



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2008**

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

August

1st – 4th August

Kilkelly National School 50 Years Celebration

Kilkelly, Co. Mayo

Kilkelly National School will celebrate with a reunion ball in Julian's of Midfield. Music on the streets of Kilkelly from 1st August and a pageant or duck race on 4th August

Kieran Tarpey **T:** 094 9367033

1st – 4th August

O'Carolan Harp & Traditional Music Festival

Keadue, Co. Roscommon

Concerts, Céilí, music sessions, International Harp Competition (€ 2,500 in prizes), lectures, craft demonstrations, door dancing, set dancing & harp recitals.

T: 071 9647204 / 071 9647247

E: ocarolan@eircom.net

W: www.ocarolanharpfestival.ie

2nd & 3rd August

Claremorris Agricultural Show

The Showgrounds, Claremorris, Co. Mayo

Showjumping on Saturday & general show on Sunday. Fun for everyone!

T: 94 9371479

2nd - 6th August

Siamsa Sráide Street Festival

Swinford, Co. Mayo

A street festival depicting the traditions history & music of east Mayo. Open-air Céilí, dances, history walks & talks, children's programme, Heritage Day, International Busking Competitions and 'Lovefest' 24 hour Rock Festival.

T: 094 9252105 / 086 8059172

2nd – 9th August

English through Walks and Talks

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Gain an insight into Island life and improve your English through lessons, conversation, walks, films and talks with Islanders.

Elizabeth Zollinger

T: 099 61424 / 0041 1252 0918

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

3rd August

The Cashel Show

Cashel Bay, Co. Galway

Many classes, i.e. yearling colt, two-year-old colt, yearling filly, two-year-old filly, three-year-old filly, four-year-old mare (with/without foal), five-nine-year-old mare with foal, etc. Also various riding classes, i.e. registered Connemara Pony - riders under 16 years of age; registered Connemara Pony with rider of any age; lead rein class for children under 12 years of age; and, the champion ridden pony and a Dog Show

T: 087 6343299

5th August

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

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

5th - 9th August

UMBRO Galway Cup

Drom Soccer Park, Ragoon, Galway City

High quality football tournament for boys and girls, attracting teams from Ireland, North America, UK, Northern Ireland & Mainland Europe. The event includes an elite section for professional teams such as Glasgow Celtic, Preston North End & Bohemians.

T: 091 861 862 **E:** info@galwaycup.com

W: www.galwaycup.com

6th - 10th August

Westport Music Festival

Westport, Co. Mayo

A family orientated festival running nightly with music acts to suit all ages groups.

W: www.westportmusicfestival.com

7th August

Tour de Bog Cycle

Roundstone, Co. Galway

Charity cycle from Roundstone to Ballyconneely and back in to Roundstone via the Bog Road.

T: 095 35834 / 086 8215153



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8th August

St Colman's Junior Angling Competition

Currane, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Deep sea angling competition from Purteen Harbour. Senior & junior competitions.

T: 098 47353 **W:** www.achilltourism.com

8th – 10th August

Mickie Timothy Traditional Music & Set Dancing Festival

Williamstown, Co. Galway

This will be the 6th annual festival, and promises to be bigger and better than ever, with concerts, céilí, workshops, music, dancing and singing sessions, as well as busking competitions

T: 094 9643087 / 9643323

9th & 10th August

St Colman's Senior Angling Competition

Currane, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Deep sea angling competition from Purteen Harbour. Senior & junior competitions.

T: 098 47353 **W:** www.achilltourism.com

9th – 16th August

Aran Islands a la carte

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

You would like to discover the Island yourself but you would still appreciate advice, info and tips from an Island expert. This programme caters for both.

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10th – 14th August

Belmullet Arts Festival (Féile na Seachtaine)

Belmullet, Co. Mayo

Belmullet Gala Arts Festival with various activities for all age groups.

