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National Heritage Week

National Heritage week 2026 kicks off on August 15th and Maynooth is well represented with events from historical talks and nature trails to kid's crafts and exhibitions. Heritage week has been running since 2005 in an effort to build awareness around the value of our heritage and support its conservation. This year's theme 'Heritage at Risk' invites us to reflect on what we are at risk of losing and how we can respond with care, creativity, and collective responsibility.



National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

Some of the top Maynooth events include a guided wild medicine walk along the banks of the Royal Canal, an exhibition of photographs and publications at the university library celebrating Maynooth's significance throughout the ages and an Irish Language Family Fun day with a variety of entertainers, workshops and activities. There will also be a guided exhibition tour in St Patrick's College, 'The Salamanca Archive', which explores the story of Irish migrants forced into exile in the seventeenth century who sought refuge within the Spanish Empire, as well as a kid's craft workshop in the community Library on the main street, and a heritage trail covering the history of Maynooth from medieval time to today.

Many of these events are free, with booking information on page 3, as well as on the National Heritage Week website:

www.heritageweek.ie



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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused online 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.

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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.

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Editorial

With the continuous sunshine and excessive heat in July leading to forest fires mainly in Europe but with some in Ireland, we cannot claim that the weather has put us in a negative mood. To top the summer, the entire country is delighted that Mayo won the All-Ireland Senior GAA Football prize of the Sam Maguire Cup after a wait of 75 years since their last win in 1951. Having played in eleven finals and failing to win, their success was greeted by everyone probably even Kerry who they beat in the 2026 decider. To the many Maynooth residents with Mayo links, we are sure that the next few months will be special for you. Kildare last won Sam Maguire in 1928, what are the chances of a win one hundred years later in 2028?

On 12th August Ireland will experience a partial solar eclipse between 18.08 and 20.09 in the evening. An already booked out event is taking place in Maynooth University, Northern Campus on that evening, where astronomers from the Department of Physics, Maynooth University have organised a special public celebration, taking place from 17.30, to mark one of the deepest solar eclipses visible from Ireland in decades. The next eclipse with > 90% obscuration won't be seen again in Ireland until 2090.

2026 Heritage week takes place in August from the 14th - 21st and there are a range of events taking place in Maynooth this year. Maynooth 850 is hosting events in two locations. At Maynooth Public Library, Main Street on 15th August (Saturday) from 15.00, Kay MacKeogh will give a talk on the development of Maynooth's Main Street from the 1750s. Please contact the library directly to book your place.

Three exhibitions together will be on show at Maynooth University Library from Monday 17th August. These include a "Now and Then" Photographic Exhibition, a range of books and pamphlets written about Maynooth over the centuries and an exhibition of images and information on the history of Maynooth's Main Street. These exhibitions are open weekdays from 9.00 to 17.00 during library opening hours. Heritage Week events are a great way to learn more about your town.



Maynooth Public Library, Main Street

Photo: Maynooth 850

For more information see the 2026 Heritage Week listings at:

<https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings?q=maynooth#listings>

Paul Croghan
Editor

Maynooth Celebrating

850 Years

1176 - 2026



**Submission Date for September Edition is
5pm on 23rd August 2026**



Maynooth Now and Then Exhibitions

The “Now and Then” exhibitions, taking place during National Heritage Week tells the story of Maynooth in pictures and words.

17 - 21 August, 9am - 5pm
John Paul 11 Maynooth University Library

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Maynooth 850
087 2436973 maynoothlh@gmail.com

The Wizard Earl of Kildare

An account of the escape of the 10 year old Earl of Kildare hunted throughout Ireland and across Europe by King Henry VIII.

Friday 21 August, 12pm - 1pm
Maynooth Castle Main Reception Desk (Inside the Castle)

Free Event. Booking recommended.
email maynoothcastle@opw.ie or phone 0469422270

Guided Wild Medicine Walk

Maynooth Tidy Towns invites you to join us for a guided wild medicine walk, along the banks of the Royal Canal. Local herbalist, Emma Cooney, will help you identify the medicinal plants growing in our local environment.

Friday 21 August, 7pm - 9pm
Royal Canal Harbour, Maynooth

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Maynooth Tidy Towns
085 2689344 emma@generousnature.ie

The Salamanca Archive:

A Story of Irish Exile & Return, 1592-1642

the story of Irish migrants who left their homeland at the turn of the seventeenth century. Forced into exile by the completion of the Tudor conquest and the suppression of Catholic practice, they sought refuge in the Spanish Empire.

Tuesday 18 August, 10:30am - 11:15am
Thursday 20 August, 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Russell Library, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Russell Library
01 7083890 library.russell@mu.ie

Behind Every Great Man...

The Fitzgerald Women and their Connections

Join our OPW guide Seamus, as he delves into the fascinating world of the FitzGerald ladies, uncovering the lives of four remarkable women whose influence shaped the course of history.

Tuesday 18 August, 12pm - 1pm
Maynooth Castle Main Reception Desk (Inside the Castle)

Free Event. Booking recommended.
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Heritage Week Craft Workshop

for ages 7+

Children will make one of the round towers located in various locations around Co. Kildare using sustainable materials.

Monday 17 August, 3pm - 4pm
Maynooth Community Library

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Kildare Libraries Service
045 980493 bmaguire@kildarecoco.ie

Down on Main Street

The Story of Some of the Key Buildings on Main Street

Through the Duke of Leinster's visionary redevelopment in the late 1700s, today's Main Street which, to a large extent, retains the form and structure of 18th Century Maynooth.

Saturday 15 August, 3pm - 4pm
Maynooth Community Library

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Maynooth Community Library
045 980493 maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Lá Teaghlaigh

Our Irish language Family Fun Day is suitable for a range of families. For those who speak Irish at home to those who have a few words and are looking to improve. There will be a variety of entertainers, workshops, and activities available on the day.

Sunday 23 August, 12pm - 2:30pm
Maynooth University North Campus

Free Event. Booking recommended.
Gaeilge Nuada
089 2509439 eolas@gaeilgenuada.ie



*An Nuadha Players
Community Theatre*

That's A Wrap!

July 11th marked the day we wrapped our summer production of *Echoes From A Room* by Terry Nealon. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and laughed, cried, and sang along with us! A huge congratulations to our excellent cast, crew, and committee members who worked together to bring playwright Terry Nealon's incredible script to life.

'Echoes From A Room' wouldn't have been such a success without our community support and sponsors. We, at An Nuadha Players, are extremely grateful!



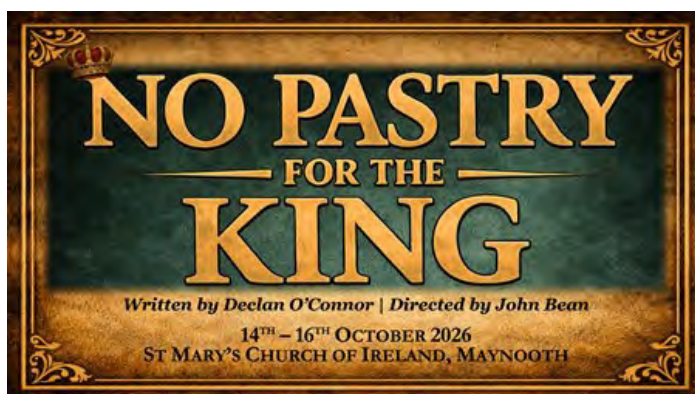
Don't Forget!

