Explore the Museum

Here at Galway City Museum we have three floors of engaging exhibitions relating to the archaeology, history and science of Galway. We also have a lively programme of events including gallery tours, illustrated talks, lectures, art and creativity workshops and much more. Explore the Museum highlights to learn more about Galway, a medieval city by the sea!

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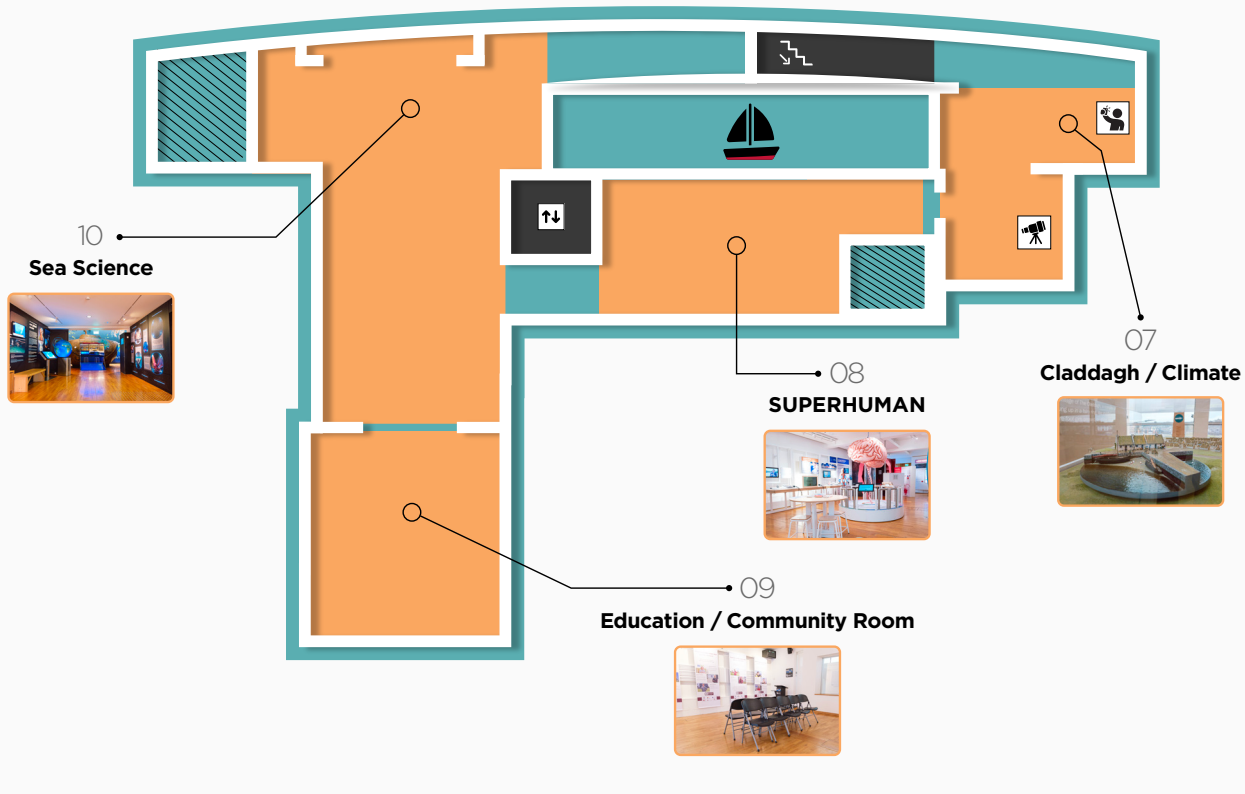
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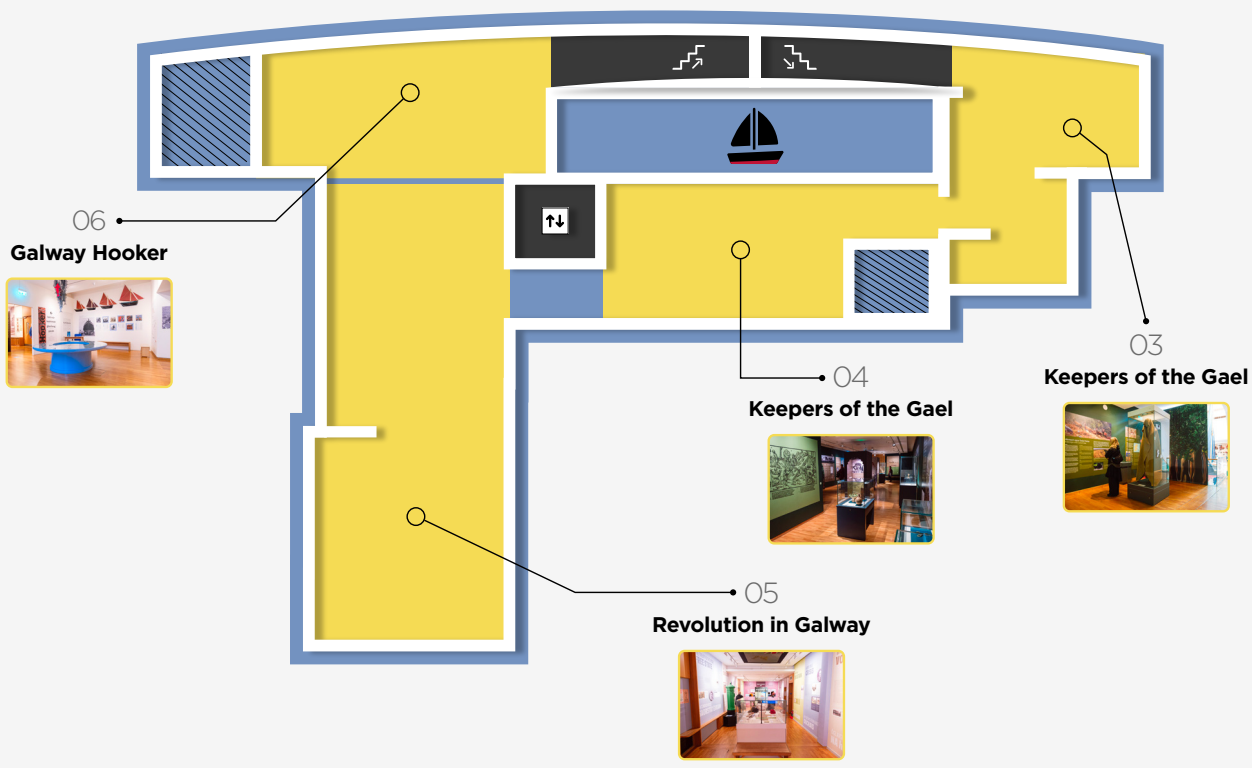


