






# CALENDAR OF NOTABLE EVENTS 2026

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<b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b> 			RIAI Architecture Awards entry deadline (2 Mar 2026)	IPI Annual Planning Conference (16 - 17 Apr 2026)	IGBC Build Green NOW conference (27 May 2026)	International Social Housing Festival (Date TBC)			World Green Building Week (7 - 11 Sep 2026)	World Habitat Day (6 October 2026)		
						RIAI Architecture Awards Ceremony (18 Jun 2026)				Urban October (whole month)		
										Open House Dublin (10 - 18 Oct 2026)		
										European Week of Regions & Cities (12 - 14 Oct 2026)		
										World Cities Day (31 October 2026)		
<b>BUSINESS</b> 	Sustainability Kickstarter Workshop for SMEs (30 Jan 2026)	Sustainability Kickstarter Workshop for SMEs (27 Feb 2026)	Sustainability Kickstarter Workshop for SMEs (20 Mar 2026)	Sustainability Kickstarter Workshop for SMEs (17 Apr 2026)	Sustainability Kickstarter Workshop for SMEs (8 May 2026)	EU Green Week (3 - 4 Jun 2026)			Sustainable Business Impact Awards Ceremony (Date TBC)		Excellence in Local Government Awards Ceremony (Date TBC)	
		Fairbruary (whole month)	Local Enterprise Week (2 - 6 Mar 2026)		World Fairtrade Day (9 May 2026)	Chamber Awards (26 Jun 2026)						
			Sustainable Business Impact Awards - applications open (Date TBC)		NFTE Youth Entrepreneur Awards (Date TBC)							
			Excellence in Local Government Awards - applications open (Date TBC)									
<b>CIRCULAR ECONOMY &amp; WASTE</b> 	Christmas Tree Disposal (Dates specified by LAs)	Junk Kouture Final (23 - 25 Feb 2026)	Irish Waste Management Conference (12 Mar 2026)	National Spring Clean (whole month)	National Sustainability Summit (26 - 27 May 2026)				EPA Circular Economy Conference (Date TBC)		European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) (21 - 29 Nov 2026)	
			Global Recycling Day (18 Mar 2026)	Relove Fashion Final (15 April 2026)					World Cleanup Day (20 Sep 2026)			
<b>CLIMATE / ENVIRONMENT</b> 	Storm Eowyn Anniversary (24 Jan 2026)		World Meteorological Day (23 Mar 2026)	Local Authority Climate Action Teams Conference (15 - 16 Apr 2026)	Dublin Climate Action Week (11 - 17 May 2026)	ECO-UNESCO Green Teen summer camp (1 - 5 Jun 2026)	Earth Overshoot Day (Date TBC)		ECO-Week (ECO-UNESCO) (Date TBC)	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (13 Oct 2026)	Anniversary of Paris Agreement - came into force (4 Nov 2026)	Anniversary of Paris Agreement - Adopted (12 Dec 2026)
			Earth Hour (28 March 2026, 8:30pm)	Earth Day (22 Apr 2026)	Young Environmentalist Awards (12 May 2026)	World Environment Day: All-Ireland Actions Driving Environmental Sustainability (5 June 2026)	ECO-UNESCO ECO-Explorers Childrens summer camp (6 - 10 Jul 2026)		Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week (Date TBC)	National / An Taisce Climate Action Week (Date TBC)	UNFCCC Climate Change Conference (COP31) (9 - 20 November 2026)	
				LOUTH Environ 2026 (27 - 29 Apr 2026)	EPA Annual Climate Change Conference (27 May 2026)	ECO-UNESCO ECO-Explorers Childrens summer camp (15 - 19 Jun 2026)	Mary Robinson Climate and Nature Conference 2026 (9 - 10 July 2026)					
						GALWAY Galway Climate Inspirations Festival (25 - 28 Jun 2026)	ECO-UNESCO Green Teen summer camp (27 - 31 Jul 2026)					
