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Maynooth's Naoise Ó Cearúil is new Mayor of Kildare

Maynooth-based politician Naoise Ó Cearúil was elected the new Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council at the June meeting of KCC. Following his election the new Mayor made the following statement.:

A Chairde,

Is mór an onóir dom a bheith os bhur chóir mar Chathaoirleach agus Mhéara Chill Dara. Ba mhaith liom ar dtús báire mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an gComhairleoir Paul Ward as ucht mé a ainmniú, leis an gComhairleoir Ivan Keatley as ucht tacú le m'ainmniúcháin agus libh uilig as bhur tacaíocht agus muinín. Déanfaidh mé dhícheall ar bhur son agus ar son mhuintir Chill Dara don bhliain seo romhainn.

It is a great honour to be before you today as the Cathaoirleach and Mayor of Kildare. I would like to first of all thank Cllr. Paul Ward for nominating me for the position, Cllr. Ivan Keatley for seconding my nomination and to all of you for your support and trust. I will do my very best on your behalf and on behalf of the people of Kildare in the forthcoming year. The past 18 months have been extremely difficult for everybody throughout this pandemic but Kildare County Council, it's staff and it's councilors stepped up to the fore. I would like to pay credit to the Chief Executive Peter Carey and all of the staff for their tireless work. Cllr. Mark Stafford as Cathaoirleach had a difficult job and rose to the challenge, thank you Mark on behalf of all members and the people of Kildare.

I was first elected to Kildare County Council 7 years ago in 2014 as a young Councillor at the age of 24. The past 7 years have moved extremely quickly and they have been both challenging and rewarding. I would never have gotten to this position without the unyielding support of my family, my friends and my supporters. Thank you to my mam Geraldine, my dad Colm and my sisters Muireann, Déirdre and Éirín and their partners for believing in me. A special word of thanks to my partner Aly who is my rock and is always by my side. None of you chose to get involved in public life and have sacrificed much in order to support me. I really appreciate it. Anybody that knows me, knows that I speak about Maynooth a lot. I'm extremely proud of where I'm from and the people that live there. It is an honour to represent the place I



Colm Ó Cearúil, Muireann Ní Chearúil, Ger Uí Chearúil, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Aly Murphy and Déirdre Ní Chearúil. (Not in photo Éirín Ní Chearúil)

love most in the world and I hope that the people of Maynooth are proud of me today.

The next 18 months of this Council will be taken up primarily with the County Development Plan. This will require patience and stamina from both members and staff. We must all work together collectively to determine how this County will develop and prosper into the future. This CDP offers us a great opportunity that no previous council has had. We have seen with the pandemic, how as a society, as an organisation and as a County we can adapt and change at a rapid pace. We must be innovative and think outside the box; because that is what is expected of us now. We need to address remote working, regenerating our rural nodes, economic expansion throughout the entire County and responsible development in our large towns. While addressing and future proofing our County in the CDP we must also use the lessons of the Pandemic to address immediate issues.

We have started opening working hubs through the Local Enterprise Office - how can we maximise this.

We created a network of community volunteers through the Community Call - how do we keep this going to care for our vulnerable neighbours and friends.

We have had remote meetings - how do we ensure that this option or a Hybrid model is available to Councillors for whatever reason they might have.

We reduced our Carbon emissions - what are the lessons we can take from this and how do we address the climate emergency.

To answer these questions and more, I would like to establish a Re-opening Kildare Committee where we can learn from what we have done well and what we could have done better.

From a meetings perspective, the next year will be extremely busy with the CDP, local area plans and monthly statutory meetings. We must all be respectful of each other's time and that we use our time together wisely. I would like to improve the efficiency of meetings as well as how we operate in general. I will be rigid with the standing orders and I would ask the members for their cooperation in abiding by standing orders and respecting all members' time. Everybody here has a mandate, and nobody's mandate is more or less important. We are all equals in this chamber.

Is í mana Chill Dara ná Meanma agus Misneach. The motto of Kildare is Meanma agus Misneach which translates to Spirit and Courage. The people of Kildare have shown these characteristics throughout the pandemic, let's have the Spirit and Courage as a Council to make the changes and adapt as we prepare for the future.

Go raibh maith agaibh



Winners of the 2021 Intel Pride of Place competition See Page 19

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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news.

We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events. The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

The Editorial Board endeavours to ensure independence and balance in the Newsletter content and reserves the right to omit/edit or abridge material which in its opinion might render the Newsletter as a promoter of sectional interests.

In addition we undertake the following:

- In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.
- In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

Any contributor seeking further guidelines in this matter is invited to contact the Editorial Board.

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Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage - www.maynoothcep.com.

The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load.

The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter

Editorial

July already and unfortunately we are still operating under some restrictions in terms of the reopening of businesses particularly in the hospitality area. It has been great to see how our restaurants and pubs have expanded their outdoor space. It brings a real sense of being on holidays when you go around the centre of the town. Let's hope that we get summer weather so that we can enjoy socialising outdoors and support our local hospitality businesses. As a gardener I would be hoping for some rain but I am happy that the rain comes at night when we are all asleep.



With Covid restrictions for the past year or so a key group of people who were at risk were our older citizens. The roll out of the vaccines quite rightly prioritised older people and across the community it is great to see our wiser, older neighbours and friends out and about again. Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee are always here to offer support and assistance and have done so for decades. For many of those years (and she would say herself, too many to count) Mrs. Josie Moore has been at the centre of the work of the Maynooth Senior Citizens Group. Josie has been a fantastic advocate for older people in Maynooth and I have heard her say a number of times over the years that she will become an older person sometime in the future herself.



Josephine Moore

One feature of a good community group is that new people continue to join, so that volunteers already involved can step back and there are people already in the group to carry on the work seamlessly. Maynooth Senior Citizens and Maynooth Tidy Towns are such groups and as a consequence are able to continue. Josie has been able to step back from the key roles in the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. For those who know Josie, you will understand when I say that there are few people that you will meet that engages you with her passion for everything that she does. I have no doubt that she will continue to contribute in a positive way on the subjects that exercise her interests.

One other Maynooth person that is well known locally but has also gained international recognition is actor Paul Mescal. Last month Paul was awarded a BAFTA Leading Actor award for his role in the TV Drama Normal People. He is now a world-wide personality and he seems to be taking it all in his stride. We wish him continued success with his acting career and there is no doubt he will be an inspiration to many more young people in Maynooth. Maybe sometime he will talk to the Maynooth Newsletter.



Paul Mescal at the BAFTA Awards.

Image courtesy of IMDB.com

Paul Croghan - Editor

Due to the current restrictions in place to combat the spread of the COVID-19 Virus we are unable to print & deliver the normal edition of the Maynooth Newsletter. The hope going forward is to produce this Online Version to keep people informed. All the community of Maynooth are invited to submit relevant content to: office@maynoothcep.com. As we progress through these extraordinary times if we mind ourselves and each other we will get through this and come out the other side a stronger community & country. Please bear in mind as the situation progresses we may be unable to produce the Online version.

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We love to celebrate with a party! Celebrating birthdays, new arrivals, communions, end of school or even just a simple playdate – having a get together does not have to mean a massive increase in your household shopping and waste. Lots of fun should be the main priority.

As the author Jen Gale wrote ‘celebrations seem to have become synonymous with consumerism’. Even here at ZWM as we try to have a low waste household, waste can just seem to pile up around parties. How we celebrate has been sold to us with a list of must haves. Increasing money out and waste in. And all this waste in turn costs us again as we have to pay to part with in our waste collection.

We are looking at children’s parties but it could be any sort of gathering – here are some simple green tips for a low waste event. Lots of fun but hopefully less stuff to clutter up are already overcrowded homes.

- **ReUse what you have** – keep candles from the last party in a jar and use again. Keep any bunting or decorations nice and safe, like how we are happy to keep and reuse our Christmas decorations.
- **Avoid single use items** – balloons are a big one here. If you can’t cut them out totally, cut back on what you use. Buy ones that can go into the compost bin when they burst. I often see balloons on the Freecycle pages, which is great – they get another day out.
- **Invitations** – can you text? Maybe the kids can make an invitation. Please avoid the use of glitter. Glitter is litter! It is basically tiny bits of plastic that get everywhere – on our clothes, in our hair, down the drains, into our water system.
- **Gifts** – No gift and a handmade card is totally cool in my books but I am not 6 years old! Check out a local charity shop or Adverts for some amazing kids items. Or a book from home with a lovely message. Or a fiver in an envelope. Our kids are young, hopefully this can become a part of their normal – so they get a mixture of new and used gifts for their birthdays. Don’t forget to Reuse wrapping paper and bags. My brother wraps his gifts to us in a hug, always makes me giggle as he has the gift up his jumper!
- **Party food** – Before covid I would say buy/make larger quantities of food and share out into smaller bowls. Now, if single wrapped items feels better – go for it. Having a low waste party is important but we still have to do what feels good and safe in the current climate.



Party bags – OK so again I am not 6 years old and can’t see the point of these but lets try and make these bags and the contents plastic free. Get paper sandwich bags – add some birthday cake. Or if you want to do it in advance of the party maybe a small book, colouring book, chocolate coins wrapped in foil or a packet of seeds to grow at home

To help reduce party waste Zero Waste Maynooth has teamed up with the wonderful Sharon at Jiminy.ie. A group of likeminded volunteers around Ireland have joined together with Sharon and have party kits to borrow in a scheme called Rainbow Rentals. Borrow a box with plastic cups, plates and cutlery. (Yes plastic but hard wearing and reusable!)

Collect the kit from us here in Maynooth and use at your party. Wash and return. Save buying a load of single use items, help reduce your waste and encourage others to buy into the idea that a sharing community can work here in Maynooth. A suggested donation of €5 to cover costs but it is absolutely not necessary. To book the party kit send us a message on Facebook or email us on zerowastemaynooth@gmail.com



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



As many of you know by now, I stepped down as Chairperson of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at the beginning of February 2020. However, as covid raised its ugly head, I continued to work with the incoming officers to ensure the smooth hand-over of operations.

That transition is now complete, and I pass on the baton to Patricia Cusker (Chair) and Susan Durack (Secretary) as the Committee open a new chapter.

Many thanks to our wonderful community of Maynooth and Ladychapel for their sustained support over the past fifty six years and I have no doubt that your support will continue in the future.

I have had the privilege of serving the Senior Citizens of our Parish for over five decades and as Committee Chairperson and PRO for almost three decades. The experience has enriched my life and I will always be grateful for that. I will sign off now one last time and take a long over-due break. Thank you and farewell.

Josephine Moore.
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.



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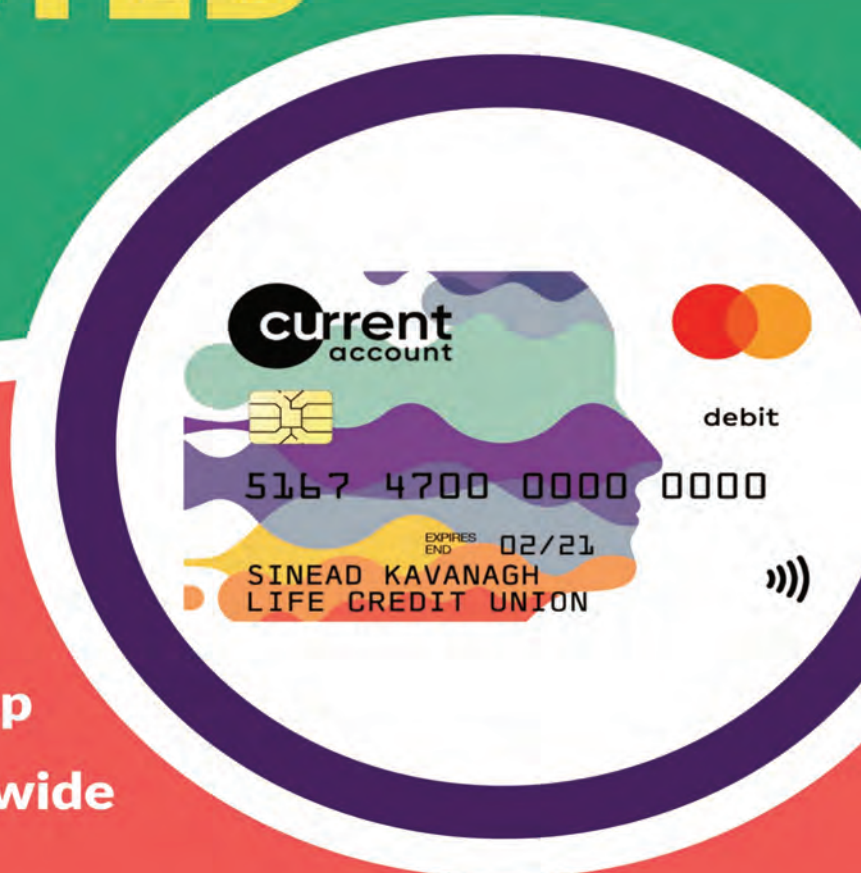


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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Park Avenue Restaurants

On arriving in New York in 1958 I was employed as a draughtsman by Fischbach and Moore Inc. This firm had recently obtained the electrical contract for the 38-story Seagram Building, an iconic bronze skyscraper between 52nd and 53rd Streets on Park Avenue, and had a field office on an unoccupied floor. My first experience on entering that office was of Bill, the general foreman, roaring down the telephone, 'You kiss my big, fat Irish ass!' Bill was Irish-American and ruled the workplace like a despot but, luckily for me, welcomed a raw recruit from The Old Sod. My workmates were the usual ethnic mix, Jewish, Italian, Anglo-Saxon and Bill, a World War 2 veteran and only African-American employee.

