



ROAD SAFETY WEEK – 3rd to 9th October, 2022



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Road Safety Together Committee

Galway County Council's Road Safety Together Committee consists of representatives from Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Elected Member, Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and An Taisce.

The Committee meets regularly and jointly examines options available to improve road safety for pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists, motorists and road users, in general.

A Meeting of the Committee took place on 29th September, '22.



Road Safety Authority 2021 Statistics:

- 134 people lost their lives on Irish Roads in 2021 - 146 died in 2020, an 8% decrease
- In 2021, there were 99 Males and 35 Females killed on our roads
- 37% of road users were killed on 80 km/h roads
- Vulnerable road user fatalities - 18 Pedestrians/ 22 Motorcyclists/ 7 Cyclists
- 28% of all drivers and passengers killed were not wearing a seatbelt
- Tuesday was the most dangerous day of the week
- 21% of fatalities were aged 16-25 years, compared to 13% of fatalities in 2020
- 49% of fatalities occurred between 2pm and 10pm

The following will be taking place during Road Safety Week:

- **Display Stand in County Hall's Atrium**



- **Road Safety Awareness Literature** available on the following:

- Look Out! Stand Out!
- Going to School - advice for parents & guardians
- mobile phone and driving
- speeding
- seat belt wearing
- drink driving
- driver tiredness
- No Child Car Seat/ No Excuse
- medicines and driving
- guide to tyre safety
- cycle safety
- motorcycles/ mopeds
- child safety in cars
- motorway driving
- Driver licensing rules for drawing light trailers
- learner drivers
- roundabouts: using the correct lane
- road safety & the law in Ireland
- the correct use of lights on cars
- driving under the influence of drugs
- tyre depth gauge
- revised standards for agricultural vehicles
- Arrive Alive - Tax Disc cover

REMEMBER – ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT –
28% of all drivers and passengers killed in 2021 were NOT wearing a seatbelt!

o **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUIG Students**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway's Students Union, are running a road safety awareness campaign encouraging students who walk or cycle to college to arrive safely. High visibility vests will be distributed to students attending the college during Road Safety Week, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.



o **Fire Service Demonstration - Campaign aimed at Young Drivers-to-Be**



Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Galway Fire & Rescue Service, An Cheathrú Rua; HSE Ambulance Service; Galway Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána, will team up for a road safety awareness event aimed at teenagers at Coláiste Chroí Mhuire, An Spidéal, this Thursday, 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 person will be released from a vehicle. Crew from the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Civil Defence will be present, along with An Garda Síochána, to advise the 80 plus students present.

The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of what happens at the scene of an accident which will hopefully prevent the young drivers-to-be becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death.



(Photo: Demo held at Gairmscoil na bPiarsach, Ros Muc)

- **Specsavers Offer**



To ensure the correct vision for driving, the Road Safety Committee encourages everyone to get a Sight Test at least every 2 years. For the month of October, '22, Specsavers are offering standard Sight Tests for €15.00.

Please contact Specsavers directly at the Galway Shopping Centre, Headford Road Branch, in relation to this offer and advise that you are availing of Galway Co. Council's Promotion.

- **'Be Bright' 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 hundreds of high visibility rucksack covers, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, will be distributed to students attending the college.



- **'Arrive Alive'**



Galway Co. Council's 'Arrive Alive' initiative advises on No Texting and Driving. Discs are available, free of charge, to members of the public through its Motor Tax Offices. If you would like one, please email: dcaulfd@galwaycoco.ie

REMEMBER - NEVER DRIVE

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!

o **Cycling Training for National Schools**



A National Cycling Training Programme 'Cycle Right', in conjunction with Cycling Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, is available to all national schools in Co. Galway for the 2022/'23 school year. The training upskills young cyclists and outlines tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet at all times. The Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of this worthwhile course.

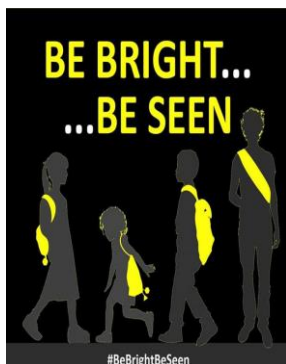
o **High Visibility Vests**

High visibility vests are distributed free-of-charge to members of staff and the general public, on an on-going basis, courtesy of the Galway Co. Council and the RSA.



