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COINNIEMARA WEST

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Connemara West AGM will be held in Ellis Hall, Letterfrack
on 22nd May 2019

Connemara West is a community owned and managed rural development company based in Letterfrack in North West Connemara. It was established in 1971 to promote the social, economic and cultural development of the area. We have come a long way since 1971.

Connemara West Directors and Staff

Directors

Kevin Heanue	<i>Chairman</i>
Kathleen Kane	<i>Secretary</i>
Cathy Keane	
Padraic Lyden	
Paddy Walsh	
Gerard Coyne	
Paddy Kane	
Patrick Sammon	

Conservation | Letterfrack Staff

Sven Habermann	<i>Manager</i>
Simon Brown	<i>Senior Conservator/Restorer</i>
John Hewer	<i>Cabinetmaker Sept-Dec 2018</i>
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Janet O'Toole

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Geraldine Walsh *Food Handler*

Connemara West Staff

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Paddy Joe Hession
John Conroy
Gerard Heanue
David McCrudden
Bernard Conroy *to March 2019*
David Coyle *to March 2019*
Joe Kane *to March 2019*

Interns

Laragh Gray	<i>GMIT - Jun-Dec 2018</i>
Stephanie Gray	<i>Aquinas - Jan-Apr 2019</i>
Elizabeth Schoof	<i>Aquinas - Jan-Apr 2019</i>
Madeline Tompkins	<i>Aquinas - Jan-Apr 2019</i>

CE Staff – other roles in Connemara West and in the community

Declan Curran *Connemara Community Radio*
Theresa Coyne *Connemara Community Radio*
Tommy Roe *Connemara Community Radio*
John Conneely *Connemara Rugby Club*
Anne Vallely *Renvyle Thatched Cottages*
Fiona Lydon *Connemara West Admin &
Accounts*
Linda Gordon *Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche*
Angela Williams *Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche*

Share Transfers

If you have any queries about shares or would like to transfer shares please do not hesitate to contact Janet on 095 47117 or email janet.otoole@connemarawest.ie and she will be happy to assist you. We have had a steady flow of requests for share transfers over the past few years. The Board of Connemara West are delighted with the continued interest shown by people in the company and the transfer of shares continues to bring new shareholders into the company which will prove vital support for Connemara West in the future.



Renvyle Thatched Cottages

Built in 1973 these iconic nine thatched cottages in Tullycross village are rented to traditional tourists and are also home to students and Professors from six US colleges who base their Study Abroad programmes in Tullycross. In the future the cottages will provide accommodation for the Global Learning and Digital Hub being developed in the village.



Teach Ceoil

Established in 1977 the Teach Ceoil in Tully village is a centre for Irish culture, particularly traditional music, song and dance. The Teach Ceoil hosts the Seisiún in the summer and music, song and dance classes throughout the year.



Office Services

Since 1980 Connemara West has provided a range of office services to the public such as colour printing (up to and including A3); photocopying; faxing; ring/slide binding; laminating; emailing and scanning from its Letterfrack office.



GMIT Letterfrack

Since 1987 Connemara West has participated in an innovative educational partnership with GMIT Letterfrack to deliver honours degree programmes in Furniture Design and Manufacture; Furniture and Wood Technology; Teacher Education. GMIT Letterfrack is the National Centre of Excellence for Furniture Design and Wood Technology.



Conservation | Letterfrack

Established in 1999 this workshop provides a conservation and restoration service to the highest international standards throughout Ireland for furniture, wooden artefacts and architectural woodwork.



Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche

Built in 2006 the community crèche based in Letterfrack, offers a range of childcare services to the North West Connemara catchment area.

