

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 42 12th of May 2022

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information:

Cork County PPN News

1. Join our new PAYING THE ARTIST Thematic Group

Cork County PPN is delighted to announce the setting up of our first Thematic Group. These are groups that form around areas of interest (not necessarily specific policy areas, Boards or Committees). Examples of thematic groups may include groups with a particular interest in disability issues, environmental issues, childcare and so on. These thematic groups may come together to develop strategies for the PPN on areas of interest and feed in to relevant local and national policies.

Our first Thematic Group is being formed to look at the 'Paying the Artist' policy and recently published Implementation Plan ([Civits, The Artist | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Eolais](#)) on the fair and equitable remuneration and contracting of artists. Research studies indicate that the working and living conditions of artists remain below acceptable standards. If you are an artist or an area group that hires artists (service providers), you are welcome to bring your perspectives to our thematic group, learn how it may affect you and your community group and how service providers can develop the capacity to comply with emerging policy. If you are interested please contact us on ppn@corkccco.ie or text us on 021 438 6637.

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 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 ppn@corkccco.ie
 Find out more <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppntraining>

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 deadline 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 ppn@corkccco.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 Hurden 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 written & recorded by West Cork artists. There is also the *rant of the week* and the *eco-Competition*.

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 read 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 www.gov.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](#)

Ukraine 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 [Safe Places Program campaign](#). The Irish Red Cross pledge campaign is supported by the Government. If you don't have accommodation but you interpret or offer other supports, NASC would be glad to hear from you. In the coming weeks, Nasc will be [supporting communities hosting refugees](#) 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@corkccco.ie
 Phone: 021 438 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 Art Classes

Cork County Council, Clár Ealaíochas and Crúnna 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 blackwaterains2022@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 Consultations | Cork County \(corkccco.ie\)](#)

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 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 buildingregards@housing.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 [Link](#). Deadline is 12 May.

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 in Ireland. The Minister will also work with the 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. Part 8 Proposed R565 Dromedoggy, Dunmanway - Road Realignment & Improvement Scheme

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with the requirements of Part 8, Article 81 and Article 83 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) that Cork County Council proposes to carry out the following development:

- Alteration to existing road alignment to improve road safety
- Relocation of overhead line, Constructing earth berms and fencing
- Signage, road lining & roads studs
- All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed scheme

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development may be inspected online or at the locations detailed above, subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions, from Friday 6th-May-2022 until Friday 3rd-June-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 consultation form on www.yourcorkcounty.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 plans12@corkccco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 17th-June-2022.

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

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- 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 26th 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 & Directorates, 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 second public consultation on the Government's new National Outdoor Recreation Strategy, which is currently being developed by Comhairle na Tuaithe (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 quadis) except for ability assistance, or hunting and shooting as they do not fall within the remit of Comhairle na Tuaithe 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 buildingregards@housing.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](#).

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Based on feedback from Phase 1, we developed proposed objectives and actions for a key themes. In Phase 2, we are now seeking your views on these objectives and actions prior to making final decisions on the Strategy content.

To accurately capture your views on the 6 themes, please complete the short online survey. [Link](#)

FUNDING

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

the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, will assist stakeholders by providing timetables in which to develop high quality and impactful funding proposals. [Link](#).

This Weeks News

01. The Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People Mary Butler in conjunction with Shine, today announces the establishment of a Reference Group to provide the service users and family member perspective. The purpose of the Reference Group is to advise the NIMC Steering Committee on the implementation of Sharing the Vision recommendations from the service user and family member perspective as part of official implementation reporting processes. This Reference Group has been convened for an initial term of 3 years. [Link](#)

02. Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and Minister for Mental Health and Older People Mary Butler welcome a new contract for the continuation and expansion of the Patient Advocacy Service. The Patient Advocacy Service (PAS) provides a free and independent national service to help people accessing healthcare to make or intending to make a formal complaint, regarding the care they have received. Today a contract for the continued provision of the Patient Advocacy Service (PAS) has been awarded to the National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities. This contract will run from 2022 to 2027. [Link](#)

03. EAPN Ireland welcomed that enhanced Covid income supports will support its poverty reduction target. [Link](#)

04. The Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation is looking for a dynamic, energetic, and positive person to join our team as the Administrator for the Intercultural and Refugee Programme. The successful candidate will report to the Programme Coordinator and will also work with the Project Lead of the Hope and Ambition Project, other Glencree staff, Consultants, NETHATE PHD students, interns, and volunteers. This post operates in a team environment and the post holder will work collaboratively with their Glencree colleagues, attending staff and programme meetings and liaising with all departments within the organisation. From time to time the post may require an element of working unsocial hours including weekend work. A time off in lieu system is in operation. Glencree is an equal opportunities employer. We specifically welcome applications from people from diverse and minority ethnic and faith backgrounds. [Link](#)

05. The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) is to drive national research, training, education and public awareness of planning. To this end the OPR has entered into an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support the on-going maintenance and development of an Environmental Sensitivity Mapping (ESM) webtool and the delivery of training events in the use of the webtool. The ESM webtool is a Geographic Information System (GIS) tool that enables users to generate area-specific environmental sensitivity maps. More information in relation to the webtool and how it can be used is available via [Link](#). The webtool was developed and is being maintained by researchers at UCD's School of Geography and the AI-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) at Maynooth University. A training workshop on the Environmental Sensitivity Mapping webtool will take place online on the 18th of May 2022. This workshop is part of a number of workshops being delivered to educate users on the effective use of the tool, its functionality and real life applications. This workshop is specifically targeted at environmental NGO representatives. If you are interested in attending, please register at [Link](#). Dr. Anhob González from UCD's School of Geography and Justin Gleeson from Maynooth University will deliver the workshop. The workshop is free and will run from 10.00am-1.00pm. Early registration is recommended as places are limited.

06. 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](#).

07. 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 Tidy 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 tidytowns@tdci.gov.ie address

08. Cycle Against Suicide is running a Community Buddy programme which is available free of charge to all community groups. This 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 principal of motivational mentoring to encourage individuals to speak with a healthcare professional where necessary.

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

09. 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](#)

10. 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 found on this [link](#)

11. Bandon Tidy 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](#).

12. Clean Oreo 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](#)

13. 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](#)

14. The Department of Rural and Community Development have launched an online platform for businesses to pledge offers of supplies and services to help Ireland's humanitarian response for 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](#)

15. Cork Cultural Companions creates local networks of like-minded people interested in arts, heritage and culture who can accompany each other to events. It operates by bringing together like-minded people that meet up regularly to go out either with one other person or as part of a small group. The aim is to provide increased opportunities for older people to engage with Ireland's vibrant cultural and arts scene and it is supported in Cork by Muirín na Tíre, the NIMC, Cork County Council and Cork City Council. Members can join Cork Cultural Companions by contacting Barbara Quinn, Coordinator, by emailing subure@municork.com or by phoning 021 4506888 / 085-1300335

16. Cork County Council Arts and Culture Department has moved location to the Cork County Council website to recent internet updates now on the new website [Link](#)

Other Newsletters

- CECAS Newsletter [Link](#)
- The Wheel Weekly Newsletter [Link](#)
- Age Friendly Newsletter [Link](#)
- Tidy Towns Newsletter [Link](#)
- Muirín na Tíre Weekly Newsletter [Link](#)
- The AI-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) Newsletter [Link](#)

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