Cork County Public Participation Network
Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Contae Chorcaí

Cork County PPN News Letter **Issue 12** **9th of September 2021**

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

The Cork County PPN are calling on all groups to re-register with the PPN. A re-registration form has been sent to all groups via email, please fill in the form and send it back, if you have not received your re-registration form please email gov@corkcoco.ie

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PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

All current Active Part 8 Public Consultations can be found here:
Active Part 8 Development Consultation | Cork County (corkcoco.ie)

1. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has launched an online public consultation for the development of a new National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To participate in the consultation, visit: Link

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Funding

1. SECAD are inviting you to an information evening about Grousemount Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund 2021.

The event will take place from **7pm-9pm Wednesday 15th September**. Community groups within the area of benefit (10Km) of the proposed Grousemount Wind Farm are invited to attend. **Attendees can book this free Link to register** or go to **https://secad.ie/grousemountwindfundsi.ie/** or call us **SECAD Partnership CLG on 021 4613432**

2. SECAD are calling on groups to register to take part in their free Sustainable Communities Training Programme in South and West Cork.

The communities which have successfully applied for the programme are **Ballyfeard, Ballinrea, Carrigaline, Douglas, Frankfield, Grenagh, Houghal, Cush & Great Island, Carrigtwohill, Ballincurrig, Donoghmore, Skibbereen, Kinsale, Carrigaline, Courceys area and Tracton Parish.** The programme will be starting shortly **(15th September)** and we have room for a few more in each of these areas. **Please go to go www.secad.ie/leader/sustainable-communities/ to find out more and to register by 10th September 2021.**

3. Phase 2 of the Community Development Initiative is closing at 4pm on Friday, 17th September.

This scheme is operated in association with the three Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and is a €3.5M fund in total which Cork County Council has been putting its own funds aside on a yearly basis since 2016. Phase 2 will see the release of €750k. The Cork County Community Development Initiative is open to Community Groups and Community Companies who are who are operating the LEADER Programme, i.e. Avondhu/Blackwater Partnership CLG, Ballyhoura Development CLG, IRD Duhallow CLG, SICAO Partnership CLG, Udaras na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán Teo.

The fund is open to all community groups to improve & enhance their facilities with grants between €1,000 and €25,000 being available to support capital projects.

All applications are to be made online on www.yourcouncil.ie

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4. A new funding stream called the Mitigating against Educational Disadvantage Fund is aimed at supporting educationally disadvantaged learners to engage with community education.

The fund is being managed by Solas via the local ETBs. **The closing date is September 13th.** The applications have to be reviewed by the ETB and those that are recommended for funding have to be prioritised and sent to Solas by the **24th of September**. All grants have to be spent by the end of the year. Guidance for the use of the fund where is available here but please contact your local ETB to learn more. Link

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5. Collaboration for Change (CfC) and partners are delighted to announce the launch of Join the Dots Participatory Budgeting (PB) around the theme of creating connections. CfC is a collective of organisations and individual activists who are working alongside each other for the Common Good. We work to create open spaces for shared learning, peer support, practical collaboration and action for change. Join the Dots PB is a pilot for CfC and our first and totally digital PB process on the theme of Creating Connections. This theme is all about bringing new folk together to work on an idea for the common good. People could also submit an idea that will, in itself Create new Connections that bring folk together for the common good. Groups can bid for funds of up to **€500** (or its euro equivalent) to make an idea happen.

To find out more, come along to one of our support workshops, on the 9th and 14th of September.

Topic: Join the Dots PB Support Workshop 1
Time: Sep 9, 2021 19:00 London
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83880044497?pwd=ZnpMdmA6NTNzTHEzeFY3Sd1qTFFLqd09
Meeting ID: 839 8804 4497
Passcode: 888830

Topic: Join the Dots PB Support Workshop 2
Time: Sep 14, 2021 11:00 London
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87450026407?pwd=NlBRLdHFDWXxeUB9NQxZ2HnZUn1Zv09
Meeting ID: 874 5002 6407
Passcode: 809622

