

# FLOURISH NEWSLETTER

A round up of events and activities that we know about in your local area

### **Central Mayo**

### "A thought for today"

This drawing is by Anja Rozen, a 13-year-old primary school student in Slovenia. She was chosen from 600,000 children around the world to create a piece of art to show what peace looks like.

She is the winner of the international Plakat Miru competition.

"My drawing represents the land that binds us and unites us."

"Humans are woven together. If someone gives up, others fall. We are all connected to our planet and to each other, but unfortunately we are little aware of it. We are woven together. Other people weave alongside me my own story; and I weave theirs," said the young designer.







We're back! Community Meditation this evening from 6pm to 7pm. Everyone is very welcome. For the zoom link, just PM here or email flannellyjoan@gmail.com





#### **Mayo Sports Partnership Calendar of Events**

https://www.mayo.ie/Admin/Mayo/media/Mayo/Sports%20Partnership/Downloa ds/MSP-Programme-of-Events-Winter-Jan-24.pdf

### Mayo Sports Partnership Activator Poles Walking Winter/Spring 2024 Programmes

Area	Start Date	Time	Venue	Contact	In/Out
					door
Achill	Tuesdays	10.30am	Various Helen: 0862712676		Outdoor
Achill	Tuesdays	12.30pm	Keel Hall (Indoor) Helen: 0862712676		Indoor
Ballycroy	Tues 9th Jain	3-4pm	Community Centre Sinead: 0877063186		Indoor
Clare Island	Mon 19th feb	10 – 11am	Community Centre Ray: 0876973093		Indoor
Ballintubber		10.30am	Astro Pitch	Edel: 0838287396	Outdoor
Ballinrobe	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2-3pm	The Green	Mark:0876091463	Outdoor
Ballyhaunis	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> feb	10.45am	Clare Court	Tracy:0860618126	Outdoor
Ballycastle	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	llam	Community Centre	Brian:0868152254	Outdoor
COPD	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-1.30	Belmullet, Aras Inis	Sinead: 0877063186	Indoor
Belmullet	Jan		Gluaire		
Belmullet	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-2.30	Belmullet, Aras Inis	Sinead: 0877063186	Indoor
	Jan		Gluaire		
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Castlebar	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	12noon	Lough Lannagh	Sarah:0879446201	Outdoor
Castlebar	Tues 6th Feb	12.30pm	GMIT Track	Sarah:0879446201	Outdoor
Men's Shed					
Geesala	Thurs 11th Jan	3-4pm	Community Centre	Sinead: 0877063186	Indoor
Kilkelly	Wed 24th Jan	llam	The Green	Tracy:0860618126	Outdoor
Knock	Mon 8th Jan	12noon	Carramore, Meadows	Tracy:0860618126	Indoor
Moygownagh	Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Community Centre	Brian:0868152254	Indoor
Mulranny	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	llam	Community Centre	Ray:0876973093	Outdoor
Newport	Wednesday	10.45am	Cuan Modh Centre	Andrea:0834455761	Indoor
	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan				
Swinford		11.15am		Edel: 0838287396	
Westport	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	11.15am	Skate Park	Edel: 0838287396	Outdoor
Westport		12.30pm	Skate Park	Edel: 0838287396	Outdoor
Men's Shed					

For More Information log on to Mayo Sports Partnership at www.mayo.ie/sportspartnership

Contact mcnamara@mayococo.ie or call 094 9064362









# Birdwatch Ireland Mayo Branch

Welcome to our first outing in 2024. We will meet in the car park of the Country Club, Taugheen at 12:00 (midday) on Saturday 10th February. Mike Oates has kindly volunteered to show us an area that he is familiar with from his Countryside Bird Survey. Recently there have been a good variety of ducks and whooper swans. If they have moved on, we will investigate neighbouring turloughs such as Greaghan's or Ballyglas. Depending on numbers we may need to car share as many of the roads are narrow with few parking spaces. For this event a telescope would be beneficial if you have one.

Directions The Country Club (known locally as Forde's Pub) is on R331 between Claremorris and Hollymount.

