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**National Centre of Excellence  
for Home Economics**  
*St. Angela's College, Sligo*

# Announcement for XXV IFHE World Congress 2024, Ireland

Hosted by National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, St Angela's College, Ireland

The XXV World Congress of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) is being hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, St Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland on behalf of IFHE. The Congress will take place from the 23rd – 28th June, 2024 in Galway, Ireland. Full details are available at [www.ifhe2024.com](http://www.ifhe2024.com)



## About IFHE

IFHE (est. 1908) is a politically independent and secular international, non-profit organisation which holds consultative status with the United Nations. It is the only international organisation for Home Economics and related fields. The Federation connects individuals and organisations from over 70 countries and multiple disciplines. Members are students and professionals representing academia, community services, education, agricultural extension, businesses, government, health services, among others. IFHE has an active network of national and regional groups on all continents. Full details are available at [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org) The main focus of IFHE is research, education and service and it works towards improving the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households.

## About the Hosts

**The conference is hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, St Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland.**

The National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, at St Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland provides a key platform for the future growth and development of the academic

discipline Home Economics and acknowledges the historical importance and existing prominence of the discipline in St. Angela's College. The Centre is recognised nationally and internationally for excellence in the scholarship of teaching and learning and advancement of the Home Economics discipline specific knowledge base, through exemplary research. It also empowers innovative and enriching engagement with educational, commercial and community partners to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities. The Centre is a vehicle through which the teaching and research strengths of Home Economics will continue to be progressively developed and extended.

## About Congress

Every four years, IFHE holds a World Congress to globally connect professionals and students.

The first Congress was held in 1908 in Fribourg Switzerland, hosting 750 delegates from 20 countries and had for its theme, 'The Training of Economics Teachers. Necessity of involving the greatest number of girls in Home Economics Education.' Congress has grown to host over 70

countries and well over a thousand delegates.

The theme of the 25th World Congress is **Home Economics in a Time of Transformation: Bridging the Past - Charting the Future**. Home Economics, as a field of study was founded in 1899, and, as we gather to celebrate the 25th World Congress in Ireland we have an exciting opportunity to advance ideas related to the conference theme. The social disruption and consequences of the pandemic are not yet well understood but it is accepted that this era has triggered new behaviours and ways of living. Home Economics can play a progressive role in shaping a more positive human experience and determining how we can address global issues that concern sustainable and healthy everyday living. What might 2024 and beyond mean for the human experience? Are transformative factors required to support individuals, families and consumers to mediate this transition?

We look forward to welcoming delegates from all over the world to the 25th World Congress. We invite professionals, researchers, practitioners and students to submit abstracts aligned with the Congress theme.



**Delegates from aligned and cognate disciplines are most welcome to submit an abstract.** Full details are available in the Call for Abstracts published on the Congress website.

The week of the Congress is an opportunity for delegates to hear esteemed keynote speakers; engage in enriching concurrent sessions, poster sessions, workshops, symposia; view exhibits and the international sales market; as well as participate in social and cultural events such as the pre and post congress tours; opening cultural evening; opening ceremony; gala banquet and Céili; and the closing ceremony.

### Important dates



### Congress Venue

The conference is hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, St Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland. The venue for the Congress is the University of Galway, University Rd, Galway, Ireland.

Galway, a harbour city on Ireland's west coast, sits where the river Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city's hub is 18th-century Eyre Square, a popular meeting spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs that often offer live Irish folk music. Nearby, stone-clad cafes, boutiques and art galleries line the winding lanes of the Latin Quarter, which retains portions of the medieval city walls.

Galway is known as Ireland's Cultural Heart (Croí Cultúrtha na hÉireann) and hosts numerous festivals, celebrations and events. Many sporting, music, arts and other events take place in the city the summer of 2024 and may be of interest to you. The largest of these annual events begins with the:

- Galway Film Fleadh [www.galwayfilmfleadh.com](http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com)
- Galway International Arts Festival [www.giaf.ie/festival/events](http://www.giaf.ie/festival/events)
- Galway Races [www.galwayraces.com/summer-festival-2021/](http://www.galwayraces.com/summer-festival-2021/)
- Galway International Oyster Festival [www.galwayoysterfestival.com](http://www.galwayoysterfestival.com)

### Accommodation Options

We will offer a variety of convenient accommodation options at IFHE 2024 to suit different budgets and preferences. The link to book accommodation options will open on the Congress website [www.ifhe2024.com](http://www.ifhe2024.com) in June 2023.

#### University Accommodation

We have block booked rooms, at a negotiated rate, at the University of Galway located within a 10-minute walk of the conference venue. This venue has a total of 1867 beds available across three on-campus apartment complexes. These are located on the North Campus, just a

short walk from the conference venue. The rooms will be available as single occupancy, double occupancy and family suites.

#### Hotel & B&B Accommodation

Galway city centre is just a ten minute walk from the University and we will have several 3 and 4 star hotel options available for delegates to book. All accommodation will be available to book on the official conference website in Summer 2023.

### Transportation

Galway, the city is well served by Shannon International Airport, Dublin International Airport and Ireland West International Airport at Knock.

The closest airports to Galway are as follows:

- Shannon Airport: 1hr drive to Galway ([www.shannonairport.ie](http://www.shannonairport.ie))
- Knock Airport: 1hr drive to Galway ([www.irelandwestairport.com](http://www.irelandwestairport.com))
- Dublin Airport: 2hrs 30mins drive to Galway ([www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com))





## Travelling to Galway ● ● ●



### Getting from the Airport to Galway

The most straightforward and cost-effective means of travel from Ireland's airports to Galway is by bus.

Bus services are provided by Bus Eireann from all three airports. Full details are available at:

- Bus Eireann [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

The most regular services to Galway from Dublin Airport are provided by Citylink and GoBus.

- Citylink ([www.citylink.ie](http://www.citylink.ie))
- GoBus ([www.gobus.ie](http://www.gobus.ie))

Car Rental is also a good option. The following providers all service Dublin Airport.

- Hertz ([www.hertz.ie](http://www.hertz.ie))
- Budget ([www.budget.ie](http://www.budget.ie))
- Europcar ([www.europcar.ie](http://www.europcar.ie))

## Other Useful Information

### Weather

Galway has a year-round mild, moist, temperate and changeable climate. The city does not experience temperature extremes and receives an average of 1,156 mm (45.51 in) of rain annually, which is evenly distributed throughout the year. The average January temperature in the city is 5.9 °C (43 °F) and the average July temperature is 15.9 °C (61 °F).

While extreme weather is rare, the city and county can experience

severe windstorms. Most of these storms occur between late autumn and early spring. Due to the city's northerly location, Galway has long summer days. Sunrise on summer solstice occurs at 05:07 and sunset at 22:07. By contrast, on winter solstice, the sun rises at 08:49 and sets at 16:19.

### Time Zone in June

The island of Ireland, including both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, is on the GMT/UTC time zone. Like most countries in Europe, Ireland observes Daylight Saving Time (DST), with the clock shifting forward one hour at the end of March and one hour backward at the end of October.

### Currency: Euro €

- Coin - There are eight different coin denominations: €2, €1, 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2c and 1c
- Paper - There are seven different denominations of euro banknotes: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500

### Visa and Letter of Invitation

World Congress attendees who need a visa to enter Ireland should apply for a visa at the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country where they live. Please apply for a visa well in advance of travel.

For more information, please go to <https://www.irishimmigration.ie>

A letter of Invitation is available on the XXV World Congress website at [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org)



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