



## CITY BRIEFING

### Galway hosts science night

**GALWAY** will host Ireland's first ever 'European researchers night event' next month. 'Sea2sky' is part of the EU's plan to get people involved with science research.

The event is set for Leisureland and **Galway** Atlantiquaria in Salthill on Friday, September 23, and will feature exhibits on marine science and astronomy.

### BBQ for mental health group

A SUMMER BBQ Fundraiser in aid of GROW Mental Health will be held on Sunday, August 21, at 3pm in the Westwood Hotel, Dangan.

Tickets are €20 for adults, children (5-15Yrs) €10, and children under 5 free are available at the Westwood Hotel (091-521442) or from Mary (085-1499838) or Aideen (086-8032731).

There will be a punch reception, barbecue, music, raffle and face painting.

### Classical concert at NUI Galway

THE **Galway** Sinfonietta will perform its second concert in the Bailey-Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn NUIG, on Saturday week, August 20.

Formed by Joanne Cater and John Roe last Summer, this newly established group of players from **Galway** city and county aim is to develop performance skills for young and established musicians whose primary motivation is the desire to perform together, and to provide a platform for both teacher and student solo performers.

It will be conducted by John Roe and the soloist for the evening is Micheal Doo-ley who will perform Mozart's Bassoon Concerto. The programme also features Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* and Brahms *Serenade No. 2*. The concert commences at 7pm and admission is free. All are welcome.

### Beach nature walk in Spiddal

**GALWAY** County Council has issued an open invitation to allcomers to explore the nature of the seashore on one of the county's Blue Flag Beaches, at Spiddal Pier this Saturday, from 1-2pm.

A beach nature walk will be led by Marine Biologist, John Paul Tiernan, creator of the fascinating website [www.irishmarinelife.ie](http://www.irishmarinelife.ie).

The event is free but children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are advised.

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### Grandparents for Knock

PREPARATIONS are well underway for the annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday, September 11, when upwards of 15,000 pilgrims are expected on one of the shrine's busiest days of the year.

### Franciscan Lough Derg pilgrimage

TICKETS are on sale at the Abbey Church, Francis Street, for the Franciscan Annual Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday, August 20.

A bus will depart from the Abbey Church at 6am that day. Tickets are €45, including bus and island fee.

### Healthcare awards entries sought

ENTRIES from **Galway** are invited for this year's Irish Healthcare Awards, run by the Irish Medical Times. The closing date for entries is August 30 and winners will be announced at a gala event in Dublin in November.

The awards celebrate and reward innovation, excellence and achievement in the Irish health system and recognise projects that have made a positive contribution to the Irish health sector.

### Latin Mass

THE next monthly mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) will take place on Sunday, August 21, in the Army Church Renmore, Gal-