



# Public Participation Network Cork County

## E - Bulletin Newsletter 11/10/2024

Dear PPN Member,

Welcome to our E-Bulletin!

Our E-Bulletin is designed to keep you up to date with Cork County Public Participation News and to keep you connected to other communities, events, training, and information.

Whilst Cork County Public Participation Network has nearly 600 member groups, it has the potential to reach so many more - so forward this email to your committee members and volunteers!

I hope you find this helpful. Get in touch if there is anything you would like to include in future editions, we may even make you our next Group of the Week !

Watch a short video animation about Cork County PPN - Click the following [link](#).

Check Out our Website [Link](#)

And be sure to engage with us on the socials!

Facebook – [Cork County PPN](#)

Instagram – [@corkcountypn](#)

Happy Friday,

Morrin & Noelle



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Come along!



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**Cork County Public Participation Network  
would like to support you to have your say at  
our next County Plenary**

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**24 October 2024**

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**Online Only - 7pm**

All Community and Voluntary, Environment and Social Inclusion groups are invited to attend our upcoming Plenary where you will hear updates from your PPN staff on activities, SPC elections, upcoming training opportunities, funding and more!

Please join us and tell your PPN Group Members to come along too!

**PPN Members Only!**

[Register Your Interest Here !](#)



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*The deadline for this one is very close, but it might suit the organisation that is shovel ready!*

### **Pilot Projects & Preparation Actions (PPPA) - Sport Supports (emergency sport actions for youth)**

Pilot projects (PP) and Preparatory Actions (PA) introduce new initiatives that might turn into standing EU funding programmes.

**Call overview:** This call aims to promote community integration of children and young people affected by humanitarian crisis such as war in the hosting communities.

#### **Call detail:**

Many refugees arrived in the EU, notably but not exclusively because of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Participating in sport can help to become eventually ready to rebuild one's life. The world of sport can contribute to assisting people hit by humanitarian crisis such as war in order to facilitate overcoming trauma, adapting to new environments, creating bonds with the temporary hosting communities and fostering their mental and physical well-being.

The focus group are children and young people affected by humanitarian crises and mass migration processes in the context of war.

This pilot project would also generate inclusion in the public space and promote the exchange of cultures and traditions of different ethnic or social groups

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of this project are to:

- promote community integration of children and young people affected by humanitarian crisis such as war in the hosting communities;
- improve mental well-being and help overcoming trauma of such children and young people through sport;
- facilitate adaptation and create bonds with the hosting communities;
- inspire other sport clubs to set up support programmes by publishing and promoting experiences and good practices.



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### **Activities that can be funded:**

Activities, games and sports must be designed in order to meet specific social and psychosocial goals. They need to be age appropriate, culturally appropriate and be considered in respect to the gender roles in the community. Building on the existing physical capacities of participants, experienced coaches will help them feel comfortable by encouraging those performing skills that they already possess.

Therefore, cooperation between grassroots sports clubs and centres that could offer social, psychological or pedagogical support would be important and required. This project would also involve, mainly as facilitators, sport federations

### **Expected impact:**

The expected outcomes include:

- Promoting, in and through sport, the direct engagement of young people affected by the war with meaningful activities at local level, in their host communities;
- Facilitating overcoming trauma, adapting to new environments and creating bonds with the temporary hosting communities;
- Improving physical and mental well-being of those displaced by attending sport sessions;
- Collecting experiences and good practices for dissemination and further inspiration to take up similar initiatives elsewhere in Europe.

**Deadline: 17 October**

**Full details here : [EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu_funding/)**



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### **Biodiversity Fund 2024**

Community Foundation Ireland's Biodiversity Fund is open for applications in two strands.

**Community groups** are invited to apply for a grant to **engage an ecologist and develop a Community Biodiversity Action Plan (CBAP)** for their local area.

**Organisations who have a CBAP** is also invited to apply for funding **to implement recommendations contained in it.**

**Closing Date: 25 October**

You can also access a Resource Pack [here](#) for more information on the Fund itself, along with general biodiversity tools and resources. Please email [info@foundation.ie](mailto:info@foundation.ie) if you have any queries.

