



Welcome to the Clare PPN newsletter for October 2018.

We need your help!!! Based on an identified need the Department of Applied Social Sciences at Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) are carrying out a poll to determine interest in a flexible learning module on Local Governance and Community Engagement.

Following on from recent developments around the creation of Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and the growing need for community consultation there was a recognised need for upskilling in both Local Authorities and Community Organisations around understanding local government structures, governance issues and a need to develop skills around community engagement.

LIT is in the process of developing a tailored accredited flexible learning programmes. To this end we are trying to determine interest in the programme and we would appreciate if you could complete the following short (6 question) survey. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes or less to complete. We appreciate your time and input into this process

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)



Working Life in Ireland

In September Clare PPN held 'Working Life in Ireland' in conjunction with Clare Local Development Company to assist asylum seekers who wish to enter the jobs market. Topics covered: Your rights and entitlements as a worker, assistance for entrepreneurs, educational opportunities and the new 'right to work' legislation. Speakers on the day included Annemarie O'Reilly (Citizens Information Centre), Liam Carroll (CLDC), Donna Vuma (MASI), Theresa Connolly (Mary Immaculate Secondary School), Karl Quinn (LCETB), Seagh McSiurdan (Workers rights specialist) and Sarah Clancy (Clare PPN).

Events

Spark Change in Your Community - 17th October 2018

Venue: Clare Youth Service, Carmody St, Clonroad Beg, Ennis

Date/Time: 17 Oct 2018 – 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Cost: FREE

What does a sustainable community look like, what are we doing already and how can we become more sustainable?

This interactive networking session will highlight the work being carried out by community and voluntary organisations throughout Ireland to make their communities more socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.

It will examine the supports provided by The Wheel to community-based organisations to carry out, and gain recognition for, their work. Participants will explore how these innovative community-based initiatives contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Supports include the online Sustainable Communities Toolkit and Spark Change Challenge.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Litter Management Plan 2019 -2021 closing date for submissions 19th October 2018

Notice is hereby given that Clare County Council proposes to replace the current Litter Management Plan 2015-2018. The new Plan will operate for the period 2019-2021. The objective of the Plan is to prevent and eradicate litter throughout the County. As part of the non-statutory consultation phase, Clare Council Council invites members of the public and interested parties to make written submissions on the proposed drafting of the Litter Plan 2019-2021. These submissions, which will be considered when preparing the Draft Plan, should be submitted to the Environment Section, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare or by email enviroff@clarecoco.ie by Friday, 19th October 2018. The current Plan is available for inspection on the Council's website www.clarecoco.ie or by contacting the Environment Section on 065-6821616.mnolan@CLDC.IE

Carrigoran conference 'A Time to Grow' - 2nd & 3rd November

Carrigoran conference 'A Time to Grow' - 2nd & 3rd November in Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre. Please note the following:

- The exhibition is free to all older people who wish to attend
- There is a cover charge of €20/day for attendees of businesses which includes lunch & refreshments
- It is free to register as an exhibitor
- It is free for voluntary groups

Groups can also complete the exhibitor form attached and return it to Mary O'Dowd at health@carrigoranhouse.ie

Public invited to talk on invasive plant species - 14th November 2018

A public talk and workshop focusing on best practice in the control of giant hogweed in counties Clare and Limerick will take place at Limerick County Hall in Dooradoyle on Wednesday 14 November from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Introduced to Ireland and Britain from Asia in the 19th century, giant hogweed can grow up to five metres in height and is infesting land across Ireland. It is an unwanted invasive plant because it produces a toxic sap that can cause severe burns on contact, and it damages the environment.

Teagasc Agritourism Options course – starts 5th December 2018

First day is December 5th Teagasc Ennis

Topic Covered include:

- Rural Tourism
- Start your own Business

Contact local advisors : Martina Enright 076/1114132 or Mary Grogan 065/6828676 to express an interest in attending this course. Any farm family members are welcome to attend. There is no charge for attending this up-skilling course.

Funding Opportunities

Social Innovation Fund - deadline 18th January 2019

Have you a project that uses sports, arts or culture as a means to achieve social impact?

Or a project that focuses on improving outcomes for children?

Check out three new funding opportunities below.

5pm Friday, 18th January 2019

[For more information](#)