



Cork County  
**Public  
Participation  
Network**

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí  
Contae Chorcaí

# PLENARY 2021



## SAVE THE DATE

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**Wed 27th Oct 2021  
7.30-9pm  
via Zoom**

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

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To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

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### [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](mailto:ppn@corkcoco.ie)

### Free Training for PPN Groups

1. 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](mailto:ppn@CorkCoCo.ie) to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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2. 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](mailto:ppn@CorkCoCo.ie) to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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3. Cork County PPN in partnership with Caroline Egan from Cramden Tech is running a free training course on Data Protection Fundamentals for Community Groups. The training will take place online on **Tuesday 2nd of December between 7.00pm and 9.00pm**. Please email [ppn@CorkCoCo.ie](mailto:ppn@CorkCoCo.ie) to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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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. 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**.

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#### **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.

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**.

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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. 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](mailto:support@create-ireland.ie) or phone 01 473 6600. Deadline is Monday the 27th of September at 5.30pm.**

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### **This Weeks News**

1. Glounthaune Community Association are delighted to announce that they will host the first ever UPSTART Festival, on Saturday, 25th September from 4pm to 9pm in Glounthaune village.

Funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the LLPPS, Upstart will bring five of Cork's most exciting rock bands to an outdoor stage in the beautiful waterside setting. The line up is a fantastic mix of indie /alternative / post punk genres which would have been the envy of the postponed Electric Picnic. Indeed one of the bands had been booked for that very festival so Upstart jumped at the chance to book them. Headline act, the explosive guitar-based trio Pretty Happy are joined by 2020 UCC battle of the bands winner Fyünkay who will open the event. Three bands with very local links also appear, Pontious Pilate and the Nail Drivers, A Cow in the Water and Flywheel who make one of their first live appearances since reforming in 2020. Please click on the [Link](#) for more information and to buy tickets. [Link](#)

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**2. Muintir na Tire Cork Newsletter, [Link](#)**

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**3. Tidy Town Newsletter monthly Newsletter, [Link](#)**

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**4. On behalf of Green Skibbereen** , they would like to invite you to the official Launch of the Centre for Excellence in Climate Action and Sustainability (CECAS) at Myross Wood House on Sunday 26th of September, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The Event will kick off with a presentation by our Chair (Trish Lavelle) and Secretary (Noel Casserly) on the background and plans for the development of the Centre and its mission over the coming months and years. The second part of the event, (from 11 AM to 12.30 PM) will host a presentation of the Energy Pathfinder Project that is being developed by a European Partnership, funded under the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme (EU Interreg) and led by Cork Centre for Architectural Education at UCC and involved 5 other Partners from 5 different regions in the Northern Periphery of Europe. At this event we will explain the Energy Pathfinder Project, that is investigation retrofitting options for Myross Wood House as well as 5 other historic buildings in different regions, with a view to achieving Near Zero Energy. Also, the projects proposal for an on-line tool to allow owners of historic buildings to retrofitting them. This will include facilitators from INFF. In the afternoon, a more informal public event will be held in the Courtyard of the House (open to the public) which will features stall from various groups, light entertainment, coffee and netwo9rksing. If you are interested in attending, please register at the following Link. Please note that we ask those attending to demonstrate they are fully vaccinated against COVID or show evidence of recovery from COVID. [Link](#)

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**5. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD,** and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, today announced over €1.5 million to St Vincent de Paul (SVP) and Protestant Aid. St Vincent de Paul is to receive funding of €1.41 million, while Protestant Aid is receiving €180,000 over the course of 2021. [Link](#)

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**6. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD,** has today (Friday 17th September) officially opened the new DigiHub at The BASE Enterprise Centre in Stranorlar. The DigiHub, which received funding through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and the Connected Hubs Fund, was developed by the Western Development Commission in partnership with Donegal County Council and local social enterprise, BASICC. [Link](#)

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7. The Wheel very pleased to launch our [Recovery Through Community Budget 2022 Campaign](#) this morning. We believe that an economic and social recovery has to prioritise and resource Ireland's charities, community and voluntary organisations, and social enterprises, which have proved to be such an integral part of the nation's infrastructure. [Link](#)

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**8. 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](mailto:enquiries@eapn.ie). This is an online event

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**9. 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](tel:1800240724) or [Link](#)

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**10.** The National Disability Authority would like to invite you to its Annual Conference 2021, which will focus on the theme of progressive realisation of UNCRPD Article 12 through the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. Article 12 of the UNCRPD obliges States Parties to recognise that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with other persons and to take all appropriate measures to provide persons with disabilities with the support they need to make decisions. The webinar is on Thursday the 14th of October from 10.00am - 4.00pm. [Link](#)

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**11. 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 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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**12. 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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**13. 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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