

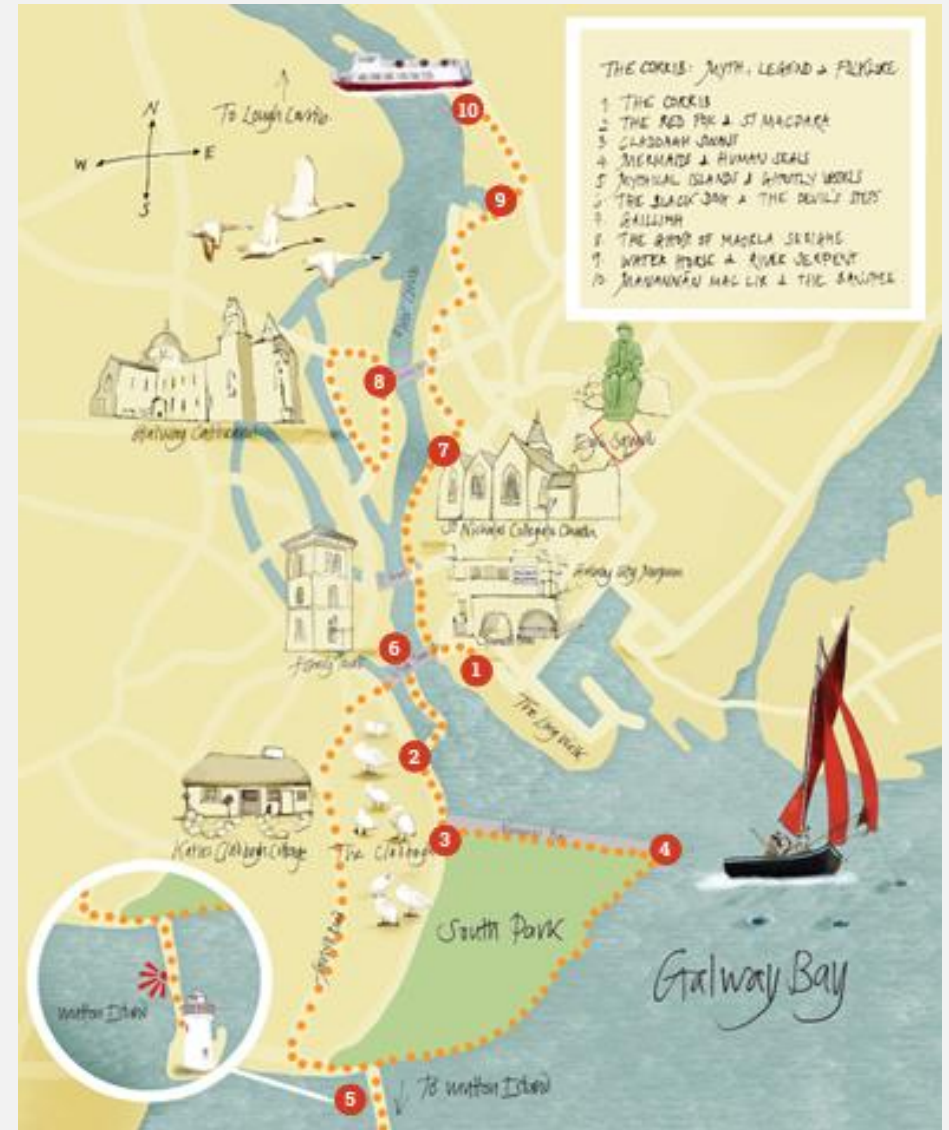
Tourism Update

Outdoor Waterways Museum

This project will tell the stories of the Waterways of the city through interpretation along the River, Canal and Salthill that will inform people of the history, flora & fauna and the myths and legends of our waterways

This project has gone to tender and a company has just been appointed.

The project should be completed by the Summer Season 2023



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Woodquay Park Redevelopment

A redevelopment of Woodquay park that will see the park better connected to Lough Corrib and take advantage of its location along the waters.

This project has been designed by the local residents and that ethos and plan is being proposed in the current proposal.

This project will go tender in the next couple of weeks, and will hopefully go to planning by year end.



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Watersports Hub

The old waterworks building on the Dyke Road will be repurposed into a sports hub for leisure visitors. This will include shower and toilet facilities as well as a hub for the activity tour operators in the area.