<b>COMMUNITY</b> 		World Day of Social Justice (20 Feb 2026)	Seachtain na Gaeilge (1 - 17 March 2026)		Bealtaine Festival (Age & Opportunity) (whole month)	Cruinniú na nÓg (A day of creativity for young people) (6 Jun 2026)		International Youth Day (12 Aug 2026)	Culture Night (18 Sep 2026)	UN International Day of Older Persons (1 Oct 2026)	Shared Island Conference (Date TBC)	International Volunteer Day (5 Dec 2026)
		LAMA All-Ireland Community & Council Awards (28 Feb 2026)	World Book Day (5 Mar 2026)		Tidy Towns Entry Deadline (11 May 2026)	Tidy Towns Special Awards (Waters/Pollinator) Entry Deadline (8 Jun 2026)		National Heritage Week (15 - 23 Aug 2026)	Positive Ageing Week (Date TBC)	Tidy Towns Results Announced (Date TBC)		Human Rights Day (10 Dec 2026)
		Ireland Reads Day (28 Feb 2026)	International Women's Day (8 Mar 2026)		Street Feast (23 - 24 May 2026)	Your Council Day (Date TBC)						LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards Nomination Deadline (Date TBC)

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<b>CULTURE, MUSIC &amp; ARTS</b> 	<b>MAYO</b> John McFadden Festival (30 Jan - 1 Feb 2026)	<b>KILDARE</b> Brigid - Spirit of Kildare (29 Jan - 2 Feb 2026)	St Patrick's Festival (17 Mar 2026)	<b>LIMERICK</b> Catalyst International Film Festival (23 - 25 Apr 2026)	Bealtaine Festival (whole month)	<b>DUBLIN</b> Bloomsday Festival (16 Jun 2026)	<b>GALWAY</b> Galway International Arts Festival (13 - 26 Jul 2026)	<b>WATERFORD</b> All Together Now (30 Jul - 2 Aug 2026)	<b>CLARE</b> Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, Clare (whole month)	<b>CARLOW</b> Hidden Hearth (9 - 11 Oct 2026)	<b>GALWAY</b> Irish Surf Film Festival (Date TBC)		
		<b>DUBLIN</b> Dublin International Film Festival (19 Feb - 1 Mar 2026)			<b>LIMERICK</b> Riverfest Limerick (1 - 4 May 2026)		<b>LAOIS</b> Forest Fest Music & Arts Festival, Laois (24 - 26 Jul 2026)	<b>KILKENNY</b> Kilkenny Arts Festival (6 - 16 Aug 2026)	<b>DUBLIN</b> Dublin Fringe Festival (5 - 20 Sep 2026)	Ireland Fashion Week (7 - 12 Oct 2026)			
									<b>KERRY</b> Puck Fair (10 - 12 Aug 2026)		<b>WEXFORD</b> Wexford Festival Opera (15 - 31 Oct 2026)		
									<b>KERRY</b> Rose of Tralee (14 - 18 Aug 2026)		Macnas Halloween Parades (Date TBC)		
									<b>LAOIS</b> Electric Picnic (28 - 30 Aug 2026)		<b>CORK</b> Cork Jazz Festival (22 - 26 Oct 2026)		
									<b>OFFALY</b> Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival (Date TBC)		<b>MEATH</b> Púca Festival (26 Oct - 1 Nov 2026)		
<b>ENERGY</b> 		Energy Storage Summit (24 - 25 Feb 2026)		SEAI Energy Show (22 - 23rd Apr 2026)	National Bioenergy Conference - solid biomass & biochar (7 May 2026)	Energy Storage Ireland Annual Conference (30 Jun 2026)	International Conference on Energy and Environment Research (15 - 17 Jul 2026)		Ireland Electrified Annual Conference (10 Sep 2026)	National Bioenergy Conference - biomethane & biofuels (8 Oct 2026)	SEAI Energy Awards Ceremony (Date TBC)		
					Offshore Wind Conference (26 - 27 May 2026)	SEAI Energy Awards Open for entries (Date TBC)			Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference (30 Sep 2026)	National Energy & Research Policy Conference (Date TBC)			
