



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2008** JUNE - JULY

June

Throughout June, July & August

Achill Sporting Club Fishing Competitions

Keel Lake / Lough Gall, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Achill Sporting Club hosts regular fishing competitions in Keel Lake and Lough Gall.

Roger Gallagher **T:** 098 47204

2nd – 4th June

Féile Snámh Acla (Achill Swim Festival)

Various locations in Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Swimming competitions

T: 098 47353 **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

7th June

Rat Race

Galway City, Co. Galway

Urban adventure race in medieval Galway City. Suitable for most levels of fitness.

T: 098 28324

8th & 9th June

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

T: 087 2203288 **W:** www.hri.ie

14th & 15th June

Galway County Show

Brothers of Charity Grounds, Kilcornan, Clarendonbridge, Co. Galway

One of Ireland's largest agricultural shows with all usual activities, i.e. showjumping (for all grades of horses & ponies in 6 arenas). In hand classes for horses & ponies, with sections for cattle, sheep and dogs on Sunday. Connemara pony in hand classes are held in Sunday. Lead rein class for children.

T: 091 850864 / 087 6357790

E: galwaycountyshowltd@yahoo.ie

16th June

Ballinrobe Races

Ballinrobe Racecourse, Co. Mayo

Ballinrobe Racecourse has a long established tradition of

racing in various forms, with meetings recorded as far back as 1774 and steeplechases included in the 1834 meeting. This picturesque racetrack boasts exceptional views and excellent facilities, which were upgraded in 1998.

T: 094 9541811 **W:** www.hri.ie / www.ballinroberacecourse.ie

16th – 22nd June

The Galway Sessions

Galway City

The Galway music Sessions take place in multiple venues in Galway City, including the Crane Bar, Róisín Dubh, Monroe's Tavern, The Quays, Tigh Neachtáin, Tigh Cólí, Toffee's, Richardson's, MT Pockets and the Radisson SAS Hotel.

T: 087 2245637 **W:** www.galwaysessions.com

18th & 20th – 22nd June

52nd Westport Sea Angling Festival

Clew Bay (from Westport Quay), Co. Mayo

4 Day Angling Event – 1 day shore angling (Wednesday 20th) and 3 day boat angling (Friday – Sunday) all fished in the beautiful waters of Clew Bay.

T: 087 7656202 / 098 27297

19th June - 28th August

Clifden Irish Nights

Clifden, Co. Galway

Local musicians entertain every Tuesday and Thursday nights from mid June to the end of August.

T: 095 22622 **W:** www.connemara-tourism.org

23rd – 27th June

'Craiceann' International Bodhrán Summer School

Inis Oírr, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Week of tuition with world's top tutor. Workshops, concerts, sessions & plenty of Craiceann.

T: 099 75067 **W:** www.craiceannn.com



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27th - 29th June

Westport Folk & Bluegrass Festival

Westport, Co. Mayo

Pub gigs, music workshops, musical lunch & 2 nights of the best local, national & international folk & bluegrass. Gavin Glass (one of Ireland's leading folk songers) & Four Wheels Drive will headline the festival. The main stage will be in the Westport Inn Hotel.

T: Uri on 087 7570958 **E:** uriecp@yahoo.ie

W: <http://bluegrassireland.blogspot.com/2006/02/calendar.html>

27th - 29th June

Patrún Inis Mór

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Inis Mór Pattern Day with sports, dancing, music & races – a great family day out!

T: 087 1334190 / 086 8344079

30th June – 4th July

Inishbofin Summer School

Inishbofin, Co. Mayo

A week-long exploration of the wonderful island of Inishbofin in the company of a multi disciplined team. Great music and singing on the island.

T: 095 41034 / 43443

July

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1st July - 31st August

Island Hopping Weekends

Clare Island, Inishturk & Inishbofin

An enchanting journey through Clare Island, Inishturk and Inishbofin, taking in the scenery, culture, ceol and craic of each island - taking place on various dates during July & August.