We are getting closer and closer to panto season (oh yes we are!) Our production team is working around the clock ahead of the start of rehearsals. Keep an eye out on our website and social media for ticket information for our 2026 pantomime *Alice In Wonderland*. You wouldn't want to miss out!



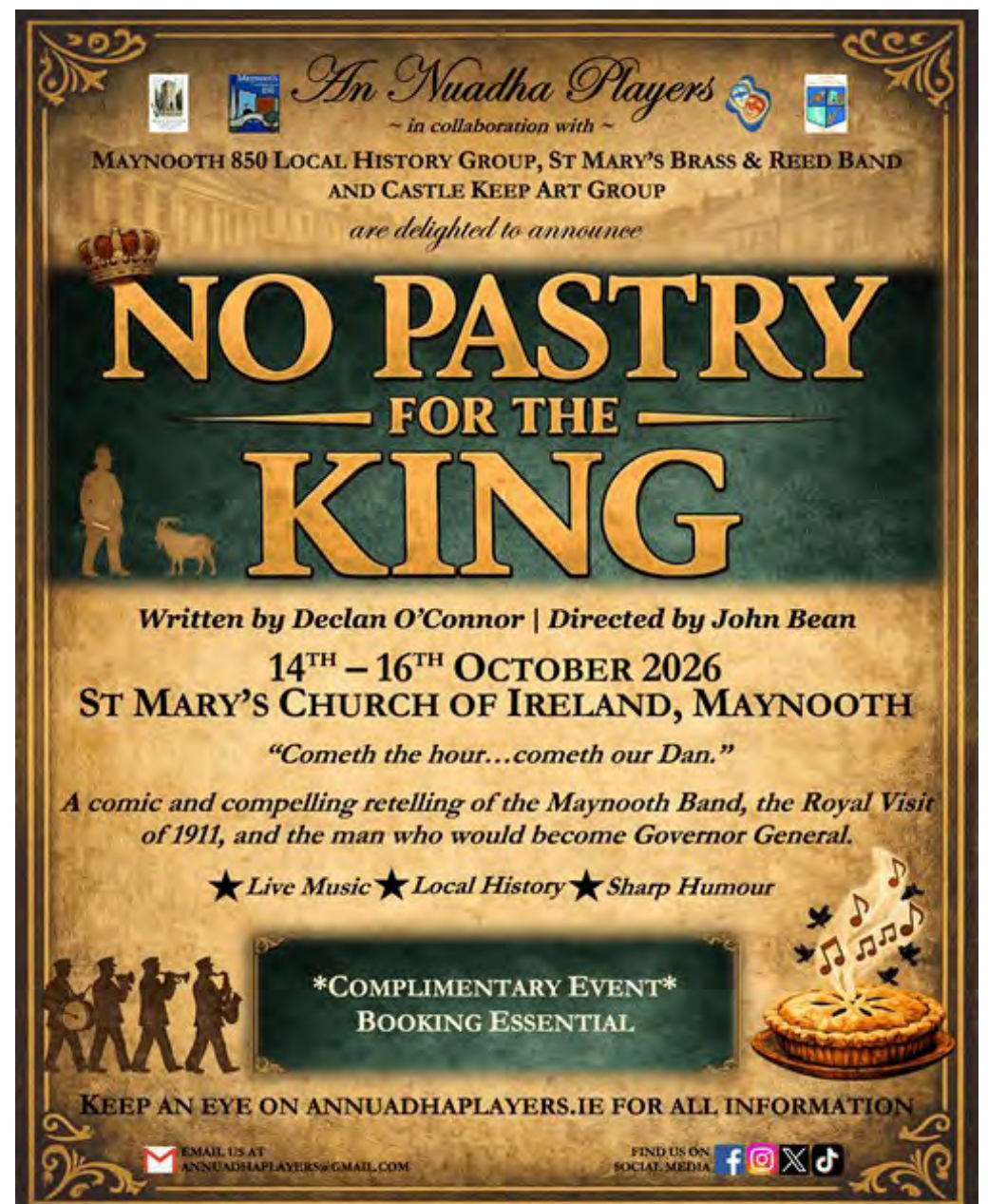
New Upcoming Production

At An Nuadha Players we are always eager to get back on stage. Our next project is an exciting collaboration with the community to celebrate Maynooth 850. Directed by our committee chairperson, John Bean, 'No Pastry For The King' will be performed in collaboration with Maynooth 850 Local History Group, St Mary's Brass and Reed Band, and Castle Keep Art Group. This play's witty humour and incredible live music contribute to an entertaining and intriguing retelling of our town's history.



'No Pastry for the King' will be performed in St Mary's Church of Ireland from the 14th to the 16th of October. Tickets will be free of charge, however,

booking will be essential. All information can be found on our website annuadhplayers.ie and our social media @annuadhplayers. We look forward to seeing you there for a night of music, art, and theatre!





FRESH FACES AND FAMILIAR FAVOURITES AT MAYNOOTH MARKET

One of the things we love most about Maynooth Market is that it's always evolving. Alongside our regular vendors, there's always something new to discover.

Our newest vendor, Meerusha, has already become a popular addition to the market. Their freshly made Dutch waffles, topped with fresh fruit and sweet treats, have proved a real hit with visitors and have quickly earned a loyal following.



We're always keen to add to the variety on offer and currently have a small number of vendor spaces available.

We're particularly interested in hearing from businesses offering hot food and savoury options, to complement what is already on offer.

With August ahead, we're looking forward to more Saturdays filled with local produce, handmade crafts, live music and the friendly conversations that make the market such an important part of community life. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our vendors and help make Maynooth Market such a welcoming place to visit each week.



Photos courtesy of Karen from Skinny Pixels, one of our wonderful market vendors.

Maynooth Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 3pm in Court House Square.
We'd love to see you there this summer.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @themaynoothlocalmarket

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FREE EVENT

SUN 23TH AUG

LÁ TEAGHLAIGH
family fun day as Gaeilge

12 NÓIN - 2.30 PM

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Phelan

Working with **Naoise Ó Cearúil TD**

If you have any issues or want to arrange an appointment feel free to get in touch.

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A Milestone for KWWSPCA

The KWWSPCA is delighted to report that we have helped or rehomed over 500 animals during the first half of 2026. This includes 230 adoptions, 7 long-term foster placements and the assistance in reuniting 9 lost dogs with their owners. In the same period, our cat section's TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Return) team, which you can read more about below, have successfully facilitated 274 feral cats, improving their chances of a longer, healthier life, whilst at the same time assisting in the control of cat colonies in Kildare & West Wicklow. These outcomes are incredible and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who have supported us in achieving them.

