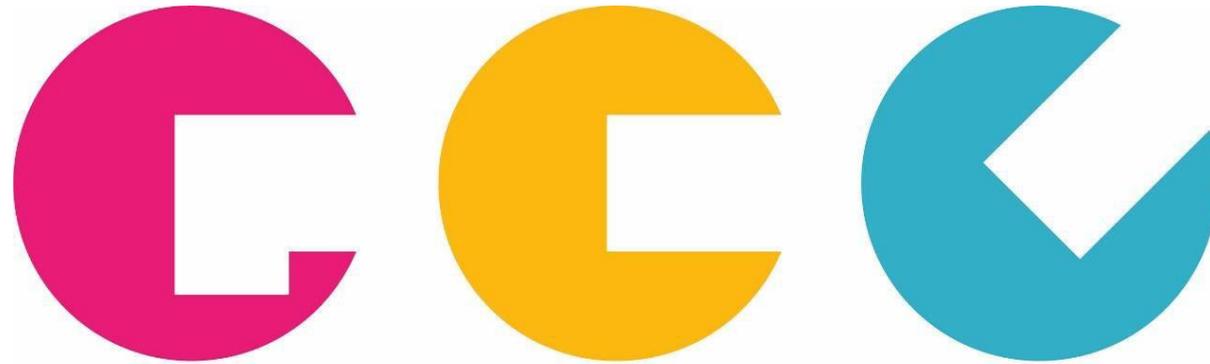


# *Being an ESC volunteer at*



## **Galway Community Circus**

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# What is ESC?

The [European Solidary Corps](#) (often shortened to **ESC**) supports young people aged 18-30 to be full-time **volunteers** in many **foreign countries**. Projects can run from 1 to 12 months depending on the project. EVS Volunteers can gain experience in a wide range of fields, including but not limited to:

- ✓ Youth
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Animal Welfare
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Development cooperation
- ✓ Arts



ESC is a partnership between a Sending Organisation in the volunteer's home country, a Receiving Organisation in the destination country, and the volunteer. Both organisations need to be approved (known as 'accredited') by the Erasmus+ National Agency in their country.

Click [here](#) to know more about the project and the [Irish National Agency, Leargas](#).

# ESC in Galway Community Circus 2020-2021



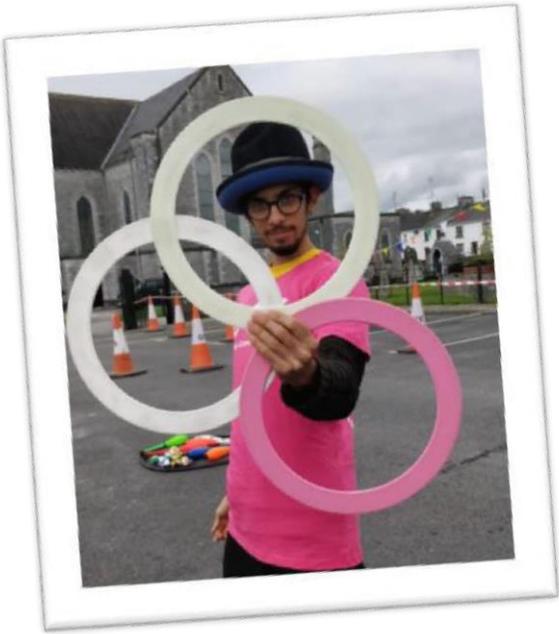
If you are reading this document is because you know that you would like to apply for European Solidarity Corps in Galway Community Circus, Ireland.

## *What to expect from us?*

- **11 months** project
- from 1st September 2020 (day you need to be in Galway) to 31st July 2021 (day you can leave Galway), Your travel will be refunded (within the E+ limitations)
- Accommodation provided
- Monthly pocket money
- A *Coordinator*, a *Supervisor* and a *Mentor* will be provided for you
- Bike provided
- Meeting, engaging with and learning about new cultures and backgrounds
- Opportunities to learn a lot of new things and of course... FUN!



# The Project...



The project activities will take up at least 30 and not more than 38h/week. The specific amount of hours will be specified in your Agreement and announced before selection. Three ESC will be **Tutor Assistants** in the circus' weekly classes and outreach programmes; they might also be involved in the Administration side of things in the office if this interested them. One ESC will be developing their skills on Graphic Design/Video and Photography OR helping us in our Event coordination.

*See below how to apply!*

You are encouraged to cooperate in a **project of interest** during your time in Ireland; in the past some of the ESC have worked on the technical production side of events, others have made a video library of specific skills or equipment, others have worked on administrative skills- fundraising, poster-making, research, evaluations... Please let us know if you have an interest in photography, film making, costumes, graphic design etc.! These projects are a way for you to work on extra self-chosen skills during the ESC year.

## *Holidays*

*You are eligible to 22 days of Holidays during your ESC program.*





Galway Community Circus

# Who are we?



[Galway Community Circus](#) is the flagship for youth and social circus education in Ireland, advancing education and promoting social inclusion for young people through the provision of circus arts education programmes.

