



## **Delphi Events Calendar – What’s on in May**

Time for our round-up of all the goings-on in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. A Bank Holiday Weekend gets us off to a great start - a guarantee of a huge variety of events to choose from.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

#### **Leenane Walking Festival**

The Leenane Mountain Walking Festival has become a major successful event for Connemara and the area. Designed to suit all levels of walkers from casual low level walks to the more experienced, each day there’s a choice of at least 4 walks from strenuous to low level or something a bit different with a geology & archaeology fieldtrip included. This year’s programme includes the firm favourite Mweelrea Mountain walk as well as Maamtrasna, Ben Gorm and the Sheffreys to name a few.

See: [www.leenanevillage.com](http://www.leenanevillage.com)

#### **Connemara Mussel Festival**

A celebration of Killary Mussels harvested from “One of the Forty Places to See Before you Die” takes place on the glorious Renvyle Peninsula in North Connemara. This is the eighth year of the festival and promises that more mussels will be eaten here this weekend than in any other part of the country. Last year, over a ton of mussels were eaten and organisers are set to harvest three tonnes of Killary Mussels for this year's celebrations, which include music, fun, mussel cooking competitions.

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

#### **Féile Cois Cuain Louisburgh**

A wonderful celebration of traditional Irish music and song; show-casing talent of all ages from near and very far. The town of Louisburgh comes alive with music and the sheer joy of life – not to be missed.

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

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Galway Early Music Festival**

This annual Galway event features concerts by top international performers, workshops, schools events and music and theatre in the Galway City Museum and in the street. The Festival has a unique, relaxed and friendly atmosphere and highlights the medieval town of Galway and the artistic and cultural richness of the area.

See: <http://www.galwayearlymusic.com/festival.php>

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Famine Walk**

This annual AFRI (Action from Ireland) walk commemorates a 'journey of horror' taken by hundreds of people on March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> 1849.

See: <http://www.afri.ie/key-events/>

## **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mayo International Choral Festival**

This festival takes the form of several international male/female adult choirs travelling to Mayo each year, to partake on a competitive and non-competitive basis. Their visit will include a number of evening and daily performances county-wide, tours of Mayo and a gala concert in the Royal Theatre Castlebar on the Saturday night. The theme of the festival is to allow choirs to meet with other choirs, relax and enjoy a great weekend in the beautiful West of Ireland.

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

## **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tour de Connemara**

This event offers participants the choice of 140km or 80km routes and will travel through some of the finest coastal and mountainous landscape in Ireland and is part of a weekend festival of cycling that will provide activity and entertainment for all.

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

## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Connemara Bog Week**

A week packed with a mix of music, sport, 'craic' (a colloquial term for fun...only more so...) and stunning landscapes. Included in the week is the Connemara Walkabout, three gentle days of walking in a magical landscape in the company of scientists, musicians, poets and artists.

See: <http://www.cecc.org/index.php/our-events/conamara-bog-week.html>

## **Other things to do in May...**

### **Walking**

May's a great time for walking in Connemara - for a list of scheduled walks go to:  
[www.walkconnemara.com](http://www.walkconnemara.com)

### **Craft Fairs**

For Craft and Food Galway's famous 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.

Westport also hosts an indoor market on Thursdays from 8.30 am till 1.00 pm – fantastic food and wonderful locally crafted goods. Get there early!