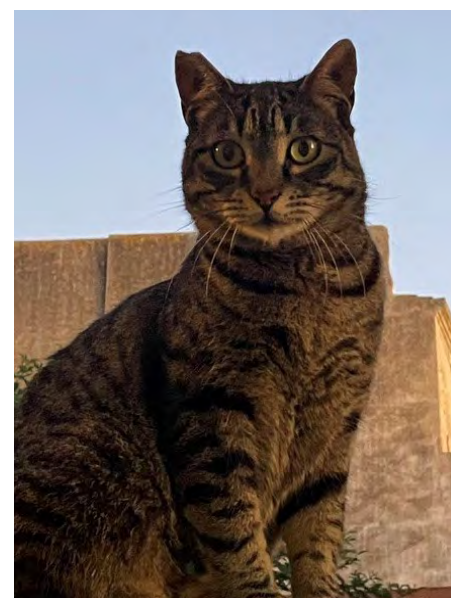
Meet IZZY

Izzy is a friendly and intelligent Jack Russell Terrier cross who recently came into our care. She has a lovely little personality and enjoys spending time with volunteers at the shelter. She is in great shape for her 10 years and is already impressing volunteers with her incredible ball-catching skills. She walks well on the lead and is a delightful company. It's clear to us that Izzy was much-loved in her previous home, where she was a companion pet to an elderly lady and we would like for her to find another loving home as soon as possible. Despite her prowess with a tennis ball, Izzy is a senior dog and so she will be best suited to a home with adults only or to a family with teenage or older children. If you are interested in welcoming Izzy into your home, you can visit her profile on the following link: <https://kwwspca.ie/adopt-a-dog/izzy/> and complete an 'Expression of Interest' form.



TNR Service (Trap – Neuter – Return)

The summer months are particularly demanding for our TNR team, as breeding amongst feral cats is at its peak, and colonies can expand very rapidly during these months. You may have cats living nearby that appear to be living wild, whose welfare you are concerned about or perhaps you are being kept awake by the howling and yowling of feral cats at night. If so, there is a solution and our TNR team can help. The team is trained to safely and humanely trap a cat, before taking it directly to a vet for spaying or neutering. Once with the vet, the cat will be checked prior to receiving anaesthetic and will be treated for any visible injuries before being returned to its territory. Cats are returned to the exact location where they were trapped in order to minimise any further stress or confusion. If you spot a cat with the tip of its ear missing like the cat in the photograph, then it may well be the beneficiary of the TNR service. This is because the vet makes a small nip from the cat's ear during surgery, known as ear-tipping, which ensures that the cat is identifiable as having been neutered and prevents it from being re-trapped unnecessarily in the future.



Feral cats are unsocialised and fearful of humans so in the vast majority of cases the only option is to return them to their colony, but they return to a more peaceful life with lower health risks and improved life expectancy. Spaying releases females from the constant cycle of unwanted pregnancies and reduces their risk of developing mammary cancer. Neutered Tomcats will lose their tendency for territorial aggressive behaviours such as roaming, spraying and fighting with competing males, which drastically reduces their risk of serious injury. Life should become more relaxed and they more pleasant.

Occasionally a cat may show itself to be friendly and receptive to human contact, and in these exceptional cases our cat section, Kitty Cottage will do its best to find a suitable domestic home for the cat rather than returning it to feral life. The opportunity for being rehomed as a domestic cat can be more favourable for kittens found in feral locations, but only if they are at a young enough age to be tamed, so it's important to act if you are concerned that you have a colony living nearby. You can contact the KWWSPCA cat helpline on 087 343 9803 or visit our website for further information: www.kwwspca.ie/kwwspca-tnr-trap-neuter-return/

The KWWSPCA is a registered charity, no. CHY 6280 and can be contacted at kwwspca@gmail.com. All our details can be found at www.kwwspca.ie.

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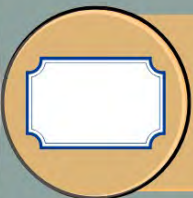
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MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen, Minister for Further and Higher Education, James Lawless TD and SPCM President Rev Dr Michael Shortall



MU and St Patrick's College Maynooth announce landmark acquisition

Maynooth University (MU) has announced its intention to acquire a significant part of the South Campus from St Patrick's College, Maynooth (SPCM), marking a major milestone in the University's development. The acquisition of 28 acres and 24,000 square metres of built space will support the University's continued growth, ending its long-standing rental arrangement and creating opportunities for future investment in teaching, research, student facilities and shared community amenities.

Commenting on the announcement, MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen said: "This marks a significant new chapter in the development of Maynooth University. This landmark agreement will build on the deep and longstanding partnership between Maynooth University and St Patrick's College and allows both institutions to look to the future with confidence."



MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen, Minister for Further and Higher Education, James Lawless TD and SPCM President Rev Dr Michael Shortall

SPCM President, Rev Dr Michael Shortall, said: "This agreement represents an important next step in our long history of collaboration and co-operation. It enables both institutions to advance their strategic priorities while strengthening our shared commitment to the future of this historic campus."



Austrian Ambassador to Ireland Melitta Schubert, Minister for Further and Higher Education James Lawless TD and MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen pictured at the EUI opening reception

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science James Lawless TD described the acquisition as "a landmark moment for Maynooth University, for the town of Maynooth and for County Kildare," adding that it provides "a strong foundation for the next chapter in the University's story and creates exciting possibilities for students, staff and the wider community alike."

MU welcomes European higher education leaders during Irish EU Presidency

Maynooth University welcomed university leaders, policymakers and academics from across Europe for the 4th European Universities Initiative (EUI) Forum, held as part of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Jointly hosted by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and the European Commission, the Forum brought together representatives of 55 university alliances, representing more than 500 universities, to discuss the future of European higher education collaboration.

The programme explored topics including student mobility, research and innovation, the proposed European Degree, inclusion, and the long-term sustainability of the European University Alliances.

MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen said: "We were honoured to host the Fourth European Universities Initiative Forum at Maynooth University. At Maynooth, we see European partnership as central to our mission as a globally connected university, and we are proud to contribute to a shared vision of higher education that is collaborative, ambitious and equipped to address the challenges facing Europe."

The Forum concluded with a performance by the award-winning Maynooth University Chamber Choir and a reception celebrating European collaboration.

Maynooth University Hosts 2026 Arqus Annual Conference

Maynooth University welcomed almost 300 students, staff and university leaders from across Europe for the 2026 Arqus Annual Conference, the first time MU has hosted the Alliance's flagship annual event since joining the Arqus European University Alliance in 2023.

Held under the theme Voices of Impact: Weaving Stories Across Europe, the conference explored the impact of European university collaboration on individuals, institutions and society.

Opening the conference, MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen said: "At a time when fragmentation often feels easier than cooperation, Arqus demonstrates the value of institutions choosing to work together with patience, trust, and shared purpose."

The programme featured contributions from MU staff across teaching, research and professional services, alongside cultural events including a joint performance by the Arqus Choir and the MU Chamber Choir.

During the conference, the European Commission also confirmed funding for Arqus Bridge, supporting the Alliance's next phase of development from 2026 to 2028. Welcoming the announcement, Prof Leinonen said: "The European Commission's support for Arqus Bridge marks an important step in the Alliance's development... creating new opportunities for our students, staff and researchers while strengthening our contribution to Europe."

MU Vice-President International Prof Patrick McCole highlighted the value of the Alliance, describing Arqus as "giving us eight best friends in Europe" and a platform to share expertise, learn from partners and strengthen collaboration across higher education.

Arqus 2026 attendees including students, staff and university leaders from across Europe



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MU and Dublin City Council launch new online interactive data dashboard

Dublin City Council (DCC), in collaboration with the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) at Maynooth University (MU), has launched the Dublin City Knowledge Hub - a new online platform providing access to detailed data on Dublin city's communities, housing, economy and environment.

The platform enables policymakers, community organisations, researchers and the public to explore local trends and access information at neighbourhood level, supporting evidence-based decision-making and greater engagement with data about Dublin City.