As tenants for commercial firms took up residence, Fischbach and Moore would move its temporary office to a new location. One of the principal tenants was The Four Seasons Restaurant, situated on a basement floor. This exclusive dining place was so named because each season, spring, summer, autumn and winter, it completely changed its décor to reflect that time of year.

Now after our team of office workers and electricians had moved on to another building, one of my jobs was to complete As-Built Drawings for the restaurant. These drawings were required because in the process of wiring the place the electricians often deviated from the original plans. Later, my drawings on regular drafting paper would be transferred to plastic-like sheets, which would be stored as a permanent record of the work done. Meanwhile, there I was, without a partner, trying to check circuits in the hot, steaming kitchen among cooks and waiters busily at work – talk of organized mayhem! A further source of pressure was the fact that my boss wanted the job wrapped up quickly, since it was just a niggling requirement that wouldn't increase profits. Did I ever dine in The Four Seasons? Certainly not, it was way out of my league.

My next job was on the opposite side of Park Avenue in The First National City Bank, a 41-story building just nearing completion. If the Seagram Building had a prestigious restaurant, First National had its basement Rue de Gourmets with at least seven restaurants: French, Italian, Japanese and so on. Again, Fischbach and Moore had set up a

field office, in which one of my buddies was Walter, a genial Irish-American timekeeper.

One afternoon, on returning from a beef stew meal in my usual diner, a smartly-dressed fellow refused me entry because, as ill luck would have it, I didn't have an identification card. It was the official opening of the building and safety restrictions were in place. Only after a heated exchange was I allowed to return to our field office. But that wasn't my chief tight spot in that building.

Before opening for regular business the Italian restaurant was serving meals gratis to employees of firms that had rented floor space. Walter and I decided to risk having a free meal and in due course we found ourselves being ushered to a table covered with a spotless white linen tablecloth. A uniformed waiter with an immaculate shirt and bowtie asked if we were employees and we assured him we were. Then, having given our orders, we waited expectantly for our five-course meal.

We had just finished the aperitivo with its olives, cheese and wine when disaster struck. Walter got a phone call telling him he was wanted in our main office, which was situated further up Park Avenue. Suddenly I was on my own, like some casually dressed emperor with a line of obsequious waiters presenting him with piping hot, aromatic dishes. In normal circumstances I should have been chuffed, but there was no guarantee that the situation wouldn't end in disaster. I was like a condemned man eating his last meal. After dessert of Italian rum cake followed by coffee, a waiter presented me with an enormous bill, explaining that it was just a formality, but that I should sign it and add the name of my firm. Hoping I wasn't signing my dismissal notice, I scribbled my signature, followed by Fischbach and Moore. Then leaving a substantial tip, I thanked the headwaiter for a first-rate meal and walked out past other smiling waiters, expecting every moment to be called back to explain why Fischbach and Moore wasn't on the tenant list. Luckily, no such call came.

If I am ever again in New York I shall visit First National City Bank and check to see if that restaurant is still in business. I may even order a meal, a much smaller one this time!

By P.G. Nerney

The explanation of all things!

The world and all in it is entirely rational, is explicable, is understandable or will eventually be understandable to the human mind. All things are caused. No one thing is an isolate, standing alone with no influence or dependence on other things. Not all people will understand everything or maybe even understand many things but there will be some who will understand and will be able to reassure the rest of us that all is well, all is rational, all is good.

The most rational thing about the universe is that it is not the cause of itself. Can anything be the cause of itself? No scientist or philosopher has ever found the universe to be self explanatory - though many have gratuitously stated that such is the case -but science tells us that the universe was created with such precision that the slightest deviation from the set up as it was in the beginning, immediately after the Big Bang, would have made any further development impossible!

Einstein weighed in heavily here with his famous paradox stating that the most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible!

And it is into this comprehensible and interconnected world that Christianity fits so snugly. My friend from Barcelona would laud it as the great non-duality. All is one and one in the great creator, the Father. So many times Jesus stressed his union with the Father and exhorted us to pray to Him daily that we should all be one. He gave his body as bread for this whole unified world as an efficient symbol of our interconnectedness. The world's bread is for the people of the world and no one can eat of this bread without sharing it with those who need it but haven't got it. Bread shared with the world's hungry is divine bread indeed, is Christ! This is the teaching of the Christian Eucharist!

By G.M.

Blanket Street

i. m. Donald Kerins

In those days of pillow fights and apple-pie beds, of dormitory raids and midnight raisin-cake feasts, we had to furnish our own sheets, but not the blankets, and those supplied would not have been expensive Foxford, but who could bother about such trivial matters? No, 'Gingernut, the Boy who Takes the Biscuit,' was, at least to the wildest bunch of us, our hero, for he was expert at bamboozling rivals.

After lights out, when the prefect used his torch to spotlight those intent on further mischief, we chatted to the boy who had the bed beside us; Freddie the Fearless Fly's was next to mine and we discussed Rob Roy or Alan Breck Stewart until it was time to turn away and sleep.

Freddie unexpectedly contracted some disease and so we never got to visit Appin.

By Colin Scott



At the time of writing our volunteers have been very busy catching up with planting, clearing our beds, scuffling and litter picking in all areas around Maynooth. We are not looking for new volunteers at the moment due to the Covid restrictions still in place.

The #sdgroadshow visited Maynooth University in June, Tidy Towns were invited to a question and answer session. We also took them to visit our Sensory Garden to explain all the Sustainable Goals we have covered in Maynooth, Water Harvesting, Seats made from recycled materials, all of our planting is intended to support biodiversity in Maynooth by attracting Bees and Butterflies.

We are meeting up every Saturday morning at 9am at our shed in the council car park. Thanks to all the businesses who have supported us over the past 2 months either financially or otherwise.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more information about Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee



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Easing of COVID-19 restrictions

The Government announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions for June, July and August.

From 7 June 2021:

- You can have visitors inside your home from 1 other household if you are unvaccinated
- Fully vaccinated people can meet indoors in private homes with up to 2 other households
- Restaurants and bars can reopen for outdoor service
- Up to 25 people can attend a wedding reception
- Gyms, swimming pools, cinemas and theatres can reopen
- Outdoor sports matches can take place
- Up to 100 people can attend outdoor events, or up to 200 people in larger venues
- Driver Theory Test Services can partially reopen
- From 5 July, restrictions will ease further, including the return of indoor service for restaurants and bars. From 19 July, non-essential travel abroad will be permitted. A further easing of restrictions will be considered for August.

Emergency public health powers extended

Emergency public health powers, including additional Garda powers, introduced to deal with COVID-19 will be extended until November 2021.

EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC)

From 19 July 2021, Ireland plans to operate the EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC) for travel originating within the EU and EEA. Available in digital or paper format, it will be a proof that a person has been vaccinated against COVID-19, tested negative, or recovered from an infection.

Mandatory hotel quarantine

The list of designated countries has been amended for mandatory hotel quarantine. A dedicated mandatory hotel quarantine information line is available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm on 01 613 1744.

COVID-19 vaccinations

People between the age of 40 and 44 can now register for a vaccine appointment online or by calling the HSE COVID-19 helpline on 1850 24 1850. People in this age group are asked to register on different days, depending on their age.

Confirming PUP eligibility

The Department of Social Protection may contact PUP recipients to provide evidence of their continued eligibility for the payment. People contacted between 14 May and 26 May 2021 should upload the information on MyWelfare.ie. If you do not confirm, your payment may be stopped. If you no longer meet the criteria, you must close your PUP claim. For further information contact the Department's Income Support Helpline for COVID-19 on 1890 800 024.

Extensions of COVID-19 payments

The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment has been extended with a gradual reduction in payments from 7 September 2021. The scheme will close to new applicants from 1 July 2021. Students can continue to claim PUP until the start of the 2021/2022 college year with the final payment on 7 September 2021.

COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit will continue after the end of June 2021. No further information is currently available.

Rent Supplement rules due to expire on 30 June 2021 have been extended until the end of 2021. The rules, also known as flexibilities, apply to applications on or after 13 March 2020.

Increase in earnings disregards

The earnings disregards for Disability Allowance (from 2 June) and Blind Pension (from 4 June) has increased by €20 per week from €120 to €140 per week.

Leaving Certificate 2021

Leaving Certificate students who chose to take written exams only can now opt in for accredited grades. The State Examinations Commission will contact eligible students later this summer.

The Leaving Certificate written exams start on 9 June 2021. Leaving Certificate results will issue directly to students on the Candidate Self-Service Portal on Friday, 3 September.

If a school cannot give external students an estimated percentage mark (accredited grade), it will notify the students between 3–9 June. Students can appeal the school's decision by submitting an appeals form (pdf) by 12pm on 14 June 2021.

Driver theory tests

From 8 June, driver theory test centres and services will gradually reopen. The pilot scheme for online remote testing is available for all categories on a limited basis.

Economic Recovery Plan for Ireland

- Additional measures to support businesses announced under the Government's Economic Recovery Plan for Ireland are:
- An extension of the EWSS and CRSS schemes until 31 December 2021
- A new Business Resumption Support Scheme to be introduced in September 2021
- The commercial rates waiver will be extended to 30 September 2021
- The tax debt warehousing scheme will be extended until 31 December 2021
- An extension of the reduction in VAT rate of 9% for the hospitality and tourism sector until 1 September 2022
- A final extension of the suspension of redundancy provisions until 30 September 2021
- A new COVID-19 Deferred Payment arrangement to support additional statutory redundancy costs

A National Recovery and Resilience Plan (pdf) will work alongside and reinforce the Economic Recovery Plan (pdf). The National Recovery and Resilience Plan will use €915 million in grants from the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility. The draft plan needs to be formally assessed by the European Commission, expected to take two months, before being submitted to the Council of the European Union for approval.

EWSS changes

The EWSS changes under the Government's Economic Recovery Plan for Ireland are:

EWSS has been extended until 31 December 2021

The enhanced rates of supports under the current 5 payment bands and associated rates will continue for July, August and September

The time period for assessment of reduction in turnover or customer orders test is extended from 6 months to 12 months

A decision on the rates that will apply from October, is expected at the end of August or early September

CRSS changes

The CRSS changes under the Government's Economic Recovery Plan for Ireland are:

- CRSS has been extended until 31 December 2021
- Businesses will be able to claim an enhanced restart payment for 3 weeks to help with the costs of reopening as businesses exit the scheme
- The maximum restart payment will be €10,000 per week (increased from €5,000)

Other COVID-19 business supports

A new Outdoor Service Enhancement Scheme to assist bars and pubs that do not have a food offering, will give a payment of up to €4,000 to help enhance outdoor seating capacity and weatherproof service areas.

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CONT/....

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Local Property Tax

The Minister for Finance has announced proposed changes to Local Property Tax (LPT). The changes (pdf) include the widening of the valuation bands and a reduction in the rate of tax. It is also proposed the LPT will apply to properties that have been built since the last valuation date of 1 May 2013, and new properties will become liable for LPT at the next liability date each year. There are also proposed changes to LPT exemptions and deferrals. New laws will need to be passed before these changes apply.

Changes to civil legal aid eligibility

The Legal Aid Board will no longer include the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) in their calculation of entitlement to civil legal aid. Changes to priority/emergency visas

Two new categories have been added to the priority/emergency list of visas being processed. Visa applications will now be accepted from people joining family members in Ireland. Applications will also be accepted from people who are travelling for essential business or employment purposes and have been issued with an employment permit by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

International Protection Appeals Tribunal

All hearings before the International Protection Appeals Tribunal will take place online from 1 June until at least 1 July 2021.

Changes to personal insolvency laws

The Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Act 2021 (pdf) was signed into law on 26 May 2021. A separate commencement order is needed to bring the changes into force. The new laws enable homeowners in arrears dating from after 1 January 2015 to access a court

review if their mortgage lender or other creditors refuse a reasonable proposal for a Personal Insolvency Arrangement (PIA).

MABS offices reopening

From 8 June 2021, MABS offices will reopen on a limited, appointment-only basis.

Birth registrations suspended

Registration of births has been temporarily suspended due to the HSE cyber attack. Do not email birth registration forms to your local civil registration office until further notice. Instead, you can post completed forms to your local civil registration office, or email them to births@welfare.ie.

UPCOMING

VAT changes on online shopping

From 1 July 2021, the current VAT exemption for imported items below €22 will end. Import VAT will be payable on all goods entering Ireland from non-EU countries, irrespective of their value.

