simple booking form to complete:
 - Name of individual or group
 - Phone number
 - Preferred date(s) and time(s) and duration of booking
 - Purpose of booking/event
 - Attendance fee, if any
 - Any equipment or setup needs i.e AV, interactive screens
 - Requirement for tables and chairs and number of people expected

Beyond the Courthouse Collective

The space is also available for commercial bookings:

- Yoga or Pilates classes
- Corporate training sessions
- Workshops
- Team-building activities
- Compliance or safety training
- Remote work or co-working space
- Client meetings or consultations
- Craft Fairs & Markets
- Strategy or planning sessions
- Board meetings or AGMs
- Pop-up office for field teams
- Product launches or demos
- Networking events
- Panel discussions or speaker series
- Recruitment fairs or interviews
- Pop up shops
- And more.....

Commercial Model

Hot desk	
Daily	€12.50
5 Day Rate	€50.00
Monthly	€180.00
Boardroom	
1/2 Day (8am to 1pm) (2pm to 7pm)	€40.00
Full Day	€70.00
Weekly	€300.00
Event/Training Space	
1/2 Day(8am to 1pm) (2pm to 7pm)	€140.00
Full Day	€220.00
Entire Building Daily/Evening	€320.00
Hot desks	
Boardroom	
Main event space	
Other (Event Space - Hourly)	
Community classes i.e. Tai Chai, Yoga, Art, Grinds, etc	
Hourly	€25.00



Recap

Registration for the Courthouse Collective is now open

For event bookings, email karaghkelly@galwaycoco.ie

Online booking system will launch in coming weeks

Access and security details will be provided in advance

Stay up to date – add your contact details to the sheet on the table

Our aim is to ensure the building becomes a vibrant, regularly used space for the community.



We want to hear from you

Open Discussion

- What kind of activities or services do you feel are missing in the town that this space could help provide?
- How could the courthouse be used to bring people together or strengthen community ties?
- Imagine it's five years from now and the courthouse is thriving—what's happening inside?
- Are there any barriers that might prevent people from using the Courthouse, and how could we address them?

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IDEAS BOARD

The following ideas and inputs were offered during the public consultation on 20th August 2025.)

- Meeting rooms : Clinics with local elected representatives, local group meetings, organisation meetings.
- Facilities for citizens information and social services (citizen observatory).
- Guest speaker events i.e. environmental topics.
- Exhibition space for arts and crafts, local history, and tourist information.
- A space for disability groups and carers to meet.
- A space for young people to join discussion groups and develop new projects for their town.
- Security for lone users.
- Caretaking

- Career guidance officer
- Free art classes
- Multi-group mock court case
- Historic case information boards
- Themed restaurant evenings.
- Christmas Fair/Farmers Market
- Weddings
- Afternoon tea dance
- Educational tours and linking with pre-existing historic buildings such as Portumna Work-House
- Acoustics & reverb
- Dances classes