



Public Participation Network Cork County

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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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#fundingfriday



The Wheel is delighted to announce that applications for funding are now open under the **Training Links programme**. Training Networks are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00.

In our biggest round yet, there is a total fund of €575,000.00 available, and applications are welcome from **new, existing, previously funded networks who have completed their programme or previously unsuccessful networks**.

Applications remain open until 5pm on Friday, 7 Feb 2025.

Download the application form here : [Training Links Programme | The Wheel](#)

What is Training Links? Training Links is a funding programme that supports community and voluntary organisations to form Training Networks - groups of a minimum of ten organisations who come together to undertake training that they may not have the opportunity to do individually.

Who can apply? Applications are welcome from community and voluntary organisations based in the Republic of Ireland. To apply, organisations must come together and form a Training Network with a minimum of 10 members.

What is a Training Network? A Training Network is a group of independently run and governed community and voluntary sector organisations who decide to



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come together as a group to undertake training that they may not be able to do individually. The term 'community and voluntary' in this instance includes registered charities, social enterprises, independently run nonprofit organisations who are not charities, and incorporated entities.

What type of training is supported under Training Links?

There are a range of priority training areas covered under Training Links:

- Digital transformation
- Enhance leadership
- Green transition
- Develop new business models
- Achieve high-quality, innovative and responsive workplaces and services
- Address current sector priorities.
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For further information get in touch with Lauren at traininglinks2025@wheel.ie.



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RETHINK IRELAND

Deadline for applications: 1pm, Friday, January 10th 2025

A Plain English version of the application form is available to [download here](#).
A plain English version of the fund information is available to [download here](#).

What is the Breaking Barriers Fund?

Fund Overview

Rethink Ireland is partnering with the State Street Foundation, and the Department of Rural and Community Development on the **three-year Breaking Barriers Fund** to support projects or organisations that are working towards Equity in both education and the workplace in Ireland. The fund will support access-to-workplace initiatives, sustaining employment and educational initiatives, in support of the fact that educational attainment leads to better employment opportunities.

The **Breaking Barriers Fund** aims to support awardees that **tackle discrimination and inequality in the Irish labour market and education system**. The fund will achieve this through investments in innovative projects offering tailored solutions combating discrimination and inequality in the Irish labour market or education system with outcomes including (but not limited to); **sustainable jobs, work placements & internships as well as training and education**. The ultimate goal of the fund is to find and back change-making projects that support beneficiaries from the minority communities we have identified into sustainable employment, work placements, education or internships while also tackling discrimination, prejudice and inequality.

The fund will focus on projects which rise to the challenges captured in the following themes:

1. **Addressing Discrimination and Inequality:** This includes tackling labour market discrimination and barriers to employment related to race, ethnicity, and nationality.
2. **Increasing Participation and Access:** The fund aims to increase the participation of minority and disadvantaged groups in the labour market and



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facilitate better access to higher education, further education, and apprenticeships for those who face barriers (i.e through tailored employability programmes, holistic skills development courses, bespoke employment supports).

3. **Eliminate Barriers:** This involves reducing both structural and practical barriers to employment, work placements, and educational opportunities for people/groups who face these barriers.
4. **Supporting Career Development and Skills Growth:** The fund supports the career development and personal skills growth of employees/future employees who are under-represented at senior levels.
5. **Systems Change Approach-Empowerment of Marginalised Communities:** The fund aims to empower leaders from marginalised and disadvantaged communities to self-advocate and champion their cause, strengthening networks and partnerships to challenge discriminatory practices and support systemic reforms that enhance access to decent work or education for the most marginalised communities.

Target Groups:

This fund will work with organisations that directly support beneficiaries most affected by discrimination and inequality of access, in both education and employment, from the following population groups:

- Travellers/Roma (minority community)
- Migrant communities including refugees & undocumented migrants (minority community)
- Ethnic minorities (including people of colour)
- Minority religious and cultural groups (minority community)
- People seeking asylum (the majority of whom are living in direct provision)

Further info : [Breaking Barriers Fund - Rethink Ireland](#)



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PPN News

Did you know that being a PPN member means you can run for a seat on a Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), and represent the communities of County Cork in informing local policy ? [Strategic Policy Committees | Cork County Council](#)

Thank you to all those who submitted nominations for Strategic Policy Committee seats. Thanks as well to all those who voted!

