

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 46 09nd 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 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 ([Click on The Artist | The Arts Council | An Comhaltas Éilíníoch](#)) 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 ppn@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](#)

Workshop 4 - Fundraising 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 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: 021 438 6637

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

01. Part 8 Proposed R565 Dromedary, 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 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.corkcoco.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 ppn212@corkcoco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 17th June 2022.

02. 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](#)

03. A public consultation on a new public library library has just been launched by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD. This is an ambitious plan to develop public library services over the next five years. We want to understand people's attitudes towards the public library service and also get their feedback on how services can be improved in terms of access, use and viability of the public library. The consultation will assist in the development of a new Public Library Strategy which will be published next year. Have your say on the new strategy by filling out the survey at [Link](#).

Closing date is 9 July 2022.

If you wish to submit a hard copy response, please request a printed version at your local library or contact the Libraries Development Unit in the Local Government Management Agency at LibrariesDevelopment@loma.ie or by phone at 01 6332211. Completed forms in hard copy can be returned to your local library, or posted to:

Libraries Development Unit,
Local Government Management Agency
Local Government House
Ushers Quay
Dublin 8
Eircode: D08 XKP7

FUNDING

01. Minister Humphreys announces details of new €16 million Community Centre Fund.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced a new €16 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](#).

02. Minister of State for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien, today announced funding of €20.8 million over the coming 3 years to 81 national community and voluntary organisations. The funding is under a new round of the Scheme to Support National Organisations and will run for a period of 3 years, until mid-2025. [Link](#)

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. Rethink Ireland are thrilled to announce the launch of our Impact for 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. The one-year Fund was created in partnership with the Parkes 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 Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has today announced a series of new initiatives that will make remote working more accessible and attractive for thousands of people. Minister Humphreys launched the Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme, which will give remote workers free use of their local digital hub. [Link](#)

02. Farmers4Safety and AgriKIDS are teaming up to bring you a farm safety sticker competition, **Stuck 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 quads, PTO's, slurry, animals, vehicles or the importance of farmer/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 picture 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 websites www.farmers4safety.ie or www.agrikids.ie or you can email us on nemph@farmers4safety.ie

03. The Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, has today published the Sláintecare Action Plan 2022.

Sláintecare works to deliver a safe, health and social care service that meets the needs of our growing population, and attracts and retains the very best healthcare clinicians, managers, and staff. It is about access, affordability and quality - the Right Care, at the Right Place, delivered at the Right Time by the Right Team. [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 Super-Maui 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, 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 goals. The Application form and details of other special awards are available on the Tidy Towns website: www.tidytowns.ie

05. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has today launched a public consultation on the development of a new strategy for the public library service. The main objective of this consultation is to seek the views of the public and understand attitudes towards the library service. [Link](#)

06. Minister Butler welcomes HIQA Evidence Review on the Representation 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 throughout 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, have been chosen as they have a meaningful impact on the lives of older people in Ireland – Age Friendly Transport, Active & Healthy Ageing, Business Innovation, Safety & Security, 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 European Year of Youth is putting the spotlight on young people, bringing many exciting opportunities for young people and those who work with them across a variety of sectors.

The Year pursues the following four objectives:

- Renewing the positive perspectives for young people, while highlighting how the green and digital transitions and other Union policies offer opportunities for young people and for the society at large
- Supporting young people, including through youth work, especially young people with fewer opportunities, from disadvantaged and diverse backgrounds or belonging to vulnerable and marginalised groups, to acquire relevant knowledge and competences and thus become active and engaged citizens, inspired by a European sense of belonging
- Supporting young people to acquire a better understanding of, and actively promoting the various opportunities available to them, be it from the EU, national, regional or local level, to support their personal, social, economic and professional development
- Mainstreaming youth policy across all relevant Union policy fields in line with the EU Youth Strategy 2019–2027 to encourage that a youth perspective is brought into policy-making at all levels

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 €58,500
- Donegal County Council €136,414

10. The Community Buddy team invites all community and residents groups to join our online training programme. This training is free of charge to all community and residents groups. [Link](#)

11. The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly today launched the National Patient Safety Incidents Survey:

The survey, which is being co-ordinated by the Department of Health, is the first part of a research process commissioned by the Independent Patient Safety Council to gather information on culture and values regarding the management of patient safety incidents in our health and social care services. Patients, service users, family, advocacy providers, healthcare staff and members of the public are invited to take part in the survey to share their views and experiences. [Link](#)

12. 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](#)

13. 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 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](#)

14. The EPWs Stop Food Waste programme is the national food waste prevention campaign, providing guidance and resources to help people reduce their food waste. During June and July, our aim is to make people aware that knowing what meals you're going to eat can save money, time and help you feel more organised. As well as avoiding food waste! The simple steps we want people to take are thinking ahead about the meals you want over the coming days and being a smarter shopper.

You can follow Stop Food Waste on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Other Newsletters

- [CECAS Newsletter](#), [Link](#)
- [The Wheel Weekly Newsletter](#), [Link](#)
- [Age Friendly Newsletter](#), [Link](#)
- [Tidy Towns Newsletter](#), [Link](#)
- [Munster The Weekly Newsletter](#), [Link](#)
- [The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan \(AIPP\) Newsletter](#), [Link](#)

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