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# Introduction

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*A Chairde,*

Welcome to the **Sligo: Live Invest Visit** Newsletter.

Throughout 2023, a continued focus has been placed on promoting the Sligo. brand and its positive messaging. As an initiative of the Sligo Economic Forum, the brand supports County Sligo as a world class place in which to live green, invest smart and visit sustainably, and is a Q mark for all our positive stories and initiatives.

This edition of the newsletter provides a visual review of some of the Sligo. brand highlights from 2023. It was a busy year with the launch of our Sligo 2030 One Voice One Vision strategy, the Visit Sligo campaign, the Look Local Look Sligo campaign with Sligo Food Trail members, and the St Patricks Day Festival with BID and the St Patricks Day committee. Another important anticipated event was the amalgamation of the ATU and St Angelas College. Also 2023 saw the opening of some major capital projects for Sligo such as the National Surf Centre of Excellence, the Yeats Trail, O'Connell St Enhancement, with huge work underway on the transformational Aims Centre, Strand Campus, and Queen Maeve Square, to mention but a few.

Many thanks to all the development agencies, business's, and community initiatives who collaborated and co-branded with us in 2023 and looking forward to more of the same in 2024!

Sincerely,  
Economic Team, Sligo County Council



*Launch of Visit Sligo Marketing Campaign, Riverside, Sligo*

## *Visit Sligo Marketing Campaign*

### *Promoting Sligo as an ideal place to visit all year round*

The Visit Sligo marketing campaign is aimed at promoting Sligo as a world class place to visit all-year round was launched by former Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Cllr Michael Clarke in good time for 2023 at County Hall.

The campaign supports the Visit pillar of the Sligo: Live Invest Visit brand and showcases Sligo's many tourism assets, including outdoor recreation & adventure, archaeology and heritage, culture, creativity & food, the perfect place for a relaxing and energising break. As part of the Visit Sligo marketing campaign iRadio were commissioned to run Visit Sligo adverts in 15 counties with an extensive social media campaign.

The Visit page on Sligo.ie has been updated to include the new video, hotel offers section and other tourism information. We were delighted to feature some articles in the Go West Magazine on Yeats and Sligo Walks, partnering with Ireland West Airport Knock.

Other elements such as new article content on Sligo's Tourism assets and an Ambassador campaign will continue in to 2024.

**Pictured:**

**Front Row L-R:** Aoife McElroy – Fáilte Ireland, Cllr Michael Clarke - Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Martin Lydon – Chief Executive, Sligo County Council, Gail McGibbon – CEO Sligo BID.

**Back Row L-R:** Dorothy Clarke - Director of Services, Sligo County Council, Aidan Doyle – CEO Sligo Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Cllr Tom Fox – Sligo County Council, Anthony Gray – Restaurateur, Margaret McConnell – Senior Executive Officer, Sligo County Council

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Visit Sligo online video



As part of the Visit Sligo marketing campaign a new video was released online via the **Sligo: Live Invest Visit** social media channels and has received a positive response with over 87,000 views to date. Some of the locations featured in the video include Knocknarea, Easkey, Carrowmore, Streedagh and Lough Gill. The new video also features some of Sligo's excellent outdoor activities including surfing, walking trails, golfing and horse riding.





## Visit Sligo – Holiday World Show January 2023

As part of the Visit Sligo marketing campaign promoting Sligo as an ideal place to visit all year round, Sligo County Council facilitated a Visit Sligo stand at the Holiday World Show 2023 at the RDS Dublin over the weekend 27th to 29th January. The Visit Sligo stand showcased all that Sligo has to offer visitors to the county and included tastings of local food, competitions and music.

The **Visit Sligo** stand proved to be exceptionally popular and received wide praise and compliments from both public and trade. Over 32,000 people attended the Holiday World Show over the 3 days and the feedback from the public towards Sligo during the event was extremely positive.

