



Cork County
**Public
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PLENARY 2021



SAVE THE DATE

Wed 27th Oct 2021
7.30-9pm
via Zoom

Are you wondering what a plenary is?
Come along to ours and find out!

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 13 16th of September 2021

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

[Cork County PPN News](#)

1. Save the Date: Cork **County PPN Plenary** 2021 27th of October at 7.00pm
Online Via Zoom. **INVITATIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU SOON**

2. 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 ppn@corkcoco.ie

Free Training for PPN Groups

3. Cork County PPN in partnership with Kevin Delaney from Academy Street Work Shop is running a **free** training course on **Introduction to Fundraising**. The training will take place online on Tuesday 21st of October between 7.00pm and 9.30pm. Please email ppn@CorkCoCo.ie to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

4. Cork County PPN in partnership with Karen Twomey from Communication Hub is running a **free** training course on **Social Media Essentials for Community Groups**. The training will take place online on Tuesday 2nd of November between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Please email ppn@CorkCoCo.ie to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

1. Part 8 proposed housing scheme at Uplands, Fermoy, Co. Cork County

This report relates to a Cork County Council application to seek Part VIII approval for the construction of 11 no. housing units on a site off College Road, Fermoy, County Cork.

Submissions or observations with regard to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made in writing to the Director of Services, Housing Directorate, Floor 4, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork **no later than 4.00pm on Friday 8th October 2021**.

2. Part 8 proposed housing scheme at fana na gCrann, Dungourney, Co. Cork

This report relates to a Cork County Council application to seek Part VIII approval for the construction of residential housing units, comprising of 2 no. 3 bedroom houses.

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Funding

1. The Grousemount Wind Farm Community Fund 2021, is now open for applications. Community groups within the area of benefit (10Km) of the Grousemount Wind Farm, are encouraged to apply and we would appreciate if you can forward this notification to the relevant contacts on your database.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 10th November 2021**. Applications can be made via our website [Link](#)

A total Fund value of €145,605 is available to community and voluntary organisations for projects which are based within Grousemount Wind Farm's area of benefit. A maximum of one application can be submitted from each group / organisation per annum.

The Fund supports projects / activities which clearly benefit at least one of the following categories:

- i. **Education and skills**
- ii. **Health, safety and wellbeing**
- iii. **Environment and habitat conservation**
- iv. **Energy efficiency and sustainability**
- v. **Culture and heritage**
- vi. **Recreation, sport and social inclusion**

Please ensure you take the time to read the essential information relating to the Fund, the Funder, the Area of Benefit, the Fund Guidelines, SECAD and the Application Process on the Wind Farm Community Funds website [Link](#)

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2. The Community Foundation for Ireland's Covid-19 fund is open for applications. The aim of this fund is to ensure Ireland recovers better than the pre-pandemic status quo. Isolation and the impact on health and wellbeing is affecting people of all ages, so through the Overcoming Isolation grant round The Community Foundation will support social prescribing initiatives in outdoor spaces and online. This will encourage peer support, a sense of community and improved mental wellbeing.

Grants of up to **€3,000** will be available for community development organisations for projects that encourage communities to overcome the isolation of the last 18 months through programmes, and developing online platforms and outdoor spaces. **The deadline for applications is 4.30pm Thursday 7th October.**

Please [click here](#) for the full criteria and online application form. Applications sent in via email will not be accepted. FAQs and more information can be found on our website [here](#).

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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 in co-operation with the 6 Local Development Companies who are who are operating the LEADER Programme, i.e. Avondhu/Blackwater Partnership CLG, Ballyhoura Development CLG, IRD Duhallow CLG, SECAD Partnership CLG, Udarás 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. 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, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, 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@create-ireland.ie or phone 01 473 6600. Deadline is Monday the 27th of September at 5.30pm.**

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Training

1. **CIT are running a free course on Rural Femmes.** Following research in 2020 (survey, focus groups, expert consultation), we have been preparing a novel curriculum to meet the needs of rural women.

The curriculum seeks to fulfill two main goals:

- Develop rural women's basic transversal skills (digital, entrepreneurial, interpersonal, etc.) and
- Address specific technical needs for each activity sector (such as rural companies, sustainable farming, tourism, etc.)

