# Connemara Mountain Walking Festival Programme of events 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Online registration at <u>www.leenanevillage.com</u> advance booking essential

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the local landowners without whom this festival would not be possible & the locals who will be accompanying the groups onto the hills. NO DOGS

Walk A: Strenuous high level Walk B: Medium/Hard high level Walk C: Low level

\*Walk times are subject to change

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Leenane Hotel

#### 8pm Talks – small donate for charity

<u>Shane Young</u> - Come hear about what it's like to travel through the middle of one of the last wild places left in the jungles of Colombia. The depths of the Chiribiqute national park are home to wondrous Rock paintings & a large variety of animals and birds.

<u>Siobhan Power</u> - Siobhán is a geologist with Geological Survey Ireland with responsibility for geoheritage & communications. Her most recent work in this area was on the idea of developing a geopark in the Joyce Country area of Galway and Mayo.

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

8:00 Check in opens at Leenane Community Centre

9:00 A Ben Baun:

Peak the highest Mountain in Galway

Approximately 7/8 hours Height Gain 1180m Distance 15km

10:00 B Sheefrey:

Taking the path least tread

Approximately Time 5+ hrs Height Gain 960m Distance 13km

11am C Low Level Walk: Western way - Tawnyard to Aasleagh Falls – SOLD OUT Walk the Western Way from Mayo to Galway

Approximately 4 hours Height Gain 100m Distance 9km

11am C Low Level Walk: Killary Harbour Famine track.

Walk the road built during famine times.

Approximately Time 3+ hrs Height Gain 50m Distance 10km

4-5pm Finish walks and arrive down to tea/coffee/scones in local businesses.

8.30pm Sunset Walk - Connemara National Park - SOLD OUT

9pm FREE Live Music with local Band "Don't Tell Dad" in Leenane Hotel.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

8:00 Check in opens at Leenane Community Centre

#### 9:00 A Mweelrea Loop

Peak the highest mountain in Connacht

Approximately 7hrs Height gain 1,120m Distance 15km

#### 10:00 B Maumtrasna/ Devils Mother

**Challenge the Devil** 

Approximate 5/6hrs Height Gain 980m Distance 15km

# 11am C Low level: Western Way – Leenane to Lough Inagh Continue the journey along the Western Way

Approximately 3/4 hrsHeight Gain 100m Distance 15km

#### 11.30am B/C Glanagimla Horse shoe

Approximately 3/4 hrs

4-5pm Finish walks and arrive down to tea/coffee/scones in local businesses.

#### **Eve 10pm** Ceili in Leenane hotel FREE

Cost of weekend: €35 for 1 day or €65 for 2 days (Sat &Sun) 10% Discount for groups of 10 or more – must all be booked ONLINE at the same time. This discount ONLY applies to online purchases.

We cannot guarantee that you will get the walk you want unless you book online before 5pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Price includes qualified guides & local guides from the area, transport to/from each walk, maps, tea/coffee etc. participants must come well prepared with suitable footwear & waterproofs. See <a href="www.leenanevillage.com">www.leenanevillage.com</a> Price does not include accommodation or packed lunches

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