T: 098 26525 / 25087 **W:** www.clareisland.org

1st – 6th July

Mayo Fleadh Cheoil (Fleadh Cheoil Mhaigh Eo)

Westport, Co. Mayo

A festival of traditional Irish music, song, dance and story-telling, celebrating the traditional Ireland. Competitions in Irish traditional music, song and dance (all age groups) and Irish conversation.

T: 098 29603

2nd July - 27th August

Roundstone Traditional Irish Nights

Roundstone, Co. Galway

A traditional night of Irish music, song and dance, every Wednesday during July and August, in the Roundstone Community Centre in Roundstone village.

T: 095 35865 **W:** www.roundstone.ie/music

3rd – 6th July

Castlebar International 4 Days' Walks

Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Walk with the world in Castlebar this summer! These walks are all about having fun and forging friendships that span the globe.

Elaine Devereux **T:** 094 902 4102 **E:** info@castlebar4day-swalks.com

3rd – 6th July

The Bard Summer School

Clare Island, Co. Mayo

A week exploring one of our ancient Irish Myths and discovering Cultural summer show of the area comprising of music, song, dance and drama, to be held every Thursday night during July and part of August, for approx. two hours duration story-telling in the evenings.

Tel.: 01 4904879 **E:** bard@bard.ie **W:** www.bard.ie



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3rd July – 14th August

Trad Beo

Belmullet, Co. Mayo

Cultural summer show of the area comprising of music, song, dance and drama, to be held every Thursday night during July and part of August.

T: 086 8557808 **W:** www.arasinisgluaire.ie

4th – 6th July

All-Ireland Open Dancing Championships & Social Dance Music

Gort, Co. Galway

19th Annual All-Ireland Open Festival of Dancing Championships includes All-Ireland open waltzing, country jiving and Rock & Roll. Dancing, tango, slow waltz, quick step, fox trot, Viennese waltz, best of social dance music.

T: 091 632338

4th – 7th July

Roundstone Open Arts Week

Roundstone, Co. Galway

Set amid the stunningly-beautiful scenery of Connemara, the theme for the 2008 Roundstone Arts Festival encompasses the Sea, Youth and the Environment.

W: www.roundstone.ie / www.roundstoneartsweek.ie

5th July

Achill Marathon

Achill Island, Co. Galway

Full and half-marathon on Achill Island

T: 098 47353 **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

5th & 6th July

Ballina Agricultural Show

Ballina, Co. Mayo

Includes international show jumping - the top show jumpers from all over the country, with three grand prix events, and with the top one on Sunday. Horse and pony showing classes, riding to include Connemara ponies, cattle classes - all breeds exhibited and displayed; sheep - all breeds exhibited and displayed. Dog showing classes - all breeds - which you can enter on the day. Musical entertainment in the evening.

T: 096 70009

5th – 12th July

Dr Douglas Hyde Summer School of Traditional Music

Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon

A week long Festival of Traditional Irish Music, Song and Comhrá Gaelige including tuition in 12 instruments, concerts, recitals, field trips, busking competition, seisiúin and art exhibition.

E: ssch@douglashyde.com **W:** www.douglashyde.com

5th July – 31st August

Cruinniú Bádóirí Acla (Yawl Sailing Festival)

Various locations on Achill Island

A series of weekly races including traditional Achill Yawl sailing boats.

Achill Tourism **T:** 098 47353 **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

7th & 8th July

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

T: 087 2203288 **W:** www.hri.ie

7th – 13th July

An tSuca Fiain

Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

An tSuca Fiain - River and Arts Festival is an annual event and while it remains small it is perfectly formed offering a wide and varied array of performances and events. The two main themes which underpin the content and the ethos of the festival is that is predominantly aimed at a younger audience and the link with the river itself.

T: 090 9644729 / 087 2267806 **W:** www.ballinsaloe-arts.com

8th – 13th July

Galway Film Fleadh

Galway City

A six day international film event held every July and welcomes a diversity of film-making from around the world. It is a film makers' festival and attracts directors, actors & artists of all generation & cultural backgrounds who present their work before their peers.