The first session will take place on Sunday, October 3rd with the final session in the first or second week of December. The course will be delivered online on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7pm and recordings will be available for those unable to attend some sessions. Networking and connecting with other rural women will be encouraged in group exercises and we have a platform for participants to engage with each other between classes.

To sign up for this free course, please go to [Link](#)

The application deadline is Monday, September 20th.

For any queries, please email Niall.OLeary@mtu.ie.

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2. **CIT are running a free course for New Skills for New Artists.** Following the success of the New Skills for New Artists (NS4NA) pilot course earlier this year, we are delighted to announce a second course from October to December. The course will help you identify and develop a business idea related to your music practice with 3 modules integrating your business, technology, and marketing considerations to help you make your ideas more likely to succeed.

The **free** course will be a blended experience with 1 live class in MTU's Cork School of Music in Cork City centre and 1 online class which will be linked with participating groups in Belgium and Spain.

The course will consist of 3 modules:

- Entrepreneurial and business approaches to musical idea creation, assessment, development, and management;
- Technology, home recording, lighting, audio-visual, streaming, creative uses of technology and
- Social media and marketing including branding, tools and measuring effectiveness.

The three modules will guide you to establishing a business plan for your project; the technological knowledge you will need to implement it and a strategy to reach and grow your audience.

Full details and the application form are available at [Link](#)

The application deadline has been extended to Wednesday, September 22nd.

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3. 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 CRPD as an advocacy tool. The training will focus on helping 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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4. 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 7 certificate commences in November 2021 and runs until July 2022. The 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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5. Gaisce run a programme specifically for young asylum-seekers and refugees. The Wavelength project is open for applications for the Gaisce 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 and they would receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award upon completion of their challenges. Further information on the Gaisce Award, the Wavelength Project and contact details can be found here. [Link](#)

[This Weeks News](#)

1. Muintir na Tire 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 European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland is holding its 2021 Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd September at 11am. The AGM will be online and include the business of the meeting followed by a workshop on the Future of Europe at 11.45pm. The keynote speaker at the workshop on the Future of Europe is Hugh Frazer, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University. Hugh formerly worked in the European Commission and was Director of the Combat Poverty Agency. Members (for the AGM) and non-members (who can attend the workshop only) can register by emailing enquiries@eapn.ie. This is an online event

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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 1800240724 or Link](#)

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5. **Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, today announced a new €500,000 initiative** designed to raise awareness of the positive role played by Social Enterprises. The Awareness Raising Initiative for Social Enterprise (ARISE) Scheme 2021 will provide grants to Social Enterprises to promote their role in communities across the country. The Fund is another example of how Our Rural Future – the Government’s five year rural development strategy – is making a positive impact in rural towns and villages. [Link](#)

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6. **BirdWatch Ireland is rolling out a project** called Birds Connect. This is a new social inclusion / environment project that some of the members of the Cork County PPN might be interested in participating in.

BirdWatch Ireland receive grant funding from the Community Foundation of Ireland for Birds Connect. The project's focus is connecting people and birds through citizen science, outreach and training. We are particularly interested in exploring innovative ways to improve access and participation in bird projects for people with disabilities, new communities and minority groups. (I've attached the article covering the scope).

As part of this project we have produced a laminated bird identification guide to be distributed to Direct Provision Centres and Nursing Homes. The guide has 50 of our most common Irish birds with illustrations and the names translated into Irish, Arabic and French. This is now printed and it folds up to a quarter of the size. We will supply physical copies of this guide to Direct Provision Centres and Nursing Homes.

We are looking at building connections with the residents of these institutions through a bird nest box project. We are hoping to work with local men’s sheds and community groups to build and install nest boxes in Direct Provision Centres and Nursing Homes. The majority of the boxes will be tit or robin-style, as these offer the best take-up rates - but there might be scope for other designs if the right location presents itself. We can provide diagrams of suitable nest boxes.

