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To Cork County PPN members,

Cork County PPN News Letter

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information:

Cork County PPN News

01. After our recent call for nominations, we are delighted to welcome 4 new people to our team of Secretariat and Representatives. Link

- Ena Howell (I.C.A.)- Secretariat and JPC
- Donal Kissane (Atlantic View Residents Association)- Secretariat and Housing SPC
- Gerry Moore (Carrigaloe Community Association)- Secretariat
- Peter Kidney (Cobh Summer Swing)- Social Inclusion, Community and Rural Development SPC

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 (<u>Paying The Artist</u> | <u>The Arts Council</u> | <u>An Chomhairle Ealaíon</u>) 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 <u>ppn@corkcoco.ie</u> or call 0214 28 5340.

02. PPN Training

You can access all our training online. Please click on the link to see the recording and slides. 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:

<u>Community Safety, Crime and Policing</u>

- Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise
- Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity
 Housing, Planning and Transport
- <u>Arts, Tourism, Heritage and Sports</u>

If you do wish to join please email <u>ppn@corkcoco.ie</u> or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our linkage groups check out our website <u>Linkage Groups - Cork County PPN</u>

Check out our new animation <u>What is Cork County PPN? - YouTube</u>. And a podcast on the PPN here: <u>Voice of West Cork - West Cork Community</u>

Ukraine Crisis Information

A webpage on the whole-of-Government response to the situation in Ukraine is now available at <u>www.gov.ie/ukraine</u> (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: <u>Ukrainian Support - Cork County PPN</u>

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.je

Phone: 021 438 6637

PUBLIC CONSULATIONS

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

01. Cork County Council is progressing the development of the N71 Bandon Southern Relief Road Extension in Partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Cork County Council is undertaking

the role of Technical Advisors to progress with establishing the preferred options for the scheme.

The project is currently at Phase 2 - Options Selection. The first stage of this phase includes an examination of an area, within which all possible solutions could be identified. This area is referred to as the "Study Area", which has now been established. Link

01. Part 8 Proposed Carrigaline Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan

Location:

- Main Street (R-611) from Ballea Road (R-613) to Old Waterpark (L-2536);
- Cork Road (R-611) between Old Waterpark (L-2536) and Lower Kilmoney Road (R-611);
- Church Hill (L-2495) between Lower Kilmoney Road (R-611) and Ferney Road (L-6506)
 Strand Road (L-2547) from the junction with Main Street (R-611) to the entrance of Dunnes Stores;
- Lower Kilmoney Road (R-611) from the junction with Main Street (R-611) to the entrance of Topoil Service Station;
- Ballea Road (R-613) from the junction with Main Street (R-611) to the Carrigaline Inner Western Relief Road (currently under construction);
- Bridgemount (Heatherfield Lawn) to Herons Wood along the disused rail corridor, from the Cork Road Roundabout to the Herons Wood spine road.
- In public and private land within the Townlands of:
- Carrigaline Middle.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive (2014/52/EU). The Authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and no impacts to any Natura 2000 sites are likely as a result of the proposed development. A determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required, and a full Appropriate Assessment is not required. In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice (10th June 2022) apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection and/ or purchase for a fee of €15 per set from 10th June 2022 until 8th July 2022 between the hours of 09:00 to 16:00 on each working day during which the said offices are opened for the transaction of business at the following venues / locations:

- Below in the 'Additional Documents' section
- Planning Counter, Ground Floor, County Hall, Cork
 Carrigaline Municipal District Office, Church Road, Carrigaline Middle, Carrigaline, Co. Cork P43 E281
- Carrigaline library, Carrigaline Middle, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, P43 HA25

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made on or before 17:00 on Friday July 22th, 2022 as follows:

Online submission form on Cork County Council's website at www.yourcouncil.ie; or In writing clearly marked: 'Part 8 – Carrigaline TPREP Phase 1A', Senior Engineer, Traffic & Transportation, Cork County Council, Floor 3, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC'.

02. Part 8 Proposed Gallanes Amenity Area Phase 2, Gallanes, Templebryan South and Grillagh, Clonakilty, 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: Part 8 Planning at Gallanes Amenity Area (Phase 2).

