
Welcome to the Clare PPN newsletter for April 2018. If you would like information included in future newsletters please send it to newsletter@clareppn.ie

General Data Protection Training (GDPR) with Clare PPN

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is the most important change in data privacy regulation in 20 years. It was designed to harmonize data privacy laws across Europe, to protect and empower all EU citizens data privacy and to reshape the way organizations across the region approach data privacy.

It applies to all organisations (including community and voluntary) that hold the personal data of people residing in the European Union.

Clare PPN with Clare Local Development Company are running an information evening on **Wednesday 18th April** to demystify GDPR and give practical, step-by-step guidelines to ensure compliance for the community and voluntary sector.

FREE OF CHARGE

To book please email: admin@clareppn.ie or call 087 1617375
10 places - first come, first served

Social Inclusion Workshop April 20th 2018

The Old Ground Hotel 11 am- 1.30 pm.

Community Work Ireland and the European Anti-Poverty Network invite you to a facilitated workshop on the theme of Social Inclusion in a Changing Environment. Registration in advance is required so please email: info@communityworkireland.ie to reserve a place.

The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate groups working in Clare to input to the national Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) which takes place this year on May 10th 2018. Each year CWI and EAPN organise preparatory workshops each year to support participation at SIF and to report on issues that arise from the workshops. This year the theme is Social Inclusion in a Changing Environment' and the proposed workshops are:

1. Tools for Change: how can individuals and NGOs use the Public Sector Duty?

2. Strengthening the voice of the Social Inclusion Forum: what role should SIF play in the new National Action Plan for Social Inclusion?
3. Equality Proofing: how will it work in practice?
4. Community work at local level: An essential means of informing our understanding and responses to poverty, social exclusion and inequality.

There will also be a focus on using the Sustainable Development Goals as a tool to address poverty.

The preparatory workshop generally provides a background and context to the Social Inclusion Forum and an opportunity for participants to discuss issues of relevance to them. CWI and EAPN can support a number of people to attend SIF where they can speak to these issues and also report on the issues at the Forum to ensure that those that cannot attend are represented.

Other Community News

CLARE CULTURAL COMPANIONS - An Age & Opportunity Initiative

Many of us would probably go to a lot more plays, films, shows, concerts, exhibitions, or other events if we had someone to go with. There's a thriving social and arts scene out there to be enjoyed if only we had someone with the know-how, the transport or the shared interest to get us going. That's where Cultural Companions comes in.

Cultural Companions is an Age & Opportunity Initiative comprising a network of older people interested in arts and culture who attend events together as a group. Its aim is to provide increased opportunities for older people to engage with Ireland's vibrant arts and cultural scene. Volunteer members are facilitated by the Clare Age Friendly Programme to draw up a calendar of events to choose from every two months. All Members receive the calendar of events, posted out by the volunteers, and independently book and pay for those events they wish to attend. The members meet up at an allocated time prior to each event and attend together usually with a social get together built in. Membership is FREE.

If this sounds like something you might like to join or would like more information then please contact Karen Fennessy in Clare Co. Council:
Tel: 065 6846489 or Email: kfennessy@clarecoco.ie

16th & 17th April - Courage Project Course and Conference

The Courage Project is a 3 year programme of research and development undertaken by a partnership of five institutions integrating educational, youth, sports and other activities engaging harder to reach young people. The conference is available for youth and community workers, teachers, sports coaches, trainer and any organisation working with young people. Participation is free but booking is essential by contacting Brian McManus at bmcmanus@clareyouthservice.org or 086 6090051

18th April - Village Plan for Broadford

The Planning Department of Clare County Council are currently preparing a Village Study for **Broadford** Co. Clare, with an emphasis on identifying any barriers to population growth in the village and proposing measures to assist in revitalising the village. An informal public consultation event on the Village Study for Broadford will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 between 7pm and 9pm at the Community Centre in Broadford. Members of the public are invited to have their say.

23rd May closing date - The Local Authority Pollinator Award

The Local Authority Pollinator award, a special award in the national Tidy Towns competition, in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre, is in its 3rd year. The application form can be downloaded from the Tidy Towns website <http://www.tidytowns.ie/special-awards/> (An Irish version is also available). The closing date is 23rd May (same as for national TT competition).

25th May closing date - Community Water Development Fund 2018.

The Community Water Development Fund aims to support communities in progressing water related projects and initiatives, delivering benefits locally whilst also helping to meet the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland and the wider EU Water Framework Directive. This fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to assist in the protection and management of water quality, both locally and in the wider catchment. This can include the development of a catchment partnership or River/Lake Trust, and delivery of local projects to protect and improve water quality in a local waterbody. This fund will enable communities to get more involved in the management of their local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for present and future generations. The fund is

administered by the Waters and Communities Office on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Types of projects considered will include:

- Capital projects such as restoration/habitat conservation/natural flood mitigation measures.
- Projects that promote public awareness/education and events such as biodiversity days, surveys, training workshops, surveys and plans, etc.
- General amenity such as beach clean, improving amenity areas, bird watching facilities, etc.

https://www.catchments.ie/community-water-fund-2018-now-open-applications/?mc_cid=354538e4bf&mc_eid=3aebd9c958