

Heritage Week 2024

Galway City

August 17-25



National
Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

Summary of Events

SATURDAY 17th.	10am to 2pm	Wild Bee Festival
	11:30 to 1:30pm	Merlin Park Castle Walking Tour
	2pm to 3pm	Illustrated Talk: Old Irish Customs of Lughnasa
SUNDAY 18th.	10am to 12pm	Wild Bee Festival
	11:30 to 12:30	Menlo Castle Walking Tour
	3pm to 5pm	Cycle Space. Galway's Places & Faces by Bike
MONDAY 19th.	11:30 to 12:30pm	Forthill Cemetery: Archaeology, History, Genealogy and People
	2:30am to 3:30pm	Roscam Walking Tour
TUESDAY 20th.	11:30 to 12:30pm	Forthill Cemetery: Archaeology, History, Genealogy and People
	4pm to 6pm	Tour of Merlin Woods
WEDNESDAY 21st.	11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm	Coat of Arms Workshop
	11:30 to 12:30pm	Forthill Cemetery: Archaeology, History, Genealogy and People
	12pm to 1pm	Guided Tour: Museum Highlights
	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Medieval Galway: Places and People - Walking Tour

7pm to 9pm

Cycle Space. Galway's Places & Faces by Bike

THURSDAY 22nd.

9:30am to 1pm

Youth Biodiversity workshops across the three City Libraries

11:30 to 12:30pm

Forthill Cemetery: Archaeology, History, Genealogy and People

2:30pm to 3:30pm

Rivers and Waterways Linking People - Walking Tour.

FRIDAY 23rd.

9:30am to 1pm

Youth Biodiversity workshops across the three City Libraries

11am to 1pm;

Coat of Arms Workshop

2pm to 4pm

11:30 to 12:30pm

Forthill Cemetery: Archaeology, History, Genealogy and People

2:30 to 3:30pm

Tour of Terryland Castle and Dyke Road Area.

SATURDAY 24th.

9:30am to 1pm

Youth Biodiversity workshops across the three City Libraries

12pm to 1pm

Guided Tour: Museum Highlights

2:30pm to 4pm

Way of the Witch Walking Tour

All events are free of charge. However, with some events booking may be required. Please refer to the event details for more information.

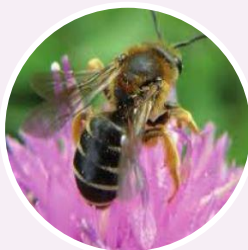
SATURDAY 17th.

**10am to
2pm**

**Meeting point
Knocknacarra
Community
Centre**

For more information
visit:
www.pollinators.ie/wild-bee-festival

Wild Bee Festival



Join workshops, talks and walks in Barna Woods and Rusheen Bay led by biodiversity experts, council staff and community groups. Talks and walks are open to all but booking for workshops is essential. Event accessible.

11:30 to 1:30pm

**Meeting point
Ballybane
Library,
Castlepark Rd,
Galway**



Merlin Park Castle Walking Tour

Join the walk and talk on the heritage history, archaeology and the conservation work of the Merlin Park Castle and an exploration of the woods, and its natural and built heritage. Event accessible.

**2pm to
3pm**

**Meeting point
Galway City
Museum**

To book a place,
please call the City Museum
091532460 or email
museum@galwaycity.ie

Illustrated Talk: Old Irish Customs of Lughnasa

The ancient festival of Lughnasa was of great importance to our farming ancestors as it marked the start of the harvest season. This illustrated talk will discuss its significance as well as some of the old rituals and superstitions associated with the festival. Event accessible.

SUNDAY 18th.

**10am to
12pm**

**Meeting point
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**11:30 to
12:30**

**Meeting point
Menlo Castle
entrance gates**

Menlo Castle Walking Tour



Join Dr Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer of Galway City Council, Martin Fitzpatrick of Through Time Ltd and the Architect, Fiona Rooney for a walk around Menlo Castle with a discussion of the castle, the families who lived there, the ongoing conservation work, and the built, cultural and natural heritage of the Corrib and its waterways. Event accessible.

3pm to 5pm

Meeting point
Spanish Arch

To book a place,
please contact
heritage@galwaycity.ie

Cycle Space.

**Galway's Places
+ Faces by Bike.**

From past industrial prowess, the rise of Galway as a student town, to social changes in the Claddagh, the evolution of Galway is borne out in the architecture & structures of the city. All have a story to tell. Join Michael Scott, Galway City Council's Architectural Conservation Officer for a cycle through Galway City's past & present.



MONDAY 19th.

**11:30 to
12:30pm**

Meeting point
Forthill Cemetery
entrance gate,
Lough Atalia Rd

**Forthill
Cemetery:
Archaeology,
History,
Genealogy
and People**

Galway City Council Heritage Office in partnership with Through Time Ltd would like you to invite you to a walk and talk on the history, architecture, archaeology and genealogy of the site of the Forthill Cemetery, the oldest and most fascinating historic Graveyard of Galway City.
Limited accessibility.