14 local businesses exhibited on the Visit Sligo stand: Diamond Coast Hotel, Eala Bhán, Hooked, Irish Seaweed Kitchen, Northwest Adventures Tours, Ocean Sands Hotel, Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Seashore B&B, Sligo Oyster Experience, Sligo Park Hotel, Taste of Sligo Tours, The Glasshouse, WB's Coffee House and Your Wellbeing Warrior. The Visit Sligo stand was organised and funded by Sligo County Council and supported by Sligo BID and County Sligo LEADER Partnership.



**Jack Chambers T.D.  
Minister of State at the  
Department of Transport  
and at the Department of  
Environment, Climate  
and Communications at  
the Visit Sligo stand**



**Canadian Ambassador to  
Ireland, Ms Nancy Smyth  
at the Visit Sligo stand**



**Sligo Food Trail table**



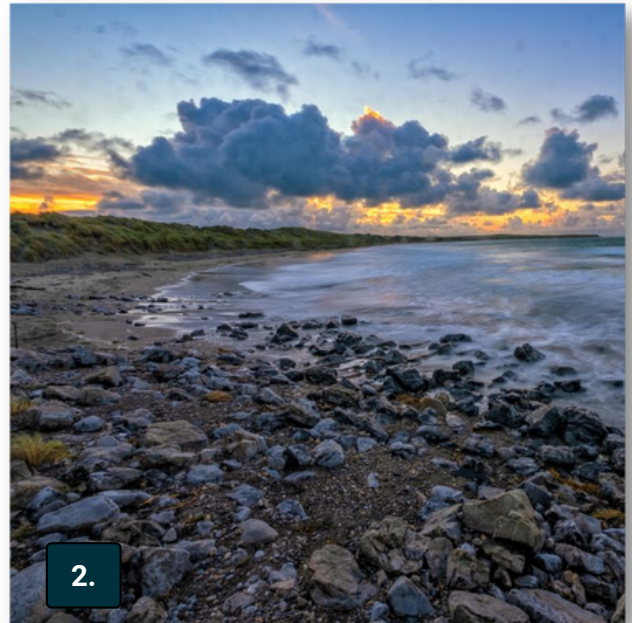
**Visit Sligo Brochures**

# Ireland's Content Pool

A new bank of images featuring locations around County Sligo has been uploaded to the Ireland's Content Pool website ([www.irelandscontentpool.com](http://www.irelandscontentpool.com)). The images are available for download by Irish tourism businesses, tourism agencies, international media, journalists and tour operators at home and abroad. Funding for this project was provided by Fáilte Ireland.



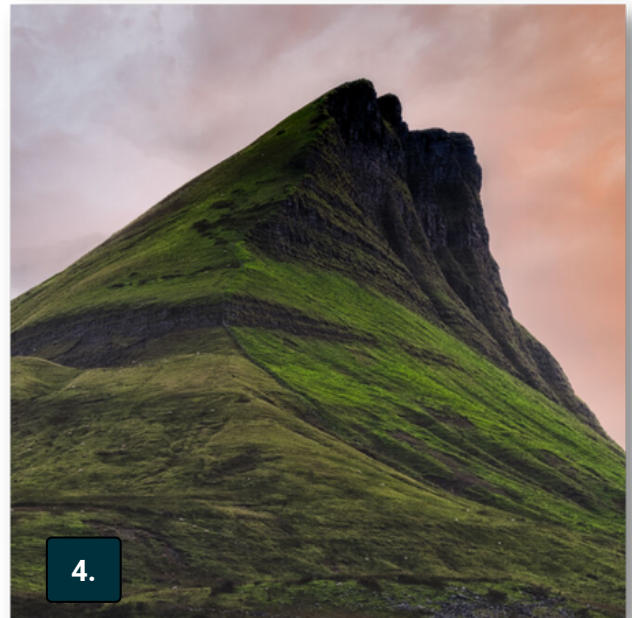
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**BENWISKIN**

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# Sligo. Collaboration- Sligo Economic Forum Members



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## Northwest in the City

'Northwest in the City' is a collaboration led by IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and the Western Development Commission under the collaborative umbrella of the Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan. Sligo County Council along with Leitrim County Council, Donegal County Council, the Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan steering group and subgroup tasked with Strategic Objective No. 3, 'Promote the Region' supported this event.

