

TG4 to broadcast new Science on Screen documentary tonight

CÚRAM, the SFI Research Centre for Medical Devices at NUI Galway, together with partners Galway Film Centre, have announced that the latest documentary produced through the Science on Screen public engagement programme will be broadcast on TG4 on tonight Thursday, 1 July at 10.30pm.

Written and directed by Karen Coleman and co-produced by Leona Duff with SkyeByte Productions, the

documentary 'Off The Bench' In am an Ghátair' focuses on the response of the Irish MedTech community to Covid-19 and the unprecedented collaborations that have taken place across academic, industry and clinical partners in Galway and beyond to create innovative solutions that have helped cope with the pandemic as it evolved.

Professor Abhay Pandit, Scientific Director of CÚRAM at NUI

Galway, said that these collaborations between academics, clinicians, and industry partners in the MedTech sector have been in place since before the pandemic hit Irish shores.

"But the value of this network and the infrastructure that exists became obvious when it was needed the most. We knew it was important to document what was happening, and these stories illustrate the unique nature of

the MedTech sector in Ireland. We hope it will build confidence in the expertise we have to hand and highlight some of the reasons why Ireland is regarded as a global hub for MedTech research and development," he said.

The documentary focuses on several key innovations developed early in response to the pandemic, including establishing the INSPIRE project, an industry-academic partnership

based at NUI Galway and University Hospital Galway designed to deliver fast-to-clinical medical devices to support the Covid-19 effort.

CÚRAM Investigator,

Ireland and abroad.

This collaboration led to the VentShare project that developed a safe way to ventilate two patients from a single ventilator, led by Tim Jones (a graduate from

that patients could use to mitigate the spread of the virus. Alan Duggan, Manager of Galway Film Centre, said: "We are incredibly proud to be able to continue to work with CÚRAM, this time



Professor Martin O'Halloran coordinated the INSPIRE project with physician and CÚRAM Investigator Dr John Laffey and his colleagues at University Hospital Galway. The INSPIRE network brought researchers, entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists and others in the MedTech space together to collaborate in exceptional ways to design and develop medical devices that could be used for both healthcare workers and patients on Covid-19 hospital wards both in

the BioInnovate Ireland programme) and Jack Connolly, graduate from the College of Science and Engineering at NUI Galway, and Dr David Hannon and Professor John Laffey (Critical Care) with technical support from Aerogen.

Other projects featured in the documentary include developing a transparent plastic helmet (C-PAP Hood) that can administer oxygen to patients in ways that reduce healthcare workers being exposed to the virus and the INSPIRE Guard - a shield

on the creation of the Science On Screen feature documentary 'Off The Bench: In am an Ghátair'. The impact that science has on our lives has never been more present than in the last year and this documentary highlights this in a very real and practical way. To have the documentary broadcast on national television on TG4 is a reflection of the hard work put in by all of the production team involved in bringing it to life. We are excited to see the audience's reaction to it."

Galway participants needed for political internship for migrants

BY DECLAN VARLEY

The Immigrant Council of Ireland is calling on migrants and councillors from Galway to take part in the Migrant Councillor Internship Scheme.

The scheme, which was officially launched today, is a mentoring programme that pairs local councillors with migrants who want to learn more about Irish politics and get involved in their local communities. Following a successful pilot of the scheme in 2018, the Immigrant Council will now run 15 local political internships across Ireland for migrants, between September and December 2021.

Successful applicants will be placed with local participating councillors for one day a week (or the equivalent of seven hours spread over a number of days) for a three-month period.

Commenting on the scheme, Teresa Buczkowska, Integration Manager at the Immigrant Council of Ireland said: "For many migrants the lack of diversity and representation in key areas of Irish society is an ongoing visual reminder that we are still some distance away from being a fully inclusive society. The Immigrant Council is working to change this by promoting diversity and inclusion

across all aspects of Irish life, especially politics.

"With more migrant involvement in politics and in their local communities, we will see diversity in representation, and a truer reflection of the society we live in today. This is vital for young migrants who often tell us they don't see themselves represented in many leadership areas in Ireland."

