

Community Climate Assembly 2025

Saturday, 27th September

Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway

MC: Niall Ó Brolcháin

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| 10:00-10:30 | Exhibition & Tea/Coffee |
| 10:30-10:45 | Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Mike Cubbard, Mayor of the City of Galway• Prof. Becky Whay, University Deputy President & Registrar• Brendan Smith, Tuath Terryland Forest Park• Soley O'Dochartaigh-Irwin and Gemma Cunningham-Moorat, Youth Climate Assembly |
| 10:45-11:30 | Water session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Higgins, Corrib Beo• Kevin O'Crowley, Carra Mask Corrib Water Protection Group• Dr Stefano Odorico, Limerick School of Art & Design• Discussion |
| 11:30-12:15 | Mobility session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martina Callanan, Irish Cycling Campaign• Dr Pat Collins, Connemara Greenway• Brendan Mulligan, Gluas• Discussion |
| 12:15-12:45 | Lunch |
| 12:45-13:30 | Food & Wellbeing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claire Davey, Hinterland West• Fergal Anderson, Talamh Beo• Imelda Gormally, Galway City Partnership & Áine Hickey, Westside Community Garden• Discussion |
| 13:30-14:15 | Nature session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Nóirín Burke, Galway Atlantaquaria• Emily Reilly, Galway & Claddagh Swan Rescue• Tom Flanagan, Galway Community College• Discussion |
| 14:15-14:30 | Closing session |
| 14:30-15:30 | Optional campus tour |

Organisations represented at the Community Climate Assembly:

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| ABJ Foundation | GLUAS - Light Rail for the Galway Metropolitan Area |
| Aerogen | Hinterland West |
| An Taisce | Irish Cycling Campaign |
| Ballybane Community Garden | Let's Get Galway Growing - GCP |
| Ballyglunin community | Limerick School of Art & Design |
| Bounce Back Recycling/Upcycling | Nature Link West |
| Carra Mask Corrib Water Protection Group | Northern and Western Regional Assembly |
| Cisco Systems Ltd. | Renmore Residents Association |
| Claddagh Swan Sanctuary | Salthill Men's Shed |
| Connemara Greenway | SPeco sustainability consulting |
| Corrib Beo | StreamScapes |
| Dark Sky Ireland | Students' Union University of Galway |
| Fine Gael | Talamh Beo |
| Gaillimh le Gaeilge | Tejidos Femeninos |
| Galway Atlantaquaria | Tuatha of Terryland Forest Park |
| Galway Chamber | United Women Galway |
| Galway City Community Network (GCCN) | University of Galway |
| Galway City Council | WarmHome Hub |
| Galway City Partnership | World Saviours Organization (WSO) |
| Galway Community College | Youth Work Ireland Galway, SAUTI- Youth project |
| Galway County Council | |
| Galway Educate Together | |
| Galway Energy Co Operative / Warm Home Hub | |
| Galway Green Party | |
| Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board | |
| Galway Science & Technology Festival | |
| Galway Traveller Movement | |
| Galway Volunteer Centre | |
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Questions for discussion

Water session

- What makes Lough Corrib special and important for local people, nature, and visitors?
- What are the biggest problems and threats facing the lake today?
- What actions can we take now to protect and improve Lough Corrib, and how can we work with all stakeholders to ensure it is restored and safeguarded for the future?

Mobility session

- What do people of all ages and abilities need to make sustainable transport the easy choice when moving to and through their neighbourhood and community?
- What can neighbours, groups and colleagues do to persuade decision-makers to make streets safer and nicer?
- What can individuals and communities do to help to advance Light Rail Transit to the next stage (which is further analysis of potential routes with a view to identifying an Emerging Preferred Route to go to public consultation)?

Food & Wellbeing session

- What are the current community-led solutions that support resilient food systems in Galway?
- What barriers do communities in Galway face when trying to access quality local food?
- What does an inclusive food system that protects the environment look like in Galway city and county?

Nature session

- What can local neighbourhoods and workplaces do to protect and enhance biodiversity?
- How can biodiversity be safeguarded in an expanding city with more built environment for its growing human population?
- What would be your definition of a 'National Park City' and how could such a status protect the health of both the human and wildlife populations of Galway city?