



Dear Members,

This mail has details of the following :

1. CELT's Free Family Event which takes place tomorrow 27th May.
2. The announcement of this years Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017.
3. Notice of an event on Monday 29th for Festival Organisers held by AOIFE in the Auburn Lodge
4. Notice of a great opportunity to become a UN Sustainable Development Advocate for County Clare
5. An update about Street Feast plans in Clare and how you can host one in your area.

Apologies for the short notice for some of these events. Clare PPN is delighted to share any information or news our groups have but we would like to let you know that because there is only one staff member we can not guarantee that we will get things out in advance of your deadlines. Please do feel free to post on our social media platforms and to tag us in publicity for your events. Also if you give us as much notice as possible and then we'll do whatever we can. Hoping for a sunny weekend,

Many thanks,
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No plans for tomorrow?

Biodiversity Week Family Fun Day @ Tuamgraney Community Native

Woodland Saturday 27th May @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Free !Immerse yourself in the

magic of a real forest experience. Learn how the forest works and why they are so

important for all Life. All are welcome.

The day will begin with a woodland walk around the four acre site on the gravel footpath. Terrain is not too difficult. The history of the project and its aims and objectives will be explained.

We will then spread out to the four distinct woodland types found in this woodland and start to survey, using pooters to collect insects and bags for other samples.

We will then gather in the centre of the woodland where we will have tables set up with books for plant, insect, etc, identification and magnifying glasses, to examine and label what has been found.

The parents and children will do this research under supervision of the organiser and an assistant. This will be a hands on nature education event for those participating.

The day will be led by Andrew St Ledger, Native Woodland Specialist with more than ten years experience delivering native woodland education to a wide range of participants of all ages.

Meet 2pm sharp opposite Tuamgraney Heritage Centre. (Contact : Andrew [087 6324644](tel:0876324644))

More details on CELT here <http://www.celtnet.org/>

Funding Opportunity for Environmental Projects

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017

Do you have a project or initiative that could help to increase awareness of environmental issues locally, or that could help your community to become more sustainable?

If so, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2017. This Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level.

Does Your Project Qualify?

Projects should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.

A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years, including community gardens and allotments, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, waste reduction initiatives, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions. Lists of previously funded projects can be viewed online at:

<http://dcca.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness>

How to Apply Applications are made directly to your local authority. Further information, application forms (in both Irish and English) and contact details for your local authority are available online at www.dcca.gov.ie

Applications must be made to your local authority no later than 5pm, 23 June 2017.

For general information on the scheme please email envawareness@clarecoco.ie or telephone Cepta McDonagh at 065 68 46 331.

Festival and Events Advice Pop Up Clinics for Clare on Monday 29th May

This month sees the inaugural AOIFE Festival and Events Advice Clinic roll into Clare to engage with the 45 plus Festivals and event organisers in the County. Aoife's Executive Director and Communications Assistant will be traversing the Country this season in an effort to meet local member Festival and event organisers. Modelled on other Network offerings – the POP Up Advice Clinics are facilitated locally to allow organisers meet AOIFE personnel and get a steer on some of their problems. Founded in 1993- the Association of Irish Festivals and Events Association is the fourth largest in Europe (with over 200 members) and through training networking and advocating best practice helps “not for profit festivals” reach and expand their local and international goals. The Clinics will deal with:

- The European Festival Labelling & Awards Programme
- Funding and Grant Applications
- Setting up a new Festival / Event
- Revenue and Sponsorship Opportunities
- Leader and Cluster support
- Association Development
- Social Media Mentoring
- Connections, Contacts and General Advice.

Participants MUST register with the AOIFE Secretariat in advance to book at 30 minute consultation during the time the team are there. The Advice Clinic Service is Free to members and non-members must pay a fee of €50.