					SEAI Public Sector Energy Conference (28 May 2026)	International Conference Energy & Meteorology (Date TBC)							
<b>FOOD &amp; FARMING</b> 		EU Organic Awards open for entries (10 Feb 2026)	National Stop Food Waste Day (1 Mar 2026)	<b>WATERFORD</b> Waterford Festival of Food (24 - 26 Apr 2026)	Street Feast (23 - 24 May 2026)	National Food Waste Recycling Week (Date TBC)		<b>CORK</b> Cork on a Fork Festival (12 - 16 Aug 2026)	<b>OFFALY</b> National Ploughing Championships (15 - 17 Sep 2026)	<b>KERRY</b> Dingle Food Festival (2 - 4 Oct 2026)			
				EU Organic Awards entry deadline (26 Apr 2026)					EU Organic Day (23 Sep 2026)	World Food Day (16 October 2026)			
									<b>GALWAY</b> Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival (25 - 27 Sep 2026)				
									<b>TIPPERARY</b> Clomel Applefest (24 - 27 Sep 2026)				
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b> 	First Fortnight (6 - 17 Jan 2026)				<b>DUBLIN</b> Wellfest Dublin (9 - 10 May 2026)					World Mental Health Day (10 Oct 2026)		UCD One Health Conference (Date TBC)	
<b>MOBILITY &amp; TRANSPORT</b> 			Marchathon 2026 (whole month)	International Walk to Work Day (4 Apr 2026)	Bike Week (9 - 17 May 2026)	World Bicycle Day (3 Jun 2026)			European Transport Conference 2026 (9 - 11 Sep 2026)	International Walk to School Month (whole month)			
							Transport Ireland Conference (4 Jun 2026)		European Mobility Week (16 - 22 Sep 2026)	Walk to School Week (Date TBC)			
							Scoot to School Week (8 - 12 Jun 2026)		Freight Transport Association (FTA) Ireland Sustainable Transport Seminar (29 Sep 2026)	Walktober 2026 (whole month)			
							Velo-City Conference 2026 Rimini, Italy (16 - 19 Jun 2026)						
<b>NATURE</b> 			World Wildlife Day (3 Mar 2026)		National Biodiversity Week (15 - 24 May 2026)	Nature-based Solutions Conference (10 - 11 Jun 2026)				National Tree Day (1 Oct 2026)		World Soil Day (5 Dec 2026)	
			National Tree Week (8 - 15 Mar 2026)		International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May 2026)	World Rainforest Day (22 Jun 2026)				World Animal Day (4 Oct 2026)			
			International Day of Forests (21 Mar 2026)		<b>DUBLIN</b> Bloom Festival (28 May - 1 Jun 2026)								

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<b>SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b> 	Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (7 - 10 Jan 2026)	<u>WATERFORD</u> Neurodiversity Research Conference (18 Feb 2026)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Irish Dreamin' (19 Mar 2026)	<u>GALWAY</u> Medtech Innovation (30 Apr 2026)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Dublin Tech Week (22 - 29 May 2026)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Data Céili (11 - 12 Jun 2026)					Science Week (8 - 15 Nov 2026)	
		National Digital Awards (19 Feb 2026)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Techstars Startup Weekend Women (20 - 22 Mar 2026)		<u>DUBLIN</u> Dublin Tech Summit (27 - 28 May 2026)							World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 Nov 2026)