BTSCFA

On 21 June 2021, applications for Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) will open. The BTSCFA is paid automatically to many families. You will get a letter before 21 June 2021 to let you know that you will be paid automatically. If you have not received a letter by 21 June, you must apply for BTSCFA online using MyWelfare.ie. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021.

School Transport Scheme

The medical card verification system used as payment for the School Transport Scheme is unavailable due to the cyber attack on the HSE. Payment for the scheme is due to open from 16 June until 30 July 2021. If the verification system has not been fixed when the payment opens on 16 June, Bus Éireann may extend the payment period for medical card holders.

Water Safety Advice

Coastal Walking

Now that Summer is here and we have the long sunny warm days popular and common activities take place on / around water throughout the year but especially during the summer months. However, there are associated risks so it is important to know the do's and don'ts around water.

There is nothing quite like walking to get you away from all the hustle and bustle. Fresh air, open surroundings and exhilarating views! Plus, it's a great form of exercise to keep healthy and improve your fitness.

Walking close to water along Ireland's shores presents its own challenges and should never be underestimated. If you intend to walk on your own or as part of a walking group, we can all take steps to stay safe. Follow our handy tips for both inexperienced and advanced walkers and you will be set to go

- Before departing for your walk, always check the weather forecast. Ensure no yellow, orange or red warnings are in place.
- Check the time of the tides and be cautious of the risk of stranding due to tides. Carry a well charged phone—dial 112 if you feel that you are likely to get stranded or if you / a member of your group gets injured and requires assistance.
- Always let someone know where you are leaving from and going to, as well as what time you expect to return.
- If the walk is not well signposted, carry a map and compass. Fog can come down very quickly in coastal areas.
- Be aware of all edges around the sea and waterside. Slips and falls happen in all locations, it is not just high cliff edges that are at risk.
- Be careful when walking in dark and slippery conditions.
- If you are walking your dog never follow it into the water, call 112 instead.

Beach Safety

For most people summer means days at beach, enjoying the sun and sand. By following very easy tips, you can have a safe and happy time at beach

- Learn to swim
- Swim near a lifeguard
- Swim with a buddy

- Check with the lifeguards
- Use sunscreen and drink water
- Obey posted signs and flags
- Keep the beach and water clean
- Learn rip current safety
- Enter water feet first
- Wear a life jacket

To stay safe at the beach, always remember F.L.A.G.S.

F – Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them.
 Always swim where there is a lifeguard on patrol, and stay inside the area marked by the red and yellow flags. Never swim where a sign says not to, or when the red flag is flying.

L – Look at the safety signs.
 Always read and obey the safety signs – they will help you to avoid potential dangers on the beach, and to identify the safest areas for swimming.

A – Ask a lifeguard for advice.
 If in doubt, it's always best to play it safe and ask the experts.

G – Get a friend to swim with you.
 Make sure there are other people around, because you never know when help might be needed.

S – Stick your hand in the air and shout for help if you get into difficulty.

Source: watersafety.ie/recreation/

WATER SAFETY - Flags you need to know



RED FLAG - no swimming at all



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BETWEEN TWO BLACK AND WHITE FLAGS NO SWIMMING area used by surfers and windsurfers

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The Band were delighted to receive an Intel Pride of Place award of five thousand euros last month.

This money will be going towards the purchase of the more expensive lower brass instruments (tuba, euphonium, French horn and trombone), the cost of which would normally be beyond the reach of most parents.

As a result, the Band is now in a position to extend the range of instruments in the present Junior Band and are taking applications from budding musicians between the ages of 8 and 18 to join classes beginning in October if COVID-19 restrictions permit.

Please submit your contact details through our [stmarysbandmaynooth](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbandmaynooth) Facebook, email stmarysjrbandmaynooth.ie or call 087 2537 906 if you need further details.

Members of the Junior Band have the opportunity to progress to the Senior Band when they have reached a certain standard, something that several of the current Junior Band have managed to achieve this year.

Places in these classes are limited so early registration is advisable.



Photo: Francesca Sheridan, who conducts the Junior Band



Photo: Junior Band at rehearsal

Remembrance: The World War I Dead of Co. Kildare

Remembrance: The World War I Dead of Co. Kildare is an important new publication from Kildare Decade of Commemorations. The book was compiled and edited by genealogist Karel Kiely and historians James Durney and Mario Corrigan of Kildare Library & Arts Service.

The book lists over seven hundred and fifty men and three women from County Kildare who died in World War I. Each entry includes (where available), service number and/or rank, regiment, date of birth, age at death, date and location of death, burial or memorial location, parents and/or spouse, nature of the connection to County Kildare, and also brief supplementary information including enlistment date and location. The work will serve as a valuable reference for many years to come for historians and genealogists, as well as the general public with an interest in how World War I impacted upon the people of County Kildare.

Officially launched on the 17th of June 2021 by the Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council, Cllr. Mark Stafford, this well presented hardback publication can be purchased at the following locations throughout the county:

Athy – Winkles Shop
Kilcullen – Woodbine Books
Kildare – Kildare Heritage Centre
Maynooth – Maynooth Bookshop
Naas – Barker & Jones
Newbridge – Farrell & Nephew
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Source: Remembrance: The World War I Dead of Co. Kildare – Kildare Local History.ie



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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 25/05/2021 to 29/06/2021 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

Covid-19: Arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Planning and Development Act 2000 was amended on 29 March 2020 resulting in the extension of certain timelines in the planning process including submission and decision dates. The Online Planning system does NOT take account of the revised dates.

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
21930	Kildare County Council	Allen Spillane	31 Castlepark Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/06/2021
21936	Kildare County Council	Peadar O Fearghaile	No. 57 & 58 Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/06/2021
21917	Kildare County Council	Mary Mooney,	Toolstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 YX05.	24/06/2021
21918	Kildare County Council	Fiona McEvoy,	9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	24/06/2021
21921	Kildare County Council	Paul Mooney	Kealstown, Ladychapel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/06/2021
21907	Kildare County Council	Ronan O'Reilly and Sara McIntyre	75 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	23/06/2021
21857	Kildare County Council	Certas Energy Ireland Limited	Certa Service Station, Carton Park, Dublin Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/06/2021
21844	Kildare County Council	Paul & Siobhan Turley	18 Limetree Hall, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/06/2021
21836	Kildare County Council	Nicola O'Neill and David Lynch,	10 The Crescent Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 H9R0.	10/06/2021
21822	Kildare County Council	The Trustees of Maynooth Town Football Club,	Newtown Road, Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/06/2021
21823	Kildare County Council	Maynooth GAA Club	Moyglare Road, Mariavilla, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/06/2021
21814	Kildare County Council	Kerrie Leonard	The Leinster Clinic, Dún Sion, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/06/2021

How to prevent Slugs & Snails in the Garden

Snails, like slugs, cause a great deal of damage to plants. They feed mostly at night, seeking shelter during the day from the drying effects of the sun. However, the snail's shell allows it to move more freely than a slug over dry areas, such as paving. It leaves a tell-tale trail of slime.

They cut holes in the middle of leaves, eat seedlings completely to the ground, and also attack ripening low-hanging fruit such as strawberries and tomatoes. The foliage and fruit of some trees is also eaten by snails and slugs. They are quite competent at climbing vertically and they do have a preference for the young leaves of citrus trees.

Here are some common methods for getting rid of snails in the garden

Tidy the Garden

Clean around the garden edgings, hedges and flower beds so that the snails can not seek shelter there.

Remove fallen fruit and other appealing organic stuff they love. A poorly managed compost, leaves or grass can also give them food, shelter and a good environment for laying eggs.

Water in the Morning

Water in the morning and not in evening. Slugs and Snails are nocturnal beings and are favored by the humid nights. They love moisture and when you water in the evening, it creates a favorable conditions for them to thrive in.

Combat Slugs early

Start to kill them off early in the growing season, in the spring. Then you'll have a limited population, you will prevent them from laying eggs since the beginning of the growth of garden.



Hunt them at Evening or Early Morning

Slugs and snails are active in night or when it is slightly dark.

Hunt them when they remain active – especially early morning and in evening.

It is labor intensive, but effective if performed regularly for several weeks

How to Kill Slugs

- Make a beer trap, dig a hole that forms the trap and set down a bowl of beer or an open bottle of beer to lure slugs. Empty the trap daily.
- Use salt to kill slugs, sprinkle. It draws the water out of their soft bodies.

You must be careful when using salt as it can harm other animals and plants. Salt absorbs the water from slugs and snails, dehydrating and eventually killing them. You can sprinkle the salt directly on the snail or create a barrier so it can't go near the plants.

- Use lime and sawdust as a barrier around the plants you would like to protect, you can also use eggshells. This prevents the slugs. The one disadvantage of such barrier is that it washes out in rain and then you will have to lay this out again.
- Coffee grounds and mashed rhubarb are also useful to deter them.
- Horse chestnuts can be ground and laid out around the plants too. Researchers have found that these garden pests do not tolerate chestnut mixture.



- Wash or replace the soil and pots of new plants you buy before putting them in the garden to avoid small snail or slug eggs to spread.

Use Chemicals, Killer Substances, and Pesticides

You can opt to use a natural pest control spray to repel snails and slugs. It is not recommended that you spray it directly on the plants, as doing so may cause leaf burns. Other chemicals include chlorine (bleach), aluminum sulfate, and potassium permanganate.

Garlic is also useful in killing snails and slugs. The garlic can be mixed with water in a spray bottle and then applied to or on the infested area. Garden snails often stray away from plants and flowers that are highly scented and ornamental grasses and plants. That's because they are not seedlings and succulent vegetation. These types of plants include: Ferns, Lavender, Hydrangea, Sage, California Poppy, Herbs, Nasturtium, Rosemary and Cyclamen.

Use Bait

When using bait, you have the choice of liquid or powdered baits. For liquid baits, the most efficient ones are beer and iron phosphate baits. Other good options are grape juices and yeast and sugar or honey. To achieve this, you need a bowl or container filled half up with the mixture in a spot where the snails are customarily based. The bait's sweet scent attracts the snails to come out of the hiding spot, crawl into the bowl, and die.

Source: gardenhelpful.com/how-to-get-rid-of-snails-in-your-garden/

Source: tip.balconygardenweb.com/slug-prevention-how-to-prevent-slugs-and-snails-in-the-garden/

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Shocking to say that no crèche facility has been delivered in new housing developments in the past 10 years

At the June Council MD meeting, Cllr Feeney requested the Council to provide the number of crèche facilities delivered as part of new housing estates in the municipal district between 2011 and 2021. The Council replied stating that one crèche has commenced in Kilcock and there are a further five planning permissions granted for residential developments that include a crèche/childcare facility which have not commenced to date. Cllr Feeney said that the report makes very depressing reading, it is shocking to think that in a town of the size of Maynooth which has seen huge housing developments in this period, that no crèches have been built in those estates. Cllr Feeney said that the report received from the Council is not surprising to her since she is aware of the huge difficulties parents are experiencing sourcing childcare places in Maynooth; many parents having to travel outside the town to source childcare. Cllr Feeney is a founding member of the Maynooth Community Crèche Action group, which is two years in place now, and the stories from parents are heart breaking. Parents who are desperate to find places, asking where to turn, regularly contact Cllr Feeney.

Cllr Feeney explained that a crèche is included, as required by legislation, in the planning application for developments with over 70 units and is deemed necessary at that stage but somehow seems unnecessary at the end point, when the estate is finished. Cllr Feeney also sees the problem from the perspective of providers who engage with developers but it all comes to nothing. The developer claiming that there is no need for a crèche or that a crèche is not viable or a shell of a building is built which would require a huge outlay for the provider to bring to the required standard. Cllr Feeney said that what ends up happening is that the designated crèche site transforms into an application for repurposing for more houses. A lot of these larger developments are built in phases, with the crèche often planned for the final phase by which time the crèche is described as unviable or unnecessary. Cllr Feeney's intention is that the county development plan addresses this growing crisis and that crèches should be delivered in the first phase of any development. She has made a submission to this effect to be included in the County Development Plan. In addition, Cllr Feeney believes that we need to establish a community crèche as there is none in the north of the county and she will pursue this with the Council.

More bike parking facilities

Cllr Angela Feeney has called on the Council to explore the provision of increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles in Maynooth. The Council agreed to explore the provision of increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles in Maynooth and will forward her proposal to the National Transport Authority for their attention and discussion. Cllr Feeney said it is great to see more people are out on their bikes not only for leisure but also for doing their business and that we need to make sure that it is possible to do this. Maynooth needs more bike parking at the obvious places like supermarkets, playgrounds, bus stops, train stations and at the Council car parks.

Cllr Feeney added that while we all welcomed the funding received by the Council to upgrade existing cycle lanes and to create new segregated cycling paths to encourage us to get out on our bikes, spending money on creating cycle paths without places to safely park our bikes did not make sense. The proposal received the support of the members and Cllr Feeney welcomed the fact that the Council said it would forward her proposal to the National Transport Authority.

