



## **Public Participation Network Cork County**

### **E - Bulletin Newsletter 16/05/2025**

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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### 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  
• EQUINE • HEALTH & WELLNESS • DOG SHOW  
• POULTRY • MOTORS ZONE • VINTAGE VEHICLES  
• SHEEP & GOATS • PIGS

**LIVE MUSIC**

**FOOD MARKET**

SAVE TIME BUY ONLINE

FREE PARK & RIDE

www.corksummershow.com

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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](#)

## 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**

**AIB COMMUNITY €1 MILLION FUND 2025 NOW ACCEPTING  
NOMINATIONS**

### The AIB Community €1 Million Fund is back for 2025!

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund enables customers, the public and our employees to support the local charities that matter most to them, within their region. The Fund supports charities across six regions in Ireland, Northern Ireland & Great Britain.

AIB will once again allocate €700,000 to charities chosen by its customers and the community, while €300,000 will be donated to charities chosen by employees.

The 2025 AIB Community €1 Million Fund will open for nominations from 14 May for six weeks, closing on 25 June.

**Full Details:** Visit the AIB website for full nomination info, including FAQs and Terms & Conditions - [AIB Community Fund](#).



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

### Minister Buttimer Announces Funding Call for Pilot Place-Based Philanthropy projects

- ***€600,000 fund available over three years for pilot place-based philanthropy projects.***
- ***A key objective of the National Philanthropy Policy 2024-2028 to promote Government and sectoral partnership.***
- ***Supporting community led projects that test innovative, co-funding approaches to addressing local issues.***

Minister of State for Rural and Community Development, Jerry Buttimer, today (Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May) announced a funding call for pilot place-based philanthropy projects.

This call is focussed on local projects that bring together community and philanthropic resources in a collaborative way to address key social issues. Funding will be provided on a 50:50 match funding basis, with up to €50,000 per annum available over three years for successful projects.

This call is a key action under the [National Philanthropy Policy for Ireland 2024-2028](#) aimed at promoting Government and philanthropic collaboration.

The call will provide funding to co-funded projects that address a local need or challenge, have a confirmed philanthropic partner and are able to demonstrate strong community involvement, cross sector collaboration and sustainable outcomes.

#### **Minister Buttimer said:**

“I am very pleased to launch this call for pilot place-based philanthropy projects. The Programme for Government affirms the Government’s commitment to progressing the National Philanthropy Policy which is aimed at growing philanthropy in Ireland.

“The Policy sets a clear vision – to create an environment that supports philanthropy and maximises its impact for the public good.

“And place-based giving is a major driver for philanthropists to give back to their local communities.



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“This call for pilot projects is a first step towards developing a framework for greater partnership and collaboration between government – both local government and national government - and the philanthropic community.”


Applications to this call must be led by a community development organisation or community- based group that has a confirmed philanthropic funding partner. Consultation and engagement with the relevant local authority will also be taken into consideration when assessing applications.

The closing date for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm. More information is available [here](#) on gov.ie.




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### Training:



ROCHTAIN

DEMOCRATISING ADVOCACY



### Political Communications and Advocacy Skills Workshop

The Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) with support from St.Stephen's Green Trust are delighted to offer a **free** online political communications and advocacy workshop on **Tuesday May 20 , 18:00-20:00**

This workshop is aimed at PPN members in the Munster area and will cover topics such as;

- *Understanding the political system*
- *Knowing when and how to effectively communicate with TDs and senators*
- *How to research and present information on your causes to enhance political impact*
- *Understanding your lobbying obligations*

To register for this free event please [click here](#).

More information on Rochtain can be seen by [clicking here](#).



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## Leadership and Volunteer Management Training

**We are delighted to be invite you to "Leadership and Volunteer Management" Training, delivered by Dr. Clodagh O'Reilly.**

Clodagh is a social enterprise practitioner turned academic researcher.

Along with being a qualified accountant, Clodagh has over 15 years' experience in leadership in the not-for-profit and social enterprise sector, both in Ireland and internationally. Clodagh has developed expertise across diverse areas, including community development, youth justice and creative arts. Her unique combination of financial acumen, governance knowledge, and practitioner experience gives her a holistic understanding of the broader social enterprise ecosystem.

Clodagh is passionate about the pivotal role that the charity sector can play in addressing complex challenges and shaping the future of Ireland.

**Register here:** [Leadership and Volunteer Management Training Evening - 29 May 2025, 7PM online.](#)



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## HYBES Co-Creation Café sessions

### HYBES VIRTUAL CO-CREATION CAFÉ



A collaborative, transnational interactive co-learning space to deepen understanding of replicating hybrid energy solutions in our towns and regions.

#### DISTRICT ENERGY PLANNING

With expert contributions by:

Umeå University (UmU)  
Umeå Municipality (Umeå)  
Nordland Research Institute (NRI)

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Time: 12–1.30pm (GMT+1)

Location: Zoom

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13587177142597aff=oddtcreator>

#### SOLAR ENERGY

With expert contributions by:

Environment and Energy Authority (UOS)  
Tórshavn Municipality (TK)

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Time: 11–12.30pm (GMT+1)

Location: Zoom

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13603016317997aff=oddtcreator>

#### EDUCATION & CIRCULARITY

With expert contributions by:

Fiona Zimmerman (Energy Living Lab @HES-SO,  
oPEN Lab project)  
Umeå Municipality (Umeå)  
NCE Insulation

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Time: 1–2.30pm (GMT+1)

Location: Zoom

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13603030159397aff=oddtcreator>



**Register here:** [HYBES CO-CREATION CAFE: DISTRICT ENERGY PLANNING Tickets, Mon, May 19, 2025 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[HYBES CO-CREATION CAFE: SOLAR ENERGY Tickets, Wed, May 21, 2025 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[HYBES CO-CREATION CAFE: EDUCATION AND CIRCULARITY Tickets, Fri, May 23, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



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## **The Wheel: What the European Accessibility Act Means For Your Organisation**

Join The Wheel for a must-attend session on the European Accessibility Act which comes into effect on 28 June 2025.

Learn what it is, how it impacts your organisation, and what steps you can take to prepare.

In this webinar you will

- Get a clear overview of the Act
- Understand its potential impact on Irish charities and other organisations
- Learn some practical steps to help become and remain compliant.

*Whether you're already working on accessibility or just starting the journey, this webinar will equip you with the key info you need to know.*

### **How to register**

- You can book places for yourself and/or colleagues by clicking the button below.
- This event will take place on Zoom.
- Closed captions can be enabled by participants.
- Please email [matthew@wheel.ie](mailto:matthew@wheel.ie) if you have any special requirements.

<https://www.wheel.ie/training/2025/06/what-european-accessibility-act-means-your-organisation>