

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 45 02nd of June 2022

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information:

Cork County PPN News

01. Join our new PPNING 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, children and young people. 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 ([Pay the Artist: The Arts Council / An Chomhartha Eilíon](#)) 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 are a group that hires artists (service provider), 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 ccp@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 28 5340.

02. PPN Training

We have designed a new training series dedicated to building your capacity to access funding and grants. Please click on the link below to see the recording and slides:

Workshop 1 - Sources of Funding for Community Groups slides and recording [Link](#)

Workshop 2 - Sourcing Grants and the grants process slides and recording [Link](#)

Workshop 3 - Writing Grant Applications Workshop [Link](#)

03. PPN National Network Insurance Information Session Slides [Link](#)

04. 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@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our linkage groups check out our website [Linkage Groups - Cork County PPN](#)

Check out our new animation [What is Cork County PPN? - YouTube](#)

And a podcast on the PPN here: [Voice of West Cork - West Cork Community](#)

Ukraine Crisis Information

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](#)

Cork County Council's Community Support 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 Support Forum Contact Details:

Email: communityforum@corkcoco.ie
Phone: 021 438 6637

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

01. 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.

02. Part 8 Proposed R585 Dromedeggy, 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
- New access and parking to connect to existing road
- 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 submission form on [www.yourcorkcoco.ie](#) or, in writing to Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 X335 or emailed to roads@lra@corkcoco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 17th-June-2022.

03. Part 8 Proposed New Social Dwelling at 22 Aisling Gheal, 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 81 and Article 83 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001(as amended) that 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 29th 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](#)

04. 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 more 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 info@inclusionireland.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

01. 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 Centre 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.

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. To discuss how they apply application form are now available at [www.ruralandcommunity.gov.ie](#)

03. 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](#)

04. Under the Community Monuments Fund 2022, operated by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, four applications from Cork County were successful. These applicants include projects and undertakings in respect of Castleview Mills, Dromarriffe Church, Coolbane Mill and Templebreedy Graveyard Crosshaven, being awarded a combined sum of €212,220. The Heritage Council also announced awardees from three schemes including the Irish Walled Town Network Grant Scheme, the Heritage Stewardship Scheme and the Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022. Eleven different projects in County Cork are being supported under these schemes to the sum of €161,119.

Four successful projects in Bandon, Buttevant and Youghal will receive a combined €50,549 under the Irish Walled Town Network Grant Scheme. Under the Heritage Stewardship Scheme a digitisation project regarding Irish Tourist Association Files by Cork County Council's Library and Arts Service was successful. Six applications under the Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme in 2022 were successful including €20,000 for the re-rendering of the Church of the Ascension in Mitchelstown; a conservation plan for Kingston College in Mitchelstown; a combined display of Conserved Ledgers, Bible and Puxley Papers in Allihies Copper Mines Museum received €13,024; Cork LGBT Archive Community Heritage was funded €9,750; a conservation plan for the Sirius Arts Centre in Cobb received €10,000 and the conservation and display of two processional banners in St. Mary's Church, Malton were funded €10,441. Across the four awarded schemes, increased opportunities for funding is €350,339 for 15 different heritage projects and undertakings across Cork County.

05. Rethink Ireland are thrilled to announce the launch of our **Munster Fund**. This €750,000 Fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations working to enhance the physical and mental health of communities across Munster. This one-year Fund was created in partnership with the Parnes Family (Limerick), the Sunflower Charitable Foundation, Community Foundation for Ireland, and a number of private donors, with match funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. Up to 10 awardees will receive a package of supports, including:

1. A Cash grant of up to a maximum of €65,000
2. A place on Rethink Ireland's capacity building Programme
3. One to one mentoring support tailored the specific needs of each project

We invite applications from projects:

- Working towards improving the physical and mental health of their beneficiaries
- Using Music, Creativity and the Arts to improve physical and/or mental health outcomes.
- Whose main beneficiaries are disadvantaged or marginalised communities such as, but not limited to:
 - Travellers
 - Migrants
 - Refugees
 - People in the asylum process
 - Roma People
 - Other Ethnic minorities, young adults and teenagers, the elderly, people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

The fund is now open for applications until the 14th of June 2022. Please see our [website](#) for more information on who is eligible to apply and how to submit your online application.

This Weeks News

01. Minister for Community Development and Charles, Joe O'Brien, has confirmed government agreement on a set of Values and Principles to underpin work with the Community and Voluntary Sector. The Minister made the announcement while speaking at a conference hosted by The Wheel at Croke Park. The agreement cements the renewed relationship and partnership between government and the community and voluntary sectors. The values and principles, developed by the sector with the Department of Rural and Community Development, will be used by central and local government as a basis for their interactions with the community and voluntary sector in pursuit of the best outcomes for all. [Link](#)

02. Farmers4Safety and AgriKids are teaming up to bring you a farm safety sticker competition, **Sticker 2 Safety**. The competition, launched today, Thursday the 19th of May, calls on Ireland's Communities (Schools, Farmers, Community Groups etc.) to get stuck in and help create a safer future on our farms by designing a window sticker that will be printed and promoted nationwide.

We will provide a template for you to design a sticker on any farm safety theme. The theme is up to you! It could be about goats, PTOs, slurry, animals, vehicles or the importance of farmer's/farm families looking after their mental and physical health. With the design we want to give you the freedom to think outside the box and come up with innovative ideas and create a sticker that highlights farm safety, health and wellbeing.

Along with the design we want you to write a short note (150 words max) about why you chose to partake in the competition and the importance of Safety, Health and Wellbeing on Farms and what it means to you.

