

Clare PPN's first ever Green Shoots Gathering/ Social Media Training for Community Groups/ Community Grants Scheme from Waterways Ireland.

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The image is a promotional poster for an event. It features a background of vibrant green grass. Overlaid on this are several colored rectangular boxes containing text. At the top, a yellow box contains the text 'Clare PPN invites you to'. Below that, a purple box contains the event title 'GREEN SHOOTS GATHERING' in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title, a blue box contains the subtitle 'An environmental get-together' and the date and time 'November 27th from 10.30 -17.45 PM'. A green box below that contains the venue 'Glor Theatre Ennis'. A pink box contains the event URL 'https://greenshootsenvironmentalgathering.eventbrite.ie'. A light blue box contains contact information 'For more info sarah@clareppn.ie /087-1617375'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Clare Public Participation Network' with a circular icon.

Dear Members,

We are delighted to announce this fabulous event and hope that those from our environmental pillar and others with an interest will attend the event. Please read further on down the e-mail for news of social media training and of a community grants scheme.

Clare Public Participation Network invites you to

‘Green Shoots Gathering’

Glor Theatre on Sunday 27th November from 10.30 AM -5.45 pm

What is it? A family friendly environmental get together with talks, workshops, entertainment and a screening of Richard O’Donnell’s award winning documentary Atlantic

Who is it for? While everyone is welcome to attend we would like to specially invite County Clare based environmental and community groups and there will be space available to display their materials or information to those attending. People wishing to set up displays should please arrive at Glor at 10.00 am

Tickets are **FREE!** but must be booked in advance at this link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clare-ppns-green-shoots-gathering-tickets-29379432674>

What's happening on the day?

Soundbites Session:

The first twelve groups to email thereseadonohoe@gmail.com will be invited to take part in our '**SOUNDBITES SESSION**' in the Studio Theatre where they will give a five minute public interview in front of a live audience about their group's aims and activities to a journalist: No pressure!!

Resource Wars:

A panel discussion and Q&A on some resources available in County Clare to Community Environmental Groups from:

- **Gloria Callinan, LEADER Programme Coordinator.**
- **Karen Foley, Clare County Council's Environmental Awareness Officer.**
- **Pat Stephens, Director of the Limerick Clare Energy Agency.**

Entertainment from Little John Nee



Thinking Differently:

A series of three 20 minute introductory talks on :

Food Sovereignty from Emanuel Russo Coordinator of www.neyeleni.org



Climate Economics from Professor Terrence McDonough of NUIG



Sustainable Energy Communities from Dr Orla Nic Suibhne of UCD and SEAI Ireland



A special screening of award winning documentary Atlantic with Director Richie O'Donnell

<http://www.theatlanticstream.com/>



Children are most welcome at this event though they are the sole responsibility of their parents or guardians while they attend and there will be a separate area for them if required where they can take part in some supervised light-hearted environmentally-themed activities. Please let us know if there are children coming with you by selecting a child ticket when booking so we can make sure we have enough materials for them.

And there is such a thing as a free lunch: Glor Theatre's fabulous cafe Raviolo Verde will be providing lunch and refreshments for all ticket holders.

Enquiries about this event should be directed to sarah@clareppn.ie /087-1617375

Volunteers to participate in the Soundbites Session should contact theresaodonohoe@gmail.com / 089-4798417

Training opportunity for Clare PPN Members:



Training: Effective Social Media for Community and Voluntary Groups

November 29th The Old Ground Hotel 10.30 – 3.30pm with Martina Neylon of Miword Training

To reserve a place phone Martina on 087-1257208 or email Mart@miword.com

Clare PPN is delighted to be able to offer a free workshop on using social media for community groups to its members. This course which will take place on 29th November in the McGuire Suite of The Old Ground Hotel in Ennis will run from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm and will be pitched at an introductory level and delivered by the very experienced and patient Martina Neylon so if you want to learn how get the best out of your social media accounts this course is for you. **All attendees must bring their own wi-fi enabled laptop or tablet.**

There are only ten places on this training so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Waterways Ireland Community Grants Scheme

Waterways Ireland is delighted to announce the launch of its 2017 Heritage in the Community Grants Programme in support of the [Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020](#).

A fund of €20,000 has been allocated to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is the 31st January 2017 (by email or post). For more information and the online booking form see this link: <http://www.waterwaysireland.org/Pages/News-Details.aspx?news-id=195>



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