Our aim is to advance the artistic, personal and social development of our participants.



In our classes we practice skills such as acrobatics, trapeze, balancing, juggling, dance and physical theatre. Our annual programme runs six days a week with 25 classes for 600 weekly participants in Galway City.

Our activities are non-competitive and promote physical and mental well-being and participation for all. We cater for a wide audience base and our practise is inclusive and accessible.

We have established strong partnerships with key international, national and local organisations from the arts, youth and community sector and a large part of our work takes place on a European level.

We are board members of the Erasmus+ funded European Youth and Social Circus Network Caravan. Galway Community Circus is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. We have a staff team of seven people and we are a host organisation for four ESC Volunteers per year.



# Galway City

Galway (Irish: Gaillimh) is a city in the West of Ireland, in the province of Connacht:

<https://www.galwaycity.ie/>

Galway lies on the River Corrib between Lough Corrib and Galway Bay, surrounded by County Galway, and is the sixth most populous city in Ireland, with a population at the 2016 Census of 79,934.

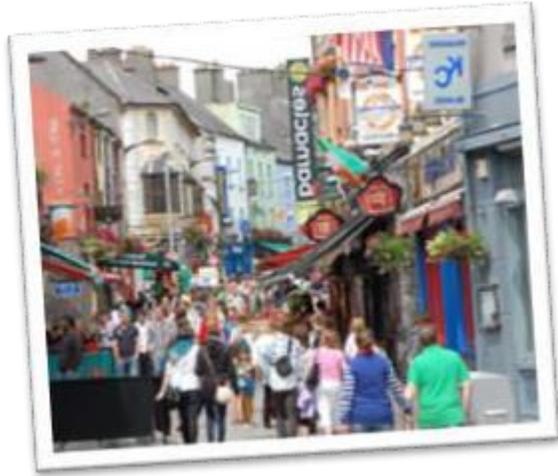
The [Irish language](#) is part of the [Gaelic](#) group of languages. Most of Irish people speak English but you will find areas of Galway such as Connemara where Irish is the spoken language.

Every destination in Galway is a walkable distance, and this makes it quite easy to meet each other, even with the weather which does rain a lot. Because of this the best place to meet up and listen to some traditional music is indeed the **PUB** which Ireland is known for their welcoming nature and good crack.

In all weather street performers colour the streets with music and dance.

Tourists come from all-over the world throughout the year. Galway has a huge calendar of Festivals and Parades from Literature to Fine Art and Music, film, food and comedy that run from March to November annually. The **Macnas Parade** is something that you wouldn't miss in October.

Galway is the **European Capital of Culture in 2020**. This will see Galway Community Circus hosting the **Wires Crossed** Festival: 400 funambulists from all over the World will cross the river Corrib and the Claddagh Basin in the middle of Galway City.



# Discover Ireland

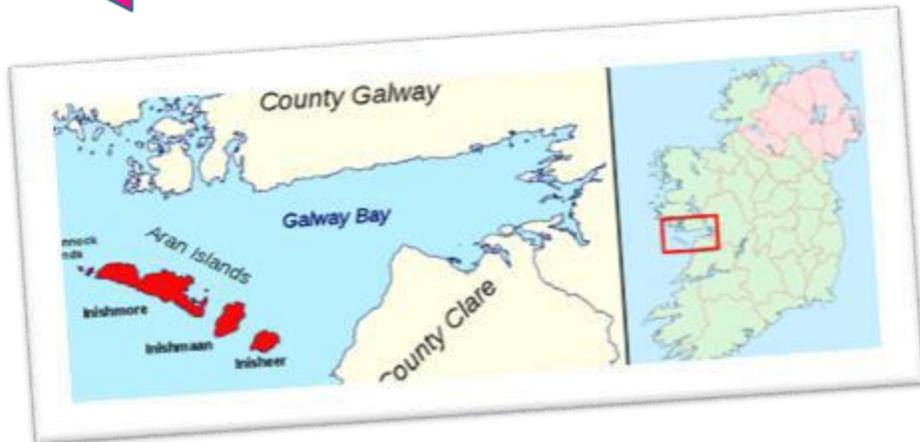


Use your free days to explore the country and its magical culture! You cannot miss the Cliffs of Moher, Aran Island (where one of the most famous Irish wool brand comes from), the Burren, Connemara, take classes of Sean Nos dance (traditional Irish dance), play the Irish tinwhistle and so much more! Your Mentor and Coordinator will be happy to help you find the best thing for you!

<http://www.galwaytourcompany.com/>

[Things to do in Ireland](#)

Enjoy!



# *How to apply*

If this has excited you and you feel that this may be the placement for you...

...Send your **CV and Motivation Letter** to

[esc@galwaycircus.com](mailto:esc@galwaycircus.com)

By the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 by 23.59/11.59pm Irish time!

*Run away with Galway Community Circus and  
have an experience of a lifetime!*