6. Carmichael are delighted to announce that the Good Governance Awards 2021 **are now accepting entries. The closing date is Tuesday September 14th.** The Good Governance Awards recognises and encourages adherence to good governance by nonprofit organisations in Ireland. The awards were developed by Carmichael with the support of our partners and leading national bodies in the nonprofit sector. Any Irish-based nonprofit organisation, regardless of size, sector or structure, is eligible to enter the awards. This includes Companies Limited by Guarantee, Registered Charities, Unincorporated bodies, Social Enterprises, Volunteer Centres, PPNs and Sports Organisations. As an added incentive to encourage smaller volunteer only nonprofits (with an annual turnover of under €100,000) to enter, we have introduced a category for Cork County Foundation of Ireland, **three shortlisted in category 1 to receive €1,000 with the overall winner receiving an additional €1,000. For more details and to apply, see Link**

7. Artist in the Community Scheme 2021 (Round 2) is now open for applications. The Arts Council offers awards through the Artist in the Community Scheme to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture; circus; street art and spectacle; dance; literature; music; opera; visual art; traditional arts; theatre; visual arts and traditional arts. Visit **Artist in the Community Scheme** section for further details, including guidelines and online application form. **For information on the Scheme contact support@ccpsa-ireland.ie or phone 01 473 6600. Deadline is Monday the 27th of September at 5.30pm.**

Training

1. **National Adult Learning Organisation** believes in building a more equitable lifelong learning system in Ireland where all learners, particularly in adult and community education can thrive. Simply put, every adult should be able to access quality education throughout their lives regardless of their social background or financial circumstances. Given the impact of the ongoing pandemic on so many areas of life, such as mental health, social isolation, (un)employment and so on, more people are considering returning to education to improve their wellbeing and overall situation. AONTAS is therefore running a national campaign from **1 - 14 September 2021** to raise awareness about options for returning to education as an adult. www.OneStepLife.ie, so they can find out more about their education options and find their learning pathway.

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2. **Disability Federation of Ireland** invite you to join us for a Free online Training which will focus on helping people with disabilities to use the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as advocacy tool. People with disabilities to use the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as an advocacy tool. To accomplish this, the training will also use the UN CRPD to demonstrate advocacy and group skills, such as how to approach public officials, and how to decide on an approach and a goal as a group. **The training is been run on the 22nd of September, 13th of October and 10th of November. Link**

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3. **The NUI Certificate in Youth Arts** is developed and delivered in partnership by Maynooth University and the National Youth Council of Ireland. It is a part-time programme of study (November 2021 - June 2022) in youth arts practice with focus on the emerging field of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) in Youth Work. This exciting level 6 course is accredited by QQI and is made up of 10 modules. The cost is €1,000 usual fee for this programme is €1,250. The course is heavily subsidised this year, so as a participant you will pay just €400. **Applications are open until September 22nd. Link**

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4. **Galeae** runs a programme specifically for young asylum-seekers and refugees. The Wavelength project is open for applications for the Galeae Award, which is a self-development programme for young people. If you or any young person you know is between 14-25 years old and identifies with refugee or asylum seeking status in any way, they are able to participate in the Galeae Award. It is a chance for them to be recognised for overcoming their challenges. Further information on the Galeae Award, the Wavelength Project and contact details can be found here. Link

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5. **AONTAS**, the national adult learning organisation, believes in building a more equitable lifelong learning system in Ireland where all learners, particularly in adult and community education can thrive. Simply put, every adult should be able to access quality education throughout their lives regardless of their social background or financial circumstances. Given the impact of the ongoing pandemic on so many areas of life, such as mental health, social isolation, (un)employment and so on, more people are considering returning to education to improve their wellbeing and overall situation. AONTAS is therefore running a national campaign from **1 - 14 September 2021** to raise awareness about options for returning to education as an adult. Link

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This Weeks News

1. Muintir na Tíre Cork Newsletter, Link

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2. The Wheel weekly alert, updates and opportunities for voluntary groups. Link

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3. **The 15th Council for Social Housing have shortlisted the following two Cork County housing projects for the 'CSH Alliance Community Housing Awards 2021:**

