

# 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 15 30th 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](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.

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.

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 Thursday 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.

### 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.

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.

### 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:

- Education and skills
- Health, safety and wellbeing
- Environment and habitat conservation
- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Culture and heritage
- 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](#)

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 8th 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](#).

### This Weeks News

1. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced a major initiative for Rural Ireland, which includes the addition of 31 new walking trails to her Department's Walks Scheme and funding for a number of new Rural Recreation Officers. The 31 new trails across 13 counties are to be added to the 'Walk's Scheme', which aims to open up our countryside to local walkers, hikers and tourists. Under the scheme, funding is provided to farmers and other landowners to maintain the trails that travel through their holdings. [Link](#)

2. The Immigrant Council have launched a new initiative in which they have worked with six migrant women who have received specialised training and will conduct outreach activities within their communities and act as the first point of contact for migrant women who are victims of domestic abuse. These community navigators aims to bridge the gap between victims and the available supports, which may not be readily accessible due to lack of awareness or cultural barriers. You can learn more about this initiative [here](#) and [contact](#) them if you want to know more

3. The Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission have published 'Developing a National Action Plan Against Racism', their recommendations for Ireland's National Action Plan Against Racism, Monitoring and enforcement, including the use of sanctions are among the measures set out by the Commission. They also advise what needs to be done in areas such as policing, education, media, politics, employment and healthcare, making over 130 recommendations for State action. You can read the submission [here](#)

4. Doras have published a report 'Getting Right to Work'. This research report addresses access to employment and decent work for international protection applicants in Ireland informed by personal experiences

5. Fieldfisher and Development Perspectives developed a podcast series entitled 'Amplifying Voices'. Six asylum seekers and refugees who wish to share their perspectives on the journeys that have brought them to Ireland took part in workshops introducing them to storytelling and basic podcasting skills of recording and editing before recording their own podcasts. These stories share resilience, determination and hope. You can listen [here](#)

6. 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](#)

7. The Wheel are holding a series of online sessions beginning this Friday, 1st of October as part of the 'Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)' project entitled 'Dialogue on the Future of Europe: Migrant Communities' with three sessions as outlined below. You can register [here](#)

8. The African Professional Network of Ireland in association with HubSpot are holding an online event entitled 'Push Forward: Driving your Career Progression' TODAY, September 30th from 6.30 pm on Zoom. The panel of Speakers include Jane Edgerlon (Keynote Speaker) - Head of Sales Middle East & Africa at Facebook, Flavia Colombo - Sales Director at HubSpot, Nills Justine - Senior Sales Director France at Indeed and Daphne Lopes - Senior Manager, Customer Success at HubSpot. This engaging event will provide inspiration, motivation and career progression advice and tips. You can register [here](#)

9. The National Youth Council of Ireland are providing One World Week training workshops from September through to December. These will be aimed at young people and youth workers, and will facilitate discussions around the theme of 'Global Identity: Collective Actions.' You can find more information [here](#) or contact Leo Gilmartin at [leo@nycl.ie](mailto:leo@nycl.ie) with any questions

10. The 6th European Migration Forum meeting will take place online on the 27th and 28th of October 2021, having been previously cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The topic of this year's edition is From pandemic to recovery: challenges and best practices in migration management. The forum is a platform for dialogue between civil society and the European institutions on issues relating to migration, asylum and the integration of third-country nationals (TCNs), and is run by the European Commission (EC) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). You can learn more and register [here](#)

11. Maynooth University are researching how community groups and civil voluntary organisations can strategise against the growing far-right in Ireland. As part of the research, the team is conducting an online survey with organisations and groups to gather data on any experiences and perceptions related to the far-right and sexism, racism, homophobia & transphobia in Ireland. The survey closes in mid-October and they are seeking any member of the organisation to fill it out. The information sheet is attached here and digital consent form is included in the online survey which can be accessed [here](#)

12. 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](#)

13. LIFT Leadership Awards are receiving nominations for someone who has shown remarkable determination, whose empathy skills have uplifted you or who always shows up with a positive attitude. There are various awards for each of the LIFT themes and it takes three minutes to nominate someone. The Awards ceremony will take place online on 17th November at 7pm, hosted by Soiyse Lennon. Please save the date and spread the word - everyone is welcome to attend! Nominations close TODAY, 30th of September at 5pm. You can nominate [here](#)

14. The HSE with Age and Opportunity will carry out a survey set out the arts sector's commitment to promoting the values and contributions of older people. We are committed to the participation of older people in the arts as artists, audiences, creators, critics, teachers and learners. If you are interested please click on the [Link](#) or ring 0858221869.

15. 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 projects with the residents of these 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.

16. 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](#).

17. FiLLine 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 FiLLine mentor will arrange a time to ring you every two weeks until you're happy with your progress.

FiLLine 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. FiLLine 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 [filline@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:filline@ageandopportunity.ie). You can also visit our website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/filline/>. An information leaflet is attached to this mail and provides all the details about this free service.