This has gone to tender last week



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Great Western Blueway

Our feasibility study will investigate the development of a Blueway along Lough Mask to Lough Corrib along the river and canal network within the city.

We want to investigate

- a gap analysis between existing facilities and requirements
- analysis of the potential economic and societal benefits
- proposals for capital investment projects for each area

1. **Scoping - Concept Generation**
2. **Frame of Reference**
3. **Feasibility Study & Development Action Plan**
4. Initial Application
5. Refine Development Plan
6. Secure Funding
7. Plan and Complete Development Work
8. Final Application & Inspection
9. Launch & Promote
10. Manage and Monitor



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Public Spaces Fund

The two stages have been ordered and expected delivery date is October 2022

We are working closely with our colleagues in R&A on the installation of the power into Eyre Square and other public spaces to facilitate festivals and events.



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Salthill Tourist Office

The Expression of Interest in the Tourist office in Salthill Ends on the 31st of May

We have held a number of sites visits for prospective applications.

Kiosk Eyre Square

We are hoping to open an expression of interest in the Eyre Square Kiosk for the provision of the Tourist Information Services



Tourism Update

Outdoor Living 2022

The streets of the Westend have been closed since May 5th

GCC have met with Access for All and local residents since the closure to ensure the current plans work for all stakeholders

Woodquay road closure will start on the 2nd of June

Individual business can apply to planning@galwaycity.ie for licenses



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Branding

Galway City Council, Galway County Council and Fáilte Ireland are developing a tourism brand for the county.

This process is due to go to public consultation this week as part of the brand development stage and an industry survey will be issued this week from Fáilte Ireland and shared through social media and on the GCC website.

Expected completion date – August 2022



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Marketing Fund

The 2022/23 Marketing Fund has opened with a closing date on the 17th June.

The Marketing Promotion Fund was established in order to ensure that the Council could provide support for the holding of major events and festivals in the city.



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Local Live Performance Scheme

Galway City Council received an additional €143,000 for the 3rd Phase of the Local Live Performance Scheme. This was advertised with an Open Call for applications.

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| Druid | 3 nights of music in the theatre concentrating on a different style of music each night ie jazz, trad and folk with a plan for 3 acts per night. | 5th 6th and 7th of May 2022 |
| Áras na nGael | The event proposed will take place on the 25th of June in Club Áras na nGael. 4 bands will take to the stage, followed by a DJ to finish the evening. These will all be Galway based artists. | 25th June 2022 |
| Roisin Dubh | Thursday night comedy featuring the best of local comedy talent. | Thu 12th May until 30th June |
| O'Reilly's Bar & Kitchen | The proposed event is a gig featuring local artist Cormac Looby with support from 'Smythy' at O'Reilly's Bar and Kitchen, Salthill. | June 25 th |

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| The Black Gate | Black Gate is introducing is a four day multi-venue music festival taking place across Galway city in partnership with local music promoters, record labels and organisations. Support for emerging artists and developing an inclusive and accessible local music scene are core values of the festival. | June 16th June 17th June 18th June 19th |
| The OI 55 | A Festival incorporating a series of live performance over the course of one month showcasing the best of Galways live street artists | 26th May - June 29th |
| St Patricks Band | St. Patricks Brass Band will perform Play the Movies at the Eye Cinema. Play the Movies will feature Music and Visuals from Movies such as Pirates of the Caribbean, Star Wars, Jurassic Park, James Bond and many more | May 13 th |
| The Opacas | The Opacas debut Album Tour. The Opacas are a group of musicians that came together as a virtual group during the first Covid-19 lockdown | 13th June 27th June |
| Fíbín sa Taibhdhearc | A series of 4 cabaret-style concerts in THE cafe-bar, as well as one concert nights in the theatre. These events will showcase the best of world music featuring professional musicians from Galway who come from the many different communities that make up our city. These musicians will perform on the same bill as Irish-language musicians and singers and there will be one established local English-language performer/band on each night. | 4 dates between now and June |

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Leisureland & Salthill Park

GCC have held initial conversation with the NUIG Urban Lab Galway about possibly collaborations on initial public consultation for this project

Urban Lab Galway is a home for research into urban life in all its variety and the future of Galway in particular. It brings together a range of views, expertise and methods to investigate and prototype responses to contemporary urban issues.

This process will hopefully begin in Q4 2022