The event took place in the Westbury Hotel, Dublin on 9th February 2023 with enterprise agencies, regional stakeholders and leading employers coming together to promote the Northwest, connect with the professional diaspora and spotlight the many positive transformational changes made in recent years.

Sligo was represented at this event alongside representatives from Leitrim and Donegal.

The Northwest in the City event was a great success in promoting the enterprise profile of the region, showcasing the companies in it and highlighting the global career opportunities available here. The event helped to raise the profile of the region nationally and connect with mid to senior level professionals and influencers who are from, connected or attracted to the region.

The event also launched a new MeetUp group called 'Northwest in the City' with a view to further meet ups connecting the capital with the Northwest.



## AIM Centre

### Advancing Innovation in Manufacturing

AIM Centre is at the forefront of advancing technology for manufacturing and supply chain; supporting businesses in the north west of Ireland stay competitive, increase productivity and grow the region's economic impact.

The AIM Centre is funded by Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technology University (ATU), Sligo County Council, and Leitrim County Council. State-of-the-art facilities in Sligo are under construction and due to open in 2023.

While the facility is undergoing construction, several cutting-edge projects are already in-flight with research partners and businesses in the region.

The team is temporarily based at the Atlantic Technological University Sligo (ATU Sligo) campus, and are excited to engage with businesses and potential partners before the physical centre opens its doors.

**Minister Calleary Turns the Sod on AIM Centre In Sligo  
New Advancing Innovation in Manufacturing Centre will  
focus on developing capability in cutting-edge  
manufacturing technology in North-West region.**



L-R Cllr. Michael Clarke; John Reilly, LEO Sligo, Carol Gibbons, Enterprise Ireland, Min. Dara Calleary, TD, Una Parsons, Chris O'Malley, Sligo ATU, Frank Feighan, TD, Julie Dowling, Manager, AIM Centre.

On February 13, 2023, Minister of State for Trade Promotion and Digital Transformation, Dara Calleary, TD, turned the sod on the site of the new Advancing Innovation in Manufacturing (AIM) Centre in Sligo, which was once the site of the old fire station at the Market Yard.

The new facility will focus on developing capability in cutting-edge manufacturing technology in companies across the North-West region with access to new and emerging manufacturing and supply across the North-West with access to new and emerging manufacturing and supply chain management technology.

This innovative project is driven by Atlantic Technological University (ATU), Sligo County Council and Leitrim County Council and is supported by the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment administered through Enterprise Ireland.

Digital engineering company TanteK 4D opened its new headquarters in Sligo on October 4 with the announcement of 20 roles available in Sligo and 10 in Dublin.

Founded in 2018 by brothers Conor and Paul Tansey, and supported by Local Enterprise Office Sligo, TanteK 4D specialises in geospatial and building information modeling (BIM) technologies for sectors including life sciences, data centres and semiconductors. It is seeking people with skills in project management, geospatial surveying, BIM, data analytics and software development.

“We are delighted to unveil our new office in Sligo as we prepare to embark on our international expansion plans. It has been an exciting year for us, having secured Enterprise Ireland investment while also winning several new projects across Europe,” said Dr Paul Tansey, TanteK’s CTO and co-founder. He said that the Sligo expansion was proof of the company’s continued commitment to doing business in Sligo and the northwest.

Enterprise Ireland’s regional director for the West and North-West, Méabh Conaghan described TanteK 4D as a “highly innovative Irish start-up making strong commercial and technical progress, having developed world-leading technology directly targeting the digitalisation of the thriving design, construction and planning sector.”

Construction work has been completed on the new Strand Campus, Digital Gaming Hub. a 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> workspace to meet the requirements companies involved in developing products and services using gaming technology and platforms.

It will be the first dedicated enterprise hub in Ireland solely dedicated to supporting companies involved in gaming technologies. It will provide the first dedicated space in Ireland where digital gaming companies can co-locate, thus encouraging a culture of collaboration and cooperation. Sligo County Enterprise Fund together with its partners of Enterprise Ireland, Atlantic Technological University, Sligo and Sligo County Council and Local Enterprise Office Sligo will be working together to create and grow Sligo as the centre of the digital gaming technology sector in Ireland, one which will support international exposure and growth for the companies that locate there.