See the results below. Congratulations to all!

As you can see, we still have a number of vacancies. Please see our website & nomination form to get involved - <https://corkcountypn.ie/cork-county-ppn-nominations/>


Cork County PPN Election Results
Community & Voluntary Pillar:

Planning & Strategic Development	Neil Kane
Environment, Climate & Biodiversity	Breffni Lannon
Economic Development & Enterprise	Noel Forde
Tourism	Nina O'Leary Pons
Housing	VACANT
Roads & Transportation	Brid Coakley
Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	Pauline O'Dwyer
Arts Culture & Languages	VACANT
Coastal Marine & Flood Policy	Christine Lane



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Cork County PPN Election Results

Social Inclusion pillar:

Planning & Strategic Development	Karl Shane Diskin
Environment, Climate & Bio - Diversity	Ana Ospina
Economic Development & Enterprise	Tadhg Quill Marley
Tourism	Vacant
Housing	Jose Ospina
Roads & Transportation	Eoin O Callaghan
Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	Jithin Regani
Arts Culture & Languages	Diana Skalkos
Coastal Marine & Flood Policy	Vacant



Cork County PPN Election Results

Environment Pillar:

Planning & Strategic Development	Vacant
Environment, Climate & Bio - Diversity	Raffaella Valenti
Economic Development & Enterprise	Vacant
Tourism	Trish Lavelle
Housing	Vacant
Roads & Transportation	Darren McAdams
Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	Vacant
Arts Culture & Languages	Vacant
Coastal Marine & Flood Policy	Maggie McColgan





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Further Vacancies :

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) are local authority committees in city and county councils whose membership includes elected councillors, representatives of business, farming interests, trade unions, the environment, social inclusion and the community sectors. The PPN is responsible for the election of environment, social inclusion and the community sectors Reps onto SPCs. To find out more about the scheme, you can read the [STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2024- 2029](#) on the Cork County Council's website.

It is the task of the Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), as committees of the council, to advise and assist the council in the formulation, development and review of policy. They have no remit in relation to routine operational matters regarding the delivery of services. The SPC system is intended to give councillors and relevant sectoral interests an opportunity for full involvement in the policy making process from the early stages.

Please submit your nomination by completing this form:

[Cork-County-SPC-Nomination form final](#)



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Remaining SPC Vacancies:

Committee/ Pillar :

Economic Development SPC :

Environment seat	Vacant
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Housing SPC :

Community & Voluntary seat	Vacant
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Environment seat	Vacant
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Planning & Strategic Development SPC :

Environment seat	Vacant
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Social Inclusion SPC :

Social Inclusion seat	Vacant
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Environment seat	Vacant
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Tourism SPC :

Social Inclusion seat	Vacant
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Arts, Culture & Languages SPC :

Community & Voluntary seat	Vacant
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Environment seat	Vacant
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Coastal, Marine and Flooding SPC :

Social Inclusion seat	Vacant
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Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) North, South and West



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Cork
County Council
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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

**LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE (LCDC) POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY GROUP ?**
- **IS YOUR GROUP REGISTERED WITH THE CORK COUNTY PPN ?**
- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING AN LCDC POSITION ?**

**Application forms available on
our website :**

www.corkcountypn.ie/cork-county-ppn-nominations/

Current LCDC Vacancies :

North Cork (2 Social Inclusion vacancies, 2 Community & Voluntary vacancies, 1 Environment vacancy)

South Cork (2 Social Inclusion vacancies, 2 Community & Voluntary vacancies, 1 Environment vacancy)

West Cork (2 Social Inclusion vacancies, 2 Community & Voluntary vacancies, 1 Environment vacancy)

**For further information, email : ppn@corkcoco.ie , or
call**

021 428 5340 or 086 059 7563

The Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) were set up as part of the [Local Government Reform Act 2014](#) in each Local Authority area. The aim of LCDCs is to enhance the strategic planning and coordination of local and community development activity. LCDCs comprise public and private sector members, including



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Local Authority members and officials, state agencies, and private sector local and community development representatives.