After the recent storms the ground will be wet so wear wellingtons or waterproof boots and dress appropriately for the forecast weather. Children are most welcome, but we request that they are accompanied. Bring any refreshments that you need. If there is yet another storm, the outing may be cancelled. Notice will be sent on our website, <a href="www.birdwatchingmayo.org">www.birdwatchingmayo.org</a> and our Facebook page, WhatsApp "BW Mayo Info" group, and email to all our registered members. If you would like to be included on our email list and WhatsApp, please send your details to birdwatchmayo@gmail.com



# <u>Ballina – Castlebar Local Link Bus service</u>



https://locallinkmayo.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/454-1.jpg



Finding Feathers is with The Mood Designs and Keith's Cacao in County Mayo.

11 February at 13:13 · 🚱

In celebration of #InternationalWomensDay

Join us for a special workshop evening with 'Cacao Meditation and Mindful Ceramic Making', in the company of Julie from @findingfeathers.ie

Our guest Julie will open the evening by giving us an introduction to ceremonial cacao, explaining the benefits of paring it with creative endeavours followed by a guided meditation, to help you connect with your creativity.

Following this tranquil beginning, it's time to immerse yourself in mindful ceramic making with Ella. Let the newfound connection with your heart guide your hands as you shape clay into beautiful expressions of your inner world.

Throughout the evening, our teacher(s) will be on hand to support and inspire, helping you bring your artistic visions to life.

Your piece will be ready to collect approximately 2-4 weeks after the class.

All materials and firing ceramics are included.

We look forward to sharing this mindful evening with you.

Date: FRIDAY, March 8th 2024

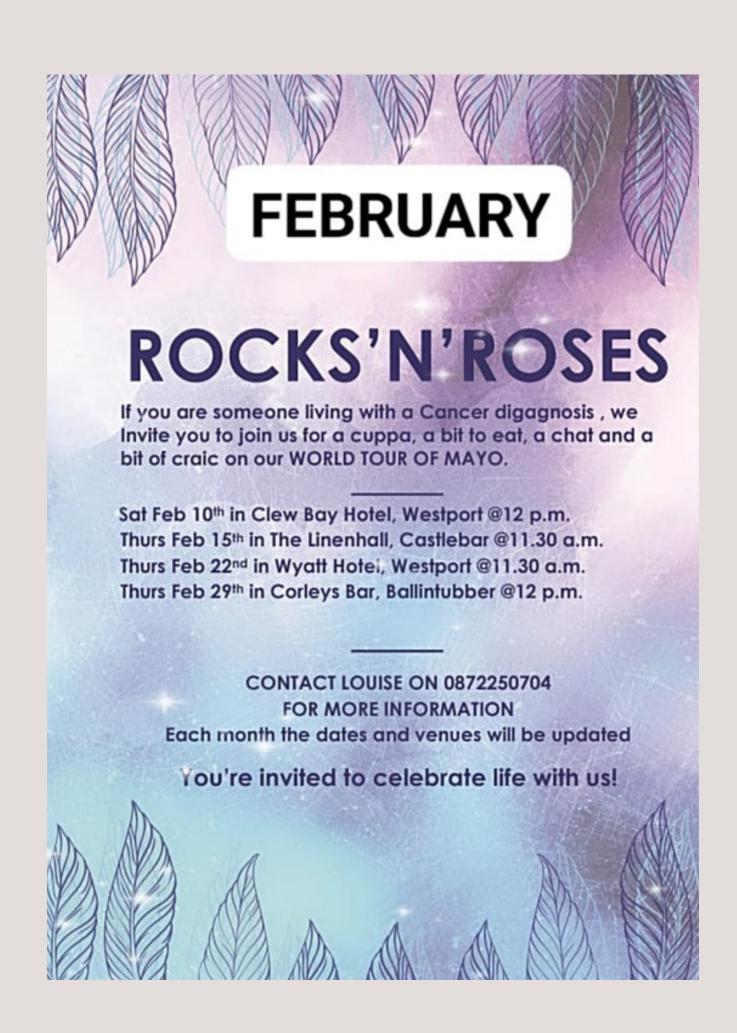
Time: 6 - 10 pm

Place: The Mood Designs (upstairs studio) Ellison Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23

CD83) PRICE: €65

Limited places, early booking essential via:

http://www.themooddesigns.ie/.../special-workshop-mindful...







a week during court sitting

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity helping victims of crime

Victim Support at Court

through their Criminal Court journey?

Court Accompaniment Volunteers Wanted!!

