



### Clare PPN July 2019 Newsletter:

Hello to all our member groups and welcome to new members who have joined us since our last newsletter. Clare PPN compiles newsletters and circulates approximately on a monthly basis. We sometimes have to send them more frequently if news of funding or consultations come our way with short deadlines. We also do quarterly reports which give details of our funding and activities every three months. You can read these reports on our website – our most recent one is here: <http://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-quarterly-report-april-june-2019-2/>

### New Representatives:

Clare PPN are delighted to announce our new representatives who will sit on Clare's Local Community Development Committee for the next three years from left to right, Mary O'Donoghue, Social Inclusion College (re-elected), Theresa O'Donohoe, Environment College, Kasia Kowalski, Community and Voluntary College, and Niamh O'Callaghan, Community and Voluntary College. They will join Ann Marie Flanagan who began her term representing the Social Inclusion College on this Committee



**We were also delighted to nominate Madeline Mc Aleer to the Joint Policing Committee as Clare PPN's representative.**



In early September Clare PPN will be conducting elections from within its member groups for representatives to sit on Clare County Council's Strategic Policy Committees. Currently serving representatives can stand again if they wish with a maximum of two terms for any one person. We will also have two positions on our Secretariat, the board who run Clare PPN up for election over the end of the summer. We will hold an information and PPN training event in late August for anyone interested in these positions and will let you all know via email and social media and we are delighted to talk to any member who'd like to be more involved with Clare PPN about these opportunities. You can just give us a buzz on 087 1617375

Please read on for notice of public consultations, funding as well as some interesting training events taking place in Clare.

### **Clare County Council Consultations**

This month we have some important consultations to draw your attention to -

#### **Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Consultation Closing Date August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Clare County Council have prepared a **Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy** and they are currently seeking your views on it. The deadline for submissions is August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 and all details are at this link:

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/environment/news/draft-climate-change-adaptation-strategy.html>

Because this is important for all of our environmental groups we are going to hold **a focus group-get together on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 – 9.30 in Clare PPN's offices, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis**. This will be a working meeting at which we will work on Submissions for the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, we will discuss the forthcoming elections which we must hold for environmental seats on Clare County Council's Policy Committees and we hope to have a discussion about the Clare Environmental Network and how Clare PPN can better support its environmental college in the years to come. All are welcome and we will organise food and refreshments but please book in advance by emailing [sue@clareppn.ie](mailto:sue@clareppn.ie) so we know how many to cater for.

### **Draft Scheme for Strategic Policy Committees**

Bear with me, this one is complicated! Clare County Council has prepared a new 'Draft Scheme for Strategic Policy Committees' what this is really is the rules for the set up and operation of committees which include both elected Councillors and outside interest such as business, farmers organisations, trade unions and yes you've guessed it – Community Representatives elected through Clare PPN. You can read Clare County Council's Draft Scheme here:

<https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/publications/draft-scheme-for-the-strategic-policy-committees-2019-2024-20170.pdf>

and if there is anything you would like to comment on or suggest the best thing to do for the moment is to email it to [sarah@clareppn.ie](mailto:sarah@clareppn.ie) and we will take note of it and include it in our submission. The closing date for submission to this draft scheme will be late August 2019 but as yet we have no details of the closing date or the process for making submissions. For those of you new to Clare PPN – the reason that this draft scheme is important is that we have between one and three representatives sitting on each of 4 of these committees and their role is to bring the expertise and experience of the Community and Voluntary sector in Clare to bear on the work of Clare County Council.

We will hold a meeting in mid-August to explain what the role of a representative is and what positions are on offer and we can go through the draft scheme then but for the moment we are notifying you that the draft scheme has been published.

### **Local Property Tax Rate Adjustment Consultation**

Clare County Council will meet in September 2019 to consider the setting of local adjustment factor on Property Tax rate. Clare County Council welcomes submissions from the public on this matter, specifically ones which cover the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and local authority services. Submissions must be received by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019. For further information regarding the submissions please visit: [www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/news/notice-of-consideration-of-setting-a-local-adjustment-factor.html](http://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/news/notice-of-consideration-of-setting-a-local-adjustment-factor.html)

## Funding for Community Groups:

### United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17 October 2019 – Deadline for applications July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Commemoration Events in Ireland – Funding of up to €3,000 is available for community groups to organise events on the following theme:

**"Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty."**

More details here <https://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/funding/45558>

### ESB Community Groups Funding Next Quarterly Deadline for Applications September 6<sup>th</sup>

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives. Each year the Fund awards €1m in direct funding through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of **suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.**

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively in the future.

The remainder is allocated across a range of initiatives including support for ElectricAid, wind farm community funds, fuel poverty programmes and support for staff volunteering.

The average grant awarded – is €6-7,000 per application. For more details check out the ESB's website here

<https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>

## Forthcoming events:

### **Nominations are open for Clare Older People Volunteer of the Year**

The search is on again to recognise those that give their time, energy and skills to help others in the community. Applications must be submitted by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September and the award ceremony will be held at The Woodstock Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2 to 6pm.

You can telephone 065 6846 240 for more information and for an application form. Or you can email [hmoloney@clarecoco.ie](mailto:hmoloney@clarecoco.ie) or visit [www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/clare-age-friendly-county](http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/clare-age-friendly-county)

### **Burrenbeo weekend**

Fancy spending a summer weekend in the Burren learning about the Burrenbeo approach to place-based learning, meeting new people and getting to know the area?

Bookings are now open for the Áitbheo Training Weekend which will run in Kinvara and out in the Burren on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. The weekend will give an introduction to place-based learning and how it can be applied in your own place, schools, communities, or anywhere! The course is a bargain at €60 for non-members and €50 for Burrenbeo members. Further information is available on: <https://www.burrenbeo.com/aitbheo-weekend-course/>

### **East Clare “Reading your landscape” free 12-week training course starting in September**

Clare County Council and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board are providing a free unique 12-week heritage course “Reading Your Landscape” in East Clare which will run every Monday from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to December 2019. This course may be of interest to local heritage/history/tourism groups, landowners, CE schemes, Men’s Shed and other interested individuals. This course will enable participants to identify, examine and record the heritage features of their own local area through a combination of field work and desk research. It includes an introduction to geology, biodiversity, archaeology and natural heritage of O’Briensbridge, Bridgetown, Kilbana, Broadford, Parteen, Ardnacrushna and Clonlara.

There will be an introductory workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 2.30 to 4pm at the Clarecare, Hill Road, Killaloe, County Clare V95 NR52. For further information contact Margeret Lynch on 061 640760 or email [margeret.lynch@lcebtb.ie](mailto:margeret.lynch@lcebtb.ie)

And that’s it for now. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you’d like us to share any news or events for your group and don’t forget to like us on Facebook and to follow us on twitter where we share community related news on a regular basis. [www.facebook.com/clareppn/](http://www.facebook.com/clareppn/) Twitter [@clare\\_ppn](https://twitter.com/clare_ppn)



Clare Public Participation Network would like to notify you of our updated points of contact as at June 2019

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To send us notice of committee meetings & agendas, consultations, funding & training opportunities and submissions, please use: [info@clareppn.ie](mailto:info@clareppn.ie)

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