The first initiative of its kind developed by a local authority in Ireland, the Hub brings together more than 20 interactive dashboards and mapping tools, making reliable public data easier to access, explore and understand.

Developed through a long-standing collaboration between DCC and MU's All-Island Research Observatory, the Hub combines trusted datasets from sources including the Central Statistics Office, Pobal and the Environmental Protection Agency. It will continue to evolve, with new datasets - including future Census 2027 data added over time.

Justin Gleeson, Director of AIRO at Maynooth University, said:

"The Knowledge Hub demonstrates what can be achieved through collaboration between local government and the research sector. By bringing together authoritative public datasets in an accessible and interactive format, the platform makes local evidence available to a much wider audience and provides a strong foundation for future planning, research and community engagement."



DCC Assistant Chief Executive Eileen Quinlivan, DCC Lord Mayor Daryl Barron and MU AIRO Director Justin Gleeson showcasing the new Dublin City Knowledge Hub at Dublin City Hall



Alumni Reunion 2026

MU alumni are invited back to campus on Saturday, 5 September 2026 to celebrate the annual Alumni Reunion - welcoming all graduates of the University. This year, we particularly look forward to welcoming back those celebrating milestone anniversaries for the classes of 2016, 2006, 1996, 1986 and 1976.

It is an afternoon event, from 12.30 - 4.30pm, starting with a welcome reception and drinks. The event includes musical entertainment and a three-course luncheon in Pugin Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

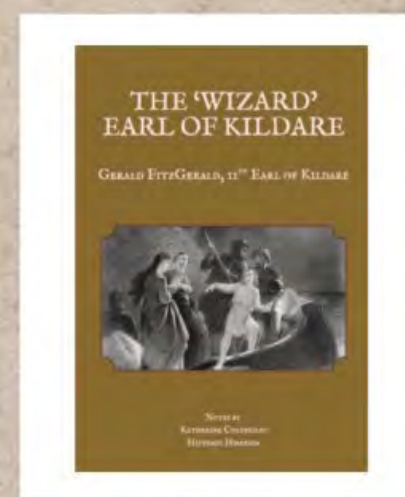
The reunion is an opportunity for alumni to revisit the campus, to reconnect with fellow classmates and MU staff, and to celebrate together. Guests of alumni are very welcome to join in the celebrations.

Tickets for the reunion are on sale now via Eventbrite and are €45 per person. Visit: mu.ie/alumnireunion2026-tickets or scan the QR code.

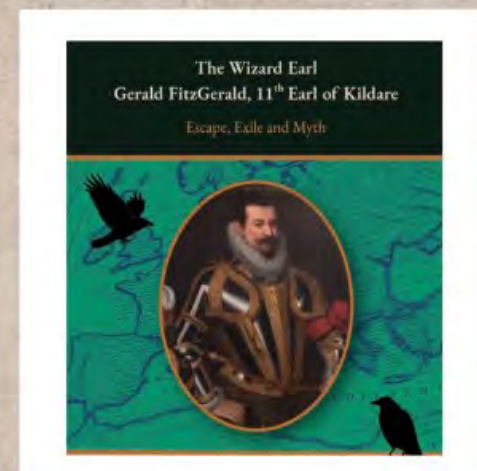


AN EVENING OF HISTORY, INTRIGUE AND LEGEND AT MAYNOOTH BOOKSHOP

History enthusiasts gathered at Maynooth Bookshop on Thursday, 23rd July, for an engaging evening exploring the remarkable life and enduring legends of one of Ireland's most fascinating noblemen—Gerald FitzGerald, the 11th Earl of Kildare, forever remembered as "The Wizard Earl." The talk was presented by historian and tour guide Katherine.



Gerald's story began in tragedy. Following the failed rebellion of his half-brother, Thomas FitzGerald—better known as Silken Thomas—King Henry VIII ordered the execution of Silken Thomas and five of Gerald's uncles at Tyburn in February 1537. Their deaths brought an end to one of the most powerful noble families in Ireland and left Gerald, then only a child, as the last surviving male heir of the once-mighty Kildare Geraldines.



Suddenly one of the most wanted boys in Ireland, Gerald was forced into hiding. Protected by loyal supporters and powerful Gaelic allies in Ulster, he narrowly escaped capture by Tudor forces determined to extinguish the Geraldine line forever.

Yet Gerald's supporters refused to abandon hope. In one of the most remarkable alliances in Irish history, leading Gaelic dynasties—including the O'Neills, O'Donnells and O'Briens—joined together in what became known as the Geraldine League, determined to restore the young nobleman to the Earldom of Kildare.



After years spent in exile across Europe, Gerald eventually returned to Ireland and reclaimed both his title and his family's estates. However, it was not only his dramatic survival that secured his place in history.

Living at Kilkea Castle, Gerald developed an intense interest in Renaissance learning, particularly alchemy, astronomy and the natural sciences. At a time when such subjects were little understood, stories quickly spread that he possessed supernatural powers. Before long, he had earned the nickname **"The Wizard Earl."**

As the centuries passed, folklore transformed the historical figure into a legendary one. Tales claimed he could perform extraordinary feats of magic, while one of the best-known legends tells how he rides around the Curragh on a magnificent white horse every seven years, destined to return when Ireland needs him most.

While historians dismiss the supernatural tales as folklore, they reveal how greatly Gerald captured the imagination of the Irish people. His intelligence, curiosity and remarkable life blurred the boundaries between history and legend, making him one of the country's most memorable Renaissance noblemen.

The evening proved a fascinating exploration of both historical fact and enduring folklore, reminding attendees that some of Ireland's greatest stories lie where documented history and popular tradition meet.

For those wishing to learn more about Gerald FitzGerald and the legends surrounding him, Historic Hibernia's self-published booklet, *The Wizard Earl of Kildare*, is available to purchase both in-store and online through Maynooth Bookshop.

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We were very thankful to the Kildare Arts Service who funded three recitals in the North Kildare area to bring music to Kilcock, Celbridge and Leixlip. The first of these was in Kilcock on the 19th July in the Square and we were blessed with wonderful sunny weather as our music was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Looking ahead to August we will be at the Church of Ireland in Celbridge where they hold a Sunday Market on the 9th with our recital at the same time, starting at 12.30 and in Leixlip on the 16th on the banks of the Liffey beside the Courtyard Hotel. Our Academy Band will be heading to Ardclough on Saturday the 22nd to take part in their Heritage Week.

We again have our Summer Camp which runs from the 17th to the 21st for children between 8 and 12 years of age. This is a great opportunity for aspiring musicians to try out different instruments and enjoy some fun games as well.

Apart from all of that we will be busy preparing for our trip to the Bad Orb International Music Festival in Germany from 11th to 14th of September where we will be flying the flag for Maynooth and Ireland among the other 30 Bands from all over Europe.

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IPMS IRELAND Launches National Competition for Scale Modellers 2026

International Plastic Modellers' Society (IPMS) Ireland is delighted to announce its annual Irish national scale model show and competition 2026 for scale model builders of all ages. The show will be held in Dublin on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October in the Lucan Spa Hotel, Junction 4A just off the N4 West. This is the main annual show for the Society and is a gathering for all those interested in the hobby of plastic scale modelling. It is also an opportunity for the public - whether young or old - to see displays of models, and other related attractions, including many model traders' stalls. The show also hosts IPMS Ireland's annual model competition which is open to competition entries from both members and non-members and includes categories for junior (under 16) modellers.

