



Public Participation Network Cork County

E - Bulletin Newsletter 30/05/2025

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

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Cork
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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 : Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI)



DEMENTIA IS NOT SIMPLY A HEALTH
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REQUIRES A **COMMUNITY RESPONSE**!



A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people living with dementia,
their families and carers can live their lives well in an
understanding and supportive society.

HOW CAN YOU (AS AN INDIVIDUAL), YOUR BUSINESS, SPORTING CLUB
OR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION HELP CREATE A DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

Participate in one of the Dementia Awareness Workshops that will be run locally.
This will give you an insight into how your organisation can help to build a Dementia
Inclusive Community in your area today!

Book your place for the Dementia Awareness Workshop today!

- 📅 Wednesday, 11 June 2025
- 🕒 9:30am-11am or 12:30pm-2pm or 4:30pm-6pm or 7pm-8:30pm
- 📍 Macroom E-Enterprise Centre, Business Park, Macroom, P12 FV30
- 📞 Laura Curtin, Tel: 087 3736496 | Email: laura.curtin@alzheimier.ie

CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE

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- 📅 Thursday, 12 June 2025
- 🕒 11:30am to 1pm or 2:30pm to 4pm
- 📍 Mallow Library, 92 Thomas Davis Street, Mallow, Co. Cork, P51 TW10
- 📞 Laura Curtin, Tel: 087 3736496 | Email: laura.curtin@alzheimier.ie

An evening workshop will be hosted in The
Hibernian Hotel at 5:30pm.

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Dementia Awareness Workshops: Building More Inclusive Communities Together

Raising awareness of dementia is a key mission for the Friends of ASI in Macroom and Mallow, which is supported by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. To date, the groups have successfully hosted several dementia awareness workshops, reaching over 150 individuals from local businesses, sports clubs, and community organisations. Their commitment and passion have helped inspire a more compassionate, informed, and dementia-inclusive communities in County Cork.

Upcoming Workshops – Free to Attend

The next set of free Dementia Awareness Workshops will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday, 12th June 2025.



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Workshop Topics:

- Understanding Dementia
- Communicating Effectively
- Creating a Dementia Inclusive Community

Locations:

- Wednesday, 11th in Macroom E-Enterprise Centre - 9:30am-11am or 12:30pm-2pm or 4:30pm-6pm or 7pm-8:30pm
- Thursday, 12th June in Mallow Library - 11:30am to 1pm or 2:30pm to 4pm

Whether you're an individual, business owner, sports club committee member, or community organisation, these workshops offer practical insights on how to better support those living with dementia in County Cork.

Participants proudly display the 'Friends of ASI Dementia Inclusive Community' sticker — a visible sign of support, understanding, and inclusion for people living with dementia.

Reserve your place today and be part of creating a more inclusive community. Contact Laura Curtin, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Community Engagement Officer on 087 3736496 or email laura.curtin@alzheimer.ie.



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
- ✚ **Submissions can be made up to 1st 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.

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 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.





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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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**SOCIAL
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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Age Friendly IRELAND

Age Friendly Ireland is thrilled to announce that they are now open for applications to the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025. **Galway City Council** and **Galway County Council** are jointly hosting this year's event in **The Galmont Hotel, Galway, on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025.**

Again this year they have eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes:

- **Transport**
- **Active & Healthy Ageing**
- **Business Innovation**
- **Safety & Security**
- **Communications**
- **Environment**
- **Community Innovation**
- **Housing**

They are seeking innovative projects from across this range of areas that have real impact on the lives of older people and have the potential to be showcased and replicated. They will be welcoming initiatives at both local and national level.

Shortlisted projects will be visited by the judging panel across September and invited to Ireland's Age Friendly Recognition and Achievements Awards ceremony in Galway in October.

To apply please click on the link below:

[Application Form](#)

For more information, please visit the website:

[National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards](#)

Due to high demand, Age Friendly Ireland have decided to extend the closing date for applications for this year's National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025.

The closing date is now [Friday 6th June.](#)



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Training:

Beginners Guide to Facebook ads training - 4 June 2025, 7PM online.

We are delighted to be invite you to "Beginners Guide to Facebook Ads" Training, delivered by Andrew Parle.

Andrew Parle is founder of Social For Good Ireland and a seasoned paid digital fundraising specialist with an impressive track record spanning over two decades in both the commercial and non-profit fundraising sectors. Specialising in crafting strategic approaches, leveraging paid social advertising, PPC (Pay-Per-Click) campaigns and data analytics. Andrew's proficiency extends to managing campaigns across digital platforms, encompassing paid search endeavours on Google as well as comprehensive paid social initiatives.

Andrew lectures in Digital fundraising at the Charity Institute Ireland and is co-chair of their digital forum.

For further info: <https://socialforgood.ie/digital-fundraising-for-charities-and-nonprofits/>

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/251452687607363>



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

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.

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

SCAN
HERE FOR
SURVEY





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>

- **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.



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PPN News

Cork Volunteer Expo



We had a fabulous day on Wednesday 28 May, at the Cork Volunteer Centre's first annual Volunteer Expo !

Pictured is Nina, one of the organisers of the event, and she's also one of our incredible SPC Representatives, on our Tourism SPC.

I persuaded Nina to take a few minutes to hang out with a gorgeous Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Ambassador Dog ! (I worked with IGDB in a previous life !)



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We had the opportunity to tell people all about the work of the PPN, and we were lucky to network with amazing organisations across the City & County.

We have been inspired. The creative juices are flowing. Big ideas are in the works – Watch this space !! 😊