



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 23 25th of November 2021

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information

Cork County PPN News

1. We are currently running our elections and will be in touch in the coming weeks with the results.

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@CorkCoCo.ie to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

This Weeks News

1. **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 [Link](#) 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.

2. **The National Transport Authority (NTA)** is establishing a Transport Users Advisory Group. It invites applications from suitably qualified people who can bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the group. The candidates of this Advisory Group will include regular users of public transport including train, tram, bus, coach and taxi services. They can provide a valuable insight into how they interact with the various types of public transport. It will also include people who are engaged in active travel including cyclists and pedestrians. These are not paid positions but travel and expenses will be paid at the appropriate civil service rate. [Link](#)

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

4. **The Community Climate Action Programme** fund is open for submissions till January 14th 2022. Read about this fund here [Link](#)

5. **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.

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 worn 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 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. **New Communities Partnership** are hiring a Migrant Family Support Worker who will deliver culturally sensitive support and advocacy services to Migrant Families who are experiencing child protection interventions. The project is supported by Tusla Child and Family Agency and co-ordinated by the New Communities Partnership. Subject to Garda Vetting and Reference Check-up, the successful candidate will be provided with Children First, GDPR and CRM Data Entry training. You can apply by sending a comprehensive CV and cover letter to info@newcommunities.ie stating clearly the position you are applying for by 5pm on Friday 26th of November. You can learn more [here](#)

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12. **The African Advocacy Network Ireland (AANI)** invite you to tell your story by recording a selfie video. Interested in people of colour/Black/Brown/African/Caribbean/Mixed Race people, the AANI invites you to see the poster attached for more information and where to send your video to. See [facebook](#) for more details.

13. **Pavee Point** are supporting research on how Travellers feel about the Gardaí and the courts in Ireland. They are looking for Travellers to share their views to inform the research. You can learn more and get in touch [here](#)

14. If you are interested in getting involved in the **Open Government** national action plan, to make government more transparent and accountable with greater civic participation try one of the following. [Submit](#) and share your ideas to enhance transparency, civic participation and public accountability (closes 26th Nov 2021). Promote Open Government and the public calls above to your network using #OpenGovIE. Retweet the Minister of State Ossian Smyth's launch of the public calls. Join the Open Government email list for updates via IrelandOpenGovernment@per.gov.ie. To find out more about Open Government, what is happening in Ireland and the Open Government Partnership process, click [here](#).

15. **The Department of Justice** has issued guidance for migrants wishing to travel for the holidays but whose Irish Residence Permit (IRP) cards have expired or will expire and the holder hasn't been able to renew it yet. Migrants with expired IRP cards can travel and return to the country with the expired IRP card up until 15 January 2022. If you are staying outside Ireland for longer than 15 January 2022, you are advised to renew your IRP card before you travel if possible. If you have been unable to renew before you travel, intend to stay abroad beyond 15 January 2022 and you come from a visa-required country, you will have to apply for a visa to re-enter Ireland at your destination using the AVATS online system. Migrants travelling under these conditions are advised to print the Department of Justice's guidance on this matter and bring the print-out with them when re-entering the country. You can read more [here](#) and [here](#).

16. **The Great Care Co-op (GCC)**. Ireland's first care workers, not for profit social enterprise cooperative, set up and led by migrant women is seeking a Coach and Learning Development Worker. A full-time fixed term role, to September 2022 subject to renewal with a salary of 38,000 euro you can apply for this role by Friday 26th of November by sending a completed application form (attached) marked Coach and Learning Development Worker to jobs@gcc.ie. Employees in GCC have a say in how the organisation is run, it reinvests all its profits to pay people fair wages and provides pensions and quality training. You can learn more [here](#)

17. **The Tidy Towns November Newsletter**, [Link](#)