

## Public Bat Walk in Oughterard - Saturday 26 July

The next bat-walk will be our first in the west of the county, and will be held in the centre of Oughterard town! We hope to see '*Pipistrelles*' around the woods and '*Daubentons*' around the water, but also some '*Leislars*' bats, which are Ireland's largest species, and the first ones to come out at dusk!

Designed for people with no previous experience with bats, you can expect an exciting evening-out for adults and children alike!

Please meet outside the Convent National School for a 9.30pm start on Saturday 26th July. As always the walk is free of charge, and open to people of all ages!

Also, if you would like to have a little survey around your own house or town, we have a few bat detectors for people to borrow for a week or two!

The event has been jointly organised by the Galway Bat Group and the '*People and Nature*' project of Galway County. For more information, please contact Nick Marchant at 087-6839771 or [elaine.oriordan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:elaine.oriordan@nuigalway.ie)

## Training course for voluntary surveyors, Tuesday 22 July

Tina Aughney of Bat Conservation Ireland (BCI) will be here in Galway next Tuesday to lead a free training course for voluntary bat surveyors.

BCI is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to monitor the populations of the 10 species of bat of Ireland. They rely largely on volunteers to collect their data, and with the upcoming workshop they are hoping to train new volunteers in the techniques required for surveying '*Daubentons*' bats. The surveys are fairly simple, and would involve only one hour's work on an evening in August – not too much like work if you ask me!

The workshop will start at 8.30pm on Tuesday 22nd July, and will be held in the Environmental Science Seminar Room in NUI Galway. The Environmental Science building can be found in the microbiology building, which is beside the '*Environmental Change Institute*' (Orbsen building), and opposite Áras Uí Chathail, please see the map at [http://www.nuigalway.ie/campus\\_map/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/campus_map/).

I'll be standing outside to direct people to the room! Parking will be free.

If you might be interested in helping us with the surveys, please feel free to give me a call at 091-493863 for some more information.

Best of luck,  
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