

Clare PPN Newsletter June 2020

Dear members,

Welcome to our June 2020 newsletter.

We hope you are keeping safe and well as we emerge from lockdown and start reconnecting with family, friends, work and pastimes. Please ensure to check the [HSE](#) for the most up to date and accurate information as we enter this new phase.

If you are a community or voluntary group the safety of your workers, volunteers and service users is no doubt your highest priority, so don't miss the excellent training **this Thursday** brought to you by Clare Volunteer Centre, on how to re-open safely. Further details below...

While working online for the past few months had its advantages, such as increased participation in meetings and training, it also challenged accessibility for some and Zoom call burnout for others! It is likely that the new technologies will be used by many groups in the future so let's navigate this new way of working together.

Clare PPN is delighted to see the committees and forums start to reconvene at the Council. Once again we can focus again on representation, decision-making and policy-making with you as the experts. Some vacancies exist on representative seats and on our Secretariat so follow the links below if interested in a representative or volunteer management role with the PPN.

Read on below for information on various funding opportunities and relevant news and feel free to contact us with any items you would like to see included.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



volunteer centre

Ionad d'Obair Dheonach an Chláir

CLARE

'Ready and Able' post COVID-19

Clare Volunteer Centre invites you to a two part webinar to support community & voluntary groups in Clare to understand the guidelines & priority steps to re-open post Covid-19. The first 'Ready and Able' webinar will take place from 2.15pm - 4pm via Zoom on Thursday 25th June.

Reserve your place here: [Eventbrite - Ready and Able](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CLÁR Funding Scheme

The Department of Rural and Community Development has announced a new round of funding for 2020 under the CLÁR scheme. CLÁR is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small scale infrastructural projects in areas which have suffered the greatest levels of population decline. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Tuesday, 30th June 2020 at 4pm**. Application form, guidelines and map of eligible areas of Clare can be accessed at [Clare County Council](#)

Community Integration Fund

Applications are now open to community groups who wish to apply for grant funding under the Department of Justice and Equality Community Integration Fund. The Fund is for community projects that support the integration of migrants. The application period runs until **1pm, Thursday 16th July, 2020**.

Applications must be submitted electronically, and Community Groups can access a guidance document and complete an online application form at: [CIF2020](#)

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund

A third call for applications to the Rural regeneration and Development Fund has just been announced. This call for applications to the Fund seeks to provide assistance in supporting economic recovery in rural areas in light of the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and to assist in delivering sustainable regeneration in rural towns and villages, driving greater economic activity and helping to address challenges such as dereliction and vacancy. Applications to the Fund which support in the decarbonisation of the economy and environmental sustainability are particularly welcome.

This call under the Fund is for Category 1 applications, which relate to capital projects that have planning in place and are ready to commence at the date of application. The closing date for the receipt of proposals is **12 noon, on Tuesday 1st December 2020**. Full details of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund are available: [HERE](#)

Community Enhancement Programme

Clare County Council has been allocated €60,265 from the Community Enhancement Programme. Typical enhancements under the Programme include the renovation of community centres and community amenities, improvements to town parks and common areas and spaces, and the purchase of equipment for community usage.

The Programme has also supported energy efficient upgrades, development of community gardens, provision of defibrillators, CCTV, and sports and IT equipment.

The CEP is administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area and details will be circulated once finalised.

For more information click: [HERE](#)

NEWS & INFORMATION

On yer bike...



Clare County Council has been allocated €182,500 for the EuroVelo1 Atlantic Coast Route. This route is 11,000km long and takes in 6 countries and 13 UNESCO sites. It is one of 16 routes connecting and uniting the whole European continent. For more information on cycling Europe please visit: [EuroVelo](#)

Clare PPN elections



Clare PPN currently has vacancies on its Secretariat (the board that runs the PPN) and also on Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) representative seats. Info on the roles and on which Clare PPN member groups may nominate for which seat can be obtained at the following links:

[LCDC - Environmental rep](#)

[LCDC - Social Inclusion rep](#)

[Secretariat elections](#)

Clare Youth Service - Younger Voices survey

Clare Youth Service Younger Voices want to hear about the impact of COVID19 on young people from Clare. The survey is open to all young people and young adults age 13 to 30 - those living in Clare and those from Clare but not living here at the moment.

The survey is anonymous however if you wish to enter the competition for a €100 gift voucher please insert your email address or telephone number on completion of the [survey](#)

Protect each other. Wear a face covering.



Everyone in Ireland has helped to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and worked together in difficult circumstances to save many lives. Now that our services and communities are re-opening, we all want to stay safe and keep protecting each other from coronavirus. We do this by cleaning our hands, social distancing and covering sneezes and coughs.

We can also do this by wearing a face covering. Face coverings help prevent people who don't know they have the virus from spreading it to others. They should be worn anywhere it's difficult to stay 2m apart, like shops or public transport, or when visiting anyone who is more at risk. This includes people aged over 70, or people who are medically vulnerable.

Now More Than Ever

Clare Local Area Network Opposing Violence Against Women launches #NowMoreThanEver to highlight that supports are still in place for those experiencing violence in the home at a time of increased incidences of the crime.

For more information on CLAN please visit the [Facebook Page](#)

Now more than ever
Clare Local Area Network
OPPOSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
#NowMoreThanEver

We are still here to help & support you at this time.

CLARE HAVEN SERVICES 24 HOUR HELPLINE 065 6822435	GARDA EMERGENCY 112 / 999	RAPE CRISIS MIDWEST FREEPHONE 1800 311511
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THE CLARE LOCAL AREA NETWORK IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

Citizens Information Services 0761 07 5260	Ennis Court Services 065 6867500	Probation Services 065 8645952
Clare Women's Network 085 1554800 083 8924700	Money Advice and Budgeting Services 0761 07 2000	Clare Mental Health Services 065 6863710
Primary Care Social Work Services 065 6863808	Men Overcoming Violent Emotions, MOVE 086 4149613	Clare County Council Homeless Action Team 065 6846291



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