# Minister Heather Humphreys Opens popular Yeats Trail



Completed and launched in April 2023. Almost €1M invested by Rural Regeneration & Development Fund and Sligo County Council

## LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2023



The Sligo: Live Invest Visit Brand was shortlisted under the Best Communications Initiative/Innovation category at the LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2023. The Awards Ceremony took place in Tipperary in April.



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2030 **One Voice  
One Vision**

County Sligo  
Local Economic &  
Community Plan  
2023 - 2030

**LCDC**

Cóiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Shligigh  
Sligo Local Community Development  
Committee

 Sligo County Council  
Comhairle Chontae Shligigh

## Local Economic Community Plan Sligo 2030 One Voice One Vision launch June 2023

Sligo completed and launched its second Local Economic and Community Plan for Sligo, entitled Sligo 2030 Strategy One Voice Once Vision.

At a gala launch in Sligo City Hall on 7th June, attended by elected members, TDs, business, community and social interests across Sligo, including guests from Government Departments, Minister Joe O'Brien, Minister of State for Community Development, Integration and Charities, launched the plan.

The Development of Sligo 2030 'One Voice One Vision' is the collaboration of the work of the Council, all the Agencies delivering services in the county, and of course the Sligo Community.



# Sligo Business Network London Diaspora event



A full house of Sligo people travelled to the Irish Embassy in London to join up with the diaspora of The Sligo Business Network at the Embassy of Ireland to celebrate Yeats Day (13th June). Ambassador Martin Fraser welcomed all and commended the Sligo Business Network (SBN) for continuing to promote business and social links between the diaspora and the institutions back home in Sligo.

Above image L-R: Margaret McConnell, Sligo County Council, Frank Feighan TD Sligo-Leitrim, Tara Rodgers, Sligo Chamber, Irish Ambassador Martin Fraser, Cllr Michael Clarke, Cathaoirleach, Dorothy Clarke and Martin Lydon, Sligo County Council and Geraldine Courtenay and David Kiely, Sligo Chamber



## National Surf Centre, Strandhill

The €2.7m facility has been funded by Sligo County Council, Failte Ireland, and the Department of Rural Community and Development. The Centre will confirm Sligo's reputation as a must-visit outdoor adventure destination along the Wild Atlantic Way and will be an invaluable resource for the local and visiting surfing community.

The state-of-the-art facility will be regarded as Ireland's premium surf and outdoor activity centre for local, national and international surfers, and will cater for those providing advanced surfing training up to international standards.

The centre will include an interpretative display of the history of surfing in Ireland and the many local tourist attractions and will provide a central meeting and promotional point for local tourism businesses, including walking tours and adventure providers.

Size 570 Sqr .m building includes:

- Changing rooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Retail space
- Storage/Office Space
- Surf School Facilities
- Outdoor Showers
- Large outdoor assembly area

# National Surf Centre Opening, 29th June 2023



- Developed by Fáilte Ireland, Department of Rural and Community Development and Sligo County Council
- First of its kind centre in Ireland positions Strandhill a world-class surfing destination
- Centre to drive over €3.4million visitor spend for Sligo region annually

The new National Surf Centre, Strandhill, Co. Sligo was officially opened on 29th June 2023 by Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Catherine Martin TD and Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD, in the company of Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Councillor Gerard Mullaney.

This unique visitor experience, which has been developed by Fáilte Ireland, the Department of Rural and Community Development and Sligo County Council, is Ireland's first purpose-built surfing facility and will see Strandhill emerge as a world-class surfing destination. The project received an investment of almost €3million and aims to attract over 40,000\* visitors per year by 2028, rising to over 50,000 visitors annually by 2033.

Speaking at the official opening of the National Surf Centre, Strandhill today, Councillor Gerard Mullaney, Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council said:

“While already renowned nationally and internationally as a prime surfing destination, Strandhill's reputation is now further enhanced through the addition of this world-class, first of its kind purpose built surfing facility. This investment strengthens County Sligo's positioning as a key tourism hub along the Wild Atlantic Way. Sligo County Council is delighted to have partnered with Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development in delivering this unique visitor experience for Sligo.”

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Catherine Martin TD, added:

“I am pleased to officially open Ireland's flagship National Surf Centre today. The investment of €1.3million by Fáilte Ireland in the National Surf Centre will open Strandhill and the surrounding areas to a significant number of new visitors, who want to experience the exceptional surfing culture that this area is known for. Fáilte Ireland anticipates the visitors attracted to the National Surf Centre, Strandhill will generate revenue exceeding €34million in the Sligo region by 2033, creating new economic opportunities for local communities and indirectly supporting 21 jobs annually. The National Surf Centre, Strandhill creates a fantastic reason for visitors from at home and abroad to come to Sligo, participate in outdoor activities and spend longer in the region.”

Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD said: “I am delighted to visit Strandhill for what is a landmark occasion for Sligo and the entire North West Region. This new state-of-the-art National Surf Centre is going to do so much in terms of attracting visitors, supporting adventure tourism and providing a boost to the local economy.

I'm pleased that my Department was able to support the Surf Centre with an investment of over €1.1 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. This Fund is having a transformational impact on towns and villages right across Rural Ireland. The project that we are officially opening today is also further evidence of the truly positive difference that our five year rural development policy, 'Our Rural Future', is having in our communities. This fantastic Surf Centre will be a key new visitor experience in the region and solidify Sligo's reputation as a must-visit outdoor adventure destination along the Wild Atlantic Way."

Orla Carroll, Director of Product Development at Fáilte Ireland added;

"Fáilte Ireland is committed to developing unique visitor experiences and investing in standout attractions, particularly in regional areas. The new National Surf Centre, which has been developed by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Sligo County Council and Department of Rural Community Development, is a major new activity tourism amenity that will support the continued development of the activity tourism sector in Sligo. The vision of this project is to reach a wide ranging domestic and international audience, from beginners to advanced surfers, by providing a world-class visitor experience and focal point for tourism on the Wild Atlantic Way. The new centre delivers on Fáilte Ireland's Opening the Outdoors strategic pillar, supporting our ambition to develop Ireland as an internationally recognised Outdoor Activity destination."

The National Surf Centre, Strandhill will serve as a key visitor experience on the Wild Atlantic Way with state-of-the-art surfing facilities and breath-taking views of the ocean and surrounding landscape. Home to three surf schools and the County Sligo Surf Club, it will offer a vast and inclusive programme of services to suit every surfer, from novice to experienced. The centre will solidify Sligo's reputation as a must-visit outdoor adventure destination and provide a premium experience that will extend the surfing and outdoor activity season for visitors to Strandhill and the local surfing community.

Overlooking the waterfront in Strandhill, Co. Sligo, the National Surf Centre, Strandhill is a purpose-built architectural building, featuring stunning artwork on the front exterior by Donegal artist and surfer, Barry Britton. The centre provides high quality fully serviced changing, shower and locker facilities with extensive ground floor space to be used for surf class training and demonstrations. It also includes a bespoke surf and leisure retail experience along with a large-scale flexible meeting room which is available for hire.

# Sligo Economic Forum July meeting successfully held in the National Surf Centre



## Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris TD welcomed the incorporation of St. Angela's College into the Atlantic Technological University

St. Angela's College in Sligo has now dissolved and has become a part of the ATU, the second largest TU in the state now with nine campuses including at Lough Gill and a student population of almost 25,000.

Speaking at St. Angela's Lough Gill campus, Minister Harris said:

"St. Angela's College, Sligo has long been an important provider of initial teacher education particularly in terms of its home economics offerings not just in Sligo but nationally, and provides higher education programmes across a range of other important disciplines including over two decades in delivering nursing education

"So becoming an integral part of emerging higher education powerhouse in the West / North West that is ATU has always to my mind been a logical step.

"But it has not been an easy road. Today marks the end of a long journey for many people but it is the beginning of a new dawn for the staff, students and the county of Sligo.

"It joins the Atlantic Technological University – our third largest Higher Education Institution in the State.

"I am conscious this is a sad day for some as St Angela's is no more but ATU is the future for this great institution."