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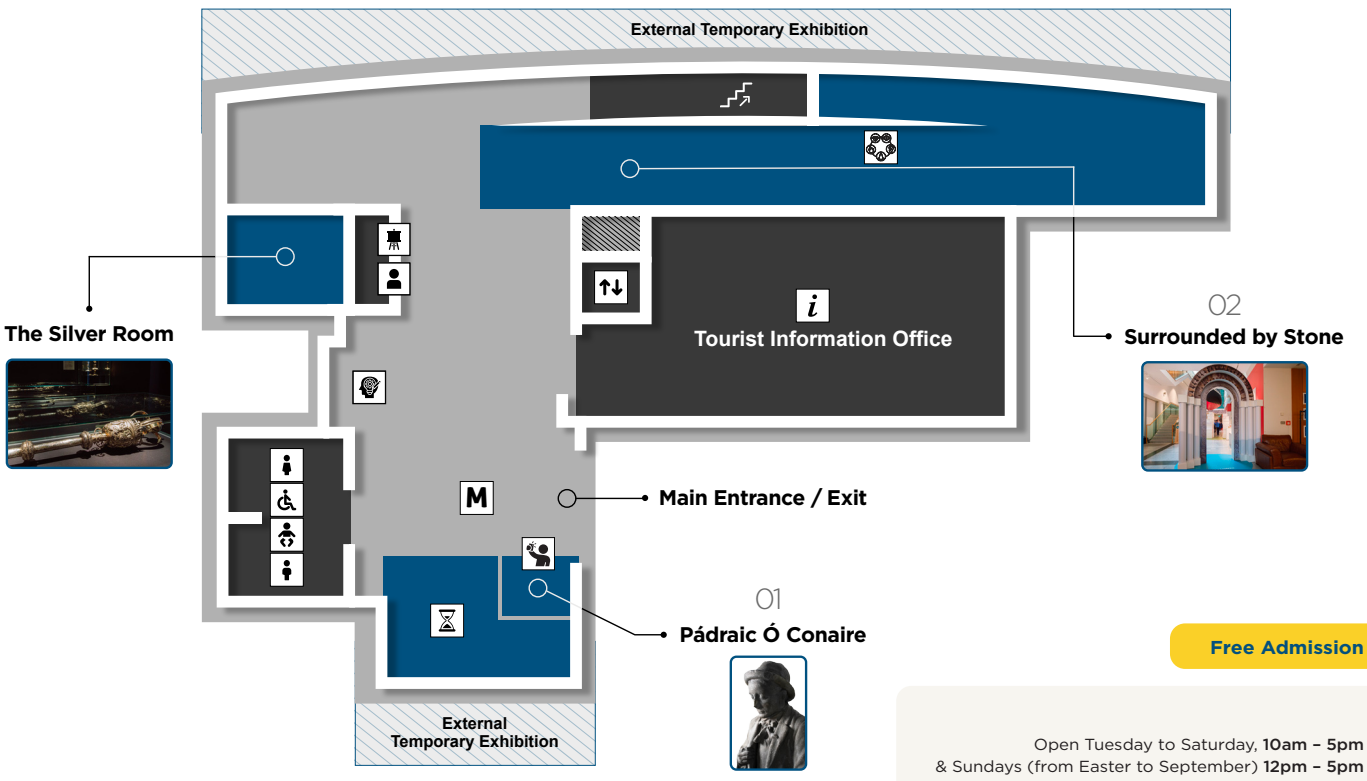
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Free Admission

