



## Clare PPN Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Dear Members,**

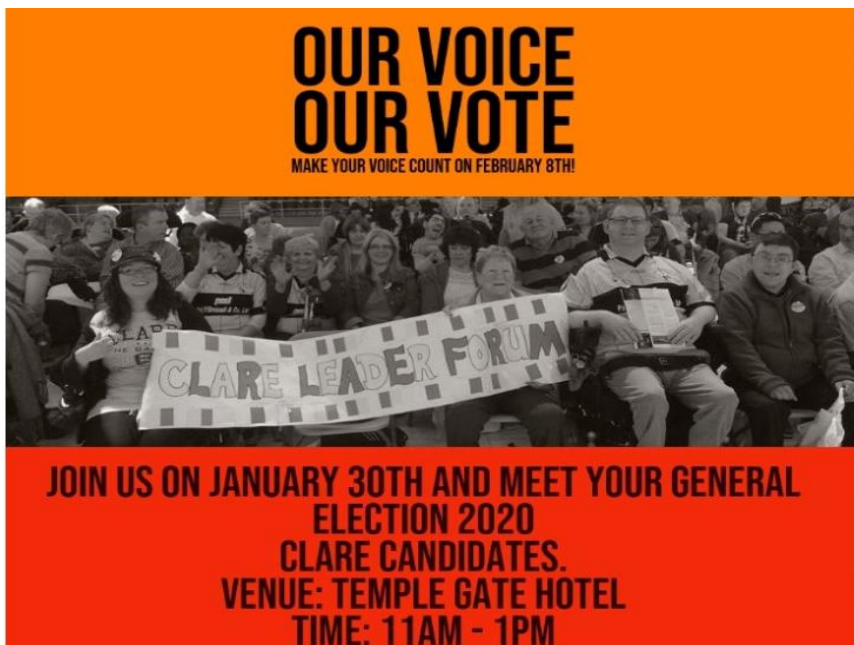
Welcome to our January 2020 update read on for news of Funding, Training and PPN related news. We hope you have thrown away the New Year's resolutions by now and are looking forward to the longer brighter days ahead.

Elections season is upon us once again. Canvassers for all the candidates are covering huge ground around the county so be sure to have your questions ready when they arrive at your door. You will also have an opportunity to meet most or all of the candidates at two hustings events, one organised by Clare Leader Forum tomorrow Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January and one by ourselves next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Full details are below- we'd love to see these events well attended by our member groups.

We will also be holding PPN elections very shortly for a variety of positions on the Strategic Policy Committees of Clare County Council and on the secretariat of Clare PPN so keep an eye on your inbox for the call for nominations, coming soon! Groups must be registered with Clare PPN on the date these elections are called in order to be able to nominate candidates and vote.

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## Events



**OUR VOICE  
OUR VOTE**  
MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT ON FEBRUARY 8TH!

**JOIN US ON JANUARY 30TH AND MEET YOUR GENERAL  
ELECTION 2020  
CLARE CANDIDATES.  
VENUE: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL  
TIME: 11AM - 1PM**

### Clare Leader Forum Disability Hustings – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, 11AM – 1 PM.

Put Disability Rights Back on the Agenda!

In advance of General Election 2020 ILMI are hosting a series of hustings across the country. Developed in conjunction with Leaders in each area the events aim to put disability rights firmly back on the agenda.

Donegal Leader Cath Waugh explains 'Our Election Candidates need to understand that as a person with a disability I can speak for myself. As a movement we have repeatedly stated that we are simply looking for our rights as equal citizens in society - not charity. I implore you all to unite at the election event relevant to your constituency and let our Election Candidates know that we are the real experts on what we need to live our own lives'.

### An Garda Síochána National Engagement Day – Various locations around Clare on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, An Garda Síochána are inviting local communities to a 'meet and greet' opportunity at over 300 venues across Ireland. The venues and times for Clare are in the graph to the left. Local Gardaí, IFA branch representatives and representatives from community groups involved in the National Rural Safety Forum will engage with the local communities. It is an opportunity for the local community to get to know their local Gardaí and local community representatives. All are welcome.

Clare		
Town	Location	Time
Crusheen	Clarke Shop,	11.30am
Ennis	Market Hardware Ennis	2.30pm
Ennis	Shannon Side Hardware	1pm
Ennistymon	The Creamery ,	2pm
Kildysart	Kildysart Community Hall	5.30pm
Killaloe	Supervalu, Killaloe	11am
Kilmihil	Kilmihil Hardware	10am
Kilrush	Kerry Co-op,	2pm
Roslevan	Liddys Roslevan	10am
Scariff	Centra Scariff	12pm
Sixmilebridge	Centra Sixmilebridge	2pm
Tulla	Supervalu Tulla	10am



## **Clare Mid-West Hospital Campaign – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1pm St John's Hospital Limerick**

'Enough is Enough' Our member group the Clare Mid-West Hospital Campaign are calling on you to join the Mid-West march for proper healthcare this Saturday in Limerick. The march is calling for the reopening of Ennis & Nenagh A&E units. It starts at 1pm from St. John's Hospital and finishes at Bedford Row. The group are looking for volunteers to help carry flags on the march with the Clare contingent so get in touch with them for more details or to arrange transport if you need it on 087 2835769

## **Funding: Shannon Municipal District Community Grant Scheme – Closing Date 21st February 2020**

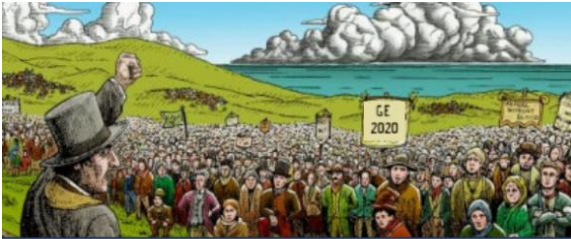
The Members of Shannon Municipal District invite applications for grant assistance in respect of projects designed to improve the quality of life of the people in the Shannon Municipal District.

