



Public Participation Network Cork County

E - Bulletin Newsletter 27/06/2025

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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News & Events:

CAMDEN FORT MEAGHER

FAMILY FUN WEEK: SUNDAY 6TH - SUNDAY 13TH JULY

DAILY PROGRAM

10:30AM - 11:30AM
ARTS & CRAFT

11:30AM - 12:30PM
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

12:30PM - 1:00PM
GAMES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

1:30PM - 2:00PM
GAMES FOR OLDER CHILDREN

2:30PM - 3:30PM
ARTS & CRAFT



11TH JULY IS
FESTIVAL FRIDAY

11:30AM - 3:30PM
FACE PAINTING

1:00PM - 3:00PM
MAGIC SHOW

SCAVENGER HUNT

FOLKLORE STORIES

10AM - 5PM DAILY TICKETS: €8 ADULTS | €5 CHILD
CAFE ON SITE



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

**Camden Fort Meagher are holding a Family fun Week from 6 - 13 July
with a family festival on Fri 11th of July!**



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Cork Volunteer Centre



July 1 / Tuesday / 10:30-12:30 / Clonakilty Library



Contact: Gosia@volunteercork.ie for details / to book your meeting



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Your Council Day 2025

Rialtas Áitiúil Éireann
Local Government Ireland

Building Stronger Communities

Your Council supports
communities where
people can connect and
shape the future together.

#YourCouncilDay

Cork County Council will join local authorities across Ireland on Friday, 27 June to mark Your Council Day, a national campaign promoting the vital work of city and county councils and the people behind the services that support our communities every day.

Your Council Day is an opportunity to showcase the wide range of services councils provide - from community spaces and planning to local democracy and economic development.

This year's theme, **Building Stronger Communities**, highlights how local authorities foster environments where people feel connected, supported, and empowered to thrive.

The public is encouraged to follow the day's events on Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn, and join the conversation using the hashtags #YourCouncilDay and #DoLáSaChomhairle.

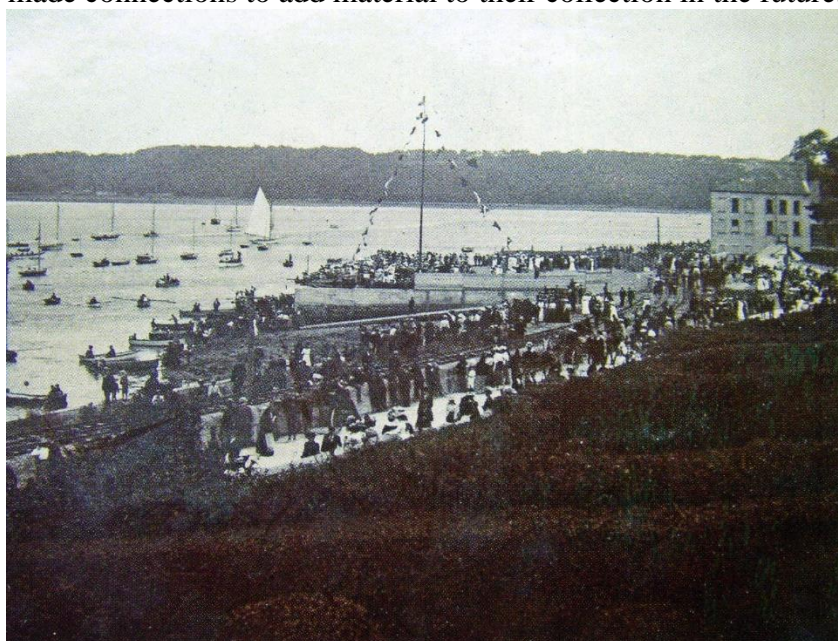


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Group of the Week: Monkstown Community Heritage Group

On Sunday last, 2 June, a Summer Feast was held in Charlie Hennessy Park.

The Monkstown Community Heritage Group took the opportunity to display photos from 100 years ago, with maps and old Monkstown publications. The group reports that they have made connections to add material to their collection in the future.



Final Chance to 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.

One of our **Environment, Climate & Biodiversity** reps, Raffaella Valenti, wrote the below about her experience as an SPC rep and the importance of Linkage Groups:



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](#)



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- 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



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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Consultations:



Thank you to all those who have engaged with the ongoing consultation to inform development of Our Rural Future 2026-2030.

If you made it to one of the recent events, well done on your contribution to the discussion and your interest in shaping the next phase of rural development policy in Ireland.

If you weren't able to attend an event, or if you'd like to contribute further, there will be an online consultation event on Tuesday, 8 July 2025. This will offer a further opportunity to have your say.

You can find more information below. Participants should register for this event by clicking the link below and registering through the Eventbrite page as soon as possible, as places are limited.

What: Our Rural Future Public Consultation Meeting

When: Tuesday 8 July 2025 , 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Where: Online

Register here: [Public Consultation Meeting - ONLINE Tickets, Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 2:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



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European
Commission

Social economy action plan – mid-term review

Summary: The European Commission adopted the action plan on the social economy in 2021. The actions plan's time horizon is until 2030.

This mid-term review will:

- assess the progress made to date
- identify new developments.

Topic: Employment and social affairs

Feedback period: 22 May 2025 - 16 July 2025

Find further information, and make a submission here : [Social economy action plan – mid-term review](#)



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PPN News: Cork Summer Show

We in Cork County PPN had a fabulous weekend earlier this month at the Cork Summer Show!

Formerly of this Parish, ex- PPN Support Worker, Patrick Buckley advised me not to stand up or hide my DELICIOUS Bueno Cookie for this picture, as it gives a better sense of the fun and games. Thanks for that Patrick!!!!



Thank you to everyone who came up to say hello! Big thank you to our Secretariat Members, Ena Howell (Housewife of the Century!!), Tom Howard (Pillar of the Community!!) and Liam McCarthy (“The Oracle”) for supporting us over the two days!

My favourite picture from the weekend, must be County Mayor, Joe Carroll, doing what I can only assume was an Elvis impersonation! 😊



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No newsletter next week folks, I am on Annual from 30 June – 4 July !