

Welcome to the second newsletter of Clare PPN June 2018. We hope you are enjoying this spectacular weather and have a chance to enjoy the sunshine. It has certainly boosted not just spirits of the county but tourism also. Even though it is summer we are still busy at the PPN and at short notice have been able to facilitate a free training session this Saturday with Chas Jewett, an excellent speaker on rural democracy and community mobilisation. Not to be missed!

Also included in this newsletter are some funding opportunities, a consultation and community news. Feel free to circulate this newsletter to anyone that might be interested



Horses cooling off in North Clare - photo submission are welcome!

Events

Educate, Agitate, Organise, a free workshop with Chas Jewett - 30th June



Clare PPN and Clare Environmental Network are delighted to have the opportunity at very short notice to host a discussion based workshop with Chas Jewett next Saturday June 30th at 6.30 pm in Clare Local Development Company.

About the event:

This event is aimed at anyone interested in mobilising communities to participate in the decisions that affect them. People attending are welcome to come and listen to the discussions or to bring forward any issues that they need advice on how to go about tackling in their local communities.

About Chas Jewett:

Chas Jewett is a member of the Lakota Nation and works for CURE an organisation dedicated to rural democracy. She has worked for many years in community organising in South Dakota and focussing on rural community organising around on issues such as voter mobilisation in the indigenous communities, reproductive justice, healthcare reform and environmental and resource protection.

She was deeply involved in the recent Standing Rock campaign against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

She is currently employed in Minnesota on CURE's rural democracy project:

We are delighted to have Chas Jewett in Clare and although we know the sun will be shining!!! we encourage you to attend. The venue is accessible, refreshments will be available and children are welcome under their parents supervision. Due to huge interest please email admin@clareppn.ie to secure a place at this free event

Ennis Street Art Festival - 2nd to 8th July

Ennis Street Arts Festival from July 2nd to 8th, bringing you 7 days of engaging, entertaining, and exciting arts and cultural events for the whole family. Whether you want to participate in a community arts event, join in a workshop, listen to some music or simply enjoy the arts and entertainment there will be something here for you.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

Consultation on Marine Spatial Planning - 10th July

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government will host a consultation event At Áras Contae an Chláir in Ennis on Marine Spatial Planning on the 10th of July at 6pm.

All are welcome and for more information [CLICK HERE](#)

Funding Opportunities

National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2018 - closing date 13th July

The National Lottery Good Causes Awards aims to celebrate the inspiring and innovative work being carried out by the thousands of individuals, organisations, groups and sports clubs all over Ireland who benefit from National Lottery Good Causes funding. Projects can win up to €35,000 for their own work in their community.

[Link to awards](#)

Launch of Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme - closing date 16th July

The Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme aims to encourage local communities, local groups, schools and individuals to engage with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to the conservation and revitalisation of raised bog Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) and other raised bog areas and promote public engagement and awareness of our natural heritage.

Details of the Scheme are available on: [Details of Scheme](#)

Details of the Press Release are available [Press Release](#)

Community News

Wildfire warning issued to landowners

Following gorse fires in Ogonnelloe and Cratloe at the weekend, Clare County Fire and Rescue Service is asking landowners and the general public to refrain from any outdoor burning during the ongoing spell of hot weather.

The Fire Service has warned that any outside burning can spread to private and State-owned forestry plantations and jeopardise the safety of dwellings and families living in rural areas.

Landowners are being reminded that Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012 prohibits the cutting, grubbing, burning or destruction of vegetation, with certain strict exemptions, from 1 March to 31 August during the nesting and breeding season for birds and wildlife.

New Municipal District Boundaries

Councillors and potential candidates are digesting recommendations, which will see Clare divided into five areas in the next local election.

The Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee has published its report, which will result in North Clare re-gaining it's own electoral area.

This report recommends that Clare be divided into five areas for the next local election, retaining its current membership of 28 councillors.

West Clare area, now called Kilrush, has five seats, and stretches from Loop Head to Kildysart, while North Clare – including Miltown Malbay and Ruan – is a four-seater electoral areas.

Both will be merged together to form a single Municipal District for meetings after the election.

Elsewhere, Clonlara moves into the Shannon District, which gains one seat to become a seven seater while the Ennis Municipal District loses a seat, as well as Kilmaley – which goes into Kilrush – and also the areas of Clooney and Quin which go into the five seater Killaloe District.

If you have something you would like included in the newsletter please sent it to:
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If you are curious and would like to know more about the Clare PPN then visit: www.clareppn.ie