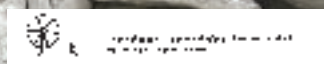
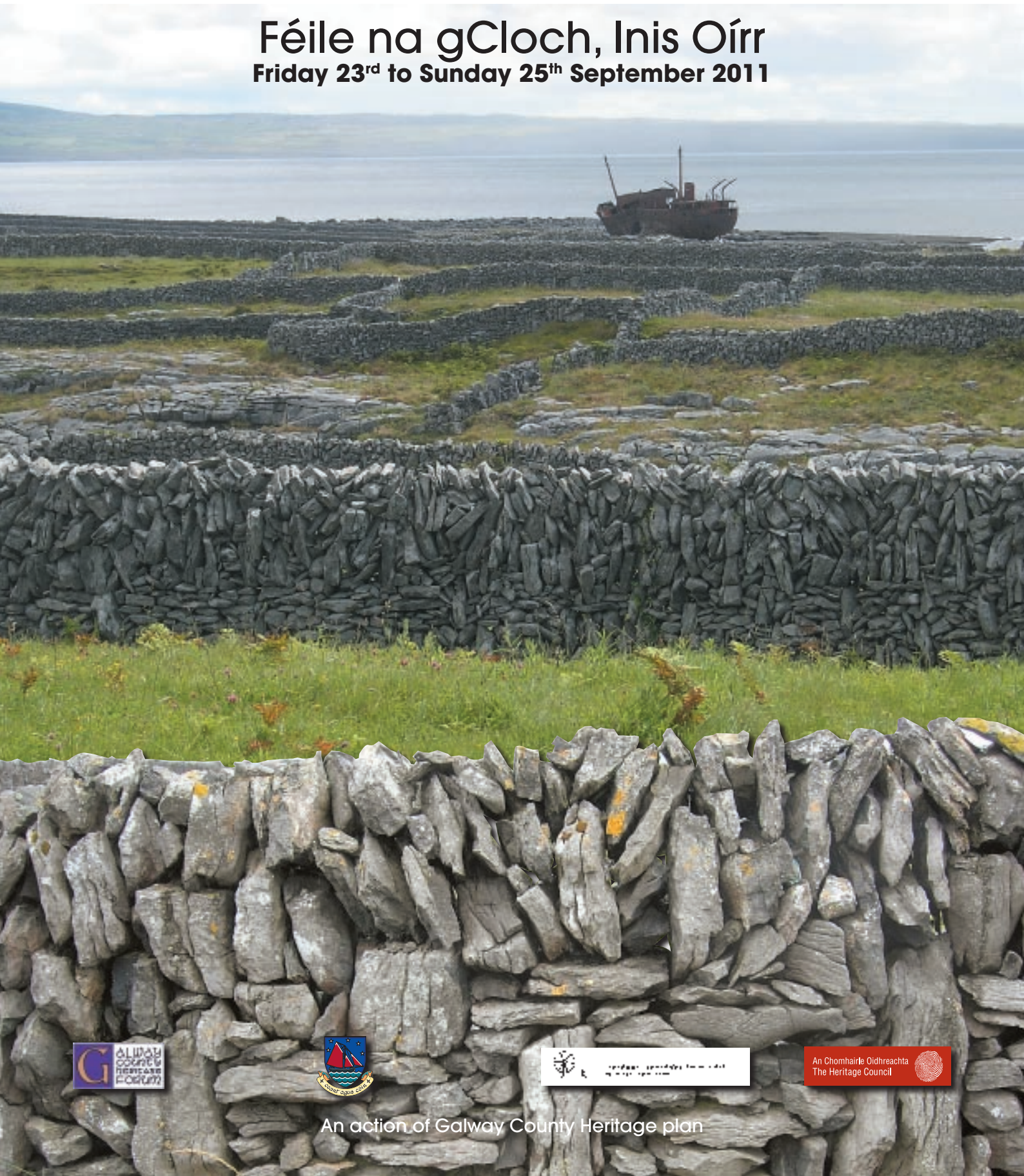


# STONE WALL WORKSHOP

Féile na gCloch, Inis Oírr  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011



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## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011

- 11.00am – 1.00pm Registration / tea Coffee in Comhar Caomhán Teo.  
Welcome to Inis Oírr by Paddy Crowe  
Introduction by Marie Mannion
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm – 5.00pm Set out and start building traditional Aran Island dry stone wall with Pat McAfee
- 5.00 pm – 6.00pm Talk 'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine – Preserving Cultural Landscapes in the Lake District.' by Gavin Rose
- 7.00pm Evening Meal in Tigh Ruairí (price not included in seminar fee)

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011

- 9.00am – 1.00pm Construction & building of traditional Aran Island drystone wall with Pat McAfee at Comhar Caomhán Teo.
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm – 5.00pm Construction & building of traditional Aran Island drystone wall with Pat McAfee
- 5.00pm – 6.00pm Talk 'Comparing the Limestone Walls of Kentucky, Northwest Scotland, Mallorca and Ireland.' by Nick Aitken
- 7.00pm Tigh Ned – pig spit (price not included in seminar fee)

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011

- 9.30am – 1.00pm Island Heritage Walk to view the traditional drystone wall types
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch (Tigh Ned)
- 2.00pm Ferry/plane home





## Biographies/background

### Nick Aitken

Nick is a drystone dyker working for a local government department in the Highlands of Scotland, an area representing one third of the land mass of Scotland. He works with many rock types and gets into corners of the country some folks never get the chance to see. Nick is a professional member of the Dry Stone Walling Association and qualified as a Master Craftsman, Instructor and Examiner. In 2001 he won a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship and spent a couple of months travelling from Cape Breton to New York, studying their drystone structures. Nick has also visited and worked in Kentucky. Many of the Scottish and Kentucky walls were built by Irishmen.

### Gavin Rose

In his talk Gavin will give examples of maintaining various structures, and particularly drystone walls, in the Lake District and to contrast this with the expensive process of reconstructing structures after they have been allowed fall into a state of ruin. There are many examples of this in the Lake District. He will discuss how preserving this cultural 'fabric' can translate into direct benefits to the local economy through tourism. Gavin works for the National Trust, which is one of the largest registered charities in Britain and is dedicated to preserving the country's natural and cultural heritage. He is a ranger and divides his time between repairing and constructing mountain paths in the summer and repairing walls and carrying out other countryside activities over winter.

### Patrick McAfee

Patrick McAfee is a stonemason and author of Irish Stone Walls and also Stone Buildings and is currently writing a book on working with lime. He is involved in running courses in dry stone walling and traditional lime mortars as well as bridge repair. He has worked at stone extensively throughout Ireland and in recent years in the U.S.





It is recommended that Course Participants are suitably dressed for the workshop and that they wear sturdy shoes or walking boots, work gloves and dress for the weather.

Please note: It is recommended that you book your own accommodation and transport prior to booking this course. Please see enclosed a list of accommodation and transport providers. Please also make your own arrangements for evening meals.

## Workshop Information

### Dates

Friday 23rd September 2011  
Saturday 24th September 2011  
Sunday 25th September 2011

### Location

Inis Oírr, Co. Galway

### Payment

Payment must be received in Euro.

Cheques should be made payable to:  
"Galway County Council – Stone Wall Workshop"

### Cancellation

A refund of fees (less €20 administration charge) will be given, provided that notice of cancellation is received in writing on or before 16th September 2011. After this date no refunds will be given.

### Enquiries

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### **Who should attend?**

Stone Wallers, Farmers, Property Owners, Architects, Builders and Craftspeople, Archaeologists, Local Authority Staff, Rural Social Scheme Participants, FÁS Employees, Local History Enthusiasts, REPs Planners and anybody with an interest in stone walls.

### **Transport to Inis Oírr**

Workshop participants must book their own transportation to Inis Oírr. There is one ferry company between Rossaveal, Co. Galway and Inis Oírr and there are three ferry companies operating between Doolin, Co. Clare and Inis Oírr.

### **Ferries**

There is one ferry company operation between Rossaveal, Co. Galway and Inis Oírr and there are three ferry companies operating between Doolin, Co. Clare and Inis Oírr. The following are their contact details:

Rossaveal to Inis Oírr

Island Ferries: 091 572050

Doolin to Inis Oírr

Aran Doolin Ferries: 065 7074455

Doolin Ferries.com: 065 7075555

Doolin2Aran Ferries: 065 7086060

### **Air Travel**

Workshop participants must make their own travel arrangements. They can fly with Aer Arann from Inverin in Connemara, Co. Galway.

Aer Arann

Contact number is 091 593034

### **Accommodation**

Workshop participants must book their own accommodation. The following is a listing of accommodation that is available on Inis Oírr:

#### **Bed & Breakfast in Inis Oírr**

Baile an Fhormna / Formna Village

Peadar Ó Conghaile 099 75082

Caitríona Uí Chatháin 099 75090

Fáilte Ireland Approved

#### **Baile Thiar / West Village**

Ostán Inis Oírr 099 75020 Fáilte Ireland Approved

Ruairí Ó Conghaile 099 75002

Máire Searraigh 099 75024

Una McDonagh 099 75005

Máire Foley 099 75037

Rose Uí Chonghaile 099 75108

Barbara Uí Chonghaile 099 75025

Peadar Ó Conghaile 099 75114

Paula Uí Chonghaile 086 3068252

#### **Baile an Chaisleáin / Castle Village**

Bríd Póil 099 75019 Fáilte Ireland Approved

Áine Uí Ghríofa 099 75983

#### **Baile an tSéipéil / Chapel Village**

Bernie Uí Dhonncha 099 75088

Pádraig Ó Donncha 099 75000

#### **Baile an Lurgain / Lurgan Village**

Chris Brennan 099 75125

Brú/Hostel: Fáilte Ireland Approved 099 75024

### **Evening Meals**

Evening Meals can be booked at the following:

Tigh Ruairí 099 75002

Ostán Inis Oírr 099 75020

Fishermans Cottage (bookings only) 099 75072

### **Additional Information about the island:**

Contact: Comhar Caomhán Teo, Inis Oírr, Árann, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Phone: 099 75008; Fax: 099 75071

Web: [www.inisoirr-island.com](http://www.inisoirr-island.com)



## Registration Form

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and return with your payment to:  
Stone Wall Workshop, C/o Ms. Gráinne Smyth, Forward Planning, Áras an Chontae, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway, Ireland. Tel: 00353 91 509121 Email: gsmyth@galwaycoco.ie

We suggest that you photocopy this form for your records.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee

Please tick appropriate box:

#### Full Workshop Fee

(All lectures, demonstrations, tea/coffee, and lunches Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th) €75

#### Partial Workshop Fee

Friday Lectures/workshop, tea/coffee & lunch €25

Saturday workshop, tea/coffee & lunch €25

Sunday workshop, tea/coffee & lunch €25

**Total:** € \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

I enclose a cheque/bank draft for \_\_\_\_\_ (Euros) payable to 'Galway County Council -Stone Wall Workshop and send to Stone Wall Workshop, C/o Ms. Gráinne Smyth, Forward Planning, Áras an Chontae, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway, Ireland.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this conference?  Mailing  Advert  Internet  Other

Your particular interest in attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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