**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

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information

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: Community Safety, Crime and Policing • Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise · Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity Housing, Planning and Transport

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.

Arts, Tourism, Heritage and Sports

If you do wish to join please email ppn@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our linkage groups check out our website Linkage **Groups - Cork County PPN** 3. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Check out our new animation What is Cork

County PPN? - YouTube. A short video explaining what we do Thanks to

standpoint media for their gorgeous graphics

4. 'Help Protect Cork's Rivers, Lakes & Coastal Waters' Cork County PPN and the Local Authority Waters Programme

(LAWPRO) will co-host a lunchtime event entitled 'Help Protect Cork's Rivers, Lakes & Coastal Waters' on Friday the 11th of March. This event forms part of the public consultation for community groups in Cork County on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2022 to 2027). The 1 hour event will take place via Zoom Date: Friday 11th of March, 2022 Time: 13:00 to 14:00 hours

More info and link to join on our website Link **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 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.

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. "R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends."

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

All submissions or observations should be clearly marked: Project Title: 2. Part 8 Proposed Housing Development - Phase 3 Carrig Rossa, Rossmore, Co. Cork The construction of 2 no. residential units, each being a two storey two-bedroom house. New access and parking to connect to existing road. · Hard landscaping including boundary walls, footpaths and street

 Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and tress. Connection to public and private existing utilities. All associated site works 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 beginning on 25th February 2022 and ending on 29th March 2022. Submissions or observations with regard to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made in writing to the

Director of Services, Housing Directorate, Floor 4, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork no later than 4.00pm on 12th April 2022.

**CETB Site** 

Location:

An overview of the proposed development includes the following elements: • Installation of approx. 70m long 3-4m wide footpath linking an existing footpath along R611 Cork road and the recently completed pedestrian/cycle path within school grounds. Alteration to the existing footpaths, alteration to the existing boundary fences, installation of the controlled gate to be operated by the School Campus management. And all ancillary works as required to deliver the proposed scheme. The land acquisition is necessary from private landowners.

3. Part 8 Proposed R611 Cork Pedestrian Crossing & Active Travel Link to

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, Eircode:T12 K335 or emailed to <a href="mailedtopart8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie">part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie</a> and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 15th April 2022. 4. Part 8 Proposed Carrigtwohill Urban Regeneration and Development

Fund Initiative - Public Realm Infrastructure Bundle, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

Main Street from the junction at Castlelake Avenue (Castle Square)

Carrigane Road from the junction with Main Street to the junction with

Wises Road/Oakbrook Link Road (Access Road to Castlelake)/IDA

Station Road from the junction with Main Street to the junction at

• Cluain Cairn, An Fána, Castle Close, Castle Avenue;

to the junction with Carrigane Road;

Carrigtwohill Train Station;

Wises Road/Main Street junction;

subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

17:00 on Friday April 8th, 2022 as follows:

at www.yourcouncil.ie or

**Funding:** 

Accounts Fund.

stage of development. In 2022, the fund offers

2. Up to 20 Awardees:

following categories:

· Education and skills.

Health, safety and wellbeing.

• Cash grants of €22,500

• Cash grants of €10,000

• Business supports worth €4,500

Castleview;

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development,

Industrial Estate Access Road junction; N25 Junction 3 and lands adjoining this junction. • In public and private land within the Townlands of: Carrigtohill, Terry's-Land, Tullagreen and Killacloyne. **Plans and particulars** of the proposed development are available for inspection, or to purchase for a fee of €15 per set, from Friday 25th February 2022 until Friday 25th March 2022 at the following venues: Below in the 'Additional Documents' section. • Planning Counter, Ground Floor, County Hall, Cork between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 on each working day, subject to COVID-19 · Cork County Council Area Engineer's Office at Ballinglanna, Glanmire and Cobh Municipal District Office, Carrig House, Cobh, Co. Cork between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 on each working day during

which the said offices are opened for the transaction of business,

Submissions or Observations with respect 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 on or before

· Online submission form on Cork County Council's website

• In writing clearly marked: 'Part 8 – Carrigtwohill URDF Initiative – Public Realm Infrastructure Bundle', Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team, Cork County Council,

Floor 3, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC

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 The Social Enterprise Development Fund (SED). 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

The Social Enterprise Development Fund 2022 now provides vital supports to a wide number of social enterprises across the sector tailored to their

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

 A Business Support budget worth €7,500 • A place on the Accelerator Programme

of Wind Farm Community Funds, please click here.

• A place on the Accelerator Programme 3. Start your Own Social Enterprise Business Course. • Up to 50 participants on the course The 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. Rethink <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

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

 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 www.communitybenefitfunds.ie, 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 "Forgot Password" tab, or contact SECAD.

If you do not have a current constitution for your group please click here 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,

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

which will allow future messages to get through.

festival.

