



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

Time for our round-up of all the goings-on in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Guaranteed of a huge variety of events to choose from.

#### **The Westport Food Festival**

The Westport Food Festival will take place from Friday 23rd June to Sunday 25th June 2017 and is going to celebrate its 7th year in a row.

All local operators will be involved: food producers, restaurants and hoteliers will showcase all their delicious samples and tempting fare, recipes and tasting menus.

The event will include the Food Village & Fringe Festival taking place on June the 25th at the Octagon, a Midsummer Banquet at Westport House, Foody Tours, Kids’ Pizza-Making, Seaweed Foraging and Mushroom Foraging.

A must for any visitor are the Foodie Tours, culinary tours through the streets of Westport. Local musicians will perform good music throughout the week-end.

Come and discover much more!

See <http://www.westportfoodfestival.ie/>

#### **The Westport Sea Angling Festival**

The Westport Sea Angling Festival will take place in Westport Quay from Wednesday 21st June to Sunday 25th June 2017.

It is a very well-known event among anglers from all over Ireland, England, Scotland Wales and Holland. A day shore competition and a three days boat competition are organised every year since 1956.

Events include: Overall, Overseas, Ladies, Junior, Teams of 4 and Teams of 2, Daily prizes and more. The clear waters of the **Clew Bay**, near **Westport**, guarantee catches of different varieties of fish.

See <http://westportseaanglingfestival.eu/>

## **Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival**

Established in 2007, the Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival is a three-day event in Westport, Co. Mayo, which showcases the best of Irish and international folk and bluegrass music through concerts, sessions and workshops. In its eleventh year, the 2017 Festival will feature acts, from America, the UK, Europe, and of course Ireland—north and south—plus the Clew Bay Folk Club.

Over three days the town of Westport will come alive to the sound of bluegrass, old-time, and folk music in various formats, from concert performances in the Town Hall Theatre and the Holy Trinity Church, to small intimate gigs in coffee shops, bars and restaurants, to outdoor sessions, master-classes and workshops and also a luthiers' showcase.

The festival atmosphere is warm and open, where everyone—all generations, cultures and walks of life, locals and visitors alike—feel included and, most importantly, have fun. The audience consists of everyone from seasoned folk and bluegrass buffs to casual music fans, plus people just out for the craic.

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

## **Carrowniskey Races and Family Fun Day**

June 25 @ 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Carrowniskey Beach, Carrowniskey Beach  
Louisburgh.

The Carrowniskey Races and Family Fun Day will be held on 25th June 2017 at 12.00 at Carrowniskey Beach Louisburgh and is a fun day of horse racing on the beach and entertainment for all the family.

Beach racing with horses first became a popular form of entertainment in the last century with the early races in this area taking place on Carrowmore Beach, just outside the village of Louisburgh. These races then moved further along the coast to the beach at Cross near Killeen and then to the beach at Carrowniskey. The last of the races took place in 1982 and were held at nearby Killadoon Beach. The races were revived after a 28 year absence in 2010.

Now the strand caters for ten races. The majority of the races are filled with thoroughbreds under the auspices of the MHPRA along with some local races. These local ponies and non-thoroughbreds add some friendly competition to the day.

Start your summer on Sunday 25th June at 12.00pm with a day at the Carrowniskey Races. There will be bookies on the day also so you may have a bet. Lots of family fun and entertainment for everybody with a bouncy castle, ice cream van, food and drink stalls, public bar and dancing. New this year there will be a bicycle race on the beach and wife carrying competition. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Adults €10 and children go for Free.

[carrowniskeyraces@gmail.com](mailto:carrowniskeyraces@gmail.com)

## **Galway Sea Fest - National Maritime Festival**

30th June - 02nd July 2017

Sea Fest is Ireland's national maritime festival and this year it will be held in the Galway Harbour area in late June 2017. The extensive Sea Fest programme of events will include a seafood fair, seafood cookery demonstrations with celebrity chefs and seafaring family fun. Come along to discover all about our ocean from exploration methods to shipwrecks and life of deep oceans. There will be tours of Ocean going vessels, leisure craft and boats, exhibits on marine life and all manner of festival entertainment for all ages.

See [www.ouroceanwealth.ie/seafest](http://www.ouroceanwealth.ie/seafest)

## **Gaelforce West**

24th June 2017

Gaelforce West is the largest one day adventure race of its kind in the world. It is a multi-sport adventure race involving cycling, running, hiking and kayaking. The course of approximately 67km stretches from the stunning Glassilaun beach to Westport. En route there are some significant obstacles to cross, including Killary Harbour and the famous holy mountain of Croagh Patrick. The event is designed for solo competitors, but you can run it with a buddy or training partner.

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

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

### **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!