

# What's Happening Guide, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

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## News & Reviews:

A few important things to look out for this week;

- Firstly the fantastic [Exam De-stress Programme](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news_reviews/view/104/) [http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news\\_reviews/view/104/](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news_reviews/view/104/) for full details chill out and release all that tension in a relaxed and comfortable environment! Events run from Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, NUIG Orchestra Soc and Choral Soc are having a Christmas Concert in aid of Zikomo, a charity group committed to fostering the long-term self-sufficiency of rural communities in southern Malawi. The event will be held in the Upper Aula Maxima from 8pm. Tickets are €5 and are available from the SocsBox in Áras Na MacLéinn. It promises to be a fantastic event - don't miss out!
- The Arts Office "EYE Spies" Photographic Exhibition launches 5pm Wednesday, 2 December in the Art Gallery situated in the Quadrangle. Runs until Wed 16 December. Open 12-4, Mon - Sat.
- A chill-out space will be available on Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of December, from 5.30 - 7.30pm, in the Large Acoustic Room in Áras Na MacLéinn. Enjoy console gaming with projector & big screen!
- Glas Vegas the TG4 talent show is now looking for entrants full details here: [http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news\\_reviews/view/97/](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news_reviews/view/97/)

## Business Society Trip to Dublin, 23.11.2009

### NUI Galway Business Society holds discussions with An Taoiseach



A delegation from the NUI Galway Business Society recently undertook a two day visit to Dublin, with the highlight being a meeting with An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, T.D., in Leinster House. Further visits were also taken to the Central Bank on Dame Street and also the Four Courts. Delegates attend and participate in RTE's current affairs programme, 'The Frontline'. After the show, students met Pat Kenny, Students also met with former Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, and Labour Spokesperson on Finance, Deputy Joan Burton.

# Monday 30th November

## Students Union

### [Sign Language Class](#)

Time: 17:00:00 – 18:00:00

Meeting Room 1

Come and learn in the Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## BA Connect Soc

### [Weekly Meeting](#)

Time: 18:00:00 – 19:00:00

Meeting Room 1

Come and join in in the Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## Fansci

### [Movie Night with Fansci](#)

Time: 19:00:00 – 22:00:00

McMunn Theater (Concourse)

Come along to watch sci-fi and fantasy movies, tv episodes, anime's and all sorts. If there's something you want to see email us at fansci@socs.nuigalway.ie

## Italian Soc

### [Italian Films](#)

Time: 19:30:00 – 22:30:00

AM150/ Mairtin O thunthail

A great series of Italian films, covering many different topics and contentious themes, come along and enjoy the beautiful italian language.

## Celtic World Society

### [Ancient Music Ireland presents: 'Overtone' in concert.](#)

Time: 20:00:00 – 22:00:00

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Ancient Music Ireland presents: 'Overtone' in concert, a live recording exploring a rediscovery of acoustic colour that is 'instrumental overtone' on ancient and modern musical instruments.

Salut! We need at least 10 people come with us to this event on the 13th november. We have got special discount tickets for society members, only E10! This is a fantastic event, having seen them perform before, I cannot recommend them enough:). They have some of the only accurate reproductions of some of the great archaeological finds of instruments from the Bronze age and later, including the Loughnashade trumpet!

So just let us know if you are interested to come with us or send us an email or leave a message on our wall ASAP as places are limited!

## **Choral Soc**

### **[Christmas Concert](#)**

Time: 20:00:00 – 21:30:00

Upper Aula Maxima

Choral Soc's joint Christmas Concert with the NUIG Orchestra takes place in the Upper Aula Maxima at 8 o' clock. Tickets are €5 and are available from the socs box, and will also be available at the door on the night.

## **Orchestra Soc**

### **[Concert in aid of Zikomo](#)**

Time: 20:00:00 – 22:00:00

Aula Maxima

Choral Soc's joint Christmas Concert with the NUIG Orchestra takes place in the Upper Aula Maxima at 8pm. Tickets are €5 and are available from the socs box, and will also be available at the door on the night.