- To develop an existing amenity area which incorporates the Joe Walsh Walkway to link it with the existing pathways within the West Cork Technology Park. The project also provides for the creation of a walkway along the N71 in the event of the pathways within
- the West Cork Technology Park being unavailable.The installation of public lighting using low spillage LED lights along the route at a medium height level. The provision of high-level LED lighting where the walkway crosses public
- roads.
 The development of a 53-space carpark at the southwestern corner of the Clonakilty Rugby Grounds. Public lighting using low spillage LED lights to be provided to the carpark.
- The development of an amenity area towards the east of the existing amenity area.
 The demolition of the existing dwelling house (in ruins) and adjoining outhouses (in ruins) at
- The construction of low-level feature stone walls using the stone reclaimed from the
- demolition of the buildings on the site.The development of hard surface hiking trails from the east of the site towards the North of
- the site to a number of viewing points at a higher level.

03. A public consultation on a new public library strategy has just been launched by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D. 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 visibility 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 <u>LibrariesDevelopment@lgma.ie</u> 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 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

02. 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

03. Change X Community Fund is now available supported by the LEGO Foundation as part of its <u>Build a World of Play campaign</u>. This fund will enable communities across Ireland to start proven learning through play projects and empower community groups, parents and caregivers to create more playful experiences for children. Groups can choose from a carefully-curated portfolio of 13 proven play ideas that have already had a positive impact in other communities around the world. <u>Link</u>

This Weeks News

01. Well done to Cobh who came second in the Public Choice Award went to Cobh Public Realm Urban Design Plan project in Cork, designed by Cork County Council, Capital Projects Department. This fabulous project demonstrates the importance of community engagement in how we redesign our cities and towns as place for people. <u>Link</u>

02. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has today announced that the Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme has gone live. At least 10,000 hot desk working days will be provided free of charge over the course of the Scheme, which is aimed at both existing hub users, as well as those accessing hub facilities for the first time. It is intended that the scheme will run over 2 phases. Phase one will run from now until 31 August with the second phase starting in September and expected to run into early 2023. Initially, the first phase sees three vouchers been credited to the accounts of all registered ConnectedHubs.ie users, with each voucher redeemable for a day's hot-desk working in participating hubs. Link

03. Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly welcomed the publication of the new Zero Tolerance strategy to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence, led by Minister for Justice Helen McEntee. Both the Department of Health and the HSE have committed to several actions which under the protection pillar of the strategy, which will improve the pathways, services, and care for those who enter the healthcare system. These actions will particularly support some of the most marginalised members of our society, including women in prostitution and victims/survivors of FGM, by providing them with specialist services. Link

04. Calling all young LGBTQIA+ writers and artists! Take part in the free Rainbow Library course to have your work published and to collaborate with an established writer and illustrator.

If you have an interest in drawing or writing and are aged 14-26 then sign up for the Rainbow Library course! Over 8 days of free workshops in August (in-person and online), course participants will develop their own writing and illustration and work with LGBTQIA+ illustrator Kate Alizadeh and writer Kel Menton. After this course, participants' works will be featured in a digital anthology. Participants will also help Kel and Kate to develop a story of their own - which they will then go away to work on. Participants will give critical feedback on the Kate and Kel's draft story, which will be published as part of the Rainbow Library, with young participants credited as contributors.

County Cork is one of eight locations taking part in The Rainbow Library, and the only location in the Republic of Ireland. Other locations include Belfast and Derry in Northern Ireland, Nottingham, Manchester, Basildon, Dumfries and Inverness. The Rainbow Library is supported by Cork County Council Library and Arts Services and Creative Ireland.

Email: <u>arts@corkcoco.ie</u> or phone 0214285995 for an application pack and information. Deadline 10 July 2022. No previous writing or drawing experience is required to apply. There is no cost to participate in this course.

05. Learn About Invasive Species. Come and join us for a **free interactive training event** and opportunity to learn more about invasive species, the damage they can cause, how to contain, treat and eradicate them. This event is suitable for farmers, landowners and community groups to learn more about invasive species such as **Giant Hogweed** and **Japanese Knotweed**, how to identify them, and how to treat and eradicate them. This **free workshop** will show attendees how to identify invasive species on their land. Attendees will learn about the importance of biosecurity, how to prevent the spread of invasive species, and how to treat them. The session will be facilitated by **Marie Louise Heffernan** from <u>Aster Environmental Consultants</u>. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to learn more about the <u>Parish Habitats and Biodiversity EIP</u> that is ongoing in the Glenroe-Ballyorgan Parish. This free training event is taking place on **Tuesday, 12th of July** at the **Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown from 10am until 1pm**. Link

06. Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler, yesterday welcomed the commencement of recruitment of the 128 interRAI care needs facilitators. This will help to progress the national rollout of interRAI as the standard assessment tool for care-needs. The roll out of interRAI across Community Health Networks (CHNs) and Community Specialist Teams (CSTs) will result in a standardised assessment for Nursing, Health and Social Care Professionals in assessing clients care needs. It will assist in the deliverance of a standardised approach to care planning and support the objective of maintaining clients in the community. Link

07.The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has today received government approval for the General Scheme of the Health (Exemption for Children from Public In-Patient Charges) Bill 2022.

The Bill proposes to abolish both overnight and day case public in-patient charges for children, by removing the existing acute statutory in-patient charge of €80 per night for all children less than 16 years of age in all public hospitals. Link

08. **County Cork** has an extensive network of settlements, which have evolved through centuries of growth and change, to provide a rich variety of unique settlements of varying scale and character. These locations have their own unique history and an upcoming publication will bring their stories together. The development of urban settlements in the county dates back to the Viking and then Norman settlements of the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. The Normans had walled towns at Cork, Kinsale, Youghal and Buttevant as well as numerous smaller settlements particularly in the east and north-east of the county. The urban pattern we have today was largely created in the first four decades of the 17th century and many, if not the majority of the buildings in our towns and villages today, date back to the 18th/19th century. In this upcoming publication on the Heritage Towns and Villages of County Cork there will be a general introduction to the historic developments of the main periods and how these impacted on the development of the county's urban network. There will be numerous illustrated examples to show this story as it evolves.

The main section of the book will be a gazetteer of all the towns and villages in the county outlining their heritage buildings, streetscape and general character as well as how each settlement got its name. This year's publication will represent the tenth instalment in the Heritage of County Cork publication series, first having commenced in 2013 with a publication that year and since. One of the key elements of each publication is the input from local groups and heritage enthusiasts. Past publications in the Heritage of County Cork Series have benefited hugely from a great number of public submissions including photos for use, stories, and indeed lists of recommended sites that should be featured in the book(s).

With respect to the upcoming publication on the County's Heritage Towns and Villages, the Heritage Unit of Cork County Council welcomes any and all submissions and suggestions and is most grateful for the submissions already received. All local heritage societies, community groups and individuals are requested to get involved in the project by submitting any specific information/stories/photos of interest to Cork County Council and the date for same has been extended to **Friday 22nd July 2022**. The publication will set out to include and reference as many submissions as possible and for further information email <u>corkheritage@corkcoco.ie</u> or phone 021 428 5905/5935.

09. **Mallow Library** will be hosting Cork County Council's War of Independence & Civil War Exhibition throughout the month of June. Featuring 24 panels documenting key figures and events from the time, this exhibition looks at the influence of notable people such as Michael Collins, Tom Barry, Liam Lynch and Seán Moylan. It explores significant events such as the Kilmichael, Clonmult, and Dripsey ambushes, and the death of Michael Collins at Béal na Bláth. It also examines the important role of women during the fight for Irish freedom, as well as the experiences of civilians during this time. The exhibition was developed by the Local Studies Library and the Heritage Office, and is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. County Cork had a huge influence on the War of Independence & Civil War, being the home of so many key figures, and being the location of so many momentous events, and this exhibition is a fantastic exploration of Cork's impact during this time. The War of Independence and Civil War Exhibition will be available to view at Newmarket, Bantry, Mallow and Youghal libraries over the coming months, with additional locations to be announced. Cork County Council's Commemorations Committee is available to assist with queries on the exhibition and can be reached at <u>commemorations@corkcoco.ie</u>.

