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## Two peak challenge for Ballinasloe Eagles

The coming together of two groups in the community for a fantastic day out occurred on Saturday, 17th April on Diamond Hill in Connemara National Park. The Ballinasloe Eagles Special Olympic Team joined forces with The Rosway Walkers to complete a two-peak challenge and to raise funds for the Special Olympics in Ballinasloe.

The day started with an early morning climb of Croagh Patrick in Co. Mayo by a group of the Rosway Walkers. They then travelled onto Letterfrack to join up with a large group from the Eagles along with their family and supporters and a further group of Rosway Walkers. After some chat, refreshments and the distraction of the playground, the ascent of Diamond Hill was attempted by both groups. The fabulous weather added to the enjoyment of the walk. A great welcoming cheer with banners welcomed the walkers back to the base of the mountain.

The general consensus was that it was a fantastic day out for all but the highlight for everyone was the making of new friends with another group in community. Thanks to the event organisers, to Lucy Wallace in particular and to all the sponsors for their generous support.

## Ballintubber Tidy Towns

The weekly clean-ups will take place each Monday and Thursday at 7 pm. As judging in the Tidy Towns competition commences on June 1st, a lot of work needs to be done. All help much appreciated.

## Ballymoe defibrillator

Ballymoe Defibrillator Group would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in the recent Easter draw. The total raised was €740. These funds will be used in the retraining of personnel and maintenance of the defibrillator.

## Coman's church gate collection

Coman's Swimming Club, Roscommon, wish to thank everyone who supported their recent countywide church gate collection in all areas. The funds raised will be used for equipment and training to continue developing swimmers from all over the county to the highest level.

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## Ballygar charity run

A charity 11 km run or walk will take place in Ballygar on Sunday, May 22nd, at 11.15 am and all money raised will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

Sponsorship cards available on request from Nonie Geraghty, Kilmore (087) 2259040. For further information, contact Mary Kelly (086) 3339897 or Gerard Kelly (087) 6483105. A bag pack will take place all day Saturday, May 1st in Centra, Ballygar. Sincere thanks to Oliver Holmes for his support in this regard. Organisers look forward to meeting with you and assisting you with packing your groceries/delivering them to your car.

A social with live music will take place in Tierney's on Sunday night, May 2nd. This is a final opportunity to support this very worthy cause, no charge, all welcome. See you then!



Barry Beirne (right) and Anne-Marie Lynch (centre) along with the other team members of Lynch Productions at the shortlisting announcement of this years DARE2BDRINKAWARE digital film competition. Pic: Marc O'Sullivan.

# Local students shortlisted for student film awards

## Barry and Anne-Marie are 'drinkaware'!

Two Roscommon students have been shortlisted for awards in a prestigious student film competition.

Barry Beirne, aged 24, from Boyle and Anne-Marie Lynch, aged 23, from Dysart, are shortlisted for prizes in the Dare2B-drinkaware digital film competition, organised by the Digital Hub Development Agency and sponsored by drinkaware.ie.

Now in its third year, Dare2B-drinkaware is a competition for third-level students, aimed at

highlighting young people's attitudes to alcohol. Ten short films – produced by students from all around Ireland – have been shortlisted for the 2010 competition, including a film produced by the Roscommon students.

Both Mr. Beirne and Ms. Lynch are members of the Lynch Productions team – made up of seven students from Athlone Institute of Technology – which produced a short film entitled 'A Serious Mix Up' about the poor decisions young people make

when it comes to drinking. "The winning films will be unveiled at an awards ceremony next week, and the shortlisted teams are in the running to win up to €5,000 in prize money.

They will also get the chance to meet one of Ireland's most successful film directors, Dearbhla Walsh. Ms. Walsh, who recently won an Emmy Award for directing the television series 'Little Dorrit', will present the top prize and make a keynote speech at the ceremony."