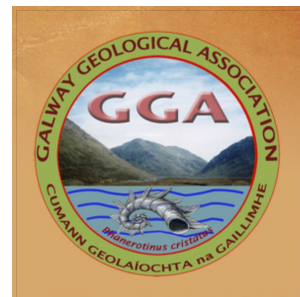


From: Galway Geological Association (GGA)
To: GGA members and friends
Re: Events of potential interest to members and friends
Date: 18 January 2025



Dear GGA members and friends
Details of upcoming events follow.

GGA lectures (on Zoom)

Thursday, 22 January, 2026 at 19:00 h Dublin time; (=20:00 h CET)

The Eifel volcanic field, Germany: type-location of “maars”, natural archives of exceptional environmental records

BY: Prof. Dr. Bernd Zolitschka, Institute of Geography, University of Bremen

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84803122481?pwd=8u0QVxpmJeTBnfgnEyGAnwPMbPDqAV.1>

Meeting ID: 848 0312 2481; Passcode: 011317

Advances on geochemical data collection by the Tellus programme with particular reference to western Ireland

BY: Victoria Lowe (GSI, Tellus programme)

Tuesday, 10 February, 2026 at 19:00 h

(further details, including a Zoom link, will be provided later)

GGA summer fieldtrip 2026 – Geology of SW Mayo including Inishturk

We are pleased to announce that the GGA summer fieldtrip will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th June. We are particularly pleased that Dr Brian McConnell has kindly agreed to lead this trip and share with us his detailed knowledge of the local geology gained from geological mapping of County Mayo carried out over many years.

Saturday will be spent exploring the geology between Leenane and Clew Bay while on Sunday we will have the opportunity to explore Inishturk and compare its geology with that seen on the mainland.

Further details, including accommodation, etc., will be circulated shortly.

Other geoscience events of potential interest to GGA members

2026 Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) Geoscience lecture

Lecture: *Why does Net Zero need Geoscience*

Speaker: Karen Hanghøj, Director of the British Geological Survey

Location: Royal Irish Academy (RIA), Dawson St., Dublin 2

Date and time: Thursday, 29 January 2026, 6–7.30 p.m.

Co-programmed with the RIA's Geography and Geosciences Committee, the annual GSI lecture brings world-class Irish and international geoscientists to an Ireland-based audience to talk to a variety of important and relevant geoscientific and societal themes.

For further information and to reserve a place (gratis) see:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/royalirishacademy/1981076>

CGA events (based on information kindly provided by Dr Bettie Higgs, Chairperson CGA)

January 28th, 7.30pm (via Zoom)

Lecture: *In the Search for Unmarked Burials*

Speaker Dr. Alistair Ruffell, Queen's University, Belfast

From basic geological mapping, to the use of remote sensing and geophysics, geological methods can be used to assist in the search for buried or sunken objects. This presentation includes case-studies with topics as diverse as homicide, WW1 casualties, WW2 aircraft, missing persons and wildlife crime. The use of Earth Science is the focus of the lecture: the application includes sensitive topics.

Irish Geological Research Meeting 2026 – Feb. 27-29th in UCC

Highlights include:

Friday Feb. 27th 8pm

Determining the Correlates of Extinction on Long Time Scales

BY Professor Erin Saupe (Oxford University). Venue: Boole 2

Saturday Feb. 28th 8pm

The Geology of Mars BY Dr Susanne Schwenzer (Open University)

Venue: Boole 2

UCC Fieldtrip

May 23rd/24th 2026 Weekend fieldtrip to Ballybunion and Fenit. Leader Dr. John Murray (University of Galway).

To register, and/or receive more details email b.higgs@ucc.ie

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With all best wishes for 2026

Michael O'Connell
(on behalf of the GGA Committee)

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If you wish to contribute an item of interest / information to GGA web or Bluesky (provide some explanatory text; if possible also separately provide an image) email GGA: galwaygeology@gmail.com

GGA Annual Subscription

Individual €20; Student €15; Family €30

Subscriptions / fieldtrip registration fees etc may be paid into the GGA account:

St Columbas Credit Union, Walter Macken Rd, Galway H91 K6C2; IBAN IE44CLDO99215993498837

Be sure to give your names and also contact points (email and Tel (mobile)). Indicate the purpose (GGA annual sub./registration fee, etc). It is strongly recommended that you galwaygeology@gmail.com with the relevant details