The objective of the grants scheme is to encourage and support local community organisations and community groups active in the cultural, artistic and community development areas of the district. Public sector organisations are not eligible to make an application under this scheme.

Applications are available from the Shannon Municipal District Office, Clare County Council, Shannon Town Centre or can be download at the link below or by emailing [poneill@clarecoco.ie](mailto:poneill@clarecoco.ie) or by phoning (061) 362319.

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants/shannon-municipal-district-community-grant-scheme>

The closing date for receipt of the completed application form is 4:00 P.M. Friday 21 February 2020.



**Election** *Free Entry*

*Have Your Say* **Hustings**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES  
FOR COUNTY CLARE - GE2020**

**WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY @ 8.30PM**

**Cloughleigh Community Centre, Ennis  
V95 K31X**

TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED  
ON EVENTBRITE - CLARE GE2020 HUSTINGS  
OR BY CALLING 087 1617375

**E** Clare Public Participation Network

### **Clare PPN Election Hustings – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 Pm in Cloughleigh Community Centre**

Clare PPN is delighted to invite voters and member groups living in Clare to a public meeting with the candidates for General Election 2020. It will take place on Wed 5th February at 8:30pm in Cloughleigh Community Centre Ennis and you are invited! The event will be moderated by Fiona McGarry of the Clare Champion and Andrew Hamilton, freelance journalist and the audience will have a chance to put their questions directly to the candidates, time permitting.

Places are limited and there is a lot of interest in this event so please make sure to reserve your FREE ticket online here

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clare-ge2020-hustings-tickets-91607262789>

Or call us at Clare Public Participation Network on 087 1617375 - those with bookings will be given priority for admittance!

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### **Active Kilrush Walking Track – every Tuesday morning 9.20am**

Do you want to increase your fitness levels and have more energy in 2020? Join this fun programme with others of similar ability. Move at your own pace and have support.

### **Funding: Social Innovation Fund Ireland: Ability to Work Fund Closing date February 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The Ability to Work Fund' is a €1.5 million fund created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with State Street and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The Ability to Work Fund will support not-for-profit organisations to empower more people with disabilities to gain employment. A disability might be a physical or intellectual disability, a learning disability, or a disability due to traumatic brain injury or a mental health condition. The funding will be available over three years, from 2020 to 2023. Visit <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/ability-to-work-fund/> for more information. Applications are open for Social Innovation Fund Ireland's ' Ability to Work Fund' until February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Social Innovation Fund Ireland: Social Enterprise Development Fund - deadline for applications March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €3.2 million Fund which will be delivered over four years: 2018 – 2022. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The objective of the Fund is to find and back social enterprises that add to the social and economic fabric of their community by way of social impact. The Fund will provide critical support to the most innovative and impactful social enterprises across Ireland. Visit <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/sedfund2020/> for more information.

Applications are open for Social Innovation Fund Ireland's 'Social Enterprise Development Fund' until March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ennis St Patricks Day Parade 2020 Deadline for applications – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Clare County Council is seeking to build further on the success of the 2019 Ennis St. Patrick's Day parade by inviting groups, businesses, societies and clubs from every parish, village and town in Clare to take part in the County Parade on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 11am.

The parade provides participating groups, organisations, bands, schools and individuals a unique opportunity to showcase their own talents and skills and there will be prizes for Best Visual Spectacle (€300), Best Musical Entrant (€300) Best Environmental Interpretation of the Theme "Live the Greener Way" (€300) and the overall winner awarded an additional €500.

To ensure your group is included in this year's line-up application form must be completed and returned on or before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 to St. Patrick's Day 2020 Organising Committee, Municipal District of Ennis, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare or by e-mail [ennisparades@clarecoco.ie](mailto:ennisparades@clarecoco.ie).

Application form : <http://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/forms/st-patrick-s-day-parade-application-form-2020-36484.pdf>

**Clare County Council in association with Shannon Heritage invite you to participate in the final public consultation workshop being held on Monday 3rd February, 2020 from 9.30am – 12.30 for a discussion forum and again 6.30 – 8.30 for a drop in clinic**



Following a series of public consultation workshops held to form the basis and content of the Clare Tourism Strategy during 2019, a draft strategy has now been completed. So that your view are heard, Clare County Council in association with Shannon Heritage invite you to participate in the final public consultation workshop being held on Monday 3rd February, 2020.

The workshop and clinic will be held in Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis (foyer off Great Hall) on Monday 3rd February.

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Discussion forum

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Clinic

To confirm your attendance and for further information please contact: Sile, Tourism Unit, Clare County Council on 065 6846283, email [tourism@clarecoco.ie](mailto:tourism@clarecoco.ie)