

## **Welcome to the second Clare PPN newsletter for May 2018.**

The Clare PPN is currently updating its database in line with GDPR. If you have not replied to the emails asking for your consent to stay on our database please do so immediately (or just email [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie)). This will ensure that you stay up to date with community news and funding opportunities in County Clare.

If you would like information included in future newsletters please send it to [newsletter@clareppn.ie](mailto:newsletter@clareppn.ie)

## **Funding opportunities**

### **Creative Ireland Programme Scheme 2018 Closing date 8th June 2018**

Creative Ireland has a huge opportunity here for groups, individuals or other organisations who wish to develop creativity, connectivity and imaginative collaborations in their area. There are grants from 10,000 - 70,000 available and the deadline is June 8th at midnight. All details are here. It is also open to researchers, artists etc.

For more information and application forms:

<https://creativeireland.ie/en/news/new-creative-ireland-programme-scheme-201819-announced>

### **Environmental Partnership Fund 2018. Closing date 20th June 2018**

**Community groups and environmental organisations across County Clare are being invited to submit applications for funding under the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2018.**

Are you planning any local environmental projects that focus on biodiversity, water, waste management or climate change? If so check out the Local Agenda 21 funding scheme just announced by Clare County Council.

Clare County Council, which administers the Fund in conjunction with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, says the financial support scheme promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level. A wide variety of projects and schemes throughout County Clare have been supported under the fund in previous years.

Information and application forms (in both Irish and English) are available online at [www.dccae.gov.ie](http://www.dccae.gov.ie) or by contacting Cepta McDonagh, Clare County Council at 065 6846331 / [envawareness@clarecoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@clarecoco.ie).

**Applications must be submitted to Clare County Council no later than 5.00pm on 20 June 2018 by email to [envawareness@clarecoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@clarecoco.ie) or by post to the Environment Section, Clare County Council, New Rd., Ennis, Co. Clare.**

## **Clare PPN events**

### **Clare PPN plenary meeting - open to the public Thursday 14th June at 7pm**

The Clare PPN will hold it's first plenary meeting of 2018 on Thursday 14th June at the Municipal Rooms, Waterpark House, Drumbiggle Road, Ennis at 7pm

The Plenary (all the member organisations together) is the key decision maker of the PPN, meeting at least twice a year. Their role is to direct the operation of the PPN, setting overall PPN policy and processes. Each independent member group has one decision making vote in the Plenary. Plenary meetings are an ideal forum for member groups to meet and network and to hear about matters of interest to them. As such it is very important that as many member groups attend as possible.

**The Plenary on Thursday, 14th June will hear the results of the three elections currently looking for nominations:**

1. Killaloe Municipal District Secretariat Member.
2. Social Inclusion College Representative to sit on Clare County Council's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).
3. Community and Voluntary College Representative to sit on Clare County Council's Social Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

We look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the plenary please contact me at [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie)

## **Other events**

**Futureproof Clare  
12th June 2018 7-9pm**

The world as we know it is changing. How are people across Europe responding. How can we build resilience here in Clare? Davie Philips of Cultivate brings 20 years experience of sustainable projects to this interactive meeting.

Also speaking is Mel White, an activist spoken word performer. Her dynamic poetry comments on a range of social and environmental issues, amid a backdrop of vivid imagery and personal stories.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## **News**

### **Regulator for housing and homeless charities**

The latest progress report for the Rebuilding Ireland plan shows that a new regulator is set to be introduced that will “oversee the governance, financial management, and performance” of homeless and housing charities. It will also “safeguard public and private investment in the sector”. The Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill will be finalised in the coming weeks. Charities delivered more homes than councils in 2017. Organisations such as the Peter McVerry Trust, Túath Housing and Respond! built 1,078 homes through two schemes, while county councils built 780

### **Disadvantaged pupils more negative about school**

Research shows that migrant children and those from disadvantaged areas begin primary school significantly earlier than others and do not settle as well. The study by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) shows children from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds have more negative attitudes towards school, more socio-emotional difficulties and poorer literacy and numeracy skills than those from other backgrounds.