

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 33 17th of February 2022

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information

Cork County PPN News

1. To view past newsletters go to Latest News - Cork County PPN

2. PPN Linkage Groups

We are delighted to announce the setting up of our linkage groups. Linkage groups are an essential layer of the PPN. They 'link' our Representatives up with our Members. They facilitate input from members into council committees via the Representatives. Put simply, they give Representatives an mandate from our members. Without linkage groups, Representatives won't have the connection to members and might not know how to best represent them. So they really are the link that holds everything together. They will be steered by our Representatives and meet quarterly (online).

We would like to invite our members to join one or more of the following 5 linkage groups:

- <u>Community Safety, Crime and Policing</u>
 Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise
- Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity
- <u>Housing, Planning and Transport</u>
 <u>Arts, Tourism, Heritage and Sports</u>

If you do wish to join please email <u>ppn@corkcoco.ie</u> or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our linkage groups check out our website <u>Linkage</u> <u>Groups - Cork County PPN</u>

3. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Check out our new animation <u>What is Cork</u> <u>County PPN? - YouTube</u>. A short video explaining what we do C Thanks to <u>standpoint media</u> for their gorgeous graphics

PUBLIC CONSULATIONS

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

1. Part 8 Proposed Development and Upgrade to Charleville Courthouse

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 27th January 2022 and ending on 24th February 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development may be made by using the online submission form on <u>www.yourcouncil.ie</u> or, in writing, to; Director of Services, Municipal Operations & Rural Development. C/o Charleville Area Engineers Office, Cork County Council, Old Cork Rd Charleville, Co. Cork, P56CD53. No later than **4.00pm on Thursday 10th March, 2022**.

2. Part 8 Proposed Development of Public Toilets, Rathgoggan Middle, Charleville.

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 3rd February 2022 and ending on the 3rd March 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development may be made by using the online submission form on <u>www.yourcouncil.ie</u>or, in writing, to; Director of Services Municipal Operations & Rural Development C/o Charleville Area Engineers Office Cork County Council Old Cork Rd Charleville Co. Cork. P56CD53

No later than 4.00pm on Monday 21st March, 2022.

3. Part 8 Proposed R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends, Innishannon, Co.Cork

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development may be inspected **below** or at Planning Department Floor 1, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC, **subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions**, from **Monday 7th February 2022** until **Friday 25th March 2022**.

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made using the online submission form on www.yourcouncil.ie or, in writing to Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335 or emailed to part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 8th April 2022.

As per Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening determination has been made and a determination has been made that an **EIA Report is not required.** In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice (Friday 4th February 2022), apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin, 1.

All submissions or observations should be clearly marked: Project Title: "R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends."

Funding:

1. The Government announce €200 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

2. Rethink Ireland is committed to supporting social enterprises across Ireland from idea to expansion through <u>The Social Enterprise Development Fund (SED)</u>.

The SED Fund was created in 2018 by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and supported by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The Social Enterprise Development Fund 2022 now provides vital supports to a wide number of social enterprises across the sector tailored to their stage of development. In 2022, the fund offers

1. Up to 8 Awardees an Awards package of €30,000:

- Cash grants of €22,500
- A Business Support budget worth €7,500
 A place on the Accelerator Programme
- 2. Up to 20 Awardees:
- Cash grants of €10.000
- Business supports worth €4,500
 A place on the Accelerator Programme
- 3. Start your Own Social Enterprise Business Course.
 - Up to 50 participants on the courseThe opportunity to pitch for a cash grant on completion

Further details are in the attached brochure and on our website which also included links to online information webinars on the SED Fund. <u>Rethink</u> <u>Ireland</u>

3. The 2022 Wind Farm Community Funds (excluding Grousemount Wind Farm) are now open for applications until March 13th, 2022. For a full list of Wind Farm Community Funds, please click <u>here</u>.

The fund is available to community and voluntary groups, non-profit groups or organisations with a charitable status. The Wind Farm Community Funds will prioritise projects and initiatives that support and benefit the areas surrounding ESB wholly owned and co-owned wind farms, in the following categories:

- Education and skills.
- Health, safety and wellbeing.Environment and habitat conservation.
- Energy efficiency and sustainability.
- Culture and heritage.
- Recreation, sport and social inclusion.Tourism (Raheenleagh & Castlepook only)
- Covid-19 related supports

Getting started on your project ideas early will greatly assist with your application, as a well-developed project is key to a successful outcome.

It is essential to note that applications from groups that do not submit required documentation with the application form e.g. planning permission, planning exemption, confirmation that you have liaised with your local authority or owner permission, may not proceed to evaluation.

Applications may made online at <u>www.communitybenefitfunds.ie</u>, please ensure you take some time to read the Fund Guidelines, prior to submitting you application. If you are registered from a previous call, you can use the same user name and password to apply to the 2022 fund. If you have lost or forgotten your password, please go to the <u>"Forgot Password</u>" tab, or contact SECAD.

If you do not have a current constitution for your group please click <u>here</u> to download a template constitution, to edit and adapt to suit your group.

