



Public Participation Network Cork County

E - Bulletin Newsletter 14/03/2025

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!

Cork Volunteer Centre – Pop up Volunteer
Centres !



March 25, 11:00-14:00/ Mitchelstown Library

**POP UP
VOLUNTEER
CENTRE**

- 01 HAVE A CHAT WITH OUR PLACEMENT OFFICER
- 02 LEARN ABOUT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CORK VOLUNTEER CENTRE
- 03 POST YOUR VOLUNTEER ROLE
- 04 LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT
- 05 ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Contact: Gosia@volunteercork.ie to book your meeting



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April 29 / Youghal Library

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Volunteer Coordinators Network Meeting

May 12 (12:15-13:00)
Cobh FRC



Contact: Gosia@volunteercork.ie for details



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Seachtain na Gaeilge :

Bantry Goes Green Festival

Bantry Development Group are having their annual Bantry Goes Green Festival from 14th - 17th March, with our St Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March.

The weekend events include

- Scoraiocht Straide
- Imaginative Ways to Recycle
- Children's Programme
- Family Walk
- Irish Music in bars and hotels
- Baking Demonstration

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/BantryGoesGreenFestival>

Knocknagree Fair Field Tidy Towns

Knocknagree Fair Field Tidy Towns committee have been working very hard this year organizing their St. Patrick's Day Parade.

They are feeling very privileged this year to be the proudest smallest rural village to host 4 Grand Marshalls who are playing Gaelic Football. Knocknagree men Daniel O Mahony, Eoin Mc Sweeney and Patrick Doyle play for the Cork Seniors and Katie Horgan plays for the Cork Ladies Senior .

It's going to be a very proud day for their Village.

Parade starts at 11.00 sharp .



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Group of the Week:

[your group could be here !!]

We would love to hear what our fabulous groups are up to! Whether it's a Tidy Towns group clearing the weeds for the summer bedding, or a knitting circle bathing in custard to raise money for a charity – let us know! You could be our next group of the week!



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#fundingfriday

**COMMUNITY
PAINT GRANT
SCHEME**

Open to community
groups, sports clubs and
schools in Cork

**DEADLINE FOR
APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY
4 APRIL 2025**

RELOVE PAINT
QUALITY REPAIRED PAINT, MADE IN CORK.

CYCLE SENSE

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**IRD Daballou
FURNITURE REVAMP**

CORK COMMUNITY PAINT GRANT SCHEME 2025 LAUNCHED

The Relove Paint Community Paint Grant Scheme is now open for applications, continuing a successful three year run in supporting community groups in Cork.

This scheme, supporting a circular economy through the recycling of unwanted paint, has attracted widespread participation over recent years. Last year, 96 groups, including Tidy Towns, community associations, sports clubs, and schools from across Cork, received over 2,000 litres of high-quality, upcycled paint. In return, the groups were encouraged to promote the initiative and share their positive experiences, helping to spread awareness and develop confidence in upcycled paint.



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Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Joe Carroll, said “The Relove Paint Community Paint Grant Scheme not only promotes environmental sustainability, but also builds confidence in the use of upcycled paint. The feedback from last year’s recipients was overwhelmingly positive, with many reporting the high quality of the paint which helped revitalise community buildings, sports clubs, and schools.”

The Community Paint Grant Scheme is open to community groups, sports clubs and schools who can apply for up to 25 litres of paint, most of which is internal water-based paint, but some external paint may also be available. The deadline for applications is Friday 4th April 2025.

Commenting on the scheme, the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Dan Boyle said, “The Relove Paint Community Paint Grant Scheme is an opportunity to enhance circular economy initiatives within the city while allowing a cost-effective, high-quality paint product to be accessed by local communities”.

Relove Paint is the result of a collaboration between Cork County Council, Cork City Council and three local social enterprises: Northside Community Enterprises, IRD Duhallow Furniture Revamp, and Cycle Sense. The social enterprises collect unwanted paint from City and County Council recycling centres, then remix and recolour it, before redistributing a high quality but low-cost paint back into the community.