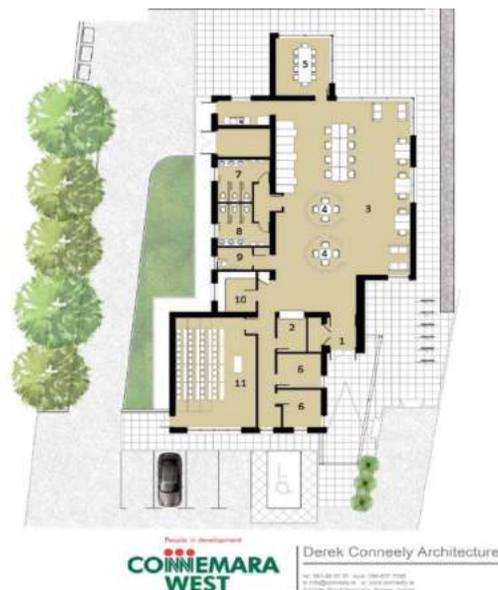


Development partnerships with other local and non-local organisations

Connemara West partners with many other organisations (e.g. Connemara Community Radio, GRET, Forum Connemara CLG, Aquinas College, Western Development Commission, Equal Ireland) to provide social housing, community services, sports facilities, community radio, adult and continuing education, rural development social inclusion programmes and tourism and education infrastructure delivery to the people of North West Connemara.

Global Learning & Digital Hub

Recent annual reports have outlined progress on the International Education Centre in Tullycross which will provide facilities for local and international education programmes as well as the emerging markets of corporate and Wellness retreats. Now rebranded as the Global Learning & Digital Hub, Connemara West has obtained planning permission for a major refurbishment and renovation of the nine thatched cottages in Tullycross. When renovated, the cottages will be able to accommodate 40 people. In addition, we have received planning permission to build a new education centre in Tullycross on the site of the former Parochial House, which will contain a 50-seat auditorium; a Wi-Fi-enabled learning hub/library; group study/breakout rooms; video conferencing facilities; conference room and a coffee dock. The centre will also be able to provide hot desk and co-working space for businesses. This infrastructure will be a major boost to the village and community.



Ministers Ring and Kyne listening to plans for Tullycross.

The good news in November 2018 was that the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund awarded a grant of €1.728 million towards the cost of this project. Ministers Michael Ring and Sean Kyne have supported this project from the very beginning. Connemara West is finalising a funding package and with its lead partner the Western Development Commission, hopes that construction work can begin in 2019.

Interchanges

An important marketing tool for the Global Learning & Digital Hub, *Interchanges - the Transatlantic Conference on Education, Research, and Community Engagement* took place in Renvyle House Hotel from June 13th to 15th 2018. An initiative of Connemara West, Aquinas College and Lourdes University it was attended by over 50 people. This was the fourth time the conference was held and it will take place again in June 2019. Presentations were given by people from Aquinas College, Lourdes University, Connemara West, and NUIG. There was plenty of time for fun also with people socialising together over the three days as all the participants stayed in local accommodation.



Village of Tullycross Honoured by Aquinas College

At an event in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 20th 2018 the village of Tully Cross was inducted into the Aquinas College Hall of Fame. The award, accepted on behalf of the village by Loretta Sammon, David Barry and Kevin Heanue was in recognition of the lifelong friendships Aquinas students and professors had forged with the people of Tullycross over 45 years as they learnt about Ireland's history and culture during their semester-long study abroad programme in the village each year. Many Aquinas students call Tullycross "Our home away from home."

Lourdes University Launch Degree in Craft Beverages



Connemara West and Lourdes University, Ohio launched the University's new Bachelor of Science Degree in Craft Beverages, also known as the "Full Bodied Degree" on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Portershed in Galway City. The reason for

the launch of this degree in Galway was that students undertaking the course will have the opportunity to have an internship with a brewer or distiller in the West of Ireland.

Sean Kyne TD, Minister of State & Government Chief Whip officially launched the degree with guest speakers well-known food guide writers John and Sally McKenna. Kevin Heanue, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Connemara West and Terry M. Keller, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lourdes University also spoke at the event. The launch was attended by over 100 people and streamed live via Facebook courtesy of the Galway European Region of Gastronomy team.



Anne Kinsella, Teagasc, John McKenna, McKenna Guides, Terry Keller, Lourdes University, Minister Sean Kyne, T.D., Jacinta Dalton, GMIT, Sally McKenna, McKenna Guides, Kevin Heanue, Connemara West

The launch was the culmination of cooperation between Connemara West and Lourdes University due to Lourdes University basing its study abroad programme in Tullycross. Watch this space for future collaborations!

Memorandum of Understanding between Connemara West and Aquinas College

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Connemara West and Aquinas College in Grand Rapids in September 2018 to celebrate their special transatlantic educational partnership. Kevin Heanue, Chairman of Connemara West also presented a framed picture of Tullycross to President Kevin Quinn of Aquinas College to mark the 45th anniversary occasion.