85 North Main Street Youghal – Circle VHA - 15 apartments
Páirc De Hála, Duntahane, Fermoy – Respond - 46 units

Both projects were entered and deservedly shortlisted under the 'Collaboration' category of the competition. Both Schemes have involved a strong partnership between our own Housing Directorate and the individual Approved Housing Bodies (Circle and Respond) in getting both completed and tenanted. Both are very worthy contenders and both Schemes would have also for the first time been included in a new category where the winner of same is decided by public vote. Further details on the projects and a link to vote for same are included at the below link. Community Houses – Public Choice Award 2021 – Irish Council for Social Housing **Voting closes at 12noon Friday, 17th September with the winner being announced at the CSH Biennial Housing Conference on the 23rd September.** Much obliged for your vote here for either of these Cork County projects.

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4. **Family Carer Ireland aim** is to enhance the wellbeing of Family Carers of older people in Cork & Kerry, by offering the opportunity to work with the Carer Wellbeing Manager, Lynne Dennehy. Lynne will work with the Family Carer to find out what their needs are, and to develop an action plan to support the Family Carer to meet them. No question or problem is too big or too small. Ring 1800640724 or Link

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5. **The Environmental Protection Agency** with Virginius Sokevicius is holding a webinar around "The Ecodesign Requirements of Electrical Goods". **It will be held on Monday the 13th of September from 2.15 – 3.15pm. Click on the Link to register.**

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6. **Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD, today announced one million euro in funding for social enterprises nationwide** The Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 will provide funding for the purchase of equipment or the carrying out of repairs or improvements to enable social enterprises to improve their service delivery.
The scheme supports one of the key commitments in the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022 – 'Growing and Strengthening Social Enterprise'. The Department of Rural and Community Development is now inviting social enterprises across the country to apply for funding under the scheme. Link

7. Cork County Council would like to congratulate our Libraries who have been successful under the Digital Innovation Fund 2021. The funding will be used to develop a Cork City Libraries App and a Cork County Council Library which prior to 2018 was only available from Library pcs. The introduction of remote printing offers users flexibility to print from their own devices anywhere and at any time, with print job held on the system for 48 hours. **Please see below for more details.**

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8. Environmental Pillar monthly newsletter is now available. Link

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9. Catchment are asking interested people and groups to sign up to their weekly news letter. Please click on the Link to register.

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10. Tidy Towns new handbook is now available. Please click on the Link.

Previous News

1. **Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary 2021: Collaborative Arts and Community Development.** This bursary is offered in partnership with **Irish Local Development Network**, themed on **Collaborative Arts and Community Development**. The AIC Bursary Award 2021: Collaborative Arts and Community Development specifically aims to support an individual practitioner who is at a critical stage in developing their practice in this area. The purpose of the award is to support and nurture professional arts practice. **The closing date for applications is 5pm, Monday the 18th of October**. Full details of the award, as well as the application procedure, are available at Link

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2.**The National Disability Authority** would like to invite you to attend the virtual launch of two reports recently completed in collaboration with the ESRI. The first report is a comprehensive review of international and Irish current situation with regard to the employment of persons with disabilities in terms of both data and policy. **The event is running on Wednesday the 22nd of September between 2.00-4.00pm. If you would like to attend please register at the Link by Friday 17 September.**

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3. **Business in the Community Ireland's** programme EPIC is seeking referrals for our new online EPIC Programme trainings running in August and September. EPIC is open to asylum seekers and refugees living anywhere in Ireland and who are looking for work. It seeks free online, self-paced learning modules, 1:1 career coaching, mentoring, personalised career counselling & support with job applications, workshops delivered by major businesses, networking opportunities and more available. **For any enquiries about the programme, please call me on 086 5593133 or email me at bartolome@bic.ie.**

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4. **AkiDwA** are holding a conference entitled 'Lifting the Stigma against Migrant Women' on the **29th of September from 10.30 am to 1pm**. This conference will look at the ongoing challenges to address exploitation, inclusivity, migrants' rights and integration. More information and the link to the conference is available here: Link

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5. **The Irish School of Ecumenics** are holding a webinar entitled 'Gender & Peacebuilding on a Shared Island' as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations. Featuring panellists; Bronagh Hinds, Georgia Knapp, Satome Mbugua, Niall Gilmartin, Katherine Meyer and chaired by Gillian Wylie, this event takes place on **October 7th at 5pm**. Link

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6. **Interreg Europe "Cycling Cities' webinar series. In Ch 16 and 23 September 2021, 14.00-15.30 (CET),** the Cycling Cities series of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform is back with two more webinars to inspire cities and regions across Europe in designing policies to foster urban cycling.

