



Colin O'Byrne of Return for Change will be at Red Barn beach tomorrow demonstrating how a reverse vending machine works

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To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information:

Cork County PPN News

1. Cork County PPN meets its bi-annual plenary meeting where you can HAVE YOUR SAY on the PPN's priorities for the Community, Environment and Social Inclusion sectors for the year. This year's plenary will have a special focus on FUNDING and will feature guest speaker Tom O'Leary who will outline how community and voluntary groups can source and successfully apply for funding and grants. It will take place online on Thursday May 5th from 7-9pm. Register to attend plenary [here](#).

Find out more: <https://corkcounyppn.ie/events/event/cenary/>

2. PPN Training

We have designed a new training series dedicated to building your capacity to access funding and grants. It will run online in May and comprise of the following 4 workshops:

Workshop 1- Sources of Funding for Community & Voluntary Organisations Monday 6th May, 7-9pm

Workshop 2- Grant Application Process Monday 16th of May 7-9pm

Workshop 3- Writing grant applications including online applications Monday 23rd of May 7-9pm

Workshop 4- Fundraising Strategy including Online Fundraising Monday 30th of May 7-9pm

* It is recommended you sign up for all 4 workshops.

To book email ccc@corkcoco.ie

Find out more: <https://corkcounyppn.ie/events/category/training/>

3. PPN Call for Nominations

The main reason the PPNs were set up is to enable community groups to be represented and to feed into local government decision-making in a way that is fair, clear and respectful. The PPNs have three main areas of interest, also called 'Colleges':

- Community and Voluntary
- Social Inclusion
- Environmental

On becoming a member of a PPN, each organisation is asked to select its College which represents their main interest. The Colleges nominate and elect people from within their Member Groups to represent them on some of the Boards and Committees set up by the Local Authorities and other bodies. This is key to the participation part of the Public Participation Networks. This is how the voices of Member Groups are included and heard when it comes to the policy and decision-making process.

We currently have vacancies on several committees. Details of vacancies and the nomination form are attached. The deadlines for nominations is midnight on Friday 20th May 2022.

Find out more and submit a nomination: [Link](#)

4. 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:

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

If you do wish to join please email ccc@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our Linkage Groups check out our website [Linkage Groups - Cork County PPN](#)

5. Cork County PPN Podcast Interview

Thank you to Rob Hurdin of West Cork Community website for featuring Cork County PPN on their weekly podcast series 'The Voice of West Cork'. The Voice of West Cork podcast consists of in-depth interviews with Community, Not-for-Profit & Social groups based in West Cork, as well as music, Drama/Comedy Sketches, Book Extracts & Poetry Readings regionally & recorded by West Cork artists. There is also the rant of the week and the eco-Compilation.

Find the podcast here: [Voice of West Cork - West Cork Community](#)

6. PPN Animation: Check out our new animation [What is Cork County PPN? - YouTube](#). A short video explaining what we do 🎥

7. Mayors Awards 2022

At the recent Mayor's Awards the secretariat were invited to give a speech on behalf of the PPN. Liam McCarthy volunteered to give the speech and he did a great job. If you would like to read the speech it is available to on our website. [Link](#)

Ukraine Crisis Information

As you are probably aware, the Irish Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the war in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland. Very significant work is taking place across Government to provide accommodation and other essential supports to those who have arrived here already, as well as planning and preparing to receive and support the large numbers of further people expected to arrive.

A webpage on the whole-of-Government response to the situation in Ukraine is now available at [ukraine.ie/ukraine](#) and is updated regularly which includes information on supports and services available to people arriving from Ukraine.

We have created a dedicated page on our website with information and resources for communities: [Ukrainian Support - Cork County PPN](#)

Ukrainian Refugee Response from NASC

Currently efforts are focused on securing safe accommodation for everyone fleeing Ukraine. If you have a spare room or a vacant property that you would like to make available, you can do so through the [Ireland Cross Border Campaign](#). The Irish Red Cross pledge campaign is supported by the Government. If you don't have accommodation but you can interpret or offer other supports, NASC would be glad to hear from you. In the coming weeks, NASC will be [supporting communities to join relief efforts](#) and we may be able to match your skills with a community or a family in need. [Link](#)

Community Response Forum in each area to coordinate local measures welcoming Ukrainians. The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD, along with Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD today welcomed the establishment of Community Response Forums in every local authority area to coordinate local responses to the Ukraine crisis.

