



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 16 7th of October 2021

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

[Cork County PPN News](#)

1. We would like to announce that we have opened the **call for nominations** to fill the 37 Cork County Council committee seats that are reserved for PPN Representatives. Nominations will close on November 5th and elections are set to take place at the end of November. To find out more about what seats are up for nomination and to make a nomination, go to [Cork County PPN Nominations - Cork County PPN](#). You can also download the nomination form [here](#). If you have any questions please contact us at [ppn@corkkoco.ie](mailto:ppn@corkkoco.ie) or call 0214 28 5340.

2. **Registration now open for the Cork County PPN Plenary\*** which will take place on **Wednesday 27th October Online** via zoom. At the Plenary, you will have the opportunity to meet your new PPN Staff and Secretariat as well as hear updates on PPN activities and the all important upcoming PPN Representatives **elections**.

Register [here](#) to attend the event.

We will be ratifying our draft policies on the night. Please take some time to read these beforehand on our website [Our Policies Archives - Cork County PPN](#)

For more information and to check out our new website, go to [Plenary - Cork County PPN](#)

*\*The full membership of Cork County PPN is referred to as the **Plenary**. It is the main decision-making body of the PPN with overall responsibility for its operation. It meets at least twice a year usually in October and April. All Full Member groups have one vote per group. The Plenary facilitates: election of PPN Representatives to county policy and decision-making bodies; an update on PPN activity; dialogue on PPN strategy; and the highlighting of local issues.*

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

3. Cork County PPN in partnership with Caroline Egan from Cranmen 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@corkkoco.ie](mailto:ppn@corkkoco.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 \(corkkoco.ie\)](#)

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:

- 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](#)

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. **Social Entrepreneurs Ireland** are running Spark sessions in partnership with **HerGenuity Afrika**. Seeking members of new and emerging communities in Ireland who are seeking solutions to a social problem, the sessions are free and run online from 6 to 7pm Wednesday 20th of October and Wednesday 27th of October. You can email [mary@socialentrepreneurs.ie](mailto:mary@socialentrepreneurs.ie) for more information or register [here](#). Please see poster attached to this email for more information.

2. **Comhlámh** are running an introductory course to Development education entitled 'Continuing the Journey'. The course is an invitation to learn, share and reflect in order to make sense of our world. It offers space for deeper engagement with issues such as global inequality, power and colonialism. It will take place on Tuesday evenings over October, beginning the 5th. You can learn more and register [here](#)

3. **Mediators Beyond Borders** are running an online event 'An Arts Based Approach to Mediation' on December 17th from 6pm to 7.30pm EST (time zone converter [here](#)). The Children & Youth ADR Working Group will host this webinar led by Joan Marie Kelly, a senior lecturer at Nanyang Technological University. You can see more information [here](#) and register [here](#)

4. **Gorm** will be hosting a panel discussion on Activism in the Arts as part of **Dublin Theatre Festival** on the 12th of October at 6pm. Entitled 'The Danger of a Single Story', this event explores artistry in contemporary Ireland, its evolution to better capture the stories and experiences of marginalized communities and whether the true multidimensional nature of the community is represented. You can learn more [here](#) and watch online, on the 12th, [here](#)

5. **The Community Foundation of Ireland** are seeking an Administration Assistant to support the CEO and Director of Philanthropy. Please see more information and how to apply [here](#). The deadline is 5pm on this Friday, the 8th of October.

6. The **Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission (IHREC)** are calling for family reunification law and policy to be strengthened and expanded, particularly in the current context of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme for Afghan nationals. This would facilitate safe and legal pathways for family members of refugee communities here in Ireland. Prior to a 2016 change in legislation, refugees could apply for extended family members, including grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters who were financially dependent on them to come to Ireland, but the legislation significantly narrowed access to family reunification. The link to the Commission's June 2018 [report](#) accompanies the press [release](#)

7. **IHREC's** Chief Commissioner Sinéad Gibney and Commission Members Prof. Kathleen Lynch and Colm O'Dwyer appeared before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Public Petitions to discuss Direct Provision policy on September 16th. They reiterated the principles that the Commission considers the State needs to adopt in reforming its international protection system, through their White Paper Submission on Direct Provision. A focus on integration from day one, onsite education and training and early and effective access to the labour market. The video of the Committee Meeting is [here](#) and the submission from the Commission is [here](#)

8. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State Joe O'Brien TD, today welcomed the publication of the **National Development Plan (NDP)** and the strong Government commitment to rural and community development. The NDP will provide the Department of Rural and Community Development with capital investment of €962 million over the period 2021-2025. [Link](#)

9. St. Patrick's Festival is delighted to announce the **St. Patrick's Festival x TikTok Creative Fund**. This **€100,000 creative initiative** is open to community organisations and groups across Ireland, who connect with, empower, and uplift their communities through arts, culture, and creativity. Closing date for receipt of applications is 6pm on **Sunday, October 24, 2021**. For more details on how to apply, and to view our Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy please go to the St. Patricks Festival website [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie)

10. **Community Group Insurance request for information by Alliance for Insurance Reform**. At a webinar hosted by FG Senator Maria Byrne, the Tánaiste and Chair of the Cabinet Sub Group on Insurance Reform Leo Varadkar said that he needs as many case studies as possible of organisations and community groups that cannot get affordable cover right now, to use in his dealings with insurers. The more case studies we can provide, the stronger the position will be. We are asking any PPN members if they would be prepared to share their details privately with the Tánaiste and his Sub-Group? In terms of privacy, be mindful that they may well eventually share those details with any relevant insurers, but details of these case studies will not be shared with the media unless any group wishes to do so. If any group has a story they are happy to share you can let Cork County PPN know directly through [ppn@corkkoco.ie](mailto:ppn@corkkoco.ie) / 0214 28 5340 or share directly with the Alliance For Insurance Reform [contact@insurancereform.ie](mailto:contact@insurancereform.ie)

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 seeking 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 Sonya Lemmon. 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. **Cork's Gay Project** to host Award-Winning Production 'The Decriminalisation Monologues' by Acting Out Theatre Group on October 29th. An award-winning play telling the hidden stories of gay people in Ireland is coming to Cork. The play will be shown in South Parish Community Centre, Sawmill St. Cork on Friday the 29th of October [Link](#)

16. **Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland have launched** 'Let's Get Back', is a national awareness campaign encouraging the Irish public to get back involved in the sport and exercise that they love. 'Let's Get Back' has been created by Sport Ireland in partnership with Healthy Ireland to encourage members of the Irish public who are anxious or unsure about returning to sport and physical activity following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Members of the public can get information on how to return to sport and activities in a safe way by visiting [Link](#). The campaign message is tailored to ensure that it reaches those most in need of support and encouragement and it is hoped that this campaign can touch the hearts and minds of every age, ethnicity, demographic, ability and more.