Photo: High Visibility Vests distribution to Ukrainians, in conjunction with Peacocks Hotel, Maam Cross, and Community Warden Thomas O'Sullivan

If you would like to avail of a High Visibility Vest, please email me your preferred size - dcaulfd@galwaycoco.ie or call to the Public Counter, Roads Department, in Áras an Chontae. Adult Size: S/ M/ L/ XL/ XXL and Kids Size: Age: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 years. For Teenagers, size Small generally suits.



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Road Safety Authority - Road Safety Week

Irish Road Safety Week (IRSW) is taking place from Monday 3 October to Sunday 9 October.

We're looking for your help with this national drive to save lives, so if there are events happening in your community, get involved and help to save lives on our roads.

We also want to hear about what you're doing to support Irish Road Safety Week in your community, school or workplace, so please send the details to campaigns@rsa.ie and we'll post them on this page.

We look forward to working with you to help save lives and prevent serious injuries on our roads.

Here's the list of what's happening so far:

- The RSA are delighted to announce two separate Instagram competitions to win one of these prizes;

Cycling Jacket including

Reversible Hoodie including

- Drawstring bag

- Drawstring bag

- High visibility gilet

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- Reusable coffee cup

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- High visibility neckerchief

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- Bicycle lights

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The winner will receive one of these packs to ensure our winners are ready for the winter nights. Keep an eye on the RSA social media pages during Irish Road Safety Week for more in the coming week.

- On Monday 03 October, the RSA will host an event promoting the European Road Safety Charter Open in new browser tab in Ireland and encouraging everyone to sign-up and play their part in Ireland's journey towards Vision Zero.
- Wednesday 5 October is Tyre safety Day. You can download a copy of 'Your guide to Tyre Safety' which includes information on buying second-hand tyres. The Irish Tyre Industry Association (ITIA) members around Ireland are inviting all motorists to call in for a FREE tyre pressure check and thread depth inspection during Irish Road Safety Week. A visit to www.itia.ie will lead motorists to their nearest ITIA registered dealer.
- The RSA will be airing its winter ready radio advert throughout the week. As the winter months are approaching its time to make sure your vehicle is maintained ahead of the winter season.
- National 'Child Safety Day', previously known as Open in new browser tab "Beep Beep Day" takes place on Friday 7 October. It is a chance for Pre-schoolers to get involved in road safety. Pre-schools ordered Beep Beep packs on the RSA website and we will be distributing these packs, with over 40,000 high visibility vests to pre-schools nationwide, in time for Child Safety Day.
- In October, the RSA will also be distributing its 'Back to School' pack to primary students and the Seatbelt Sheriff and Hi Glo Silver will be making an appearance also.
- The RSA 'StreetSmart' brings road safety to life in a fun way for young children aged between 4 and 12 years. For more information or to book StreetSmart, email streetsmart@rsa.ie
- Check it Fits, the RSA's free child car seat checking service will be visiting Cavan and Meath during the Irish Road Safety Week. We will also be promoting RSA's the Code of Practice for Child Car Seat Retailers. For more details on these and other locations please visit the Check it Fits section of our website here.
- Our National Road Safety Education Service will be delivering road safety education programmes both face-to-face and virtually to crèches, schools, universities, workplaces and communities throughout the week.' If you would like to have a visit from the service throughout the year please see here.

- The RSA's Road Safety Interactive Shuttle will be in Donegal, Mayo, Sligo and Roscommon during road safety week. To book our shuttle unit or find out more information, please email shuttlebus@rsa.ie.
- Our 'Leading Lights in Road Safety Awards' are back and nominations are now open for 2022! Now in their thirteenth year, the awards will recognise and honour the contribution made by individuals, groups and communities from all over Ireland in reducing serious injuries and deaths on our roads.

This is the first Leading Lights in Road Safety Awards since the launch of the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030. Entrants will be recognised for not only making Ireland's roads safer, but for their contribution to Ireland's journey toward Vision Zero – zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050.

In 2022 the media award will be given in honour of former RSA chairperson and esteemed broadcaster, Gay Byrne. So if you know an individual, school, business or organisation who is committed to making our roads safer, why not nominate them now for a Leading Light in Road Safety Award.

- The Donegal Road Safe Road Show returns for the first time since 2019. Almost 3,000 secondary school students, Youth reach learners as well as students from schools in Derry and Strabane will attend. The show will be held in the Aura Leisure, Letterkenny Co. Donegal on 4 and 5 October 2022 with one show on each day.