



Clare PPN Newsletter August 2019

Dear Members,

Welcome to our August update read on for news of Funding, Training and PPN related news. We hope you are all surviving the rain and managing to enjoy the last days of summer. We contacted all members recently via email asking you to update your contact details with us. Thanks, so much to those of you who responded so quickly and appreciation in advance for those who have yet to do so. We are required to update our register once per year to ensure that our membership is current and that we are in compliance with GDPR so we'd be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to update your details for us. If any of you did not receive or can't find that email please get in touch with sue@clareppn.ie and she'll get you sorted out.

We'll be holding PPN elections in September for a variety of positions on the Strategic Policy Committees of Clare County Council and on the secretariat of Clare PPN and groups must be reregistered by then in order to be able to nominate candidates and vote.

Hope you are all enjoying the last of summer

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Funding announced for Climate Environment Action Fund (formerly Local Agenda 21) Deadline September 27th, 2019

The Community Environment Action Fund 2019, previously known as the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund, is now seeking applications. Eligible projects should support and complement national environmental policies with priority will be given to Climate Change and Biodiversity projects this year.

With a total fund of €25,300 available for County Clare, Clare County Council is inviting small to medium size community project proposals from schools, tidy town groups, community development associations, youth groups or any group with an interest in completing an environment themed project or activity.

A wide variety of projects 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. Further information including a list of previously funded projects can be viewed online at <https://www.dccae.gov.ie>.

Application forms can be obtained by emailing greenerclare@clarecoco.ie or by contacting Cepta McDonagh, Environment Section, Clare County Council at 065 68 46 331. Applications must be made directly to Clare County Council, Environment Section no later than 5.00 p.m. on 27 September 2019 by email to greenerclare@clarecoco.ie or by post to: Environment Section, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2.

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness/local-agenda-21-partnership-fund/Pages/default.aspx>

Social Justice Ireland Autumn Training Programme

Social Justice Ireland have a range of free training events including communications and advocacy, facilitation skills, and plain English training taking place this autumn around Ireland. They are aimed at PPN representatives, member groups and secretariat members to help you all with your work in your communities. You can read details of them below and if you wish to attend please book in as soon as possible by clicking on your chosen course and location. <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/event/training-calendar-autumnwinter-2019>

Age and Opportunities Go for Life Grant Scheme is open now for applications -Deadline September 27th 12.00

The Go for Life Grant Scheme offers financial supports – provided by Sports Ireland – to local clubs, groups and organisations, nationwide, who provide increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people. This national grant scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally developed, well planned activity and sports initiatives. In particular, the scheme is aimed at:

- Supporting the work of Go for Life including the network of PALS (Physical Activity Leaders) and the development of Go for Life Games and other initiatives
- Assisting local clubs/organisation to start new initiatives geared at involving older people in recreational sport and physical activity

What will be awarded?

- Physical Activity Programme: Grants awarded to support a planned series of physical activity sessions for older people such as Aerobics, Aqua-fit, or Tennis. The cost of hall hire, and a qualified instructor might form part of the overall cost.
- Purchase of Equipment/Resource Materials: Grants will be awarded to assist the purchase of physical activity equipment, for example Go for Life Games, Pitch and Putt set, Physical Activity Kitbag, badminton rackets
- Participation Events: Grants will be awarded to those who need financial assistant to participate or organise physical activity events for older people for example organising regular Go for Life Games or a Sportsfest aimed at introducing older adults to a range of recreational sports.

The Go for Life Grant Scheme is now open for applications. You can download the application form here:

[National Grant Scheme 2019 Application Form \(Word Doc\)](#). details in the application form or you can email the completed form to gfl.grants@ageandopportunity.ie.

Please note whether emailed or posted completed application forms have to be received by 12 noon on Friday 27th September 2019. Late applications will not be considered. For more information you can contact the Go for Life team: Telephone [01 805 7733](tel:018057733) or visit <https://ageandopportunity.ie/sport/goforlife-grants/>

Furniture Recycling Day – Saturday 31st August 2019

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE RECYCLING DAY!

CHARGE €10.00 PER VEHICLE - MAX OF 3 ITEMS PER VEHICLE
Normal charges still apply for any additional items

Items that can be disposed of:

- wardrobes
- lockers
- TV stands
- couches
- armchairs
- tables & chairs

Please note:
Mattresses & bed bases will not be accepted as part of this scheme

It is the responsibility of those transporting furniture to ensure they have adequate help for bigger and bulkier items.

Sat 31st August from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at:

- Central Waste Management Facility Inagh &
- Shannon Recycling Centre, Smithstown, Shannon

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE ONLY
Furniture from businesses will not be accepted

Both facilities are expected to be very busy on this day and customers are asked to bring the correct cash amount to avoid delays to themselves and others. Receipts will be provided to all customers.