To date over 30 tonnes of paint have been diverted from incineration to reuse. The public are encouraged to bring unwanted or leftover paint to their nearest recycling centre so it can be reused by the Relove Paint project. Members of the public can also purchase Relove Paint in Cycle Sense, Skibbereen; IRD Duhallow, Newmarket; and NCE Farranferris.

At a national level, there are 9 paint reuse social enterprises operating across the country, supported by 11 Local Authorities and 27 civic amenity sites. In total, over 80 tonnes of paint have been diverted from incineration and redirected to reuse.



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LIDL GREEN FUND OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

The Lidl Green Fund is a new community sustainability initiative from Lidl Ireland. The Green Fund aims to support, promote and empower environmentally conscious and healthy local community projects across the Republic of Ireland.

Lidl has created this €100,000 fund to support communities take an active role in championing sustainable living.

Community groups, schools and charities across the country can apply for funding through the application portal. Shortlisted groups are selected per county by Lidl employees and independent judges and the winners are selected by publicly nominated voting in Lidl stores through the Lidl Plus App.

Community groups, primary and post primary schools and charities must [complete the online application form here](#). This is the Application for the Lidl Green Fund Republic of Ireland.

Before submitting your application please download the [Guidance Document](#) and read the [FAQs](#). You must complete all fields in the form to submit your application.

For more information on the fund and your application, please contact csr@lidl.ie

Applications close 24 March 2025.



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2025 CHILDMINDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

The Childminding Development Grant provides up to €1,000 to assist both registered and unregistered childminders who are providing a childminding service in their own homes.

Applications for the 2025 Childminding Development Grant open on Tuesday, 4 February and close on Friday, 4 April.

The grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service through the purchase of toys, childcare equipment, safety equipment, equipment to support inclusion and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM) education, as well as IT equipment to assist childminders to engage with training and registration processes.

The grant scheme is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business during 2025. 75% of the grant is paid in advance to help childminders with the upfront costs of purchasing equipment.

Making today's announcement, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality said:

"I am delighted to announce the launch of the 2025 Childminding Development Grant as one of the first actions in my term of office as Minister.

"Childminders play an essential part in the provision of childcare in all parts of the country, and I am fully committed to recognizing and supporting their important role, and to following through on the National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028.

"I encourage childminders to avail of this funding opportunity, whether they are already registered or would like support in advance of registration over the next couple of years.

"The Childminding Development Grant provides funding for quality and safety equipment and can also be used to contribute to IT equipment."

The total budget of €500,000 reflects the high demand for the grant in previous years. It also reflects the Government's commitment to support childminders to prepare for registration with Tusla. In line with the National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028, regulations written specifically for childminders came into effect for the first time



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in September 2024, making it possible for all childminders to register with Tusla and take part in the National Childcare Scheme (NCS).

Those childminders who were previously exempt from regulation have a three-year transition period until 2027 during which they are now able to register with Tusla but are not yet required to do so.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant or the National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028, visit www.gov.ie/childminding or contact your local City or County Childcare Committee.



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Have your say!

Linkage Groups

Linkage Groups bring together stakeholder organisations and groups who are members of the PPN with a common interest to discuss their diverse views and interests in a specific policy area.

This is a pathway for such organisations and groups to have a real input into policy in their respective area of operation.

Linkage Groups are an essential component of the work of the PPN.

They are independent networks of community groups who are interested in a common theme such as Arts, Community, Environment, Heritage, Housing, Planning, Social Inclusion, Transport or Tourism (and more).

Linkage Groups work to influence change. They do this through advocating for policy changes on behalf of the community through PPN Reps engaging with Cork County Council and other bodies appropriate to the issue or subject matter of advocacy.

