

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events are listed below for your information  
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**Cork County PPN News**

1. The PPN Election results will be shared with members this week and the new Reps will be ratified by Full Council on Monday 13th December. The new PPN Reps will be ready to join their committees and attend meetings from Jan 2022.

2. To view past newsletters go to [Latest News - Cork County PPN](#)

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**This Weeks News**

1. **Census Ireland** is currently recruiting for Enumerators for Census 2022. Earn up to €3,200 for 10 weeks' part-time work. Please see poster attached and visit their [website](#) for more details on the application process.

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 Community Water Development Fund now open for 2022!**

Your local community or voluntary group can now apply for a grant under the Community Water Development Fund 2022. This Fund helps local communities deliver projects and initiatives that enhance the local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for biodiversity and climate action. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) administers the Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is open to all community and voluntary groups to apply.

LAWPRO launched the 2022 Fund at their annual 'Communities Caring for Water' conference held virtually on Saturday 20 November 2021. The conference is an annual event hosted jointly between The Rivers Trust and LAWPRO. This year, almost 300 attendees representing community groups across the whole of Ireland shared knowledge and experiences of caring for their local water environment.

Speaking at the event Sheevaun Thompson, Funding lead with LAWPRO said "since it was first launched in 2018, demand for the Community Water Development Fund has increased year on year. It is exciting to announce the fund for 2022 to support locally led community projects."

You can complete the grant application form online at [LAWPRO.ie](#). Closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Tuesday, 8 February 2022.

Projects should show benefits for water quality, biodiversity, and climate action.

There is a total fund of €380,000 available for 2022. Grants awarded will range from €500 to €25,000. For support with your application contact Catherine Seale-Duggan, Community Water Officer for Cork City and County.

If you experience any technical difficulties on the website, please email [funding@lawpro.ie](mailto:funding@lawpro.ie) or contact us at [Facebook.com/LAWPROteam](https://www.facebook.com/LAWPROteam).

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

5. **The Upskill Academy** is a series of online Workshops and Masterclasses delivered by Uplift and Act Now campaigners. The workshops are designed to allow those new to campaigning to build skills, confidence and campaign strategy, design and delivery, or for those more established campaigners who want a refresher on campaign theory and practice as they begin a new year of activism.

The Masterclass and Strategy Sessions are designed to assist experienced campaigners to hone their skills and think more strategically and creatively with their campaigns.

Choose the training or workshop that best suits your needs and sign up on Eventbrite.

**Workshop 1: Introduction to Campaigning for Social Change**  
 This introductory session on campaigning will help participants gain knowledge of campaigning, including figuring out how to decide the best pathway to addressing a problem, figuring out the best target and choosing the right tactics.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#)

Tuesday, January, 25th at 18:00-20:00  
 Tuesday, February 8th at 11:00-13:00

**Workshop 2: Getting the most out of Digital Tools for Campaigning**  
 Digital tools have never been more important to campaigners. This workshop will show you what Uplifts tools can do to make your campaign fly - including reaching new supporters, engaging them in the campaign for the longer term, getting noticed and achieving impact.

Tuesday, 15th February 2022 at 18:00-20:00

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#)

**The Masterclass: A Campaign Case Study**  
 Led by Uplift founder Siobhán O'Donoghue, this masterclass is for anyone leading, managing, or playing a key role in campaigns focused on social justice, climate justice and equality. The workshop will take a case study and together we will design a campaign strategy using a range of tools and processes to maximise impact.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#)

Thursday, 27th January at 11:00-13:00  
 Tuesday, 1st February at 19:00-21:00

**The Strategy Sessions: 1:1 Designing A Campaign Strategy for Your Issue**

These are **individual one hour** strategy sessions with Uplift Founder Siobhán O'Donoghue who will work with you and your team to design or rethink a campaign strategy and work together to develop a practical plan of action.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#)

6. **Interpeace's Advisory Team** are inviting applications for the 2022 online edition of its professional development course: Effective Advising in Complex Contexts: Enabling sustainable peace. This course is for mid and senior level professionals from the humanitarian, development, stabilisation, peacebuilding and human rights sectors. The objective of the course is to consciously and creatively increase participants' advisory capacities, so as to enhance their effectiveness in supporting locally led efforts fostering sustainable peace. The application deadline is 10 December 2021. You can read more and apply [here](#) and watch an introductory video [here](#).

