



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 18 21th 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@cockcoco.ie](mailto:ppn@cockcoco.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@cockcoco.ie](mailto:ppn@cockcoco.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 Today 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.

**This Weeks News**

1. The wheel weekly newsletter, [Link](#)

2. **University College Cork** is implementing the project EnergyMeasures to help improve the energy efficiency of households in Cork. Are you struggling to heat your home? Or perhaps energy arrears are becoming a problem? EnergyMeasures can provide personalised energy advice, small scale energy measures and ongoing support for free, so that you can live more comfortably in a more affordable way. For more information please go to <https://energy-measures.ucc.ie/> and fill in your contact details, or call +353 (21) 490 1958 and leave us a message with your name and number and we will contact you to schedule an appointment and discuss how best we can help.

3. **The Community Platform** invites you to the online launch of Principles for delivering a high quality, inclusive and accessible **Public Childcare Model on Thursday 11th November at 11.30. [Link](#)**

4. **Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Humphreys TD, has today welcomed an allocation of €180 million to the LEADER programme for the period 2023-2027. The indicative allocation, agreed as part of the new CAP Strategic Plan (CSP), will form the basis of public consultation ahead of its formal submission to the European Commission next year. Combined with the €70 million Minister Humphreys secured for the LEADER Transition Programme, the total funding for LEADER over the next seven years will be €250 million. This is the equivalent investment secured for the previous LEADER programme, which ran over the period 2014-2020. [Link](#)

5. **Independent Living Movement Ireland** is having a discussion around making politics more inclusive. The webinar is on Thursday the 11th of November from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. If you want to join email [info@imi.ie](mailto:info@imi.ie)

6. **Community Finance Ireland Autumn Newsletter, [Link](#)**

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. **The Irish Foster Care Association (IFCA)** are holding their 2021 Conference, 'Minding Transitions in foster Care' online, November 5th and 6th. Tickets are 15 – 30 euro and you can learn more [here](#) and book [here](#). For any questions, please contact [admin@ifca.ie](mailto:admin@ifca.ie) or call 01 459 9474.

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. **Irish Council of Civil Liberties** are hosting a Screening of 'Limbo', a film about Omar, a young Syrian musician stationed upon a fictional remote Scottish island, where he and a group of new arrivals await the results of their asylum claims. The screening and question and answer session will take place in person at Riverbank Arts Centre in Newbridge Kildare at 8pm on **18th October**, followed by a panel discussion on the Direct Provision system in Ireland. You can register [here](#)

11. **The Community Foundation for Ireland** has developed a new Youth Framework under a #YoungVoices initiative to assist donors and advisors in supporting the work of the next generation. A special live event where the voices of young people and their advocates were to the fore, is available online [here](#) including the video of the launch and a highlights reel. You can read the Impact Report and Youth Framework [here](#)

12. **Clann Credo Newsletter, [Link](#)**

13. **The Department of Rural and Community Development** is holding a series of Rural Ideas Fora in the coming weeks. The series of three online events will focus on specific themes within Our Rural Future, the national rural development policy published earlier this year, and will be an opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities that impact on rural communities and economies. Attendees will learn more about ongoing work relating to key objectives contained in the policy, and hear from a panel of key stakeholders.

Registration for these events is available via Eventbrite at the following [Link](#)

The three events scheduled are as follows:  
27 October – 11am-1pm: Transitioning to Climate-Neutral Society  
10 November – 11am-1pm: Revitalising Towns and Villages

14. **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](#)

15. **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.

16. **We Act** are launching a new Soft Launch Town Hall session will be a chance for you to find out all about the campaign, and learn how you, and the groups in your area, can get involved. We'll be revealing the designs behind the campaign, sharing the campaign toolkit and showing you how organisations can fold the campaign into their own activities and communications. As Public Participation Networks, you play a vital role in our communities and we want to make sure you hear all about the campaign before it goes live in a few weeks' time.

The campaign presents a great opportunity for community and voluntary groups in your area to have their stories heard and show the impact they have in our communities every day. Thanks to the incredible input of the sector so far, the We Act campaign – focused on elevating the stories of impact from our sector - is launching publicly on 27 October. And we all need to be ready.

This exciting briefing is all about how you can be part of We Act. It's not to be missed! RSVP

Simply click on your preferred date below and fill in the short RSVP form. Please note that all sessions are the same, so you don't need to attend more than one.

[22nd October 10am –11am](#)

17. **Development Perspectives** are inviting applications for the upcoming Erasmus+ Training Course 'Change the Story Change the World'. This training course will explore the role of storytelling in tackling the root causes of poverty, inequality and climate change. The methodology of Theatre of the Oppressed will feature heavily in the programme. Applications are welcome from Ireland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, UK, Italy, Poland, Greece and Portugal. For more information about the programme and details on how to apply, see [here](#) or email [pau@developmentperspectives.ie](mailto:pau@developmentperspectives.ie) with questions. **Deadline for applications is October 22nd**

18. **Joining the Dots Participatory Budgeting (PB) process** on the theme of 'Creating Connections' with your members and contacts. This is a digital and an all-Ireland PB Process. PB is a process that gives people a direct say in the allocation of a portion of a public budget

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 hope to create open spaces for shared learning, peer support, practical work and collaboration.

Individuals and Groups can bid for up to €500 (or Euro equivalent) under the theme of 'Creating Connections' this could be for example, with people, nature, environment, communities, sports, young and old, food, heritage etc. Anyone **aged 8+** can get involved.

It's a very simple bid form along with a short 2 min video (captured on a mobile phone/ camera) pitching the idea. The deadline has been extended until **12 November 2021** and projects will have until April 2022 to deliver.

**All of the information including a FAQ can be found at the [Link](#)**

For further information click on [Link](#)

19. **National Youth Council of Ireland** in conjunction with Maynooth University are delivering a Level 8 NUI Certificate in Global Youth Work and Development Education. If you are interested in a Global Youth Work approach and how it impacts youth work in today's globalised world you can apply by 25th of October 2021 for the course beginning in January 2022. You can see more and apply [here](#)

20. **The Irish Refugee Council** are holding, 'Integration From Day One Women's Programme' online on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon, on zoom for six weeks. The programme will include cultural awareness, communication skills, career guidance, knowing your rights and entitlements, CV writing and interview preparation, confidence-building and self care/wellness. If anyone in your network would like to attend you can complete the **form** and contact [amaka@irishrefugeecouncil.ie](mailto:amaka@irishrefugeecouncil.ie) with any questions