Functions

The key functions of the LCDCs are as follows:

- Prepare the community elements of a 6 year [Local Economic & Community Plan \(LECP\) \(pdf\)](#)
- Implement, or arrange to implement, the community elements of the LECP
- Monitor implementation of the LECP
- Coordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local & community development programmes, for example: SICAP and the Rural Development Programme
- Improve coordination and reduce duplication of efforts
- Consider a draft of the economic elements of the LECP Plan and adopt a statement in this regard
- Prepare an annual report

Cork County Council has established three LCDCs, aligned with the local government administrative boundaries of North, South and West Cork. Each LCDC can have between seventeen and nineteen members. There must be a mix of both public sector and private sector representatives, with the majority of the members coming from the private sector.

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Please submit your nomination by completing this form:

[Cork-County-LCDC-Nomination-form](#)



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Secretariat Vacancies :

The Cork County PPN Secretariat provides a coordinating and oversight function for the PPN.

In particular its role is to:

- Facilitate the implementation of decisions of the PPN
- Ensure the proper functioning of the PPN between plenary meetings
- Coordinate the activities of the PPN
- Communicate extensively and regularly with all PPN members and disseminate information concerning all PPN activities as widely as possible
- Manage and support PPN staff

The Secretariat is made up of two representatives from each of the Cork County Municipal Districts i.e. Carrigaline, Macroom, Cobh, East Cork, Bandon-Kinsale, Fermoy, Kanturk-Mallow and West Cork, as well as, two representatives from each of the PPN colleges i.e. Community & Voluntary College, Social Inclusion College and Environmental College.

Current Vacancies:

Vacant seat – Carrigaline Municipal District

Vacant seat – West Cork Municipal District

Vacant seat – Macroom Municipal District

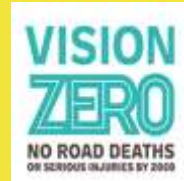
Vacant seat – Environmental Electoral College

[Cork-County-Secretariat-Nomination-form](#)



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CHRISTMAS ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED



The Road Safety Authority is urging drivers nationwide to stay safe and sober this festive season as new data from the Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS) show concerning high levels of alcohol and other drugs in driver toxicology testing.

With December bringing holiday celebrations into full swing, the RSA, An Garda Síochána and the MBRS are urging motorists to stay drug and alcohol free to prevent collisions and protect all road users this Christmas.

During the month of December 2023, 14 people lost their lives on Irish roads and 124 were seriously injured. So far this year, there have been 165 people killed on Irish roads. The RSA, An Garda Síochána, and MBRS are calling on everyone to act responsibly to prevent further tragedies on Irish roads. Each life lost is a family left grieving and forever shattered.

RSA behaviour and attitudes research, conducted in November 2024, found that 11% of motorists admitted to driving after consuming any alcoholic drink in the past 12 months. Meanwhile, 25% of motorists said: "it is acceptable to drive short distances in your local area after consuming one alcoholic drink".

An Garda Síochána

To date in 2024, An Garda Síochána have carried out over 100,000 checkpoints, averaging 300 checkpoints per day.

- Almost 50% of checkpoints are Mandatory Intoxicant checkpoints (MIT), established under statutory orders, an increase of 16% over the same period in 2023.
- Breath tests (alcohol) have increased by 26% over 2023.
- Oral Fluid Tests (Drugs) have increased by 57% over 2023.
- To end November 2024, over 7000 drivers have been arrested on suspicion of Driving under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs, over 1 driver every hour, every day.
- 56% of arrests are alcohol related. 44% drugs related. The number of drug driving detections is up 11% on 2023.



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**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
IMPAIRS YOUR JUDGEMENT AND
REACTIONS.**

DON'T RISK IT.
PLAN AHEAD. BE SAFE.

Cork County Council
Road Safety Education



Those that take drugs or have alcohol before getting into the car to drive are playing roulette with their own life and the lives of other road users.





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Job Vacancies :

Please note that the following position is currently advertised:

- **24-158 Temporary Full-time Pool Assistant - Dunmanway Swimming Pool**
- **24-159 Full-time Pool Assistant - Mallow Swimming Pool**

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

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

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

Finally for now



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Happy Toy Show night to all 🤗