2 February at 16:23





Community Resource Centre, The Square, Balla, Co Mayo, Phone: 094 9365846: Mobile: 087 1850860 Info@balla.ie: www.Balla.ie Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20031442: Company Number: 241062

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am	Sewing with Josie	Long Balcony Room	
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	7pm	Women Healing Circle	Front Room	
	8:30	Balla GAA	Long Balcony Room	
Tuesday 13th February	10am	Move it or Lose it	Main Hall	
	7:30pm	Mindfulness with Maura	Main Hall	
Wednesday 14th February	9:30am	English Classes	Long Balcony Room	
	10am	Parent & Toddler Group	Front Room	
	7pm	Bridge Club	Front Room	
Thursday 15th February	9:30am	English Classes	Long Balcony Room	
	3:30pm	Kids Drama Class	Main Hall	
	5:30pm	Alan McDonnell	Main Hall	
	7pm	Knitwits	Front Room	
Friday 16th February	3pm	ARA'S	Front Room	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 8.30pm		25 Card Drive	Front Room	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	11.45am	Private Function	Main Hall	
	8pm	Bingo	Main Hall & Online	



### Healthy Mayo Message with Midwest Radio and Healthy Mayo (Podcast on Spotify)

https://open.spotify.com/show/3q4ijb FijsUIBSaAaY9ZI5? si=90882381156e4f36







Find out about the many and varied community support services operating across the counties of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon and at a national level on the West Be Well website.

Browse the Community Support section of our directory of services via the link below and in our stories:

https://www.westbewell.ie/loc.../communitysupport-services/



#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 2024, 11AM-12:30MD SOUND FOR

### WELLNESS-GONGS AND BOWLS

Venue: Jacks Old Cottage, Islandeady (near Castlebar -Westport). F23 AW97

Join me in a soundscape of Gongs, Crystal Bowls, and heart poems to support your relaxation and wellbeing. €20 per person. All welcome!







'A leaf has a song in it. Stone is the face of patience. Inside the river is an unfinishible story and you are somewhere in it. And it never ends until all ends' – Mary Oliver

Immerse yourself in a soundscape of vibrational frequencies

Tunes and revitalizes energy flow

Many experience a sense of inner connectedness and peace

Helps soothe the body mind and heart mind

Supports relaxation and release of tension

#### **OLIVIA VARLEY**

Certified Gong Sound Practitioner, College of Sound Healing UK

Email: olivia.varley@soundfor-wellness.com





Join Us for a Mother's Day Paint-a-Pot Celebration!

This is a fantastic opportunity to express your creativity and make lasting memories with the mothers we hold dear.

We're encouraging bookings to guarantee your spot for this celebration.

Date: SUNDAY, March 10th, 2024

Time: Time slots available

Place: The Mood Designs (upstairs studio) Ellison Street, Castlebar, Co.

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Paint a Pot Info:

- Customize a ceramic pot with your unique designs, letting your imagination run wild.
- We'll handle the glazing and firing in our studio, a process that typically takes 1-3 weeks.
- We'll notify you via text message when your piece is ready for collection.
  - The price includes all materials and firing for your ceramics.

    Booking Info:
    - Purchase 1 ticket per person for €15 to secure your spot.
  - Each Paint-a-Pot booking slot is for 1.5 hours of creative fun.
- Select pottery pieces priced from €15 to €35. Pay the remaining balance at the shop on the day.



Tai Chi and Qigong Classes at Westport Leisure Park - Book Direct - 086 8533395





#### Wellness Recovery Action Plan

#### Workshops in Mayo 2024

Mayo Recovery College will host their next WRAP Workshop on February 28<sup>th</sup> in the ATU Mayo Campus, Castlebar.

This 4-part workshop will run every Wednesday evening for 4 weeks, from 4pm to 8pm, beginning on February 28<sup>th</sup> and ending on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

WRAP Workshops are facilitated by trained facilitators who have lived experience of managing mental health challenges. All participants who complete the 4-week workshop will receive a WRAP Certificate.

Places for this workshop are limited and must be booked by contacting Karen McHale by phone at: **086-0294901** or by email at: **recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie** 









ALONE are looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. They need your help more than ever.

If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to Paul Stafford on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link

https://alone.tfaforms.net/.../ALONE-Volunteer-Expression...

