



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 21 11th of November 2021

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

Cork County PPN News

1. The call for nominations closed last Friday the 5th of November, we had an overwhelming response from our members who sent in over 70 nominations. We are currently going through each one and will be in touch soon with news of elections.

October 2021 Plenary

1. Thank you to everyone who attended our 2021 Plenary which took place on 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 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@CorkCo.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@CorkCo.ie to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

This Weeks News

1. The One Future Cork Groups are collaborating in arranging online constituency based 'Town Hall' meetings to give constituents a chance to talk with their TDs on the topic: "Climate Budget and Climate Action Plan more talk or real action" Come and ask a question, share your ideas for local solutions, or just be there to show our TDs that you care about our future!

Ireland's first Climate Budget has been announced and will be discussed by the Dáil over the coming months. This budget is set to cover the period 2021 to 2025 and refers to Ireland's share of how much CO2 can be released to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5 OC. The Climate Action Plan and Budget must lead Ireland to becoming a climate neutral economy and resilient society by 2050. To achieve this, the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have to be dramatically reduced.

- Cork South West Mon 15 Nov, 7:30-9pm Register Cork South West
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- Cork North West Wed 24 Nov, 7pm-8pm Register for Cork North West

2. The 2021 Teen Talk event will be held virtually this year and will be streamed directly to schools on November 18th. All schools have been notified and each school requires to register directly, again it is targeted to TY students. In addition to this, we are also hosting an evening event known as GenZ for parents which is being streamed on Tuesday, November 23rd from 7pm-9pm. Both events will be hosted by Anna Geary who will lead a series of discussions such as the impact of the pandemic on the mental health of young people. Topics such as mindfulness, teen psychology, resilience, sports participation, nutrition and addiction will be discussed at the Teen Talk event.

While the Gen Z event will touch on topics such as Teenage Psychology, LGBTQI+, Gender & Transgender, Mental Health plus Internet Security & Usage. Link

3. The wheel weekly newsletter, Link

4. Please join us for our 2021 Annual Social Policy Conference, Social Rights for All: Time to Deliver on the European Social Rights to hear from international and national experts on how to secure a more sustainable and inclusive future for all. The European Union never fully recovered from the financial crisis and without substantial and coordinated action now, the current social and economic crisis could destroy it. A strong response based on the European Social Model is required. This response must be based on investment in a sustainable future, in our social and human capital. The aim of the European Pillar of Social Rights is to take account of the changing realities of Europe's societies and the world of work. Failure to deliver a balanced policy approach between economic and social policy across the European Union for several decades has contributed to the crisis that Europe finds itself in today. Link

5. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, today (Monday, November 8th) announced over €700,000 in funding to support 18 projects under the CLÁR Programme. The funding is part of a new Innovation Measure designed to support communities in delivering projects that assist with issues such as rural isolation, population decline and social disadvantage. The CLÁR Programme is a key part of Our Rural Future – the Government's five year strategy designed to revitalise Rural Ireland. Link

6. The Local Authority Water Programme is running even called 'Communities Caring for Water Conference' which will be held on Saturday the 20th of November, 2021. You can register for the conference at the following Link

7. The AONTAS STAR Awards recognise outstanding work in adult learning and are open to all groups/ organisations across the island of Ireland. The STAR Awards give initiatives the opportunity to spotlight their excellent work and bring national recognition to learners, staff and organising bodies. Winners will receive a specially crafted trophy, promotional video, sponsor prize and other opportunities with AONTAS. If you are part of, or know of an adult education initiative, that deserves to be highlighted please visit: Link

8. The Department of Rural Development along with Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage and Malcolm Noonan, T.D., Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform published the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 - 2027 with a six-month public consultation up to 31 March 2022. The complete document is available at Link or you can visit the Virtual Consultation Room at www.lawwaters.ie.

