

All the news for community groups in County Clare - Join Clare PPN and have your voice heard.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Stand up and be consulted!

The Autumn leaves have hardly even started falling yet but it's clear from our mailboxes at Clare PPN that any holiday season is well over. We have received a variety of invitations and calls for submissions from our members and they are detailed below in this newsletter. Please note that some have short deadlines on them so don't put it off if you have something to say on any of them.

Please can we remind those of you who have not yet renewed your membership of Clare PPN to do so online at <http://clareppn.ie/join-the-ppn/> or by printing off a hard copy of the registration form that appears in pdf form on that page and filling it in and posting it to me at the address at the foot of this newsletter.

Contents:

- Consultation / Invitation on Open Government Action Plan
- Call for Submissions /Public Consultation on National Drugs Strategy
- Invitation to the Launch of LEADER on Friday 23rd September
- Co Clare Garda Youth Awards

**Our colleagues in CLDC invite you to the
launch by Marian Harkin MEP of
LEADER 2014-2020**



**on Friday 23rd September in Inagh
Community Centre from 2pm onwards**

Anyone attending will be able to have their questions answered about the leader programme for the county and will also have an opportunity to hear from Dr Chris McInerney of the University of Limerick.

There will be showcases of the work of the team based in Clare Local Development Company and refreshments will be served.

Clare PPN will have a stand at this event.

Important: Anyone wishing to attend should preregister at this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUcenVJD-kehoTJqT_9i2ifFTUpwUBG4cnFmoBrKiL23DaAg/viewform?c=0&w=1

For further details of the LEADER Programme see

here: <http://cldc.ie/home/leader/>



Open Government Partnership: Civic Forums and Call for Submissions

The [Open Government Partnership \(OGP\)](#) is an initiative of 70 countries including Ireland. It aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. It is run by a steering committee composed of governments and civil society organisations.

If you have any views or good ideas on how any of our government institutions or the government itself can serve the population better you should participate in the this consultation. The Department of Expenditure and Government Reform will be using the results of this process to inform their National Action Plan on Open Government 2016-2018.

You can get involved in the current consultation on **Ireland's Second National Action Plan on Open Government** by making an open submission and then taking the opportunity to discuss your views further at a civic forum.

How can you have your views heard:

First of all go to this link here where the process is explained <https://consult.ogpireland.ie/en> .

Then when you know what it's all about you can make a submission at this link below:

<https://consult.ogpireland.ie/en/consultation/open-government-partnership-ireland-have-your-say>.

All submissions made will be open to the public and easily accessed by them on line.

The next forums will be held on 22nd September, Dublin Castle, 10am-12.30pm and on 27th September at a venue tbc in Dublin City.

Important: In order to attend either Civic Forum your submission must be made by September 21st.



Consultation on a New National Drugs Strategy for 2017

Want more treatment places for substance abusers? Want cannabis legalised? Worried about underage drinking? Want zero tolerance or a new war on drugs? Well here's your chance to tell the Department of Health.

Details from them here:

NEW DATES ADDED - Public Consultation to Inform the New National Drugs Strategy 2017

The Department of Health is developing a new National Drugs Strategy from 2017 onwards. As part of the public consultation, the Department is organising regional consultation events in Galway and Kilkenny, in addition to the four consultation events previously announced. The dates and venues for the additional events are provided below:

1. The Ardilaun Hotel, Galway, Friday 30th September 2016, 11am - 3pm
2. Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny, Monday 3rd October 2016, 2pm - 5pm

To register and secure your place, please RSVP to yourviews@drugsstrategy.ie by 23rd September 2016.

If you are not able to attend a consultation event but would like to provide your views on the existing strategy and the issues you think are important to be considered for the new strategy, **you will be able to do so until the 18th October, 2016** via email, phone, online or in writing as detailed below.

Please tell us your views by 5pm on 18th October 2016, in one of the following ways:

Visit this page: www.health.gov.ie/drugs-strategy for information about the public consultation and the existing National Drugs Strategy (2009 – 2016)

Complete a Questionnaire Online: Using the dedicated questionnaire that you can complete and submit online

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NationalDrugsStrategy>

OR complete a questionnaire in writing and return to the PO Box address provided below