Marking the emergence from COVID 19

Cllr Angela Feeney sought clarification from the Council regarding the process involved in realising a proposal to erect a statue in Maynooth to mark our emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic. Cllr Feeney said that the reason for her request is that the Kildare Gallery at Carton Estate has generously offered to donate a piece of sculpture to mark our emergence from the COVID 19 pandemic. Cllr Feeney welcomed this offer and believes the community would warmly welcome it. The Council said that there is a Civic Memorial Policy that outlines the process for groups or individuals and all proposals are subject to assessment by the Civic Memorial Technical Committee, a recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group to go to municipal district or full council for final decision. Cllr Feeney said that it is very useful to find out how to advance such a proposal and the response provides reassurance to members about compliance and about what is appropriate.

Cllr Feeney calls on the Council to provide caravan and camping facility to boost tourism

Cllr Angela Feeney has called on the Council to engage with St Patrick's College Maynooth to consider establishing a Caravan/Camping facility adjoining the Greenway and to exploit the tourism potential for this area. Cllr Feeney said that such a development would make great sense and would be a fantastic boost to tourism in Maynooth. Cllr Feeney said that cycling groups have contacted her saying they would love to use the Greenway and would welcome such an amenity as would their international counterparts. The college farmyard has all the necessary services so it would make great sense that the Council considers exploiting the huge tourism potential for the area adjoining the canal. The Council said it will consider this proposal as part of the forthcoming review of the Maynooth Local Area Plan later this year and will also raise the matter with St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Cllr Feeney calls for action on Bulk Buying in Housing Developments

At the May Plenary meeting of the Council, Cllr Feeney submitted a motion "That Kildare County Council calls on the Government to urgently introduce legislation that prevents foreign investment funds from bulk buying in new housing developments in our county". Cllr Feeney stated that a great deal has been said nationally about the Mullen Park Maynooth matter but she felt it should also be addressed in the Council Chamber. Speaking to the motion, Cllr Feeney said that there was a shared sense of outcry that a foreign investment company can bulk buy 80% of a development and outbid individuals, families and even our own local authority, at a time of a housing crisis when families are crying out for homes. Cllr Feeney added that housing impacts every aspect of life and thousands of people have had to press pause on their lives while they wait to be housed and the more we prevent people accessing home ownership, the more problems we are storing up down the line. What happened at Mullen Park and elsewhere is so bad for communities, because the very people who want to continue to live and to work in their own community are being, and will continue to be, outbid by these wealthy cuckoo funds. Cllr Feeney continued and said that if the intended outputs are to deliver affordable and social homes for our county, we are failing and failing badly if this is allowed to continue, when we have so many units planned for the county and such a long social housing list, when we as councillors daily have to remind our constituents that we have thousands on our social housing list with an average waiting time of 12 years. Cllr Feeney said that as elected public representatives, we cannot stand idly by but must ask what can we as a local authority hugely affected by these practices do and do now to stop this happening and being repeated. So, there is understandably a huge sense of despair and the public is calling on us as public representatives to put an end to this.

We have seen with COVID that when emergency legislation is required, it can happen overnight so Cllr Feeney argued that the housing crisis is an emergency situation and should be dealt with in the same way. Cllr Feeney suggested that there should be a condition or stipulation applied by the Council, that units in large housing developments granted planning cannot be bought in bulk by foreign investment funds because we need to address this and if we do not address it we are making a huge problem even worse. The County Development Plan is a mechanism that can be used for this purpose. Cllr Feeney welcomed the response from the Director of Planning and the publication of the very recent circular 'Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing' at following link: https://www.gov.ie/.../f422a-regulation-of-commercial-...

Safe Routes to School

Cllr Feeney welcomed the good news that the Presentation Girls School is one of the five Kildare schools selected for the 'Safe Routes to School' (SRTS) programme to support walking and cycling infrastructure for primary and post-primary schools. The 'Safe Routes to School' programme will help reduce congestion outside the schools and create safer routes for walking, cycling or scooting to school which is of great benefit and fits in very well with the Council's Active Travel and Sustainable Transport objectives. The programme is funded by the Department of Transport through the National Transport Authority and supported by the Department of Education. An Taisce's Green Schools is co-ordinating the programme, while funding is made available to local authorities which will play a key part in delivering the infrastructure along access routes and at the school gate.

Presentation by Waterways Ireland

Waterways Ireland made a presentation to councillors on the Blueway and Greenway development on June 23rd. Cllr Feeney welcomed the presentation and said that the Greenway is a great success and there has been an increased uptake since COVID. She said the Maynooth to Enfield section is a great success story and proof that if you build it they will come. Regarding the other direction of the Greenway from Maynooth towards the city, Cllr Feeney added that once you pass Pikes Bridge, it is not really safe to cycle.



There is great interest not only for leisure but for commuters for that section and Cllr Feeney asked about the timeline for delivery.

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Cllr. Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour News (Cont.)



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Waterways Ireland confirmed that the section from Maynooth to Confey is at design stage. Speaking to the strategic partnerships, Cllr Feeney suggested that engagement should take place between Waterways Ireland and the Council with St Patricks College Maynooth for the potential development of accommodation/camping and caravan park that would attract tourists both domestic and international. She also suggested that Waterways Ireland might look for support from Intel. Cllr Feeney also asked for clarity about the installation of defibrillators along the Greenway and how do First Responder groups get permission for these. Waterways Ireland confirmed that this is an issue that needs to be addressed and they will raise it at the higher level and they will get back with a response. Cllr Feeney praised the work of the Community Employment Project in Maynooth who have been very valuable over many years in Maynooth with the maintenance along the Maynooth Harbour and she hoped this would continue and be supported.

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Meetings attended by Cllr Feeney since last Newsletter

June 2nd: Board of Management of Gaelcholáiste Mhá Nuad at 7:00 pm (online)

June 3rd: Maynooth Community Crèche Action Group at 8:00 pm (online)

June 4th: Council MD at 10:00 am (online)

June 9th: Briefing on Maynooth Parking Bye-Laws at 11:00 am (online)

June 14th: Maynooth Community Council at 7:00 pm (online)

June 21st: Board of Management of Maynooth Post Primary School at 5:00 pm

June 23rd: Presentation by Waterways Ireland on Blueway and Greenway at 10:30 am (online)

June 25th: AGM of Council at 3:00 pm at Newbridge Town Hall

June 28th: Plenary Council Meeting at 3:00 pm at Newbridge Town Hall

June 29th: Meeting to Consider the Chief Executive Report at 9:30 am (online)

Plant of the Month The Coleus Plant

Coleus plants are grown for their velvety foliage that comes in combinations of bright red, burgundy, yellows, green, pink, brown and bronze.

They are usually grown as annuals planted out in May when there is no threat of frost. To keep plants from year to year, bring them indoors in autumn, or take cuttings in summer that can be grown on for new plants the following spring.

While coleus can be planted successfully in the ground in early spring, it's actually easier to grow in containers, as it thrives in the loose texture of good potting soil. Container gardening with coleus is not difficult, but it requires a bit of preparation—it's slightly different than traditional outdoor gardening, mostly due to different maintenance requirements. Coleus can be grown in containers both indoors and outdoors, where pots of coleus work well to decorate a deck, patio, or window box.

Make sure your pot is large enough to comfortably accommodate the mature size of the coleus. Choose something that the plant can "grow into"—coleus is fast-growing, and you don't want to have to be replanting it constantly when it outgrows its container. From there, maintain moist soil conditions consistently and keep the plant out of the sun.

Light

Coleus is a full shade plant—while recent cultivars have made it more tolerant of sunlight, it still does not like direct, sustained sunlight and needs either shade or partial shade in order to thrive. If you notice the colors of your coleus plant look washed-out and dull, that's a good indicator that it might be getting too much sun. Likewise, if your plant starts to lose leaves, it usually means that it's in a spot that's either too dark or too cold.

When it comes to growing coleus in containers indoors, a lack of light is usually not a problem. However, during cold winter months, coleus plants grown indoors may have trouble getting just enough light. To help, place your pots somewhere where they'll receive filtered sunlight through windows, or provide them with supplemental lighting.



Water

Coleus plants are not very drought tolerant, so it's important to keep your coleus well-hydrated but not soggy. In hot months, coleus plants grown in pots outdoors will need watering once or twice a day. If grown indoors, watering every two or three days is usually sufficient unless the air inside your home or grow space is especially dry. If you pot in a porous material like terracotta or clay, consider lining them with plastic to keep the soil moist.

Temperature and Humidity

As a tropical plant, coleus loves warm weather. It does not tolerate cold weather or cold soil well. If you notice the leaves of your coleus blackening, chances are it's beginning to die because of cold temperatures and you should take

it inside. Indoors, keep your coleus plant in a warm room with ambient sunlight.

Fertilizer

Like many plants with colorful foliage, coleus plants need regular feeding. To keep your coleus thriving, mix a slow-release fertilizer into the potting soil when you are starting your plant's container. Then, feed it a diluted liquid fertilizer every week or two as it continues to grow. Because the plant needs frequent watering, any nutrients you provide it with are typically washed away quickly and it will need more frequent feeding than it would in a garden bed.

Pruning

Without regular pruning, coleus plants can become "leggy" and unattractive. If you prune and cut them back faithfully, your coleus should stay bushy and full. Shear the tops of plants that grow too tall to encourage outward growth and denser foliage. Excessive legginess is typically caused by too little sun, so if this is a continuing problem, move the container to a spot that receives a little more sunlight. A coleus plant grown indoors, especially in winter months, is more susceptible to this, so you might need to supply your plants with some supplemental light.

Propagating

To propagate your coleus, cut several sprigs from your favorite mature plant (each sprig should contain several good, healthy leaves). Place each cutting into a clear glass vase or jar filled with water, making sure to pluck off any leaves that fall below the water level. Place the vases in a bright, warm area and allow the cuttings to root themselves—roots will generally appear within a few days, and over a period of a month or two will develop into a thick mass of roots. Keep the vases filled with water as it evaporates and is consumed by the plants' roots. If the water grows cloudy or brownish, replace it with fresh, room-temperature water. As soon as the roots have formed a tangled mass, they can safely be planted in potting soil. Immature potted coleus plants will need plenty of light, either from a south-facing window or from supplementary lighting. An important note: some varieties of coleus root more easily than others. More exotic varieties with large, unusual leaves can be a bit temperamental about rooting, so it's a good idea to take plenty of cuttings in case some fail to root. Smaller, more traditional types of coleus root themselves very easily.

Is Coleus Plant Toxic?

While not all varieties of the coleus plant are toxic to animals, a few do possess a toxic compound found in the oils and sap of the plant. As a general rule of thumb, it's a good idea to keep all coleus plants out of reach of pets. If ingested, call your vet immediately.

Source: www.thespruce.com/growing-coleus-in-pots

"He who plants a garden, plants happiness"





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Question:

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Transport the status of the progress made to date on establishing a greenway from Leixlip to Maynooth along the royal canal; if he will provide the amount funded and or granted to that section in 2021; and if he will confirm if that section will be designated as an official greenway on the Dublin to Galway national cycle route.

Answer: Minister for Transport



I am pleased to inform the Deputy that Kildare County Council are progressing the section of the Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Leixlip, through funding administered by the National Transport Authority (NTA). An allocation of €3,750,000 has been granted for the project in 2021. The design phase of the project is nearing completion and it is anticipated that the tenders for the construction contract will be sought

in the coming months with construction to begin in Q4 2021.

In relation to the second part of the Deputy's question, the Royal Canal Greenway will be part of the Dublin to Galway route as far as Mullingar where the Old Rail Trail will take it to Athlone. The Royal Canal Greenway from Maynooth in Kildare to Cloondara in Longford opened on 21 March 2021, and the Old Rail Trail has been opened for some time. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have recently been engaging in public consultations with a view to progressing the Dublin-Galway Greenway from Athlone to Galway and are managing the project that will take it across the Shannon at Athlone and onto Galway.

Question:

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific planning enforcement measures in place with respect to the quarry sector; if he plans to introduce new planning and enforcement measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.



Answer: Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Under planning legislation, enforcement of unauthorised development is a matter for the relevant planning authority, which can take action if a development does not have the required permission, or where the terms of a permission have not been met.

There are extensive enforcement provisions provided for in Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act), with a view to ensuring that works pertaining to permitted developments are carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted and any associated conditions and that no unauthorised development takes place, including in relation to quarries. In addition, any person or a planning authority may seek a court order under section 160 of the Act in relation to unauthorised development with a view to ensuring that the development works in question are not carried out or continued.

Provision for the recoupment of costs arising from enforcement action taken by planning authorities is provided for under section 154 of the Act. Section 154(5)(b) provides that an enforcement notice shall require that such steps as may be specified in the notice be taken within a specified period, including, where appropriate, the removal, demolition or alteration of any structure and the discontinuance of any use and, in so far as is practicable, the restoration of the land to its condition prior to the commencement of the development.

Section 154(5)(c) further provides that if the steps specified in the enforcement notice are not taken within a specified period (not being more than 6 months), the planning authority may enter on the land and take such steps and may recover any expenses reasonably incurred by them in that behalf.

Furthermore, section 154(5)(d) provides that an enforcement notice shall require the person or persons served with the notice to refund to the planning authority the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the authority, including costs incurred in respect of the remuneration and other expenses of employees, consultants and advisers.

