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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BUILT ENVIRONMENT 			RIAI Architecture Awards entry deadline (2 Mar 2026)	IPI Annual Planning Conference (16 - 17 Apr 2026)	IGBC Build Green NOW conference (27 May 2026)	RIAI Architecture Awards Ceremony (18 Jun 2026)			World Green Building Week (7 - 11 Sep 2026)	World Habitat Day (6 October 2026)		
										Open House Dublin (10 - 18 Oct 2026)		
										European Week of Regions & Cities (12 - 14 Oct 2026)		
										World Cities Day (31 October 2026)		
										Urban October (whole month)		
BUSINESS 	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)				Business Post Sustainable Business Awards (1 Oct 2026)	Excellence in Local Government Awards Ceremony (26 Nov 2026)	
		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		NFTE Youth Entrepreneur Awards (14 May 2026)							
			Excellence in Local Government Awards - applications open									
CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WASTE 	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)				World Cleanup Day (20 Sep 2026)		EPA Circular Economy Conference (19 Nov 2026)	
			Global Recycling Day (18 Mar 2026)	Relove Fashion Final (15 April 2026)							European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) (21 - 29 Nov 2026)	
CLIMATE / ENVIRONMENT 	Storm Éowyn 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)	ECO-UNESCO ECO-Explorers Childrens summer camp (6 - 10 Jul 2026)		Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week (19 - 27 Sep 2026)	National / An Taisce Climate Action Week (12 - 18 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)	Mary Robinson Climate and Nature Conference 2026 (9 - 10 July 2026)			International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (13 Oct 2026)	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)	ECO-UNESCO Green Teen summer camp (27 - 31 Jul 2026)			ECO-Week (ECO-UNESCO) (Date TBC)		
						GALWAY Galway Climate Inspirations Festival (25 - 28 Jun 2026)	Earth Overshoot Day (30 Jul 2026)					
COMMUNITY 		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)		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 (25 Sep - 2 Oct 2026)	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 (26 Jun 2026)						LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards Nomination Deadline (Date TBC)

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CULTURE, MUSIC & ARTS 	MAYO John McFadden Festival (30 Jan - 1 Feb 2026)	KILDARE Brigid - Spirit of Kildare (29 Jan - 2 Feb 2026)	St Patrick's Festival (17 Mar 2026)	LIMERICK Catalyst International Film Festival (23 - 25 Apr 2026)	Bealtaine Festival (whole month)	DUBLIN Bloomsday Festival (16 Jun 2026)	GALWAY Galway International Arts Festival (13 - 26 Jul 2026)	WATERFORD All Together Now (30 Jul - 2 Aug 2026)	CLARE Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, Clare (whole month)	CARLOW Hidden Hearth (9 - 11 Oct 2026)	GALWAY Irish Surf Film Festival (Date TBC)	
		DUBLIN Dublin International Film Festival (19 Feb - 1 Mar 2026)			LIMERICK Riverfest Limerick (1 - 4 May 2026)		LAOIS Forest Fest Music & Arts Festival, Laois (24 - 26 Jul 2026)	KILKENNY Kilkenny Arts Festival (6 - 16 Aug 2026)	DUBLIN Dublin Fringe Festival (5 - 20 Sep 2026)	Ireland Fashion Week (7 - 12 Oct 2026)		
							OFFALY Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival (31 Jul - 8 Aug 2026)	KERRY Puck Fair (10 - 12 Aug 2026)		WEXFORD Wexford Festival Opera (15 - 31 Oct 2026)		
								KERRY Rose of Tralee (14 - 18 Aug 2026)		CORK Cork Jazz Festival (22 - 26 Oct 2026)		
								LAOIS Electric Picnic (28 - 30 Aug 2026)		GALWAY Macnas Halloween Parade (25 Oct 2026)		
								OFFALY Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival (31 Jul - 8 Aug 2026)		MEATH Púca Festival (26 Oct - 1 Nov 2026)		
ENERGY 		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 (4 Nov 2026)	
					Offshore Wind Conference (26 - 27 May 2026	SEAI Energy Awards Open for entries (5 Jun 2026)			Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference (30 Sep 2026)	National Energy & Research Policy Conference (Date TBC)		
					SEAI Public Sector Energy Conference (28 May 2026)							
FOOD & FARMING 		EU Organic Awards open for entries (10 Feb 2026)	National Stop Food Waste Day (1 Mar 2026)	WATERFORD Waterford Festival of Food (24 - 26 Apr 2026)	Street Feast (23 - 24 May 2026)	National Food Waste Recycling Week (30 May - 7 Jun 2026)		CORK Cork on a Fork Festival (12 - 16 Aug 2026)	OFFALY National Ploughing Championships (15 -17 Sep 2026)	KERRY Dingle Food Festival (2 - 4 Oct 2026)		
