



## Happy New Year!

Let's start as we mean to go on this year with the results of the Clare Rural Development Forum representatives election ([CLICK HERE](#) to see who will be representing you!). This year will see many elections at Clare PPN as a result of the local authority elections and we hope that you will take part to ensure that your voice is heard at the decision-making level.

We are currently in the process of moving office and will notify you as soon as we are in situ. This is a very exciting development for us and we can't wait to share our new office space with you. In the meantime we can be reached at 087 1617375 and [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie)

In the meantime have a look at events and funding opportunities that may be of interest to you.

## Events

### **Charities Governance Code Event FREE webinar - 17th January**

The Voluntary Assistance Scheme of The Bar of Ireland is hosting a joint event with the Charities Regulator on the recently launched Charities Governance Code, which is intended to support charities and guide them towards complying with their legal duties on 17th January.

FREE webinar places are still up for grabs so register here:

[Webinar registration](#)

### **'Women for Change' FREE workshops - starting 22nd February**

A 7 week series of workshops in Ennis on lobbying, leadership, campaigning & influencing policy starting on 22nd February from 10am to 1pm with the National Women's Council of Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more or getting involved, please contact Catherine on 01 6790100 or email [catherinel@nwci.ie](mailto:catherinel@nwci.ie)

# Funding Opportunities

## **Creative Ireland Project Awards - SHORT DEADLINE 11th January**

The Creative Ireland Programme is a national culture based programme designed to promote individual, community and national well-being. The central vision of Creative Ireland is that every person living in Ireland will have the opportunity to fully realise his or her creative potential. The focus of Clare County Council is on Creative Ireland's Pillar 2 'Enabling Creativity in Every Community'. The Clare vision is "to ensure the people of Clare discover and have access to cultural expression through creative activity".

[APPLY HERE](#)

## **'Sports to Impact' Fund - closing 18th January**

The Sports to Impact Fund has been created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## **Social Enterprise Development Fund - closing 25th January**

The Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €1.6 million fund which will be delivered over two years: 2018 – 2020. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development. Grants of up to €50,000 are available. To find out more:

[CLICK HERE](#)

## **Community Water Development Fund - closing 12th February**

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.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Submissions

### **National Volunteering Strategy submissions - closing 14th February**

The Department of Rural and Community Development launched a 'Call for Input' paper which outlines the current state of volunteering and asks a number of questions about how volunteering can be developed in the future. You can find a link to the 'Call for Input': [HERE](#)

### **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) submissions - closing 8th March**

Please find hereunder for your info draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region for the period 2019-2031.

[DRAFT RSES](#)

Submissions or observations can be made on or before 5.00pm on Friday 8th March 2019 via:

Email: [rses@southernassembly.ie](mailto:rses@southernassembly.ie)

Mail: RSES Submissions, Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford X91F8PC