



## **Public Participation Network Cork County**

### **E - Bulletin Newsletter 06/06/2025**

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 over 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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## Public Participation Network Cork County

### News & Events: Cork Summer Show 2025

**CORK SUMMER SHOW**  
A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!

Sat 14th and Sun 15th June 2025  
CORK SHOWGROUNDS,  
CURRAHEEN, CORK, T12AX2F

**FUN FAIR**  
• AGRICULTURE • RETAIL STALLS • HORTICULTURE & GARDEN ZONE  
• CATTLE • KIDS ZONE • FLORAL ART  
• SHOWJUMPING • FOOD DEMOS • ARTS, CRAFTS & BAKING  
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#### Location:

Munster Agricultural  
Society Showgrounds,  
Curraheen, T12 AX2F,  
Cork, Ireland

#### Promoting agriculture, industry, and science

- Skip the Traffic, hop on the **FREE Park and Ride** located at Ballincollig Shopping Centre, The Black Ash Park & Ride or the Curraheen Greyhound Stadium or use the **extended Bus Éireann 208 route**.

• **All Attendees will require a ticket to enter the Cork Summer Show Showgrounds.**

- CHILDREN UNDER 16 ARE FREE BUT THEY MUST HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL CHILD TICKET
- For further information see: [Cork Summer Show 2025 - Cork Summer Show](#)



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### Group of the Week : Cavernoma Ireland



## Cavernoma What is it?



- A cavernoma is made up of abnormal blood vessels, found mostly in the brain and spinal cord.
- Cavernomas have thin leaky cell walls. This can sometimes cause blood within the cavernoma to ooze into the surrounding tissue or within itself, enlarging the cavernoma. This can cause many symptoms.
- The hereditary form of cavernoma is recognised as a rare disease.
- Cavernoma is also known as: Cavernous Angioma, Cavernous Haemangioma or Cerebral Cavernous Malformation(CCM).



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😊 Let's raise awareness of cavernoma together! Thank you. [#CavernomaAwarenessMonth](https://www.cavernomaireland.com/#CavernomaAwarenessMonth)



## Have your say!

### Review of Policies & Procedures 2025

- These set out how the PPN operates.
- Essential that they effectively support the working of the PPN.
- They need to respond to change (internal or external).
- Review is to check this and give PPN member groups a chance to feed into their development.

#### For review:

Constitution	Gathering Signatures
Code of Conduct	Grievance Procedure
Complaints Procedure	Nomination Form
Dignity at Work	Plenary Standing Orders
Electoral Processes	Re-Registration Protocol
Email & Internet Usage	Representatives Reporting Template
Expectations & Responsibility of Committees with PPN Representative	Travel & Expenses Policy
Financial guidelines	Vulnerable Adults Policy

#### Aim of Review:

Ensure that these are all

- Fit for purpose
- Robust & comprehensive
- “joined up”
- Clear and unambiguous
- Up to date & any gaps are filled



**Timetable for Review:**

**1. PPN member group inputs**

✚ All policies are on the website - <https://corkcountyp pn.ie/resource/category/policies/>

✚ Inputs can be submitted direct to - [ppn@corkcoco.ie](mailto:ppn@corkcoco.ie)

✚ **Submissions can be made up to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**2. Policy Revision Member group inputs compiled**

All policies & procedures reviewed considering inputs, Departmental guidance, etc.

Draft revised policies made available ahead of Autumn Plenary for member feedback & any re-drafting completed.

Final draft policies and procedures submitted to Autumn Plenary for ratification.



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### **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.

**After our recent Plenary meeting, we are proposing four Linkage Groups:**

1. Housing, Planning, Transport and Community Safety
2. Arts, Community, Heritage and Tourism
3. Climate Change, Water and Environment
4. Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth, Enterprise & Recreation

Please let us know if your group would like to join to any of these Linkage Groups, by emailing [ppn@corkcoco.ie](mailto: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.



## Get involved! Secretariat Vacancies:

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.

### **Commitment Involved:**

The Secretariat role is voluntary and requires approximately two hours per month to attend meetings, which generally take place at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between in-person and online formats. Travel expenses for in-person meetings are reimbursed. Additional involvement may be required from time to time, such as participation in sub-groups or events.