Sligo Economic Dashboard (Beta)

Indicators

- Population Change - Sligo (Source - CSO API)
- Property Price Index - Property Transaction last 12 months (Source - CSO API)
- Total Commencements 2021-2022 - BCMS (Sligo Co Co)
- Average Sale Price (Rolling 12 Month value) (Source - CSO API)
- Live Register Sligo (Always the Last Month) (Source - CSO API)
- Schools / College (Source Data - Gov IE)
- International Companies (Invest Sligo)

Table / Graphs

- Remote Working Index (Source Switcher.ie - Sligo Came First in the Survey)
- Over 15 by Field of Study (Source CSO API) This was taken based on advice from IDA to look at surrounding catchment
- Total Commencements 2021-2022 - BCMS (Sligo Co Co)

Population Change 2016 -2022



Property Transaction last 12 months



Total Unit Commencements 2021-2022:



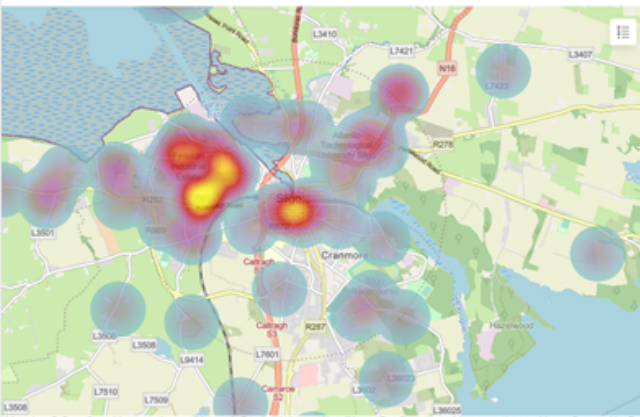
Average Sale Price Sligo



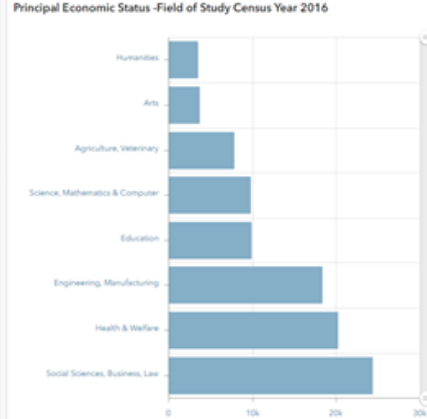
Live Register 2023 September



Commencements Notices 2021 to 2023



Population Aged 15 Years and Over 2016



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International Companies in Sligo

- Abbott (Medical Diagnostic Devices) [Click on Link](#)
- Abbvie (Biopharmaceutical) [Click on Link](#)
- Amcor (Global Packaging Solutions) [Click on Link](#)
- Apex (Financial services) [Click on Link](#)
- ASG (Network Design) [Click on Link](#)
- Nolato (Design and Manufacture)

# Sligo Economic Monitor Dashboard

Sligo County Council has developed the Sligo Economic Monitor Dashboard. The application has been developed in consultation with the IDA to collate a number of different publicly available datasets to help inform business leaders and the public on key indicators about County Sligo.

Included datasets are Planning, Housing, Property Price Register, Property Price Index, Live Register, Schools, IDA Companies and Education. The indicators are updated weekly.

The above image contains data from Nov 2023.

## Sligo Residential Zoning







## Sligo Genealogy Centre helps diaspora descendants find original family homestead

At County Sligo Heritage and Genealogy Centre, we are delighted to welcome visitors from all over the world, interested in tracing their family connections to County Sligo. It is very fulfilling for us to be able to help these 'descendants of the sons and daughters of Sligo', find out more about the life of their ancestors, in this beautiful county. This connection often develops into a strong bond with the area.

### **Visiting Sligo**

Prior to their visit to Sligo, many of our customers will have commenced their family history research, through correspondence with us or using our online research facility. This is often followed up by a personal consultation with an experienced researcher on arrival in Sligo.

When customers are physically coming to visit, or actually here in the county, we will always do our utmost to uncover as much information as possible, in the time available to us - so they can get the most enjoyment out of their trip, while they are here.