## **Tuesday 1st December**

### **[Lunchtime Mindfulness](#)**

Time: 13:00:00 – 14:00:00

small Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn

Come and relax in the Small Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## **Juggling Soc**

### **[Juggling Tutorial and Practice Session](#)**

Time: 18:00:00 – 22:00:00

Áras na Mac Léinn Bailey Allen hall

Every week we have some of the best jugglers around giving workshops in their chosen area of expertise, so come along if you want to learn how to swing Poi, twirl Staffs, juggle Clubs and Balls, spin Diablos, roll Contact Balls, flip Hats and do .... well

cool stuff with Devil Sticks! I think you get the idea! People of ALL skill levels welcome from complete beginner to advanced. If you don't want to participate in the workshop come along anyway to use our equipment and as always feel free to ask anyone you want to teach you anything you want!!

## **FanSci**

### **[Wargaming in Model World](#)**

Time: 18:00:00 – 22:00:00

Modelworld in the Lisbaun Industrial Estate.

Call 0872394136 for directions/details. (Armies provided if needed!)

## **Lit & Deb**

### **[Workshop 10 - The State & Your Ass In Jail: Law Debates](#)**

Time: 19:00:00 – 21:00:00

Kirwan Theatre

Workshop on law debates, focusing on the pillars of justice, prisons and contract law. The format of these workshops will be opening with a debate with 3-minute speeches (or perhaps even just 15-minutes prep) on an law motion, then discussion on what teams are missing in terms of points & analysis, some theoretical stuff, then a full-length debate on a related law motion.

## **Anime and Manga Society**

### **[Film Screening](#)**

Time: 20:00:00 – 23:00:00

Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn

Come and sample the Anime delights in the Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## **Wednesday 2nd December**

### **Students Union**

#### **[Sign Language Class](#)**

Time: 11:00:00 – 12:00:00

Meeting Room 1

Come and learn in the Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## **FanSci**

## [Wednesday Gaming Extravaganza](#)

Time: 18:00:00 – 22:00:00

AC202

The legendary FanSci weekly gaming extravaganza for one and all.

## **DJ Soc**

### [DJ Soc Classes](#)

Time: 18:00:00 – 19:30:00

aras na mac leinn - large acoustic room.

Want to learn to work the decks all welcome. Watch out for other events coming up.

## **Sewing Society**

### [Sewing Soc Weekly Session](#)

Time: 18:00:00 – 21:00:00

The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn

Come and get involved in the Space, Aras na Mac Leinn.

## **Christian Union Soc**

### [Last Meeting for semester](#)

Time: 19:00:00 – 21:45:00

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TBA activitiy

## **Dramsoc**

### [Dramsoc-Stage & Confused](#)

Time: 19:00:00 – 22:00:00

The View Aras na Mac Leinn

weekly improv & theatre games session, unleash your dramatic side. All welcome.

## **Cumann Staire (History)**

### [Gaelic Harp Recital](#)

Time: 19:00:00 – 20:00:00

Áras na Mac Léinn

Ann Heymann is today's first Gaelic harper to approach the cláirseach idiomatically while applying rigorous historical and traditional standards. In 1974 she obtained a

Cloghane Castle (Otway) replica and taught herself to play traditional music with long fingernails and a right-handed bass; opposite from modern practice. With husband Charlie Heymann as vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, Ann utilises a range of historical sources, including the Bunting, Robert ap Huw and píobaireachd manuscripts, to musically interpret bardic poetry, lament and Irish harp composition. Investigating a tonal disparity associated with the relatively short basses of the cláirseach's medieval low-headed form, Ann followed clues contained within early Irish texts to discover that monofilament high carat gold and silver wire are not only feasible but actually give the instrument an exceptional voice. This will be a fascinating concert of Irish music and poetry from the 10th century right up to the time of the last of the harpers, including, of course, Carolan.