This is part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019 Co-ordinated by Clare County Council & WERLA Southern Region. For further information contact Environment Section, Clare County Council on 065-884033

A Furniture Recycling Day on Saturday 31st August 2019 from 08:30 to 1pm at the Central Waste Management Centre Facility, Inagh and Shannon Recycling Centre, Smithstown, Shannon. The event is being co-ordinated by the Clare County Council and WERLA Southern Region as part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative.

You can bring along 3 items of furniture such as Chairs, Couches, Lockers, Tables, TV Stands and Chairs but beds and mattresses. The cost is €10 per vehicle.

Please try and bring correct cash with you to avoid any delays. Receipts will be provided.

Good Governance Webinar 11th September 2019

The Carmichael Centre supported by Clare Volunteer Centre and Clare PPN, is providing a free training session on Good Governance for community groups. The seminar will be delivered by webinar and will be held at the Clare Volunteer Centre, c/o Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis on the 11th September 2019. Don't worry if you haven't participated in a webinar before, it just means that your trainer will be appearing via a video link and you'll be in the classroom as usual. Registration is 1.45 sharp with the session starting at 2pm. The webinar will look at the Charities Governance Code principles: Advancing your charitable purpose and principles and behaving with integrity. The webinar is aimed at Trustees/Managers of registered charities, board members/managers of community and voluntary organisations that intend to register as a Charity. There will be two further webinars in October and November 2019. You must register in advance for this event and to do so please visit the Eventbrite link below or call Clare Volunteer Centre on 065 6845517.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/good-governance-webinar-2-tickets-70152061705>

Clare Environmental Network Meet-up, September 12th 2019 6.30 pm

Following our last successful gathering Clare Environmental Network is meeting again at 6.30pm in Clare PPN offices on September 12th, 2019. Everyone interested in a sustainable environment is welcome to attend this meeting of Clare Environmental Network.

At the meeting we will be discussing the response by Clare County Council to CEN's submission on the Draft Climate Adaptation Strategy and any actions that need to be taken as a result. As well as this we'll be planning for the future activities of Clare Environmental Network itself and how it can best serve all the groups and individuals working on environmental issues in Clare. There will be a chance for all groups to let each other know about their forthcoming activities and even better refreshments will be provided.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing sarah@clareppn.ie so we know how many to cater for and in case we need a bigger venue, the last event was pretty packed! Please also feel free to send agenda items to the same email address if there's anything you want to discuss. If you haven't been involved with Clare Environmental Network so far please feel free to come along, the network is only re-establishing itself at the moment and so you'll be more than welcome.

<http://www.clareppn.ie/clare-environmental-network-meet-up-september-12th-6-30pm-ppn-offices>

Halloween Festival and Events Seminar – Sept 14th Ballinasloe

AOIFE, the Association of Irish Festivals and Events, is holding its first ever Halloween Events Seminar to engage with 110 plus Halloween event organisers in the Country. The day long programme is targeted for community groups, volunteers and not for profits who wish to use the growing popularity of the Samhain tradition to produce fun, creative and safe events. The Seminar will deal with: Trends for Audiences and Events Setting up a new Festival / Event/Revenue and Sponsorship Opportunities, Social Media Mentoring, Programming Ideas for different Audiences, Tales from Pioneers, Press and Marketing and volunteering. Participants MUST register with the AOIFE Secretariat in advance to book a 15 minute consultation during the time the team are onsite at the Enterprise and Technology Centre, Creagh Ballinasloe. The Seminar is Free to AOIFE members and non-members must pay a small fee of €55 which can go towards the costs of purchasing a full AOIFE membership by the year end. Priority will be given to member Festivals of AOIFE but it's hoped the programme will give a chance for newer Festivals and Event organisers in the non-profit sector (sporting, charitable cause organisations) to meet first hand with much sought-after consultants to the sector and learn from their peers. The programme starts at 10.30am and concludes at 5.30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

To register your place and for 15 minutes Social Media Mentoring please contact Membership Officer Hilary on (090) 964 5831 email info@aoifeonline.com or simply visit event brite: <http://bit.ly/2ZduWPX> for more information.

Limerick Institute of Technology 1 year Higher Education Access Programme- aimed at early school leavers and Travellers

The Limerick Institute of Technology are recruiting for a 1 year Foundation Programme “Transition to Higher Education” QQI Level 6 Special Purpose Award, will commence from September 2019 to May 2020 in Ennis. 6 hours a week on either a Tuesday or Thursday. The programme is aimed at those who are:

- thinking of going to college
- thinking of returning to college
- left school early
- a member of the Travelling Community
- Unemployed or would like to upskill

This programme will give students the confidence, skills and knowledge, both personally and academically which is required to study at third level. There is no fee involved and social welfare payments will not be affected. For further information and an application form please contact: David McCarthy, LIT Access Office, Moylish Park, Limerick email David.McCarthy@lit.ie or telephone: 061 293 091