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E - Bulletin Newsletter 16/10/2026

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 **almost** 800 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,

Anthony & Noelle xx



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News & Events:

Winter Plenary



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Cork County PPN WINTER PLENARY

Connect | Discuss | Shape a Stronger Cork



**Thursday
29th October**



7:00 PM



Online (Zoom)



PPN Updates



Networking & Discussion



Opportunities for
Member Engagement



Questions & Feedback Session



GUEST SPEAKER
Louise Weir
University of Galway

The event will begin with an engaging presentation from University of Galway lecturer, **Louise Weir**.

A timely and thought-provoking session you won't want to miss!

ALL WELCOME

PPN Members and members of the public are invited to attend.



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

We are delighted to invite you to the **Cork County PPN Winter Plenary**, taking place online on **Thursday 29 October at 7.00pm**.



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The evening will kick off with what promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking presentation from **Louise Weir, University of Galway lecturer**.

The plenary will also provide an opportunity to:

- Hear the latest PPN updates
- Connect with fellow community representatives
- Share feedback and ideas for future PPN activities

Date: Thursday 29 October

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Online (Zoom)

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/x8wOFi2MQhKTq9WPlgX-Aw#/registration>

Whether you are a long-standing member or newly involved with the PPN, we encourage you to attend and have your voice heard.

All welcome. Members of the public are also invited to attend.

On the night: We will look to fill some of our remaining vacancies –

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Economic Development & Enterprise SPC VACANCY

**Represent your sector.
Shape local policy. Make a difference.**

- Have your voice heard**
- Support local enterprise**
- Boost jobs & opportunity**
- Build connections**

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stronger
communities



Help shape
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Arts, Culture & Language SPC VACANCY

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Support
the Arts



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connections



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new skills

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Cork County PPN is currently seeking nominations to fill **four vacancies across three Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)**:

- **Economic Development & Enterprise SPC** – 1 vacancy
- **Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC** – 2 vacancies
- **Arts, Culture & Language SPC** – 1 vacancy

This is an opportunity to have a real voice in shaping local policy across Cork County and to ensure that the perspectives of community groups are reflected in local decision-making.

SPCs play an important role in advising and assisting the Council in the development, review and implementation of policy.

As a PPN representative, you will:

- Ensure the voices and experiences of community groups are heard in local policy discussions.
- Help influence decisions that affect communities across Cork County.
- Represent the interests and priorities of the Community and Voluntary sector.
- Build valuable relationships with councillors, council officials and stakeholders from other sectors.
- Develop your knowledge of local government and policy-making.
- Gain experience in advocacy, representation and leadership.

What support is available?

- Meetings take place approximately four times per year, with the option to attend online or in County Hall.
- Travel expenses are reimbursed.
- New representatives will be supported by experienced PPN representatives serving on the SPCs.
- Cork County PPN will provide training, mentoring and development opportunities to support you in your role.

Interested?

If you would like to play a part in shaping policy and decision-making in Cork County, or if you have any questions about these roles, please get in touch.

The SPC nomination form is available here:

<https://corkcountyppn.ie/cork-county-ppn-nominations/>



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SECRETARIAT VACANCIES

**Represent your community.
Help shape local policy.**

- Have your voice heard
- Work with diverse groups
- Make a positive impact
- Build connections

Current Vacancies:

- 2 x Vacant seats**
Carrigaline Municipal District
- Vacant seat**
East Cork Municipal District
- Vacant seat**
Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District
- Vacant seat**
Macroom Municipal District
- 2 x Vacant seats**
Environmental Electoral College

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In particular 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 nomination form is available here:

<https://corkcountypn.ie/cork-county-ppn-nominations/>



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Take note: Member Database Re-registration 2027



Cork County PPN will be carrying out a full member database update in the new year. While an update was initiated earlier this year, engagement levels were lower than anticipated. To ensure our records remain accurate and compliant with national requirements, all member groups will be asked to complete a simple re-registration process.

In line with PPN National Guidelines and GDPR requirements, all member organisations must re-register to confirm their details and consent to remain on our database. This helps ensure that your group continues to receive information on funding opportunities, consultations, training, events, and other news relevant to the community and voluntary sector.

The process should be straightforward. Member groups will receive a link to an online form and will be given several weeks to complete it. Groups that do not complete the re-registration process will be removed from the database, which may affect access to PPN supports and benefits, including insurance schemes, grants, training opportunities, and participation in PPN activities.

