

# Clare PPN Newsletter March 2019

Welcome to this month's newsletter and Happy International Women's Day to you all!!! If you would like anything included in the newsletter please send it to [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie)



## Funding

### Windfarm Community Grant – closing 15<sup>th</sup> March (short notice)

\*\*\*ATTENTION GROUPS IN KILRUSH/MONEYPOINT AREA\*\*\*

The Wind Farm Community Funds were established by ESB and joint venture partners Galetech Energy and Coillte with the intention of helping the communities neighbouring wind farms to become more sustainable through the support of positive local initiatives and activities.

The funds seeks to address current and emerging issues, needs and opportunities within communities, enriching lives and creating brighter possibilities for local residents.

<https://www.windfarmcommunityfunds.ie/>

### National Community Weekend fund announced – closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March

A new funding scheme for communities interested in organising events marking the inaugural National Community Weekend during the May Bank Holiday (4-6 May 2019) are invited to submit applicants for support funding. An initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development, the National Community Weekend is a celebration of the spirit of community that exists across Ireland.

Events may focus on a range of themes, including sport, environment, music, food, health and history. Clare LCDC is also encouraging applications for Irish Language events and copies of the guideline and application form are available as Gaeilge.

Full details can be found at [www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants](http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants)

## Meetings

### Clare Leader Forum meeting on Accessible Transport – 14<sup>th</sup> March

Clare Leader Forum with the support of Dr Rosie Gowran of Limerick University invites you to a meeting at 11.30am on the 14th of March at the Clare PPN to set up a responsive accessible transport system in County Clare. All welcome.

**PLENARY MEETING**

Have a chance to identify your Clare PPN priorities for 2019

**26th March**  
**@7PM-9PM**

**FREE**  
reserve your ticket  
on Eventbrite

Clare Public Participation Network

**Ennis, Co. Clare (venue dependant on numbers)**  
**for more information call 087 1617375**  
**or email [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie)**



## Awards/competitions

### Clare communities invited to take Pride of Place – deadline 29<sup>th</sup> March

Clare County Council is inviting local communities as well as project and housing estate committees to build on the county's strong track record of success in the IPB Pride of Place Competition by putting their name forward to take part in 2019.

The annual awards programme, which is run by Co-operation Ireland in conjunction with local authorities North and South, 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.

## Submissions/consultations

### New National Heritage Plan – ‘Have Your Say’

*Deadline extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March*

The plan seeks to recognise the vital role heritage plays in our community, our economy and our society and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is inviting the public's views to help shape the priorities for Ireland's heritage for the next 10 years.

<http://clareppn.ie/5563-2/>

### Consultation on Review of Public Participation Network User Guide

Given the experience to date in the operation of PPNs, it is now considered necessary, by both the Department and the National Advisory Group, to review the content of the User Guide to ensure it properly captures the range of issues impacting on the operation of PPNs and is fit for purpose in terms of supporting the on-going growth and development of PPNs. Please note: This is not a review of the PPNs.

As a first step, it has been decided to consult with all stakeholders in relation to the current User Guide and obtain their views on how a future guide/handbook might assist stakeholders with a concise resource of information that informs, guides and instructs in a user friendly way that is understood by all users.

<http://clareppn.ie/consultation-on-review-of-public-participation-network-user-guide/>