T: 087 9515582 / 086 3226953

11th August

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.ballinrobesracecourse.ie

13th – 17th August

Féile na Locha & Ceol na Locha Summer School Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo

Ceol na Locha classes are held through Irish in a range of traditional musical instrument and in Art 8 Basket Making. In the evenings students are encouraged to participate in the many sessions held in the local pubs.

T: 094 9544229 / 087 2938897

W: www.tourmakeady.com/ceolnalocha.htm

14th – 17th August

Roundstone Summerfest

Roundstone, Co. Galway

A fun-filled four-day festival for all ages, set in one of the most beautiful and unspoilt areas in Ireland. The backdrop to the festival is traditional Irish music and there are gigs and sessions ongoing each day from morning until late at night. Rock, pop, folk and jazz are just some of the genres represented to ensure all tastes are looked after!

T: 095 7066535 / 087 9962424

E: info@roundstonesummerfest.com

W: www.roundstonesummerfest.com

15th – 17th August

Cruinniú na mBád (The Gathering of the Boats) Kinvara, Co. Mayo

Up to 100 unique Irish boats, the Galway Hookers, once the workhorses of the coast of Connemara and North Clare, will gather for a weekend of racing and celebration at Cruinniú na mBád (Gathering of the Boats) festival in Kinvara.

T: 086 2510922 / 087 2368631

W: www.kinvara.com / www.galwayhookerassociation.ie



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15th - 24th August

Earwig! Tuam Arts Festival

Tuam, Co. Galway

Established in October 2003, Earwig! has been recognised locally as 'Tuam Group of the Year, 2005' and regionally as 'County Arts Award Winners, 2005'. The aim of the Tuam Arts Festival is to provide a performance platform for the wealth of creative talent in Tuam & its environs while also attracting national & internationally acclaimed acts.

T: 086 8116756 **E:** info@earwigarts.com

W: www.earwigarts.com

16th August

Swinford Agricultural Show

Swinford, Co. Mayo

Swinford Agricultural Show, exhibiting home industries, horticulture, classes in pedigree cattle/sheep, commercial cattle/sheep, a multitude of classes to please a host of spectators.

T: 087 7716028 **W:** www.swinfordagrishow.com

17th August

Claregalway Agricultural Show

Claregalway, Co. Galway

2008 will see the 18th annual Claregalway Agricultural Show taking place at Duffy's Claregalway Equestrian Centre. There will be over 200 classes altogether; there will be numerous sideshows taking place throughout the day, including the donkey derby. It will be a great day out for all the family.

T: 091 799098

18th August

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

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

21st August

Connemara Pony Show

Clifden, Connemara, Co. Galway

Not to be missed for lovers of the beautiful Connemara Pony. Connemara pony sales on 23rd & 24th August.

T: 095 21863 / 21851 **W:** www.cpbs.ie

22nd - 24th August

Gaelforce West Adventure Race & Festival

Grounds of Westport House Estate, Co. Mayo

Two races run in tandem over a weekend with an Adventure Festival at Westport House, historic home of Grace O'Malley, Ireland's legendary Pirate Queen. Gaelforce 6 is a 65k run/cycle/climb/kayak for novice racers, and Gaelforce 12 is a 72-hour unsupported expedition.

T: 098 28316 / 28324 **W:** www.gaelforcewest.ie

23rd & 24th August

Oughterard Show

Oughterard, Co. Galway

A two-day show with Saturday being a full day of Connemara Pony performance championship involving international competitors/ Sunday competitions involve ponies, horses, sheep, cattle, dogs and pets as well as domestic arts – photography, painting, rug making, baking, garden produce, etc.

T: 091 552462 / 086 3981572

23rd - 30th August

Island Holidays For Singles

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Meet up with people from other countries, make friends and enjoy the Island together, various activities to choose from. (no matchmaking!)

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24th August

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25th August

Roundstone Community Games

Roundstone, Co. Galway

Roundstone Community Games will take place at the Greenfield (opposite Roundstone House Hotel), in the village of Roundstone.

