



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.

Free Training for PPN Groups

1. 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 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. **International Men's Day** was first introduced in 1992. Every year the 19th of November is a day dedicated to the celebration of Men and the positive value that men bring to the world, our work environment, and our personal lives.

Since the introduction of International Men's Day almost 30 years ago, society has fundamentally changed. Many more women are now working and there has been a massive shift around equality of women both in the workplace and society. This has meant that the role of men in our society has changed significantly, but who has been there to support men through this change? This year the theme for International Men's Day 2021 is *"Better relations between men and women"* aimed at improving gender relations and the promotion of gender equality for both men and women.

We are asking you to celebrate all the men in your lives on **Friday 19th November** this year Partners, Fathers, Grandfathers, Sons, Brothers, Uncles, Cousins, Friends and Colleagues. The Men's Mental Health Forum [Link](#)

5. **Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced that Ireland will host the 13th OECD International Rural Development Conference in 2022. The Conference will bring more than 250 delegates including Ministers, policy-makers and practitioners from right across the OECD region to Ireland to consider the theme of *'Building Sustainable, Resilient and Thriving Rural Places'*. It is the first time that Ireland has hosted such a conference and follows on from the publication of the Government's rural development policy, *Our Rural Future*. [Link](#)

6. The consultation period for the **BusConnects Cork Draft New Bus Network** will run from **Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 10th December 2021**. This consultation is taking place online, allowing the public to provide their views on the amended bus network proposals.

There will also be a two online information events on **Wednesday 24th November (@1.30pm) and Tuesday 30th November (@6.30pm)**. Additional virtual events may be scheduled subject to interest. Further details as well as registration links can be found on our website.

We would also like to highlight once again the information available on our website www.busconnects.ie/busconnects-cork

- **Draft New Bus Network Report** – Available in English, Irish and accessible PDF.
- **7 Local Area Booklets** – Available on the website and will be delivered to over 160,000 premises in the coming weeks.
- **Public Information Campaign** – This will be ran for six weeks across all local media outlets.
- **Interactive Online Map** – Learn how people can use the proposed services and routes.
- **Online Feedback Form** – The consultation portal is available on our website and submissions are welcome through the interactive survey there.

If you have any queries, please email corknetwork@busconnects.ie.

7. **The Regional Sustainable Mobility Webinar is on 31st of January at 9.30am**. As an initiative under implementation of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region, please click the link below to register for our virtual conference being hosted by the Southern Regional Assembly (SRA) on the 31st January 2022 under the theme of greater actions for Sustainable Mobility. [Link](#)

8. **The Youghal Community Health Project** is delighted to announce that the monthly dementia cafe will be back on Friday the **26th of November** from 11am-1pm at the Holy Family Hall, Magners Hill, Youghal. The Youghal Social is a monthly cafe for anyone living with a diagnosis of dementia, family members and carers. This month we have Amy Murphy, Dementia Advisor with the Alzheimers Society of Ireland provide information on support and services available. Anne Weldon will also be selling her annual calendar, where all proceeds go to the ASI Bessborough Day Centre. Please note the cafe will be held in adherence to public health guidelines, as it is a seated afternoon tea event covid certs or proof of recovery from covid will need to be presented at the cafe, face coverings to be wore entering and exiting the premises. Pre booking is also necessary so please contact **Niamh Herbert Community health worker on 087 6413468**.

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 NESCC, 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](#)

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12. 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](#)

13. **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](#)

14. **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](#)

15. **Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, have today announced a €9 million fund to support community groups impacted by COVID-19. The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with their running costs such as utility or insurance bills, as well as with improvements to their facilities. Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and to purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment. The on-site fund will be allocated under the Department's Community Enhancement Programme and will be administered locally by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) [Link](#)

16. **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 disadvantage, 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](#)

17. **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.