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 Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (DTCAGSM) are surveying community groups on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Ireland in order to inform future policy in this area.

- Intangible Cultural Heritage covers cultural practices and skills such as:
  - Oral traditions and expressions;
  - Performing arts;
  - Social practices, rituals and festive events;
  - Knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe; and
  - Traditional craftsmanship.

The survey along with further background information are attached to this email. The survey is also available via the National Inventory of ICH website at [Link](#)

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. **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.

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12. **Cork Tourist Guide, [Link](#)**

13. **The Irish Research Council** in collaboration with the **Health Research Board (HRB)** and the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** are working towards the launch of the DOROTHY COFUND programme which will break down barriers between different academic disciplines by driving collaboration between researchers through funding research which will shed light on public health crises from wide-ranging perspectives. 25 fellows will be recruited through 36-month fellowships with all nationalities welcome, including all researchers based in Ireland. Submissions will be made via Smartsimple submission portal and the call is due to open in Q4 2021. You can learn more [here](#).

14. **The Wheel** present Access Europe Showcase 2021, exploring results, success stories and launching a new website and partnership database that aims to connect Irish civil society organisations with organisations across Europe for partnership in EU funded projects. Join special guest, Minister for State of European Affairs TD Thomas Byrne TD, to gain insights on the benefits of EU funding, learn from best practice examples and find out how Access Europe can support you as you start your EU Funding journey. Taking place on Monday, 13th of December from 3.30pm to 5:00 pm you can register [here](#) and contact [emilynelson@wheell.ie](mailto:emilynelson@wheell.ie) for more information.

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. **North Tipperary Development Company Traveller Programme** invites applications for a Contractor to provide support and supervision to Traveller Programme staff. The contract will be for a six month period and will involve ten to fourteen hours per week. For informal enquiries, please contact Michael Murray, CEO NTDC – [mmurray@ntdc.ie](mailto:mmurray@ntdc.ie) and submit tender applications marked 'Traveller Programme Supervision & Support' to: [mmurray@ntdc.ie](mailto:mmurray@ntdc.ie) by 5pm on Monday 20th of December. See more information [here](#)

17. **Let's Fund It** is a new volunteer-led charity focusing on honesty and transparency on the list of Irish registered charities. A new charity has been welcomed on the list of Irish registered charities. Let's Fund It uses donated funds to purchase goods and services on behalf of charities. The goods and services that are purchased go directly to benefit charity services users. Irish charities can contact Let's Fund It with requests, or the new charity will respond to public appeals. You can learn more [here](#) or on the [website](#).

18. **Meditators Beyond Borders International** are holding, as part of their PeaceConnect series, 'TruthTelling, Mediation and the Prevention of Mass Atrocities' with Kathy Kelly on Wednesday, January 12th 2022 at 3pm EST (8pm Irish Time). You can see the picture attached and click [here](#) for more information and to register.

19. **Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced €2.6 million in funding to deliver the first ever Town Centre First Plans, which will be key to tackling dereliction and revitalising town centres. As part of the initiative, each local authority will be provided with €100,000 to support the development of its own unique master plan. Among the 26 towns selected include Carrick-on-Shannon in Co. Leitrim, Skibberene in Co. Cork, Roscrea in Co. Tipperary and Abbeyfeale in Co. Limerick. Clara in Co. Offaly, Clane in Co. Kildare, New Ross in Co. Wexford and Gort in Co. Galway are other examples of towns selected. [Link](#)

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