Local community and voluntary groups around the country have been mobilising in recent weeks to welcome into their communities people who are fleeing Ukraine. As the new arrivals begin to settle in, each local authority has established a Community Response Forum to provide a co-ordination point for the community and voluntary response in their area. [Link](#)

Cork County Council's Community Response Forum

Cork County Council's Community Support Programme has re-established as part of the county's response to assist the people of Ukraine. The Community Support Programme, formed during the Covid Pandemic, is a multi-agency approach which brings together representatives of both Statutory and Voluntary agencies operating across Cork County, ensuring commitment and consistency in terms of service delivery.

Community Response Forum Contact Details:

Email: communityforum@corkcoco.ie

Phone: 021 433 6637

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

One of the key priorities identified through the initial programme meeting was the requirement for adequate emergency shelter and accommodation facilities to accommodate Ukrainian refugees in Cork County. The Council is seeking assistance from members of the public to identify potentially available multi-occupancy facilities and properties that may be brought back into use easily and quickly. This might include community halls, sports or leisure facilities or other former accommodation facilities in private or public ownership.

Please see the following [Link: Emergency Shelter & Accommodation for Ukraine](#).

Free English Classes

Fermoy Welcome Centre are running free English classes for adults. They are been run in Loreto secondary school Fermoy on Tuesday the 10th of May at 5pm. If you are interested email office@fermoy.ie or ring 02532124.

Free Art Classes

Cork County Council, Car Eile Imanach and Crúnnlu na nOg are running four art free classes for Ukrainian children in Fermoy. The classes are running on 21st & 28th of May and 4th & 11th of June from 14.00-15.30. If you are interested please email blackwaterart2022@gmail.com or ring Richard Revival on 087-7057756.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

1. Consultation open on Review of Building Regulations. We have a great chance now to get more Changing Places across the country. A public consultation on the Review of Building Regulations to get more Changing Places toilet. Most buildings is now open until 12 May. If you don't have a toilet, thousands of children and adults with disabilities who are restricted in where they can go and what they can do because they will not find a toilet with the equipment they need.

We would encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation and highlight how important and necessary these facilities are. To show your support, send an email to buildingstandards@hse.gov.ie to tell the Department there needs to be more Changing Places in the country. It is easy to make a submission and we have a sample email below which you can use as a template for your own submission at www.changingplaces.ie.

2. Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers TD, has today launched a public consultation on the development of a new Major International Sports Events Policy.

The main objectives of this consultation are to seek views and understand people's attitudes towards major international sports events, and the role of Government in supporting them. This public consultation will assist in the development of a policy to underpin a subsequent strategy.

The consultation is in the form of a short survey of 5 multiple choice questions which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed at the following [Link](#).

Closing date is the 26th of May 2022.

3. Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway. The consultation is for information purposes and we are looking for feedback etc. [Link](#)

4. Part 8 Proposed New Social Dwelling at 22 Aisling Gheall, Hospital Hill, Kanturk, Co. Cork

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with the requirements of Part 8, Article 31 and Article 63 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in which Cork County Council proposes to undertake the following development:

- The construction of 1 no. residential unit, being a two storey three-bedroom house.
- New access and parking to connect to existing road.
- Hard landscaping, including boundary walls, footpaths and street lighting.
- Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and trees.
- 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 28th April 2022 and ending on 30th May 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 14th June 2022. [Link](#)

5. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD, has launched a current public consultation on the Government's new National Outdoor Recreation Strategy, which is currently being developed by Comhairle na Tuath (The Countryside Council).

By 'outdoor recreation', we mean activities that take place in the natural environment, such as walking, canoeing and wild swimming. It does not include activities that take place outdoors on confined courses or pitches (such as golf, football, show jumping) nor motorised activities (such as quad) except for ability assistance, or hunting and shooting as they do not fall within the remit of Comhairle na Tuath and therefore are not within the scope of this strategy. [Link](#)

6. Inclusion Ireland are asking people to get involved in a public Consultation on Building Regulations to get more Changing Places toilet in certain buildings is now open until 12 May. This is great news for thousands of children and adults with disabilities who are restricted in where they can go and what they can do because they will not find a toilet with the equipment they need. We would encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation and highlight how important and necessary these facilities are. To show your support, send an email to buildingstandards@hse.gov.ie to tell the Department there needs to be more Changing Places in the country. It is easy to make a submission and we have a sample email below which you can use as a template for your own submission at www.changingplaces.ie.

FUNDING

1. Minister Humphreys announces details of new €15 million Community Centre Fund.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced a new €15 million capital fund to support community groups for the upgrade and refurbishment of Community Centres. This is an investment in both rural and urban communities across the Country.

The Community Centres Investment Fund will support community groups with the upgrade and development of their Community Centre facilities.

Funding will be available under 3 Categories with grants of between €10k and €300k available:

Category 1: Small scale projects/improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000.