T: 095 35044 / 086 8215153 **W:** www.roundstone.ie

30th August

Galway Gay Pride Festival

Galway City

Ireland's longest continuously running gay pride festival takes to the medieval streets of Galway with major highlights including the now traditional "Corrib Cruise", party in the park, Pride Party in the Black Box, and of course, the Pride Parade on Saturday.

T: 087 9318415 **W:** www.brodirelandwest.com

September

1st September

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

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

6th & 7th September

Suck Valley Walking Festival

Athleague, Co. Roscommon

Explore the beauty of the Suck Valley Region of Co. Roscommon in this two day walking Festival. From the committed walking enthusiast looking for a challenging walking experience, to the novice walker looking for a gentle but invigorating walk, our graded walks complete with guides and commentary offer something for everyone. Ceol agus craic in the local pubs

T: 090 66 63602 **E:** info@suckvalley.com

7th September

Ballinrobe Agricultural Show

Green Park, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo

Classes in the 57th Ballinrobe Agricultural Show will include jumping, horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, dogs, fowl, farm and garden, cookery, flowers, homecraft, art and children's section.

T: 094 9541523

8th - 10th September

Galway Races Autumn Meeting

Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, Galway City

The Galway Races Autumn Meeting is a three day meeting comprising of 23 races of both Flat and National Hunt. A popular festival for the locals who can enjoy great racing, and numerous facilities including free seating in the Millennium Stand. **T:** 091-753870 **W:** www.galwayraces.com

12th - 14th September

Galway Jazz Festival

Galway City

A weekend of wall-to-wall jazz including workshops, open rehearsals, listening sessions, movies, the Galway Youth Jazz Orchestra and concerts featuring leading national and international artists. There is an excellent selection of free and ticketed events in a broad range of attractive venues across the city.

T: 087 2432644 **E:** info@galwayjazzfestival.com

W: www.galwayjazzfestival.com

12th - 14th September

Clarenbridge Oyster Festival

Marquee at Paddy Burke's, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway

The Clarenbridge Oyster Festival has for 54 years been established as a premier event of top class international entertainment accompanied by fine culinary delights. A week long entertainment event incorporating a traditional market day, golf outings, art exhibitions, yacht races, fine wine and gourmet evenings. This festival is not one to be missed!

Ticket Line: 091 796766

18th - 28th September

Clifden Community Arts Festival

Clifden, Connemara, Co. Galway

A great celebration of the arts - music, poetry, lectures, exhibitions - now in its 31st year. A fantastic atmosphere in a wonderful location in the west coast of Ireland.

T: 095 22899 / 21481 **W:** www.clifdenartsweek.ie



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19th – 21st September

Clare Island Singles Weekend

Clare Island, Co. Mayo

A festival for young people aged 30 years plus which includes Ballroom of Romance, computer dating, blind dating and romantic walks on the island.

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

20th & 21st September

Windsurfing & Wavesailing Championship & Festival

Keel, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Annual wavesailing competition.

T: 098 43958 **E:** info@windwise.ie **W:** www.windwise.ie

22nd September

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25th – 28th September

Galway International Oyster Festival

Galway City

A world-class festival featuring the Guinness World Oyster Opening Championship & celebrating the famous Galway Bay oyster. Great food! Great fun! Great music!

T: 091 587992 / 527282 **E:** info@galwayoysterfest.com

W: www.galwayoysterfest.com

26th – 28th September

Lady Gregory Autumn Gathering

Gort, Co. Galway

A weekend of lectures, plays, cultural & social events to highlight Lady Gregory's contribution to the Irish Literary Revival.

Tel.: 091 523948

27th September

Westport Horse Fair

South Mall, Westport, Co. Mayo

Horse Fair with ponies & horses for sale and show classes for horses & ponies in the morning.

T: 098 28940 / 087 6553005

29th September

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

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