



Delphi Events Calendar –What’s on in December?

If you’re planning a last-minute break there’s plenty of festive cheer to be had in the Galway, Connemara, Westport and Southwest Mayo Region – with a little walking thrown in to ease your conscience if you’ve over-indulged...

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

Louisburgh Christmas Fair 2016

A Festive Celebration of everything tasty, local and “crafty”. Carol singing, Irish dancing and plenty of craic.

See... @LouisburghHq

Thursday 8th

Declan O’Rourke live at Westport Town Hall

Declan O’Rourke has achieved critical acclaim for his song writing, singing and performance. He is consummate and versatile performer, his songs mesmerize regardless of whether performed solo, with a band, string quartet, full orchestra, or as a trio.

See... <http://www.westporttheatre.com/?event=declan-orourke-the-acoustic-yard-singer-songwriter-festival>

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th

Connemara Four Seasons Winter Walking Festival

Explore the highlands and islands of beautiful Connemara, led by renowned archaeologist, Michael Gibbons, who offers a unique insight into the cultural and historic heritage of the area.

See... <http://www.connemara4seasonswalkingfestival.com/>

Thursday 29th

Rainbow Grace Sings Fairy-tale Favourites

Visit Westport Town Hall for a magical musical adventure with Rainbow Grace and the Rainbow Voices this Christmas. Grace is excited to perform a collection of her favourite fairy-tale songs live. You will recognise many tunes from much loved fairy-tale movies, including Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast and Pocahontas.

See... <http://www.westporttheatre.com/?event=rainbow-voices-this-christmas-family-festive-performance>

Other “goings-on” in the area...

Galway Continental Christmas Market

Ireland's longest running Christmas Market will continue until December 22nd, so plenty of time left to pay a visit. The Galway Continental Christmas Market in Eyre Square, Galway City is presented by the Galway City Business Association launched the festive season in Ireland being the earliest Christmas Market to open in the country.

See... <http://galwaychristmasmarket.ie/>

Winter Wonderland at Westport House

The Wonderland continues to thrill visitors until December 23rd. Meet Santa, Mrs Claus and their Elves! Experience a blizzard of Christmas spirit as you step into the stunning 18th century Westport House, which will be transformed into a magical winter wonderland.

See... <http://www.westporthouse.ie/events-calendar/winter-wonderland/>

Beyond Sackville Street – National Museum of Ireland – Country Life

Looking at how the lives of people in rural Ireland were impacted by the 1916 rising, its aftermath and World War I, the Untold Stories Irish Community Archive Network is a local history research initiative that uncovers a rich tapestry of untold stories. Join participants of the Irish Community Archive Network to hear more about their research and their wealth of stories. Booking required: 094 9031751/educationtph@museum.ie

The Cabinet of Wonders #2

This new exhibition, in the Foyer of the Linenhall Arts Centre in Castlebar, will run till the end of December and takes its inspiration from the eclectic approach of the original collector-curators of Cabinets of Curiosities (also called Kunstkabinette or Wunderkammern). The Cabinet of Wonders offers a range of works “to engage, intrigue, surprise and delight” and features works by Saidhbhín Gibson, Margaret McDonnell, Cecilia Moore, Peter Nash, Jane O’Sullivan and Verona Stellet, following on from the success of the first version of the Cabinet, which numbered US Vice President Joe Biden among its many visitors.

See... <https://cabinetofwonderssite.wordpress.com/>

The Hoard and the Sword

An amazing new exhibition exploring the discovery of a hoard of silver bracelets from Cushalogurt, Kilmeena, and a Viking sword found in the River Moy at Coolcraun. This is the largest hoard of silver arm-rings found in Ireland. Find out about their discovery, their use as jewellery and currency and who might have buried them. The Viking sword, although corroded from over a millennium in the Moy, is a fine example of late 10th century craftsmanship and its conservation is revealing more details of its past. These objects give evidence of Mayo's Viking Heritage and are on display in the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough until June 2017.

See... www.museum.ie