



Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 27 6th of January 2022

To Cork County PPN members,  
Upcoming events and news are listed for your information

Cork County PPN News

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This Weeks News

1. **Cork County Council** has allocated over €700,000 to community groups from across the county under Phase 2 of a €3.5 million fund.

With €500,000 allocated every year over the last 7 years, Cork County Council established the Community Development Initiative to fund local community development projects, with supports ranging from €1,000 to €25,000 per initiative.

Cork County Council received 241 applications with 132 successful community groups approved for funding this week by the Council's three Local Community Development Committees. The projects approved range from the refurbishment of community halls, the upgrading of walkways, equipment purchases such as tables, chairs and mowers, plus many more vital items which will improve the quality of amenities for all residents of Cork County.

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Gillian Coughlan congratulated the successful groups while reiterating the Council's commitment to community development, "I know how tough the last 18 months has been for all groups and how important community and voluntary groups are, not only are they an asset to their own communities but they are an asset for Cork. This fund highlights the support of Cork County Council while recognising the tremendous work and commitment given by all involved in projects which improve the prosperity of both people and places."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council Tim Lucey also highlighted how the Community Development Initiative was an example of the Council's continuing commitment to local community collaboration, "Through our 3 Local Community Development Committees, we are committed to improving the range and quality of community based facilities which will assist in providing the very best quality of life offering to our citizens. The Cork County Community Development Initiative, in cooperation with Local Development Companies, offers groups who may not have access to some of our other sources of funding the opportunity to deliver on their ambitions for their communities."

2. The wheel weekly newsletter, [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. **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.**

7. **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](#)

8. **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. **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.

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

12. **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](#).

13. **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](#).

14. **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.

15. **The Minister for Rural and Community Development**, Heather Preys TD, has today announced €21.5 million for 27 landmark regeneration projects in rural communities across the country. The funding, under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF), is being invested in projects that will rejuvenate town centres, drive economic growth and footfall, combat dereliction, develop pedestrian zones and outdoor spaces and boost tourism in Rural Ireland. A number of the projects approved for funding involve the re-purposing of old, derelict and historical buildings into modern-day remote working hubs, as well as enterprise, cultural and community facilities. The funding being announced today will bring these projects through the development stage and to the point where they are ready to commence works. [Link](#)