New Transport Link Service Available from Surrounding Towns to our Centre. Monday - Friday For more information Call 094-9365987 or email training@mayoabbey.ie St. Colman's Training Centre Mayo Abbey F12 X8P5 <u>www.mayoabbey.ie</u>





FREE Car Parking Fresh Food & Beverages Daily

Start Date	Course Title	Course Provider	Duration	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Quad Bike Training QQI L5	FRS Training	2 Days	Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 4.00pm
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Start Your Own Business	South West Mayo	1 Day	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am – 5.00pm
Feb 12th	Power Tools	FRS Training	1 Day	Feb 12th	10.00am-4.00pm
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Aid Responder	FRS Training	3 Days	Feb 19th 20th 21th	10.00am-4.00pm
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Home Repairs and Maintenance QQI L4	FRS Training	5 Days	Feb 26th 27th 28th 29th March 1st	10.00am-4.30pm
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Start Your Own Business	South West Mayo	1 Day	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 5.00pm
Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Frontline Skills QQI L5	HCT Learning	5 Days	Feb 29th Mar 7th 14th 21st 28th	9.30am – 4.30pm
March 6th	First Aid Responder	FRS Training	3 Days	March 6th 7th 8th	10.00am-4.00pm
March 19th	First Aid Responder	FRS Training	3 Days	March 19th 20th 21st	10.00am-4.00pm
2024	Culinary Operations QQI L3	St Colman's Training Centre	5 Days	TBD	10.00am - 4.30pm
	Pastry Baking & Desserts QQI L5	St Colman's Training Centre	8 Days	TBD	10.00am – 5.00pm
	Restaurant Service QQI L3	St Colman's Training Centre	5 Days	TBD	10.00am – 5.00pm
	Barista Training	St Colman's Training Centre	1 Day	TBD	10.00am - 5.00pm
	Payroll Manual & Computerised QQI L5	St Colman's Training Centre	6 Days	TBD	10.00am – 5.00pm

#### NOW TAKING NAMES FOR 2024 COURSES

- > Cookery/Hospitality
- > Horticulture
- > Payroll
- > Computers

- > First Aid/Patient Handling
- > Health & Safety
- > Chainsaw Operations/Pesticide Spraying
- > Quad Bike Training/Abrasive wheels
- > Horticulture Tools & Equipment
- Safe Pass
- > Training Delivery & Evaluation
- > Reception & Frontline Skills













Out West Tower Hotel. Saturday - March 2nd - 2024 Doors Open - 6pm Admin £10

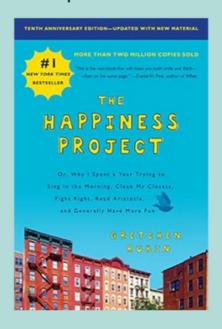
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Sign up now!



Free of charge

We are looking for a group of people in Mayo to unite and read the above book and test out techniques and tools to try and increase their happiness levels throughout the year.

We will read the book chapter by chapter (or listen via an audiobook) and connect in once a month via zoom. We will link in for walks/ trips and activities throughout the year- tick a few things off your bucket list. No committment necessary and all are welcome!

# Contact us to register your interest











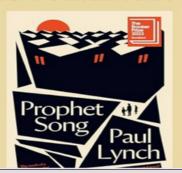


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#Castlebar Library Book Club is reading Paul Lynch's Prophet Song for their February meeting - it was the obvious choice really as so many of the book club members had received a copy for Christmas! Have you read it yet? Looks like tonight will be another night to stay put and snuggle up with a book. #StormJocelyn #LoveBooks

#### **CASTLEBAR LIBRARY BOOK CLUB** IS CURRENTLY READING:



Would you like to discuss books & reading with others?

The Book Club meeets on the second Tuesday of every month

All are welcome









Flourish Social Prescribing Service is one of the support services provided by the Family Centre in Castlebar, Co. Mayo. There are four link workers as part of this service. Together, they cover the areas of Castlebar, East Mayo, Belmullet/Erris, Ballina, Achill and surrounding areas.

The Flourish service is ideal for any adult who feels they would like to explore ways to meet new people, develop new interests and hobbies.



If you have an upcoming event that you would like to feature on our monthly newsletter, please email it to flourish@thefamilycentre.com

### **Useful Numbers**

Flourish Social Prescribing Service (094) 9025900

The Family Centre, Castlebar (094) 9025900

Mayo University Hospital A&E (094) 9021733

West Doc 0818 360 000

Samaritans 116 123

Text "Hello" to 50808

Pieta House 1800 247 247

TFI Local Link Mayo (Bus) (094) 90 05150