Section 154(7) further provides that if required, any expenses reasonably incurred by a planning authority may be recovered as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction from the person or persons on whom the notice was served. Alternatively, the costs incurred by a planning authority may be secured by charging the land under the Registration of Title Act, 1964, or where the person on whom the enforcement notice was served is the owner of the land, an instrument vesting the ownership of the land in the authority subject to a right of redemption by the owner within five years.

Section 156 sets out the penalties that may be applied in relation to non-compliance with specific sections of the Act. In this connection, 156(1) provides that a person who is guilty of an offence shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €10,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to both. It further provides that a person who is guilty of an offence shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €5,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both. Under section 156(2) of the Act, where a person is convicted of an offence and there is a continuation by him/her of the offence after his/her conviction, he or she shall be guilty of a further offence on every day on which the contravention continues and for each such offence shall be liable.

Accordingly, as indicated, there are already extensive enforcement powers available to planning authorities in relation to non-compliance with planning legislation. This planning legislation is in compliance with EU law and applies to all forms of development, including the operation of quarries. Under section 157(4)(AA), enforcement

action may be taken against unauthorised quarrying at any time.

Under section 30 of the Act, I am specifically precluded from exercising any power or control in relation to any particular case, including an enforcement issue, with which a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála is or may be concerned.

While I do not envisage that any further actions are required in relation to planning enforcement at this time, I will continue to keep this matter under review.

Question

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new measures that are required to ensure the construction sector is regulated in view of the issues that have arisen in terms of building defects with both pyrite and Mica; the initiatives he plans to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter.



Answer: Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the very stressful circumstances which the owners and residents of buildings face when defects occur in their homes.

I believe that the ongoing building control reform agenda, with its many initiatives, already provides a comprehensive roadmap for embedding a

culture of real compliance within the construction industry. The reform agenda includes:

- Amendments made to the Building Control Regulations;
- Establishment of a shared services National Building Control Management Project; and
- The ongoing development of new legislation through the Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) Bill

Specifically relating to product legislation, since 2013, the Construction Products Directive (CPD)- 89/106/EEC has been replaced by the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 (CPR). It sets out rules for the marketing of construction products in the EU. Where a construction product covered by a harmonised standard is being placed on the EU market, the CPR requires the manufacturer to draw up a 'declaration of performance' and affix a 'CE' marking to the product. In order to do so, manufacturers must test and declare the performance of their construction products using a common technical language prescribed in the harmonised standard.

The manufacturer is responsible for compliance with the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and in particular for the Declaration of Performance/CE marking of the construction product he/she is placing on the market, having full knowledge of the raw material (as is legally required by the CPR via the relevant harmonised European Standards) and having regard to the end product's suitability for use in construction works in accordance with the relevant Standard Recommendations published by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

Under the European Union (Construction Products) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No.225 of 2013), each of the building control authorities have been designated as the principal market surveillance authorities for construction products that fall within the scope of the CPR, within their administrative areas. In addition, Dublin City Council has been appointed as a competent authority for the carrying out of market surveillance functions across the country and has created a Market Surveillance Unit within Dublin City Council -National Building Control Office, (DCC-NBCO). Building control authorities will liaise with DCC-NBCO national market surveillance unit to support compliance with the CPR and to determine appropriate action on enforcement matters, as they arise.

The National market surveillance programme 2021 provides specific details on the market surveillance of construction products and outlines a market surveillance campaign led by DCC-NBCO, which has recently commenced, to perform risk assessments of selected quarrying and pit operations, follow-up inspections, sampling and testing as appropriate to ensure compliance with the CPR.

Separately, the Programme for Government sets out a number of commitments in respect of the important policy area of building defects and provides for an examination of defects in housing, having regard to the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing report, "Safe as Houses".

In this context, I established a working group to examine defects in housing. The group's terms of reference have recently been adopted and include:

1. Examine defects in housing having regard to the recommendations in Item 4 "Addressing the legacy of bad building and poor regulation" in Chapter 4 of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government report - 'Safe as Houses? A Report on Building Standards, Building Controls and Consumer Protection'.
2. Establish the nature of significant, wide-spread fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects in purpose built apartment buildings, including duplexes, constructed between 1991 – 2013 in Ireland through consultation with affected homeowners, homeowner representative organisations, owners' management companies, relevant managing agents, public representatives, local authorities, product manufacturers, building professionals, industry stakeholders, insurance providers, mortgage providers and other relevant parties. Including such matters as;

- Identification and description of defect,
- Nature of defect – design, product, workmanship,
- Non-compliance with building regulations or actual damage,
- Severity/risk to life or serviceability of dwelling,
- Period of construction affected,
- Type of dwelling affected,

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- Location of dwellings affected.

3. Establish the scale of the issue – estimate number of dwellings affected by the defects identified including those already remediated.

4. Consider a methodology for the categorisation of defects and the prioritisation of remedial action.

- In the case of defects with fire safety implications, consider how the framework for enhancing fire safety in dwellings can be applied to mitigate the risks arising from fire safety defects pending the remediation of defects and the Code of Practice for Fire Safety Assessment of Premises and Buildings, which is currently being developed by National Directorate of Fire and Emergency Management.

5. Suggest mechanisms for resolving defects, in the context of the legal rights, duties and obligations of developers, builders, building professionals, insurers, mortgage providers, building control authorities, fire authorities, owners' management companies, owner occupiers, renters and landlords, including:

- Technical options for the remediation of dwellings,

- Efficient means of carrying out work,

- individual dwellings or whole building approach

- routine maintenance/refurbishment or remediation

- Structures or delivery channels needed to facilitate resolution – advice and support.

6. Evaluate the potential cost of technical remediation options.

7. Pursue options on possible financial solutions to effect a resolution, in line with the Programme for Government commitment to identify options for those impacted by defects to access low-cost, long-term finance.

8. To report to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the Examination of Defects in Housing.

Question:

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost to date for pyrite remediation; the projected cost into the future; the average remediation cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter.



Answer: Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

The pyrite remediation scheme is a scheme of "last resort" applicable to dwellings, which are subject to significant damage attributable to pyritic heave. The full conditions for eligibility under the Scheme are available on the Pyrite Board's website at www.pyriteboard.ie.

€20m was provided under Budget 2021 to cover the implementation of the pyrite remediation scheme in 2021. This allocation will facilitate the remediation of some 300 additional dwellings in 2021 and is a clear signal of the continuing importance attached by Government to addressing the issue of significant pyritic damage in private dwellings. This will bring to approx. €166m the total funding provided under the scheme since 2014.

The latest figures available indicate that 2,889 applications have been received under Scheme and, so far, 2,413 dwellings have been included. A further 108 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Verification Process, 108 applications are at the initial Application and Validation Process and 260 applications were not successful. Of the 2,413 dwellings included, the works in respect of 2,148 are complete with the rest at various stages of progress.

It is projected that approx. €62.5m will be required under the scheme between 2022 and 2026. Projected expenditure is under constant review and is updated regularly. It is unlikely that applications will cease entirely post end-2026 but its expected they will reduce at a gradual rate over time.

The average all in cost of remediation of dwellings under the Scheme ranges from €65,000 to €70,000 per dwelling.

Question:

192. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount granted and-or drawn down in the context of the additional €5 million fund established to tackle littering, by each local authority, in tabular form; the heading under which each application was made (details supplied).



Answer: Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

I propose to take Questions Nos. 192 and 202 together.

A Circular issued to local authorities on 5th May 2021 informing them of the additional €5 million to be provided in support of their anti-litter efforts in the context of the easing of Covid 19 restrictions and the

consequent need to provide additional anti-litter facilities in support of a predominantly outdoor summer season. The Circular set out the broad range of activities that could be supported under the programme and asked the local authorities to appoint a litter prevention lead in each local authority by 14th May 2021 to act as a contact point with the Department to assist with the development of specific funding proposals.

The Department then circulated a questionnaire to the nominated litter leads for return by 28th May 2021 in order to better understand the precise infrastructure and servicing requirements of the individual LAs. These questionnaires have now all been received and are being collated by the Department. A further Circular relating to the exact nature of the scheme and detailing individual local authority allocations, which have yet to be finalised, will be issued in the coming weeks.

In advance of the June Bank Holiday weekend, local authorities were informed by email that the additional servicing of existing bins and the funding of a visible staff presence at main litter pressure points would also be supported under the scheme as an interim measure.

Question:

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount granted to each local authority in respect of anti-littering, clean-up and recycling initiatives in the past five years to date, in tabular form.

The table below provides a full listing of the amounts granted to each local authority under the Local Authority Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant

Local Authority Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Carlow County Council	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	16,600
Cavan County Council	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	16,606
Clare County Council	18,000	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000
Cork City Council	28,000	36,000	36,000	31,400	31,360
Cork County Council	28,000	36,000	36,000	31,500	31,500
Donegal County Council	20,000	25,960	26,000	22,700	22,700
Dublin City Council	56,000	72,000	72,000	63,000	52,257
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co.,Co.	27,442	35,960	35,938	31,500	31,500
Fingal County Council	28,000	36,000	36,000	31,500	31,500
Galway City Council	28,000	36,000	36,000	31,400	31,400
Galway County Council	20,000	26,000	26,000	22,700	22,700
Kerry County Council	20,000	26,000	26,000	22,700	22,700
Kildare County Council	18,000	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000
Kilkenny County Council	17,850	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000
Laois County Council	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	9,996
Leitrim County Council	12,500	16,000	16,000	14,000	14,000
Limerick City & County	40,000	51,000	51,000	44,500	44,500
Longford County Council	12,500	16,000	16,000	14,000	14,000
Louth County Council	18,000	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000
Mayo County Council	18,000	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000
Meath County Council	20,000	26,000	26,000	22,700	22,700
Monaghan County	15,000	18,900	19,000	16,600	16,600
Offaly County Council	14,630	13,860	19,000	16,600	16,600
Roscommon County	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	16,600
Sligo County Council	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	16,600
South Dublin County	28,000	36,000	36,000	31,500	31,500
Tipperary County	33,000	42,000	42,000	36,500	36,500
Waterford City & County	33,918	35,391	48,793	42,700	33,320
Westmeath County Council	15,000	19,000	19,000	16,600	16,600
Wexford County Council	22,000	28,000	28,000	24,400	24,400
Wicklow County Council	18,000	23,000	23,000	20,000	20,000

Scheme over the past 5 years.

Question:

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and a review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if he will provide information on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; and when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas.



Answer: Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

I propose to take Questions Nos. 608, 612 and 629 together.

Under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended (the Act), all development, unless specifically exempted under the Act or associated Regulations, requires planning permission. Section 4 of the Act and

Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Regulations), set out various exemptions from the requirement to obtain planning permission. Any such exemptions are subject to compliance with any general restrictions on exemptions set out in the Act or the Regulations and to the specific conditions set out in each class of exempted development in Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Included in the planning exemptions set out in the Regulations are those applying to the installation of solar infrastructure on a variety of building types, including houses, businesses, industrial and agricultural to which specific conditions are attached.

As part of the Climate Action Plan 2019, my Department is currently undertaking a review of the solar panel exemptions, and is actively engaging with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications as well as other key stakeholders, with a view to finalising a proposal for draft amending Regulations to reflect, inter alia, technical developments in the sector. One of the key considerations of the review is to ensure that solar panels can be erected on prescribed development - subject to certain siting and size conditions - without the need to obtain planning permission, to facilitate the generation of renewable energy for self-consumption. Also included in this review are solar panel exemptions for educational and community buildings.

The main outstanding issue that remains to be addressed in the current review is the potential for "glint and glare" impacts for aircraft and the need to ensure that they do not

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result in any real or potential threat to aviation safety. Accordingly, my Department has been engaging with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications as well as the Irish Aviation Authority, in order to find a safe and workable solution in relation to this particular aspect of the review. The Department has begun the tendering process for this project, which will involve the development of aviation safeguarding maps for each airport/aerodrome in the country, and has received feedback from potential tenderers estimating a timeline of up to 9 months for its completion.

In recognition of the length of time that it is expected to take to complete the aviation safeguarding maps, my Department has decided to adopt an interim measure which would allow revised regulations to be introduced prior to the completion of these maps, but with defined exclusion zones around airports and aerodromes for solar installations. My Department has consulted with the Irish Aviation Authority on this matter, and has developed draft interim regulations in this regard.

These draft regulations have now been reviewed under the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive 2001/42/EC, and it has been determined that they are likely to have significant effects on the environment, necessitating the undertaking of a full SEA on the draft proposals, which will include public consultation as part of the process. This process is expected to take between four and five months to complete.

Following the public consultation and consideration of any submissions received, and as required under planning legislation, the proposed exempted development regulations must be laid in draft form before the Houses of the Oireachtas and receive a positive resolution from both Houses before they can be made and the SEA process concluded.

The process for finalising the interim solar panel planning exemptions as referred to above, with exclusion zones around airports and aerodromes, is now expected to be completed in Q4 2021. These interim regulations will allow for the vast majority of the country to be covered by the solar panel exemptions apart from those areas in close proximity to airports and aerodromes.

