



## **Public Participation Network Cork County**

### **E - Bulletin Newsletter 22/05/2025**

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

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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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Cork  
Volunteer Centre  
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Corcaigh

**27 May / Tuesday / 2:00-3:30pm**

**Dunmanway**

Family Resource Centre

# VOLUNTEER EXPO

*mini*

- learn about volunteering in West Cork
- meet local organisations
- apply for volunteer opportunities



If you have any questions, please contact  
Gosia at [gosia@volunteercork.ie](mailto:gosia@volunteercork.ie)

[volunteercork.ie](http://volunteercork.ie)





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*Pobal, in partnership with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communication (DECC), invite you to:*

## The Community Climate Action Programme (Strand 2) Research Launch and Project Showcase

**When:** Tuesday, 24 June 2025, 9.30am-2pm

**Where:** The Alex Hotel, Dublin

**Register** [here](#)

*Please outline any accessibility requirements you have in the form at your earliest convenience.*



### About:

As Strand 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme 'Climate Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing' draws to a close, this event aims to:

- Introduce and promote the use of the learning outputs (toolkits, guidance, accredited training, and innovative pilots/approaches) which have been collaboratively developed by the 19 funded projects and their partners to assist communities to take meaningful action on climate change.
- Launch and explore the findings of the Research Report '*Understanding how inclusive community-based climate action can be scaled up: A Process Evaluation of the Community Climate Action Programme Strand 2*'.

### Agenda:

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| 9.00  | Registration   |
| 9.30  | Project Showcase   |
| 10.00 | Welcome and Introduction   |
| 10.10 | CCAP (Strand 2) Programme and Projects   |
| 10.30 | Presentation of Research, Rachel Mulqueen, Research Author                         |
| 10.45 | Plenary Panel Discussion   |
|       | <u>Host:</u> Anna Shakespeare, CEO of Pobal  |
|       | <u>Panel:</u> Jennie Stephens, Professor of Climate Justice, Maynooth University   |
|       | Ali Sheridan, Chair of the Just Transition Commission                              |
|       | Seán McCabe, Spark Project, Bohemian Football Club                                 |
|       | Aoife Hammond, HomeWorks Project, Common Knowledge & the National LGBT Federation. |
| 11.30 | Research and Panel Q&A   |
| 11.45 | Meet the Projects  |
| 12.45 | Closing  |
| 13.00 | Project Showcase and Lunch   |



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## The CCAP (Strand 2) Programme

The 'Community Climate Action Programme Climate: Education Capacity Building and Learning by Doing' (Strand 2) is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

The aim of the CCAP (Strand 2) Programme to build capacity and know-how within communities to develop low carbon communities and further engage in climate action. The projects have worked in partnership with target groups for social inclusion such as disadvantaged families, people who are unemployed, and asylum-seekers and refugees amongst others to ensure that the toolkits, approaches and supports developed as part of this programme are relevant, accessible and will ultimately have impact.

## Further Information on the Event:

### The Research

This research is Pobal's first climate project under its new 2024 Research Strategy, an important flank of the nexus between climate justice and social inclusion. This research examines the factors that are critical to the success and scalability of inclusive community-based climate action projects. Authored by independent research consultant, Rachel Mulqueen, the research is based on a review of the international literature, as well as qualitative data collection with the grantees funded through CCAP (Strand 2).



### CCAP (Strand 2) Project Showcase & Meeting the Projects

This is the final year of implementation for the three-year CCAP (Strand 2). Each of the 19 funded projects have worked to develop and pilot learning outputs (toolkits, training programmes, apps, guidance, case studies etc.) which can be used by community groups to take action on climate change.

The projects range in scale from €60-€500k with implementation periods between 1.5-3 years, giving time to test and refine the learning outputs with communities. Implementors and their partners include large universities, NGOs and smaller community led organisations.

This event includes a showcase and an interactive session where participants will get the opportunity to meet and learn more about these projects including those developed by FoodCloud, The Rediscovery Centre, the National Women's Council with Community Work Ireland, and two projects hailing from Cloughjordan Ecovillage. Each of the projects have focussed on different aspects of community climate justice in themes such as food, energy, waste, circular economy and local environmental action.

Examples of learning outputs include: accredited training and toolkits for local food growing and food sharing projects; home energy reduction applications and approaches; a community climate cooperative pilot with a library of things and a green skills training; an approach for developing circular economy projects and enterprises; training and toolkit to utilise beaches and dunes as coastal protection, and the development of a feminist and community work analysis of climate justice; along with many more.

## Find Out More and Get In Touch!

### More information on the projects:

Available on Pobal's CCAP (Strand 2) webpage [here](#)

Email: [CCAP@Pobal.ie](mailto:CCAP@Pobal.ie)



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**Pobal**, in partnership with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications invite you to attend the Community Climate Action Programme (Strand 2) Research Launch and Project Showcase on the morning of Tuesday 24 June 2025 at the Alex Hotel, Dublin D02 H678

This climate conference will formally launch their new research project: 'Understanding how inclusive community-based climate action can be scaled up: A Process Evaluation of the Community Climate Action Programme Strand 2', authored by independent research consultant, Rachel Mulqueen.