9. The Department of Rural and Community Development is running 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. It captures phase one of the work on developing a national framework and sets out the guiding vision and ambitions. It includes an initial conceptual framework and supporting dashboard of indicators, which will evolve and improve over time. It was supported by initial consultation via NESC, who compiled a complementary Consultation Report.

A wider public conversation on Ireland's Wellbeing Framework has been launched as part of the second phase of this work. 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

10. The National Disability Authority would like to invite you to attend a brainstorm event on ideas for future research in Ireland. An Easy to Read invitation is attached, and an ISL invitation can be found on the NDA YouTube channel. We would like to hear your ideas and pass them on to the government as part of their 'Creating Our Future' project. All ideas are welcome. We would like to hear from disabled persons organisations and individuals with disabilities. The event is on Tuesday 23rd of November between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. Link

11. 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

12. In celebration of Black History Month 2021, the DCU Equality, Diversity and Inclusion unit in collaboration with the DCU Centre of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion, hosted a virtual event titled 'Celebrating Black Excellence - Linda Ketasha in conversation with Mr. Bashir Oluokoya, Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Government'. Through the sharing of Bashir's personal anecdotes and lived experiences, this conversation celebrated black excellence by exploring what black history month means in the Irish context, the valuable contributions the black community makes in our workplaces and some of the barriers faced by the black community in employment. Also touching on allyship in overcoming these challenges, progress in combatting racism in Ireland and aspirations for a truly inclusive workplace by looking to the future, the recording of the event can be watched back here

13. Southside Partnership are hosting a Leadership Pathways for in the Community Women Conference on Thursday, November 11th from 10 am to 1pm. As part of the Work4Change series starting in 2022, this conference will explore leadership projects and pathways available in the community. Featuring panelists Ursula McKenna, Dr. Michelle Maher, Simone Sav and Dr. Aurelia Ciblis, you can see more information and register here. For more information, see poster attached and/or contact Rafika.kelly@spsoship.ie

14. FLAC Promoting Access to Justice is holding an online guest lecture with Justice Edwin Cameron, formerly of South Africa's Highest Constitutional Court on Friday the 12th of November from 9 am to 10am. An academic, jurist, author and recently retired Constitutional Court judge, Justice Edwin Cameron was appointed as a judge in 1994 by President Mandela. His role in securing the inclusion of sexual orientations as a prohibited ground of discrimination, advocacy for persons with HIV/Aids and background as a human rights lawyer has helped develop South African law to truly reflect the fundamental values of the Constitution. You can register here, see images attached and/or contact 01 887 3600 for more information.

15. European Migration Network (EMN) Ireland and Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) are hosting a webinar: 'Immigration detention and alternatives: Ireland and the EU' on Wednesday 24th of November 2021 from 2pm - 3.30pm. This event will provide an overview of the legal framework and use of immigration detention and is situated in a broader EU context. Speakers will discuss the extent to which detention is used in international protection and returns procedures in Ireland, the types of alternatives available; key fundamental rights and safeguards; and how Ireland compares to other EU Member States. New EMN Ireland research, Detention and Alternatives to Detention in International Protection and Returns Procedures in Ireland, will be launched during this webinar. You can learn more and register here

16. Southside Partnership Womens Programme are offering five weeks of at-home yoga and six weeks of water colour painting workshops at Furry Hill Community Centre beginning on the 2nd and 12th of November respectively. Featuring panelists Ursula McKenna, Dr. Michelle Maher, Rafika Kelly, Rafika.kelly@sosship.ie with any questions and to register interest. Please note water colour painting costs 20 euro for six weeks or 5 euro per drop in session.

17. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth have opened registration for Fairer Futures: The What Works Festival of Learning 2021. The Festival runs from Monday November 15th until Wednesday November 24th with four online events on the theme of dis/advantage, its impact on children and families, and key initiatives which are addressing disadvantage in Ireland and internationally. The Festival is part of What Works, an initiative from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Join MC Aine Kerr along with contributors including Minister Roderic O'Gorman, Professor Kate Pickett (University of York), Olivier Thévenon (OECD Centre for Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity), Professor Mark Brown (National Digital Learning Centre at DCU), and Massimiliano Mascherini (Eurofound). Events are free but booking is essential. Book here

18. The Department of Justice is inviting applications for funding for the provision of services supporting victims in the Criminal Justice System 2022. Applications are welcome from registered charities, voluntary community groups and other bodies which provide or have proposals for the provision of support services/assistance for victims of crime generally, including provision of support, information and advice on the rights of victims, and court and other accompaniment. The objective is to ensure that these services are available to all victims who need them, to a consistently high standard and throughout the State. Joint applications between two or more groups are welcome. For details on how to apply please contact fundsadmin-victims-crime@justice.ie and all application forms must be returned by 5pm on 29th of November 2021.

19. Translate Ireland Multilingual Video Messaging Ltd. Have released new videos in over 40 languages with doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. We're looking to ensure our multilingual videos are respectful, not overly formal and culturally appropriate, the team have released videos on Covid19 for Pregnant women (new), guidance and restrictions updates, vaccines for all including those living in Direct Provision, safety for those working in Food processing, Tracker App, Back to School during Covid as well as other topics such as cervical cancer screening, mental health, the flu vaccine and immigration visa info. The team are currently working with Women's Aid in relation to videos on domestic abuse. There are 120 video messages to come in early 2022. This video explains how share and we encourage you to do so widely with your videos and communities.

20. On October 28th, the Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail announced changes to employer permit system for workers from outside the European Economic Area (EEA). The main changes include: Most construction sector jobs now eligible for a General Employment Permit. Quota to be removed for HGV driver work permits. 350 General Employment Permits for hospitality managers, Social Workers to be eligible for Critical Skills Employment Permit, Dispensing Opticians to be eligible for General Employment Permit. New General Employment Permit allowing for 1,000 Horticulture Operatives, 500 Meat Deboners, 1500 Meat Processing operatives and 100 Dairy Farm Assistants. More information here

21. New Horizons Digital Partnership and Doras will soon launch SaorEd, a new online education platform for international protection applicants, refugees and underserved communities in Ireland. SaorEd will provide free access to a range of entry-level and advanced courses, most of which will be offered in English and Farsi. Initial courses provided on SaorEd include: Introduction to the English language, Intermediate English for university, English for Arabic speakers, Advanced English for the workplace, Basic digital skills in English & Arabic, Intermediate IT skills, Web design with HTML, CSS and Javascript. SaorEd will be launched in the coming weeks so keep an eye on social media and follow SaorEd on Twitter @saor_ed, Facebook @SaorEd and Instagram @saored. For more information, email saoredinfo@gmail.com

22. SISI in conjunction with Trinity Research have launched a survey "Silence in the courtroom, silence in the street? An exploratory study of women's experiences of the Irish Family Law System in parental separation and divorce". The research is the first of its kind in Ireland and is an evidence based way to have women's voices heard anonymously. This study seeks to capture the unique perspectives of mothers who have experience of the Irish family law process in parental separation and divorce. It aims to explore mothers' experiences before, during, and after the formal family law proceedings. You can share and/or take part in the survey here

23. Irish Social Equality Network (ISEN) are seeking an EU Projects Researcher for the Net-Works Project. The 'Net-Works' Project is an Erasmus+ Key Action 3 funded programme, focused on social inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education and training. More information can be found here. The other participating countries are Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia, North Macedonia, Romania & Serbia. The role involves helping to establish new national or regional networks of adult education providers and facilitate their involvement in European cooperation. ISEN is hiring an EU Project Officer on a two-year contract (25 months) to undertake the required research to contribute to the Net Works project. A fixed term project due to end by November 2023, a maximum of 171 days at 289 euro per day are required. Applicants are invited to apply by email to info@isocent.ie by 5pm on November 12th. You can see more information here

