



Public Participation Network Cork County

E - Bulletin Newsletter 25/10/2024

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, Happy Jazzing, and Happy Halloween!!

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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NEW DATE - 14 November 2024

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Online Only - 7pm - 9pm

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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#fundingfriday

IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION FLAGSHIP FUND 2024 OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

The Irish Youth Foundation is once again opening its Flagship Fund for 2024. The goal of this fund is to support projects and programmes around the country that are focused on lifting children and young people up and out of poverty.

Awards of between €1,500 - €30,000 are available with this fund.

The Flagship Fund is now open for applications and closes on Thursday, 21 November 2024 at 5pm

The fund will support work that is aligned with one of the following three focus areas for change:

- 1. Educational Attainment** – Programmes that support positive transitions through school from primary to secondary school and/or completion of secondary cycle
- 2. Health & Wellbeing** – Programmes that support happy, healthy transitions from childhood through to adulthood
- 3. Skills & Employability** – Programmes that support successful transitions for young people to economic independence

The Fund will support organisations working with children and young people in the Republic of Ireland aged between 5-25 years.

To learn more about this opportunity please read the full fund criteria and review the application form on the IYF website : <https://iyf.ie/flagship-fund/>

All applications must be made via the online portal.



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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANISATIONS FIGHTING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

The Daphne-CHILD programme has launched its call for proposals, offering €1.3 million in sub-grants to grassroots civil society organisations fighting violence against children in 9 countries across Europe.

For more details, please visit the programme's central information hub at daphne.childhub.org, where you can consult the [detailed call for proposals](#) in multiple languages.

Be sure you [sign up for the live online info session](#) about the call coming up on 28 October, to ask all your questions about eligibility, application process, and more directly from the programme leads.

Key Information:

- Eligible countries: Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, **Ireland**, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Ukraine
- Focus: Supporting organisations fighting violence against children.

Don't miss this chance to make a lasting impact on children's lives across Europe.

Applications close on **14 November 2024, 17:00 Central European Time.**

[Call for Applications | ChildHub - Child Protection Hub](#)



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RURAL ACTION AWARDS SCHEME NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS

HEADS UP – the deadline for this one is coming soon!

The Awards offer rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland or the border region of Ireland the opportunity to apply for and secure £1000 or €1000 towards their volunteer led community action project.

The scheme will support 12 projects over 2 calls for applications, with 6 successful recipients identified at each call. This first call will close on 1 November 2024.

The **Rural Action Awards Scheme**, is aimed at supporting rural communities celebrate their own achievements:

- ✚ Rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland, or the border region of Ireland have the opportunity to apply for and be in with a chance of securing £1000 or €1000 towards their chosen community project
- ✚ The scheme is open to constituted rural community-based organisations including charities, not for profit community groups, sporting and cultural organisations, heritage groups, Parent Teacher Associations, youth groups/clubs and social enterprises.
- ✚ 6 recipients chosen at random.
- ✚ Simple application form and verification process with evidence of constitution and bank account in group name required if successful.
- ✚ The scheme seeks to support practical, tangible and timebound projects where the project must complete within 12 weeks
- ✚ The scheme is **open for applications now** and will **close on 1 November 2024**.
- ✚ For Terms & Conditions and how to apply visit www.ruralaction.co
- ✚ Keep an eye on our social media ([Facebook](#)) for updates and details of successful awards.



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RETHINK IRELAND

Rethink Ireland, Deloitte Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development are partnering to create the **€500,000 one-year People's Impact Fund** to support projects that aim to **promote equity of opportunity and access to employment**, by developing the employability skills of young adults at a disadvantage and/or facilitating their employment.

The fund will focus on projects/organisations tailored towards the multiple challenges and barriers facing young adults in Ireland, which include:

- Limited awareness of career options and opportunities for employment
- Lack of general or technical skills or qualifications desired by employers
- Insufficient support/social networks to access and thrive in employment

The fund will provide support for up to four projects over the grant period, supporting vulnerable young adults aged 15-30 into employment. By providing a range of support initiatives for young people, from guidance and coaching, to skills development and work placements, the People's Impact Fund aims to reduce barriers to employment and facilitate their smooth transition into the workforce.

Awardees will receive a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to help them expand and increase their social impact.

The People's Impact Fund will provide up to **four** organisations with:

- Cash grants up to €85,000 each
- A place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
- A bespoke package of business and capacity-building supports designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, maximising your impact, communications, storytelling and fundraising
- Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.



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* The Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

You can apply to People's Impact Fund via the [application portal](#) from 14 October to 22 November 2024.

Please join us for our application clinics on 23 October and 29 October to find out more and answer any questions you have.

[Click here](#) to register for application clinic 1 at 1 pm on 23 October.

[Click here](#) to register for application clinic 2 at 1 pm on 29 October.

For any questions about the fund, please contact
- peoplesimpactfund@rethinkireland.ie



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FYI !

Like Charity are discontinuing the text-to-donate service as of **31 October 2024**. Fundraising Solutions are providing a text-to-donate service from **1 November 2024**.

Fundraising Solutions advise that your existing keywords can be carried over to their service. If this is something that you feel would benefit your organisation, do conduct your usual due diligence as would be appropriate for an organisation processing payments on your behalf.

If this is something you wish to implement, **Fundraising Solutions** have provided a step by step guide to their handover process, below:

What You Need to Do

To complete the transition to Fundraising Solutions, all you need to do is **sign up** before **15 December 2024**.

Once signed up, your current keywords will be preserved, and you'll be able to continue using them to raise funds.

Should you have any queries, please contact hello@fundraisingsolutions.co

*Please note, Cork County PPN is not recommending Fundraising Solutions or any other company, we just want to let you know what's out there 😊



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Have your Say !



Do you work or volunteer with a charity, community group, voluntary organisation or social enterprise? Then WE ACT want to hear from you!

As you might be aware, We Act is a national, public awareness campaign to promote the value, impact and understanding of the charity and community sector in Ireland.

For their campaign to be successful, they need to ensure it's as informed and relevant as possible. They need accurate, up-to-date information so they can evolve the campaign to best meet the needs of our sector, and those who work and volunteer in it. But to do that, they need your help!

We Act is a campaign built for the sector by the sector. You work in the field and you know it best, so for their latest annual round of research, they need your input on:

1. What do you want the public to understand about the sector?
2. What can this campaign do to make your job easier?
3. How do you rate morale and pride within the sector?



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Complete the Sector Survey Here : <https://survey.alchemer.eu/collab/90757399/public-poll> (It takes 10-15 minutes)

Closing date is 5pm, 7 November.

Please note: these questions are directed at you as an individual. You do not need to consult your boss or check your organisation's strategic plan. They want your personal perspective, your expert view as someone who works or volunteers in the sector.

All answers will be strictly anonymous and confidential.

Already completed the survey? Spread the word! - WE ACT want a campaign that truly represents the sector and they need input from as many diverse voices as possible. So please share the link to the survey far and wide among your friends and colleagues who work and volunteer in the charity and community sector.



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Upcoming Training Opportunities

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 - corporate, events, online, grants, appeals etc

Planning your projects and timelines

Adapting to change

<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



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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.

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

*Oct 29th, 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](#)



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:



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

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



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



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

Brian Harvey Training Registration Form (Please note change of dates!)

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 \(jotform.com\)](#)

Tuesday 5th of November @6pm - Online via Zoom

Thursday 7th of November @ 6pm- In-person at “Vertigo”, Floor 17, in County Hall

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!



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

Minister Joe O'Brien announces Budget increase for PPNs at 10- year anniversary

- *Minister O'Brien announces increased PPN funding in Budget 2025*
- *Public Participation Networks (PPNs) are celebrating 10 years of giving local communities a voice in local government policy*
- *Two-day conference, whose theme was "Collaboration for Resilient Communities", brings PPN representatives together to discuss citizen engagement*
- *Almost 21,000 community groups nationwide are members of the 31 PPNs across Ireland.*

Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development, Charities and Integration, Joe O'Brien, TD sent a message of support and encouragement to the sixth National Public Participation Network Conference held at the Strand Hotel in Limerick.

Addressing the delegates via a pre-recorded video message, Minister O'Brien spoke about increased funding for PPNs he secured in Budget 2025:

"As we look to the next 10 years of PPNs, I am pleased to announce that I have secured additional funding for PPNs in Budget 2025. I have directed that all of this additional funding will be provided directly to PPNs.

"So, from next January each PPN will receive just over €100,000 in core funding from my Department, more than double the original allocation of €50,000 each in 2015 and an increase of almost 20% on 2024."

The two-day conference event (Thursday 17th and Friday 18th) was hosted by Limerick Public Participation Network, in conjunction with Limerick County Council, the



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Department of Rural and Community Development and the National PPN Advisory Group.

It was attended by a wide range of PPN stakeholders, including volunteer representatives from PPNs across the country, local authority officials, and elected representatives.

Opening the conference, Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary General at the Department of Rural and Community Development, spoke about the contribution PPNs have made:

“Collaboration is a core characteristic of PPNs, a value that is particularly needed in a time when bad actors would divide communities and stifle discussion. PPNs remind us that a healthy democracy thrives on robust debate and strong opinions aired in good faith with the honest intention of making things better for all.”

The conference, which was attended by approximately 200 delegates and had a varied and interesting agenda of workshops and presentations.

These included a workshop celebrating “Ten years of PPNs”, as well as discussions on collaboration between PPNs and Local Authorities, and innovative projects undertaken by Offaly, Tipperary and Limerick PPNs.

The conference also included site trips to a number of locations around Limerick, where delegates met with local community organisations that are involved in and empowered by Limerick PPN.

Concluding, the Minister thanked PPNs for their sterling work, and for the extremely valuable contributions they make in their respective counties:

“I want to commend and congratulate everyone involved in the network of 31 PPNs across the country – the member groups, the volunteers, the Secretariats and the staff. Your dedication and hard work is truly admirable.”



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Group of the Week

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!

Gerry Moore & Cobh's Great Island Historical Society asked up to share the below event

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Great Island Historical Society

Talk by Dr Susan O'Regan entitled Music in Cork Public life 1750-1900.

This talk will examine the various traditions of public music developed in Cork's churches, theatres and assembly rooms during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Dr O'Regan is the author of Music and History in Cork 1700 to 1900.

Date. 31st October 24


Time. 8pm

Venue. Cobh Parish Centre.

There is a lot happening this Halloween (Samhain) season

and County Cork is **KILLING** it ! Get it,

it ? No

 Be sure to mark these events in your diaries.



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 **Leap Scarecrow Festival**

 Leap |  21st Oct - 3rd Nov

 **Youghaloween
Spooktacular**

 Youghal |  25th - 27th Oct

 **Doneraile Samhain
Festival**

 Doneraile |  25th - 28th Oct

 **Spirit of Samhain**

 Youghal |  31st Oct - 1st Nov

 **Mallow Castle Haunted
Walk**

 Mallow |  27th - 28th Oct

 **An Tulca Festival**

 Kinsale |  31st Oct - 4th Nov





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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**

- **24-146 Executive Planner**

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on Thursday 7th November 2024.**

- **24-147 Assistant Staff Officer**



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Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on
Monday, 11th November 2024.**

- **24-114 Resident Archaeologist.**

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on
Friday 8th November 2024.**

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

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