



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 19 28th of October 2021

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

[Cork County PPN News](#)

1. **One Week To Go for NOMINATIONS**- Nomination will close on Friday the 5th November to fill the 37 Cork County Council committee seats that are reserved for PPN Representatives. 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@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 28 5340.

[October 2021 Plenary](#)

1. Thank you to everyone who attended our **2021 Plenary** which took place last night, **Wednesday 27th October**, online. We had a great turn out with **88 groups** in attendance from as far and wide as **Allihies, Kanturk and Youghal**. All of our **18 governance policies and workplan were discussed and ratified by an overwhelming majority of 98%**. The workplan and policies are available to view on our website [Our Policies Archives - Cork County PPN](#). The next plenary will be held in April. You can view the recording on our youtube channel here : [Cork County PPN - YouTube](#)

[Free Training for PPN Groups](#)

1. 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.

2. Cork County PPN in partnership with Alma Brosan from Fuzion is running a free training course on MoJo. This training will show groups how to capture, edit and publish content online. The training will take place online on Wednesday the 24th of November between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Places are limited to a maximum of 10, we will provide a Gimbal device to you worth €130 so you can undertake the training. Please email ppn@CorkCoCo.ie to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

2. 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 to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

[This Weeks News](#)

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

2. We Act Campaign was launched on the 27th of October - [Link](#)

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. The **Well-being Framework for Ireland** is the result of a Programme for Government commitment to develop a set of quality of life measures to create a holistic view of how Irish society is faring. In July of this year, the Government published the First Report on a Well-being Framework for Ireland. The Government wants to create awareness and gain feedback to improve the Framework and ensure it is reflective of the issues that matter most to the Irish people. We are eager to spread the word and hear from people right across Irish society.

Citizens, stakeholders, policy makers and researchers can get involved by:

- Visiting the [Well-being Web Portal](#) and becoming familiar with the Framework;
- Telling us what well-being means to you and what your priorities are by taking our [short survey](#); and
- Exploring the supporting interactive [CSO Well-being Information Hub](#)

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@ilmi.ie

6. **European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland Newsletter** - [Link](#)

7. **Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced €3.5 million in funding to support 189 outdoor projects across the country. The funding, under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), will further enhance our unique natural amenities and support Rural Ireland as a destination for adventure tourism. The scheme is designed to support the enhancement of dozens of recreational amenities such as our mountain trails, forest walks, beaches, rivers, lakes, blueways and greenways. [Link](#)

8. The **Local Government Management Agency (LGMA)**, with support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the County and City Management Association (CCMA), has developed a new website called [services.localgov.ie](#). The website contains a catalogue of the services provided by the local government sector in Ireland. Information on over 1,000 services is presented in a user-friendly and accessible manner all in one place and is available in both English and Irish

9. 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 with any questions

10. **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://energymeasures.eu/cork/> 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.

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. 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 or call 01 459 9474.

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:
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. 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-island 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 work to create open spaces for shared learning, peer support, practical hope 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](#)