Re-registration will also provide an opportunity to review and update your organisation's contact details and other relevant information. If your group is no longer active or no longer wishes to be a member of the PPN, there will be an option to opt out, and your records will be updated or removed accordingly.

We encourage all member groups to begin reviewing their contact details now to ensure a smooth re-registration process in the new year and to help us maintain an accurate and up-to-date membership database.



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Cork Pop Up Volunteer Centre



**Cork
Volunteer Centre**
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Corcaigh

POP UP VOLUNTEER CENTRE YOUGHAL LIBRARY

**3RD NOVEMBER
TUESDAY
10:30-12:30**



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Speak 1:1 with Cork Volunteer Centre staff
- Find out more about the services Cork Volunteer Centre provides to volunteers and non-profit organisations
- Register as a volunteer and apply for volunteer opportunities
- Advice on recruiting and managing volunteers for community groups



Any questions? Contact: gosia@volunteercork.ie



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Footsteps by the Pier



Breathing in your surroundings,
the beauty of sea, sand and
nature while walking from
The Celtic Ross Hotel to
Rosscarbery Pier.



**West Cork
Feel Good
Festival**



**CELTIC
ROSS
HOTEL**

Clonakilty Community Resource Centre and Rosscarbery Social Services Centre Ltd have collaborated again this year to bring Footsteps by the Pier to the West Cork Feel Good Festival.

Registration is open from 10.30am on Wednesday 21st October at the Celtic Ross Hotel, walk starts at 11am.



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Forever is Now – Climate Documentary Screening



Forever is Now is a new climate documentary offering a fly-on-the-wall look inside Dáil Éireann and exploring Irish politics, democracy, climate action and the personal impact of public life.

The film opens in Irish cinemas **Friday, 16 October**, with a screening at the **Omniplex in Cork** followed by a **Q&A with director Neasa Ní Chianáin on 17 October**. A limited number of **free tickets** are also available for young people aged 18–25.

Find out more:

[Watch the trailer](#) | [Screening locations](#)

Irish Grants and Supports Website



Irish Grants & Supports

Finding out what help is out there in Ireland is far harder than it should be, with grants scattered across dozens of government websites. The site cuts through all of that and gives people one place to find the grants they may qualify for, with a link straight to the official page.

How it works

- Describe your situation in plain words, for example “I’m a carer for my mother” or “our community group wants to do up the hall”. The site lists the supports that fit, with a short summary of each.
- Or browse by topic: home energy, carers, older people, children and families, housing, farming, business, arts and community groups.
- Every result links to the official government page, so you apply directly with the body that runs the scheme.
- There are over 400 different supports available.

Who it helps

Individuals and families, pensioners and carers, and the community and voluntary groups trying to find funding for their work. It’s free, there’s no sign-up and it never asks for personal details.

The Instagram community is growing with over 25k followers where I update them with changes, new grants and other good to know information.

Website: [irishgrantsandsupports.ie](https://www.irishgrantsandsupports.ie)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/irishgrantsandsupport/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/irishgrantsandsupports>

Contact: hello@irishgrantsandsupports.ie



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**An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe
agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta**
Department of Rural and Community
Development and the Gaeltacht

PPN Stakeholder Training

We would like to remind you that the online only self-paced videos programme for PPN stakeholders has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only training and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

- PPN Workers
- PPN Secretariat Members
- PPN Representatives
- PPN Member Groups
- Local Authority Staff
- Elected Councillors

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link : [Register for Training | Social Justice Ireland](#)



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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.



Current Vacancies:

2 x Vacant seats – Carrigaline Municipal District

Vacant seat – East Cork Municipal District

Vacant seat – Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District

Vacant seat – Macroom Munciple District

2 x Vacant seats – Environmental Electoral College

[Cork-County-Secretariat-Nomination-form](#)

Further vacancies:

SPC Vacancies:

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC: 1 seat vacant

Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC: 2 seats vacant

Arts, Culture & Language SPC: 1 seat vacant

Please submit your nomination by completing this form:

[Cork-County-SPC-Nomination form final](#)

LCDC Vacancies:

- **North Cork** (1 Social Inclusion vacancies)

Please submit your nomination by completing this form:

[Cork-County-LCDC-Nomination-form](#)



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Free Online Training for Community Groups: Fundraising & Grant Applications

As we head into Q4, that time of year is coming – the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP), the Municipal District Community Fund Scheme, etc – they will all be reopening for applications between now and early January 2027, and we want to ensure you are prepared!

Carmichael.