Open Tuesday to Saturday, **10am – 5pm**
& Sundays (from Easter to September) **12pm – 5pm**
Galleries close at **4:45pm**
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Museum Highlights

Galway Icon 0

Visit Galway's best-loved and most photographed statue, which commemorates Pádraic Ó Conaire (1882–1928), widely regarded as one of the greatest modern writers in the Irish language.



Statue of Pádraic Ó Conaire
Museum Foyer

A Rare Penfold 1

See this rare, hexagonal pillar box that stood on the streets of Galway for over 130 years. Inspired by an ancient Greek tower, it was designed by John W. Penfold and bears the royal cypher of Queen Victoria. Of the 300 Penfolds manufactured between 1866 and 1879, less than half survive and this is one of them!



Penfold Post Box
Revolution in Galway 1913-23

Relic from Rome 2

This reliquary casket contains the supposed skull of St Ursula, a fourth-century British princess. According to tradition, she was martyred at Cologne, along with her female followers, by the Huns. A Dominican nun from Galway, Sr Margaret Joyce, acquired the skull in Rome and, in 1723, had a silversmith, Richard Joyce, produce a casket for its protection and display.



Reliquary of St Ursula
The Claddagh

A Mayor's Mace 0

Symbolising the office of the Mayor of Galway, the Great Mace (1710) is among the finest examples of civic emblems in Ireland. Marvel at the ornate depictions of the Irish harp, English rose, Scottish thistle, and French lily, not to mention the (Scottish) unicorn!



The Great Mace
Surrounded by Stone

Rebel's Cap 1

A signatory of the Irish Proclamation, Éamonn Ceannt (1881–1916) was a leader of the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916. Committed to the Irish language and culture, he helped set up the Dublin Piper's Club in 1900 and travelled to Rome in 1908, where he played the pipes for Pope Pius X.



Ceannt's Piper's Hat
Revolution in Galway 1913-23

Love a good story? 2

The object of love, this Claddagh Ring has a history that's not so charming! It was made by Galway goldsmith Richard Joyce, whose adventurous tale, from his capture by Barbary pirates to his subsequent slavery in North Africa, is bound to astound!



Oldest known Claddagh Ring
The Claddagh

Bronze Age Bling 0

Encounter prehistoric culture and creativity! These late Bronze Age rings (1100–800 BC) found on a cliff edge at Dún Aonghasa on Inis Mór, may have been worn as part of a ceremonial belt or neck-chain. Our ancestors had their own style too!



Bronze Age Rings
Surrounded by Stone

Cup of Cures 1

Get close to Gaelic Ireland with this unique example of a mether (*meadar*) or physician's cup – a communal drinking cup, bearing the inscription of its owner 'Dermot Tully, 1590'. The astrological–medical symbols suggest it was used in diagnosing illness and predicting the best time for treatments.



Physician's Cup
Keepers of the Gael

The Collections

See more of our collections at:
www.GalwayCityMuseum.ie

Guided Tour

Take a self-guided tour through our galleries to learn more about the objects listed here along with all the latest exhibitions.

Group guided tours can be booked in advance by contacting the Museum on 091 532460 / Museum@GalwayCity.ie

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Get the most out of your visit

We're here to help

The Museum Team are here to help with more information or directions during your visit.



Access

There is an accessible toilet on the ground floor and a lift to upper levels. See the map for locations or ask a member of our team.

There is an onsite wheelchair available at the information desk.

Registered and identifiable assistance dogs are welcome.

Please do not eat or drink in the Museum galleries.

Explore more

Scan here for more information on exhibitions, events and collections

Support the work of Galway City Museum

As a local authority Museum, we are funded by Galway City Council with additional support from public donations.

Your donations help us to collect and care for Galway's material culture and to bring the stories of these treasures to life in new and interactive ways.

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