Miriam Allen **T:** 091 751655 **E:** gafleadh@iol.ie

W: www.galwayfilmfleadh.com



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10th July – 14th August **Galway Cathedral recitals** **Galway City**

Galway Cathedral Recitals is an international series of weekly summer evening concerts in the marvellous setting of Galway's stone Cathedral. The concerts take place at 8.00 pm on Thursday evenings between the middle of July and the middle of August annually.

T: 091 563557 **W:** www.galwaycathedral.org/recitals/

11th – 20th July **Ballina Salmon Festival** **Ballina, Co. Mayo**

Ballina Street Festival is one of Ireland's premier fun-packed festivals attracting huge crowds nationally and internationally and offers ten days of family fun and entertainment with cultural, heritage and international flavour.

T: 096 79814 / 79815 **E:** ballinastreetfestival@eircom.net
W: www.ballinastreetfestival.ie

13th July **Roundstone Pony Show** **Roundstone, Co. Galway**

Pony show, sheep classes, dog classes and the popular donkey class, and Roundstone Show Queen competition.

T: 087 9870435 **W:** www.roundstoneponyshow.com

14th – 21st July **Walking The Ancient Celtic Way** **Inis Mór, Aran Islands and Connemara, CO. Galway**

Walks to holy places, ancient rituals, myths and legends, early Celtic church etc.

Elizabeth Zollinger **T:** 099 61424 / 0041 1252 0918

E: info@irish-culture.ch **W:** www.irish-culture.ch

14th – 27th July **Galway Arts Festival** **Galway City**

Regarded as one of Europe's key cultural events Galway Arts Festival is an international celebration of the performing and visual arts. Over 150,000 people attend the Festival annually with hundreds of writers, artists, performers and musician creating theatre, spectacle, street art, music, comedy, literature

and music to produce a stunning fortnight of cultural activity and celebration.

T: 091 507700 **W:** www.galwayartsfestival.com

E: info@galwayartsfestival.ie

18th – 27th July **Féile Iorras – The International Folk Arts Festival** **Belmullet & Erris, North Mayo**

Féile Iorras, the biggest Arts festival in Mayo, celebrates the folk traditions of the world. The exciting mix of Irish traditional folk songs and dances with Mongolian singers or a Scottish highland dancer ensures a week of discovery in the beautiful rural Erris area.

T: 097 81079 **E:** feileiorras@eircom.net

W: www.feileiorras.org

18th – 27th July **Crossmolina Community Festival** **Crossmolina, Co. Mayo**

Back after 20 years! Some of you might remember past festivals - the fair days, sports &, most memorably, the marquee with the big bands. Perhaps, you met the love of your life at a dance in the marquee. If you did, we would love to hear from you. This year's festival brings back all that and more! While the marquee will remain in the past, the big bands will be here. Children are well catered for, with daily activities ranging from sports to arts. Lots of evening entertainment is on hand to cater for the 'older' population.

T: 086 2268924 / 087 9901329 / 086 6090934

W: www.crossmolina.ie

19th & 20th July **Roundstone Regatta** **Roundstone, Co. Galway**

One of the oldest traditional sea festivals in the west of Ireland dating back to the 1890's. Incorporating sailing of Galway hookers, leath bháid, a Gleoiteóg's & currach racing. Competitors from Donegal, Mayo, Clare, Kerry & Connemara. Traditional music & dance.

T: 095 35200 / 087 6738198 **W:** www.roundstoneregatta.com



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20th July

Clare Island Regatta

Clare Island, CO. Mayo

A festival of currach racing, yawl racing and kiddies sports on the beach.

T: 098 26525 / 25087 **W:** www.clareisland.org

20th July

Macnas Festival Parade

Galway City

One of Galway's most popular annual events, the Macnas Parade this year is entitled "the 9th Wonder of the World", and has monsters, dancing, fun and a lot of Macnas magic!

T: 091 561462 / 509996 **W:** www.macnas.com

20th July

Ballyconneely Pony Show

Ballyconneely, Co. Galway

This is the 26th year of the Ballyconneely Pony Show. There is a dog show and craft show and bony baby competition on the day, and there are amusements arranged for everyone. So, it is a great family day out.

