

Galway's Heritage Buildings Show 2016



The Venue

This exciting exhibition takes place in the grounds of Portumna Castle which is managed by the Office of Public Works. Dramatically located on the shores of Lough Derg on the River Shannon, Portumna Castle is an imposing example of Irish architecture of the early 17th-century.

Built before 1618 by Richard Burke, 4th Earl of Clanricarde, the house became the main seat of the Burke family for over 200 years. The semi-fortified house was one of the first in Ireland to display a renaissance influence and it also represents a transition between the fortified castle and the typical larger house of the eighteenth century.

Today, Portumna Castle is a centre of conservation skills and training where the OPW operate one of their traditional skills apprenticeship programmes.

The Galway Heritage Building Show 2016 takes place in marquees located in the Outer Courtyard of Portumna Castle, while the hourly conservation talks take place in the audio-visual room of Portumna Castle.

Parking: There is no on-site parking for visitors to the exhibition at Portumna Castle. Parking is available at the Portumna Marina (five minutes' walk from the Castle) or on street parking in the village of Portumna (five minutes' walk from Portumna Castle).

Food: The OPW Portumna Castle site does not have a café however Portumna village is a five minute walk from the castle where there are a selection of cafes and restaurants.

For further information: www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/portumnacastleandgardens

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**Sat 7th
& Sun 8th
May**

**OPW Portumna
Castle, Co. Galway
10am to 5pm
daily**

A weekend of Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations & Conservation Talks

for everyone interested in period buildings, architectural conservation and traditional building skills

**Admission
Free**



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Galway County Council



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Traditional Building Skills on Show

A weekend of traditional building skills demonstrations and conservation talks will take place at the OPW's Portumna Castle. Portumna Castle will become a one-stop destination for owners in need of accurate, impartial and free advice on caring and repairing their old buildings.

Take the opportunity to:

- ♦ Watch over two dozen craftspeople demonstrate key traditional building skills needed for the conservation of old buildings including: sash window repairs; stained glass & fanlight conservation; stone carving; dry stonewall construction; use of lime based mortars; decorative plasterwork; ironwork; slate roofing; mud wall construction; thatching; and furniture and clock restoration to name a few.
- ♦ Listen to informative and interactive talks on old buildings: their history, maintenance and repair.
- ♦ Engage one-to-one with your Council's Conservation Officer to ask about the management and care of your old building.
- ♦ Gather information on protected structure planning law, insurance, finance and related topics.
- ♦ Talk to representatives at the information stands: Association of Architectural Conservation Officers, Building Limes Forum; Galway County Council; Galway Heritage Forum; Heritage Contractors; Irish Georgian Society; and Irish Horological Craft Forum.



Irish Georgian Society & Galway County Council
in association with the Office of Public Works present

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Portumna Castle (all talks free & no booking required)

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Saturday 7th May

- 10am** *Aspects of Conservation Work in the West of Ireland - characteristics, problems and rewards* by Gerry McManus, Conservation Architect, Galway
- 11am** *Galway's Thatched Buildings* by Dr Fidelma Mullane, Board member of The Heritage Council
- 12 noon** *My House is a Protected Structure: what does this mean?* by Jacqui Donnelly, Architectural Conservation Advisor, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- 1pm** *Georgian Architecture: a talk for Leaving Certificate Art students on how to answer the 'Georgian Architecture' question* by Myles McKenna, architectural historian & OPW Guide.
- Official Launch of Exhibition in main marquee area**
- 2pm** *Coastal Architectural Heritage: from Aughinish (Galway Bay) to Kilrush* by Sarah Jane Halpin, Architectural Conservation Research Officer, Dublin City Council and co-author of Clare Coastal Architectural Heritage Survey (2007/8)
- 3pm** *The Importance of Using Lime in Traditional Buildings* by Úna Ní Mhearáin, Building Limes Forum Ireland
- 4pm** *Approaches to the Conservation of Ruins* by Aighleann O'Shaughnessy, retired Senior Architect, OPW National Monuments

Sunday 8th May

- 10am** *Funding your Built Heritage Community Conservation Project* by Máirín Doddy, Architectural Conservation Officer Galway County Council, Ursula Marmion, Former Executive Director Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna and Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard Courthouse Conservation and Heritage Co Ltd.
- 11am** *Conservation Planning for the House – setting up repairs and improvements* by Colm Murray, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council
- 12 noon** *Historic Windows: their history, significance and conservation* by Dr Nessa Roche, Architectural Conservation Advisor, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- 1pm** *The Joint is not the Point: lime pointing in rubble stone walls, the importance of correct preparation and application* by Henry O'D. Thompson, The Old Builders Company
- 2pm** *The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and the Galway County Survey* by Willie Cumming, Director, NIAH, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- 3pm** *Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings* by Deirdre McDermott, DMD Architects, President of ICOMOS Ireland and member of ICOMOS NSC Energy & Sustainability
- 4pm** *The Conservation and Repair of Historic Roofs* by Laura Bowen, RIAI Conservation Architect and co-author of DAHG Advice Series, A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs'

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Galway County Council

Galway County Council has a strong commitment to the conservation and promotion of the county's cultural and natural heritage. They employ an Architectural Conservation Officer, Máirín Doddy and a Heritage Officer, Marie Mannion, whose work ensures that there is an enhanced level of understanding, conservation and preservation of the county's natural and built heritage.

Irish Georgian Society

The Irish Georgian Society works to promote and protect Ireland's built heritage, designed landscapes and decorative arts. It is a charitable organisation founded in 1958 with 2,000 members. By joining, you support the society's conservation and education work.

Members have the opportunity to avail of a first rate events programme, which includes access to significant historic buildings and gardens often closed to the public.

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