Ann performs a recital based on her research at 19:00 in the large acoustic room in Áras na Mac Léinn on Wednesday while the following day (Déardaoin 3ú) she presents a talk entitled 'The Early Irish Harp, c. 800–1800; A Changing But Unbroken Tradition' at 16:00 in the seminar room of the Martha Fox House.

## **Chess Soc**

### **[Chess Soc Weekly Meeting](#)**

Time: 20:00:00 – 23:59:00

Smokey's

Come play with us ;)

Even if you're a complete beginner, or a little bit rusty, just spend an evening or two with us and we'll have you mating your opponent in no time.

## **Thursday 3rd December**

### **Organic Gardening Society**

#### **[Organic Garden Weekly Session](#)**

Time: 12:00:00 – 14:00:00

12 Distillery Road (up from AIB, rear entrance of college)

Weekly Work Session in Organic Garden  
Everyone Welcome!

### **Nothing Specific**

#### **[Retro Gaming Night](#)**

Time: 16:00:00 – 23:30:00

Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn

Come and join in the Games in the Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn.

### **Juggling Soc**

## [Free for All Practice Session](#)

Time: 18:00:00 – 22:00:00

aras na mac leinn

Free for All Juggling Practice Session! Come along and use our equipment to learn whatever you want! Just ask anyone present and they'll be delighted to teach you!

## **Chess Soc**

### [Beginners' Sessions.](#)

Time: 18:45:00 – 19:45:00

Upstairs in the Bridge Club, St. Mary's Road.

Mainly for kids and the adult beginners from the classes, but you're all welcome to drop down for a game if you wish.

## **Friday 4th December**

### **Microsoc**

#### [Guest speaker: Dr. Cormac Gahan from UCC](#)

Time: 13:00:00 – 14:00:00

Duncan Theatre

Seminar Title to be confirmed.

Coffee/Tea and biscuits in the Microbiology Coffee Room from 12.45

### **Polish Society**

#### [Barburka](#)

Time: 20:00:00 – 23:59:00

TBC

Barburka Party!!!

## **Saturday 5th December**

## **Mature Students**

### **Childrens' Christmas Party**

Time: 12:00:00 – 16:00:00

Áras na Mac Léinn

The Mature Students Society are hosting the annual Childrens' Christmas Party in Áras na Mac Léinn on Saturday 5th December. The event is open to all students with children. There will be fun and games, with a special visit from the man himself, Santa Claus. Contact the society at [maturestudents@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:maturestudents@socs.nuigalway.ie) for any further information.

## **Life Society**

### **Iona Conference**

Time: 14:00:00 – 16:30:00

Buswells Hotel Dublin

"Science has given us something new: families that are designed, from the start, to have only a single parent; to have quite a few parents; to have two parents, only one of whom is biologically related to the child, the other of whom is not biologically related, with a third party out there who is biologically related, but often, unknown...parental roles are being divided up and divvied out, outsourced and re-shuffled and even deleted." (Lisa Mundy, "Everything Conceivable: How Assisted Reproduction is changing men, women and the world") The Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) industry is of growing concern to regulators, ethicists and members of the public. The Government will soon be deciding upon a regulatory framework for the industry. The Iona Institute is concerned that any such framework be as child-centred as possible and move away from the current adult-centred perspective. This conference will discuss how this may be best achieved and will look at such issues as sperm and egg donation and the growing tendency to use AHR techniques such as IVF to separate children deliberately from their natural parents, from mothers and fathers and the often painful consequences of this. The consequences are increasingly apparent from the testimony of the thousands of 'donor-offspring' who are now adults. The half-day conference will also see the launch of The Iona Institute position paper on this subject which is written by columnist Breda O'Brien. Contact Life Society [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) or call/text Maria 0876217702 if you are interested in attending.