

Part 2  
of a  
6-part  
series

# Choose Galway Social Enterprise

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### Westside Resource Centre

*A great place to meet*

**W**estside Resource Centre is a social enterprise that has been working in the Westside area for the past 28 years. For local community groups, charities and government agencies, there is simply no better place to meet. The Centre has a range of different-sized meeting rooms and these are available to hire by the

like the monthly Open Door. Course providers will also be interested in the bright meeting rooms for training purposes and for hosting classes both accredited and non-accredited. On any given day, visitors to the Centre may find a variety of classes running – yoga, creative writing, gardening, art & crafts – to name but a few. Groups using Westside

all clients can avail of useful services such as photocopying, faxing and laminating. Technology is playing an increasingly important role in all aspects of our lives and this is certainly true in how we participate in and host meetings and gatherings. Westside Resource Centre has a range of technology available to help groups to make the most of their events.

### Meeting & Training Rooms



Art, Craft and Educational Classes



Meetings, Seminars & Social Gatherings

Suitable for community and voluntary groups, residents associations etc. Reasonable rates.

Contact Westside Resource Centre  
**091-528325**



Westside Resource Centre is the venue of choice for community events, open days and fund-raisers, thanks to its central location and modern facilities.

*“An excellent venue... and supportive partner in the delivery of services and activities.”*

community work through its daily operations. It is therefore not simply an excellent venue but often a local ally and supportive partner in the delivery of services and activities. The Centre strives to be a warm, welcoming and friendly environment and, because it is home to so many different organisations and activities, it has become a real resource for the people of the area; particularly those experiencing disadvantage.



A wide range of classes and courses take place in the Resource Centre.

hour, by the half day or by the day. Many community-based organisations use the meeting rooms for their regular social gatherings, for special occasions and for more formal events such as AGMs, Board Meetings and seminars.

Resource Centre book their space in advance and Centre staff then set up the space in the required layout. The flexibility of this arrangement is very useful and facilitators know that when they arrive all of the practical work is done and they can focus on delivering their own particular class or event. The meeting rooms can be laid out for social events, set up as classrooms, in board room style, in conference setting or indeed as completely clear spaces for light exercise classes etc. Centre staff are always on hand to assist and

Meeting rooms can be set up with laptops, projectors and multimedia screens for digital presentations, showing online content and for video conferencing. For some, 'old school' remains important too and many clients still use the handy reliables of whiteboard, flipchart, pen & paper. Not all meetings require large spaces and some clients use smaller rooms for one-to-one meetings and get-togethers with individual clients from the community. Groups providing guidance and citizen advice can also avail of smaller spaces for drop-in clinics, interviews and information sessions. Westside Resource Centre helps to foster and promote

The Centre provides a link between people in the community and a range of important services. People call to the Centre seeking information, perhaps wanting to volunteer or participate in local initiatives or simply to join in one of the classes or activities. All are welcome. Westside Resource Centre may have exactly what they are looking for... If we don't, we may know someone who does!

**Social Enterprises...**  
...are organisations that work to improve the lives of people - the business of social enterprise is social good.  
...pursue their objectives by the provision of goods and/or services, and by reinvesting surpluses into achieving social objectives.  
...deliver much-needed services and sustain jobs and communities all over Ireland.



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## Many Services Under One Roof

Westside Resource Centre is home to a wide variety of organisations and groups that serve the community. The Resource Centre strives to deliver high-quality and professional services whilst maintaining a supportive and friendly atmosphere for all those who use our facilities.

- Galway City Partnership - Westside Project
- OBAIR Local Employment Service Network
- Galway City Community Network
- Foróige's Big Brother Big Sister
- Westside Creche & Pre School
- Worldwide Global Schools



- National Advocacy Service
- AMACH! LGBT Galway
- Foróige's MEAS Project
- Epilepsy Ireland
- Self Help Africa
- RISE Service

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