There are five (5) principal Linkage Groups operating at a Cork County Council area level:

1. Housing, Planning and Transport.
2. Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports.
3. Climate Change, Water and Environment
4. Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise (including Economic Development and Tourism).
5. Community Safety

Please let us know if your group would like to join to any of these Linkage Groups, by emailing ppn@corkcoco.ie . By making submissions to a Linkage Group, you can support our SPC and LCDC Reps and give them a mandate to bring to the Council.



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ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE REFORM

The Alliance for Insurance Reform's annual insurance survey is currently open for your input. **At a time when the government is looking to sign-off on the Judicial Council's recommendation that personal injury awards increase by almost 17%**, it is essential to have strong data from our members to push back with.

The survey will take less than 1-minute for you to complete.

The Alliance for Insurance Reform expects to meet a number of the new ministers in the coming weeks and intend to present their findings. *Strong findings from a large sample across a range of sectors will be essential in making the case that the reforms have not meaningfully delivered on the ground and that future premium increases are impossible to justify.*

Please promote the survey actively and encourage your members to complete it.

Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHTWCV6

The survey will remain live until Friday, 21 March.



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Public consultation on new suicide reduction policy

A public consultation to inform the next suicide reduction policy in Ireland was launched on 7 March 2025:

[gov.ie - Minister for Mental Health launches public consultation on new suicide reduction policy](#)

Information about the public consultation can be found here:

[gov.ie - Public consultation on Ireland's next suicide reduction policy](#)

This is your opportunity to offer your views on suicide reduction in Ireland, as well as express what you would like to see in the new policy. See the link to the survey :

[Suicide Reduction Policy - Public Consultation](#)



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Public Consultation Survey for New Rural Development Policy

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary T.D., has today launched an online survey giving the public an opportunity to have their say on the next phase of Ireland's rural development policy, *Our Rural Future*.

The survey is the first step in an extensive public and stakeholder consultation process which will continue throughout 2025.

The survey is open to everyone and asks participants about the opportunities and challenges facing rural Ireland, as well as what actions they think the government should consider to secure a more resilient future for rural communities.

Launching the survey, Minister Calleary said:

"There has been incredible progress achieved under Our Rural Future since it was launched in 2021 and I want to commend my predecessor Heather Humphreys for her work on this. The measures delivered in that time have provided vital investment and supports for rural communities, strengthened local economies and improved the lives of many people across rural Ireland."

"I believe the time is right to build on this success and look ahead to the next phase of our rural development policy. Recent events have shown us the strength and resilience within our rural communities however there are also challenges and the Government recognise that it must do more to support rural Ireland over the coming years."

The survey findings will inform a series of stakeholder events on issues of significant importance for rural Ireland. More broadly, they will help shape a new future-focused plan which continues to support vibrant, resilient and sustainable rural communities and meet the evolving needs of those living and working in rural Ireland.

Minister Calleary added:

"This survey is an important opportunity for everyone to help shape the next chapter of rural development in Ireland. I strongly encourage everyone to have their say, so that together we can deliver a plan to make rural Ireland an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

The online survey is available [here](#) and is open until close of business on Wednesday, 2 April 2025. All responses are anonymous.



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**AIR QUALITY
&
MENTAL
HEALTH
SURVEY**

5th FEBRUARY 2025 - 30th APRIL 2025

**Are you living, studying or working in
Dublin, Cork or Limerick?**

Join the survey!
You will help to uncover the potential "invisible"
culprit responsible for our mental health well-
being.

Visit:

OR [HTTPS://SPRW.IO/STT-LXUPT](https://sprw.io/stt-lxuPT)

**SHARE YOUR VOICE—BECAUSE
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**

Contact: info@mhandairsurvey.com

TU DUBLIN **ESHI** **Taighde Éireann
Research Ireland** **DCU** **Maynooth
University**

Survey: Air Quality & Mental Health - Your Voice Matters!