Making Funding Applications & Committee Work Easier

Would you like to save time on funding applications, committee administration, and everyday communications? This practical online workshop will introduce community groups to free AI tools that can help take some of the pressure out of administrative tasks and make it easier to focus on what matters most.

During this interactive session, participants will learn how to:

- Use AI safely and responsibly in a community and voluntary setting
- Write effective prompts that produce useful, tailored results
- Draft and strengthen funding application responses
- Turn rough notes and ideas into clear, well-written content
- Create agendas, minutes, letters, newsletters and event plans more efficiently
- Access free AI tools that can continue supporting their work long after the training ends

The session is designed to be hands-on and practical. Participants will leave with new skills, reusable prompts, and a draft piece of work developed during the workshop that they can adapt for their own organisation.

Before the session: Participants should create a free ChatGPT or Gemini account in advance and be ready to log in on the day, allowing more time to focus on learning and practical exercises.



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When: 9 November , 7:30PM

Format: Online via Zoom (1.5 hours)

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Facilitator

Adarsh Varghese, founder of Spangg Digital and a former Google and Meta employee, brings more than 20 years of industry experience. Adarsh has worked with organisations of all sizes across sectors including education, health, sport, community development, retail, hospitality, manufacturing and financial services.

Whether your group is completely new to AI or simply curious about how it can support your work, this session will provide practical tips and tools that can be put to use straight away.

Places are limited and demand is expected to be high, so early registration is advised – email ppn@corkcoco.ie to reserve your spot.



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Additionally, Cork County PPN is delighted to offer a series of **four practical online training sessions** delivered by experienced community development consultant **Tom O'Leary**. These **interactive workshops** will provide tools, templates and practical guidance to help your group secure funding and plan successful fundraising initiatives.

oladc.ie

O'LEARY & ASSOCIATES

Sessions 1 & 2: Fundraising Skills for Community Groups

Learn how to develop a fundraising strategy, identify new income opportunities, engage sponsors, and plan effective fundraising campaigns. Topics include budgeting, online fundraising, sponsorship, marketing and campaign evaluation.

 **Monday 23rd November** | 7.30pm - 9.00pm

 **Tuesday 24th November** | 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Sessions 3 & 4: Preparing Grant Applications

Gain practical skills to identify suitable funding opportunities and prepare strong grant applications. The training will cover needs analysis, application planning, funder requirements, scoring systems, procurement guidelines and online application processes.

 **Tuesday 1st December** | 7.30pm - 9.00pm

 **Wednesday 2nd December** | 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Who should attend?

Community and voluntary groups, residents' associations, local projects and anyone involved in fundraising or applying for grants on behalf of a community organisation.

Booking details will be issued shortly. Spaces are limited, so early registration is encouraged – we will circulate the registration link in the coming weeks.



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Additional Free Nonprofit Training Webinars:

The Deloitte logo is displayed in white text on a black rectangular background. The word "Deloitte" is in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a small green dot.

As part of Deloitte Impact Month 2026, Deloitte Ireland and Business in the Community Ireland are offering a series of free online webinars for charities, community groups and NGOs. Topics include AI, wellbeing, workforce development, project management and the EU AI Act. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information: [Deloitte Impact Month 2026 - Learning & Development Webinars for the Irish Nonprofit Sector this October - The Wheel](#)

#fundingfriday

Circular Communication Grants 2026



[Circular.ie](https://circular.ie) launches €100,000 grant fund for Irish community groups

- *Circular.ie Communication Grants 2026 invite applications from circular initiatives nationwide*
- *Three tiers of funding available to organisations in Ireland - €1,000, €5,000 and €10,000*
- *Applications open until November 9, 2026 at [Circular.ie](https://circular.ie)*

Circular.ie, Ireland's national platform for circular economy funded by the Government of Ireland under the Circular Economy Fund, has today launched its 2026 Circular.ie Communication Grants programme, with €100,000 in funding available to help



community-led circular initiatives across Ireland amplify their work and reach more people.

The grants are aimed at groups and organisations already involved in circular activities in their communities, to help them invest in communications and marketing that will raise awareness of their work, increase participation, and encourage more people to embrace circular living. Local upcycling workshops, community repair cafés, refill projects, and tool-sharing are among the types of initiatives that may be eligible to apply. Applications are open to non-profit organisations, community groups and recognised social initiatives based in Ireland with a circular approach that delivers social, cultural or environmental benefits.

Three options are open to eligible applicants:

- A €1,000 grant to support communications and marketing activities that strengthen an initiative's physical presence,
- A €5,000 grant to support initiatives looking to expand their digital presence,
- A €10,000 grant to support more established initiatives looking to scale their communications and reach.

Welcoming the launch, Minister of State at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment with special responsibility for the Circular Economy Alan Dillon said: "Across Ireland, community groups and organisations are finding different ways to keep products in use for longer, prevent waste and make circular living part of everyday life. The Circular.ie Communication Grants provide an opportunity to help these initiatives communicate their impact and encourage more people to participate in the circular economy."

Eibhlin Fitzpatrick, Community Manager, Circular.ie said: "Some of the most exciting circular activity in Ireland is happening at a community level, from renting and upcycling to repair and reuse. These grants are about helping the people behind that work tell their stories and get more engagement. We want to hear about circular initiatives from right across the country, where the funding can strengthen how they communicate and promote that work."

Circular.ie will also host an online information webinar for prospective applicants, led by Eibhlin, to provide information on the Circular.ie Communication Grants programme,



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including eligibility, the application process and how the funding can be used. The webinar will take place on 22nd October 2026, to register, visit [here](#).

Applications for the 2026 Circular.ie Communication Grants are open until November 9 2026, with winners announced on December 7 2026. For more information and to apply, visit

[Circular.ie/articles/apply-for-a-grant](https://circular.ie/articles/apply-for-a-grant).

Last year's [Circular.ie](#) Communication Grants recipients can be viewed [here](#).



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RETHINK IRELAND

AI for Good Fund – Funding Opportunity for Non-Profit Organisations

Rethink Ireland has launched the **AI for Good Fund**, a €1.75 million initiative designed to help not-for-profit organisations across Ireland explore and adopt artificial intelligence to strengthen their work, support communities, and drive social innovation. The fund is being delivered in partnership with Google.org and the **Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht** under the **Dormant Accounts Fund**.

Up to 30 organisations will be selected to take part in an AI Accelerator Programme and will receive:

- A cash grant of up to **€15,000**
- AI training and upskilling opportunities
- Tailored non-financial supports to assist their AI adoption journey

The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations that have identified an organisational challenge or opportunity that could be addressed through AI and have staff interested in developing AI skills with leadership support. Applications are open until **9 November 2026**.

Rethink Ireland is also hosting free online application clinics to provide guidance on eligibility and the application process:

- **21 October 2026, 12.00pm**

For full details and application information, visit the [Rethink Ireland website](#).



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#OurEUStory Awards Are Now Open!

Irish organisations involved in EU-funded projects are being encouraged to enter the **#OurEUStory Awards 2026**, which celebrate the positive impact of EU funding on communities and organisations across Ireland. Marking their fifth anniversary, the awards showcase inspiring stories of how EU-funded initiatives have delivered real benefits and helped organisations achieve their goals.

To enter, organisations are invited to create a short video of up to 140 seconds highlighting their EU-funded project and share it on LinkedIn and/or Facebook using the hashtag **#OurEUStory**. Entries must also be submitted through the online application form by **5.00pm on 23 October 2026**.

The competition offers cash prizes of **€1,000 for first place** and **€500 each for second and third place**, with winners to be announced at the **#OurEUStory Awards Ceremony** in December.

Further information: [#OurEUStory Awards Are Now Open! - The Wheel](#)



NTR Wind & Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds 2026 Now Open

Community groups located near NTR wind farms are invited to apply for funding through the NTR Wind & Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds, which are now open and will accept applications until **Friday, 13 November 2026**.

Funding is available for a wide range of community projects, with a particular focus on **Youth Facilities and Services** for applicants in the Boolard & Rathnacally area of County Cork.

Support is also available for larger multi-annual community infrastructure projects. Further information, guidance notes and the online application form can be found via the Community Benefit Funds website.

For more details and to apply, visit [NTR Community Benefit Funds](#).

If you previously registered, you should [log in](#) using the same username and password to apply for the 2026 Fund. If you have lost or forgotten your password, please use the ["Forgot Password"](#) feature or contact SECAD for assistance. New users should [register](#) before applying.

Please don't hesitate to contact **SECAD** if you need any help or assistance with your application. If there are any other community groups in your area that you feel may be interested in finding out about the NTR Wind Farm Community Benefit Funds, please don't hesitate to pass along these details and contact information.

Further information and the Online Application Form can be found at www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/ntr



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Consultations:



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Research in Ireland 2026 Barometer – Invitation to Participate

The Wheel, in partnership with **Research Ireland**, is inviting community and voluntary organisations to contribute to the **Research in Ireland 2026 Barometer**, a national initiative exploring how people across Ireland experience research in their everyday lives. The project aims to capture lived experiences and broaden participation in research through a community-focused approach.