Awards are presented in more than 38 competition categories covering scale models of aircraft and vehicles both civilian and military, ships and submarines, historical figures and busts, dioramas, science fiction, and fantasy subjects. Thirteen Special Awards are also presented to winning entries, cumulating in Best of Show. All models in competition are also on public display and members of the public also get their say by voting for the People's Choice Award, based on the votes of all those visiting the show.

Last year, the show welcomed 535 visitors, and with children under fourteen being free, it's hoped that figure will increase this year. More than 290 models were entered into competition last year with at least another 50 also on display. With entries and visitors coming from all over the island of Ireland and with some from the UK and Europe, it's a fun weekend out for all the family. There's also plenty of free car parking on site at the hotel.

Admission to the show is €5 per adult, covering both days of the show, with accompanied children under 14 free.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Songs and Rhymes for 0-2 year olds **Friday 7th August 10am - 10.30am**

A story and song session for ages 0-2 years. There will be short stories, and some action songs to engage younger attendees.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To book: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=26443676>

My Little Library Bag Starting School Story Time & Craft with Author Una Woods **Saturday 8th August 2pm - 3pm**

Join author and illustrator Úna Woods for a fun-filled story time and craft event for children who are starting school in September! Úna will read stories from the delightful My Little Library Book Bag books, you will then get to create your very own My Little Library Bag Mouse to take home. This workshop is for any child that is starting primary school for the first time in September. At the workshop, children will have the opportunity to collect their starting school 'My Little Library Bag' if they have not collected their My Little Library Bag already.

All children attending this event must be accompanied by a parent / guardian

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Pyjama Party at the Library for 0 - 4 years **Friday 14th August 10am - 10.30am**

Leave your pjs on and come to the library to read and sing in your pjs! All cuddly toys are welcome to join us as we enjoy songs and stories all about bedtime! Adults (and library staff) are encouraged to wear their pjs too!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Heritage Week : Craft workshop for ages 7+: Round Towers of Kildare **Monday 17th August 3pm - 4pm**

Children will make one of the round towers located in various locations around Co.Kildare using sustainable materials.

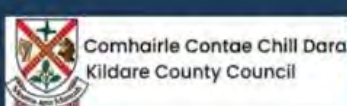
All children attending this workshop must be accompanied by a parent / guardian

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Storytime Fun for 3 - 6 Year Olds **Friday 28th August 3pm - 3.30pm**

Come along to an interactive storytime session. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Age Friendly Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th August 10am – 11.30am

As part of our Age Friendly Programme, drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat with library staff and find out more about the libraries online and other services.

Drop In. No booking required

Heritage Week :

Down on Main Street – The story of some key buildings in Main Street, Maynooth including Maynooth Public Library

Saturday 15th August 3pm – 4pm

Maynooth 850 is celebrating the arrival of Fitzgeralds here in 1176 and the village of Maynooth that developed around their castle. For almost six centuries Maynooth's Main Street remained a straggle of buildings. Through the Duke of Leinster's visionary redevelopment in the late 1700s, today's Main Street which, to a large extent, retains the form and structure of 18th Century Maynooth. It was the centre of his planned landlord village. Using maps, archives, census document, deeds & photographs, Kay MacKeogh traces the changing face of Main Street – from a largely residential street with a few public houses and shops, to today's dynamic mix of restaurants, barbers & hairdressers, estate agents, supermarkets, public library, banks, pharmacy, health centre, clothes shops etc. Kay will focus on some key buildings on Main Street, including the Public Library in which the lecture takes place.

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Exhibition in Textiles by Emilia Chiprovci

4 - 30 August 2026

Exhibition Bookings

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Maynooth Community Library's Exhibition Space is available to host exhibitions from June 2027.

To be placed on a waiting list to use the exhibition space in 2026, or for booking enquiries, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

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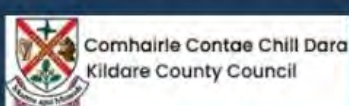
If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents or minders in the area, come to our stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am. *No need to book, just drop in!*

Origami Club for Adults

Thursday 27th August 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Drop in Origami Club for Adults

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Mad Hatters

by
Cheryl Devaney

The term 'Mad as a Hatter' means crazy or demented; it predates Lewis Carroll's 1865 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. Carroll's fictional character, The Mad Hatter, is a short, hyperactive man, constantly changing his mood, who is present at a tea party, where he recites nonsensical poetry.

For hundreds of years, hatters had used mercuric nitrate on rabbit and beaver pelts. When the fur showed an orange tinge, this indicated that the fleece could be readily removed from the skin, a process known as 'carroting'. The animal fur fibres would now be toughened, allowing them to matt together. Working in poorly ventilated buildings, the hatters would have inhaled the mercury, resulting in Mad Hatter's Disease, also known as 'erethism'. This condition causes lung and kidney damage, personality and memory changes, excitability, tremors and partial leg paralysis, all of which could lead to the patient dying. The last case of Mad Hatter's Disease was in the 1940s and, in 1941, the United States Public Health Service banned the use of mercury in the felt industry. Today, hydrogen peroxide is used instead of mercury.

The European hat industry was based in France. When the Edict of Nantes, which had provided religious tolerance and civil rights for Huguenots and Calvinist Protestants in the predominantly French Catholic country, was removed by Louis XIV in 1685, ten thousand hatters fled to England. The centre of hat manufacturing moved with them to that country. Subsequently the English imported beaver pelts from North America.

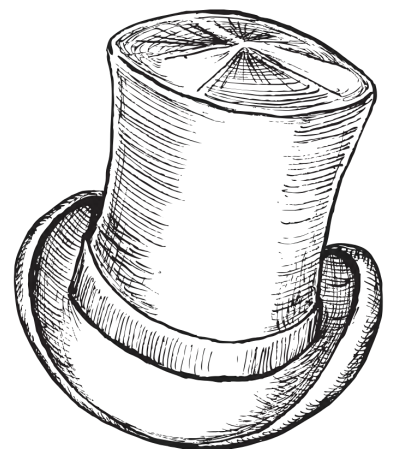
Beaver fur has little barbs on its ends which, when put under pressure, interlock and make a solid felt fabric. Placed on a block, which would have been made of several interconnecting pieces of wood to make it easier to remove the shell of the hat, the brim would have been attached later. The hat

was then coated with a layer of shellac to bind everything together. Finally, the lining and leather sweatband would have been stitched on to the hat's inside. It was rumoured that deaf people could regain their hearing if they wore a beaver hat and that they could make you more intelligent from the fur's oil going into your hair. Beaver hats were water repellent and, before the invention of the umbrella, their wide brims gave some protection from the rain.

From the mid-nineteenth century to the start of the Second World War, top hats became very popular, getting their name from their height. From the 1800s, top hats were part of the uniform worn by English police and postmen as they gave them an appearance of authority. As these officials were often outdoors, their hats were topped with black oilcloth. After 1863, English police, known as 'peelers' after their founder Robert Peel, wore an early type of helmet, which had an upturned brim at the front. A raised spine at the back ran from the bottom to the top of the helmet. Postmen, nicknamed 'robins' on account of their bright red outfits, wore beaver hats. President Abraham Lincoln, who was six foot four inches tall, often wore a stovepipe hat, which at eight inches was three inches higher than the regular top hat. It was said that he carried documents inside his hat!

