

## **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021**



### Halloween Greetings to you all. This month we have been learning about participatory

Dear Clare PPN member,

democracy in action from a delegation of Zapatistas (which included a hike on Mullaghmore pictured above) on the Irish leg of their European tour. We have also issued a tender for the development of a 5 year anti-poverty strategy (more below) and have welcomed four new representatives on board. It hasn't all been good news though as we unfortunately had to postpone the long anticipated inaugural Quare Clare Pride Festival due to the shifting nature of Covid restrictions. It will be rescheduled for Spring 2022, bigger and brighter than ever. For more information on our activities you are invited to read the July to September work

report here: Work report

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### Tender for development of a 5 year anti-poverty strategy Clare Public Participation Network, is seeking proposals for a

researcher or researchers to lead the development of a 5 year antipoverty strategy for Clare. This project has received funding from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2021 as part of the Commission's statutory power to provide grants to promote human rights and equality under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014. The closing date for receipt of tenders is Monday, 1st November 2021. For more information go to: Activelink



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**New Clare PPN representatives** 

Clare Rural Development Forum we have three new members. Representing the social inclusion pillar is Ann Marie Flanagan who was nominated by Clare Leader Forum. The community and voluntary pillar is represented by Rose Anne White of the Killaloe Ballina Historical society and Mary Coffey of the Tuamgraney Development Association. On the Physical Development SPC, Theresa O'Donoghue of Clare Environmental Network will be representing the environmental pillar. We would like to congratulate them all and we look forward to supporting them in their roles.

# **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**



#### If you are part of community or voluntary group in Clare that helps your community through engaging in creative arts, St. Patrick's Festival Creative Fund wants to hear YOUR ideas! They have 10 x €10,000

St. Patrick's Festival Creative Fund

grants available nationwide through the #SPFxTikTok Creative Fund. Find out more now: HERE FINAL REMINDER CLOSING DATE: 24th October 2021



SUSTAINABLE

COMMUNITY

**ENERGY** 

#### The Community Foundation for Ireland in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is inviting community groups to apply for grant funding to engage an ecologist

**Environment and Nature Fund 2021** 

and develop a Community Biodiversity Plan (CBP) for their local area. Within the scheme, three levels of grant funding will be offered. For more information, click HERE Application closing date: 12th November 2021

Lorraine Power recently took over the role as SEC (Sustainable Energy Communities) Mentor for County Clare. Working at Clare Local Development Company, she will be assisting communities in becoming a SEC and guiding them in making funding applications for available supports such as €10,000 - €15,000 for the development of an Energy Master Plan to include energy audits for community buildings. If your

**Energy funding for Clare** 

**Communities** 

For more information on Sustainable Energy Communities, click **HERE** 

group would like to get involved in SEC or other community energy schemes, please contact Lorraine for more information. lpower@cldc.ie.

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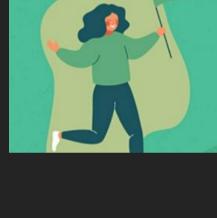


### Stories from the Bottom of the Lake Looking for something to do this weekend?

Check out this really exciting 3-day programme of free events from 22nd to 24th of October from Creevagh Art & Archaeology Collective on

Water & Time: Creative responses to Lickeen Lake. See: Events

Workshop - 'Taking Climate Action'



Free English Classes

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#### best things you can do to combat that anxiety is take action. This workshop with ECO-UNESCO, Ireland's Environmental Education and Youth Organisation, will explore the causes of climate change, the ways the media interpret climate news, and actions we can take as

individuals and communities to tackle the climate crisis. This is the

It's easy to feel overwhelmed about the climate crisis, but one of the

perfect introduction to the topic of climate change and what we can do about it. For more information, click **HERE** Workshop date: 28th October Free English Conversation Classes,

Failte Isteach is running weekly English conversation classes starting

In Ennis, (Scouts Hall, Station road) from 7pm -8:30pm

tutors. For anyone interested please contact: clarechat21@gmail.com Free smartphone classes

DeValera Library Ennis will host free smartphone classes for older adults during November. The classes will run on Friday mornings 5th,