## Location Search Service

Down through the years, we have noticed that when the majority of our clients arrive in Sligo, the main thing they want to do is visit the 'old family homestead' and walk in their ancestors 'footsteps'. Our very popular 'location search service' endeavours to help them do - just that.

We start out by researching our database of over half a million records for entries pertaining to the family - looking in particular for specific townland names or street addresses, associated with the ancestors time in Sligo. We then use the Census listings and Griffiths Valuation maps to identify more closely, the specific building or farm, where they once resided, thereby enabling the clients, with guidance and maps, to visit the area themselves.

### **"A home on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean"**

Recently, we had a family visit from Ohio, USA, whose ancestors had left Sligo for America in the mid 1800's. They had been to Ireland once before and had loved it here, but they had not succeeded in locating their great great grandfathers home place in County Sligo.

This was something, which really intrigued them, as their 'family lore' had it, that they came from a house – "on the edge of the Atlantic ocean".

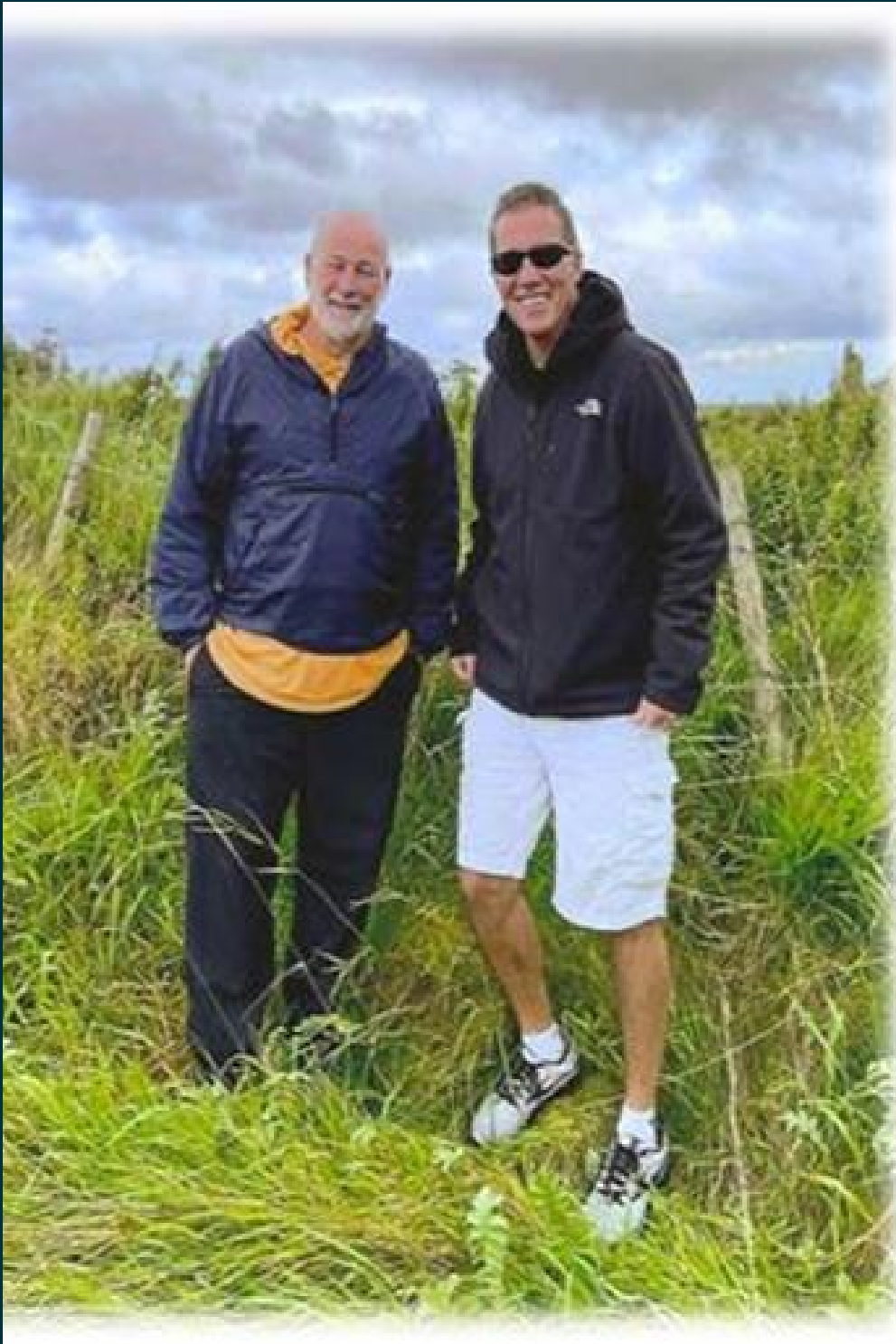
We were able to carry out a location search for them and were delighted to identify the exact homestead, their family had emigrated to America from. In this case, it seemed likely that the 'family story' was actually true, as it appeared from the map, to be a property right on the coast in the West of County Sligo.

