

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021



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Dear Clare PPN member,

Welcome to our June newsletter. As we celebrate mid-summer and its long, bright evenings, we hope you have the opportunity to make the most of the outdoors in our beautiful county.

Whatever your level of involvement with Clare PPN has been, we'd love if you could take a few minutes to fill out an important survey about how Ireland's Public Participation Networks work and how you'd like to see them develop. This survey which closes tomorrow (Friday) evening, will have an influence on the final recommendations of a structural review of our PPNs, and this is a key way to make your voice heard. See our second item below.

Read on too for news of webinars, competitions and funding opportunities.

Kind regards,

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CLARE'S COMING OUT!

Webinar 30th June @ 7:30pm: An event to mark Pride Month in Clare will offer help to communities and organisations on how they can best support the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people. The webinar, on June 30th, will be of interest to LGBTQ+ people living in Clare, their families and friends and anyone supporting them. Hosted by Quare Clare and Clare Sports Partnership, will feature Mayo football star Fiona McHale, who is a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and speakers from Belong To, GOSHH and LINC, three of the support and community organisations available to LGBTQ+ people and their families in Ireland. Register to take part at this link: <https://clare-coming-out.eventbrite.ie>



STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF PPNs

Deadline 25th June: The Department of Rural and Community Development is conducting a structural review of the PPNs, and all members are invited to fill out a survey about how you'd like to see them develop. The Department wants to hear what you have to say, to help ensure that PPNs continue to represent communities into the future. The survey takes 15-20 minutes and all responses are anonymous. If you have technical questions about the survey, please contact PPNsSurvey@mazars.ie. You can fill out the survey here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CommunitiesIntegrationFund2021>



YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Member groups of Clare PPN who would like their contact details to be displayed on the Clare PPN website, please complete the form at the link below. This is strictly opt-in, in line with GDPR regulations. <https://surveymonkey.com/tr/CRCZHLV>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



COMMUNITIES INTEGRATION FUND 2021

Deadline 2nd July: The purpose of the Communities Integration Fund 2021 is to support communities across Ireland to play a greater role in promoting the integration of migrants. A total of €500,000 will be made available in 2021, with grants of up to €5,000 allocated to not-for-profit organisations for local integration projects. This funding can be used for both once-off initiatives and short to medium term projects. Projects should take an inclusive approach, aiming to bring migrants and host communities together, and may not be directed solely to any one particular group or nationality. Apply before Friday 2nd July at this link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CommunitiesIntegrationFund2021>



SMALL SPORTS CLUB GRANT SCHEME

Deadline 30th June: Clare Sports Partnership has announced its small club grant scheme for 2021, which aims to support increasing participation in Sport and Physical Activity and develop opportunities among young people, women, disadvantaged groups, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and older adults. Grants of up to €300 aim to assist new and existing not-for-profit clubs to buy equipment or train volunteers/coaches. Apply before 30th June. See: <https://claresports.ie/club-small-grant-scheme-2021/>



THE WHEEL: TRAINING LINKS

Deadline 13th August: Applications for funding are now open under the The Wheel's Training Links programme. Training Networks are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00. Community and voluntary organisations can form Training Networks – groups of at least 10 organisations who come together to undertake training they may not have the opportunity to do individually. Since 2005, Training Links has supported the establishment of 90 Training Networks involving in excess of 40,000 employees and more than 850 community and voluntary organisations. See: <https://www.wheel.ie/training/traininglinks>

NEWS



HOW'S LIFE IN LAHINCH-ENNISTYMON?

If you live or work in Ennistymon/Lahinch, you're invited to complete a questionnaire about what's good and not so good, about your work, your quality of life and wellbeing – and be in with a chance to win €100. Lahinch-Ennistymon is one of six locations in Ireland chosen as a case study looking at the impacts of commuting on community wellbeing and participation in activities. The researchers from the International Centre for Local and Regional Development are interested in the impacts of commuting on community and personal wellbeing; changing commuting patterns associated with the Covid-19 pandemic; the role of planning and public policy in shaping communities; and future ways of working. Responses are anonymous and confidential. Access the questionnaire here: <https://forms.gle/HFKX3qIBxUGOXsb8>



TAKE YOUR PROJECT ONLINE FOR HERITAGE WEEK

Webinars on 29th June: The Heritage Council will be delivering a series of webinars to support Heritage Week project organisers in 2021. Two sessions will help heritage enthusiasts learn more about creating and sharing their heritage projects. During the sessions you'll hear from heritage experts and experienced National Heritage Week project organisers. 'Taking your project online' – Tuesday, 29th June, 1pm-2pm: Learn about the methods and benefits of digital heritage sharing. 'Communicating your project' – 3pm-4pm: Learn about how to share your project widely over social media and local media outlets. Register for either workshop here: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/news/webinars-for-project-organisers>



LET'S GET BUZZING

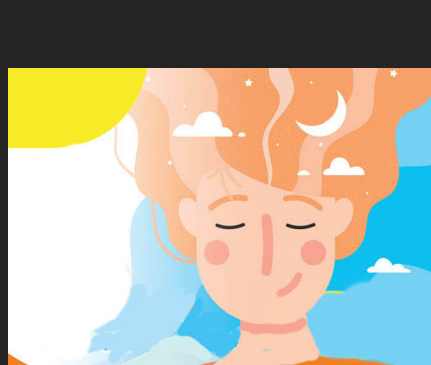
Deadline 23rd July: Tidy Towns groups are encouraged to get buzzing and enter the Local Authority Pollinator Award in the national Tidy Towns competition. The award, with a €10,000 prize fund, encourages Tidy Towns groups to implement pollinator-friendly actions as part of the Tidy Towns competition. There is also a new Best Newcomer Award in 2021 with a prize of €1,000. Closing date for applications is 23rd July 2021. More details and application forms available here: <https://pollinators.ie/communities/tidytowns-pollinator-award/enter-the-2021-local-authority-pollinator-award/>

