



## **Delphi Events Calendar – What’s on in September?**

September’s here and it’s time to see what’s happening in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Plenty going on in the area if you’re planning a trip.

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Galway Races Autumn Meeting**

The September race meeting is always popular due to its relaxed atmosphere. Race-goers can enjoy the usual great facilities in the enclosure such as good food, bar facilities, on-course bookmakers, the big screen and of course and great racing.

Go to <http://www.galwayraces.com/september-race-meeting.asp>

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **September Sessions**

The 12th annual September sessions held in the beautiful surroundings of Louisburgh by the sea. This year we are lucky again to have our regular crew of John Kilkenny, Declan Courell, Philip Duffy & Emer Mayock. Special guest joining the sessions this year is the renowned David Munnely with more players through the weekend.

<http://www.anbhunabhainn.com>

#### **Westport Festival of Chamber Music**

The first Westport Festival of Chamber Music will be held in Westport House and Holy Trinity Church on 6-8 September. Concerts will feature Catherine Leonard (violin) and Hugh Tinney (piano), the RTÉ Vanbrugh String Quartet and the guitarist Redmond O’Toole.

For more information, <http://www.classicallinks.ie>

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Clifden Arts Week**

The longest running community arts festival in Ireland, Clifden Community Arts Week, now in its 38th year yet again promises to have something to excite everyone in this year’s programme. Audiences can expect a very high quality artistic programme with a superb literary, musical and visual art content which again will have the community arts of Clifden and the surrounding hinterland as a central focus with creative writing, music, theatre, graphic design and film workshops and performances taking place in the local schools for the duration of the festival.

See [www.clifdenartsweek.ie](http://www.clifdenartsweek.ie)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Galway International Oyster Festival**

On the last weekend of September each year, the picturesque town of Galway hosts the Galway International Oyster Festival, one of the biggest events in Ireland's social calendar. A feast of live entertainment, gourmet food, fine wine and of course Oysters and Guinness are enjoyed by some 10,000 people with guests and luminaries from all over the world.

More info: [www.galwayoysterfest.com](http://www.galwayoysterfest.com)

**Leenane Autumnal Festival**

Taking place over the last weekend of September, the Leenane Autumnal Festival celebrates all things autumnal, with a focus on traditional food, arts and crafts from this exceptionally beautiful and produce-rich part of the country.

Go to [www.leenane-festival.com](http://www.leenane-festival.com)

**Saturday 24th**

**Connemara Rough Diamond Adventure**

The Connemara Rough Diamond Adventure race involves a combination of running, cycling and an assault course. There are 3 levels to choose from: the 17km intro course, the 32km sport course, and the expert-level 60km option. Each race includes the Fear Gorta assault course through Kylemore Woods, the details of which are a heavily guarded secret. Sumo wrestlers are rumoured, muck is guaranteed.

More info: [www.connemararoughdiamond.com](http://www.connemararoughdiamond.com)

**Throughout the month of September...**

**The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life.**

Open every week from Tuesday through to Sunday this is a really great place to visit for all ages. For exhibitions and events taking place through the month and for more details see

[www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

**Westport Country Market**

The Boxing Club James St. Car Park Westport Opens Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 1.00pm. An amazing array of local crafts and delicious foods.

**Westport Story Tour**

A 60-Minute Animated Tour of Westport Hear the History, Gossip, Stories and yarns as you wander through the streets and lane ways of the town. The tour departs from the Octagon on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Mornings at 11.30am.

See: [westportactivityambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:westportactivityambassadors@gmail.com)

**Galway Market**

Galway's famously 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

**Guided Connemara Walks**

Delphi's Walking Guide of choice Paul Phelan has an extensive of guided walks scheduled for the month of September. Simply take a look at his website [www.walkconnemara.com](http://www.walkconnemara.com)

**Interested in Archaeology?**

Discover the amazing sights on the Clew Bay Archaeological Trail – many only a short distance from the Lodge go to <http://www.clewbaytrail.com/>