I would be I would be grateful if you could forward this email on to any social inclusion and environmental members who might be interested in getting involved. [Please contact Andrew Lynch 0838074476 for more information.](#)

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7. **Joe O’Brien TD Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, today (14th September),** launched a new National Pilot Community Volunteers Programme in partnership with Volunteer Ireland and Volunteer Centres, supported by Local Authorities. This exciting new volunteering initiative is a government led, nationally formulated programme for the whole of Ireland which will be adapted to suit local needs and build resilience in our communities. It offers a new way to bridge the gap between communities that need support and the people who want to help. It gives people the opportunity to get involved in local events and festivals while also supporting more urgent needs that arise unexpectedly, like the community response to COVID-19. The programme will help organisations respond effectively to needs in our communities by allowing them to engage enthusiastic, trained, local Community Volunteers through their local Volunteer Centres. The programme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and coordinated by

Volunteer Ireland and the network of Volunteer Centres, with support from their Local Authority, in each area. [Link](#)

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8. The Social Enterprise Team at Rethink Ireland is delighted to invite you to the virtual launch of the recently completed research project on social enterprise legal form in Ireland on **Wednesday, October 6th from 10am - 11am**. The research project was carried out in accordance with the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019 - 2022 measures.

The research team of Tanya Lalor (Method Consultants) and Gerard Doyle (TUD) will present an overview of the research carried out and follow on recommendations. This will be followed by a short discussion on how the research recommendations can create continued positive momentum for the social enterprise sector in Ireland.

Tickets are selling out fast, so please register your intention to attend [here](#).

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9. FitLine is Age & Opportunity's volunteer telephone support line designed to help those over the age of 50 who want to feel a bit fitter and healthier, but perhaps don't have the motivation, confidence or information on where or how to take that first step. The service is completely free.

We're encouraging people to free phone **1800 303 545** and learn more. After you've made that first call, a FitLine mentor will arrange a time to ring you every two weeks until you're happy with your progress.

FitLine mentors are volunteers who understand the challenges of getting active. They'll give you information, advice and gentle encouragement to get moving, along with updates on what is happening in your local community.

As we move into the colder months it is important to keep active in any way we can. FitLine mentors are able to offer guidance for each individual's needs. For those who are working it's important to make time for yourself to exercise and calls are planned to suit your busy schedule.

To find out more free phone 1800 303 545 or email fitline@ageandopportunity.ie. You can also visit our website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/>. An information leaflet is attached to this mail and provides all the details about this free service.

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10. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced €1.2 million in funding to support recreation facilities and outdoor tourism in forest parks and other Coillte sites.

The investment includes the upgrades of pathways, trails, access roads, boardwalks, carparks and toilet facilities at 33 Coillte sites nationwide. This additional funding means that the Department of Rural and Community Development will be investing €3.2 million in total in outdoor recreation facilities at Coillte sites this year.

Over 18 million individual visits are made to Coillte forests every year with the visitor numbers increasing by 40% during the Pandemic, according to a report published by the Minister today. [Link](#)

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11. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, today announced €810,000 in funding to support 25 projects under the 2021 CLÁR Programme.

The funding will support local groups in developing community and sensory gardens, outdoor spaces and allotments.

In practical terms, communities will receive funding for the likes of raised flower beds, wildflower gardens, sensory planting, polytunnels, outdoor equipment, picnic tables and shelters. All projects must adhere to the Leave No Trace principles.

The 2021 CLÁR Programme is a key part of the Government's five-year rural development strategy, Our Rural Future.

This year alone, the scheme has delivered over €5.7 million for projects across the country. [Link](#)

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12. Cork Bike Week 2021 is about to kick-off with events commencing this **Sunday (12th September) and running until Saturday, September 18th**. As in previous years, Cork County Council has again collaborated with Cork City Council in organising Bike Week 2021.

This year, there are in excess of **170 events** planned across the week. Given the current public health guidance, events have again been planned for smaller groups and in many cases, pre-registration is required – please check [Link](#) for full details of events and any registration requirements. Some events are also planned to take place via online / virtual platforms.

Events planned include:

- **Daily Cycles throughout the City & County**
- **Online Demonstrations & Tutorials on all things cycling**
- **Bike Maintenance Workshops**
- **Free Bicycle Hire**
- **Bicycle Related Books & Competitions across all Library Branches in Cork City & County**
- **Discover Your Locality Highlights**

Full details of all events planned and any pre-registration requirements can be found on [Link](#)
