Clare PPN Newsletter March 2019

Welcome to this month's newsletter and Happy International Women's Day to you all!!! If you would like anything included in the newsletter please send it to admin@clareppn.ie



Funding

Windfarm Community Grant – closing 15th March (short notice)

ATTENTION GROUPS IN KILRUSH/MONEYPOINT AREA

The Wind Farm Community Funds were established by ESB and joint venture partners Galetech Energy and Coillte with the intention of helping the communities neighbouring wind farms to become more sustainable through the support of positive local initiatives and activities.

The funds seeks to address current and emerging issues, needs and opportunities within communities, enriching lives and creating brighter possibilities for local residents.

https://www.windfarmcommunityfunds.ie/

National Community Weekend fund announced – closing date 31st March

A new funding scheme for communities interested in organising events marking the inaugural National Community Weekend during the May Bank Holiday (4-6 May 2019) are invited to submit applicants for support funding. An initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development, the National Community Weekend is a celebration of the spirit of community that exists across Ireland.

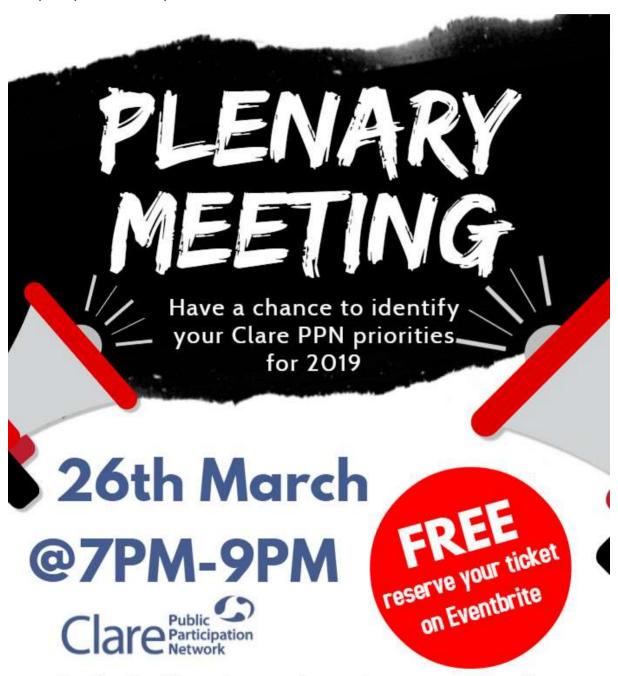
Events may focus on a range of themes, including sport, environment, music, food, health and history. Clare LCDC is also encouraging applications for Irish Language events and copies of the guideline and application form are available as Gaeilge.

Full details can be found at www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants

Meetings

Clare Leader Forum meeting on Accessible Transport – 14th March

Clare Leader Forum with the support of Dr Rosie Gowran of Limerick University invites you to a meeting at 11.30am on the 14th of March at the Clare PPN to set up a responsive accessible transport system in County Clare. All welcome.



Ennis, Co. Clare (venue dependant on numbers) for more information call 087 1617375 or email admin@clareppn.ie

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: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clare-ppn-public-plenary-meeting-tickets-56066471325



Training

Governance Bootcamps for Community Groups in Clare – 21st March

Clare Public Participation Network, Clare Volunteer Centre and Clare Local Development Company invite those involved with community groups, charities or non-governmental organisations in Clare to attend one of two introductory workshops on Governance and the Charities Governance Code which will take place on March 21st 2019 at 2-5 pm and will be repeated at 6.30-9.30 pm on the same day. (€5 euro suggested contribution)

For more information: http://clareppn.ie/governance-bootcamp-for-community-groups-in-clare-march-21st/

Awards/competitions

Clare communities invited to take Pride of Place – deadline 29th March

Clare County Council is inviting local communities as well as project and housing estate committees to build on the county's strong track record of success in the IPB Pride of Place Competition by putting their name forward to take part in 2019.

The annual awards programme, which is run by Co-operation Ireland in conjunction with local authorities North and South, aims to recognise and celebrate the vital contributions that communities make to society along with generating awareness, respect and inclusion for every facet of society.

Submissions/consultations

New National Heritage Plan – 'Have Your Say'

Deadline extended to 31st March

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.

http://clareppn.ie/5563-2/

Consultation on Review of Public Participation Network User Guide

Given the experience to date in the operation of PPNs, it is now considered necessary, by both the Department and the National Advisory Group, to review the content of the User Guide to ensure it properly captures the range of issues impacting on the operation of PPNs and is fit for purpose in terms of supporting the on-going growth and development of PPNs. Please note: This is not a review of the PPNs.

As a first step, it has been decided to consult with all stakeholders in relation to the current User Guide and obtain their views on how a future guide/handbook might assist stakeholders with a concise resource of information that informs, guides and instructs in a user friendly way that is understood by all users.

http://clareppn.ie/consultation-on-review-of-public-participation-network-user-guide/