Students can join at any time. These classes are for county Clare residents only. All levels are welcome. Learners will get to practice



INVESTIGATING THE CHANGING

**SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN** 

HOMES AND WORKPLACES

### Contact DeValera Library at 065-6846353 or email devalera@clarelibrary.ie to register.

12th, 19th and 26th November from 10 - 12pm.

online and in person

Monday 1st November:

Online from 7.45-9pm

InPlace Research Programme Ennistymon-Lahinch is one of three case study locations for an all-

island study about commuting patterns and places of residence and

work. If you live or work in or near Ennistymon-Lahinch, you are invited to share your experiences and views via a survey questionnaire.



### A series of workshops / focus groups will be held locally in the second and third week of November, at which the ICLRD will provide feedback to the local communities and facilitate further discussion on four

To access it, please click **HERE** 

Economic development; Environment and heritage; Community wellbeing; and Youth and families.

These will be advertised locally once details are confirmed.

RCB would like to hear from you Raidio Corca Baiscinn, broadcasting from West Clare, has a regular Community Unity broadcast going out live between 1pm and 3pm every



#### They are very eager to hear from community groups throughout Clare who may have an event/program/consultation event etc. coming up and want to get the word out over the airwaves to their listeners. If you are not keen on being recorded live they can accommodate a pre-recorded interview; or alternatively they can arrange a phone

interview if you can't come to the station based in Kilkee.

Please contact Margaret at margaret@rcb.ie or on the phone 083 0232022

Request for board members North Munster Citizens Information Service Company are looking for great community people to be on their board of management. All details here, they'd love any PPN members to come forward if you have the skills and time to spare for such a great service. For more information click **HERE** 



### The Community Time Machine The 'Time Machine' is an age-friendly, cross-generation neighbourhood time capsule project which connects communities across the country, supported by local County Councils, Creative

Community members are invited to act as organisers for this exciting project! The role of community organisers is to gather a group of young people, aged 12 – 18, to interview senior members of their community

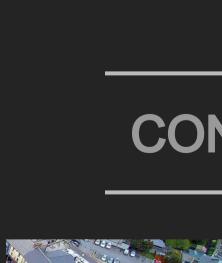
over the phone. The interviews give both participants a valuable opportunity to learn from each other and connect with their community.

Ireland, Age Friendly Ireland and the Department of Rural & Community

portraits of the seniors involved. To register, click HERE

There are some exciting incentives to join the project, including: €100 towards a charity/group of each group's choice, a time capsule to store their project and a visit from a professional photographer to capture

CONSULTATIONS



**Ennis Town Centre Survey** Clare County Council wants to hear from you. This is your opportunity to have your say, on how you would like to see the town centre operate to

meet the needs of all. The success of the survey very much depends upon the widest engagement possible, and we ask you to take the 2 minutes required to log into the on-line engagement platform <u>HERE</u> to

This survey closes on 29th October 2021 Consultation on the Review of the

complete the survey.

Spread the word!



### A public consultation process has been launched as part of a review of the Equality Acts (Equal Status Acts 2000-2018 and the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015).

Submissions are invited on a range of issues including, the functioning of the Acts and their effectiveness in combatting discrimination and promoting equality; awareness of the legislation; and whether there are

grounds. This will include consideration of the gender ground, the disability ground and whether new grounds should be added, such as the ground of socio-economic discrimination. For more information click **HERE** This consultation closes on 29th November 2021



The draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027 has been published for public consultation. Submissions, observations and comments are now invited on the proposed plan. A key commitment in the Programme for Government, launching a new

improve and sustainably manage our water environment to 2027. Achieving good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries and seas is essential for protecting Ireland's drinking water sources, environment

The consultation period closes on Thursday, 31 March 2022

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our diverse voices into policy making for the county now and in Email: sarah@clareppn.ie

the future.

## **Equality Acts** obstacles to taking an action under the Acts. Submissions are also invited on the scope of the current definitions of the nine equality Public Consultation on the draft River Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Irelan **Basin Management Plan for Ireland** 2022-2027