# **Clare PPN Newsletter February 2019**



#### New Secretariat member for Killaloe Municipal District.

Clare PPN would like to extend a warm welcome to Fionnuala Collins, our new Secretariat member, representing Killaloe Municipal District. Fionnuala is a philosophy graduate with more than has 25 years of community work and activism behind her, both in a professional and in a voluntary capacity. For more information please click here: http://clareppn.ie/project/fionnuala-collins/

# **Submissions**

New National Heritage Plan - 'Have Your Say'

#### Deadline 28th February

A public consultation on the development of a new national heritage plan – Heritage Ireland 2030 – has been launched and the people of Clare are being invited to have their say.

The plan seeks to recognise the vital role heritage plays in our community, our economy and our society and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is inviting the public's views to help shape the priorities for Ireland's heritage for the next 10 years.

Congella McGuire, Heritage Officer with Clare County Council, said: "It is important that the voices of individuals, groups and communities in Clare are heard through this process. Heritage 2030 offers an opportunity to build on some of the achievements and partnerships developed through the County Clare Heritage Plans in recent years, to promote heritage as a resource to contribute to quality of life, cultural and economic development of County Clare."

In order to facilitate the Heritage 2030 process, Clare PPN and Heritage Office have organised an open public consultation session at the Clare PPN Offices, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis V95 N62T on Tuesday 26th February from 6.30 -8.00 pm

For more information click here: http://clareppn.ie/have-your-views-heard-on-irelands-heritage/

### **Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy submission**

#### Deadline 8th March 2019

The Southern Regional Assembly have prepared a draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the whole of the Southern Region for the period 2019-2031.

The draft RSES provides a long-term regional level strategic planning and economic framework, in support of the implementation of the National Planning Framework, for the future physical, economic and social developments for the Southern Region.

For more information click here: <a href="http://clareppn.ie/draft-regional-spatial-economic-strategy/">http://clareppn.ie/draft-regional-spatial-economic-strategy/</a>

# **Board Memberships**

#### Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE)

Our member organisation Move Ireland who work to overcome violence against women and children in Ireland, are seeking a female board member to help them run the organisation. The current board has a majority of men and for this reason they are currently only considering expressions of interest from women. If you feel you have the skills and enthusiasm to help steer this organisation's valuable work please read the information below and you can either contact the organisation directly or you can send Clare PPN an expression of interest as explained below and we will forward it to Move Ireland.

http://clareppn.ie/move-ireland-are-seeking-a-female-board-member-could-it-be-you/

# **Meetings**

### PPN new members meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> March

Due to a large increase in membership, Clare Public Participation Network would like to invite all newly registered groups (but not excluding our longstanding ones) to a 'new members meeting' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the PPN offices from 7pm to 9pm. It is an opportunity for you to find out more about us and what we do and also and opportunity to network with other member groups. We look forward to seeing you all.

# Spring Public Plenary meeting – 26th March

The first Clare PPN plenary meeting of 2019 will take place in Ennis on the evening of 26th March 2019. The event is also open to the general public and for anyone who wants to learn more about Clare PPN. The purpose of our plenary meeting is to ensure that members of Clare PPN are consulted and have a chance to identify their priorities for Clare PPN's work programme for the year ahead. The venue is dependent on the number of registered attendees so please let us know that you are joining us by reserving a FREE ticket here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clare-ppn-public-plenary-meeting-tickets-56066471325">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clare-ppn-public-plenary-meeting-tickets-56066471325</a>

# **Awards**

#### **Clare Community Awards**

#### Deadline extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> February

The valuable contribution made by County Clare's community groups and volunteers to their local area is being celebrated through a new awards scheme.

Clare County Council is inviting nominations to the inaugural Clare Community Awards which will culminate in a prestigious awards event honouring communities and volunteers at Hotel Woodstock, Ennis, on 7 March, 2019

For more information click here: <a href="http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/competitions/">http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/competitions/</a>