This is a rewarding opportunity for individuals to contribute meaningfully to the social fabric of our communities. Secretariat members receive access to training and national events, develop key skills, and play a crucial role in shaping supports for community groups, particularly those representing marginalised voices.

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](mailto:PPN@corkcoco.ie) and we can have a chat with you about any of the roles available.





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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-pn-nominations/> or email [PPN@corkcoco.ie](mailto:PPN@corkcoco.ie).





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**#fundingfriday**



**Small Town, Big Difference**

The *Small Town, Big Difference* campaign highlights stories of community groups, organisations, clubs, schools, and societies across Ireland that are raising funds and creating meaningful impact for their local area through the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS).

Submit your story for the chance to win €2000 for your Community!

[Small Town, Big Difference - Re-Turn](#)

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## **Vhi Health & Wellbeing Fund Open for Applications**

**Vhi are partnering with the Irish Youth Foundation again this year to manage the 2025 Vhi Health & Wellbeing Fund.**

A fund of €85,000 is available to community-based projects and programmes that are focused on empowering young people aged 12-25 year under the following two focus areas:

1. The fund will support projects that seek to strengthen resilience in young people and help them manage anxiety, with the emphasis on early intervention and prevention. Projects may work directly with young people or with the adults that surround them.
2. The fund is looking to support projects in the six locations where Vhi have offices; **Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kilkenny and Limerick.**

To be eligible the applying organisation must:

- Work with young people aged between 12-25 years old
- Be a registered not-for-profit or charitable organisation
- The organisation must have a bank account set up in the name of the organisation
- Be registered in the Republic of Ireland and active in Ireland for the past 12 months
- The organisation must have a child protection policy in place.

### **Application Info**

Full information about this fund can be found on the IYF website:

<https://iyf.ie/vhi-health-and-wellbeing-fund-2025/>

**Deadline for applications:** Weds, 11 June 2025 @ 11.59pm.

*Note: applications for the fund must be made via the online grants portal (available via above link).*



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**Taighde Éireann  
Research Ireland**

## **Research Ireland Infrastructure Programme**

The Research Ireland Infrastructure Programme supports the research community in building and sustaining essential resources to conduct high-quality, innovative research across all disciplines. This programme recognises that robust research infrastructure is fundamental to advancing knowledge that contributes to Ireland's cultural, social, environmental and economic development.

For further information see : [Research Ireland Infrastructure Programme - Research Ireland](#)

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The [Benefact Group](#), does financial services differently – we give all available profits to charity and good causes.

The Movement for Good Awards is our annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in, and again this year we'll be donating over £1 million to charities and good causes.

**Nominate a charity : [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)**



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## **SES Community Fund**



### **Empowering Communities for a Sustainable Future**

#### **About the Fund**

The **SE Systems Community Fund** helps non-profits, charities, and voluntary organisations secure funding for projects that improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

Launched in 2022, the fund is designed to drive long-term community benefits by providing financial support, technical resources, and expert guidance. Through commercial contributions, the fund enables SE Systems to deliver impactful, energy-saving projects that lower costs, shrink carbon footprints, and build more resilient infrastructure for the future for community organisations across Ireland.

**Further information:** [SE Systems Community Fund - SE Systems](#)



## Training:

# Please Help Us Reduce Waste and Maximise PPN Resources

We regret we have to say this:

We're facing a challenge that impacts our ability to serve you, our fabulous PPN members, effectively, and we need your help.

Recently, we've seen a significant number of people who register for our free trainings and events but do not attend. For example:

- At our Spring Plenary on May 1st, only **50% of registered attendees showed up**. This resulted in a shameful amount of food waste, despite us sending attendees home absolutely laden down with leftovers.
- Just this week, **26 people registered** for our "Beginner's Guide to Facebook Ads" training, yet **only 3 logged in**.

While we understand that unforeseen circumstances can arise, this trend has serious implications for Cork County PPN. As the largest county in Ireland, Cork County PPN operates on the same budget as much smaller counties. This means our finances are already stretched.