Work on the development of the aviation safeguarding maps for airports and aerodromes is expected to be completed by Q4 2021. The final supplementary set of regulations will be prepared thereafter and, subject to environmental reporting considerations, will subsequently be laid in draft form before the houses of the Oireachtas for approval in a timely manner.

Robert Watt Refusing To Release Review Of Children's Hospital To PAC

Mr Watt's intervention has ensured this debacle has gone from tragedy to farce. The Department of Health is refusing to release details of a review into the new

Children's Hospital to the PAC, according to Social Democrats co-leader, and vice-chair of the PAC, Catherine Murphy.

"A comprehensive review of this project, by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and the Department of Health, has been ongoing since last year. The Minister was given their draft report in January.

"In February, the PAC was told that report would be concluded within weeks – at which point there would finally be clarity about the hospital's budget. But there appears to be a new approach now there is a new Secretary General.

"Earlier this month, Mr Watt sent the PAC a letter which states:

"There is an extremely high likelihood that any discussion on costs or dates, however hypothetical, even from the draft stages of the process, would prejudice enforcement of the existing contract and very likely undermine the role of the Development Board in its ongoing engagement with the main contractor".

According to Mr Watt, all of the most controversial information about this project – the cost and timeline – is suddenly too sensitive to publish. What a stroke of luck for the Department.

"The PAC is the State's public spending watchdog. How on earth is it supposed to do its job if Departments won't tell us how much they are spending? Mr Watt's intervention has ensured this debacle has gone from tragedy to farce.

"This latest review is at least the 13th into this omnishambles. Between 2017 and 2019, 11 separate reviews were undertaken at a cost of €700,000. An additional report was then sought from PwC at a cost of €450,000.

"After 12 reports costing €1.15 million, what did we learn? That the taxpayer would be lucky to emerge with any change from €1.7 billion for this project.

"Now, there is another report, the details of which are apparently too explosive to publish. What is the Department trying to hide?

"We know there have been more than 800 claims submitted by the contractor and the Hospital Development Board has been without a chairperson, and two members, since January.

How much is this project going to cost the Irish people; when is it going to be delivered and who is in charge of delivery?

"It is incredible that we still don't have answers to these basic questions."

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Winners of the 2021 Intel Pride of Place competition are revealed

11 local community projects awarded With funding from Intel



The Pride of Place competition invites community organisations located in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, to share their project ideas to help improve their organisations whilst also benefiting the local community. The project ideas are then reviewed by a panel of judges, made up of business professionals and community representatives, who selected a number of the submissions to receive grants as part of the initiative which is funded by Intel. This is the 7th year of the Pride of Place competition and once again there was a fantastic response from community groups in the local area with a large number of diverse project ideas being submitted.

This year 11 different local projects were selected to receive funding as part of the competition. A total of €39,000 was distributed amongst the winning projects. Normally, winning organisations are invited to come together to be presented with their awards, but the results of the competition this year were again shared online. Organisations were invited to each individually receive their cheque at the Wonderful Barn in Leixlip, a distinctive corkscrew-shaped building that dates back to 1743. Presenting the awards to the winning projects were the Pride of Place 2021 judging panel which included Rebecca Doolin who is the Director of External Relations at Maynooth University, Michelle Lee who is the Head of Technical at General Paints Group who are based in the Celbridge famine workhouse since 1953, Lisa Harlow, the External Relations Manager at Intel and Mark Rutherford, the Environmental Health and Safety Manager at Intel.

The winners of the 2021 competition are as follows;

Maynooth Educate Together – €5,000

The grant will be used to support the creation of an “Inspiration Zone” in the school. The flexible space will support the children by giving them access to resources that will inspire them to learn about topics beyond the curriculum. The zone will include reading materials, science and technology resources and IT facilities that will be used to advance the teaching capacity of the school.



Paul Croghan (L) and Marie Hand (R) from Maynooth Educate Together are pictured with competition judge Rebecca Doolin

Derrybeg Farm, Celbridge – €1,500

The farm will benefit from using their prize to install a rainwater harvesting and irrigation system into a large polytunnel. Growing vegetables in a polytunnel is water intensive so a rainwater harvesting system will enable the farm to meet their water needs independently.

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Maynooth – €5,000

Celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year, St Mary's Brass and Reed Band are creating “Junior Band” which will consist of young and potential musicians between the ages of 8 and 18. The grant will aid in the purchase of much needed equipment to get the group started.

ACRE Project, Celbridge – €2,000

The ACRE Project – an eco-friendly community based project in Celbridge – has set up a Lawn Bowls Club to better serve the needs of people in the area. This project, which began development last year, is currently at an advanced stage and will soon be ready to launch. The Pride of Place award will support the funding of new equipment for the club.

Tea Lane Graveyard, Celbridge – €2,500

Tea lane Graveyard Committee is updating the floor in the Conolly Mausoleum at Tea Lane to enhance access for all visitors to the Mausoleum. The Pride of Place award will go towards the support of relaying the concrete floor in the Mausoleum.



Pat Boyd (L) and Francesca Sheridan (R) from St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band are pictured with competition judge Michelle Lee

Celbridge Festival – €5,000

The Pride of Place award is going towards the purchase of specific lights to be used on the two main churches in Celbridge. These lights will have the ability to change colour to mark specific days of celebration in the calendar, such as lighting purple for International Day of Persons with Disabilities or green on St. Patrick's Day.

Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club – €1,000

As part of their provision of Community Services Programme, the Maynooth Kilcock Lions have installed 10 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), which are always publicly available, in towns throughout North Kildare including Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. They need to service these on an ongoing basis. The Pride of Place funding will support the service of these AEDs.

Leixlip Community First Responders – €5,000

Leixlip Community First Responders is a volunteer driven community group whereby local volunteers are trained to provide emergency care, including defibrillation if necessary. Pride of Place funding will be used to train a cohort of volunteers as well as run community open days to give adults and young people information about emergency community first response.

Leixlip Youth and Community Centre – €4,500

The organisation provides a hub for the youth and community of Leixlip in a purpose-built Community Centre allowing everyone to take part in leisure, fitness, educational and recreational activities. The Pride of Place award will support the development of a permanent outdoor seating areas at the Centre with the purchase of sustainable, maintenance free, furniture made from recycled plastic.

Celbridge Camera Club – €2,500

The Pride of Place award will support the Celbridge Album 2021 – Celbridge Past, Present and Future. The album is an expertly generated archive of past and present photographs of Celbridge and environs prepared especially for educational/historical and public interest purposes and to create a legacy for the enjoyment of future generations. The production will include a comprehensive and carefully curated collection of c. 450 high-quality images of Celbridge and nearby towns reproduced in a high-quality coffee table style book.

Scoil Chearbhaill Uí Dhálaigh, Leixlip – €5,000

The school are receiving funding to support a renovation of their grass area located within the school grounds by installing free standing weather canopies. The area will be used for outdoor classrooms, lunch area, activity zone for paintwork/arts and crafts and for an activity area for school sports activities.

The judging panel were impressed by the wide range of creative projects ideas submitted to the 2021 competition and were excited to reveal the range of initiatives that were selected for funding.

Rebecca Doolin, Director of External Relations at Maynooth University said; “This year's Pride of Place contenders exemplified the vital role that community organisations play – not only in normal times, but particularly when crisis hits. They adapt, they bring isolated populations together, and they innovate to help their neighbours. On behalf of Maynooth University, I am proud to congratulate the winners of this year's competition and I'd like to express our gratitude to Intel for its continued support of the communities of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth”. Michelle Lee from the General Paints Group added; “Once again, I am proud to have been part of this years judging panel for Intel's Pride of Place awards. It was a pleasure to read the diverse number of applications ranging from educational support, music, biodiversity to life saving initiatives – all demonstrating the amazing work that our local community do and plan to do! I would like to congratulate and wish all the winners the best of luck and every success with their projects. Thank you Intel for continuing to support our local communities”.

Intel's Environmental Health and Safety Manager Mark Rutherford added his congratulations; “Intel is very proud to call North Kildare our home and to have the opportunity to work so closely together with our surrounding communities. The Pride of Place competition is a fitting way for us to acknowledge, encourage and support the wonderful work of organisations in these communities. These organisations, through their tireless efforts, are the backbone of our local communities and we have been reminded of just how important their work is in these most recent difficult times. I would like to congratulate the winning projects and I would also like to acknowledge the time and effort that all participants have put into their Intel Pride of Place applications, demonstrating such strong commitment to their local areas.” Since the Pride of Place competition began in 2014, some 60 community projects have been supported with over €240,000 of funding. The 2021 winning projects will now be completed over the coming months by the recipient organisations.

To view all of the photos from the event go to:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/intel_irl/albums/72157719413043484

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Maynooth University Town F.C.

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Preliminary Round

Maynooth Town F.C.

Town

Vs

Bonagee United

(Letterkenny)

Saturday 10th July 2021

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Portrait of Lady Emily Mary Lennox Duchess of Leinster

A portrait of Lady Emily Mary Lennox by Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792) was brought by the OPW in 2019 and is on display in Castletown House, which was the home of Emily's sister, Lady Louisa Conolly.

Emilia Mary was born on 6 October 1731, the second of the seven surviving children of Charles Lennox, 2nd Duke of Richmond and Lennox and Sarah, daughter of William Cadogan, Earl Cadogan. Lady Emily Lennox, as she was known, was also a god-daughter of George II. She spent her early years at Goodwood House in Sussex.

Lady Emily was married at the age of 15, to James Fitzgerald, Earl of Kildare. After their wedding in London in 1744 they moved back to Ireland living in Carton House, Maynooth, Frescatti House, Blackrock, and Leinster House.

Emily was very influential in promoting and developing her husband's career through her interest in current affairs. She was the most intellectual of the Lennox sisters. She read widely and had strong interests in British politics, philosophy, and theology. All of which played their part in obtaining Kildare a Marquessate in 1761, and the Dukedom of Leinster in 1766.

It was because of her involvement in these areas that for many years Emily was known as 'the Queen of Ireland'. She was particularly drawn to the new Enlightenment philosophies of such writers as Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Lady Emily had 19 children with the Duke. She caused a scandal when she married her children's tutor, William Ogilvie, after the death of her husband in 1773. They had three children.

The portrait of Emily by Sir Joshua Reynolds was painted in 1774, when she was in London visiting her dying sister, Caroline, Lady Holland. She was 43 at the time. Emily died on 27 March 1814 aged 82 in Mayfair London and is buried at Westminster Abbey in the Duke of Richmond's Vault.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) together with the Castletown Foundation, and with support of the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, acquired a portrait of Emily FitzGerald, the Duchess of Leinster. The painting originally hung in the dining room of Carton House.

Joshua Reynolds (16 July 1723 – 23 February 1792) was an English portrait painter. John Russell said he was one of the major European painters of the 18th century. He promoted the "Grand Style" in painting which depended on idealization of the imperfect. He was a founder and first president of the Royal Academy of Arts, and was knighted by George III in 1769. Joshua Reynolds also painted portraits of other family members: - Charles Lennox, 3rd Duke of Richmond, Lady Caroline Holland, Lady Sarah Bunbury, and Thomas Conolly, husband of Lady Louisa.



Portrait of Emily Mary, Duchess of Leinster, bust-length, in a pink dress and ermine shawl, within a painted oval.
By Sir Joshua Reynolds :
Oil on canvas 86.2 x 62.6 cm.



Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792)

Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group Update

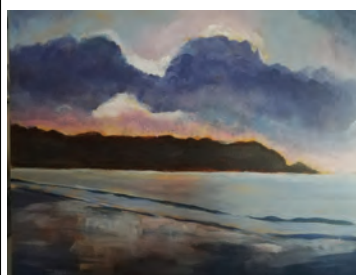
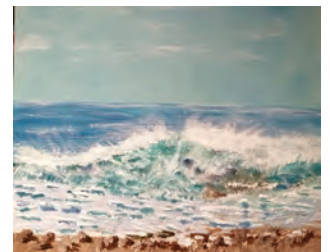
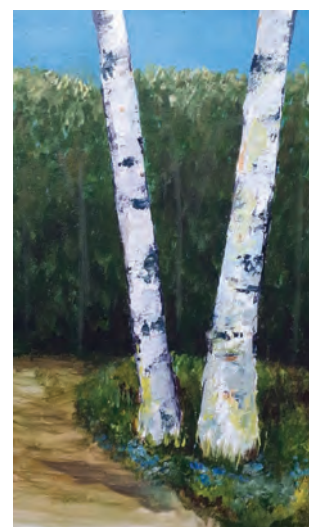
The Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group is taking its usual summer break. Now I know our followers and supporters will be thinking that we have been on a break for the last year as we have had not been able to have our Annual Art Exhibition. But we were not deterred, and in our efforts to keep in touch and to keep painting we have been having weekly zoom art meetings.

In the beginning these took the form of members of the group giving demonstrations to the rest of us, then we mixed this with sourced free tutorials on Youtube and eventually we met and did our own work for an hour and a half each week. The results were surprising. Giving demonstrations to the group e.g. how to paint waves, clouds, dealing with light and shade, still life, landscapes, composition and perspective was a great experience all round - an enjoyable, and fun learning curve.