T: 087 6674804

21st & 22nd July

Ballinrobe Races

Ballinrobe Racecourse, Co. Mayo

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T: 094 9541811

W: www.hri.ie / www.ballinroberacecourse.ie

21st – 27th July

Scoil Acla – Achill island Traditional Music Summer School

Achill Island, CO. Mayo

Culture and music. Lasses include traditional music and dance, drawing and writing workshops, lectures, Céilí and concerts.

T: 098 47353 **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

21st – 30th July

Traditional Echoes In Song And Dance

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Set dancing and Gaelic Singing Workshops, Session and Party with Islanders, nature walks, Celtic Way walk and plenty of splendid scenery.

Elizabeth Zollinger **T:** 099 61424 / 0041 1252 0918

E: info@irish-culture.ch **W:** www.irish-culture.ch

25th – 27th July

Westrun – Western Veteran & Vintage Motor Rally

Clarenbridge, Co. Galway

Annual summer run of the Western Veteran & Vintage Motor Club (WVVMC). This year's event will be based in the Clarinbridge Court Hotel, located approx. 12km south of Galway city.

25th – 28th July

St. Colman's Garden Fete – Family Fun Weekend

Keel, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Weekend of family fun activities, games, music, stalls & Monster Raffle.

T: 098 47353 **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

25th July – 1st August

Boyle Arts Festival

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Highly regarded for its group exhibition of contemporary Irish art in addition to its programme of classical music. Other events include drama, literature, comedy & children's events.

T: 071 9663085 **W:** www.boylearts.com

26th & 27th July

Mountbellew Vintage Rally

Mountbellew, Co. Galway

Mountbellew Vintage Rally will include a working display of vintage cars, tractors, stationery engines and agricultural machines.

T: 090 9684051 / 087 2962083 / 087 8306646

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27th July

Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage
Murrisk, Westport, Co. Mayo

Located six miles (approx. 9.5km) west of Westport on the Louisburgh Road, Croagh Patrick is one of Mayo's most famous landmarks and an international place of pilgrimage. In 441AD, Saint Patrick is said to have spent 40 days and nights praying and fasting on its slopes. Throughout the year people of all ages and of all degrees of devotion, climb up the rock path to the summit while the traditional pilgrimage always takes place on the last Sunday of July each year.

T: 098 25711

27th July

Claddaghduff Pony Show
Claddaghduff, Co. Galway

The Showfield (beside Sweeney's Strand Bar), Claddaghduff. In-hand & ridden classes for Connemara ponies. Dog show, sheep & cattle classes, sean nós & Irish dancing displays. Complimentary face painting & bouncing castle for children.

T: 095 21951 / 087 2786795

27th July – 2nd August

O'Carolan Summer School
Keadue, Co. Roscommon

Tuition given in traditional music, song, set dancing, sean nós dancing & in the harp, flute, tin whistle, button accordion, banjo, uilleann pipes, bodhrán & piano accordion. Traditional singing.

T: 071 9647247 / 9647204 **E:** ocarolan@eircom.net

W: www.ocarolanharpfestival.ie

28th July – 3rd August

Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting
Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, Galway City

The Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting is Ireland's premier racing festival, a unique sporting and social event with thousands of visitors and locals joining together for fantastic racing, betting and socialising over the seven day festival.

T: 091 753870 **W:** www.galwayraces.com

31st July – 3rd August

Newport Grainne Uaile Festival
Newport, Co. Mayo

Festival of street music and sporting events, to be enjoyed by adults and children alike - ideal family festival.

T: 086 1525726

31st July – 3rd August

Féile an Dóilín
Carraroe, Connemara, Co. Galway

The west of Ireland's premier maritime festival, taking place annually on the shores of Galway Bay, in the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking region) village of An Cheathrú Rua (Carraroe). Celebrating this unique region's rich maritime history, the festival revolves around the ancient and beautiful Galway Hooker boat and has something to offer everyone, young and old.

T: 087 2253197 **W:** www.doilin.com

31st July – 3rd August

Killala Round Tower Festival
Killala, Co. Mayo

Irish night, car treasure hunt, children's events, open-air music, busking and lots more.

T: 087 6463624

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