They were full of excitement as we gave them the address location and sent them off on their journey.

About a month or so later, we received a very nice hand written card, along with four photographs, telling us the story of their adventure, after they left us that day. They said that - Sligo had proved itself to be a generous and welcoming county to them and made their trip a complete success.

They told us that on reaching the area that we had identified on the map, they got talking to a local farmer. As 'luck' would have it, this man knew where their family had left from and very kindly lead them to the exact family plot, on his tractor....





The photographs show what they said was ‘an incredible experience’ for them to stand in their ancestors footsteps and look out at the vast Atlantic ocean that separates them in both time and distance, from their County Sligo Roots. They expressed their ‘heartfelt thanks’ and ‘appreciation’ to us and vowed to return to their ancestral home county of Sligo, in the coming years.

# OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE O'CONNELL STREET ENHANCEMENT SCHEME IN SLIGO



Pictured: Cathaoirleach Councillor Gerard Mullaney unveiling the plaque to mark the official opening of the O'Connell Street Enhancement Scheme, along with Chief Executive of Sligo County Council, Martin Lydon

Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Councillor Gerard Mullaney officially opened the O'Connell Street Enhancement Scheme in Sligo on Friday, 6th October 2023.

The project, which received a contribution of €1.25 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), is the first step in the provision of the global public realm strategy for Sligo Town. As such the scheme is considered the flagship project on which the design ethos and rational for other projects shall be based.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Gerard Mullaney said:

“The completion of the O'Connell Street Enhancement scheme is the beginning of an exciting new strategy, to enhance the public realm and which aims to transform the city core into a vibrant and sustainable urban space.

The scheme will make the centre of Sligo city a safer environment for pedestrians which in turn means more support for local businesses.”



## Queen Maeve Square

The redevelopment of Stephen Street car park, into a fully pedestrianised public space known as Queen Maeve Square, funded by Fáilte Ireland, the Urban Regeneration Development Fund and Sligo County Council commenced in January 2023.

Welcoming the commencement of the project, Councillor Michael Clarke, former Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, said:

“It is great to start the New Year with this hugely significant project. We have worked very hard with our partners in Fáilte Ireland to secure the funding needed and it’s exciting to finally arrive at this point. This is a flagship development that will completely change the heart of Sligo, transforming it into a space that everyone can enjoy.”

The development of Queen Maeve Square will greatly enhance the public realm, creating an area that will be suitable for a broad range of uses including outdoor concerts, cultural events, farmers’ markets etc. It is here that visitors will gravitate to, upon arrival in the town, and is where families can spend time enjoying a unique space overlooking the Garavogue River. Works are expected to be complete Q1 2024.



## **Look Local, Look Sligo with Sligo Food Trail this Christmas**

Sligo Food Trail is spearheading the Look Local, Look Sligo campaign aimed at supporting local businesses which at the same time promotes sustainability. It's a timely reminder to shop in Sligo at a time when the local economy needs a boost and shopping sustainably is front of our minds. Look Local, Look Sligo is a Sligo County Council initiative supported by the Creative Ireland Fund and Sligo: Live Invest Visit.

# Sligo. Calendar 2024



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