Category 2: Larger scale projects - €25,001 to €100,000.

Category 3: Major projects - €100,001 to €300,000.

Applications under Category 2 and 3 must include a minimum contribution of 5% of the total project costs from the applicants own funds.

Registration will open on Tuesday 3rd May 2022, applicants need to register as 'users' on the portal in advance of the application process opening on Tuesday 7th June 2022. The closing date for applications is Thursday 14th July 2022.

The Department will be hosting a number of online information events in May and June 2022 to provide guidance in relation to the application process and details will be released in due course. Guidelines and a sample application form are now available at [Link](#).

2. Department of Rural and Community Development supports

available in 2022. It is hoped that this calendar will assist stakeholders by providing timeframes in which to develop high quality and impactful funding proposals. [Link](#)

This Weeks News

01. Environmentally friendly, VOICE, developed the Return for Change campaign in order to promote the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme in Ireland. Although many of us know or have experience of deposit return schemes - pay a deposit on top of the sale price of a beverage container in a shop and get your deposit back when you return the empty container - many more do not know that, not only has Ireland committed to introducing one, but that, all things going well, it should be up and running by the end of the year!

The Return for Change campaign is currently taking the show on the road around the country and this Friday 6th May will see us at Red Barn beach in East Cork. We've been lucky enough to receive a warm invite to attend The Big Little Beach Clean and can't wait to meet the students from all over Cork who will be arriving on the day to do their bit to help clean the local environment. We will be arriving with our bespoke trailer which houses four reverse vending machines. These machines do exactly what they say, on the tin: instead of inserting money to get a bottle or a can out, you insert an empty bottle or can and you will get money out (we won't be giving money out though. Just information and good vibes!). These machines will soon be seeing the length and breadth of the country and will form an intrinsic part of Ireland's deposit return scheme.

So if you're in the area and would like to learn more about the deposit return scheme or would just like to have a go at the reverse vending machine, come on down to Red Barn beach this Friday. And if you would like any information regarding the deposit return scheme generally, please don't hesitate to contact Colin O'Byrne to find out more. E-mail colin@cycerentland.org

02. The HSE is running a Free Dementia Information Evening which is being held in Midleton Park Hotel, East Cork on Wednesday the 11th of May from 7-9pm. The evening is one of three community information sessions currently being organised in 2022 by the HSE Cork North Community Work Department, the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland and the Crystal Project Malton. The following two Dementia Information Evenings are scheduled for:

-Springfort Hall Hotel, Mallow on Wednesday 21st of September from 7-9pm.

-Cork City (North-side venue to be) on Wednesday November 2nd from 7-9pm.

The evening is open to anyone living with a diagnosis of Dementia, family carers, home helps, professionals or those with an interest in learning more about Dementia. Information stands will also be available. [Link](#)

03. UCC Civi and Community Engagement are looking at The Global Design Challenge for Sport and Physical Activity crowdsources radical, innovative ideas that enable people of all ages and abilities to lead active healthy lives. Ideas come from around the globe with best ideas incubated and/or taken up by national and global partners. [Link](#)

04. The Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway is currently investigating the impact of Covid-19 on persons with disabilities in Ireland, UK, Spain, Italy, France, Germany and Sweden through a project called [Isolation](#). The project is funded by the Health Research Board. The ResPwNE team have set up a [discussion](#) to gather information about the experience of persons with disabilities in Ireland, the UK and Spain during the Covid-19 pandemic.

05. The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) has been asked to share details of a conference at which our colleague, Gareth Miskin is presenting. The theme is 'Integrated Rural & Urban Transport Evolution'. Chaired by economist Jim Power, we have 12 inspiring speakers including workshops, panel discussions and a closing address from Minister Hildegarde Naughton, Deputy Minister for Transport. [Link](#)

06. Minister of State for Charities and Community Development, Joe O'Brien, today announced 4 pilot projects to support engagement with marginalised communities in planning and decision making processes. 4 Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) have been selected to develop and test engagement strategies to support inclusive participation. [Link](#)

07. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media has just announced the Decade of Centenaries History Competition 2022 for primary and post-primary students. The closing date is 27 May 2022 and further information is available at [Link](#)

08. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, in association with the Managing Director of SuperValu, Mr. Ian Allen, has launched the 2022 SuperValu Tiny Towns competition. The closing date for receipt of entries for this year's competition is Friday 20th May 2022. Entry will only be accepted by email to the tinytowns@drdcd.gov.ie address

09. Cycle Against Suicide is running a Community Buddy programme which is available free of charge to all community groups. The programme trains individuals in communities how to have a structured but supportive conversation in a safe and non-judgemental space. It allows an individual to discuss how they are coping or not coping, and working together, the individual working with the Buddy discuss (co-produce) ways of moving forward to overcome the challenges. During our Community Buddy training, participants will be educated on how stress and mental health problems can affect individuals. They will be instructed in the skills of active listening. They will be trained in the use of a structured interview schedule to ascertain whether individuals might be experiencing significant levels of distress and how to practically manage distressed individuals. Furthermore, they will be trained to mentor individuals to take positive resilience enhancing actions such as positive coping. They will be trained on how to recognise more complex symptoms requiring professional interventions. They will develop skills based on the principle of motivational mentoring to encourage individuals to speak with a healthcare professional where necessary.