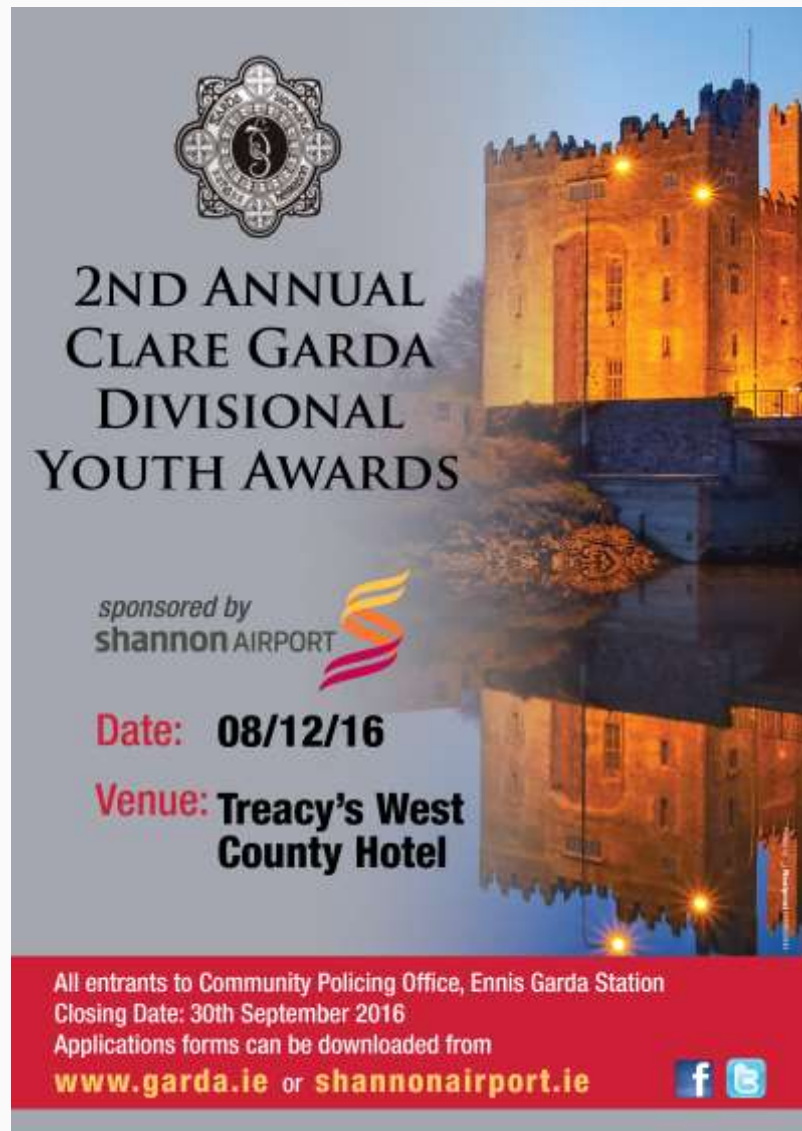
(questionnaires are available in English, Irish, Spanish, Polish and Urdu).

Email us: yourviews@drugsstrategy.ie

Write to us: National Drugs Strategy, PO Box 12278, Glenageary, Co. Dublin

Call us: 1890 10 00 53

Garda Youth Awards:

The poster features the Garda Síochána crest at the top left. The background is a photograph of a castle at night, illuminated by warm lights, with its reflection in a body of water. The text is centered and reads: '2ND ANNUAL CLARE GARDA DIVISIONAL YOUTH AWARDS'. Below this, it says 'sponsored by shannon AIRPORT' with the Shannon Airport logo. The date is 'Date: 08/12/16' and the venue is 'Venue: Treacy's West County Hotel'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the following text: 'All entrants to Community Policing Office, Ennis Garda Station', 'Closing Date: 30th September 2016', 'Applications forms can be downloaded from', and the websites 'www.garda.ie or shannonairport.ie'. There are also Facebook and Twitter social media icons.

An Garda Síochána in association with Shannon Airport announced the Second Annual Clare Garda Division Youth Awards. Last year they said they received a great response and had very worthy recipients of the awards. They are now seeking nominations of deserving young persons between the ages of 14 to 19. If you know of anyone who you think should be nominated, you can download the nomination form here : <http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=18961>

Completed forms should be returned to the Community Policing Office at Ennis Garda Station, by 30th September 2016.

An Garda Síochána are aware that young people are carrying out excellent work in the communities and should be recognised for their efforts, the purpose

of these awards is to recognise that positive and valuable contribution young people make to their communities in the Clare Garda Division.

The awards will be held on the 8th December 2016 at the Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis, Co Clare.

Please forward this information to your members and any other relevant groups that you may know. You may know a student from your group or locality that is deserving of a nomination. Any queries please contact the Community Policing Office at Ennis Garda Station on 065 6848164 or email to sandra.m.heelan@garda.ie.



Copyright © 2018 Clare PPN, All rights reserved.
You are getting this because you joined Clare PPN

Our mailing address is:
Clare PPN
Unit 1, Westgate Business Park
Kilrush Road
Ennis, Co. Clare none
Ireland