

Clare PPN Newsletter July 2020

Dear members,

Welcome to our July 2020 newsletter.

As various aspects of life in Clare slowly begin to re-open or to return to normal in the wake of the lockdown, Pobal has published useful resources for the community and voluntary sector to offer guidance on the steps towards reopening. We also bring you news of funding opportunities aimed at helping organisations adapt to the new landscape.

While the offices of Clare PPN are still closed, we have been busier than ever. Between the co-ordinated Covid-19 community response, online training, elections and more, we have endeavoured to ensure your voice is still being heard at policy and decision-making levels.

We are excited to have four new members on the Secretariat that runs Clare PPN, as well as two new PPN representatives on Clare County Council's Local Community Development Committee - read on to find out who they are. And we still have two vacancies on our Secretariat.

Feel free to contact us with any items you would like to see included in future.

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Four new members elected to Clare PPN Secretariat

At the end of June, we put out a notice of election for several positions on the Clare PPN Secretariat, which manages the activities of Clare PPN. Secretariat members are nominated and elected by the member groups of Clare PPN. We were thrilled with the nominations we got and we are excited to announce the following successful candidates:

- **Dermot Hayes** of Clare Leader Forum, representing Ennis Municipal District.
- **Kay Murphy** of Shannon Active Retirement, representing Shannon Municipal

District.

- **Monica McKenna** of West Clare Mental Health, representing the community and voluntary sector.

- **Elaine D'Alton** of Clare Women's Network, representing social inclusion.

You can read more about our four new Secretariat members here:

<http://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-welcomes-new-secretariat-members/>

We will be looking for two more Secretariat members, representing the Environmental college. If you think this is a position that might interest you, please get in touch by emailing sarah@clareppn.ie



Two new PPN Representatives on LCDC

We also held elections for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) of Clare County Council. We are delighted to announce two new representatives:

- **Cornelia Wahli** of Clare Environmental Network, who represents our Environmental college;

- **Dermot Hayes** of Clare Leader Forum who represents the Social Inclusion college.

They will take up their positions once they have been ratified at the next meeting of Clare County Council. You can read more about Cornelia and Dermot here:

<http://clareppn.ie/new-lcdc-reps-july2020/>

Clare PPN work report for April to June

You can read about the various work Clare PPN has been doing in our Work Report for the second quarter of 2020:

<http://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Work-report-for-Clare-PPN-April-to-June-2020.pdf>



Where to now for Clare and Ireland?

In the early days of the lockdown, we asked you for your views on 'Where to now?' for Clare and Ireland. You sent inspiring ideas and rousing calls for action, demands for a national health service, more remote working, resilient communities and more local democracy. Climate and the environment was a dominant theme and there were calls for a four-day week and for music to be part of the recovery. Click here to read our pick of the best submissions:

<http://clareppn.ie/your-views-on-where-to-now/>

Resources for community & voluntary sector on reopening

Pobal and the Department of Rural and Community Development have provided information and resources for the community and voluntary sector on reopening in the wake of the lockdown. The guidance does not put in place any new requirements, but is intended as a resource to help groups make their own decisions on the steps towards reopening. For details see:

<https://www.pobal.ie/reopeningyourservice/>



Good Governance Awards

The 2020 Good Governance Awards are now open for entries for both the Annual Report Award and the Governance Initiative Award. This year there is a new category for very small non-profits (annual turnover less than €50k) - those shortlisted will receive €1,000 with the overall winner getting an additional €1,000. See <https://www.goodgovernanceawards.ie>

Public consultation on water management

The Government is seeking views on Significant Water Management Issues that need to be tackled in Ireland. This public consultation will inform Ireland's River Basin Management Plan, and the deadline for submissions is 7th August. To read more about this and to complete a survey, see:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/water-framework-directive/public-consultation-significant-water-management>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Life coaching for women affected by Covid-19



Clare Women's Network (CWN) has limited free sessions remaining for women in Clare who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and would like to work with a life coach. Life coaching is not counselling, but is about supporting people to make positive and informed decisions in their working and personal lives. Please email:

nccwnclarewomen@gmail.com

LinkedIn Webinar with Clare Volunteer Centre

Clare Volunteer Centre is inviting anyone who has engaged in volunteering to join a free online webinar designed to help you build your LinkedIn profile and networks. The webinar will give advice and tips around recruitment, finding jobs tailored to your skill-set and volunteer opportunities. After the webinar, you will have the option to arrange a 1-1 session with a LinkedIn staff member. The webinar will take place on Wednesday 29th July at 3pm. Please contact Dolores on 087 361 2119 or dolores@volunteerclare.ie

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Transport funding for community groups

Funding for community organisations providing meals on wheels, mobility services and cancer care transport is available under Measure 3 of CLÁR, from the Department of Rural and Community Development. CLÁR provides funding for small-scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered significant population decline, and have been tailored to help rural communities respond to COVID-19.

Organisations will be supported to purchase kitchen or food delivery equipment. They can also access funds for any adaptations that may be necessary to their existing vehicles as a result of new public health guidelines. The deadline for applications is 28th August, 2020. For further details and application forms see: <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/>

**“You don’t get
to be racist
and Irish”**

Poem by Imelda May

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Rethink Ireland - Equality Fund 2020

The Rethink Ireland Equality Fund 2020 can provide cash grants of between €55,000 and €75,000 a year for three years. You can apply under one of these three themes:

1. Empowering Women - projects that empower more women from minority communities into employment, or women in low paying jobs, or women who find it difficult to assert their rights.
2. Strengthening Communities - projects that empower communities to advocate for themselves.
3. Building Equality Together - two or more organisations who have come together to promote equality.

The deadline is 14th September, 2020. More details here:

https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/equality-fund-2020-2023/

Restart grant to help small businesses reopen

The Government has agreed a Restart grant to help micro and small businesses with the costs of reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. The grants will be equivalent to the rates bill of the business in 2019, with a minimum of €2,000 and a maximum of €10,000. Clare County Council will process applications from Clare businesses, with a closing date of 31 August, 2020. See:

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/business/supports-and-grants/grants/restart/>



EIL Seed Fund for returning overseas volunteers

If you are a returned overseas volunteer or social change maker and have a small project you'd like to grow and nurture, EIL's Global Citizenship Seed Funds are on offer again. You can get micro grants of €100 per individual or €200 per group. You can apply to the Seed Fund as individuals or as part of a group. The deadline is August 15th and all details are here:

<https://www.eilireland.org/global-citizenship/seedfund/>