Pictured are (left) Dr Kevin Heanue, Chairman of Connemara West, (right) Dr Kevin Quinn, President of Aquinas College, witnessed by Brian O'Brien, Irish Consul General to Chicago and Midwest USA.



Community members and Friends of Connemara at the degree awarding ceremony in Ohio.

Honour from Lourdes University, Ohio

On Saturday May 12th 2018, Lourdes University conferred Dr. Kevin Heanue, Chairman of Connemara West, with an honorary Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) in recognition of work to promote the economic and social development of communities in Ireland and the United States and for Connemara West's education-led development strategy that is focused on facilitating high-impact learning practices for U.S. colleges in rural Ireland.

Conservation | Letterfrack

Conservation | Letterfrack was established by Connemara West in 1999 to provide a professional service and consultancy throughout Ireland in the conservation, restoration and collection care of wooden artefacts and historic timber interiors. The following are just some of the diverse projects that Conservation | Letterfrack has been privileged to work on over the past 20 years.



Conserved Sógán chair made by John Walsh (Smith), Renvyle in 1958 for Museum of Country Life, National Museum of Ireland, 2000.



Treatment of historic joinery, Sligo Courthouse, Courts Service 2002.



Treatment of loose and fitted historic interiors in Cork Courthouse for Cork City and County Council, 2003/2004.



Restoration of windows, Clongowes Wood Castle, 2011.



Conservation of a set of 18th century chairs, Waterford Museum of Treasures, 2011.



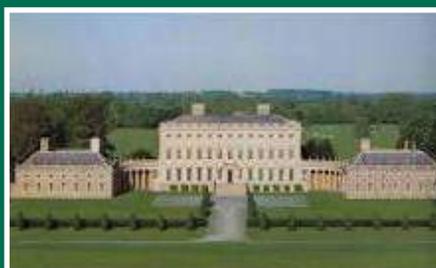
Conservation of 73 windows, Connemara West Centre, 2014.

Furniture and Collection Surveys

US Ambassadors Residence

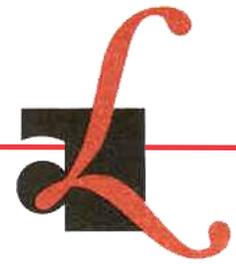


Castletown House



Muckross House





Conservation of a 18th century walnut chest-on-stand, private client, 2004.



Conservation of rowing boat owned by Maurice Davin, Clonmel, 2006.



Designed and installed museum fit-out at the Military Museum in the Curragh Camp, Defence Forces, 2008/2009.



Conservation of the State Carriage, Áras an Uachtaráin, 2014.



Conservation of the Carlo Gambi door frames, Milltown Wing, National Gallery of Ireland, 2015/2016.



Restoration of a 17th Century curved door arch, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, 2017.

Farmleigh House



Newbridge House



Glenveagh Castle



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IrelandSkills Competitions

Six GMIT Letterfrack students competed in three National Competition IrelandSkills finals in Cabinetmaking, Carpentry and Joinery at the IrelandSkills Live event held in RDS Simonscourt in March 2019. All six students performed exceptionally well in tightly fought competitions, run in a public arena over three intense days, where an electric atmosphere prevailed throughout. Jack Lynch won the Cabinetmaking competition and Lauren Casey came second in the Carpentry competition. Well done to everyone in the GMIT Letterfrack IrelandSkills Team who competed.



Students with Anthony Clare, Lecturer - Shane McLoughlin, Westport, Co Mayo; Jack Lynch, Killycannon, Co Cavan; Lauren Casey, Newtowncashel, Co Longford; Aidan Devine, Tulsk, Co Roscommon; Brian Dillon, Knocklyon, Co Dublin, Benen Lynch, Tullaghan, Co Leitrim.

YEP!



GMIT hosted its first Young Entrepreneur Programme YEP! last summer. YEP! is a FREE week-long summer programme for TY and senior cycle students introducing young people to design thinking, leadership, entrepreneurship and digital fabrication skills. Students are introduced to computer aided design and manufacture equipment including the laser cutter and 3D printers. Funded by the HEA and delivered by third level lecturers, the aim of this programme is to bridge the gap between second and third level education by giving students first-hand experience of the college learning environment.