Researchers at TU Dublin are seeking **participants for a study on mental health and air quality** in Ireland. This research examines how stress, anxiety, and depression affect individuals living in Dublin, Cork, and Limerick and explores whether external factors, such as urban environments and air quality perceptions, play a role in mental well-being.

The survey takes 10-15 minutes and is open to adults aged 18 and over. As a thank you, participants can enter a draw to win a €100 One4All gift card or a €50 Amazon gift card.

Closing Date: 30 April

To contribute to this research, go to: <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/remarcsurvey>

To learn more, go to: <https://padlet.com/rwccppn/climate-action-environment-natural-heritage-linkage-group-fg2tsw0sms2hr68p/wish/94PGWnzJqI74WLRV>



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Women's Health Forum

Share your experiences of accessing health services in Ireland as a woman impacted by domestic, sexual, or gender-based violence. Your voice matters in shaping our future healthcare policies

1 to 1 interview by Zoom or by phone at a date/time that suits you

Contact Doireann Crosson (NWC Women's Health Coordinator)
doireannc@nwc.ie
087 266 7214

Scan QR for more information

Participate in Interview: Women's Health Forum

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The National Women's Council is carrying out 1 to 1 interviews by zoom or phone at a date/time that suits you.

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PPN News - Vacancies GALORE !!

Cork County PPN has a number of vacancies available, some on the various Committees within the County Council - the SPCs and LDCDs , but at the moment we also have a number of positions we are looking to fill on our Secretariat - the incredibly important group that keeps the PPN show on the road !

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

Applications forms for all our available roles can be found on our website [Cork County PPN Nominations - Cork County PPN](#)

- or reach out to PPN@corkcoco.ie and we can have a chat with you about any of the roles available

The poster features the PPN logo and a scenic illustration of a coastal town with a church spire, a boat on the water, and a tree in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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**Secretariat Positions
Available :**

- 2 x Vacant seats – Carrigaline Municipal District
- Vacant seat – West Cork Municipal District
- Vacant seat – Macroom Municipal District
- Vacant seat – Bandon/Kinsale Municipal District
- Vacant seat – East Cork Municipal District
- Vacant seat – Environmental Electoral College

• For further information, and if you are interested in applying, see <https://corkcountypn.ie/cork-county-ppn-nominations/>, or email PPN@corkcoco.ie.



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**Local Community
Development
Committee (LCDC)
Vacancies Available !**

**1 x Social Inclusion – North Cork
seat**

**2 x Social Inclusion – South Cork
seats**

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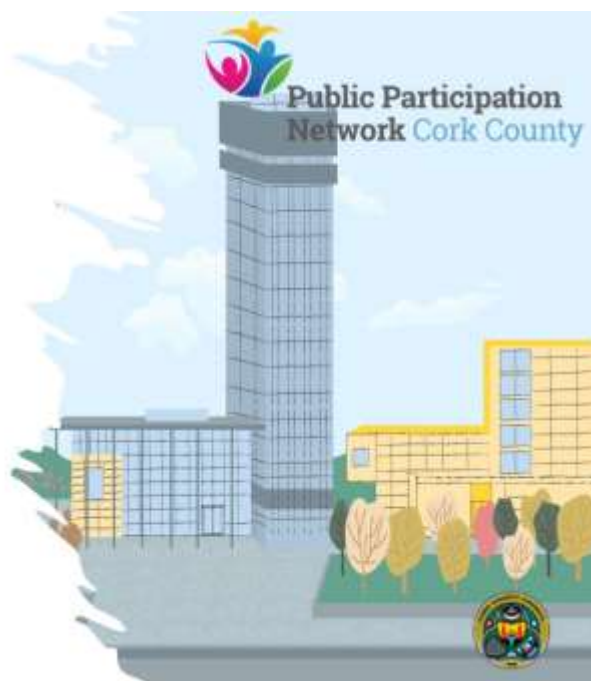



Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Vacancies Available!

Positions available across various committees :

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

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Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona Dhoaibh !



Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone !

17th March, 2025