Check out this lovely short video from the National Biodiversity Data Centre about the award: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0w4JaleC2E>



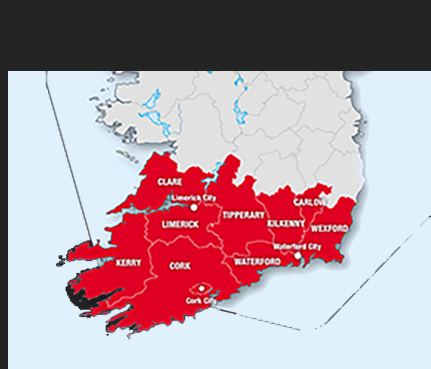
FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Faillte Isteach is offering weekly English conversation classes every Monday, from 7.45-9pm, for residents of Clare. All levels are welcome. Learners will get to practice their spoken English and meet new people in small groups, with two tutors. Faillte Isteach is a community project in which volunteers welcome migrants through conversational English classes. For anyone interested please contact: clarechat21@gmail.com



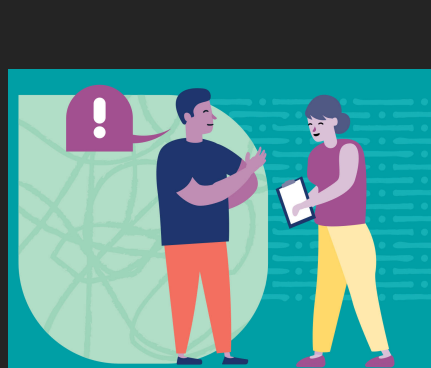
HEADS UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Heads Up Clare is a new mental health resource for young people developed here in Clare. Maybe you don't know who you need to talk to, but you know you need to talk to someone. HeadsUP Clare aims to make vital connections happen for young people in Clare. Their website provides the facts about the mental health services locally as well as other youth services and lets you hear about other young people's experiences. They want to connect young people to the right mental health support in their area so they can make that first important step to reach out for support. For more info, visit <https://headsupclare.ie>



SOUTHERN REGION AIMS TO BE 'SMART'

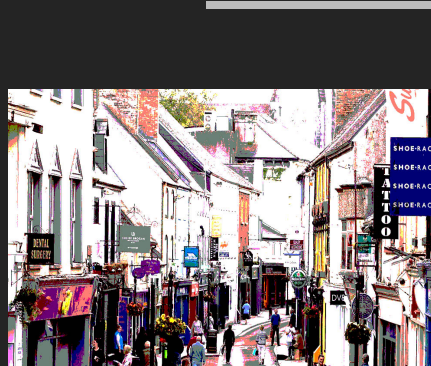
Workshop 1st July: The Southern Regional Assembly and Maynooth University invites you to take part in a workshop to identify an agreed set of 'Smart Region' pillars. The Southern Region has a vision to become one of the most Liveable, Greenest and Creative & Innovative regions in Europe and to advance this aims to become a 'Smart Region' that is reflective of its citizens. They want to speak to you as key stakeholders to build on the many successful Smart City and Smart Town initiatives in our region. The workshop which will take place online on Thursday 1st July from 10am to 12.30pm. Please email Catherine Connaughton: cconnaughton@southernassembly.ie



PATIENT ADVOCACY SERVICE

The Patient Advocacy Service is independent, free and confidential. It can support you to make a complaint about the care you have experienced in a Public Acute Hospital or a HSE-operated Nursing Home. It receives no HSE funding and is entirely independent of the HSE. You can contact the Patient Advocacy Service by calling 0818-293003. Its website offers a simple, step-by-step guide to making a complaint: <https://www.patientadvocacyservice.ie>

CONSULTATIONS



O'CONNELL STREET IN ENNIS

Workshop 24th June at 6:30pm: The proposed Public Realm regeneration project for O'Connell St is currently open for public consultation. The maps and drawings are displayed at Ennis Chamber window, 54 O'Connell St, to encourage engagement. You can have your say by attending an online workshop today, Thursday, 24th June at 6.30pm-8.30pm. More details at: <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/part8oconnellstreet>



CLIFFS OF MOHER

Members of the public, community organisations and tourism stakeholders are being asked for their input on the formulation of a long-term strategy for the Cliffs of Moher. Clare County Council is working with a multi-disciplinary consultancy team led by Haley Sharpe Design, to prepare the Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040. Here is a short online consultation - it takes about five minutes to complete, but there is also the option to write a longer comment: <https://haleysharpedesign.typeform.com/to/NHklUbn>



NATIONAL PEATLANDS STRATEGY

Deadline 30 June: The purpose of the mid-term review is to provide a broad assessment of where the National Peatlands Strategy is and what it can achieve over the next five years. Where necessary, it may also propose changes to the actions set out in the Strategy to refocus it in line with its overall goals and the current context. More information here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/74929-public-consultation-on-the-mid-term-review-of-the-national-peatlands-strategy/>



EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Deadline 30 June: Your views are sought on how we can encourage learners of all ages to engage with education for sustainable development, as part of a lifelong learning process. You can complete an online survey and/or make a more detailed submission of up to 2,000 words on the National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development to 2030. The deadline is Wednesday, 30th June. To find out how to submit and to read a stakeholder consultation paper, see: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/8bce5-joint-public-consultation-on-a-national-strategy-on-education-for-sustainable-development-esd-to-2030/>

