

Trad on the Prom support the proposed Galway Harbour expansion.

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*Thank you for the opportunity to speak*

My name is Chris Kelly and I represent the show Trad on the Prom.

Trad on the Prom has been the number one attraction in Galway on Trip Advisor for the last 6 years. The show caters for both the tourist and domestic market. *Trad on the Prom*

We as a group support the proposed Galway Harbour expansion.

The prospect of the Cruise Ship industry coming to Galway on a regular basis and being able to berth in the city centre harbor would generate potentially huge business for not only the likes of Trad on the Prom but for everyone involved in the many businesses that cater for tourists in Galway and the surrounding areas.

Having met some of the people involved in the cruise ship industry when they came to Galway on a recky in 2011 they were blown away by what Galway and the surrounding areas had to offer.

Debbie Doty District Sales Manager Crystal Cruises, Inc. and her other peers *in the cruise industry* indicated that if they can dock *in Galway* they would certainly deliver many Cruise Ships on an annual basis. *This would also ensure a much larger disembarkation by passengers as opposed to tenders or excursions.*

If the development does not go ahead then this business will be lost to some other port and that would be a tragedy.

Galway needs this harbor development which would further develop tourism and trade and because of this we at Trad on the Prom fully support *the* proposed Galway Harbour expansion..

*Thank you for your time*

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