To ensure the voices of the community and voluntary sector are represented, The Wheel is hosting a series of online discussions on themes including disability, education and lifelong learning, and rural communities.

- **27 October, 10am–11am:** Disability Research
- **27 October, 2pm–3pm:** Education & Lifelong Learning Research
- **28 October, 10am–11am:** Research with and for Rural Groups

Registration closes **Friday, 23 October**, and meeting links will be provided to registered participants. [Register your interest](#)

Survey on Barriers to Accessing Bank Accounts for Small Community Groups

We are interested in learning more about any barriers that small community groups faced when trying to open bank accounts. They usually need them in order to apply for and receive small grants and funds. The survey is short and not too onerous. We would appreciate if you could share with your relevant networks please.

The survey is here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVCFB9S>



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Public Consultation on the Future of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Salmon

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment has launched a public consultation on the future management, protection and recovery of Ireland's wild Atlantic salmon. The consultation follows a review by Inland Fisheries Ireland, which found salmon stocks are in serious and sustained decline, with returns falling from over one million annually in the 1970s to fewer than 200,000 in recent years. Atlantic salmon are now classified as "near threatened" globally. The consultation seeks views on a package of precautionary measures for the 2027 fishing season, as well as longer-term actions on habitat, water quality, migration barriers and monitoring.

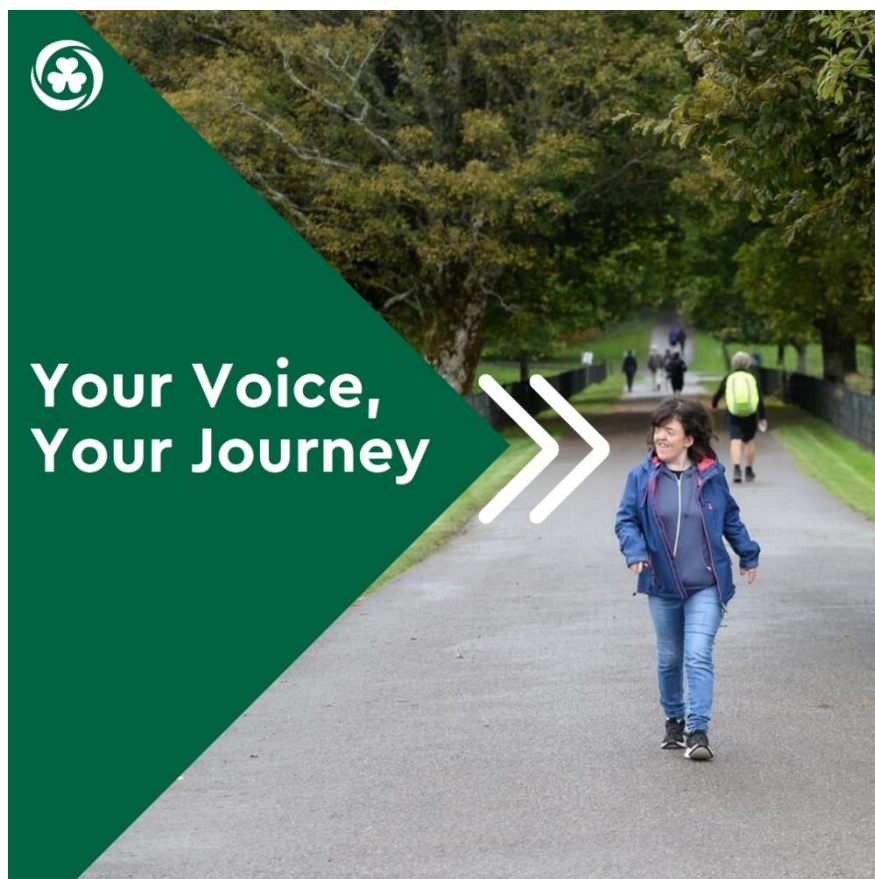
The consultation closes at 5.30pm on Friday, 30 October. [Consultation Page.](#)





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Final Weeks: Help Shape the Future of Accessible and Inclusive Tourism in Ireland



Fáilte Ireland's *Your Voice, Your Journey* Visitor Consultation is open until **29 October**.

The consultation invites people across Ireland to share their experiences and expectations of accessible and inclusive tourism, helping to identify barriers, opportunities and priorities for future tourism development.

Survey link: [Fáilte Ireland Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Survey](#)