



## Delphi Events Calendar – What’s on in May

Is that a hint of Summer in the air?

Time to take a look at all that’s happening in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. The month begins with a Bank Holiday Weekend which is always good news in these parts and a guarantee of a huge variety of events to choose from.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Féile Cois Cuain Louisburgh**

A wonderful celebration of traditional Irish music and song; show-casing talent of all ages from near and very far. The town of Louisburgh comes alive with music and the sheer joy of life – not to be missed. For a full programme of events see...

<http://www.feilechoiscuain.com/>

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Maumeen Mountain Pass Hike (10.30 a.m.)**

Join our Delphi Lodge Hill-Walking Expert, Paul Phelan, for a two hour (4km) hike on an ancient rocky trail to the spectacular historical mountain pass. Exhilaration, dramatic views and a great opportunity to walk in ancient footsteps...

<http://www.walkconnemara.com/calendar.html>

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Louisburgh Spring Fair (12 till 5).**

A chance to admire (and perhaps buy) a large variety of genuinely local, high-quality crafts. There’ll also be a barbeque and pancakes on the square, and a chance to visit the new community garden where there will be plants for sale. And no fair would be complete without a good old fashioned raffle!

<http://louisburgh.net/>

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Leenane Walking Festival**

Enjoy a unique combination of mountain and sea as Leenane is situated on the edge of Killary Harbour and surrounded by mountains in all directions. The weekend sees walkers of all kinds taking on a variety of walks including, including Mweelrea, the MaamTurks and the Devils

Mother...more...<http://www.leenanevillage.com/events/mwf.html>

### **Connemara Mussel Festival**

2013 is the 8th year of the Connemara Mussel Festival which takes place every May bank holiday weekend on the glorious Renvyle Peninsula in North Connemara...more...

<http://www.connemaramusselfestival.com/>

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Galway Early Music Festival**

This annual Galway event features concerts by top international performers, workshops, schools events and music and theatre in the Galway City Museum and in the street. The Festival has a unique, relaxed and friendly atmosphere and highlights the medieval town of Galway and the artistic and cultural richness of the area...more...<http://www.galwayearlymusic.com/festival.php>

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Gael Force Connemara**

This challenge is Connemara at its best, taking you from Killary Fjord across the foothills of the Maam Turks, along the Western Way to the Inagh valley and finally back to the Fjord. Three disciplines are involved – trail/mountain running or walking, kayaking and cycling – a 31km of spectacular beauty and natural challenge...more...<http://www.gaelforceevents.com/connemara/>

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Louisburgh to Delphi Lodge Famine Walk**

If you follow Delphi Lodge news, you'll already have this one in your diary. This annual AFRI (Action from Ireland) walk commemorates a 'journey of horror' taken by hundreds of people on March 30th/31st 1849. For the first time since its inception in 1988, the walk will follow the exact route of the original journey from Louisburgh to Delphi Lodge. The Walk Leaders are Gary White Deer, Salome Mbugua and Fergal Anderson with music by acclaimed Irish Singer/Songwriter Declan O'Rourke (Registration from 12.45pm; Walk beginning at 1.30pm). For more details see... <http://www.delphilodge.ie/2013/02/>

### **Inishbofin Half Marathon**

Set on the idyllic island of Inishbofin, a small but stunningly beautiful and tranquil island off the west coast of Ireland....a great day out awaits you for the 8th Annual Croí Inishbofin Half-Marathon...more...<http://www.croi.ie/events/inishbofin-half-marathon-1>

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mayo International Choral Festival**

This festival takes the form of several international male/female adult choirs travelling to Mayo each year, to partake on a competitive and non-competitive basis. Their visit will include a number of evening and daily performances county-wide, tours of Mayo and a gala concert in the Royal Theatre Castlebar on the Saturday night. The theme of the festival is to allow choirs to meet with other choirs, relax and enjoy a great weekend in the beautiful West of Ireland. For programme details see...<http://www.mayochoral.com/>

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Galway African Film Festival**

The Galway African Film Festival was set up in 2008 to showcase the very best in African Cinema. It is the result of ongoing collaboration between the Galway One World Centre, Galway Film Society and the Huston School of Film & Digital Media. For a taste of what to expect see...  
<http://galwayafricanfilmfestival.org/festivals/2013-2/>

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Connemara Bog Week**

A week packed with a mix of music, sport, 'craic' (a colloquial term for fun...only more so...) and stunning landscapes. Included in the week is the Connemara Walkabout, three gentle days of walking in a magical landscape in the company of scientists, musicians, poets and artists. More...  
<http://www.ceecc.org/index.php/our-events/conamara-bog-week.html>

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tour de Connemara**

This event offers participants the choice of **140km** or **80km** routes and will travel through some of the finest coastal and mountainous landscape in Ireland and is part of a weekend festival of cycling that will provide activity and entertainment for all...more...  
<http://www.tourdeconamara.com/>

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Inishbofin Walking Festival**

A wonderful way to experience the Atlantic and walk along the Western Coast of Europe whilst enjoying the friendly and relaxed pace of Island life during this Walking Festival. Enthusiastic professional and local guides will share their vast knowledge of local folklore, history, heritage and ecology with walkers. Further details at...  
<http://goconnemara.com/events/details/572/>



**The Gathering 2013 – be part of it**

2013 is an exciting year for Ireland with “Gatherings” of all descriptions taking place in every region – if you want to take a look at Gathering events taking place in Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo visit...

<http://www.thegatheringireland.com/View-Gatherings/View-Gatherings-by-Date>