If you register as a new user and do not receive the confirmation message within a few minutes of signing up, please check your spam or junk mail folders, just in case the confirmation email was delivered there instead of your inbox. If so, select the confirmation message and click Not Spam, which will allow future messages to get through.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact SECAD, Elaine Barrett <u>ebarrett@secad.ie</u> or Eilish Walsh <u>ewalsh@secad.ie</u>, Tel: 021 – 461 3432 email: <u>info@secad.ie</u>

4. Cork County Council has announced new funding opportunities for creative projects in towns, villages and rural locations. It is part of efforts to support performers and bring live events to communities right across the County of Cork. The Council is administering three government funded schemes that aim to support artists, performers and community groups. Applications are now open for the Creative County Cork Grants Scheme,

Cruinniú na nÓg and the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme.

As part of the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme, Cork County Council hopes to host another series of outdoor events in towns and other locations from April 1st to June 30th 2022. It is seeking expressions of interest from performing artists including ensembles, bands or individuals as well as promoters, producers, venues and festival organisations. Link

5. Clann Credo - Community Loan Finance is hosting an information evening online for all sports and community groups who may require loan finance to develop local sporting and activity facilities.

This online event will give you:

- Practical advice on how to use loan finance effectively
- Top tips on applying for a Clann Credo Community Sports Loan
 An introduction to your local Clann Credo representative
 Advice from clubs who have combined grants and loans to develop their facilities in the past

Your club or group may need loan finance to prove you have the necessary 'own funds' or 'match funding' required by grant aid funds like the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme.

Or, you may have received a grant, but didn't get the full amount you applied for. A Community Sports Loan from Clann Credo can make up that gap in finance. Link

This Weeks News

1. The Centre of Excellence for Climate Action and Sustainability (CECAS) in West Cork have a number of events you might be interested in.

- Apple Tree Pruning postponed: The Mature Fruit Tree Pruning workshop that was scheduled for Sunday the 6th was postponed to this Sunday the 13th a the same time, due to bad weather. This event is now fully booked, but if you are interested in taking part in a future workshop, email info@cecas.ie and let us know.
- Experience the Dawn Chorus at CECAS: We are delighted to announce that BirdWatch Ireland West Cork Branch will be holding their annual dawn chorus event at Myross this year on Sunday 15 May. Details will be provided closer to the date.
- Work begins on clearing woodland paths at Myross: We are delighted to announce that The Tree Company have started work in the woods as part of the safety plan and woodland development work at CECAS. All works have been approved by The National Parks and Wildlife service. We look forward to these paths being safely accessible to the public again soon. The launch of The Friends of Myross Wood project will take place on Saturday the 19th of February. Details available on the Facebook event page.
- **CECAS Consultation:** Green Skibbereen will shortly commence a consultation on how we communicate and engage with interested individuals and groups. We will make available a very short questionnaire to gather this input and will be sharing this via our newsletter. We are always open to receiving your ideas and suggestions directly and outside this process. Further information from noel@greenskibbereen.ie
- **GS** joins CASTLE-VILLAGE Project: Green Skibbereen, together with Cork Centre for Architectural Education at UCC, have joined a major European Consortium that will be developing an application for funding under the Horizon Europe Programme. The project will look at the detrimental effects of climate change, development and migration (outward or inward) on historic towns and how negative effects can be can be mitigated. The town selected for Ireland will be Skibbereen. For more info contact jose@greenskibbereen.ie
- Eco Arts Weekend a great success: CECAS was delighted to host an Eco Arts weekend for a small group of MA students from the Crawford College of Art recently. The students really enjoyed their weekend staying at Myross Wood House, exploring the gardens and eating the food prepared by our staff. This was the first of many such environmental training events that we plan to host this year. Email ana@greenskibbereen.ie to inquire about running your own environmental or sustainability-themed training course at CECAS
- Garden Volunteering @ CECAS: We had a great meet up of our

garden team last weekend and have some exciting plans for the next few months. We are always interested in hearing from people who would like to help out. Contact <u>info@cecas.ie</u> for more information.

1. St. Joseph's Community Association and Cork City PPN invites applicants for the post of PPN Resource Worker.

Purpose:

To support the work of the Secretariat to continue to develop the PPN in Cork City as an effective structure to promote public engagement and participation via the environmental, social inclusion and community sectors in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

PPN Key Objectives:

Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies. Strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside / participate. Link Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups and acts as a hub around which information is distributed

and received. Link

2. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) invites you to a public consultation meeting on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027.

Below is a summary of the meetings and their dates and times for Cork:

Kanturk-Mallow and Fermoy (River Blackwater and Lower River Shannon) 17/02/2022 at 7:30pm

West Cork and Bandon-Kinsale (Bandon and Ilen Rivers and Bantry Bay) 21/02/2022 at 7:30pm

Macroom, Carrigaline, Cobh and East Cork (River Lee, Cork Harbour and Youghal Bay 23/02/2022 at 7:30pm

The meetings will centre on listening to the views of communities and other stakeholders in exploring what is happening in their local waters and to learn what people believe needs to be done to address problems.