From the 1830s, beaver hats fell out of popularity, coinciding with a decline in the beaver population. Replaced by silk top hats, the 'silk' was silk plush, a luxurious material with a short nap that could be brushed in one direction to give a great sheen. They were not only less expensive than beaver hats but also very stylish and Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, popularized their wearing in the 1840s. The last American president to wear a top hat was John F. Kennedy, who wore one at his inauguration on January 20th 1961. According to tradition, at the end of the ceremony, he briefly tipped his hat, and then 'went topless'.

Top hats are still worn today but mainly as part of the white-tie dress code. Along with frock coats, they are used on formal occasions. Eton pupils often wear black top hats but only for special events and some Irishmen sport top hats at horse races.





Pico de Gallo: A chunky Mexican salsa made by finely dicing tomatoes, onions, jalapeños, and coriander leaf, typically seasoned with a splash of lime juice.

Shakshuka: gently poached eggs nestled in a simmering, spiced sauce of tomatoes, peppers, and onions

Tomato Basil Soup: a rich, velvety broth made from sweet, stewed tomatoes and fresh basil.

Tomato Bruschetta: toasted bread rubbed with garlic and topped with diced tomatoes, basil, and balsamic vinegar.

Caprese Salad: ripe tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and aromatic basil, typically finished with a drizzle of olive oil.



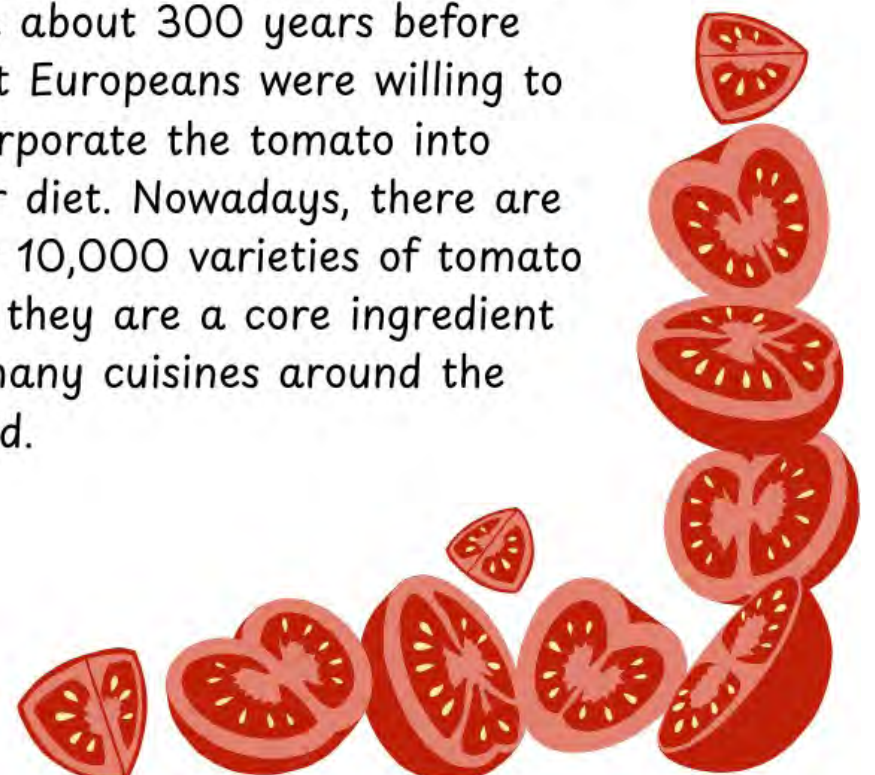
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The Tomato started out as a tiny berry from the Andes in South America. The Aztecs called them 'tomatl' and often gave them as a gift to newlyweds because they were thought to promote fertility. The Spanish Conquistadors brought some tomato seeds back to Europe and from there, they spread around the world.



But they weren't trusted by Europeans at first because they were related to the deadly nightshade family of poisonous plants. Indeed, some rich Europeans did die after eating tomatoes, but only because the pewter plates they used to eat them off had been made with lead, which released toxins when coming into contact with the acid in the tomato.

In England it was seen as a purely ornamental plant and it took about 300 years before most Europeans were willing to incorporate the tomato into their diet. Nowadays, there are over 10,000 varieties of tomato and they are a core ingredient of many cuisines around the world.





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National Childcare Scheme (NCS)

What is the National Childcare Scheme (NCS)?

The National Childcare Scheme (NCS) helps parents to meet childcare costs.

If your child is aged over 6 months (24 weeks) and younger than 15, you can get either:

- A universal subsidy which is not means tested, or
- An income-assessed subsidy which is means tested.

You can choose which subsidy is of greater benefit to you.

The Government pays the subsidy to your childcare provider, and your provider subtracts this amount from your childcare bill.
To get either subsidy, your childcare provider must:

- Be registered with Tusla, and
- Have a National Childcare Scheme contract with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE).

The NCS is administered by Pobal.

Which NCS subsidy should I apply for?

You can apply for whichever subsidy is best for your family situation.

For both the universal subsidy and the income-assessed subsidy, your children must be:

- Aged between 6 months (24 weeks) and 15 years (children aged 15 do not qualify)
- Attending a childcare provider who is registered with Tusla

Key Points about the Universal Subsidy

- The universal subsidy is available to parents of any income level and is not means-tested.
- The rate is €2.14 per hour for a maximum of 45 hours per week.

The subsidy rates are based on the number of hours your child is attending childcare.

Key points about the income-assessed subsidy

The income-assessed subsidy is means-tested and available to families with an annual reckonable income of up to €60,000.

- Your hourly rate depends on your circumstances, such as family income, the age and educational stage of your child, and the number of children in your family (see 'National Childcare Scheme rates' below).
- During school terms, you can use your subsidised hours for before-school and after-school childcare costs.
- You don't have to be employed, but the number of subsidised childcare hours available depends on the hours you and your partner work, study or train (see 'How many subsidised childcare hours am I entitled to?' below).

Am I eligible for the National Childcare Scheme?

You must meet certain conditions to be eligible for the NCS.

You or your current partner must be a parent of the child, or acting in loco parentis (this means acting as a parent to the child).

Your child must be over 6 months and under 15 years of age (children aged 15 do not qualify).

Residency Status

You, or your partner, must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be ordinarily resident in Ireland (you have lived here for at least one year or you intend to live here for at least one year), and you have a legal right to live here.
- Be a national of an EU or EEA member state, Switzerland, or the UK.
- Be an asylum seeker with a valid temporary residence certificate.
- Be formerly employed or self-employed in the Republic of Ireland and still be entitled to certain social welfare payments.

Read more about the eligibility criteria for subsidies in the NCS policy guidelines (pdf).

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How many subsidised childcare hours am I entitled to?

The number of childcare hours you can get depends on the hours you (and your partner) work, study or train.

- Enhanced hours subsidy: If you (and your partner) are working, studying or training – you will be entitled to up to 45 hours of subsidised childcare per week.
- Standard hours subsidy: If you (and your partner) are not working, studying or training – you can qualify for up to 20 hours of subsidised childcare per week.

Hours spent in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) or school are not deducted from a family's entitlement to subsidised hours under the National Childcare Scheme.

How are work, study and training hours assessed?

Any part-time hours, casual working, or hours in labour activation schemes such as Gateway and SOLAS programmes, are counted as work.

