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Public Liability Insurance

The policy provides cover in respect of all sums, which the Association shall become legally liable to pay in respect of bodily injury or illness of any person (not being a person under a contract of service of apprenticeship) or damage to any Third Party property happening in connection with the business described in the Policy and occurring:

- (a) Upon or about the premises of
- (b) During and in connection with the duties elsewhere of any member of the Association

The Business Social, Educational and Cultural Organisation

The Premises

- (a) 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
- (b) Any other premises temporarily hired by or lent to the Insured for the purposes of any meeting, sale or social function by the Insured

Limit of Indemnity

- (a) €6,500,000 any one occurrence/ unlimited in any one period of insurance
- (b) €31,744 any one period of insurance involving damage to Third Party Property caused by vibration or by the removal or weakening of support

Extensions:

- (a) Liability for loss of damage to premises (including fixtures or fittings thereof) hired or rented but excluding the first €325 of such loss or damage unless caused by Fire or Explosion
- (b) Liability assumed under Hiring Agreements with owners of premises for the fire of such premises including liability to Third Parties but excluding the first €325 of any claim.

Notes:

- (1) It is a condition of Extension (b) that the conduct and control of all Claims for which your Insurers may be liable by virtue of the extension be vested in your Insurers.
- (2) Members are respectfully requested not to sign any Hiring Agreement, which imposes on the Insurers a Liability, which would not attach in the absence of such Agreement.
- (3) Food Poisoning risks

Policy Exclusions:

- (a) Claims arising from ownership, possession or use of any mechanically propelled or horse drawn vehicles, any vessels or craft.
- (b) Loss or damage to property (other than "Premises" as above described) in the charge of or under the control of the Insured or any servant or agent of the Insured.

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Irish Countrywomen's Association ~ Bantracht na Tuaithe Summer 2021

A Chomhbhaill, Fellow Members,

I am delighted to write in my first newsletter as National President. I want to thank you for your messages of congratulations, support and encouragement.

Since I took office we have had the first meeting of the new NEB and NAC. It was lovely to join Clare Federation and Donegal Federation on their Zoom meetings. I was privileged to represent ICA at the funeral of former National President Mamo Mc Donald in Clones Co. Monaghan. Leaba i measc na naomh go raibh aici.



I joined the wonderful Anna May McHugh for the launch of the Aldi Brown Bread Competition. Full details are in this newsletter. There hasn't been an ICA winner of this great competition for the last three years and the numbers of entries from ICA members have gone down. So come on ladies get baking! This year we want lots and lots of entries from ICA members all over the country. The prizes are amazing and if you're not in you can't win and it is great publicity for ICA.

I am just back from the reopening of An Grianán on 2nd July, a lovely relaxed weekend and everyone was so delighted to be there. Our college is looking great. Get your bookings in and enjoy time for yourself in this special place!

As we begin a new three year cycle with a new Board and a new National Advisory Committee we need to move forward together, united in our love of our organisation and enjoy everything that is so good about the ICA. As I said in my address at the AGM, ICA is a membership organisation and I want to hear from you the members.

What is important for you as an ICA member?

What do you enjoy most about ICA?

What frustrates/annoys you about ICA?

How can we support you as a member?

How can we support Guilds and Federations?

How can we attract new members?

What does ICA need/not need?

What would you like to see happen in ICA during my term of office?

Continued overleaf.....

You can email me at hilda@ica.ie or contact Central Office if you would like to talk to me.

Le cúnamh Dé Guilds and Federations will be able to get back in the Autumn. Continue to keep in touch with each other and get together out of doors during the summer.

Please send photos of any events into Central Office for the next newsletter.

When it's possible I will be delighted to visit Federations and Guilds in all parts of the country. When it is safe to do so and when restrictions allow, we will celebrate together. We will chat, laugh, sing and dance and we will showcase all that is great about ICA.

Tabhair aire daoibh féin agus dá chéile.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Hilda

Hilda Roche



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

National Treasurer Mary O'Halloran will attend the Pre-Budget Forum on behalf of the ICA on 14th July. She will join the focus group regarding reform of Pensions in particular the allowances to enable women to receive a full contributory pension.



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National Secretary Joanne attended "Our Rural Future" on behalf of ICA.

Catherine Lane, Women in Local, Community and Rural Development Officer of the National Women's Council chaired meeting on the recently published paper on Women in Rural Communities.

Gareth Makim (Assistant PO) from Dept of Rural and Community Development presented on the recently published Our Rural Future, Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. He was joined by Andrew Forde and Melissa Moloney from the Rural Strategy Unit and Paul Geraghty from the Community and Social Inclusion side.

NWC presented their priorities to advance women's equality in rural communities, from talks held during the last few months with interested groups.