Anna Shakespeare, CEO of Pobal will host a discussion with a panel of experts and community climate action implementers to explore the findings of the report.

The panel will include:

- Ali Sheridan, Chair of the Just Transition Commission
- Seán McCabe, The Spark Project in Bohemian Football Club
- Aoife Hammond, HomeWorks Project Common Knowledge & the National LGBT Federation
- Jennie Stephens, Professor of Climate Justice, Maynooth University

Finally, the morning will showcase the pilots, supports, toolkits, trainings, know-how and approaches that were developed collaboratively with target groups for social inclusion, and which will assist communities take meaningful action on climate change.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with and learn about the 19 projects.

It is hoped that it will support the wide dissemination and enhanced reach of the project's learning outputs (toolkits, training, pilots, case studies, innovative approaches etc.) which are designed to build the capacity of community groups to take action on climate change.

Tea and Coffee will be provided on arrival and lunch before the event closes.

Please see attached for further information on the day including the full agenda and register your attendance here - <https://ti.to/.../ccap-strand-2-research.../with/eswujsprcsi>



## 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://corkcountyppn.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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**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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ENTERPRISE**

## National Social Enterprise Awards 2025

The **National Social Enterprise Awards 2025** are now open for applications. The Awards showcase the impact of Ireland's social enterprise community, and celebrate the people and organisations that make it all happen.

The awards are organised by the Local Development Companies Network in collaboration with The Wheel, Social Enterprise Republic of Ireland and the Irish Social Enterprise Network.

Full details of the awards - <https://ildn.ie/themes/socialenterprise/> and how to register can be found here - <https://forms.office.com/Pages>

The awards are organised on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development, in line with Trading for Impact: The National Social Enterprise Policy 2024-2027.

The deadline to apply for the Awards 2025 is 27 June 2025.





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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](#)



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## AWS Imagine Grant U.K. & Ireland

*A public grant opportunity open to registered nonprofit charities who are using cloud technology to accelerate their missions*

### Grants for nonprofits

Our goal is to empower charitable organisations to prioritise technology as a mission-critical component of their projects by providing support for organisations pursuing technology-driven goals. As part of the programme, we are seeking proposals for pilot projects, proofs of concept, or existing programmes that utilise technology in a new or expanded way.

**Further information :** [AWS Imagine Grant for U.K. and Ireland Nonprofits | AWS](#)



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## **Training:**

# **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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## **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>





## Consultations



## 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:



Please note that the following positions are currently advertised:

- **25-035 Architectural Graduate**

Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is **4:00p.m. on Friday 6th June 2025.**

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

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



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### Mind yourself!

## Sun's Harmful UV Rays.

**Be aware of the daily UV Index outlined in weather reports.**

As we enter the summer months, it's important to remember the potential harm that can come from exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays. One of the most effective ways to protect yourself is by using sunscreen.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the energy that comes from the sun and can cause damage to our skin. There are two types of UV radiation that can affect us: UVA and UVB.

- UVA rays can penetrate deep into the skin and cause premature aging, wrinkles, and sunspots.
- UVB rays can cause sunburns and can be a major contributor to skin cancer.
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**Prolonged exposure to both UVA and UVB rays can lead to skin cancer, one of the most common forms of cancer in the Ireland.**

#### **To protect yourself from these harmful rays, we recommend the following:**

- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher, even on cloudy days.
- Apply sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going outside & reapply every 2 hours or after swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective clothing, such as long sleeves and hats.
- Seek shade, when possible, especially during the peak hours
- Use a lip balm with an SPF of 30 or higher to protect your lips.
- Be extra cautious near water, and sand, which can reflect UV rays and increase exposure.
- Check the UV index before going outside and adjust your precautions accordingly.
- Keep babies under six months old out of direct sunlight.
- Monitor your skin for changes and see a dermatologist if you notice anything unusual.

#### **Additional Advice on Checking Skin for Potential Cancers:**

- **Know your skin:** Become familiar with your skin and any moles or freckles you have.
- **Check your skin regularly:** Conduct regular self-examinations to check for any changes in your skin, including the appearance of new moles or changes to existing ones.
- **Use the ABCDE rule:** Look for asymmetry, irregular borders, changes in colour, diameter larger than a pencil eraser, and evolution (changes in size, shape, or colour over time).
- **Ask a partner or friend to help:** It can be difficult to see all areas of your skin, so ask someone you trust to help you check your back, neck, and other hard-to-see areas.
- **Keep track of changes:** If you notice any changes, take a photo and note the date so you can monitor any developments.



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- **See a GP or dermatologist if you notice any changes:** If you notice any changes to your skin or have concerns, make an appointment to see a dermatologist.
- **Get a professional skin exam:** Depending on your risk factors, a dermatologist may recommend regular professional skin exams.
- **Be proactive:** Protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays and take steps to minimize your risk of skin cancer.
- **Stay informed:** Stay up-to-date on the latest research and recommendations for preventing skin cancer.
- **Educate others:** Share this information with friends and family and encourage them to take steps to protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays.

It's important to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays to prevent premature aging and reduce the risk of skin cancer. Let's all do our part to stay safe in the sun.





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**The newsletter is a day early, because I am out of the office  
tomorrow- Noelle**