

Clare PPN Newsletter August 2020

Dear members,

Welcome to our packed August 2020 newsletter.

With September just around the corner, it's back to school time and while we know this year is a little different and more nerve-wracking than usual, we wish everyone the very best with getting your children, grand-children or nieces and nephews back to school happily and safely. It's 'back to school' time for Clare PPN too - we have a great line-up of online training seminars taking place this September and October.

With cases of Covid-19 on the rise again and with schools reopening, it is now more important than ever to follow public health advice, so that together we can restrict the spread of the virus and protect the most vulnerable in our communities. Below we have some details of the latest public health guidelines.

This month we also have news of quite a few funding opportunities, including 'RTÉ does Comic Relief', an integration fund for projects supporting migrants, a small grant scheme for sports clubs and funding for organisations representing people with disabilities.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Clare PPN online training seminars

We are excited to announce a season of training seminars, covering such topics as media for community activists, diversity and anti-racism, the workings of local government and county plans. To reserve a place on any of these training sessions, please email admin@clareppn.ie with the session number of the training you wish to attend.

Session 1 is aimed at new PPN Representatives and Secretariat Members and anyone considering standing for election to one of these positions. All the other sessions are open to all-comers!

Please note also that for PPN Representatives who have not previously completed their induction training, attendance at sessions 1 - 4 is required.

For anyone or group who would like to attend these training sessions but is not familiar with using online technology such as Zoom, we are happy to provide a special training session on how to use it. Just drop us a line at newsletter@clareppn.ie and we'll arrange a date with you.

- **Wednesday, September 9th, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 1 - Welcome to the PPN: Induction for new PPN Representatives and Secretariat Members.

This session will cover your role, responsibilities, travel and subsistence policy, representatives charter, how the PPN works and how to feedback to member groups from your committee or board. Please note that while this session is intended for recently elected representatives, if you are considering standing for a position you are more than welcome to attend.

- **Wednesday, September 16th, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 2 - Diversity and anti-racism training: With Vicky Donnelly of Galway One World Centre, for PPN Representatives and any interested member groups.

This introductory session will cover understanding the roots and origins of racism,

understanding the effects of ‘institutional’ racism and discrimination in Ireland and how to work for inclusion and diversity in your role as a community representative.

- **Wednesday September 23d, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 3 - An Introduction to Local Government in Ireland: With Dr Matt Cannon, for representatives and any interested member groups.

This session will cover the duties and responsibilities of local government in Ireland since the Local Government Act 2014 and the methods through which community groups can have their voices heard in policy-making at local level.

- **Wednesday, September 30th, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 4 - Understanding Clare’s County Development Plan and LECP: For PPN Representatives and any interested members.

This session will cover the purpose and function of the County Development Plan and the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) in Clare; how PPN groups can make submissions to both plans; and how the PPN and our representatives are involved in overseeing the LECP.

- **Tuesday, October 6th, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 5 - Media for Community Activists Part 1, with Andrew Hamilton: For PPN representatives and any interested members.

Andrew’s two sessions will cover radio/press releases/social media and media management.

- **Tuesday, October 13th, 7pm, via Zoom**

Session 6 - Media for Community Activists Part 2, with Andrew Hamilton: For PPN representatives and any interested members.

See above.

What does your Climate Adaptation Regional Office do?

Tuesday, September 15th, 7pm, via Zoom

In 2018 the government established four Climate Adaptation Regional Offices (CARO). Clare is part of the Atlantic Seaboard South CARO, hosted in Cork County Council. Liam Dromey, the area’s Regional Co-ordinator, will join us online to give a presentation on the work and role of the CARO. This will be of interest to environmental groups and anyone interested in local government climate change actions. To reserve a place please email admin@clareppn.ie

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



National Integration Fund 2020

Grants are available under the National Integration Fund 2020 to projects that combat racism and xenophobia and increase understanding between local communities and immigrants. €749,600 a year over three years will be available to projects that help immigrants improve their language skills, introduce immigrants to the political system or promote integration in schools, the youth sector; workplace, sport, volunteering and cultural activities. Apply before September 10th at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/NIF2020>

Consultation & Participation Network for people with a disability

The new Disability Participation and Consultation Network will enable people with a disability to be involved in the development of policy and legislation. Funding is available for an organisation representing people with disabilities to administer the network as an Organising Member. Separate funding is available for up to four organisations to provide training and support to people with disabilities to be involved in the network. The deadline is September 14th. See:

http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol_Organising_Member_Disability_Participation_and_Consultation_Network

Community Foundation - RTÉ does Comic Relief

Voluntary groups can apply for a share of the more than €5.5 million raised by the 'RTÉ does Comic Relief' night of entertainment. Funding will focus on supporting non-profit organisations that provide key services and supports to vulnerable

individuals affected by Covid-19. The deadline is September 30th. See: <https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/rte-does-comic-relief>



