



Clare PPN Newsletter October 17th 2019

Dear Members,

Welcome to our October update. Please read on for news of events, training and PPN related news. This weekend there is an opportunity to show your support for two of our member groups- Clare Accessible Transport (Clare Bus) who are organising a Convoy to celebrate 20 years of community support for Clare Bus and Clare Women's Network who have their unique festival 'Silence + Voice' a festival of FeminismS taking place in Ennis. There is also news below of three training opportunities for community groups and those who manage volunteers and details of Clare PPN's new representatives who were nominated to represent our members on Clare County Council's Strategic Policy Committees. Read on and please remember to get in touch with us if there is any community related news you would like circulated to our member groups.

Warm regards,
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Support Clare Accessible Transport (Clare Bus) this Sunday 20th October 2019



CALLING SUPPORTERS OF CLARE BUS!

**WE ARE MAKING A SHORT FILM TO CELEBRATE
20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CLARE BUS
THAT ALSO HELPED RAISE €1 MILLION TO BRING
EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO THE PEOPLE OF CLARE**

HAVE YOU AN HOUR TO SPARE THIS SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORTERS TO TAKE PART IN THE

'BIG CONVOY SCENE' IN ENNIS MARTS AT 3.30pm

IT WON'T TAKE LONG AND YOU MIGHT EVEN GET A CUP OF TEA!

PLEASE CALL 061 924 375 OR JUST COME ALONG

CELEBRATE IRELANDS ONLY RURAL FLEET OF EASY ACCESS BUSES





Silence + Voice – a festival of feminisms Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th 2019

Saturday October 19th 9am - 5:30pm and Sunday October 20th 9:30am - 5:30pm

NCCWN Clare Women's Network is delighted to once again present 'Silence + Voice, A Festival of FeminismS' in Danlann an Chlair, Ennis on the 19th and 20th of October. This unique event will offer 400 participants an opportunity to reflect creatively on silence and voice as part of their journey as women in Ireland. Speakers at the two-day event will include feminists and activists from around the country. This year we will be guided by but not limited to the overarching themes of:

- Feminism
- Anti-racism
- Environmentalism
- Militarism

The speakers will be joined by local musicians, singers, poets and artists, with some dancing and acting thrown in for good measure! An informal babysitting service is available but **MUST** be booked in advance as places are limited. The event will also include Irish Sign Language Interpreters. This is a festival open to anyone from any background, with an interest in the many issues affecting women, which will arise over the course of the two days. All are welcome. Come and support women – in Silence + Voice.

TICKETS range from a very reasonable €20 - €50 for the two days - a light lunch each day is included.

You can purchase tickets at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/silence-voice-a-festival-of-feminisms-2019-tickets-66604131751>

Training - Creating Cohesiveness in Activist Groups

October 30th 2019 5- 9 pm Clare PPN Building, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad Ennis.

Whilst Activist Groups can start with lots of enthusiasm and positivity there can be challenges in maintaining a culture which is inclusive, communicates effectively and communicates kindly. Awareness of power differentials, group dynamics, types of conflict and how to deal with them are all useful to pre-empt difficult situations from arising.

This 4 hour workshop will be an overview of these particular concepts and, will allow for discussion within the Clare and surrounding Activist Community in how to deal with communication challenges that may arise in Activist groups.

This is also an opportunity for Activists from a variety of different working groups to come together and share their views so that all can benefit from the vast experience and knowledge within the room. For details please email grainne.carr@gmail.com and for tickets follow this link: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/creating-cohesiveness-in-activist-groups/>



Training - Good Governance Webinar 13th November 2019 1.45- 3.00 pm

The Carmichael Centre supported by Clare Volunteer Centre and Clare PPN, is providing another free training session on Good Governance for community groups. The session which is the third in a monthly series will be delivered by webinar and will be held at the Clare Volunteer Centre, c/o Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis. Don't worry if you haven't participated in a webinar before, it just means that your trainer will be appearing via a video link and you'll be in the classroom as usual. Registration is 1.45 sharp with the session starting at 2pm. The webinar is aimed at Trustees/Managers of registered charities, board members/managers of community and voluntary organisations that intend to register as a Charity.

This webinar looks at the Charities Governance Code principles:

5. Working effectively and 4. Being accountable & transparent

Outcomes:

- Understand the importance of trustees working as a team
- Ensure your board meetings are effective
- Be able to stand over what you do and how you do it
- Understand your stakeholders and how to engage with them

You must register in advance for this event and to do so please visit the Eventbrite link below or call Clare Volunteer Centre on 065 6845517 <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/good-governance-webinar-3-tickets-70155810919>

Volunteer Management Training -Monday 21st October & Monday 18th November

Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis 10 am – 4 pm

Clare Volunteer Centre is delighted to announce details of our upcoming training in Volunteer Management. There is a cost of €25 per individual which can be paid on the first day of training. For optimum benefit (and to receive a certificate of completion) participants are required to attend both sessions. Places on this training are limited so early booking is advisable. A light lunch will be provided. To book a place please contact: Sharon Meaney or Dolores O Halloran

Tel: 065 68 455 17 / 065 68 455 13 E-mail: sharon@volunteerclare.ie / dolores@volunteerclare.ie

See over for more details:

About the Course

Have you thought about involving volunteers in your organisation or would you like to learn how to manage your volunteers more effectively? Whether you involve one or 1,000 volunteers, this training will help you attract and select suitable volunteers and provide a positive experience for all. This interactive training opportunity is packed with practical advice that you can use immediately as well as food for thought as you evaluate how you work with volunteers.

Who should attend the Volunteer Leadership Training?

Attendees can be individuals who are paid or unpaid and have direct responsibility for managing volunteers.

Module 1: Planning for Volunteer Involvement

Preparing for volunteer involvement

Exploring why people choose to volunteer

Identifying and developing volunteer role descriptions

Do you feel your volunteer programme could be more successful? Or, do you want to involve volunteers but do not know where to start? This session will help you to ensure you successfully plan and prepare for involving volunteers in your organisation.

Module 2: Volunteer Engagement

Effective volunteer recruitment

Application process

Screening and selection

Interview process

How do you attract volunteers? What do you do if someone doesn't seem like the right fit? This session will help to ensure you select the right person for the right volunteer role.

Module 3: Day-to-Day Volunteer Management

Induction and volunteer agreements

Support and supervision

Recognition

Exit Interviews

Your volunteer starts today! What do you do now? This session will help you put in place a comprehensive management process to ensure your volunteer programme runs smoothly.

Module 4: Dealing with challenging situations & programme development

Dealing with challenging situations
Benefits of having a volunteer policy
Developing your policy

PPN News

Meet your new representatives on Clare County Council's Strategic Policy Committees

We were delighted to have eleven people come forward to represent our member groups on the Rural Development, Social Development, Economic Development and Physical Development Strategic Policy Committees. You can see who was elected to each committee at the links below- we are delighted to have such strong candidates come forward to volunteer to bring the voices and expertise of our communities into Clare County Council's Policy Committees.

<http://clareppn.ie/your-social-development-spc-representatives/>

<http://clareppn.ie/your-physical-development-spc-representatives/>

<http://clareppn.ie/your-rural-development-spc-representatives/>

<http://clareppn.ie/your-economic-development-spc-representatives/>

Clare PPN's Quarterly Work Report July – September 2019

For news on our last quarter's work you can read our quarterly report here

<http://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Work-report-for-Clare-PPN-July-to-September-2019.pdf>