If you want to find out more details about the competition [click here](#) or visit our [website](#) [www.farmers4safety.ie](#) or [www.agrikids.ie](#) or you can email us on niamh@farmers4safety.ie

03. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development, Joe O'Brien, have announced an additional €10.5 million in funding to assist the community response to support people arriving from Ukraine. This funding will strengthen the capacity of those already working across the community and voluntary sector to improve the experience and quality of life of people arriving from Ukraine. As new arrivals begin to settle into community life in Ireland, this funding will help ensure that we continue to look after those most in need. [Link](#)

04. The Waters and Communities Special Award is now open for 2022, with a closing date of Friday, 10th June. This award has been a regular feature in the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition since 2017. Prizes are awarded to communities for projects and initiatives that deliver local benefits for water and biodiversity. Applications to this award highlight the importance of a local stream, river, estuary, canal, lake, or beach and tell us what winning this award would mean to their local community in previous years, the range of community initiatives has included local clean-ups, enhancement of public amenities, conservation of biodiversity and heritage, citizen science, promotion of angling and water-based activities, education and awareness raising, promotion of local actions in support of water, biodiversity and climate action plans. The Applications form and details of other special awards are available on the Tidy Towns website: [www.tidytowns.ie](#)

05. The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has established a steering group to develop a new palliative care policy for adults. The group will be chaired by Professor Karen Ryan, a Consultant in palliative care medicine at the Mater Hospital and St. Francis Hospice and Clinical Professor at University College Dublin. The Steering Group is comprised of 16 members (in addition to the Chair), consisting of health professionals, patient representatives, representatives of voluntary organisations, senior HSE management and senior departmental officials. In addition, Dr. Bridget Johnston, Trinity College Dublin, will be assisting with the drafting and research for the policy. [Link](#)

06. Minister Butler welcomes HIQA Evidence Review on the development of National Standards for Homecare

The Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler TD, has today welcomed the publication of an Evidence Review by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA). "To inform the development of National Standards for Homecare and Support services in Ireland". [Link](#)

07. National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2022

With live events cancelled all around the world during the Covid pandemic, we are thrilled to announce that the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards are back and we are looking forward to our first live awards event since 2019. Each year a local authority hosts the awards and we are delighted that Clare County Council are hosting the National Awards event for 2022 on 27th October in Dromoland Castle, County Clare.

The primary aim of these awards is to recognise and reward achievement in age friendly initiatives around Ireland. We are calling for organisations, individuals/members of the public, agencies and communities to submit applications on projects or programmes that they consider to be age friendly, especially those initiatives that have supported older people through the pandemic. To this end we would encourage you to submit at least one entry for a project/initiative in your area that you feel should be considered for recognition at the Awards.

As with previous years, eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes - Age Friendly Transport, Active & Healthy Aging, Business Innovation, Safety & Security, Community, Communication, Community Innovation, Environment, Housing.

You will find a link below to the application form plus a link to further information on our website, can I ask you to please help us to share this information and encourage projects to enter the Awards.

Many thanks for your help and support with this year's awards.

To apply please click on the link below:

[Application Form](#)

For more information please visit our website, click the link below: <https://agefriendlyireland.ie/agefriendlyawards2022/>

08. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has today announced a new funding stream to support Local Authorities to purchase vacant buildings which can be converted and developed for community use. The funding, which is being made available under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, aims to support the continued regeneration of our rural towns and villages so that they are attractive, vibrant places for people to live and work. [Link](#)

09. Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys, has today (Tuesday, 24 May) allocated almost €286,000 for capital works on island infrastructure projects around the country. The funding will see improvements made to roads, piers, helipads and public toilets. The funding has been allocated to Cork, Mayo and Donegal County Councils as follows:

- Cork County Council €90,891
- Mayo County Council €50,500
- Donegal County Council €136,414

10. Creative Schools 2022 welcomes applications from schools and Youthreach centres to join this programme with the purpose of putting the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives. They will host online information clinics about Creative Schools and how to apply. Closing date for receipt of online applications is 5.30pm Thursday 2nd June 2022. Further details on the programme/booking details for the clinic available at [Link](#)

11. Changing Ireland are asking people to complete a survey about improving their news service. The survey of 12 questions (almost all multi-choice) is anonymous and is being collated by an independent consultant so you can be candid. Hit us between the eyes! We will take everything submitted on board. [Link](#)

12. Heilm Arts is pleased to present Creative Journeys – a family celebration of children's art as part of this year's Cúinnín na nOg in Tory Top Library, Toghur, Cork City, www.heilm.ie

- Family Gathering: Saturday 11 June, 2022 (14:00-16:00)
- Exhibition Dates: 7-18 June, 2022
- Venue: Tory Top Library, Ballyphehane, Cork, T12 WP57

All are welcome to this celebration of children's art made with artist Ashleigh Ellis, from the Heilm Arts Spring 2022 works hops in Toghur.

The event will include a hunt for hidden images in the library; a chance to explore the cabinet of curiosities and get creative with clay and stencils in the garden. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to: communications@heilm.ie

Light refreshments will be served in the Library Garden. We also have a special mystery guest opening the exhibition

13. 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 Refuge and Resilience 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](#)

14. 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 principle of motivational mentoring to encourage individuals to speak with a healthcare professional where necessary.

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

15. 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 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 to 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 for. [Link](#)

16. 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 Munster na Tíre, the HSE, Cork County Council and Cork City Council. Members can join Cork Cultural Companions by contacting Barbara Quinn, Coordinator, by emailing culture@munstercork.com or by phoning 021 4506768 / 085-1300335

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