

Galway Fleadh 2015



The Comhaltas Ceoltroiri Eireann Galway County Fleadh was held over last weekend on the Campus of NUI Galway.

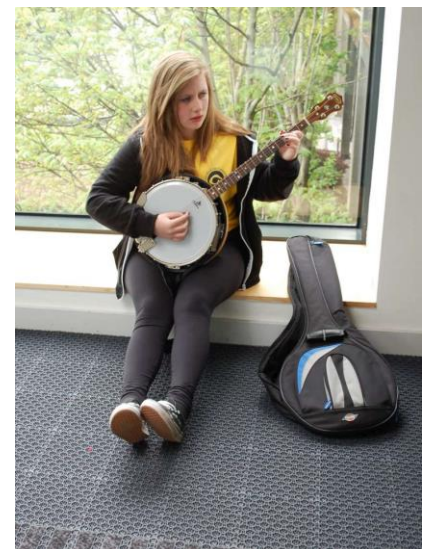
The Fleadh, which was officially opened by Sean Kyne TD, Moycullen was also addressed by Councillor Mary Hoade,



Mayor of Galway County and Caomhan O Fatharta, Chairman of Moycullen Ceoltas Ceoilteiori Eireann. The concert, a feast of traditional Irish music, song and

dance presented by children from national schools throughout the County was also attended by Cllr Donal Lyons Galway City Mayor and Joe O'Neill from the County Council.

The event, which saw over 1000 entries in more than 40 different competitions in dancing, singing, many types of musical instruments and Seanachai/storytelling was last held in the City 35 years ago. On Saturday, the competition for Comhra Gaeilge – a conversational Irish speaking competition – had to be moved to a bigger theatre to accommodate the large numbers of entrants.



On Friday night, a Mass, celebrated by Fr. Barry Horan, chaplain to the College was attended by many life-long members of Comhaltas who, together with their families, were, later, treated to refreshments and an award ceremony to acknowledge their many years of commitment and contribution to the organisation.

In his address CCE Galway County Chairman Peadar Bric paid an emotional tribute to recently deceased members and presentations were made to their families in their honour.



Caomhan O Fatharta congratulated the lifelong members in attendance and thanked them for their unrelenting commitment to our National Culture.

It was a fitting tribute to those who were honoured, (among them the 98 year old Paddy Fahy from Portumna, composer of many fine tunes), to have them all on stage to close the evenings events with a rousing, spontaneous twenty minutes of music and dance.





The facilities on campus, which were kindly provided by NUI Galway proved extremely popular with both the participants and the spectators.



Co-hosts of the event, CCE Moycullen and CCE Knocknacarra would like to express their gratitude to the management and staff of NUI Galway for their co-operation and assistance and would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the many volunteers who helped make the event such a fantastic success.