Priority will be given to member Festivals of the association but it's hoped the programme will give a chance for newer Festivals and Events in the non – profit sector to meet first hand with the Senior Team. For Registration for your 30 minutes Advice Slot or your 30 minute Social Media Mentoring slot please contact Membership Officer Christina at 090 964 3779. Or see www.aoifeonline.com

The Advice Clinics will be in Clare in the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis 10.00 a.m.

– 4:00p.m. Monday 29th May.

Want to apply to be a UN Sustainable Development advocate for County Clare?

Details here for this great program, please note that the deadline for applying is June 6th.

** There is a programme fee involved which is €150.00 and if a member of Clare PPN is chosen to be County Clare's SDG Advocate Clare PPN will cover this cost.*



<http://www.developmentperspectives.ie/sdgadvocacy/>

Street Feasts Press Release for Clare

Over 1000 Street Feast Parties registered to date with 13 planned for Clare so far!

To register and receive your Free Party Pack* for Sunday, 11th June 2017

log onto www.streetfeast.ie

Street Feast are delighted to confirm that over 1000 Street Feast parties around the country have been registered to date, **including 13 taking place in Clare. The 8th Annual Street Feast Day, which is to be held on Sunday, 11th June 2017** is attracting greater numbers than ever before. **In Clare** this year, Street Feast parties are taking place throughout the county, including in Ballyvaughan, Lisdoonvarna and Ennis. It is expected that over 1040 neighbours will take part in county-wide Clare Street Feasts, which are supported by Clare County Council.

There is still time to register and include your community in the 2017 celebrations. Please visit www.streetfeast.ie.

Street Feast is an Irish local community initiative and is an all-for-fun, do-it-yourself, not-for-profit celebration. The initiative invites individuals, groups or clubs to host a lunch on their street, in a local park or in their front gardens – inviting other neighbours to come along and join them. The all-inclusive, age-friendly initiative aims to encourage active participation, bring communities together and reduce isolation. Everyone is encouraged to bring something along to share, whether it be a dish, a chair or a tune.

Street Feast are calling on people nationwide to come together at 12.00 noon on Sunday, 11th June to enjoy a bite to eat with their neighbours for a simple and fun way of reconnecting with those that live near them. Patron of Street Feast, President Michael D Higgins congratulated the initiative, “We must all by now realise the importance of community, inclusion, creativity and togetherness - all values that require support and a conscious effort of care, protection and solidarity. Initiatives such as Street Feast provide exactly that type of opportunity.”

Nicole Bukley, one of the hosts of a Street Feast in Clare, said “Last years Street Feast was one of the greatest days in the estate. It just worked. We had one of the funniest days ever. It'll be low key again this year - the simpler you keep it, the better it is. That's what I've found. We had films and music and a couple of tables and loads of food and drink. It was a super fun day. People came out of the woodwork. There was no fighting between the

kids- just outdoors in the sun!

Speaking today, Sam Bishop, one of the founders and Co-Ordinator of Street Feast said:

“We are very excited for Street Feast 2017! We want it to help rejuvenate communities, introduce new faces, bridge the gap between generations, share culture, stories and skills, and make our streets safer places to be.

There are still three weeks to go and we encourage as many individuals, friends, neighbours, clubs, community groups, faith groups, resident associations, etc. to get involved in this special all-inclusive community initiative. It can be as simple as laying out a few picnic blankets in your nearest green area! Go for it!”

Street Feast will support people to host their own celebration, which is repeated on streets, parks, carparks and gardens all across Ireland. Everyone who registers can claim a free Street Feast party pack which includes balloons, bunting, invites, posters and a DIY guide, everything you need to kick start your celebrations.

To register or for more information, visit the Street Feast website – www.streetfeast.ie

How to register to receive your Free Party Pack* and what is involved?

People who register their Street Feast online at www.streetfeast.ie have the option to claim their free Party Pack (while stocks last) which will be posted direct to your home.

Registration for free mailed-out packs ends – Thursday, 1st June 2017

Registrations for Street Feast 2017 (inc. downloadable packs) ends – Friday, 9th June 2017