				EU Organic Awards entry deadline (26 Apr 2026)	National Food Waste Recycling Week (30 May - 7 Jun 2026)				EU Organic Day (23 Sep 2026)	World Food Day (16 Oct 2026)		
									GALWAY Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival (25 - 27 Sep 2026)			
									TIPPERARY Clomel Applefest (24 - 27 Sep 2026)			
HEALTH & WELLBEING 	First Fortnight (6 - 17 Jan 2026)				DUBLIN Wellfest Dublin (9 - 10 May 2026)					World Mental Health Day (10 Oct 2026)	UCD One Health Festival 2026 (20 - 27 Nov 2026)	
MOBILITY & TRANSPORT 			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)	Green Schools WOW (Walk or Wheel) Week (19 - 26 Oct 2026)		
						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)						
NATURE 			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)		DUBLIN Bloom Festival (28 May - 1 Jun 2026)							

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION 	Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (7 - 10 Jan 2026)	WATERFORD Neurodiversity Research Conference (18 Feb 2026)	DUBLIN Irish Dreamin' (19 Mar 2026)	GALWAY Medtech Innovation (30 Apr 2026)	DUBLIN Dublin Tech Week (22 - 29 May 2026)	DUBLIN Data Céilí (11 - 12 Jun 2026)					Science Week (8 - 15 Nov 2026)	
		National Digital Awards (19 Feb 2026)	DUBLIN Techstars Startup Weekend Women (20 - 22 Mar 2026)		DUBLIN Dublin Tech Summit (27 - 28 May 2026)						World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 Nov 2026)	
SPORT 				MAYO Westport Marathon (18 April 2026)	KERRY Waterville Trail Running Festival (2 May 2026)	GALWAY Portumna Forest Marathon (6 June 2026)	KERRY Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (4 Jul 2026)	WICKLOW Wicklow Regatta Festival (25 Jul - 3 Aug 2026)	KERRY Dingle Marathon & Half Marathon (5 Sep 2026)	GALWAY Run Galway Bay (3 Oct 2026)	MAYO Westport Sea2Summit Adventure Race (7 Nov 2026)	
				WICKLOW Quest Glendalough Adventure Race (18 Apr 2026)	LIMERICK The Great Limerick Run (3 May 2026)	KERRY Dingle Adventure Race (6 Jun 2026)	GALWAY Langan Prom Swim (9 Jul 2026)	WESTMEATH Celtic Warrior (1 Aug 2026)	WICKLOW Glendalough National Park Swim (5 - 6 Sep 2026)	DUBLIN Dublin Marathon (25 Oct 2026)		
				GALWAY Connemarathon (19 Apr 2026)	CLARE Clare Burren Marathon Challenge (23 May 2026)	WICKLOW Wicklow 200 (6 Jun 2026)	MAYO Race2Glory Adventure Race (11 Jul 2026)	DONEGAL Inch Mile Swim (8 Aug 2026)	CAVAN Annagh Lake Swim Fest (6 Sep 2026)	KERRY Run Ballinskelligs (25 Oct 2026)		
				DONEGAL Balor Multisport Race (25 Apr 2026)	GALWAY Skoda Tour de Conamara (23 May 2026)	GALWAY / MAYO Gaelforce West Adventure Race (13 Jun 2026)	WESTMEATH Lilliput Legend Adventure Race (18 Jul 2026)	DONEGAL Quadrathon Challenge (13 Aug 2026)	DUBLIN Dublin City Liffey Swim (12 Sep 2026)			
					KERRY / CORK Ring of Beara Cycle (23 May 2026)	LOUTH Glenmore Challenge Running Festival (13 Jun 2026)	All Ireland Hurling Final (19 Jul 2026)	SLIGO Warriors Run (22 Aug 2026)	KILKENNY Medieval Marathon (12 Sep 2026)			
					MEATH Boyne Adventure Race (23 May 2026)	LIMERICK Thomond Swim (13 Jun 2026)	All Ireland Football Final (26 Jul 2026)	TIPPERARY Knock ME Down Adventure Race (22 Aug 2026)	KERRY Listowel Races (20 - 26 Sep 2026)			
					WICKLOW Glendalough Lap of the Gap Marathon (23 May 2026)	CLARE Tour de Burren (20 Jun 2026)	ROSCOMMON Irish National Open Water Swimming Championships (26 Jul 2026)	MAYO Belmullet Swim Series (Rescheduled) (28 Aug 2026)	FERMANAGH FEARmanagh Adventure Race (26 Sep 2026)			
					GALWAY Lough Cutra Castle Marathon (24 May 2026)	WATERFORD Waterford Viking Marathon (20 Jun 2026)	MAYO Belmullet Swim Series (31 Jul 2026)	DONEGAL The Monte Challenge Adventure Race (29 Aug 2026)				
					CORK The Beast Adventure Race (30 May 2026)	CORK Youghal Swim Fest (21 Jun 2026)	WICKLOW Wicklow Regatta Festival (25 Jul - 3 Aug 2026)	LONGFORD Abbott Longford Marathon (30 Aug 2026)				
					KILKENNY Tullaroan Festival of Running (30 May 2026)							
					CORK Cork Ciy Marathon (31 May 2026)							
WATER		World Wetlands Day (2 Feb 2026)	DERRY 4th Annual Sand Dune Gathering (6 Mar 2026)			CORK Fair Seas World Ocean Day Conference (3 Jun 2026)		Water Heritage Day (23 Aug 2026)	International Coastal Cleanup Day (19 Sep 2026)		OFFALY National Hydrology Conference (17 Nov 2026)	
			World Water Day (22 Mar 2026)			World Oceans Day (8 Jun 2026)			Big Beach Clean (18 - 20 Sep 2026)			
			KERRY 4th Annual Sand Dune Gathering (28 Mar 2026)			World Sand Dune Day (27 Jun 2026)						