

County Galway Biodiversity Postcards Published

Following on from the very successful Biodiversity Photo Competition which was held last summer, The **People and Nature** project has just produced a series of six beautiful postcards featuring the winning photographs. The postcards depict images of County Galway's natural heritage including a burnet moth, a Connemara Lake, a swan, a fox cub, a bog pool and woodland viewed through an old derelict window. The cards also feature selected excerpts of poetry that were submitted by mostly local writers for the original exhibition of the competition photos which took place in the County Hall during Heritage Week.

It is hoped these postcards will help raise awareness and appreciation of wildlife and nature in County Galway. The postcards will be distributed at biodiversity events and with the photo exhibition which will be visiting a number of branch county libraries over the coming months. The competition and the exhibition attracted great interest last summer and the exhibition contains some stunning photographs depicting nature and wildlife in County Galway as well as some wonderful poetry. It is well worth a visit when it is in your area.

The schedule for the exhibition is as follows:

- Tuam Library 20th - 28th February
- Oranmore Library 1st - 10th March
- Ballinasloe Library 13th - 31st March
- Loughrea Library 11th-24th May
- Carraroe Library 26th - 7th June
- Inishbofin Library 7th - 21st July
- Clifden Library * late summer, date to be confirmed

Please see the website (www.galway.ie/en/Services/Library/LibraryNetwork) or contact your local library for opening times.

For more information or to obtain some of the biodiversity postcards, please contact the project manager Elaine O'Riordan: Applied Ecology Unit, Centre for Environmental Science, NUI, Galway at 091 493863 or email elaine.oriordan@nuigalway.ie