LAWPRO will gather views, collate them, and send a report to DHLGH to help inform the final Plan. We will also send a report to the relevant Local Authority. Link

2. The wheel weekly newsletter, Link

3. The Government has today published Town Centre First – a major new policy that aims to tackle vacancy, combat dereliction and breathe new life into our town centres.

Town Centre First contains 33 unique actions which will give our towns the tools and resources they need to become more viable and attractive places in which to live, work, visit and run a business.

The policy is underpinned by multi-billion euro investment spread across major Government schemes such as the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Link

4. Arts Programme & Bealtaine Festival Team to let you know about two awards we are currently accepting applications for. Applications and queries can be submitted to the Arts Programme Administrator, Eva, at arts@ageandopportunity.ie

Bealtaine Hero Award 2022

We invite applications from individuals and / or organisations who wish to create an exciting new festival event (which may be online, blended or inperson) to be presented during the Bealtaine Festival 2022. We especially invite members of marginalised or underrepresented groups to apply. **Two awards of €500 will be made to the two successful applicants.**

Please read the <u>guidelines here</u> before submitting your <u>application form</u>.

Deadline: 5pm, Friday March 4th 2022.

National Arts in Nursing Homes Day Award 2022 We invite applications from care settings who wish to facilitate their

residents' artistic and creative expression by organising interactive and engaging arts workshops, sessions and events. The project will culminate in a festival event to be presented as part of our second ever **National Arts in Nursing Homes Day** that will take place Friday 20th May during the Bealtaine Festival 2022.

Two awards of €1,000 will be made to the two successful applicants, one from Age & Opportunity and one from Nursing Homes Ireland.

Please read the <u>guidelines here</u> before submitting your <u>application form</u>. Deadline: 5pm, Friday March 4th 2022. <u>Link</u>

5. Cork Nature Network is delighted to be holding an online talk on Local Communities and Green Spaces as part of a collaboration between Ennis Tidy Towns and Natures Patch, Cavan. This talk will focus on the work of the three different organisations and their use of green spaces in protecting wildlife species.

The event will take place on the **21st of February at 7 pm on Zoom.** To register your place for this free online event visit Link

6. The Commission on Taxation and Welfare has been tasked by government to independently consider how best the taxation and welfare systems can support economic activity and promote increased employment

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organisation as possible to ensure that a diverse range of experiences and perspectives inform the development of the report of the Commission, which is due to be presented to the Minister for Finance in July 2022. You don't need to be an expert on tax and/or welfare policy for your opinion to be valued.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Open Public Meetings on either 2 or 9 March 2022.

Both meetings will be identical, so please choose whichever date is more convenient to you.

You can register for the meeting date of your choice using the links below. Mar 2, 2022 19:00 Our Future Tax & Welfare Open Public Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar: Link

Mar 9, 2022 19:00

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Please note the closing date for registration is Friday 25th February 2022

7. 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

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can learn more <u>here.</u>

8. Women for Election have two taster events coming up online in the next two weeks. 'Be the Leader' - a masterclass in leadership and confidence, and 'Introduction to Politics' you sign up to this free online workshops by clicking on the Link

8. The Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, managed by Create, offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The AIC scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts.

The aim of the AIC scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. It is essential that consultation take place between the artist and the community, so that both parties are involved in deciding on the nature of the project's realisation. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage.

We are pleased to announce that Round One of the AIC Scheme is now open for applications, with a closing date on the **28th March 2022, at 5pm**.

This Round includes: Research and Development Award (without mentoring) Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Project Realisation Award

Full details of the awards, and how to apply Link

9. Tidy Towns Newsletter, Link

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Personal data collected will be processed for the sole purposes of managing this event/seminar/meeting. We will not share your personal data with any third parties, nor process it for any other purposes other than your attendance in relation to this event.

11. Muintir na Tire weekly Newsletter, Link

10. 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 country 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.

Broadband Connection Points

Map Ref No.	Eircode	BCP Name
1	P12 CD51	Aghabullogue Community Centre
2	P51 EP49	Aubane Community Centre
3	P51 F9PX	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 CH60	Caheragh Community Centre
8	P61 DT88	Castlelyons Community Centre
9	P47 YR96	Castletownkenneigh Community Centre
10	P72 KF65	Clogagh Community Hall
11	P81 P627	COLÁISTE PHOBAL CLÉIRE
12	T23 NH22	Courtbrack Community Centre
13	P56 H267	Dromina Community Centre
14	P51 W024	Glash Community Centre
15	P75 V067	Glengarriff Community Centre
16	P36 RC43	Inch Community Centre
17	P12 F447	IONADH ÁISE
18	P51 FK44	Laharn Heritage Centre
19	P85 W840	Lissavard Community Centre
20	P75 K253	Mealagh Valley Community Centre
21	P43 DX99	Riverstick Community Centre
22	P81 AE02	Sherkin Island Community Hall
23	V35 E895	T.O. Park Community Hall
24	T34 RR58	Whitechurch Community Centre