Joanne Dunphy Allen Profile National Secretary 2021-2024



Originally from Wexford, I spent my school years in Carlow. I attended Limerick Institute of Technology where I met my husband Tom, who is from Scariff, Co. Clare. I have one daughter, Rachel, who is a Ph.D. student in NUIG.

I joined ICA in April 2013. I had been aware, through family and friends, of ICA in Wexford, Carlow and Limerick. I became part of a group of women who wished to restart Scariff Guild which had closed a few years previously. I was elected President of the re-opened Guild. Since then I have served as Guild Vice-President and PRO. My life has been enriched by being part of a supportive and fun group of women in my Guild.

I was President of Clare Federation from 2015-2018 and served on the National Executive Board 2015-2018. I was appointed Chair of the Committee for Promotion and Development of An Grianán. ICA has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of Irish women and their families over the past 110 years. I will be honoured to contribute to this legacy.

I believe the next 3 years will be crucial for our Association. We need to channel our ICA energy together, to reinvigorate ICA, to ensure it meets the needs of our current and future members and the social challenges of a changing Ireland.

Addressing decline in membership and promotion of the organisation will be key issues. ICA means a lot to me. I am passionate about community, working and engaging with people to develop and enhance their communities and resources. I will work with energy, integrity and commitment for the success and growth of ICA and you the members. Can't wait to meet you all! Joanne

Mary O'Halloran Profile National Treasurer 2021-2024



I grew up in Newmarket on Fergus, moved a short few miles to Quin, Co. Clare when I married my husband Sean. We have four sons, two who live in Australia with my grandson.

I joined my local Guild Clooney/Quin in 2010. I was at that stage in my life where all the family had moved off to live their own lives. I now had loads of spare time!! I knew what being a member could offer as I grew up with the ICA. My mother was Clare Federation President from 1991-1994 and have held the roles of Guild Treasurer, Guild Secretary, Guild Vice-President and Guild President.

I have met so many wonderful women, where support, friendship, fun and learning new skills is what it's about. I am proud to have represented the members of Clare Federation at National Level as a member of the NAC 2018-2021. Being on the NAC gave me an opportunity to meet women from all over Ireland with the collective aim of working to the betterment of the ICA. I was also selected to be part of the Governance Committee, which gave me an insight into the structure and running of the organisation. As well as the statutory requirements of a charitable organisation.

The challenges that face ICA as we come out of the pandemic will be historic for the organisation. The ICA needs to have an in-depth look at its future and its appeal to younger women and become relevant in the 21st century. My main focus is to source funding and grants to benefit the association and our members. Looking forward to meeting you. Mary



On the left, Hilda Roche National President of the ICA with Anna May McHugh and Eileen Brennan of the NPA, Peter Bough of Aldi and Marie McCarthy of Cork who won the competition last year. For more information about the Competition to be held later this summer, see overleaf. Or search www.aldi.ie

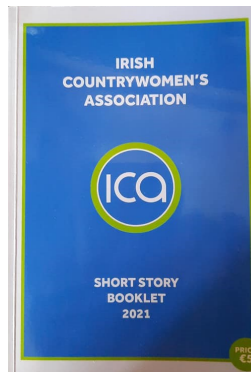
Below members of Ratoath Guild Meath Federation catching up after lockdown restrictions were eased.



On the right, members of Wicklow Town Guild who weed flower beds for the Tidy Towns and then go for a walk. Seen here on Wicklow Pier.



Below, members of Blackrock Guild in Louth Federation answered the call to make Calico Dolls for Crumlin Hospital. If your Guild has the time to make some, please see www.ica.ie for the pattern.



On the left, Longford Federation have produced this excellent booklet of the Short Stories in the competition. To get your copy please contact May Campbell by email maycampbell113@gmail.com

Bottom left, members of Labasheeda Guild Clare Federation who won Guild of the year with their Pollinator Garden.



Above, some amazing fabric sculptures produced in An Grianán on the opening weekend.

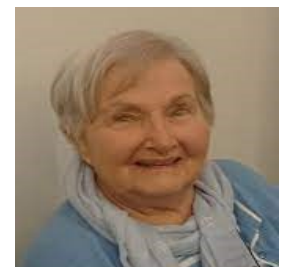


An Grianán opened its doors on Friday 2nd July for the first time in 16 long months. Hilda Roche National President was in attendance. It was a great weekend to be back in the sunshine with lots of fun classes like Tai Chi, see top left. Remember you can use your 2020 coupon for a discount on your next visit. Call Niamh on 041-9822119

Kilkenny Federation has agreed to take on Contests for 2021-2024. Competitions have always been an important part of ICA, thank you Kilkenny!

