

English

Location for Resettlement - Clifden General Information on Clifden

Introduction

Clifden is located in Co. Galway in the west of Ireland. It is 80 kilometres from Galway city. Clifden is part of the dramatic mountain landscape of west Galway called Connemara.

Industry in the town is varied and includes catering for a large tourist population. The town is well supplied with a selection of shops and entertainment venues. It is located close to Clifden bay with a fine sandy beach and a shore walk.

Clifden has a population of approximately 1000 with almost 8700 living in the rural district in the vicinity of Clifden.

Allocated Accommodation: Dun Gibbons Inn, Clifden, Co. Galway

Your accommodation in Dun Gibbons Inn is on a full board basis. Amenities available at Dun Gibbons Inn include a recreation room.

Your proprietors, Michael Gibbons and Patricia Dunford, will make every effort to ensure your stay is a pleasant one. Your co-operation and good behaviour will be expected.

Address: Dun Gibbons Inn, Clifden, Co. Galway
phone 095 21379
Public Phone: 095 22105

Mainstream Services

Below is a list of contacts, addresses and phone numbers for mainstream services available to asylum seekers in Clifden and closeby.

Health

The Western Health Board is responsible for health and medical issues in Clifden. The representative of the Health Board is the Community Welfare Officer (CWO): Mr Pat o'Rourke

The list of local GPs will be provided to you by the CWO.

General Hospitals (including Maternity)

District Hospital, Clifden - 095 21301
Regional Hospital, Galway - 091 757631(maternity)

Security

Local Garda (police) station in Clifden; Phone number 095 21021

The Gardaí aim to serve the community and protect the rights of Irish citizens, refugees & asylum seekers. protect the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and Irish citizens.

You, like all Irish citizens, must abide by the laws of the land during your stay in this country. Any breach of the laws will be dealt with accordingly.

For example the following are offences under Irish law:

- ◆ Begging
- ◆ Carrying a weapon.
- ◆ Larceny (Stealing, Shoplifting).
- ◆ Creating a nuisance or disturbance.

- ◆Driving without a licence or insurance.
- ◆Assault.
- ◆Domestic violence.
- ◆Drunk and disorderly behaviour.

Garda Frank Broderick is the **Garda Ethnic Liaison Officer** in your area. His role is to liaise with leaders of ethnic groups and to inform and assure asylum seekers, refugees and non-nationals of Garda services and protection.

Phone number: 095 21021

Education

Play School (3 year olds)

Primary Schools (4-12 years olds)

Clifden National School - 095 21353

Post-Primary Schools (12-18 year olds)

Clifden Community School - mixed(boys and girls) - 095 21184

Other Facilities

A list of support groups representing the views of different nationalities/groups etc. located in the area will be available from your CWO.

Other asylum seekers have been resettled in most parts of Galway city.

Community/Voluntary Groups in the area

Galway One World Centre, 4th Floor, The Halls, Quay Street, Galway gowc@iol.ie
091-530590

Galway Refugee Support Group,
3 The Plaza, Headford Road, Galway
091-779083

Galway Refugee Support PO Box 235, Galway

Islamic Society - Galway Islamic Society, Sandyview Drive, Riverside Tel: 091 751621

Community Workers Co-operative (community work promotion) -
78 Prospect Hill, Galway Tel: 091 563644

Cuba Support Ireland -

93 Upr. Newcastle, Galway Tel: 091 21088

Anti-Racism Circle - 1 The Small Crane, William Street West, Galway
Contact: Sharon Murphy

Galway Rape Crisis Centre, 3 Augustine Street, Tel: 091 56 39 88

Freephone:1850 35 53 55

Citizens Information Centre, Market Street, Clifden Tel: 095 22000

Galway Youth Information Centre, Augustine Street, Galway Tel: 091 562434

STEPS, Youth Advice & Drop-in centre,108 Prospect Hell, Galway. Tel: 091 56229.

Galway Youthreach Centre Tel: 091 589085

Youth Service Support Tel: 091 567194

Samaritans,14 Nuns Island, Galway Tel:091 56 12 22

Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominic Street Tel: 091 565886

e-mail: gac@indigo.ie

Website: www.galwayartscentre.ie

Galway Youth Theatre, 45 Dominic Street Tel 091 566313

Clifden Drama Group

VEC Galway City Vocational Education Committee, Island House, Cathedral Square Tel: 091 562292

Cura (Galway) Tel: 091 56 25 58

ISPCC, 108 Prospect Hill, Galway Tel: 56 22 29

Galway Voluntary Social Services (provides support for disadvantaged members of the community) - Francis Street, Galway Tel: 091 563581 / 091 569495

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (voluntary charity organisation) - Ozanam House, St. Augustine St, Galway Tel: 091 563233

Refugee Legal Service Tel: 016310800/ Freephone:1800 229222

Refugee Information Service Tel: 01 8090437

English classes - Monday- Friday 6.30-9.30pm (held in DG1& sponsored by Galway VEC)
Beginners to Advanced

Library - Island House, Cathedral Square Tel: 091 562471/Augustine Street Tel: 091 561666

Tourist Information: Market Street 095 21163

Post Office- Main Street, Clifden Tel:095 21156

Sporting Groups include:

Children playground -Tennis /Basketball/Handball Courts (Clifden Quay)

Churches

Catholic - St Josephs

Church of Ireland - Clifden Phone (095) 21147.

Galway Islamic Centre, 13 Sandyview Drive, Riverside, Galway Tel: 091 751621

Jehovah's Witnesses - Clifden Tel: 095 23953