

Irish Road Safety Week 2016

The following activities have been arranged around the country for Irish Road Safety Week (3-9 Oct):

Cork

- Road Safety Education visit to a Pre-School & 2 Primary School.
- Promotion of 'Give Cyclists 1.5' in the Rochestown Park Hotel on Wed the 5th October.
- Road Safety Stands will be set up in all Council Offices, Main Libraries & Swimming Pools.
- Cogan's Toyota Carrigaline, Co Cork are providing free tyre checks on the 3rd, free light checks on the 5th and free battery checks on the 7th October.

Donegal

- Donegal 'Road Safe' Show is taking place on 11 and 12 October in Letterkenny. Schools from Donegal, Derry and Tyrone attending - over 2500 will attend over 2 days.

Clare

- Cyclist safety and awareness day in Abbey Street Car Park, Ennis on the 8th of October 2016 in conjunction with Clare County Council & Ennis Garda station.

Longford

- Longford County Council is running a colouring competition next week for primary schools on road safety. It will be advertised in the local paper next week with prizes for 3 different categories. Entries can be sent to: Ann Marie Mc Keon, Longford County Council, Great Water Street, Longford.
- All transition years in the secondary schools in the county have been asked to create a road safety slogan/sticker to promote road safety. The prize is €500 for the winning class. Entries can be sent to: Ann Marie Mc Keon, Longford County Council, Great Water Street, Longford.

Galway

- Campaign aimed at GMIT
Galway County Council has teamed up with GMIT's Students Union and a road safety awareness campaign is taking place which will ensure pedestrians and cyclists visibility on our roads whereby 100 high visibility vests, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, will be distributed to students attending the college.

- **Cycling Training for National Schools**
A Cycling Training Programme is available to all national schools in Co. Galway outlining tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet the Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of the course, in conjunction with the Road Safety Authority.
- **Road Safety Awareness Poster Competition**
A Road Safety Awareness Poster Competition was held and the entries will be adjudicated on shortly! There are 3 Age Categories: Age 4-6; Age 7-9 and Age 10-12.

Posters will be on display in County Hall's Atrium during Road Safety Week.
Smyths Gift Vouchers will be forwarded to the winning entrants, along with a Certificate and goodie bags for all the runners up!

- **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUIG Students**
Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway Students Union, are running a road safety awareness campaign encouraging pedestrians and cyclists to arrive safely at college. 100 high visibility vests and 100 high visibility rucksack covers will be distributed to students attending the college, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.
- **Fire Service Demonstration - Campaign aimed at young drivers-to-be**
Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Galway Fire & Rescue Service and Civil Defence, have teamed up for a Road Safety Awareness Event at Coláiste Chroí Mhuire, An Spidéal on 6th October. The secondary school students who are about to become young drivers will have an opportunity to experience what happens at the scene of a road traffic collision – a car dismantling demonstration will take place and a fire engine, ambulance and Civil Defence crew will be present on the day.
- **Road Safety Video – ‘No Joke on the Road’**
Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Mayo Co. Council, is producing a short video whereby members of the public on the streets of Galway and Mayo are being interviewed and asked – how many people lost their lives on Irish roads in 2015; what do they think would be an acceptable number of road deaths and the final question is, what would be an acceptable number if their own families were involved. This impacts instantly and gets the road safety message across. The video is currently being finalised and will be available on social media to raise awareness to the general public.
- **Vehicle ‘Health Check’**
As the evenings are getting shorter and the weather gets more changeable, it is of the utmost importance that your car is in proper working order. For the winter months, road-users have the opportunity to avail of a FREE 5 Point Safety Check to ensure that their vehicle's:
 - Tyres, Brakes, Shocks, Lights/ Levels and Wipers are in proper working order.
 - It will give you peace of mind knowing your car is fit for driving this winter.
 The check takes approx. 15 minutes. Please ring & book your place in advance – details hereunder:
 - Advance Pitstop, Headford Road (beside LIDL) – Ph. 091 562154 or
 - Advance Pitstop, Ballybane (Unit 15 Ballybane Ind. Estate) – Ph. 091 779839



Opening Hours – Mon.-Fri. 8.30a.m.-6.00 p.m. Sat.
9.00a.m.-5.00 p.m. – Headford Road only

- **Be Safe, Be Seen!** - Campaign in conjunction with Publicans Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with publicans in Co. Galway, are running a road safety awareness campaign aimed at pub users who walk home. A high visibility vest will be distributed to pedestrians by a number of publicans in each Municipal District, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.
- **Eye Test**
To ensure the correct vision for driving, Specsavers are kindly offering Eye Tests at a reduced price of €10.00 from 3rd October to 31st December, '16, to staff and to the general public. Please contact Specsavers (Eyre Square, Galway) directly in relation to this offer and advise that you are availing of Galway Co. Council's Promotion – Ph. No. 091 568814.
- **High Visibility Vests**
High visibility vests will be distributed free-of-charge to members of the general public. If any staff member would like to avail of a High Visibility Vest, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, please email me your preferred size (S/M/L/XL).
Children's vests are also available – Sizes: Age: 2-4 years/ 4-6 years and 7-9 years.
For teenagers, Size Small generally suits.
- **'Drive for Life' – Road Safety Awareness Course for Teenagers**
The 'Drive for Life' Course is a one-day course offered to transition/ fourth year students and it aims to raise awareness of road safety and mould attitudes of young drivers-to-be before they actually start to drive. The Programme is aimed at preventing young people becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death. Galway County Council has offered subvention to all secondary schools in the county who participate in this course, during the current school year.