The online tutorials were also good, but we had to be very choosy on ones that had good, clear, well paced delivery and which could be more or less done in our time frame. We became experts on picking these examples and they were gems. Painting our own work on zoom also meant that our output of individual work increased and it could be argued that we produced more work this way, little and often as they say. So we are on a wee break for now. We hope to meet up later in the summer for an outdoor painting session, so you might see us out and about. Will keep you informed when we are back and with possible real exhibition news. We have not gone away.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUNGSTERS TO SUBMIT ART WORK TO THE CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

The Castle Keep Group is sponsoring prizes. In the meantime here are some images of the art work we have covered in the last year.





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Free courses for unemployed, self-employed or returners to work

- Minister of State for Skills and Further Education Niall Collins TD launched 10,158 places on 294 courses under Springboard+ 2021.
- In addition, 1,101 places on 1 and 2 year ICT graduate conversion courses are also on offer under the initiative.
- Springboard+ courses are at Level 6 (Certificate) to Level 9 (Masters) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and are delivered by public and private higher education providers around the country.
- Now in its tenth year, over 75,000 people have benefitted from the programme to date. The Springboard+ programme is managed by the Higher Education Authority, on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.
- Funding is allocated to Springboard+ from the National Training Fund (NTF) on an annual basis, with over €290m of funding provided since it commenced in 2011.
- In addition, 1,869 courses will be funded for graduates under The Human Capital Initiative (HCI). The initiative provides additional capacity across the Higher Education Sector to meet priority skill needs for enterprise. Graduate Conversion Programmes under the HCI offer incentivised places for graduates to reskill in areas of skills shortage and emerging technologies. These are being run alongside, and complementary to, the Springboard+ offerings.

The application portal is now open and candidates who wish to participate can find full details at springboardcourses.ie

LAWLESS RECEIVES CONFIRMATION NEW GOVERNMENT DATA CENTRE WILL BE BUILT IN CELBRIDGE

Local Fianna Fáil TD James Lawless received an important update directly from the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform Micheal McGrath TD in the Dáil regarding the proposed new Government Data Centre.

I have just received the positive news that the new Government Data Centre will be developed here in North Kildare.

It will be developed at the Government's Backweston Laboratory Campus in Celbridge, Co. Kildare, which currently comprises various facilities for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the State Laboratory. It will be operated and managed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on behalf of the State.

This project is part of the Government's ICT strategy which is focused on creating ICT shared services to support integration across the wider public service to drive efficiency, standardisation, consolidation, reduction in duplication and cost control. The Data Centre will provide the foundation and platform on which our digital reforms and transformations will be built. It will also help facilitate a more environmentally efficient use of technology across Government.

I also asked Minister McGrath in the Dail to clarify whether there is a renewable energy plan to accompany this particular centre. The Minister confirmed that it has been designed to be at least twice as efficient as most existing data centre facilities and that this represents a large saving of power in the new purpose-built facility. He also confirmed to me that in conjunction with the construction of the data centre, a sustainable energy project is being pursued on the site by the Office of Public Works.

I also raised with the Minister that in light of the recent cyberattack on the HSE, we must also be alert to cybersecurity concerns. Minister McGrath stated that the review of the National Cyber Security Centre has now been completed and its contents will be taken on board in the final plans for the development of this data centre and cyber-security will be a key priority."

The site at Blackweston here in Celbridge continues to host a variety of government services and this is another vote of confidence in North Kildare.

Investment of €16 million in Expressway services and coaches

- The investment will include 30 Expressway coaches for use nationwide.
- The new coaches meet the latest Euro VI low emissions standards and will support the company's commitment to reducing emissions, enabling a reduction of at least 70% in hydrocarbon emissions and at least 88% reduction in nitrogen oxide compared to the 30 vehicles they will replace. Bus Éireann published its first sustainability strategy last month, targeting a halving in greenhouse gas emissions and a 30% increase in passenger numbers by 2030.

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI)

Recently, Maynooth Cycling Campaign made a submission as part of Public Consultation on NIFTI. The full submission is available on our website but one of the points made was that while government is committed to decarbonising transport by 2050 which implies a reduction in the use of private cars, roads designers plan roads on the basis of continual growth in traffic.

One of the scenarios Irish road designers envisage is a doubling of traffic by 2050. This depends on future estimates of economic and, consequently, traffic growth but in recent years the actual growth of traffic on national roads is even higher than estimated. Many Maynooth people talk about supporting increased cycling but oppose the reallocation of space from cars to walking or cycling. Where are all these extra cars going to go?

Reallocation of Road Space - Main Street, Maynooth

Maynooth Cycling Campaign calls on Kildare County Council to remove car parking from Main Street. Vehicle parking is available in adjacent side and back lanes and few, if any, deliveries use the parking bays. The Council should also replace the "structure" marking the opening of the motorway at the junction of Main Street and the Straffan Road with something that takes up less space. It is ironic that a monument to a motorway takes up nearly half the space of a footpath.

Covid-19 has given an opportunity to communities to reimagine how to travel in a more sustainable manner. More people are walking and cycling but in the past we have seen that increased cycling is only a temporary phenomenon.

Main Street is a key location for north-south and east-west travel in Maynooth as well as for accessing shops and restaurants there. As we have pointed out before, Kildare County Council's proposals for Main Street will actually worsen conditions for walking and cycling. We welcome expanded space for cafes and restaurants but it should not be at the expense of active travel.

Community Council Meeting

At last month's meeting of the Community Council, one speaker complained about the widening of the footpath in front of the entrance to Carton Walk. He argued that a reduction in the footpath width would allow a dedicated turn left lane for traffic travelling towards Leixlip. In other words the speaker was arguing in favour of reallocating more space to vehicles which is totally contrary to DMURS, the Irish road design standard and contrary to what governments across Europe (and progressive Irish local authorities) are trying to achieve.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign - Public Meeting

At the recent public meeting of Maynooth Cycling Campaign it was revealed that, of the approximately 70 (out of some 1640) students who cycle to Maynooth Educational Campus nearly 40% do not use the Moyglare Road shared path and choose the road instead. The reasons why are obvious – there is no room for them and raises the questions what level of cycling did the designers plan for and what account did the designers take of future increased cycling due to climate action.

Traffic Calming

At the May meeting of Kildare County Council's Transport Strategic Policy Committee, there was discussion of a new document on Traffic Calming. Any discussion of traffic calming is to be welcomed but the document ignores the simple step of reducing speed on new roads by minimising lane widths. This could have been done on the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road but the opportunity to do so was not taken.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on the campaign is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



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ART COMPETITION SPONSORED BY MAYNOOTH CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP



The *Maynooth Newsletter* in conjunction with *Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group* invite children up to the age of 12 to draw and design a composition with a butterfly or butterflies. We have included some basic butterfly shapes to help with the drawing. We would like to see you make up your own butterfly designs. You can use whatever medium you choose, crayons, colouring pencils, paint, markers, pastels or make a collage. A4 size. Please sign, confirm your age, and contact details.

Send scanned images to office@maynoothcep.com. Or you can drop in the art work to the Maynooth Community Employment Office, Unit 10, Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth. Closing date July 20th. There will be 3 prizes and the winning images will be included in the August Newsletter. We hope to make an online exhibition of all the entries.



- ### Clues down

- Difficult**

Super Difficult

1.	World Wide Web
2.	50 meters
3.	Germany, Italy, and Japan
4.	Australia
5.	Fear of dogs
6.	A period or exclamation point
7.	Ferdinand Magellan
8.	12
9.	Four, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Somalia
10.	Pierre Omidyar
11.	Samsung
12.	Horse
13.	Henry VIII
14.	Marie Curie
15.	Robert Cawdrey

Junior Puzzle Corner



Children's Colouring

If you have access to a printer and wish to complete the colouring or Puzzles for fun you can print the single page by going to File -> Print and print the single page number only.

Be sure to avoid printing ALL the pages of the Newsletter unless you intend to do so.

Kids fun corner

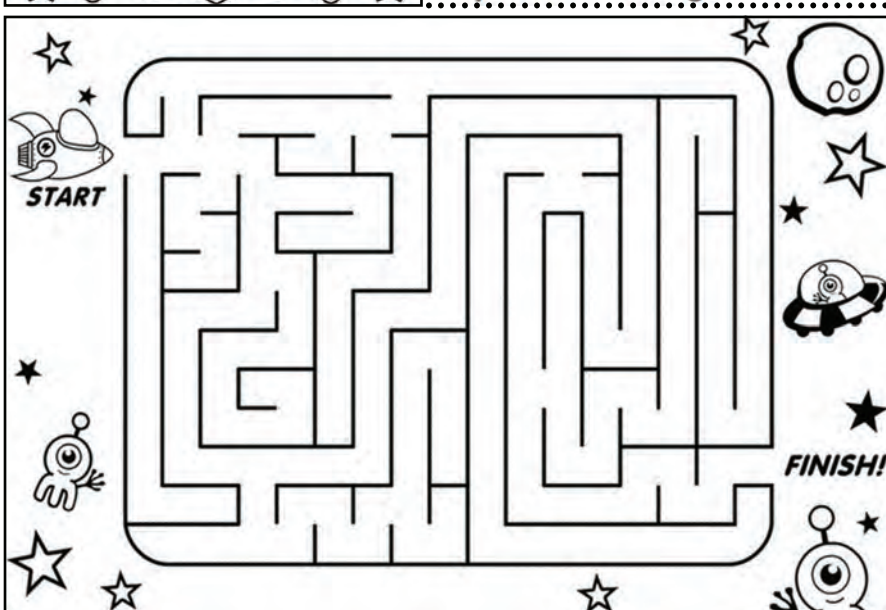


COLOR WORD SEARCH

y	b	r	b	p	g
e	l	e	r	i	g
l	u	d	o	n	r
l	e	s	w	k	e
o	r	a	n	g	e
w	h	i	t	e	n

HINT: The first letter of the word begins with it's color!

red	green	brown
blue	pink	white
yellow	orange	



Read the sentences and choose the correct animal.

1. It is green.
It can jump.
It can't fly.



2. It is black.
It can fly.
It can't sing.



3. It's brown.
It can walk.
It can't climb.



4. It is yellow.
It can walk.
It can't climb.



I have a long stem
I have yellow petals
People eat my seeds
What am I?



grass

I have thorns on my stem
My petals can be many colors
I smell very pretty
What am I?



sunflower

I have flat leaves
I drop acorns
I am very tall
What am I?



Oak tree

I am green
People step on me
I get cut.
What am I?



rose

July Events at **Maynooth Community Library**

For further information contact: www.kildare.ie/library maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie Ph.: 01-6285530



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Adults

Poetry Picnic: Taste of Summer

Thursday 15 July at 6.30 pm, via Zoom

Join us for a spread of poetry for a summer's evening, hosted by Maynooth Library.

Some of you may wish to read a poem aloud, and others might like to just listen, either way we'll join together for a taste of your favourite poetry.

All welcome. Booking via Eventbrite

https://poetrypicnic_maynoothlib.eventbrite.ie

German 'Stammtisch', informal conversation meet-up.

Thursday 22 July at 6.30pm, online via Zoom

Maynooth Library hosts a monthly informal German conversation meet-up, for anyone with an interest in the language and culture in German speaking countries. All levels from learners to native speakers are welcome. Meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month.

For more information please contact Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or 01 6285530.

Audience: Adults and Young Adults

Monday 26th July

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Water colour painting class for Adults with Florence & Milly online via Zoom

Join artist Laura Barry from Florence & Milly for a guided Watercolour Painting session for beginners. Explore different techniques while having fun incorporating some items from home such as a crayon, salt, clingfilm and then take some time to paint your own masterpiece. Packs with the materials required for the class will be available for collection from Maynooth Community library from the week beginning the 12th of July. Places are limited

Booking required through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160940969773>.

Young Adults

Teen Writing Group: For Ages 12-15

Last Wednesday of the month at 12pm/ On Zoom

Are you a young writer or a parent to a young writer? Or do you like stories but often don't know where to begin? Maynooth Library has some space in its online Teen Writing Group that could be just the place for you. We share work, have some quiet writing time and your fellow members are always ready to help you out of writer's block or uncertainty about character names or plots. We meet once a month on Zoom.

Library Assistant Niamh runs this group and has multiple years experiences facilitating writing workshops with Fighting Words.

Contact Maynooth Library at 016285530 or email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie for more information.

Children

Maynooth Summer Stars Craft Bags - Theme: Bookish Crafts

Wednesday July 21st at 3.30pm/4.30pm

When you sign up for Summer Stars at Maynooth Library in July, you receive a craft bag! With different bags for ages 5-7 and 7+ there's lots of bookish fun to be had. There will be Hunger Caterpillars for the younger members and Paper Plate Hedwigs for the older kids. Niamh will demo the crafts from the bag on Zoom in late July but bags can be collected from 5th July. Please only book once you have signed up for Summer Stars and collected your craft bag.