Further information on our programme is available at [Link](#)

10. Pride in our Community Competition 2022 is not open. The closing date is the 1st of June 2022. You can enter by going to the following [Link](#)

11. National Biodiversity Week 2022 takes place from May 15th -22nd and the theme this year is: 'Building a shared future for all life'. More information can be had on this [Link](#)

12. Bandon Tiny Towns is a small group of volunteers who work hard to make their town a better place to visit, work in & live in. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us through the website [Link](#).

13. Clenn Credo is hosting an online event for community groups that are considering construction projects. The webinar is on the 24th of May from 7-8pm. [Link](#)

14. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has today published the General Scheme of the Charities (Amendment) Bill 2022. The Heads of Bill were approved by Government this week. The Bill proposes to update existing charity law to improve the ability of the Charities Regulator to conduct its statutory functions and ensure greater public trust and confidence in the sector. [Link](#)

15. The Department of Rural and Community Development have launched an online platform for businesses to develop offers of supplies and services to help Ireland's humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis has been set up by the government. An online form will capture business offers to supply or donate goods or services into a central register to help with the humanitarian effort. Please note, this register is intended for business offers only. Although all offers of supplies and services are hugely welcome, please be aware that not all offers of assistance may be required or be suitable to be called upon. [Link](#)

16. Helium Arts is delighted to be facilitating free 3 day art camps across Co Cork this Summer. Our upcoming Summer art camps are for children aged 6 - 12 years living with underlying and complex medical conditions near Cork City and North Cork. Through the workshops children can explore their creativity, develop and express their interests, have fun and build friendships in a safe and stimulating environment.

All workshops are...

- Free of charge.
- Delivered by professional artists
- Inclusive and accessible
- Overseen by paramedics
- Supported by volunteers

Closing date for registrations is Monday 6th of May 2022.

To refer a child or for further information, please contact:

Helium Arts' Family Liaison help@helium.ie or 0830103240

17. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has officially opened a number of projects in North Cork which have received funding from her department. All of the projects opened, as part of the Minister's visit, received investment under the government's ambitious rural development policy, Our Rural Future. The Minister's visit began with the official opening of the redevelopment of Island Wood Trail which received funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Next stop was in Kanturk for the opening of Kanturk Town Park Playground and the turning of the sand on the Kanturk Urban Walkway. The Minister then went on to Lombardstown where she officially opened the new Tennis club and the Gortree to Lombardstown Walkway. [Link](#)

18. Cork Cultural Companions accompany local networks of like-minded people bringing in arts, heritage and culture who can create spaces each other to live. It operates by interest-led groups and is natural networks, along with Wild Work in Action training focusing on wellness and biodiversity management of public lands, all of which will be delivered by biodiversity experts. The training will be enhanced by the development of an online Wild Work Toolkit containing an exciting range of e-learning activities to support the learning, added to by the participants themselves as they experience the training in their own place.

The Wild Work programme is being coordinated by three Local Development Companies - SECAD Partnership in Cork who first designed and piloted Wild Work in 2017, West Limerick Resources and Cavan County Local Development as part of a LEADER funded Inter-territorial Co-operation project.

It is hoped that, over time, the training programme will be rolled out nationwide and will inspire other counties to create similar programmes for the benefit of both people and place.

To sign up for Killeagh, Douglas, Midleton, Fota or Ballincollig, please do so through the following link: <https://wildwork.ie/south-cork-introduction/course/>

To sign up for Tracton, Castletreke, Leap, Baltimore or Kibbritan please do so through the following link: <https://wildwork.ie/west-cork-introduction/course/>

No previous experience or qualifications are required to take part. Basic IT skills are required.

Other Newsletters

- CECAS Newsletter, [Link](#)
- The Weekly Newsletter, [Link](#)
- Age Friendly Newsletter, [Link](#)
- Tidy Towns Newsletter, [Link](#)
- Muir na Tre weekly Newsletter, [Link](#)
- The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) Newsletter, [Link](#)

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