- 461 3432 email: info@secad.ie 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. County Cork Local Festival Fund 2022. Cork County Council has announced the Local Festival Fund for 2022 is now open for applications. A total of €65,000 is available through this year's fund and applicants can apply for amounts ranging from €500 up to a maximum of €6,000 per

Welcoming the return of live festivals and events, Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan said "Cork County is internationally renowned as a festival haven and the return of live music and entertainment to our towns and villages has been much anticipated. The Local Festival Fund has enabled the hosting of some of our finest and most unique festivals over the years, such as Youghal Medieval Festival, Ballydehob Jazz Festival and A Taste of Fermoy to name but a few. It is also important to note the many social gains from festivals; they entertain, they celebrate, they encourage

participation within our communities, and they offer a snapshot of the unique cultural identity of our county. I strongly encourage festival and event organisers to take a look at the criteria and consider making an application." Link 6. New Bursary Scheme for the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022/23. The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin TD, has recently announced a new bursary scheme, in partnership with the Royal Irish Academy, for the final phase of the Decade of Centenaries. The objective of the bursary scheme is to encourage new local research and local history studies, and a meaningful examination of local, regional, and national events during the Struggle for Independence and Civil War period. It is a timely opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of local historians in furthering fields of study concerning local events and related themes during this period. Applications for the 2022 scheme are now open. For further information and scheme guidelines, please visit Link. A list of suggested

research themes to assist applicants can also be found there. The closing

People and towns across Ireland are being called on to enter the annual .IE Digital Town Awards 2022, which celebrate the digital achievements of local

Now open for applications, the .IE Digital Town Awards has a total prize fund of €100,000 across 14 categories to honour local towns and people that, through digital projects and innovation, have contributed to enhancements in areas such as e-health, digital tourism, community,

The .IE Digital Towns Awards 2022 is an initiative of .IE, the managers of

Digital Hero Award - a person in your community who is an unsung hero working tirelessly on initiatives to promote the digital enhancement of your

date for applications is Wednesday, 27th April 2022 at 5.30pm.

7. .IE Digital Town Awards are now live!

towns and citizens across the country.

education, and digital business.

Award categories

This Weeks News

Ireland's trusted online .ie address.

You can download the application form Link

23rd March Link and 29th March Link

Entry to the Awards is free, applications close at 5pm on Friday 25 March 2022. Link 8. The Wheel have announced their new Grant applications are now open under the Training Links programme. Training Networks, with a minimum of 10 members, are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to

€50,000.00. There is a fund to the value of €270,000.00 available under this programme. Applications remain open until 5pm on Friday, 29 April.

1. Carmichael is running two FREE training workshops for charities and non-profits which may be of interest. These workshops are funded by the Community Foundation for Ireland as part of a wider Covid-19 Fund for Recovery. The aim is to help to strengthen the sector, and build resilience and sustainability in these challenging times. Registration is open to all nonprofits. Please note, a maximum of two people from any one non-profit can register and is also limited to a maximum of two workshops per person.

While the content of both workshops is the same, the first workshop is aimed at smaller (non-complex) organisations while the second workshop is aimed at larger (complex) organisations. One can register via Eventbrite.

2. Ireland's New Heritage Plan 'Heritage Ireland 2030' Published. The Government has approved Heritage Ireland 2030, a cross-

best possible future for Irish heritage with a joined up approach at government, stakeholder and community levels. A comprehensive

Government Strategic Policy for Heritage that sets out a framework for the protection, conservation, promotion and management of Ireland's heritage for the next decade and beyond. The Strategy lays out a roadmap for the

Two special awards – Digital Changemaker and Digital Rising Star.

The overall winner will be selected from the category winners.

10 of the awards will be for digital projects in local towns.

implementation plan is now being developed to deliver on its actions. Link 3. National Programme for the Decade of Centenaries 2022. The Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin, have published online a significant Decade of Centenaries Programme for 2022. The Government allocated €5 million to the Department of Tourism, Culture,

Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, to support the delivery of the crossgovernmental commemorative programme this year – maintaining funding

4. Town Centres First Policy. The Government has 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 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. For the first time, designated towns will gain their own dedicated Town Regeneration Officers, who will be crucial to driving future development. The policy also contains a range of actions designed to achieve key objectives such as social and economic revival in towns, the provision of housing, as well as addressing challenges like vacancy and

levels on par with last year's allocation. State partners and other organisations are also contributing funding from their own resources to

derelict buildings. The actions also support the protection of our environment, as well as the heritage and culture of our towns. Link

support initiatives and programming. Link

This year's theme, 'Learn Your Way' - #LearnYourWay, is all about how we learn differently. We want to highlight the different learning options available for adults in all walks of life, as well as the different reasons adults return to education. From meeting new people with similar life experiences to gaining new skills, online courses to in person workshops, we want to highlight how learning is available for everyone. We would like to encourage your Public Participation Network and the adults you support to get involved in whatever way you can. For more information on how you can be part of this year's Festival please visit Link 5. National Tree Week 2022. National Tree Week, organised by the Tree