**2:30am to
3:30pm**

**Meeting point
Roscam Early
Medieval
Ecclesiastical Site**

Roscam Walking Tour



Join a guided tour of the history, archaeology, folklore and maritime heritage of Roscam site and vicinity; its churches and settlements, round tower, bullaun stones, and other features. Limited accessibility.

TUESDAY 20th.

**11:30 to
12:30pm**

**Meeting point
Forthill Cemetery
entrance gate, Lough
Atalia Rd**

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4pm to 6pm

**Meeting point
Ballybane Library,
Castlepark Rd,
Galway.**

Tour of Merlin Woods

An exploration of Merlin Woods and its heritage sites including Castle grave site and house site stone walling, and a discussion of their significance, Built, Natural, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage. Limited accessibility.

WEDNESDAY 21st.

11am to 1pm

2pm to 4pm

Meeting point
Galway City Museum

To book a place,
please contact
heritage@galwaycity.ie

Coat of Arms Workshop



Come along and design your own heraldic coat of arms at this interactive, artistic workshop and learn more about Galway City's famous tradition of unique and special heraldic stone carvings from when the Tribes of Galway ruled the city. Suitable for 10 – 13year olds. Facilitator: Sharon Lynch, Body Mind Movement.
Event accessible.

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12:30pm**

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Forthill Cemetery
entrance gate, Lough
Atalia Rd

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12pm to 1pm

Meeting point
Galway City Museum,
Spanish Parade,
Galway

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please contact
museum@galwaycity.ie

Guided Tour: Museum Highlights



Dr Marion McGarry is a lecturer at Atlantic Technological University, Galway and is the author of Irish Customs and Rituals: How our ancestors celebrated life and the seasons. Her research interests are Irish art, design, heritage and literature, and she is a frequent contributor to RTE Brainstorm. Event accessible.

**2:30pm to
4:00pm**

Meeting point:
West door of St
Nicholas's
Collegiate Church
(Lombard St
Side).

Medieval Galway: Places and People - Walking Tour

Join Dr Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer and Martin Fitzpatrick, Archaeologist for a walking tour of medieval parts of Galway City, exploring its history, built heritage, heraldry and medieval streetscapes. Event accessible.

7pm to 9pm

Meeting point
Spanish Arch

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THURSDAY 22nd.

**9:30am
to 1pm**

Meeting point
Merlin Park

Booking Essential
for each event at
<https://bit.ly/4cFJhLt>



Youth Biodiversity Workshops across the three City Libraries

Join Paula Kearney, Galway City Council Biodiversity Officer, artists, ecologists and your local librarian for a fun-filled morning, connecting with our local green spaces in Galway City with indoor and outdoor workshops exploring the biodiversity of Galway City. Ages 6-9. Event accessible.

**11:30 to
12:30pm**

Meeting point
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entrance gate, Lough
Atalia Rd



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**2:30pm to
3:30pm**

Meeting Point
Spanish Arch (Fish
market side)

Rivers and Waterways Linking People - Walking Tour

Explore and learn more about Galway's waterways, their history, mythology, built heritage and industrial archaeology. Event accessible.

FRIDAY 23rd.

**9:30am to
1pm**

Meeting point
Westside Community
Garden

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**11am to 1pm;
2pm to 4pm**

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3:30pm**

Meeting point
Terryland Castle –
entrance of Dyke Rd

Tour of Terryland Castle and Dyke Road Area



genealogy of the site of the Forthill Cemetery (formerly known as Saint Augustine's Hill), the oldest and most fascinating historic Graveyard of Galway City.

Limited accessibility.

A guided tour of Terryland Castle and adjoining features with an exploration of its archaeology, architecture, history, folklore and natural heritage, as well as the archaeology of the boats on the Corrib.

Event accessible.

SATURDAY 24th.

**9:30am
to 1pm**

Meeting point
Woodquay Park

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Event Accessible.

12pm to 1pm

Meeting point
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Spanish Parade,
Galway

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Guided Tour: Museum Highlights

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2:30pm to 4pm

Meeting point
Community Garden,
Merlin Park.

Way of the Witch Walking Tour

A guided walk from the existing 'Sli na Callaigh' at Doughiska through Merlin Woods and ending at the 'Sile na Gig' at Merlin Castle with archaeologist Fiona Rooney and co-creative gardener Tina de Burca. Limited accessibility.



National Heritage Week is an annual celebration of Ireland's built, natural and cultural heritage...

...inviting us to foster a deeper appreciation for the heritage that shapes our identities and communities, ensuring its preservation for future generations

The programme for Galway City is brought to you by the Heritage Office of Galway City Council

For more information visit:
www.galwaycity.ie/heritage-conservation



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Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage