



# Public Participation Network Cork County

## E - Bulletin Newsletter 22/11/2024

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



## **Public Participation Network Cork County**

Come along! – Our “Autumn” Plenary  
takes place this coming Tuesday!



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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 - 26 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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## SPC Election Results!



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Cork County Council  
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CORK COUNTY ?**

**SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2024 - 2029**

- ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY GROUP ?
- IS YOUR GROUP REGISTERED WITH THE CORK COUNTY PPN ?\*
- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING A SEAT ON A STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) ?

Seats available on the following SPCs :

- Planning & Strategic Development
- Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity
- Economic Development & Enterprise
- Tourism
- Housing
- Roads & Transportation
- Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development
- Arts, Culture & Languages
- Coastal, Marine & Flood Policy

Keep an eye on your emails between now and Monday – links to cast your vote in our SPC elections will be going out shortly. The results of the elections will be announced at the Plenary on Tuesday 26 November. One of many reasons to attend!

Best of luck to all the nominees!

**What is an SPC ?**  
Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) are local authority committees that:

1. Include elected councillors, representatives of business, farming interests, environmental/conservation groups, trade unions, and community and voluntary members.
2. Bring together elected members and people actively working with social, economic, cultural, and environmental bodies.
3. Develop and review policies related to council services to prepare the groundwork for policies which are then decided on by the Local Authority

- To be in with a chance of being elected to one of these seats, your group must nominate you, and fill out the Application Form online, or alternatively we can post you a paper copy on request.
- Member Groups can only nominate one candidate.
- **\*NOTE:** You must bear in mind Cork County Council's objective of achieving a gender balance, as well as the need to foster social inclusiveness and equality.
- Please note that further terms and conditions do apply.
- \*Your group must be a registered with the PPN for over 6 months.

**For more information, email :**  
ppn@corkcoco.ie or call 021 428 5340 or 016 059 7563

**To submit your online application visit:**  
<https://corkcountypn.ie>



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# **RETHINK IRELAND**

## **Impact Fund for Munster 2024**

**Deadline for applications: 1pm, Friday, 13th December 2024**

### *Fund Overview*

The overarching goal of the Impact Fund for Munster 2024-25 is **to foster a sustainable and inclusive future for the Munster region** by investing in innovative **projects that address interconnected social and environmental challenges**. The fund supports the inclusion, involvement and recognition of the diverse communities of the Munster region and strives to empower communities that tend to be left out of conversations.

Through the environmental focus, the fund will support projects that **tackle issues such as biodiversity loss, food system deficits, overconsumption, pollution, climate inaction**, ensuring that **inclusion** is at the heart of these projects, and that nobody is left behind. Through its social focus, the fund will address the **social needs of marginalised and vulnerable groups within the region**, including **championing the inclusion and integration of neurodiverse peoples and communities** through innovative approaches.

The Fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to the value of €59,000 for up to 8 projects, to help them expand and increase their social and/or environmental impact.



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This includes:

- Up to 8 awards of up to €59,000
- The non-financial supports will include:
  - a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
  - bespoke 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.
- 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 the Impact Fund for Munster 2024 via the online portal [HERE](#) from 29th October to 13 December 2024. Deadline for applications is 1pm on Friday, 13th December 2024.**

**To register for application clinic on 27<sup>th</sup> November , click [here](#).**

**If you have any queries regarding the fund, please reach out to [impactmunster@rethinkireland.ie](mailto:impactmunster@rethinkireland.ie) .**





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## LEADER Rural Development Programme 2023-2027

**SECAD**

**LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027**

Calls for Expressions of Interest for LEADER Projects

**INFORMATION WEBINAR**

There are currently 2 calls open for Expressions of Interest under the following themes:

- Call One – Economic Development and Job Creation Theme – Targeted Call
- Call Two – Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion Theme – Rolling Call

A short **INFORMATION WEBINAR** will take place on **Thursday, 21st November at 11.00 am** to provide an overview of the LEADER application process and what is involved. Registration is essential to receive the link. To register and to read details on the call criteria and eligibility, and to access the forms scan the QR code or go to:

[www.secad.ie/programmes-and-funds/leader-calls-for-expressions-of-interest](http://www.secad.ie/programmes-and-funds/leader-calls-for-expressions-of-interest)

**LEADER**  
Forbairt á sáimhth ag pobail áitiúla  
Development led by local communities

Logos for the Irish Government, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, 2040, Ár dTeithéal Tuaithe Our Rural Future, the European Union, and the Cork County Council are also present.

SECAD has opened the first call for projects under the LEADER Rural Development Programme 2023-2027. SECAD are accepting Expressions of Interest for those seeking funding under two of the programme themes:

- **Call 1 - Economic Development and Job Creation – Time limited, Targeted Call**
- **Call 2 - Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion Theme – Rolling, ‘First come first served’ Call**

Further information can be found on the website also [www.secad.ie](http://www.secad.ie). Contact details are also included in the documents attached should anyone wish to get in touch.



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If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the above, contact -

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SECAD Partnership CLG  
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Owennacurra Business Park  
Knockgriffin  
Midleton, Co. Cork  
P25 Y893*

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### Upcoming Training Opportunities

#### **Kevin Delaney will be back on 4 December 2024 for our rescheduled “Planning for 2025 for Cork County PPN Members” training**

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 Dec 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)

Register here - [Planning for 2025 for Cork County PPN Members | academystworkshop](#)

#### **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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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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# Elections Hub: Media training for Community Leaders

Are you a leader in your community?

Would you like to feel more confident in talking about what unites us as communities, as well as tackling difficult questions eg about protests and attempts by haters to cause division and stoke fear?

**Uplift - People Powered Change & The Elections Hub** are organising a workshop for community leaders ahead of the General Election. This is a 1.5 hour online event on Wed 27th 1.30 -3pm. It will cover how to get your message across, crafting persuasive messages, handling difficult questions, preparing for interviews, some role playing, top tips and will answer any questions you have.

[Register Here](#)

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### Training Links 2025

The Wheel are excited to share that they will be launching Training Links 2025 - 2026 in December!

The Training Links programme funds networks of community and voluntary organisations to undertake training together, to address a specific workforce training goal.

Read more about the programme - <https://www.wheel.ie/training/traininglinks>

Applications open on Monday, 2 December for 10 weeks.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 7 Feb 2025 at 5pm.

#### Forming a Training Network

Before the application process opens, The Wheel want to help your organisation to connect with potential partners to form a Training Network. To apply for a grant, you must be a member of a Training Network with a minimum of 10 members (eligibility criteria apply).

#### Networking Form

To make it possible for you to find other organisations with similar training needs to you, we have created a Networking Form.

Their intention is to:

Gather a list of organisations who are interested in forming a Training Network to apply for a grant

Circulate this list to all those who have completed the Networking Form

Provide you with an opportunity to make connections with potential partners who have similar training and upskilling needs to your organisation, especially if you are new to Training Links.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren by emailing [traininglinks2025@wheel.ie](mailto:traininglinks2025@wheel.ie).



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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>

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!

We will be sending out a training needs analysis in the coming weeks



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PPN News!

## CLRG24 – DEMOCRACY ON YOUR DOORSTEP





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Cork County PPN was honoured to be invited to University College Cork for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Centre for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG) lecture series earlier this week.

Quote of the night from Cllr. Gillian Coughlan – ‘Things move slowly in local government but you can really get under the bonnet’.

Keep this in mind those of you who will take up SPC seats !

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### Group of the Week

YOUR PRETTY FACE COULD BE  
PICTURED HERE ! 😊

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!