<b>SPORT</b> 				<u>MAYO</u> Westport Marathon (18 April 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Waterville Trail Running Festival (2 May 2026)	<u>GALWAY</u> Portumna Forest Marathon (6 June 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (4 Jul 2026)	<u>WESTMEATH</u> Celtic Warrior (1 Aug 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Dingle Marathon & Half Marathon (5 Sep 2026)	<u>GALWAY</u> Run Galway Bay (3 Oct 2026)	<u>MAYO</u> Westport Sea2Summit Adventure Race (7 Nov 2026)	
				<u>WICKLOW</u> Quest Glendalough Adventure Race (18 Apr 2026)	<u>LIMERICK</u> The Great Limerick Run (3 May 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Dingle Adventure Race (6 Jun 2026)	<u>MAYO</u> Race2Glory Adventure Race (11 Jul 2026)	<u>DONEGAL</u> Quadrathon Challenge (13 Aug 2026)	<u>WICKLOW</u> Glendalough National Park Swim (5 - 6 Sep 2026)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Dublin Marathon (25 Oct 2026)		
				<u>GALWAY</u> Connemarathon (19 Apr 2026)	<u>CLARE</u> Clare Burren Marathon Challenge (23 May 2026)	<u>WICKLOW</u> Wicklow 200 (6 Jun 2026)	<u>WESTMEATH</u> Lilliput Legend Adventure Race (18 Jul 2026)	<u>SLIGO</u> Warriors Run (22 Aug 2026)	<u>KILKENNY</u> Medieval Marathon (12 Sep 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Run Ballinskelligs (25 Oct 2026)		
				<u>DONEGAL</u> Balor Multisport Race (25 Apr 2026)	<u>GALWAY</u> Skoda Tour de Conamara (23 May 2026)	<u>GALWAY / MAYO</u> Gaeilforce West Adventure Race (13 Jun 2026)	All Ireland Hurling Final (19 Jul 2026)	<u>TIPPERARY</u> Knock ME Down Adventure Race (22 Aug 2026)	<u>KERRY</u> Listowel Races (20 - 26 Sep 2026)			
					<u>KERRY / CORK</u> Ring of Beara Cycle (23 May 2026)	<u>LOUTH</u> Glenmore Challenge Running Festival (13 Jun 2026)	All Ireland Football Final (26 Jul 2026)	<u>DONEGAL</u> The Monte Challenge Adventure Race (29 Aug 2026)	<u>FERMANAGH</u> FEARmanagh Adventure Race (26 Sep 2026)			
					<u>MEATH</u> Boyne Adventure Race (23 May 2026)	<u>CLARE</u> Tour de Burren (20 Jun 2026)	<u>SLIGO</u> Warriors Run (22 Aug 2026)	<u>LONGFORD</u> Abbott Longford Marathon (30 Aug 2026)	<u>CAVAN</u> Annagh Lake Swim Fest (Date TBC)			
					<u>WICKLOW</u> Glendalough Lap of the Gap Marathon (23 May 2026)	<u>WATERFORD</u> Waterford Viking Marathon (20 Jun 2026)	<u>DONEGAL</u> inch Mile Swim (Date TBC)	<u>CORK</u> Youghal Swim Fest (Date TBC)	<u>DUBLIN</u> Dublin City Liffey Swim (Date TBC)			
					<u>GALWAY</u> Lough Cutra Castle Marathon (24 May 2026)	<u>LIMERICK</u> Thomond Swim (Date TBC)	<u>MAYO</u> Belmullet Swim Series (Date TBC)	<u>GALWAY</u> Langan Prom Swim (Date TBC)	<u>ROSCOMMON</u> Lough Key Swim Fest (Date TBC)			
					<u>CORK</u> The Beast Adventure Race (30 May 2026)			<u>WICKLOW</u> Wicklow Swim Fest (Date TBC)				
					<u>KILKENNY</u> Tullaroan Festival of Running (30 May 2026)							
				<u>CORK</u> Cork City Marathon (31 May 2026)								
<b>WATER</b> 		World Wetlands Day (2 Feb 2026)	<u>DERRY</u> 4th Annual Sand Dune Gathering (6 Mar 2026)			<u>CORK</u> Fair Seas World Ocean Day Conference (3 Jun 2026)		Water Heritage Day (Date TBC)	International Coastal Cleanup Day (19 Sep 2026)		National Hydrology Conference (Date TBC)	
			World Water Day (22 Mar 2026)			World Oceans Day (8 Jun 2026)			Big Beach Clean (Date TBC)			
			<u>KERRY</u> 4th Annual Sand Dune Gathering (28 Mar 2026)			World Sand Dune Day (27 Jun 2026)						