We are committed to offering free, high-quality training to our PPN members. However, these trainings are not without cost to us; we pay trainers from our limited budget. When attendance is low, it means we're not making the best use of your PPN's money.

Earlier this year, we conducted a training needs analysis to ensure we're offering relevant topics at convenient times. The low attendance at recent events makes us question if we're meeting your needs as effectively as possible.

If we had known about the limited interest in the event, we could have postponed the training, reallocated funds, or even offered the training to other PPNs, allowing more groups to benefit.



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We kindly ask that you **only register for events and trainings if you are confident you can attend**. If you've registered and your plans change, please notify us as soon as possible.

This simple action will help us:

- **Minimise food waste** at future events.
- **Allocate our budget more effectively** to provide valuable resources.
- **Ensure that everyone who wants to participate has the opportunity.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





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## **Social Media for Community Engagement Training - 12 June 2025, 7PM online.**



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### **Register now:**

**Karen Twomey MA BSc**, who has a Masters in Public Relations and New Media, and brings with her a wealth of expertise in the field of digital marketing and online communications.

Karen will cover social media marketing across the various platforms –  
**Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.**

She will also show you how to create the best content using tools like **Chat GPT**.







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**We are delighted to be invite you to "Social Media for Community Engagement" Training , delivered by Karen Twomey of the Communications Hub.**

Karen Twomey MA BSc, who has a Masters in Public Relations and New Media, and brings with her a wealth of expertise in the field of digital marketing and online communications.

Karen lectures part-time in the Public Relations and New Media Masters course at Munster Technological University and delivers a QQI L5 course in Digital Marketing through Cork ETB. Additionally, she delivers tailored one-to-one and group training sessions to a diverse range of organisations throughout the year.

As a Mentor with the Local Enterprise Office, SECAD, and IRD Duhallow Clg, Karen offers guidance and support to entrepreneurs and also offers private mentoring services to clients seeking more personalised assistance in growing and maintaining an online presence.

Karen will cover social media marketing across the various platforms – Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.

She will also show you how to create the best content using tools like Chat GPT.

**Where:** Zoom

**When:** 12 June, 7PM

For further info: <https://www.communicationshub.ie/karen-twomey/>

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/251453629729365>



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### Consultations:



# RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Exploring the accessibility of Ireland's Deposit  
Return Scheme for online grocery shoppers

### WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

As part of my Masters in User Experience and Service Design, I am interested in hearing from online grocery shoppers about your personal experience with the Deposit Return Scheme.

**You are invited to participate in both parts of the study:**

#### Interview (online)

A 15 minute interview where you will be asked about your thoughts on the Deposit Return Scheme as an online grocery shopper.

#### Survey

An anonymous survey taking approximately 2-3 minutes to complete. Please scan the QR code below to access the survey.

### CONTACT

If you are open to participating in a short interview, please contact:

[niamh.flaherty@mycit.ie](mailto:niamh.flaherty@mycit.ie)

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## PCSA Policing Priorities Online Consultation - Have Your Say

The Policing and Community Safety Authority (PCSA) is the new oversight body for An Garda Síochána. The PCSA sets the Policing Priorities and these establish what we want the Gardaí to give the most attention and resources to, in order to deliver an effective policing service for you and to make people feel safe in their communities.

**The PCSA is currently reaching out to people and communities across Ireland to hear their views on what the Policing Priorities should be for An Garda Síochána for 2026-2028. As part of this consultation, we have launched an online consultation tool that allows you to spend 'points' on the areas of policing that you consider a priority. It will take about 10 minutes to complete, and there is a short, optional survey at the end.**

We want you to have your say by completing the Public Consultation and letting us know what areas of policing and community safety are most important to you.

[Click here](#) to start the consultation.

Anyone over the age of 16 years old can have their say. The online consultation will be open until 8 June 2025. Please feel free to tag us on socials or use the hashtags #PCSA #PolicingPriorities **#HaveYourSay**



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### Job Vacancies:



#### General Operative - Macroom MD

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on Friday, 13th June 2025.**

The online application form and further information is available by accessing either of the following links;

*Customer Portal:*

<https://www.yourcouncil.ie/AchieveForms>

To access this link you will need to have created and be logged into your customer portal account at [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie).