



Clare PPN Newsletter December 2019

Dear Members,

Please find below some final notices of funding and consultations that are time sensitive and won't wait until the holidays are over. We'd also like to take the chance to wish you and your families and loved ones a very happy Christmas and a fantastic 2020. We are constantly impressed and inspired by what community groups achieve in County Clare and we thank you for all the work you have done in 2019. Clare would be so much the worse without your efforts.

Warm wishes for a restful Christmas season from all the staff and secretariat of Clare PPN.

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Community Support Scheme Deadline January 22nd 2020

Clare County Council is pleased to announce its Community Supports Scheme for 2020. The scheme is available to support community and voluntary groups wishing to undertake specific projects under the relevant categories of the scheme. The purpose of the council's Community Supports Scheme is to encourage and assist community and voluntary groups to take an active part in the development of their communities and to improve the quality of life experience in their areas. Closing date Completed applications must be lodged not later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** Application form and scheme guidelines can be downloaded below or email css@clarecoco.ie Incomplete, emailed and late applications will **NOT** be considered. All details and application forms at the link below:

Link for more info: <http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants/community-supports-scheme/>

Arts Grants and Funding Available from Clare County Council- Deadline for Applications - January 17th 2020.

As part of Clare's 2020 Creative Ireland programme, Clare County Council invite applications for project awards that will develop bodies of work with a public interface/engagement. Funding may be used to support events/projects that focus on cultural activity involving the arts, creative industries, heritage, film and animation. Projects /events as Gaeilge are welcome. They envisage that a series of awards will be granted in the region of €1,000-€2,000. They invite individuals and groups to make applications to creatively explore the following themes through any format:

- Well-being of communities (geographical or communities of interest)
- Cultural Heritage and Traditions
- Sense of place /heritage (which may include historical exploration)
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)

A project which combines two or more themes is desirable but one principal theme is also acceptable. Projects can be submitted through any format e.g. visual art, film, music, theatre, dance, etc. and may cover the arts and heritage sector. Projects can either be new initiatives or, in the case of projects/programmes of activity currently underway, they should be able to show a marked development in how this award would impact on the local community, in terms of scale or scope of the project.

Please refer to the Clare Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 for further information on Creative Clare – <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/clare>

Application forms and details are now available from:
Creative Ireland Project Awards, Clare County Library, Mill Road, Ennis, Co Clare V95 FX32.
Email: library_mailbox@clarecoco.ie or Tel.: 065 6899082

Link for more information: <http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/arts-recreation/news/creative-ireland-project-awards-2020.html>

Decade of Centenaries Project Awards -Deadline January 17th 2020

This initiative is supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under the Community Strand of the Decade of Centenaries Programme.

Applications are encouraged from community, historical and commemorative groups who wish to commemorate events which happened in Clare during 1920. The aim of this commemorative funding is to ensure that events are remembered at community level in a respectful, measured and non-partisan manner. The terms of the scheme are based on the guidance of the Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations.

We envisage that awards of €1,000 will be granted per project. We invite community, history and commemorative groups to make applications. Please note that the following activities are not eligible for funding:

- Provision of commemorative gardens, memorials, plaques, busts or statues
- Hiring or purchase of replica weapons or uniforms
- Production of commemorative medals or pins
- Administration fees
- Insurance cost
- Application forms and details are now available from:

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Downloadable application forms are available on: <http://www.clarecoco.ie>

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Open Public Consultations over December/ January Period

- **Public Consultation on Draft National Volunteering Strategy 2020 – 2025 – Deadline for submissions- January 31st**

You can read the draft strategy and instructions on how to make submissions here

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/fc55b9-public-consultation-on-draft-national-volunteering-strategy-2020-202/>

- **Public Consultation on Ireland’s Long Term Strategy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction- Deadline 31st December 2019**

You can read the consultation details here and make your submission by way of an online survey-

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/climate-action/consultations/Pages/Public-Consultation-on-Ireland’s-Long-term-Strategy-on-Greenhouse-Gas-Emissions-Reduction.aspx>

- **Public Consultation on Housing and Planning and Development Bill Deadline January 27th 2020.**

You can read the proposed legislation at this link: <https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/public-consultation-general-scheme-housing-and-planning-and-development-bill-2019> and you can find details of how to make a submission here -

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regard to this particular consultation the Irish Environmental Network has asked us to raise their concerns with members about the scope of this legislation. They are concerned that it reduces the rights of communities to seek judicial review of planning decisions and imposes new restrictions on who is eligible to take such cases. It is their view that this legislation will undermine and reduce the mechanisms through which developments can be objected to and as such that it will impact those campaigning for environmental protection severely. You can read their statement on it here <https://greennews.ie/shock-bill-engos-access-justice/>

Should any environmental college member group wish, Clare PPN is happy to organise a meeting and group submission in January – please email sarah@clareppn.ie if you want us to do this.