If you are studying for a higher education course on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), this is counted under studying and training.

You may be asked for proof of work, study or training. Read more about what is accepted as proof of work, study or training in the [NCS policy guidelines \(pdf\)](#).

What If My Circumstances Change?

If your income suddenly changes for reasons outside your control (for example, if you lose your job or your hours at work are reduced), you can apply for a sudden change assessment. You can do this online at [on the NCS website](#) or by post.

How is income assessed for the National Childcare Scheme?

You can choose to have your income assessed automatically or manually for the income-assessed subsidy. Your application will take longer if you choose the manual method.

Automatic Method (Fast Track)

Your income can be assessed automatically using information available from Revenue and the Department of Social Protection (DSP).

If you agree to this, the NCS will get the information directly from Revenue and the DSP using your [PPS number](#) (and your partner's PPS number, if applicable).

Manual Method

You can ask for your income to be assessed manually. You must provide documents such as payslips or DSP declarations which show your income.

These are reviewed and assessed by Pobal (the scheme administrator). You can get a full list of the documents accepted as proof of your income (income proofs) in Appendix 1 of the NCS policy guidelines (pdf).

You must declare additional income, such as any maintenance you pay or receive, any income that requires a Revenue Form 12, and any foreign income.

National Childcare Scheme rates 2026

If your reckonable income is more than €60,000, you can apply for a universal subsidy, which is €2.14 an hour (per child) up to a maximum of 45 hours per week.

If your reckonable income is less than €60,000 per year, you qualify for an income-assessed subsidy of up to €5.10 an hour (per child). The exact amount you get depends on your personal circumstances.

If your reckonable income is €26,000 or less, you can get the maximum subsidy rates.
Use the subsidy calculator on the NCS website to work out what your entitlement will be.

Changes to the NCS from September 2026

From September 2026, more families will qualify for the income-assessed NCS subsidy when:

- The lower income threshold increases from €26,000 to €34,000
- The upper income threshold increases from €60,000 to €68,000.

The multiple child discount will also increase (see 'Allowable deductions' above). We'll update this page when the new discount rates are confirmed.

Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Saver Programme

The Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Saver Programme is closed to new applicants. If your childcare is subsidised by the CCSP, you can continue on the programme as long as you continue to be eligible.

You can use the subsidy calculator to see which scheme will benefit you most, the NCS or your current programme.

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How to apply for the National Childcare Scheme

You can apply online on the NCS website.

To apply online, you need:

- A verified MyGovID account
- Your children's information, including their date of birth and PPS numbers
- Your employment and income-related details
- Your partner's PPS number (your partner does not need a verified MyGovID account)
- Your partner's employment and income-related details
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Read more about getting a verified MyGovID.

The NCS website has a step-by-step guide to the online application process.

You can also apply by post by contacting the Parent Support Centre (see 'More information' below). Postal applications take longer to process and may affect the start date of your subsidy payment.

Renewing Your Subsidy

Subsidies are awarded on a yearly basis. Parents and childcare providers will be notified when a subsidy is due for renewal. You will get this notification at least 20 working days before your subsidy payment is due to expire.

A 6-month renewal date will be set in some situations – these are set out in the NCS policy guidelines (pdf).

What happens when my application has been approved?

When your application is approved:

1. You get a unique code called a CHICK (Childcare Identifier Code Key)
2. Your provider uses the CHICK and your child's name and date of birth to register your child on the National Childcare Scheme
3. You get a notification on your online NCS portal asking you to confirm that the hours of childcare are correct
4. Your subsidy is paid directly to your childcare provider
5. Your childcare provider subtracts the subsidy from your childcare bill

If you use 2 different childcare providers for a single child (for example, on different days of the week), you can use a single CHICK for both providers.

If you're separated from the other parent of your child and you are both awarded a subsidy for the child, you each get a different CHICK. Read about viewing your claims in the NCS claims guide.

What if I'm not satisfied with the decision?

If you are not satisfied with a subsidy award or the amount of the subsidy, you can have the decision reviewed by Pobal. You must request a review within 30 working days of the decision.

If you are still not satisfied following the outcome of the review, you have a right of appeal to an appeals officer (independent of the scheme administrator). You must appeal within 30 working days of the review decision.

Read more about the reviews and appeals process in the NCS policy guidelines (pdf).

Can I Use Any Childcare Provider?

Your childcare provider must be registered with Tusla and have a National Childcare Scheme contract with DCDE.

See a list of contracted childcare providers from the NCS website.

You can also get information on childcare services in your area from your local City and County Childcare Committee.

More Information

You can call the National Childcare Scheme Parent Support Centre on (01) 906 8530 (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday).

Read more about the NCS on the NCS website and in the NCS policy guidelines (pdf).

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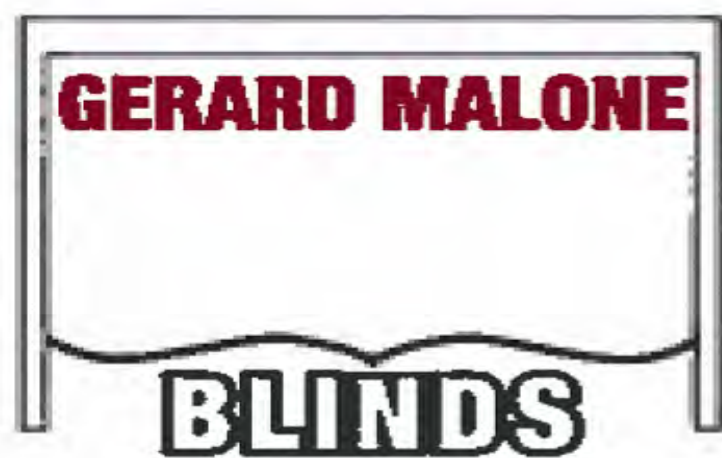
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2660837	Bank of Ireland Group PLC	Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	20/07/2026
2660829	Ciaran & Cynthia Gallagher	No. 4 Rockfield Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	20/07/2026
2660818	Maynooth University	Maynooth Student Hub, Student Centre, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	17/07/2026
2660814	Ciaran & Cynthia Gallagher	No. 4 Rockfield Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	16/07/2026
2689	Paul and Colette Hynes	14 The Steeple, Maynooth, Moyglare Abbey, Co. Kildare	15/07/2026
2660771	Bank of Ireland Group PLC	Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	09/07/2026
2660769	Brian Mitchell and Niamh Galligan	77 Kingsbry, Maynooth, County Kildare, W23 K3T6	08/07/2026
2660752	Elizabeth Cascella & Martin McMahon	137 Griffin Rath Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/07/2026
2660750	Mei Lin and Xiao Zhou and Yun Huang	45 Dara Court, Maynooth Road, Celbridge, County Kildare	06/07/2026
2660743	Brian Mitchell and Niamh Galligan	77 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/07/2026
2660738	Elizabeth Cascella Martin McMahon	137 Griffin Rath Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/07/2026
2660721	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield, Moneycooley, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	30/06/2026
2660709	Demid Tistin & Rufina Tishina	50 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	29/06/2026
2660704	Demid & Rufina Tishin & Tishina	50 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/06/2026
2660698	Elizabeth Cascella	137 Griffin Rath Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/06/2026
2660690	Ray Crofton Ltd.	Ballygoran, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	24/06/2026
2660687	The Irishtown Partnership	Unit 2, Block K, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/06/2026





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Rev. Father Cogan blessing the new name stone at Cluain Aoibhinn.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Miss Noelle Barry, Main St., and Mr. Donal Kelly, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, who announced their engagement recently.

