

Welcome to the Clare PPN newsletter.

First of all a huge thank you to An Garda Síochána Clare Division and Clare County Council for facilitating a very successful voter registration day on 3rd May. Over two hundred people were registered in four hours indicating a huge public interest in being part of the democratic process.

Our GDPR training events already held in Ennis and Shannon are getting very good feedback so don't miss out on the next one in Feakle on 16th May. Contact: admin@clareppn.ie to book one of the remaining places.

24th/25th May 2018

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE FORUM 2018- 'IRELAND'S WATERSCAPES'

Landscape Alliance Ireland
Location: Killaloe, County Clare, Ireland
Date: 24/25th May 2018

With the National River Basin Management Plan just published, it is time to reflect on the bigger picture – 'Ireland's Waterscapes'. This year the Forum heads to Lough Derg on the River Shannon with healthy waterscapes, tourism, history, photography and engagement with waterscapes all on the agenda.

Booking through Eventbrite - National Landscape Forum 2018.
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/national-landscape-forum-2018-irelands-waterscapes-tickets-43998840717?aff=es2>

All are welcome.

18th May - 16th June 2018

Embrace for Arts and People with Disabilities exhibition at Glór

Visual art works and sculpture pieces responding to the theme 'Home' will be exhibited at glór in Ennis from the 18 May to 16

June at the annual Embrace for Arts and People with Disabilities exhibition.

Each year up to 300 participants with different abilities engage with local professional artists who teach a wide range of visual art and performance forms including environmental art, film, animation, textiles, mosaic, music, dance and drama. This year's Embrace exhibition and performance event presents a culmination of their unique, colourful, bold and sensitive works. The official launch will be opened by Mayor Tom McNamara and Everest mountaineer and Elevate founder John Burke on Tuesday 22 May at glór at 1.00 pm, followed by live performances and a short film screening.

1st June CLOSING DATE

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development 'Realising our Rural Potential'. The Scheme focuses on measures which have a clear economic impact on rural towns and villages.

In this regard, Clare County Council is pleased to invite Expressions of Interest from new and established Community groups that aim to enhance and develop towns and villages socially, economically and culturally.

Expressions of Interest received will be assessed and a total of 12 eligible projects will be selected and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development as part of a national competitive process.

Application form and guidelines are available here:

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/community/news/town-village-renewal-scheme-2018.html>

20th June 2018

CONNECTING EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES

'Support Effective Civil Society Engagement with the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty'

Date: Wednesday June 20

Time: 10:15am to 2:00pm (with light lunch)

Venue: Clarecare, Harmony Row, Ennis.

RSVP to Anne Loftus : aloftus@clarecare.ie (please indicate any accessibility or dietary requirements)

Hosted by the Equality and Rights Alliance, in association with IDEC Ireland, the workshop will support local civil society organisations & groups to pursue a collective engagement with public bodies to ensure

the effective implementation of the public sector equality and human rights duty, using a values-based approach. The public sector equality and human rights duty requires public bodies to proactively consider equality and human rights concerns across all of their key functions.

Funding approved for five Clare Flood Relief Schemes

The Office of Public Works & Flood Relief has approved funding totalling €5.54 million for five Clare Flood Relief Schemes to proceed to detailed design and construction under the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme.

€257 million in funding is confirmed for 50 new flood Relief Schemes nationwide, including Springfield, Kilkee, Kilrush, Bunratty and Killaloe. In addition, a Scheme at Shannon is included in the list of 118 schemes to be implemented under the ten year €1 billion investment programme. Work on the Feasibility Study for this project is ongoing at present.

IPB Pride of Place Competition

The communities of Spanish Point, Kilkishen, Shannon and Quin will represent County Clare in the 2018 IPB Pride of Place Competition.

Clare County Council's Rural Development Directorate has nominated the four communities to take part in the annual all-island competition, which is run in association with Co-operation Ireland and local authorities North and South and aims to recognise and celebrate the vital contributions that communities make to society along with generating awareness, respect and inclusion for every facet of society.

For more information go to: <https://prideofplace.ie/>