Due to a successful funding application GMIT Letterfrack will deliver the programme again this year. The YEP! programme will take place in June. For further details please contact shemeem.otoole@associate.gmit.ie.

Wood from the Trees



Stunningly designed and highly visual, *See The Wood From The Trees*, by Marion McGarry and Dermot O'Donovan, documents the story of trees felled by storms in Áras an Uachtaráin and subsequently gifted by the President, Michael D Higgins and his wife, Sabina, to GMIT

Letterfrack to be used by students. Around this simple but inspired gesture, the book tells of the chequered history of trees in Ireland as well as the story of Áras an Uachtaráin and the plantations in its grounds, and the remarkable story of the transformation of Letterfrack Industrial School into a thriving centre for education, training and the provision of community facilities. It is also appropriate that this beautifully designed book is published by Artisan House, Letterfrack.



Design West is an international summer design school located in the GMIT Letterfrack Campus. Following on from the success of last year, Design West 2019 will commence on Friday 21st June for two weeks. Participants will get the opportunity to work with leading international designers from renowned studios across Europe. Participants will immerse themselves in the wild and rugged Connemara landscape and use it both as a mode of research and as a source of inspiration.

Public Library

We are very fortunate that both GMIT and Galway County Library work together in Letterfrack to provide a library service with Patricia Keane in charge of the public library section. Membership, including the borrowing of items, is completely free of charge and all public libraries are now operating through a single shared system, which means that anyone with a valid public library card can reserve and borrow items from all the library services in the country. It is a very valuable service and one that should be availed of by the local community.

Malachy Higgins, retirement



Malachy served as Librarian with GMIT Letterfrack from September 1999 to September 2018. While Malachy primarily worked for the College he was also very supportive of the public library and accommodating to visitors who wished to use the computers in the library. We wish Malachy well in his retirement.

We welcome Suzanne Rushe to Letterfrack to take up the post of Librarian with GMIT Letterfrack.

Green Campus

During the past year the GMIT Letterfrack Green Campus has been awarded a second green flag for biodiversity and other popular activities that took place during the year including the Annual Green Quiz, tree planting and a village spring clean with staff and students of Youthreach Letterfrack and the Further Education Centre. The Chairperson of the Green Campus Eve McDonagh led a large group of students this year who are working on a range of projects from designing and sourcing new cups for the Letterfrack campus to the installation of a second water fountain and the purchase of a pole lathe. Students have also been involved in transport surveys, in-house competitions and sourcing funding for projects.



Rubbish pick up 2019



Tree planting 2019



Plaque commemorating 5th anniversary of Community Native Woodland



Annual Green Quiz

Community Employment

Connemara West has 18 places on our CE scheme which is run under the Department of Social Protection. Our participants work in a variety of locations including the three villages of Tully, Tullycross and Letterfrack, cottages in Tullycross, Teach Ceoil, Community Sports Pitch & Astro Turf pitch in Letterfrack, Connemara West Centre, Tigh Na nOg Community Crèche, Connemara Community Radio and Connemara Rugby Pitch. Despite shrinking numbers, Paddy and his team help out in a number of other areas in our community and for that we thank them for all the great work on our behalf.

Connemara West have a number of vacancies on our new scheme which commenced in April 2019. It is not too late to join and if interested contact Breda Coneys on 095 47115 or email breda.coneys@connemarawest.ie or just drop in for a chat.

We would like to thank Bernard Conroy, David Coyle and Joe Kane for all their work on our CE scheme. Our thanks also to workers from Forum Connemara who assist Connemara West with work during the year and special thanks to Barbara Aspell, Michael Faherty and Pius Kane.



Diamond Hill Housing Association is a not-for-profit partnership between Connemara West and Forum Connemara and is managed on behalf of the partnership by Connemara West.

Community Services Building

The second half of 2019 will see the completion of the Community Services building with the provision of urgently needed facilities of dressing rooms, showers, gymnasium, common room, etc. Already in use are a splendid Community Sportsfield and a magnificent Astro Turf Pitch. The final piece of the jigsaw is the provision of a new Sports hall which together with the Social Housing Scheme will complete a project began in 1999. Over the 20 years many obstacles were to be overcome which required vision, energy and absolute commitment from those involved. The final element of the plan is the construction of a Community Sportshall to cater for indoor sports such as Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, Circuit Training, Health and Lifestyle programmes and new ideas to provide a more active and healthier lifestyle for the local community. Observing the enormous activity that takes place in the complex each weekend, then overcoming all of the frustration and disappointment that dogged the project at various stages has been very well worthwhile.