Mamo McDonald RIP

Mamo McDonald was ICA National President from 1982-1985. She was a remarkable woman with a wealth of knowledge and a great speaker who was always ready to listen. She was enthusiastic and encouraging and had a great sense of fun. Mamo worked tirelessly for women's rights and was instrumental in bringing the ACWW triennial conference to Killarney in 1986. She was a much loved and inspirational member and friend, a gentle smiling lady and a true ICA woman. Mamo will always be remembered by all in ICA with love and gratitude.



Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam uasal.

Maureen McLaughlin former Federation President of Donegal has been announced as the new PRO for the association. Please contact her on pro21@ica.ie with your suggestions and queries.

BROWN BREAD BAKING COMPETITION 2021



The competition will be open to all members of the public. All entrants will be asked to drop off their freshly baked bread at one of the prescribed Aldi stores. Entry to the competition is free. Entrants will submit a pre-baked brown bread to one of the nine locations outlined below for judging in August 2021. All successful entrants will be contacted on 20th of August, to attend the finals, due to take place on the 10th of September in Howth Castle Cookery School, with the winner then announced on the 17th September.

1st

Grand prize
of €15,000

2nd

€1,000 Aldi
Shopping
Vouchers

3rd

€500 Aldi
Shopping
Vouchers

4th

€300 Aldi
Shopping
Vouchers

WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST 09:00- 11:00

Aldi Head Office Naas, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 VE40.

Aldi Swords, 10 Seatown Rd, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 V2N7.

Aldi Athlone, Golden Island, Ankers Bower, Athlone Co. Westmeath N37 FCo4.

WEDNESDAY 11th August 09:00- 11:00

Aldi Macroom, Oakwood, Sleeven East, Macroom, Co. Cork, P12 ER89.

Aldi, Newcastle West, , Co. Limerick, V42 KD35.

Aldi, Main Street, Gort, Co. Galway, H91 PV44.

WEDNESDAY 18th August 09:00- 11:00

Aldi New Ross, Marshmeadows, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34 NP48.

Aldi Castlebar, Lannagh Rd, Garryduff, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 TV29.

Aldi Cavan, Dublin Rd, Tullymongan Upper, Cavan, H91PK29.

Rules of the Brown Bread Competition 2021: See <https://www.aldi.ie/brown-bread-comp-info> for more information.

1. Each competitor will produce a home baked brown bread. A 2 lb loaf tin must be used. Ingredients that are allowed are listed below. Competitors must use ingredients purchased from Aldi. Any ingredients not available for purchase in Aldi must be listed and presented in non-branded containers. Competitors may bring their own baking tin should they reach the Finals.

2. Competitors must be over the age of 18 years on 1st January 2021.

3. Professional chefs are excluded from competing.

4. Competitors please note that at the National Finals, competitors will be obliged to use the ingredients supplied by Aldi on the day. Any ingredients not available in Aldi must be listed and presented in non-branded containers.

5. Each finalist will be required to submit their final recipe before the National Finals to ensure all ingredients can be used by our production bakery of choice. Competitors must be available on both dates of the Competition – September 10th and 17th.

Directors, management and employees (and the immediate families of directors, management and employees) of the Promotor or the agencies or companies associated with this promotion are ineligible to enter. Previous National Winners are excluded from taking part.



One Million Stars Ireland is a community arts project that connects members of the community through the art of weaving stars and holding public star installations. The stars represent love, light and solidarity against violence and the exhibitions raise funds for local women's refuges while raising domestic violence awareness and a call to action to create social change. Women's Aid figures for the second half of last year saw a 40 % increase in calls to Women's Aid. These are stark figures in a what has been a very difficult year for many. Our stars represent hope for a safer future for all and an end to all violence.

ICA members in Kilkenny, Tipperary and Mayo wove stars for the ten thousand Stars exhibition in Kilkenny and the exhibition at The Medieval Mile Museum with The Irish Craft Council of Ireland. They have exhibited in Kilkenny Castle and the City Hall. The project is growing each week and there are now plans to have ten thousand star exhibitions in Counties Limerick, Monaghan and Cavan. The project always welcoming new weavers to our community and they invite ICA members across the country could join and help achieve their mission if reaching one million stars to end violence for Ireland.

[The Story of the One Million Stars Ireland 2020 - YouTube](#)

If your Guild would like to get involved, please contact

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COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING

The Winter Conference of the ICA will take place on

Saturday 6th November 2021

The Amber Springs Hotel

Gorey Co. Wexford

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Bedroom Rates:

Single room bed & breakfast - €130 per night

Single room dinner, bed & breakfast - €155 per night

Double / Twin room bed & breakfast - €160 per night

Double / Twin room dinner, bed & breakfast - €210 per night