



The Oughterard Gathering festival was launched in the church of Ireland, Oughterard by Cllr Thomas Welby, Co Galway mayor, on Friday 26-4-2013. The Gathering which runs over the following 10 days includes many events, music, poetry, lectures, heritage walks, boat trips, community games, and finishes with the International "Mayfly fishing competition", on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Leslie Lyons and Walter DeLacy ( Church of Ireland), Cllr Thomas Welby ( CO Galway mayor), senator Trevor Ó'Clochar-tagh and Cllr Sean Ó'Tuairisg, at the Gathering launch.



Barack Obama's cousin Henry Healy (right) was welcomed by the band of Oughterard's Scoll Culmin agus Cailtriona, in the grounds of the local Church of Ireland - and in a lecture which is part of the Oughterard Gathering Festival he outlined the importance of reaching out to the Irish diaspora. He is pictured with David Collins and Mary Kyne of the Oughterard Heritage Group and County Mayor Cllr Thomas Welby.