A special word of commendation to the organisers of the various clubs who give freely of their time to make it all possible. An even greater effort into the future will be required to ensure that the community both young and old will continue to enjoy the benefits of having such facilities available to them.



Social Housing

Cluid Housing Association have received Government Sanction and planning permission for phase 2 of the Social Housing Scheme which will include eleven additional housing units in Letterfrack comprised of a mix of family housing and housing for the elderly. To qualify for consideration an applicant must be on the County Council Housing List.

Youthreach



Youthreach Letterfrack comes under the aegis of Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB) and brings yet another dimension to the Connemara West Centre through the provision of specialised education and training programmes.



The last year has been very busy in Youthreach Letterfrack. In September, past student Tristan Heanue visited and talked with the students about acting, screenplay writing, directing and working in the film industry in Ireland.

In October, the *'After the Light Parade'* was a huge success. Students had the opportunity to be involved in a creative prop-making workshop under the guidance of the superb Tommy Casby. Students also said a big thank you to Leo Hallissey and presented him with a commemorative plaque to make the occasion of his retirement after 30 years as the Director of Sea Week and Bog Week.

Students have been very busy the last few weeks with their tasks for the Leaving Cert Applied and have produced some outstanding work to date.

Their Enterprise project Basket Bites was such a success it sold out within a week. The product was handmade Easter wooden baskets with homemade chocolate treats.

Congratulations also to the QQI students who have successfully been offered places on the Level 5 course for September.



Finally, good luck to all Youthreach students who are completing assignments, doing exams and finishing tasks. They should all be proud of the work they are doing. If anyone would like more information about our Leaving Cert Applied Programme or our QQI (Furniture Making, Short Order Cooking, Design, Engineering, Home repair and Maintenance) programmes that will start in September you can contact Yvonne on **095-41893**.

Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche



Built by Connemara West in 2006, the community crèche, based in Letterfrack offers a range of childcare services to the North West Connemara catchment area.

Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche has had a busy year with 60 children attending the crèche each week. Catering to over 50 families in North Connemara, the crèche provides full/part-time day-care, pre-school and after-school in a safe, happy and secure environment. All meals are cooked in line with regulations by trained staff. In 2018 Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche celebrated 10 years. This year we have added a sensory area to our pre-school room, invested in new seating and outdoor toys.

The crèche provides many schemes to help families meet the cost of childcare. These include ECCE (free preschool hours) and The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) model of supports designed to ensure that children with disabilities can access the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme. If you require more information on these schemes and eligibility, please call Caroline on **095-41908** or email creche@connemarawest.ie.

Popular days throughout the year continue to be Graduation, Santa's visit, Tree planting in Kylemore Abbey and a trip to Loughwell Farm for those children leaving us to start National school. Our garden continues to produce fruit and vegetables for the children to enjoy, and they are very proud when they bring produce home. We continue to enjoy nature walks and the playground in the Connemara National Park.

Art and crafts are a big part of our curriculum and Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche continues to use the seasons, festivals and occasions for our themes. The afterschool group made a fabulous castle; hours of work and fun.



Relief staff

Tigh na nÓg Community Crèche is looking for staff for our relief panel to cover sick days and holidays. If you are interested and have a FETAC Level 5/6 in Childcare please send your CV by post or email to creche@connemarawest.ie.

Connemara Community Radio



Connemara West obtained one of the first community radio licences in 1995 and established Connemara Community Radio as a separate company with membership open to the whole community of North West Connemara in 1998.

New studios

Connemara Community Radio (CCR) with support from Forum Connemara CLG under the LEADER programme were able to redesign the studios in Letterfrack to ensure that both studios now meet all the criteria for disability access. The radio took the opportunity to up-grade equipment and improve the acoustics in the studios and to replace the night storage heaters with new energy efficient heaters.



