

NEWS



FOUNDING members of the Aleen Cust Memorial Society, veterinary surgeons Donal Connolly, Ascinta Kilroy and Brendan Gardener.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

CÁIN MHAOINE ÁITIÚIL A ATHRÚ – FÓGRA MAIDIR LE BREITHNIÚ A DHÉANAMH I dTAOBH FACHTÓIR COIGEARTAITHE ÁITIÚIL A SHOCRÚ (AN RÁTA CÁNACH MAOINE ÁITIÚLA A MHÉADÚ/ A LAGHDÚ NÓ AN RÁTA SIN A FHÁGÁIL GAN ATHRÚ)

Leis an Acht Airgeadais (Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil), 2012 (arna leasú), foráiltear go sonrach go bhféadfaidh ionadaithe tofa údaráis áitiúil rún foirmiúil a rith chun bunráta na Cánach Maoine Áitiúla ina limistéar riaracháin a athrú de réir céatádan ar a dtugtar an fachtóir coigeartaithe áitiúil.

Le linn an chruinnithe atá socraithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe chun an t-ábhar seo a bhreithniú, féadfaidh na comhaltaí fachtóir coigeartaithe áitiúil a shocrú laistigh de raon +/- 15% den bhunráta nó féadfaidh siad a chinneadh gan an bunráta a choigeartú.

Tiocfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe le chéile i Meán Fómhair 2022 chun breithniú a dhéanamh i dtaobh fachtóir coigeartaithe áitiúil a shocrú.

Cuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe fáilte roimh aighneachtaí i scríbhinn ó dhaoine den phobal maidir leis an ábhar seo, go sonrach maidir leis na héifeachtaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann do ghnóthaí, do dhaoine aonair agus do sheirbhísí údaráis áitiúil mar thoradh ar athrú a dhéanamh ar bhunráta na Cánach Maoine Áitiúla.

Ní mór aighneachtaí a bheith faighte againn faoin 5ú Meán Fómhair 2022 agus ní mór iad a sheoladh: chuig Rannóg na gCuntas Iníoctha (aighneachtaí Cánach Maoine Áitiúla), An Roinn Airgeadais, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh H91 H6KX.

nó

ar ríomhphost chuig: lpt@galwaycoco.ie

VARIATION OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX – NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR (INCREASE/DECREASE OR LEAVING UNALTERED LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATE)

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended) makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor.

At the meeting set by Galway County Council to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

Galway County Council will meet in September 2022 to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor.

Galway County Council welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

Submissions must be received by 5th September 2022 and be sent to either:

Accounts Payable (LPT submissions) Section, Finance Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway H91 H6KX.

or

emailed to: lpt@galwaycoco.ie

Tá míle fáilte roimh chomhfhreagrás agus ghnó i nGaeilge: gaeilge@cocogaillimh.ie www.gaillimh.ie

customerservices@galwaycoco.ie www.galway.ie [@GalwayCoCo](https://twitter.com/GalwayCoCo)

J. Brann, Rúnaí Contae

Conference to celebrate life of Ireland's first female vet

• Two-day event in Mountbellew on life of Aleen Cust

CELEBRATED American scientist and animal behaviourist, Professor Temple Grandin, is among the speakers to travel to Atlantic Technological University, Mountbellew to speak at the centenary conference honouring the life and work of Aleen Cust, the first woman to work as a veterinary surgeon in Ireland and Britain in the early 1900s.

Taking place over August 11-12, some 16 talks by academics, veterinarians and historians will examine the life, times, work and death of the Tipperary-born Anglo-Irish aristocrat, who was admitted to the Royal College register one hundred years ago (1922), two decades after she first commenced practice in Athleague, Co Roscommon.

The two-day event is organised by Galway, Roscommon and Tipperary County Council Heritage Officers and the local Aleen Cust Memorial Society, supported by ATU.

Aleen Cust held the controversial post of Veterinary Inspector in the Mountbellew District for Galway CoCo from 1905-1915. She practised initially with William Augustine Byrne, MRCVS, from Castlestrange near Athleague and took over his work after his untimely death in 1910.

She drove her own car to France in 1915 to help colleagues treat wounded horses during the Great War 1914-1918. After the Rising in Ireland, the atmosphere changed, with nationalism supporting very rigid ideas of one's place, gender, and race and, in 1924 (aged 56), Aleen sold her property and moved to New Forest, Southampton.

She continued her interest in veterinary, travelling widely, talking to schools, and visiting abattoirs on behalf of the Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals.

She died while on a visit to



ALEEN Cust in 1902.

Jamaica in 1937 and rested there, unrecorded, until a Mountbellew veterinarian Brendan Gardiner, a member of the Aleen Cust Memorial Society, located the grave last December, with the assistance of Brian Denning, the Irish Consul in Kingston.

Marie Mannion, Galway Heritage Officer, says: "By undertaking this commemorative project, it will assist in creating a greater awareness and knowledge of what Ireland was like one hundred years ago and the hardships, difficulties that people endured and how Aleen's perseverance triumphed over adversity."

"It will also shed light on the life of one of Ireland's unsung heroes and ensure her work, sacrifices and determination are known by those of us who live in the Ireland of 2022."

The conference and related projects are funded and supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under their Decade of Centenaries Local Authority Funding, and various partners and local heritage groups in Galway, Roscommon, and Tipperary.

The idea for the Aleen Cust Centenary Conference was first mooted by local vets Ascinta Kilroy, Donal Connolly and Brendan Gardiner, all of whom wished for Aleen's legacy to be remembered and her name kept in perpetuity.

Meanwhile, conference

guest speaker Prof. Temple Grandin is a prominent proponent for the humane treatment of livestock for slaughter and the author of more than 60 scientific papers on animal behaviour.

She is a consultant to the livestock industry, and is also an autism spokesperson. A faculty member of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University, Prof. Grandin will deliver the keynote address on Thursday August 11 at 1.30pm, titled, 'Let's look at it from their point of view!'

MEP Maria Walsh will open the conference, and speakers include Professor Siobhan Mullan, first ever Chair of Animal Welfare and Ethics at UCD Vet School; Meta Osborne, the first female Senior Steward of the Turf Club in the world and first female President of the Veterinary Council of Ireland; and Dr Orla Flynn, first president of Ireland's newest university, ATU.

Other speakers include Mary Fanning, RTE, producer of the *Nationwide* programme, 'In the footsteps of Aleen'; Mountbellew retired vet Brendan Gardiner will talk about the search to find Aleen's resting place; and Mary Burke, historian and *The Tuam Herald* contributor will give a talk on 'The d'Arcy Diary: A short sojourn on Lough Mask with Aleen Cust and friends'.

A final discussion on remembering and commemorating the life and work of Aleen Cust will be moderated by Dr Carmel Connolly of NUI Galway.

Talks on the second day of the Centenary Conference, Friday August 12, are open to the public. To book a place, please email <https://aleencust.clr.events/event/132453#>

For information on Aleen Cust, see: <https://heritage.galwaycommunityheritage.org/content/people/aleen-cust-3>

To book the Scientific Day: <https://fullhouseevents.ie/aleen-cust-centenary-conference>. To book the Heritage Day of the conference: <https://aleencust.clr.events/event/132453>