10. The Central Bank of Ireland is now taking suggestions for the 2023 collector coin programme. The Central Bank of Ireland issues a number of commemorative coins every year on behalf of the Minister for Finance. These coins mark important historical & cultural milestones and pay tribute to significant Irish events and individuals. Please see relevant information on <u>coin theme criteria on</u> <u>www.collectorcoins.ie.</u> Please send your suggestions on coin themes and products for the 2023 coin programme to <u>coindesign@centralbank.ie</u> before 4 August 2022

11. Cork County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from countywide community, business, and development groups for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022. Recently announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD, this year's scheme will place particular emphasis on projects which support bringing vacant or derelict buildings and sites back into use as multi-purpose community spaces.

The types of projects that may be considered include, the repurposing of vacant properties in Town Centres back into use as Remote Working Hubs; regeneration projects that assist in revitalising rural towns and villages through planned and sustainable regeneration and development projects; projects to develop parks/plazas, green spaces and recreational spaces/amenities located in Town Centres.

Encouraging submissions from the community, Mayor of the County of Cork. Cllr. Gillian Coughlan highlighted, "It is vital that we continue to focus efforts into the regeneration of our rural towns and villages so that they are even more attractive places for people to live and work. Spaces where we can come together to learn, exercise, enjoy the arts or to simply share a story are an integral part of every community. I would encourage any interested groups that have an idea for repurposing a vacant site or building for the good of their community to please consider putting forward your ideas."

Welcoming the announcement, Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey said, "*Cork County Council has seen many successful projects developed under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. This year's focus on the revival of vacant and derelict properties will further contribute to our continued activity in the regeneration of town and village centres across the county, while supporting 'Our Rural Future', the Governments Programme for Rural Development. We welcome submissions from the community for potential projects that will address the issues of vacancy and encourage the revitalisation of our town and village thoroughfares.*"

The Expression of Interest form and further information on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is available on the Council's website at <u>Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022</u>.

Forms should be emailed to <u>townandvillagerenewal@corkcoco.ie</u> or returned to your relevant Municipal District Office no later than **4pm on 1st July, 2022**.

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is a key initiative under the Action Plan for Rural Development and is part of a range of measures to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland under the Government's Project Ireland 2040 – Our Rural Future – Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025.

12. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, today (Friday, 24 June) announced over €412,000 to support 11 different projects on our offshore islands. The funding for community groups of a new 'Our Islands' measure under the department's <u>CLÁR Programme</u> is designed to make our islands more attractive places to live and visit.

Co Cork: Bere Island Projects Group CLG - €72,693 to fund an electric wheelchair accessible bus with PV charging panels on the community Centre

13. Cork County Council invites proposals from individuals and groups in Cork County to participate in Culture Night on Friday 23rd September. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national event where arts and cultural organisations come together to invite the public to experience, enjoy and participate in the rich cultural and creative resources that exist in their community. We invite you to help create an evening of open events, free access to exhibitions, cultural spaces, performances, workshops, games and other cultural pursuits. Events can range from something as simple as hosting a story-telling event, organising an exhibition, to more complex events such as concerts, dance performances or parades, all of which reflect the vibrancy and diversity of culture in County Cork. Link

14. 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. Link

The Year pursues the following four objectives:

Renewing the positive perspectives for young people, with a particular focus on the negative effects the COVID-19 pandemic had on them, 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

15. **Deposit Return Scheme** is a collection system for used drinks container packaging which incentivises customers to return their empties for recycling or reuse so as to prevent these valuable resources from being discarded. The scheme will also help reduce litter, boost the recycling sector by collecting high quality materials, support jobs, and assist Ireland in meeting EU targets. As part of Ireland's efforts to promote a wider circular economy, the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications signed the Separate Collections (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2021 last November and the scheme is due to come into effect in the next year or so. A deposit will be placed on every metal beverage can and PET plastic bottle (up to 3 litres) and this deposit will be refunded to the customer on each container they return. The 'Return for Change' campaign is working to increase public awareness about what a Deposit Return Scheme is and how to use it. We are looking for your help with this and hoping that your organisation will become part of the awareness campaign. Link

16. 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

Other Newsletters

- CECAS Newsletter, Link
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 Age Friendly Newsletter, <u>Link</u>
- Tidy Towns Newsletter, Link
- Muintir na Tire weekly Newsletter, Link
- The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) Newsletter, Link

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