



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

IRISH ROAD SAFETY WEEK – 4th to 10th October, 2021

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



Road Safety Together Committee

Galway County Council's Road Safety Together Committee consists of representatives from Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Elected Member, Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and An Taisce.

The Committee meets regularly and jointly examines options available to improve road safety for pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists, motorists and road users, in general. A Meeting of the Committee is taking place on Monday, 4th October, '21.

The following will be taking place during Road Safety Week:

- o **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUIG Students**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway's Students Union, are running a road safety awareness campaign encouraging students who walk or cycle to college to arrive safely. High visibility vests will be distributed to students attending the college during Road Safety Week, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.



(Photo: NUIG SU VP/Welfare & Equality Officer Cora Clarke and the NUIG SU VP/Education Officer Clodagh McGivern)

REMEMBER – ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT !

◦ Fire Service Car Dismantling Demonstration

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Galway Fire & Rescue Service, An Cheathrú Rua; HSE Ambulance Service; Galway Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána, will team up for a road safety awareness event aimed at teenagers at Coláiste Chroí Mhuire, An Spidéal, this Thursday, 7th October.

The secondary school students who are about to become young drivers will have an opportunity to experience what happens at the scene of a road traffic collision – a car dismantling demonstration will take place and a person will be released from a vehicle. Crew from the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Civil Defence will be present, along with An Garda Síochána, to advise the 80 plus students present.

The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of what happens at the scene of an accident which will hopefully prevent the young drivers-to-be becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death.



(Photo: Demo held at Gairmscoil na bPiarsach, Ros Muc)

◦ BestDrive FREE Vehicle ‘Health Check’



As the evenings are getting shorter and the weather gets more changeable, it is of the utmost importance that your vehicle is in proper working order. For the winter months, BestDrive are offering road-users the opportunity to avail of **BestDrive’s FREE 5 Point Safety Check** to ensure that their vehicle’s **Tyres, Brakes, Shocks, Lights/ Levels and Wipers** are in proper working order. It will give you peace of mind knowing your car is fit for driving this winter. The check takes approx. 15 minutes.

If you want to avail of this, please book in advance on their website on www.bestdrive.ie or ring and book: Ph. 091 562154. Location: BestDrive, Headford Road, Galway City (beside LIDL) – Opening Hours – Mon.-Fri. 8.30a.m.-6.00 p.m. Sat. 9.00a.m.-5.00 p.m.

**REMEMBER – NEVER DRIVE
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!**

○ Bike Stand



(Photo: Pupils of St. Mary's National School at their new Bike Stand)

Galway Co. Council funded a Bike Stand at St. Mary's National School, Mountbellew. It will encourage pupils to cycle to school. High visibility vests and school-bag covers, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, was distributed to the relevant cyclists to ensure their visibility and safety.

○ 'Drive for Life' – Road Safety Awareness Course for Teenagers



The 'Drive for Life' Course is a one-day course offered to transition/ fourth year students and it aims to raise awareness of road safety and mould attitudes of young drivers-to-be before they actually start to drive. The Programme is aimed at preventing young people becoming involved in road traffic incidents. Galway County Council has offered subvention to all secondary schools in the county who participate in this course, during the current school year 2021/ 2022.

○ Specsavers Offers



To ensure the correct vision for driving, the Road Safety Committee encourages everyone to get an Eye Test at least every 2 years.

● Ultradrive Lenses

During Road Safety Week, Specsavers have a Special Offer on Ultradrive Lenses, available in two versions – for day and night driving. Further details attached.

Please contact Specsavers directly, in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre Branch or Headford Road Branch, in relation to this offer and advise that you are availing of Galway Co. Council's Promotion.

REMEMBER – DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE !

- **‘Be Bright’ Campaign aimed at GMIT**



Galway County Council has teamed up with GMIT’s Students Union and a road safety awareness campaign is taking place which will ensure pedestrians and cyclists visibility on our roads whereby hundreds of high visibility rucksack covers, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, will be distributed to students attending the college.



- **‘Arrive Alive’**



Galway Co. Council’s ‘Arrive Alive’ initiative advises on No Texting and Driving. Discs are available, free of charge – email: dcaulfld@galwaycoco.ie

- **Cycling Training for National Schools**



A National Cycling Training Programme ‘Cycle Right’, in conjunction with Cycling Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, is available to all national schools in Co. Galway for the 2021/’22 school year. The training upskills young cyclists and outlines tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet at all times. The Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of this worthwhile course.

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