

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 28 13th 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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PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

All current Active Part 8 Public Consultations can be found here: [Active Part 8 Development Consultation | Cork County \(corkcoco.ie\)](#)

1. Part 8 Proposed Refurbishment of the Church of Ireland, Castle Street, Macroom Town, Co. Cork.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of 5 weeks from 10/12/2021 during public opening hours at the offices listed above Monday - Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made by using the online submission form on [www.yourcouncil.ie](#) or in writing, to: Mary O'Brien, Architect, Macroom Municipal District Office, Cork County Council, Town Hall, Macroom, Co. Cork before 5.00pm on 28/01/2022.

2. Part 8 Proposed Refit of Roof of Fermoy Swimming Pool

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at the locations outlined above (see Point No. 1 above) on each day during which the said offices are open for the transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period of 4 weeks from 16th December 2021 and ending on 28th January 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, may be made by using the online submission form on [www.yourcouncil.ie](#) or, in writing, to: Fermoy Municipal Districts, Courthouse Road, Fermoy, Co. Cork. P61AW63 before 4.00pm on 11/02/2022

Funding:

1. Cork County Council are delighted to announce that applications for funding are now open as part of our €1.8m Community Fund Scheme. The scheme is administered locally by the eight Municipal Districts and each year provides financial assistance to a range of different community, sporting and voluntary organisations under three distinctive fund types: The Capital Fund, Community Contract and Amenity Fund. Applications close at 4pm on Tuesday, 15th February 2022. [Link](#)

2. The Government announce €100 payment to all domestic electricity accounts. The scheme will be operated by the Distribution System Operator (ESB Networks) by virtue of its existing interface with all electricity suppliers. ESB Networks will make payments to the individual energy suppliers. [Link](#).

3. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund 2022 are open for applications until 16:00 on Monday, 31st January 2022. Project supports will range from a minimum of €2,500 to a maximum of €15,000 per application. This scheme will support small-scale conservation projects and support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment. [Link](#)

4. The Community Monuments Fund 2022 is open for public applications until 17:00 on Tuesday, 15th February 2022. Malcom Noonan, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, has launched the 2022 Community Monuments Fund, which will invest €5 million in the protection and promotion of archaeological heritage in 2022 - a significant increase on the €2 million allocation made available for the Scheme in 2021, which saw eight successful projects in the county of Cork.

The Community Monuments Fund has 3 Streams:

- **Stream 1** will offer grants up to €85,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments
- **Stream 2** will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.
- **Stream 3** will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments.

5. 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."

6. 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 or contact us at [Facebook.com/LAWPROteam](https://www.facebook.com/LAWPROteam).

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

This Weeks News

1. The Cork County Council are delighted to be involved in the roll out of Broadband Connection Points. The basic concept of BCP's is that publicly accessible buildings be developed at a number of locations throughout the county so that the public living in the local communities can be provided with interim, but immediate, access to high-speed broadband throughout rural Ireland until such time as properties in the area are served directly by the fibre being rolled out under the National Broadband Contract.

This will enable people living in the area to go to the selected locations and access broadband for a range of uses including remote working, general access and keeping in touch with family and friends. The BCP service will remain active until such time as high speed broadband is available at the premises in the locality of the BCP. A list of the locations are below and the date of roll out is to follow.

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

3. The Uplift 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
The 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](#)

4. 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.

5. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (DTACGSM) 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](#)

6. The Department of Rural and Community Development is running Government Framework for Ireland as 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 NES, 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](#)

7. 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.

8. Cork Tourist Guide, [Link](#)

9. 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 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](#).

Broadband Connection Points

| Map Ref No. | Eircode | BCP Name |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | P12 CD51 | Aphabullogue Community Centre |
| 2 | P51 EP49 | Ashane Community Centre |
| 3 | P51 F5PX | AVONDHU BLACKWATER PARTNERSHIP LTD. |
| 4 | P67 W562 | Ballindangan Community Centre |
| 5 | P51 DP95 | Ballydaly Community Hall |
| 6 | P75 W660 | Bere Island Heritage Centre |
| 7 | P47 CR60 | Catharragh Community Centre |
| 8 | P61 DT86 | Castletownkenneigh Community Centre |
| 9 | P47 YR96 | Castletownkenneigh Community Centre |
| 10 | P72 KF85 | Clogh Community Hall |
| 11 | P61 PR27 | COLLEGE HIGGAL CLIFFE |
| 12 | T23 NH22 | Courtrack Community Centre |
| 13 | P56 H267 | Dromina Community Centre |
| 14 | P51 W024 | Glash Community Centre |
| 15 | P75 W667 | Glenarriff Community Centre |
| 16 | P26 RC43 | Inch Community Centre |
| 17 | P12 F447 | IONADH AISE |
| 18 | P51 FK44 | Lissard Heritage Centre |
| 19 | P65 WB40 | Lissard Community Centre |
| 20 | P75 KC53 | Mealagh Valley Community Centre |
| 21 | P43 DV99 | Riverstick Community Centre |
| 22 | P61 AE02 | Shankin Island Community Hall |
| 23 | V35 E695 | T.O. Park Community Hall |
| 24 | T34 RR56 | Whitechurch Community Centre |

