



IRISH ROAD SAFETY WEEK – 5th to 11th October, 2020

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.

The following will be taking place during Road Safety Week:

- **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.



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 Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin, An Cheathrú Rua, on Tuesday, 6th October.

The secondary school students who are about to become young drivers will have an opportunity to experience what happens at the scene of road traffic collision – a car dismantling demonstration will take place and a Fire Tender from An Cheathrú Fire Service, Ambulance and Civil Defence crew and An Garda Síochána will be present, on the day, to advise the students.

The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of what happens at the scene of an accident and 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, in December, 2018)

◦ 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, road-users have the opportunity to avail of a **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. Please ring & book your place in advance – details hereunder:

- Advance Pitstop, Headford Road (beside LIDL) – Ph. 091 562154.
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 Rack

Galway Co. Council funded a Bike Rack at Kiltiernan National School, Kilcolgan. It will encourage pupils to cycle to school. High visibility school-bag covers, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, was distributed to the relevant cyclists to ensure their visibility and safety.



(Photo: Principal Edel Leech with pupils of Kiltiernan National School, with Deirdre Caulfield, Road Safety Officer, Galway Co. Council)

Galway Co. Council also funded a new perspex Bike Rack cover at St. Mary's National School, Mountbellew.

○ '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 2020/ 2021.

○ Specsavers Offers



- **Eye Tests:**

To ensure the correct vision for driving, Specsavers are kindly offering standard **Eye Tests** at a reduced cost of €15.00, rather than €30.00, during Road Safety Week, to the general public. Please contact Specsavers directly, in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre Branch, in relation to this offer and advise that you are availing of Galway Co. Council's Promotion – book online at <https://www.specsavers.ie/book/galway>

(Note: Specsavers, Headford Road, is not partaking in this initiative)

- **Ultradrive Lenses**

Ask your Optician about Specsavers Ultradrive Lenses, available in two versions – for day or night driving. Further details attached in relation to special offer prices!

- **‘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 vests, 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: dcaulfd@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 2020/21 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 course.

○ High Visibility Vests



Údarás Um Shábháilteacht Ar Bhóithre
Road Safety Authority

High visibility vests are distributed free-of-charge to members of staff and the general public, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.

If you would like to avail of a High Visibility Vest, please email me your preferred size (S/ M/ L/ XL/ XXL) or call into the Reception Desk in Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.



Childrens vests are also available – Age: 4-6 years and 7-9 years.

For teenagers, size Small generally suits.



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