Covid-19 Club Small Grant Scheme

Sports clubs in Clare can now apply for Covid-19 Club Small Grants of up to €1,500 through Clare Sports Partnership. This scheme is designed to support sports clubs that do not have the finances to implement Covid-19-related hygiene and social distancing protocols. For more information, contact: cathy@claresports.ie or call 065 686 5434. The deadline is September 7th. You can apply online at: <http://www.claresports.ie/covid-19-club-small-grant-scheme/>

Reminder: Rethink Ireland - Equality Fund 2020

Just a reminder about the the Rethink Ireland Equality Fund 2020, which offers cash grants of between €55,000 and €75,000 a year for three years. You can apply under one of three themes: Empowering Women; Strengthening Communities; Building Equality Together. The deadline is September 14th. More details here: https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/equality-fund-2020-2023/

Funding for remote healthy eating projects

Do you or your organisation want to deliver some online healthy eating projects? The Community Food Initiatives is a healthy eating programme funded by SafeFood, offering knowledge and skills to provide healthy food options. Funding of up to €1,500 is available to deliver a project in a local area. Details on how to apply are at this link:

<https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/funding/76687-community-food-initiatives-funding-available-for-remote-healthy-eating-projects>

Need help with funding applications?

Clare Volunteer Centre have recruited a team of 4 people with skills and expertise in funding applications. If you want to avail of their help or advice please get in touch with Clare Volunteer Centre at www.volunteerclare.ie Phone: 065-6845513 or email: dolores@volunteerclare.ie

NEWS & INFORMATION



Latest guidelines on Covid-19

People in Clare and across Ireland have made a huge contribution to reducing the spread of the Covid-19 virus and have helped to save many lives. With cases on the rise again and with schools reopening, it is more important than ever to follow public health advice.

By law, you must now wear a face mask on public transport, in shops and some other indoor settings. See the full list of places:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings/>

Masks are also recommended when visiting the homes of those over 70 or who are medically vulnerable, or when sharing a vehicle with someone you don't live with. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, you should self-isolate and phone your GP straight away - this phone consultation is free of charge. For a list of symptoms and more detail on these guidelines, see:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cf9b0d-new-public-health-measures-effective-now-to-prevent-further-spread-o/>



Think Ability programme for young people with disabilities

The Irish Wheelchair Association has launched Think Ability, a Pobal-funded programme, free for participants. Think Ability is for those aged 18-29 with all types of physical disabilities (not just wheelchair users), including hidden disabilities such as epilepsy, dyspraxia and MS. The aim is to support young people to move closer to employment, with career planning, educational options, preparing CVs, mock interviews and more. Coaching can be face-to-face or remote. Contact the Co Clare Job Coach, Sarah Chalke, at: 087 3310255 or sarah.chalke@iwa.ie

Local views sought on Killaloe-Ballina plan

If you live in or around Killaloe or Ballina, your views are welcome on a new town enhancement and mobility plan. The Plan will deal with transport and mobility, place-making and public realm, street furniture design, tourism, 'blue-green infrastructure' and more. The deadline for submissions is September 7th. More information here:

[https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/\[news\]/local-community-invited-to-participate-in-plan-for-killaloe-and-ballina.html](https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/[news]/local-community-invited-to-participate-in-plan-for-killaloe-and-ballina.html)

Give your bike to a schoolchild in Africa



The Rotary Ireland School Bikes Africa project, with the support of Clare County Council, is accepting unwanted bicycles. These are refurbished by prisoners at open prisons in Cavan and Wicklow and then shipped to Africa and distributed to schoolchildren. You can bring bicycles to the Central Waste Management Facility in Ballyduff Beg, Inagh. Opening hours are: Tue-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm; and Sat 8.30am-1pm. More info at: [https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/\[news\]/donate-your-unused-bicycles-and-make-a-difference.html](https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/[news]/donate-your-unused-bicycles-and-make-a-difference.html)

Museum of Mythological Water Beasts: River Residencies

Artists working in all art forms are invited to apply for the River Residencies, part of the Museum of Mythological Water Beasts, an artistic project about, along and on the River Shannon. Artists would work with communities along the Shannon during 2021. The deadline is September 21st. For more see: https://mcusercontent.com/6b4747556a27b6f85fb1cc52f/files/31bb13b0-71aa-43b8-ac22-4198ba3216f8/River_Residencies_Application_Brief_web.pdf

Seeking homework club tutors in Ennistymon

Clare Local Development Company is recruiting tutors for a Homework Support Project in Ennistymon, nine hours per week. A background in primary teaching/childcare/classroom assistant/youth work or special needs assistant is desirable. Contact Darina Greene on dgreene@cldc.ie for more information.

Also in Ennistymon, the North West Clare Family Resource Centre is recruiting for full and part time roles for its Early Years Service. Details here: <https://www.activelink.ie/vacancies/children-youth/76968-north-west-clare-family-resource-centre-early-years-vacancies>



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