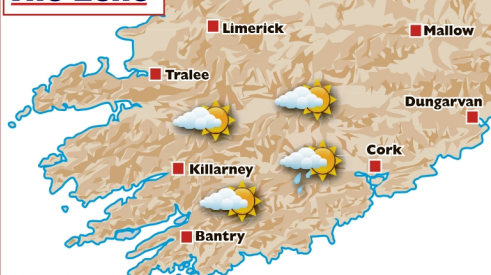


The Echo Weather Forecast



National weather outlook

TODAY
After a chilly start, it will be fine and dry with long spells of sunshine across the island of Ireland during the morning. It will remain dry and sunny in the afternoon with plenty of blue sky. Clear skies later. A brisk north-easterly wind, especially in the morning. Max temp 11-14C (52-57F).

TONIGHT
The evening will be dry with clear skies for all areas. As skies remain clear overnight, it will become increasingly cold with a patchy frost expected away from coastal regions. The odd patch of mist or fog may develop in eastern areas. Light south-easterly winds. Min temp -1 to 2C (30 to 36F).

TOMORROW
It will be a chilly start with a patchy frost. One or two mist or fog patches are possible in the early morning. However it will quickly become dry and sunny throughout the morning. Blue sky and sunshine are set to last through the afternoon. Light easterly winds. Max temp 13-16C (55-61F).

HIGH TIDES TODAY				
	time	height	time	height
Galway	09:53	4.5m	22:11	4.5m
Limerick	11:30	5.4m	23:52	5.3m
Cobh	10:01	3.7m	22:22	3.7m
Waterford	10:39	4.3m	22:59	4.3m
Dublin	03:54	3.8m	16:40	3.7m
Belfast	03:40	3.3m	16:12	3.3m

IRELAND YESTERDAY			
readings at 12noon	condition	°C	°F
Belfast	cloudy	11	52
Birr	rain	8	46
Cork	rain	6	43
Dublin	cloudy	9	48
Kilkenny	cloudy	9	48
Rosslare	cloudy	9	48
Shannon	drizzle	8	46
Vicereite	sun	11	50

EUROPE TODAY
Scattered showers across Iberia and the Balearics, some locally heavy and thundery and will spread northwards into the south of France. A band of showers will sink southwards across parts of Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia, heavy and thundery at times. Sunny spells elsewhere.

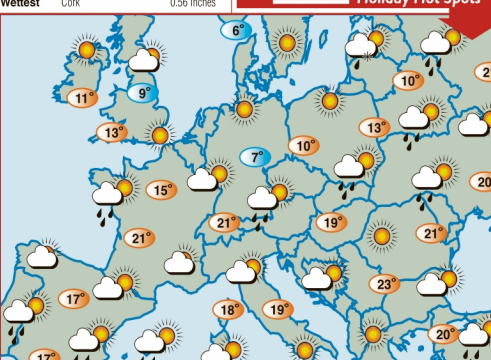
EUROPE OUTLOOK
Mostly dry with sunny spells tomorrow, however a band of rain will sink south-eastwards across eastern and south-eastern areas of Europe. Scattered heavy showers across Iberia on Wednesday but generally fine and sunny elsewhere. Thursday will be a largely fine day and lots of sunshine and blue skies.

SUN AND MOON TODAY			
	rises	sets	
Sun	06:28	20:22	
Moon	02:24	09:52	

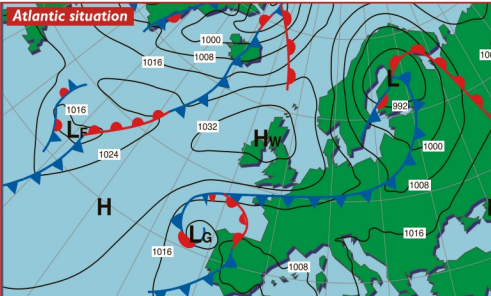
MOON PHASE
Last Quarter
14 April

EXTREMES		
Warmest	Stormont Castle	12C (54F)
Coldest	Katesbridge	5C (41F)
Wettest	Cork	0.56 inches

The Echo Holiday Hot Spots



Atlantic situation





Conn Donovan, chair, Cork Cycling Campaign, claims Cork City Council ignores complaints and criticisms on their social media platforms. Picture: Denis Minihane

Council accused of ignoring public

A COMMUNITY activist has said the use of the Cork City Council Twitter page for self-promotion while ignoring criticisms from followers is veering towards propaganda.

■ Roisin Burke

Conn Donovan, Chair of the Cork Cycling Campaign, said hundreds of people tag the council with problems on a weekly basis and there is no engagement from the council. "There is an assumption that they are seen, but then it doesn't go anywhere, its totally in vain. Is it even worthwhile tagging the council or is it a complete waste of time?"

"Are they following up? Are the complaints sent to the right department?"

Mr Donovan said he thought the social media account was a huge resource that was available to the council to engage with the public. "Everything from a blocked footpath to dog poo is tweeted at the council. There is a huge resource of knowledge there. Not everyone has the time to send a letter to the council or ring City Hall. These are people on the ground. Why not let those

people bring those problems to the city council? I think ignoring these tweets is alienating people. Other councils, companies, businesses use Twitter and engage. You can get a response from Aldi in 30 minutes.

A Cork City Council spokesperson said all of their social media platforms are maintained by the Communications section, which is part of the Corporate Affairs and International Relations Directorate and issues reported on social media are fed back by the Communications section to the relevant departments.

The spokesperson said the use of the social media accounts were to allow the council to "inform and educate the public about the work of the Council." The spokesperson added: "Complaints that come in via social media are sent to the relevant departments, however, we encourage members of the public to contact our dedicated Customer Service Unit to log their complaints, either on 021 4924000 or online at corkcity.ie. Our Customer Service Unit handles up to 600 web and telephone contacts per day."

Kimberly is set to read on #IrelandPerforms

A CORK-based writer is set to take part in the first of a new series of live online arts performances launched by Culture Ireland.

Kimberly Reyes, originally from Queens in New York, holds a Masters degree, and is working towards another, studying Irish literature and film at UCC — but was recently informed that her US Fulbright Scholar programme has been suspended.

Ms Reyes wrote in *The Echo* recently about missing her mum, and how, to lift their spirits during the coronavirus crisis, they dance together online on an Instagram Live DJ party.

Now, she is taking part in a very different online project, a spoken word performance, part of the IrelandPerforms series announced by Culture Minister, Josepha Madigan, on Friday.

Ms Reyes is an award-winning poet and essayist, and the author of three books, including *Running to Stand Still*, published last year.

She is performing today at 3.30pm, and her performance is being streamed live on YouTube, Facebook, and other social media platforms using the hashtag #IrelandPerforms.



Kimberly Reyes wrote recently about missing her mum, Georgeann.