<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/apply-for-funding/>



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# **RETHINK IRELAND**

## **Hybrid Social Finance Loan (Round 3)**

The Hybrid Social Finance Loan is a new financial instrument in Ireland that aims to support social enterprises to develop a credit record and enhance their financial sustainability. It provides a **mix of a loan that must be paid back (interest rate applicable), along with a non-repayable loan (cash support) and business supports. To be eligible, social enterprises must be first-time borrowers and meet all eligibility criteria.** Please check the “Who can apply” section below for more information about the requirements.

The initiative is led by Rethink Ireland, Community Finance Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. The Department has committed €890,000 for this Fund. In addition, Community Finance Ireland will provide approximately €500,000 in repayable loans.

### **Open call on a rolling basis**

Applications open on a rolling basis **from September 27th, 2024**. This means there is no specific deadline for applying. However, **we encourage social enterprises to apply early as we will close for applications once all the funds have been allocated.** A total of €550,000 is available for loans (combining repayable and non-repayable loans) for Round 3.

**If your application was unsuccessful in a previous round and you would like to be considered for Round 3, please contact the Fund team via email ([hybridsocialfinance@rethinkireland.ie](mailto:hybridsocialfinance@rethinkireland.ie))** as your social enterprise financial profile may have improved in the past year, increasing your chances of being awarded in this Round. The Fund Team will be able to guide you with this.

For further information see : [Hybrid Social Finance Loan \(Round 3\) - Rethink Ireland](#)



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### **Applications are open for Strategic Partners in the delivery of Cruinniú na nÓg**

The Creative Ireland Programme wishes to engage Strategic Partners to increase the suite of events and initiatives available, alongside those produced by each local authority, in order to further develop, diversify and expand the offering and audience for Cruinniú na nÓg in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have such a day.

Over the past 7 years Cruinniú na nÓg has become a key date in Ireland's cultural calendar, now providing opportunities for over 1.5 million children and young people across the island of Ireland, to be inquisitive and curious, to be inventive and innovative, and to fulfil a creative ambition or showcase an inner creative talent.

The Creative Ireland Programme are seeking projects that are of significant scale and ambition. They envisage a maximum grant of €150,000 per Strategic Partner per year (Maximum of €450,000 for the 3 years).

The Creative Ireland Programme is therefore inviting applications from organisations, or a partnership of organisations, who have a demonstrable capacity to deliver Cruinniú na nÓg audience scalability nationwide through the provision of free creative activities for children and young people.

Applications must be completed online and submitted via Submit.com by **5pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Apply here: <https://submit.link/2S3>

### **Opportunities to Receive Further Information and Network**

Creative Ireland will be holding information and networking sessions. These sessions will comprise of a presentation of Cruinniú na nÓg, Q&A, and the opportunity for applicants to meet potential partners from across the Island in order to collaborate on their projects.

Please follow the below link to secure your place on these sessions:

**[Online Briefing Information Session 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Register Here](#)**



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### Upcoming Training Opportunities

# **Thank you to all who made our Fundraising Fundamentals training a success!**

**Kevin Delaney will be back on 4 November 2024 - Planning for 2025 for  
Cork County PPN Members**

Creating a plan might sound scary but putting in place a practical plan for your projects, fundraising and organisation over the next year makes you much more likely to achieve your goals.

#### **Time & Location**

04 Nov 2024, 19:00 – 21:00 GMT

Zoom

#### **About the Programme: Planning for 2025 for Cork County PPN**

Creating a Plan might sound scary but putting in place a practical plan for your fundraising, projects and organisation for the next year makes you much more likely to achieve your goals.

This workshop will walk you through the key steps to creating a practical, realistic plan that you can achieve in 2025 (and help you avoid some of the big mistakes)

#### **We'll cover:**

Setting goals

Being clear on your chosen direction

Diversifying income income - corporate, events, online, grants, appeals etc

Planning your projects and timelines

Adapting to change





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<https://www.academystreetworkshop.com/events/planning-for-2025-for-cork-county-ppn-members>

Kevin has over 16 years experience working with and for nonprofit organisations in Ireland, New Zealand and across the world. He has an in-depth knowledge of the theory and practice of fundraising combining 10 years of delivering fundraising training with hands-on experience of community fundraising, volunteer management, direct marketing and fundraising strategy.

Kevin has addressed fundraising conferences in Dublin, London, Amsterdam, Rome, Nashville & Oslo and is widely recognised as an engaging, knowledgeable and inspiring tutor. He holds a Diploma in Fundraising Management from Charities Institute Ireland and a Certificate in Fundraising from Chartered Institute of Fundraising UK.

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### **Making an impact in local policy creation: Introduction to Strategic Policy Committees**

*Oct 14th, 7pm  
Online*

Each County Council uses Strategic Policy Committees to review, create and inform policy decisions in their County. You can get involved and take part directly to make an impact for your community!

Learn more about the potential of the Strategic Policy Committees and how they work, hear examples of community driven policy from across Ireland, find out how you can get involved and what supports exist to help you in this role. Join us for this introductory webinar!

[Register here](#)



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### Free Resources for Nonprofits

Carmichael's **resource page** shares articles, **case-studies** and **templates** to improve your organisation's effectiveness, governance and accountability, grouped under the following topics:

**Communications; Finance; Governance & Compliance; Human Resources; Planning and Podcast.**

To explore these free resources, go to:  
<https://www.carmichaelireland.ie/resources/>



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**Self-paced Online Training: Learn more about the PPN Structures**

**Registrations are open for an online, self-paced training programme for the PPN community** provided by Social Justice Ireland (SJI) on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD).

The online **training covers** the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
  - Effective Facilitation
  - Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

**To register**, please complete the Registration Form at the following link: <https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training>



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# Brian Harvey Training Registration Form

Cork City and Cork County PPNs are collaborating to provide our members, especially those interesting in taking up representative positions, with Capacity Building Training. This training will support PPN Representatives in both Local Authorities to ensure that they have the tools required to ensure that their voice is being heard at committee meetings.

### **Registration Mandatory**

[Brian Harvey Training - Registration Form \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

Tuesday 5th of November @ 6pm- In-person at “Vertigo”, Floor 17, in County Hall

Thursday 7th of November @6pm - Online via Zoom

Is there any other training you would like to see us provide to our members?

Let us know and we'll do our best to facilitate it!



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## PPN News!



**Crunching the numbers:** In the last month, our website viewership increased by over 800% , and at our Fundraising Fundamentals training this week, between 50 – 60 people attended – this is a 150% increase on previous training attendance ! Thank you so much !!

 The Ombudsman  
Independent investigation of your complaints

### Have you a complaint about a public service?

Government Departments | Local Authorities  
HSE | Nursing Homes | Third-level education bodies

Staff from the Ombudsman are available at  
**Citizens Information Centre Mallow**  
18.1 Market Square, Mallow.

 When:  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11  
October 9  
November 13  
December 11  
Time:  
10am to 12pm

The Ombudsman can help if you have made a complaint to a public body and are unhappy with the response.  
Visit our website at [www.ombudsman.ie](http://www.ombudsman.ie)  
Call us if you need assistance at 01 639 5400

**Our service is independent, impartial and free**

### Have You A Complaint about a Public Service?

The Ombudsman can investigate complaints from people who are not happy with how they have been treated by certain public service providers. These include Government departments, local authorities, the Health Service Executive (HSE), publicly funded third-level education bodies and private nursing homes.

The Ombudsman can investigate your complaint if you have complained to the public service provider whose action or decision has affected you and you are unhappy with its response.

**We are happy to announce that the State's Ombudsman is coming to our Autumn Plenary.**  
(The link to register is on Page 2!)



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### A big hello to our newly registered groups:

Wailing Women Worldwide Ireland

Eyeries Community Development

FACE Ireland

Monkstown Community Heritage Group

Ballyhea Camogie Club

Araglen Carnival

Bere Island Men's Shed

Youghal Community Market

Skibbereen Playground Committee

55<sup>th</sup> Cork Carrigaline Scout Group



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## ***Mind yourself!***

# Mental Health Month - Mental Health Ireland

**October is Mental Health Month and this year's theme is "Prioritising Mental Health in the Workplace", so how will you engage with employees and show how you prioritise mental health at work? Mental Health Ireland is here to help!**

Throughout October, Mental Health Ireland is running the "Connect for Mental Health" campaign; we are providing many free and easy to use resources at work to support and engage employees. Below are links to free resources and flyers to send to your employees and visit our microsite to learn more. <https://bit.ly/MentalHealthMonth24>

They are offering a free and accessible live webinar with their expert trainers every day of the month, including weekends and bank holidays, to enable employees to sign up at the best time for them.

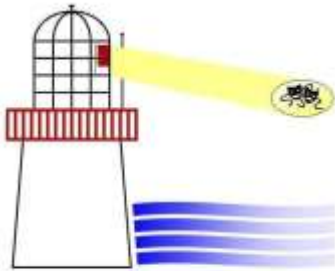
This is completely free to everyone. Register for the Five Ways of Wellbeing webinar: [Eventbrite](#)

- Mental Health Ireland we are asking companies to connect with employees and organise fundraising activities at work. To set up a fundraiser click here: [set up a fundraiser](#). Anyone who registers a fundraiser gets a T-shirt, if you are organising a larger fundraiser, contact Mental Health Ireland to discuss how they can support you with materials to make the event a success.
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- Finally, consider organising a 'Connect Café', a coffee morning with a structure discussion, to fundraise and start a conversation around mental health, find an easy set up guide here. [Download the Connect Café toolkit](#).



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### Group of the Week



*Youghal Little Theatre*  
*Taibhdhearc Beag na hEochaille*

We are delighted to have Youghal Little Theatre - <https://www.facebook.com/yltheatre> as this week's featured Group!

We are biased about the fabulousness of this group, as the current Chairman of our Secretariat, Liam McCarthy, is one of their leading men!

A vibrant community of actors, they are performing the hysterically funny play "Lend Me A Tenor" at The Mall Arts Centre in Youghal this weekend.

**lend me a TENOR**

World-renowned Tenor Tito Merelli has signed on to play Pagliacci for the Cleveland Opera Society's 10th Anniversary season.

Everyone is excited to see him, but he arrives late which sets off a crazy set of circumstances.  
What could possibly go wrong?....

Running Thursday 10th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th October  
(Matinee) Sunday 13th October



**Scan the QR code to snap up your tickets!**

For the last couple of months, the PPN workers have been busy attending MD Plenary Meetings across the County. To blow off steam (and to give Liam the fright of his life!), Morrin, Noelle, Secretariat and Glanworth Community Council member – Pauline O Dwyer, and our invaluable facilitator, Harriet Emerson – we headed to Youghal last night, and what a great time we had. Such an enjoyable production!

Have a look at pictures of the incredible cast, and Liam with his adoring fans, below.





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Performing a play? Fundraising? Holding a Golf Classic? Sitting in a bath of Batchelors beans for 5 hours? You name it, let us know! We will happily share your group's news in our next newsletter, and we might even show up & surprise you!



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# Cork County Council News : Job Vacancies



Please note that the following positions are currently advertised:

- **24-095 Assistant Scientist-Water Quality/Farm Inspections.**

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on Wednesday, 30th October 2024.**

- **24-123 Temporary Part-time Pool Assistant - Dunmanway Swimming Pool**

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **12:00p.m. on Thursday, 31st October, 2024**

Application Forms and Details are available on the Cork County Council Website – Careers Section

<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/council/careers>



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# ROAD SAFETY WEEK 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Seat Belts



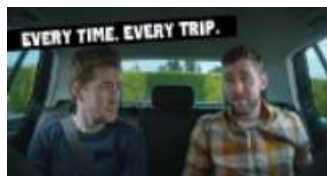
- The non-wearing of seat belts is a particularly dangerous road user behaviour, which has been recognised internationally as a key contributory factor in road traffic collisions and injury severity (WHO, 2018).
- Research conducted by the RSA found that 22% of car users killed between 2019-2023 were not wearing a seat belt & that 7% seriously injured were not wearing a seat belt at the time of collision.

### Facts from the August Bank Holiday Weekend 2024 –

- 3 Lives tragically lost.
- 12 Serious life threatening Injuries .
- 180 arrested for driving under the influence.
- 294 for Mobile Phone use.
- 3,886 Drivers detected for speeding offences.
- 106 for not wearing seatbelts.
- 450 Vehicles seized for no tax & insurance.
- 174 Unaccompanied learner drivers.

These figures were **significantly up** on the previous Bank Holiday Weekend.

If you or someone in your car chooses not to wear a seat belt they become a hazard to everyone else in the car. Lets all work together to make the October Bank Holiday period safer for all road users.



## Front & Back



For further information regarding National Road Safety Week events use link below - [Irish Road Safety Week 2024 \(rsa.ie\)](https://www.rsa.ie)



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(who celebrates her birthday on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - She's 21 again, shh 🤫)

