



What's on in April

Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th - "A Wake in the West"

Louisburgh Drama Group present the hilarious 'A Wake in the West' by Michael Ginnelly at the Parochial Hall. Curtain up at 8.30; Tickets Adults €10; Students €5

Sunday 6th - Connemara International Marathon

2014 is the 13th Connemara Marathon and a celebration night will be held in both Galway and Clifden. Comprising of a Half Marathon, a Full Marathon and a 39.3 mile Ultra Marathon all taking place in April.

See: www.connemaramarathon.com

Sunday 6th to Thursday 10th - Japanese Film Festival (Galway)

Organised by the Embassy of Japan, Access Cinema, and the Ireland Japan Association and with the support of The Japan Foundation, the Japanese Film Festival is coming to The Eye Cinema, Wellpark.

For more info: www.eyecinema.ie

Tuesday 8th to Sunday 13th - Cúirt International Festival of Literature

The Cúirt International Festival of Literature is Ireland's premier literary event. The festival annually brings approximately sixty authors of local, national and international repute to Galway for readings, workshops, discussions, book signings and much, much more.

See: www.cuirt.ie

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th - Clifden Traditional Music Festival

A weekend of the very best of Irish music, song and dance with concerts, sessions, workshops and outdoor entertainment. The 2013 festival was a great success with the town filled with music and excitement throughout the whole weekend. The festival includes Music Workshops, Sean Nos Dance Workshops, Youth Sessions, Traditional Music Mass, Pub Sessions throughout the whole weekend, "Farewell Session" on Sunday.

More info: www.clifdentradfest.com

Friday 11th 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm - Bike Buffet (Westport)

Westport's First Ever Bike Buffet The Westport Smarter Travel Bike Buffet is a fun event where you bike from restaurant to restaurant to sample some of Westport's finest foods.

Find out more: www.destinationwestport.com/event/bike-buffet/

Thursday 17th to Monday 21st - Galway Food Festival

Celebrating Galway as a good food destination, 2014 will be the third year of the Galway Food Festival and is sure to build on the success of the 2013 event. The festival will promote good food and good food outlets in Galway, as well as showcasing food producers based in Galway and in the West. The festival takes place in April primarily as it is the time of year when some of the best local ingredients become available, such as Connemara Spring Lamb, and trout and salmon caught locally.

Further info: www.galwayfoodfestival.com

Friday 18th to Monday 21st - Westport Easter Walking Festival

Westport's 7th Easter Walking Festival. Discover one of the most spectacular coastlines in Europe in the best way possible: on foot with a guide. Oscar Wilde was as accurate as always when he described the West of Ireland's "savage beauty". Rugged from the force of the Atlantic, with stunning mountains and cliffs, walking in the coastal regions of Mayo and Connemara reveals secret beaches, the ruins of pre-Famine settlements, holy wells and ancient pilgrim and smugglers' paths.

See: www.destinationwestport.com/event/easter-walking-festival/

Saturday 19th - Rás Chonamara

The 10th annual Rás Chonamara takes place over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. In aid of Galway Autism Partnership the route goes right through the heart of Connemara.

See: www.raschonamara.ie

Saturday 19th - Connacht v Munster (RaboDirect Pro12)

Connacht play host to Munster at The Sportsground in the RaboDirect Pro12.

More info: www.connachtrugby.ie

Sunday 20th - Easter Egg Hunt at Westport House

Celebrate Easter 2014 at Westport House with a great family day out on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. You'll look high and low for clues to enter to win some great prizes while enjoying the gorgeous grounds of Westport House & Gardens. Pinkie Rabbit will come back to help celebrate the holiday and the first 300 children to complete the hunt will receive a complimentary egg.

Find out more: www.westporthouse.ie/events-calendar/easter-egg-hunt/

Monday 21st - Janet's Walk (Louisburgh)

If you fancy taking part in a real community event and getting some exercise for a great cause then check out www.louisburgh.net/calendar/

Other things to do...

April's a great time for walking in Connemara - for a list of scheduled walks go to: www.walkconnemara.com

For Craft and Food Galway's famous bustling market with hundreds of stalls selling fresh produce and locally produced crafts. Open Saturdays and Bank Holidays from 8am to 6pm and Sundays 12 noon to 6pm

Closer to Delphi is Louisburgh's Indoor Market every Saturday from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm - you never know what you'll find there!

Westport also hosts an indoor market on Thursdays from 9.00 aam till 1.00 pm