Booking Through Eventbrite:

Ages 5-7 at 3.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/maynooth-summer-stars-craft-ages-5-7-tickets-160036697069>

Ages 7+ at 4.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/maynooth-july-summer-stars-craft-ages-7-tickets-160037212611>

We're All Wizards! Maynooth Magical Craft Packs - Age 7+ (Limited Number)

July 30th at 4pm

Calling all Maynooth Wizards! Join Niamh for some magical crafts on Zoom to celebrate a special somebody's birthday July 31st. Design your own Magic Shop and make a Rainbow Wand to kick off your Bank Holiday Weekend with

sparkle!

Suitable for ages 7+.

The craft bag associated with this event must be collected from MAYNOOTH LIBRARY by 19th July. Please do not book this event if you cannot collect from Maynooth Library as demand will usually be larger than supply.

Booking Through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/maynooth-library-were-all-wizards-magical-crafts-are-for-everyone-tickets-155946723849>

Summer Stars Writing Competition Workshop

August 4th at 2.30pm

This year Summer Stars can enter a short story writing competition to win I pads and book vouchers!

Whether you've already started your story and want some help rounding it off or don't know where to start, Niamh in Maynooth Library will be hosting a session to talk to you about short story writing and help you with any writers block or editing issues you've been having.

Limited places and booking is through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/summer-stars-writing-competition-workshop-with-maynooth-library-tickets-160281746017>

Regular Events

Regular Events & Groups

Live Story Time & Sing Along Nursery Rhymes for 2-5-year olds Every Friday 10-10.30am

Join the Staff of Maynooth Library for some story-telling and nursery rhymes! Please be aware that a parent/guardian must be present for the duration of the event.

Booking through Eventbrite

Friday July 2nd <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160931160433>.

Friday July 9th <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160931583699>.

Friday July 16th <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160931569657>.

Friday July 23rd <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160931665945>.

Friday July 30th <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/160931740167>.

Book Busters Children's Book club

Friday 2nd July at 4pm

The book busters children's book club will be having their last meeting before they break for the Summer on Friday 2nd July. For more information, please contact maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or tel: 01 628 5530.

Ciorcal Comhrá/ Irish Language Conversation group via Zoom

Every Wednesday at 11am / Gach Céadaoin ar a 11 a Chlog.

Join us online every Wednesday morning at 11am for an informal chat as Gaeilge. If you have a log of Irish or the cúpla focal, this an opportunity to practice your Irish and learn some Irish all from the comfort of your own home. To register, please call Maynooth Community Library or email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Beidh Ciorcal comhrá ar siúil ar líne via Zoom gach Céadaoin ar a 11 a Chlog. Má bhíonn an-chuid Gaeilge agat nó an cúpla focal agat, tapaigh an deis seo le do chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh agus Gaeilge a fhoghlaim as do bhaile féin. Le clárú, cuir ríomhphost chuig maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie nó cuir glaoch ar 01 628 5530.

Bookclubs

Readers of the Lost Ark SciFi Bookclub.

The Maynooth Library SciFi/Fantasy bookclub meet virtually via zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th of July at 6.30pm. If you are interested in joining the bookclub, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or telephone 01 628 5530.

JULY GARDENING

Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt. Autumn-flowering bulbs can be planted now such as crocuses and amaryllis. Cutting back plants in hanging baskets then following it with a feed can encourage new growth and revive displays. Cut back delphiniums after the first flush of flowers, this will encourage a second flowering. Not forgetting to feed them after. Most importantly keep weeding as soon as you see one appear remove it before it has time spread.



For recently planted large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour. This may also apply to rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas because if they get too dry they might not flower next season. It's a great time to trim hedges. Keep tying in climbing and rambling roses horizontally. Don't forget to keep greenhouses well ventilated and make sure the plants in there are well watered and feed. Spray the floor of the greenhouse with water in the morning to create a humid atmosphere - this is ideal for the plants.

Deadhead borders often as this will prolong flowering. Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm. Water tubs and new plants if dry. Cuttings can be taken now from patio and container plants for next year. Make sure that all tall plants are propped up. Mulching borders can help retain moisture and has the extra benefit of keeping down weeds. Make sure the layer of mulch is thick 2-3 inches. Watch for aphids on flowers and black spot on roses. Mow lawns regularly unless there is a drought. When the weather is hot, set the mower at a slightly higher level. This will be the last time that you will have to apply a liquid fertilizer to the lawn. New areas of grass will need extra watering to keep them going through the first summer.

Raspberry plants can be tied into a frame now for better control and also it will be easier to harvest. Late lettuce should be planted out now. Don't forget to keep greenhouses well ventilated and make sure the plants in there are well watered and feed.

Tomatoes are now starting to ripen. Keep removing side shoots to prevent bushing as this will reduce fruit yield. Why not train courgette, cucumber and squash plants with vertical twine - this will free up a lot of space. Don't forget to check plants for greenfly and whitefly. Strawberries should be cropping also.



Peg down runners into pots to increase the number of plants. If you have enough plants then pinch them out near their origin. Protect your soft fruit from the birds by placing netting over them otherwise you might end up with no fruit. Prune apple and pear trees to encourage fruit. Sow salads little and often - in short runs every two weeks as this will ensure a continuous crop. Sow carrots, peas, spring cabbages and turnips. Also Brussel sprouts, winter cabbages and broccoli. Harvest your courgettes now to get the best flavour. Keep digging your potatoes!



Keep your pond topped up with fresh water also - a build up of algae in warm water can be toxic or fatal to animals. An equipment check on pumps, skimmers, filters, etc. should be performed at time to ensure a beautiful pond all the way through the season. Remove any dead foliage from aquatic plants and water lilies. They could pollute the pond if left there. To lower the amount of future dead foliage you can also cut back any marginal plants which have grown out of hand.

Not forgetting to continue to feed the birds as the ground is getting harder and it becomes more difficult for them to get food.



Potato salad

Prep time: 25 minutes
Serves: 5 / 6 people (as a side)



- Ingredients:
- 500g/1 lb small new potatoes
 - 1 tbsp. butter
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - Salt and a little freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 tbsp. chopped fresh chives to garnish



- Method:
- I. Put the potatoes on the boil for 20 to 25 minutes. Until they fall off the knife.
 - II. Strain them and cut them into bite-sized pieces if needed. Pour into bowl.
 - III. Add butter and stir until melted.
 - IV. Add mayo, and salt and pepper and stir until potatoes are coated.
 - V. Garnish with chives.
 - VI. Clean off the side of the bowl and add a spoon to serve.

Burgers with melted cheese and tomato salsa recipe

- Serves 4
Burger ingredients:
- 450g (1lb) lean minced beef or lamb
 - 1 large onion, finely chopped, sautéed in oil until golden and cooled
 - 1 tbsp. scallions, chopped
 - 1 tbsp. chili oil, optional but nice (see recipe)
 - Salt and black pepper

- Tomato Salsa ingredients:
- 16 approx. cherry tomatoes, chopped
 - 1-2 red onions, finely chopped
 - Handful chopped coriander
 - 1 tablespoon chili oil
 - Lemon juice to taste
 - Salt and black pepper



- Method:
- I. Mix the mince, onion, scallions, chili oil, and seasoning well together
 - II. With wet hands shape into four burgers
 - III. Flatten each one down with the palm of your hand until you have a nice even shape. This way they will cook more quickly and evenly
 - IV. Keep in the fridge until ready to cook
 - V. Grill, barbecue, or cook on a black ridge pan, until fully cooked, approximately 4-5 minutes on each side.
 - VI. Meanwhile, mix all the salsa ingredients together. Then place a spoonful of salsa on top of each burger and top with a slice of cheese.
 - VII. Grill, or cover the barbecue or pan, and continue to cook for another minute until the cheese has melted.
 - VIII. Serve on a bap with some salad leaves and the remaining salsa

Peanut butter and Jam flapjacks

- Ingredients:
- 5 tbsp. salted butter , plus extra for the tin
 - 250g crunchy peanut butter
 - 8 tbsp. strawberry or raspberry jam
 - 80g light brown soft sugar
 - 200g rolled oats



- Method:
- STEP 1
Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter and line the base and sides of a 20cm square cake tin with baking parchment.
- STEP 2
Put 3 tbsp. each of the peanut butter and jam in separate small bowls and set aside. Tip the remaining peanut butter, the rest of the jam and the butter and sugar into a pan set over a medium heat and stir until everything has melted together. Quickly stir in the oats, then leave to cool for 5 minutes.
- STEP 3
Spoon the mixture into the prepared cake tin and gently press down with your hands. Dot over the reserved peanut butter and jam, then bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Leave to cool completely in the tin, then turn out onto a board and cut into squares.

After a tough fifteen months due to Covid 19, Maynooth GAA are looking forward to a bright future with some exciting new developments afoot. While the restrictions due to Covid put a stop to action on the fields, there was plenty of activity occurring in the background.



The new Astro pitch (currently under construction) at our clubhouse was the brainchild of John Brunnock from the Maynooth Club and was initiated towards the back end of last year. This significant infrastructure project took was a complex undertaking from a planning, financial and building perspective and it received fantastic support from the local business community and also club volunteers. Covid delays notwithstanding we hope to open in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully by the next edition will have shots of some of our players enjoying the new surface with the fantastic ball wall!



The new Astro – a great addition to the ball wall.

Floodlights

A further addition to the Club for the dark wintry winter months will be that floodlights being commenced at Moyglare pitches. This will allow the opening of a second floodlit pitch facilitating training for junior and senior players alike. Watch this space for developments!

Walkways

Maynooth GAA have also made the walkways around the playing fields in Moyglare open to the public. There are plans in train also to light this walking space which will make it a fantastic accessible resource for all the community; members and non-members alike.

Brew Abú Café and Beer Garden

We are delighted to announce the opening of our new outdoor Brew Abú Café at Maynooth GAA Club on the Moyglare Road. The club have invested in a new pergola, outdoor furniture, heaters, and a smashing barista machine which will provide an excellent range of hot and cold coffee drinks. There is also be delicious range of smoothies, iced drinks and snacks available to purchase in the café. Brew Abú has had a great start and has proven popular with club members, walkers, cyclists, dog owners and students all interested in popping in for a tasty treat or a delicious coffee.

The café is open tri Bhearla agus Gaeilge from Monday to Sunday from 9am to 9pm and Friday to Sunday from 9pm to 10:30pm.

We are also taking bookings for parties etc. subject to COVID restrictions being lifted. Mail: secretary.maynooth.kildare@gaa.ie in you are interested!

This has been a brilliant project supported by local businesses and volunteers alike. Special mention goes to the following for their contributions:

Darren Lee Construction for the extensive interior re-modelling. Fantastic contribution Darren!

Eoin Byrne and his team for the Pergola.

Outdoorliving.ie for sponsoring all the beer garden furniture – tables and chairs.

Glamdolls.ie for the beer garden lighting.

Dave Mahoney for the plumbing.

Brian Higgins, Lara Electric for the electrics.

Frank McNulty for the help on carpentry.

Maynooth Garden Centre for Planters filling and the

Hanging Baskets.

Ciaran Coyle, Building Supplies for sourcing all materials.

Classic Hardware for all the paint.

Brooks Builders Providers for the interior building supplies.

Allied Shop Fitters for support with the shutters and units.

Jim Fields at CWE Electric for external heaters & lighting.

Darren Mooney from Quickstitch for all his support.

Matts Sheds for the barrels, planters and outside bar.

Club Members that need a special mention include:

Brian Meaney for the wiring, cabling and re-engineering of the super-fast (400MB+) Internet & WIFI and TV.

Paul Hynes and Paul Kiniron for power-washing.

The numerous volunteers from all the senior teams who cleaned and painted the clubhouse to have it looking sparkling for the summer months.

Fiona Fitzgerald for the fantastic work on branding and logos.

The clubhouse sub-committee including: **Theresa Hurley, Paul Duffy, John Brunnock, Derek Carroll and Ciarán Coyle.**

Maynooth GAA chairman **Pascal Ennis** and club treasurer **Frank O'Connor** for their hands-on support.

And lastly, but most importantly the BREW ABÚ Crew, led by **Katie Merrick** and also comprised of **Katie Carroll, Caoimhe Casey, Jessica Ennis, Ciara Hynes, Sara-Rose Merrick, Leah Noonan and Paddy Merrick.**

They're looking forward to seeing you all dropping in for a coffee or refreshments over the course of the next few weeks.

Brew Abú, Crom Abú!



Annnemarie and Mick Hill modelling the furniture sponsored by outdoorliving.ie



Frank McNulty working away, while other volunteers "supervise"



LGFA Senior Team getting "stuck in". Maith sibh calíni!!!



Flowers and plants sponsored by Maynooth Garden Centre really augmenting the beer garden



The final product: Brew Abú, tastefully lit by glamdolls.ie has proven a popular spot for club members meeting in the evening.



The original Brew Abú Crew: Katie, Jessica, Caoimhe and Ciara.

BRADY'S CLOCKHOUSE BAR - LOUNGE - RESTAURANT



Brady's Bar, Lounge & Restaurant

We are currently open for outdoor service

We look forward to welcoming all our customers back for indoor service as per the Government Guidelines.

Thank You to All Our Customers for their Continued Support During these Difficult Times.

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