Council since 1985 and in partnership with Coillte since 1989, is a weeklong programme of events to celebrate all things trees and this year takes place from March 20th to 26th. It is a week to be proud of our trees; to learn about their folklore and their practical applications and to appreciate how important a healthy and diverse tree stock is particularly important given increasing concerns regarding Climate. All proposed Tree Week events

https://treecouncil.ie/registeranevent and to ensure maximum exposure and promotion it is advised that event details are registered on the website as early as possible. Over 40 groups from throughout County Cork were allocated trees as part of Tree Week 2021 by Cork County Council and interest in National Tree Week 2022 suggests it will be the benchmark for years going forward. For groups looking to avail of trees for planting and or simply to find out more about our trees and Tree Week itself,

6. Reminder on Hedgecutting and the Law. The National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is reminding the public the cutting, grubbing, burning or other destruction of "vegetation growing in any hedge or ditch" between 1st March and 31st August is prohibited. The prohibition is contained in section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976\*. Suspected breaches are investigated by the NPWS and An Garda Síochána. If you see what you suspect to be a hedgecutting offence you can report it to your local NPWS office (see

can be registered on the Tree Council's

email corkheritage@corkcoco.ie or phone 021 4285905.

www.npws.ie/contact-us) or your local Garda station.

4. AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival 2022 will take place from the 7th -**11th March 2022**. The festival is an opportunity to have a positive impact in your community and workplace, promote the value of lifelong learning. reinforce existing relationships in the community and establish new ones.

CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) for the period 2023-2027. The information sessions will take place at 11 venues across the country over the month of March with one webinar on 15th March also planned to facilitate those who wish to attend online. The webinar will be recorded and made available online for ease of access for those who cannot attend. The first information session will take place in the Mullingar Park Hotel, County Westmeath on Thursday 3March. All meetings will take place from 8pm to 9.30pm each evening and the County Cork meeting takes place on Tuesday 8th March in the Charleville Park Hotel. Ireland's Draft CSP was submitted to the European Commission on 31 December 2021. Approval of the Plan is expected in September 2022. The full timetable and location of the information sessions including details on registering for the webinar will be published on Link 8. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today (25th Feb 2022) announced almost €18.5 million to benefit rural towns and villages the length and breadth of the country.

The funding is being provided under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme as part of Our Rural Future and places a strong emphasis on projects which tackle vacancy and dereliction by bringing landmark town centre buildings

9. Cork County Council along with Dr. Caoimhe Hartley are running a free online event about Menopause. Since qualifying in Medicine from UCD in 2007, Dr. Hartley has developed her skills and expertise in the area of Women's Health and Menopause care, accredited by both the North

to deliver excellence in menopause care. This event will take place on Wednesday the 9th of March at 7.30pm. To register for this free event, please log on to www.yourcouncil.ie and follow the Library Events link.

9. 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

American Menopause Society and the British Menopause Society. She established Menopause Health in Dublin in 2021. Her goal is

back to life. Link

8. The wheel weekly newsletter, Link

arts@ageandopportunity.ie

Bealtaine Festival 2022.

**Project Realisation Award** 

11. Tidy Towns Newsletter, Link

date of roll out is to follow.

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7. Public Information Sessions for Farmers on Ireland's Draft 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will hold a series of public information sessions relating to Ireland's draft

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

Two awards of €1,000 will be made to the two successful applicants, one

Please read the guidelines here before submitting your application form.

10. 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,

Nursing Homes Day that will take place Friday 20th May during the

from Age & Opportunity and one from Nursing Homes Ireland.

Deadline: 5pm, Friday March 4th 2022. Link

opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts.

Full details of the awards, and how to apply Link

12. Muintir na Tire weekly Newsletter, Link

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)

The aim of the AIC scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. It is essential that

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

13. The Cork County Council are delighted to be involved in the roll out of

**Broadband Connection Points** 

BCP Name

Aghabullogue Community Centre

Ballindangan Community Centre

AVONDHU BLACKWATER PARTNERSHIP LTD.

Aubane Community Centre

Ballydaly Community Hall Bere Island Heritage Centre

Caheragh Community Centre

Castlelyons Community Centre

Eircode

P12 CD51

P51 EP49

P51 F9PX

P67 W562

P51 DP95

P75 W660 P47 CH60

P61 DT88

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 P75 V067 Glengarriff Community Centre 15 P36 RC43 Inch Community Centre 16 P12 F447 IONADH ÁISE 17 Laharn Heritage Centre 18 P51 FK44 P85 W840 19 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