The agenda and registration form for each webinar can be accessed here:

- Cycling cities IV – Cargo bikes for the last mile Link
- Cycling cities V – Cost-benefit comparisons of bicycles v. cars for policy makers Link

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7. **Cork Volunteer Awards 2021** will be held on Friday, 5th November 2021. Closing date for nominations is the 10th of September. For more information about the awards click on the Link. To nominate your volunteers click on the Link.

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8. **The Storytelling Series is an exciting FREE training series to upskill our sector in telling our story and communicating our value and impact.** We know from your responses to our recent polling that 67% of you feel that journalists need to learn more about how the charity and community sector works in order to be able to write more informed and more balanced media coverage and that the sector is not covered fairly in the press. This series aims to change that with broad communications upskilling across areas such as content production, social media, PR and graphic design. Link

- Pitching to Press: How to Get your Story Out There with Claire Brennan (BBC, Irish Daily Mirror, Donegal Post) | Weds, 22 September, 11.00am - 12.30pm
- Making Videos: Basics of Scripting & Filming with Jack Fitzsimons (Freelance Filmmaker) | Thurs, 30 September, 11am – 12.30pm
- Making Videos: Basics of Film Editing with Tommy Fearon and Kevin O'Regan (The Reelists) | Thurs, 30 September, 11am – 12.30pm
- Easy Graphic Design with Canva with Ronny Hermisa (Canva, Fair Trade Connection) | Weds, 13 October, 10.30am - 12noon
- Social Media Promotion for your Organisation with Eleanor Kelly (SCSI Innovation Academy, Open Society Foundations) | Weds, 20 October, 11am – 12.30pm.

9. SECAD are looking for communities, business members and individuals from the South and West Cork areas to register to be part of the SECAD Sustainable Communities Training Programme. Link

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CORK COUNTY COUNCIL INNOVATION UPDATE August 2021 Issue 1

CONGRATULATIONS!
Well done to our colleagues who have been successful under the Digital Innovation Fund 2021.
Project: Remote Printing & Mobile Solutions
Project: Cork City Library App
Printing is a service offered by Cork County Council library which prior to 2018 was only available from library pcs. The introduction of remote printing offers users flexibility to print from their own devices anywhere and at any time, with print job held on the system for 48 hours. This service is particularly beneficial to students and remote workers and has proved critical during COVID 19 with the option to remotely print documents from home and then collect them at a time convenient to the user. Cork City Library App will be used when accessing the library PCs, library e-resources, e-Books, TV, Learn Direct and Lynda.com. Cork City Council Libraries delivered the first extension of mobile branches, the Kinsale, and the Mobile Charter when introducing Wifi hotspots and Chromebooks to the mobile fleet. Cork City Library App will be used to access all of the services of the Cork City Libraries. Broadband upgrades and new Mobile Library routes in the coming months are additional benefits.

New Online Services delivered or 'Accessed' so far that could include :-
Online Application for Housing Assistance
Online application for Repayment rights for Housing Grants
Housing Loan Redemption service
Online Fire Safety Certificate Application
Pavement - Light Bin Online
Online Application for Street Trading Licence

There are 35,500 people registered with our www.corkcoco.ie portal and over 242,000 online service requests have been processed!

Online Application for Vacant Site Levy
Online Application for Rent Supplement
Online Complaints Procedure (including Complaints against Staff, Complaints against Elected Members, Complaints against Other Bodies, Complaints against Other Staff)
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If you have a suggestion, idea or would like to share a file, please email innovation@corkcoco.ie