Apologies to Miss Noelle Barry for incorrectly spelling her name in the July Edition.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

James (Chico) Dowling, Greenfield — July 6th
Aoife McTernan, Greenfield, age 4 July 1st
Deirdre McTernan, Avondale, Leixlip age 11 July 3rd
Cara McTernan, Carthill Drive, Dunboyne age 3 July 13th



Madeleine Stynes, Moneycooley, President of Maynooth ICA.



Bubbling over with joy. Following Carton Court's great victory in the Tidy Areas Competition is Kevin Connolly, Chairman of the Residents Association.

SCOUT NEWS

As we go to press this month our Scout Troop are in Cong, Co. Mayo on their annual camp. We hope the weatherman will be kind to them. Report in next issue.

Our Cub Scout Packs took part in the Regional Sports in Clondalkin on 28th June. Although we had to relinquish our winners cup to the Kilcloon Cub Pack the boys had a great day.

Also on Sat. 28th June our Beaver Scout Colony went to Larch Hill for the National Beaver Scout Fun Day.

This was a very exciting day for the boys. The activities were very well organised and our problem was to make time to have a "go" on everything. The favourites were the obstacle course, tug-o-war, soccer kicks, bouncing castles, pillow fights and the children's theatre production of Hansel and Gretel. We returned to the Den at 7.00 pm with very tired Beavers with painted faces.

Our venturers are making final preparations for their two week Explorer Belt Expedition to Scotland next month. The four venturers travelling are: Alan Downey, Barry Cosgrave, Sean Halton and Ronan Barry.

Mary Fleming P.R.O.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Sitting alone in the twilight
Far away in London's big town
With the aid of my pen, ink and paper
My thoughts I will try to lay down.
To dear little spot bright and fair,
Situated 'mid picturesque scenes,
On the north side of dear old Kildare:

In this town so well known in history
I spent the happiest days of my youth.
How my thoughts ever go stealing
Backward

To that ever-dear place called Maynooth,
I think of St. Patrick's College
A college of fame and renown.
It over and always has given
Support and prestige to the town.
It's priests the world over have travelled
Bringing the message of faith and love.
Their training they got in the college,
Their vocations from Heaven above.

To the east of the town there is Carton,
The far famed Fitzgeralds' estate.
Into what historic scenes we are ushered
When we pass through it's stately
White gate.

There flowers forever are blooming.
The lake water as crystal is clear,
Sure never on earth was an Eden
So nearly accomplished as here!
St. Mary's Church stands in the distance,
Where often I've knelt down in prayer
Before the High Altar of Jesus
And the sacred images there.
The mill stands out by the river,
It's humming no longer I hear
It's sounds whilst often I've listened
Made music so sweet in mine ear.

Then there is old ruin wall Castle,
Which suggests history so clear
To the mind.
Quite stately it stands looking on
The friendliest street one could find,
Parson Street, of course I am meaning,
No place there is dearer to me.
As I sit and I ponder alone her
In my mind's eye Slade River
I see.

The brass and reed band of St. Mary's,
In fancy its music I hear,
As it plays to first Mass Christmas-
morning.
And again it plays in the New
Year.

As I'm sitting alone here remembering
Each scene and event of the past,
I'm praying and hoping that one day
To return there my lot will be cast.

With my friends and companions of
childhood
United I'll be once again.
Never again I'll go roaming.
In dear old Maynooth, I'll remain.

Brigid Seals

LACE OPEN POETRY COMPETITION — 1986

All Maynooth poets take note! Entries
for the 1986 LACE open poetry
competition (prize fund £400 stg.) should be
submitted to the Secretary, LACE, Open
Competition, The Day Centre, Park St.,
London LN1 1UG. Each poem — on any
subject, not longer than 40 lines — should
be accompanied by £1.50 stg., and the
closing date is 30 September 1986.

NATURE TRAIL

PEADER HAREN

The Owl
The Owl is a bird of prey, and there
are a number of species that live in
Ireland. It is a very distinctive bird and
can be easily recognised by its very large
eyes and slow distinctive flight. It feeds
on small birds, mice, voles, moths and
young rats. They hunt by flying on the
wing low over the ground, or by waiting
on a convenient perch and then drop
onto their prey with a sudden pounce.
It has a very silent flight when hunting
and depends on its very good sight and
hearing to hunt at night. It carries off
its prey in its talons and tears it apart
with its hooked bill. The Owl can be
found in heavily wooded areas, old church
yards and old farm areas. It roosts its
young in a hole in an old tree, in a wall,
or in a disused crow's nest, the nestlings
can vary in number from two to four
and they depend on the parent birds
until they are able to fend for them-
selves. It is a very quiet and secretive
bird, and it ranges in its own area for
hunting and breeding. A lot of these
birds are killed at night when they fly
low across the country roads by cars,
if by chance you come across an in-
jured Owl, give me a shout and I will
find a good home for its convales-
cence.

The Badger

The badger is a very common animal in
Ireland but it is not seen very often, as
it usually leaves its home, called a sett,
after dusk and returns before sunrise
after feeding. It is greyish in colour
and it has a very distinctive colouring to
its face, black and white stripes. It has
very few natural enemies, a lot of them
are killed while crossing the road by cars,
there is a widespread belief that the badger
is a carrier of Bovine Tuberculosis and for
this reason it is killed and gassed by some
farmers, so as to protect its livestock. A
male badger is called a boar and a female

is called a sow, during February and
March two to three cubs are born and
they are very dependent on the parents.
The badger clears out its sett on a regular
basis, straw, hay, leaves. It can be seen
sneaking at the mouth of the sett and is
restored before nightfall. The badger has
a long snout and sharp claws which it
uses for digging and probing the ground
for worms, insects, berries, mice, and
roots. It has poor sight but a keen
sense of smell. The badger lives in
woods and if you happen to come across
one, stay very still and the badger
will just carry on about its business as
if you were not even there at all, and
you can study its behaviour at close
range.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

At the time of writing this article the
project has just completed its second week.
So far, the weather has been much kinder
than last year. At the end of the first
week's registration we had approximately
350 children on our lists. Our
activities have been many and varied.
Here in Maynooth we have run a very
successful treasure hunt and scavenger
hunt, the former spread over the Estates,
the College, the Town, and Harbour; and
the latter being a list of items which par-
ticipants had to scrounge and scavenge
for, and have back in the Harbour within
an allotted time. Our Crazy Games day
proved the leaders to be more crazy than
the children. We have also run a Fishing
Competition and Tennis Tournament.
Perhaps one of the biggest gatherings of
young people so far has been for the
clean-up of the playground. Further
afield we have taken groups to the fun
park in Clara-Lara, Co. Wicklow. An item
of great interest to the teenagers on the
group was our Dublin-by-night trips with
the Garda Junior Liaison Officer. This
involved a tour of the Garda H.Q., the
bottle factory, Dublin Airport and Tara
Street fire station. The weekend of
second week has the first of the project
camping trips, this one being to Smar-
more Castle, Co. Louth. There have been
plenty of new people volunteering to help
with the running of the project and for
their help we have been very grateful.
We hope to have a more detailed report
of the activities of the project in the next
issue of the newsletter.

Ann Stewart,
Secretary.

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