Mary Gannon, retirement

Staff and volunteers of Connemara Community Radio paid tribute to Mary Gannon on her recent retirement as Chairperson of CCR. Mary was involved with the setting up of the radio in 1988 and was one of the people who worked on the first community radio application in 1995. She also held the positions of Secretary and Chairperson over the past 29 years. Mary was held in great esteem by all volunteers and staff, in particular for her belief that community radio was a very important element of community life especially for the housebound and elderly and also for the very fair and calm way she dealt with all the business that goes on behind the scenes. We know that she will continue to listen to Connemara Community Radio and we hope that she will continue to be proud of the radio station that she did so much to successfully establish.

Transition Year students

CCR offers training to all new volunteers and also runs courses each year for Transition Year students from Clifden and Carna Community Schools who participate in accredited training and gain a QQI Level 3 Media Expressions.

The 2018 Transition Year students won Gold Achievement Awards at the CRAOL Awards for their programmes titled *Plastic Panic* and *Old School New School*.

Plastic Panic was presented and produced by Michelle Mulkerrins, Sarah Barnes, Finn Gray, James Allen, Conor Thorpe. *Old School New School* was presented by Luca O'Halloran, Hannah Lavelle, Anna Subires-Tang, James Sullivan and James Nee. Well done to all.



Funding

CCR welcome the news from the Department of Rural and Community Affairs that the Community Services Programme which provides a co-funding contribution towards the cost of employing staff will continue until 31 Dec 2020.

Over the past 4 years up to 20 local students pursued a BA (Hons) in Business, Social Enterprise, Leadership and Management with *Equal Ireland*. The course was delivered in Letterfrack. *Equal Ireland* is a community based 'not for profit' social enterprise which is engaged in the design, development and delivery of accredited programmes and associated research. Their main target group are those people who, for whatever reason, missed out on earlier education and training opportunities. Their programmes are grounded in business, social enterprise, leadership, management and community development.

In 2018, Connemara West partnered with *Equal Ireland* and established a prize for the best Community-Focused Research projects completed in the final year as part of the degree. An assessment panel set up to judge the entries was so impressed with the quality of the projects submitted for the competition that Connemara West decided to award a first prize of €500 and two second prizes of €250 euro each.



Sophia Hume and Kevin Gavin won first prize for their project 'Would an incubator kitchen be an appropriate social enterprise in Connemara and what are the potential social and economic benefits of such a venture to the area?' Joint second prize was awarded to Sharon Duane and Caroline Heanue who for their project 'Hospitality Training Needs in North West Connemara' and Bernadette Mullen for her project 'The Wild Atlantic Way - An Opportunity to be grasped?' Congratulations to all!

International Study Visit to Connemara West



Visit by study group from the World Community Development Conference held in Maynooth in June 2018, with visitors from New Zealand, Australia, USA, Hong Kong, UK, Liberia and Ireland.

Teach Ceoil

Established in 1977 the Teach Ceoil in Tully village is a centre for Irish culture particularly traditional music, song and dance.

Michael O'Neill retires as Producer of Seisiún

The 2018 Seisiún group were extremely happy to present a small token of their appreciation to Michael O'Neill who was the Producer and organiser of Seisiún for 44 years in the Teach Ceoil and prior to that in the Marian Hall in Tullycross before the Teach Ceoil was built. Michael's wife May was presented with a bouquet of flowers to mark her contribution to Seisiún as she took care of ticket sales and gardening. Michael is also a former Chairperson of the Renvyle Comhaltas group and through the Teach Ceoil and Renvyle Comhaltas organised six county Fleadhs, three tours, countless performances, dancing classes and Master classes in traditional music. We owe Michael a huge thanks as all those strands have contributed to the development of a wealth of local talent that now showcases the highest quality of Irish traditional music, song and dance to entertain and delight visitors in the Teach Ceoil each Summer.



Michael O'Neill with wife May, Liz Kane and Marie Walsh



Seisiún

Seisiún will take place every Tuesday from the 9th of July to the 20th August with doors opening at 8.30pm and the performance commencing at 9pm. It is definitely a night to be remembered and visitors will not be disappointed as they will be treated to a wonderful performance of Irish music, song and dance by talented young, local musicians, singers and dancers. Visitors will also have an opportunity to join in themselves for the second half of the evening which is an element of Seisiún which is greatly enjoyed by visitors.





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