Migrants living in Galway who are interested in getting involved in the scheme must complete an online application form. As part of the process, applicants are also required to create a three-minute video answering the following questions: "Why does representation in politics matter?" Transport and lunch expenses, as well as childcare costs for single parents will be provided for successful applicants. Migrants must be non-European Economic Area (EEA) citizens. The deadline for applications is Friday 23rd July 2021.

Councillors from Galway who would like to host an intern of a migrant background should send an email indicating their interest to research_intern@immigrantcouncil.ie. The deadline for councillors is July 23, 2021.

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017 Notice of Strategic Housing Development Application to An Bord Pleanála

Alber Developments Ltd intend to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a strategic housing development on lands at Rosshill, Galway City, Co. Galway in the townlands of Merlin Park and Roscam.

The development will consist of: 1. Construction of 102no. residential units comprising of 35 apartments and 67 houses:

- 4no. Apartment Type '1A' - 1 bed 2 person
- 4no. Apartment Type '1B' - 1 bed 2 person
- 3no. Apartment Type '1C' - 1 bed 2 person
- 11no. Apartment Type '2A' - 2 bed 4 person
- 4no. Apartment Type '2B' - 2 bed 4 person
- 3no. Apartment Type '2C' - 2 bed 4 person
- 3no. Apartment Type '2D' - 2 bed 4 person
- 3no. Apartment Type '2E' - 2 bed 3 person
- 2no. House Type 'A/A1' - 4 Bed Semi Detached
- 8no. House Type 'B/B1' - 3 Bed Semi Detached
- 4no. House Type 'C/C1' - 3 Bed End of Terrace
- 2no. House Type 'C2' - 3 Bed Mid Terrace
- 2no. House Type 'D' - 2 storey town house - end of terrace - 3 bed
- 4no. House Type 'D1' - 2 storey town house - mid terrace - 3 bed
- 2no. House Type 'D2' - 3 storey town house - end of terrace - 4 bed
- 2no. House Type 'E' - 3 bed Long Semi-Detached
- 2no. House Type 'F' - 4 bed Long Semi-Detached
- 3no. House Type 'G' - 2 storey town house - end of terrace - 3 bed
- 6no. House Type 'G1' - 2 storey town house - mid terrace - 3 bed
- 3no. House Type 'G2' - 3 storey town house - end of terrace - 4 bed
- 1no. House Type 'H' - 3 Bed Semi Detached
- 1no. House Type 'H1' - 3 Bed Semi Detached - Double front
- 8no. House Type 'J/J1' - 3 Bed Semi Detached
- 4no. House Type 'K' - 3 bed Long Semi-Detached
- 4no. House Type 'L' - 4 bed Long Semi-Detached
- 3no. House Type 'M' - 3 Bed End of Terrace
- 3no. House Type 'M1' - 3 Bed End of Terrace
- 3no. House Type 'M2' - 3 Bed Mid Terrace

2. Demolition of the existing silage concrete apron (40sqm)
3. Childcare facility (399sqm over 2-storeys) associated outdoor play areas and parking
4. Retail/Commercial space (188.5sqm) including loading bay
5. Provision of shared communal and private open space, including play and fitness equipment
6. Car and cycle parking, including electric vehicle charging points
7. Provision of all associated surface water and foul drainage services and connections including pumping station
8. Landscaping, access routes and public art
9. Lighting and associated works
10. Access and junction improvements at Rosshill Road and Rosshill Stud Farm Road
11. Provision of a footpath connectivity link along Rosshill Road and Rosshill Stud Farm Road
12. All associated works and services

The application contains a statement setting out how the proposal will be consistent with objectives of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023.

The application contains a statement indicating why permission should be granted for the proposed development, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, notwithstanding that the proposed development materially contravenes a relevant development plan other than in relation to the zoning of the land.

A Natura Impact Statement ('NIS') and Environmental Impact Assessment Report ('EiAR') have been prepared and accompany this application.

The application is also accompanied by a Statement of Material Contravention of the Development Plan.

The application together with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement, may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Galway City Council.

The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.RosshillManorSHD1.ie

Any person may, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned, and the likely effects on the environment or the likely effects on a European site, as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out. Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application.

Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic housing development as proposed, or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision, or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Housing Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100). A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

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