

# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



Dear Clare PPN member,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2021.

We hope you made it through Storm Barra in one piece and are looking forward to some rest and recuperation over the holidays. We're nearing the end of what has been a year packed with events, projects, webinars, training, submissions and more.

Thank you to all those who attended our online events this month, including our plenary, the launch of our discussion paper on creating an Anti-Poverty Strategy for Clare and our webinar with young farmers in Clare.

We have lots planned for 2022, and our Work Plan is available for you to have a look at on our website – see link below. Read on too for lots of other news and if you'd like to see something included in future, please email [newsletter@clareppn.ie](mailto:newsletter@clareppn.ie).

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

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## ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY DISCUSSION PAPER

We had a very interesting webinar last week as we marked International Human Rights Day by launching a discussion paper by Dr Conor McCabe on creating a five-year Anti-Poverty Strategy for Clare. There were some great discussions and we have plenty to think about as we go on to the next stages of the project, beginning in the new year with a series of peer-to-peer interviews and 'town hall style' meetings where those affected by poverty in Clare and those providing state and charitable services can input into this research. The project is the first of its kind and will run until May 2022. You can read the discussion paper here: <https://clareppn.ie/towards-an-anti-poverty-strategy-for-clare-discussion-document-december-2021/>



## CLARE PPN 2021 OVERVIEW & DRAFT WORK PLAN 2022

At our Plenary Meeting last week, we presented an overview of all the work carried out – so far – in 2021 by Clare PPN staff, Secretariat and Representatives. You can see a PDF of this presentation here: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Plenary-Meeting-8th-December-2021.pdf>

We also presented our draft Work Plan for 2022, which has been ratified by the Clare PPN Secretariat. A PDF of the Work Plan is at the following link. If you have any questions or would like to suggest anything for the Work Plan, please email [sarah@clareppn.ie](mailto:sarah@clareppn.ie) by Tuesday 21st December. Otherwise the Work Plan will be deemed adopted. <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Clare-PPN-Draft-2022-Work-Plan.pdf>

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



## COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

**Deadline extended to 27th January:** Strand 2 of this programme is worth €5 million and is being administered by Pobal, for Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing Projects. The purpose is to facilitate eligible organisations to collaboratively develop supports, tools, know-how and approaches to assist local communities take climate action. The deadline has been extended from 14th to 27th January. Pobal is holding an Application Clinic on Thursday 13th January, from 2.30-4pm. All details here: <https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-climate-action-programme-climate-education-capacity-building-and-learning-by-doing-strand-2/>

# NEWS



## CLARE LIVE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Clare Arts Office has compiled a list of seasonal events and entertainment happening around the Banner from Friday 17th December until Christmas Eve. These include music, live events and, most excitingly, a free outdoor fire and light show from Rogu, fire dancers from Cork who invoke the primal power of the flame to deliver an inspiring spectacle. Rogu will be at the Green in Killaloe this Saturday at 5pm and Shannon Town Square at 8.30pm; The Height in Ennis on Sunday at 7.30pm and Lahinch Promenade at 8pm next Thursday 23rd. The full schedule of Clare Live Performance events are in a Facebook post from Clare Arts Office: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=3091270454440805>



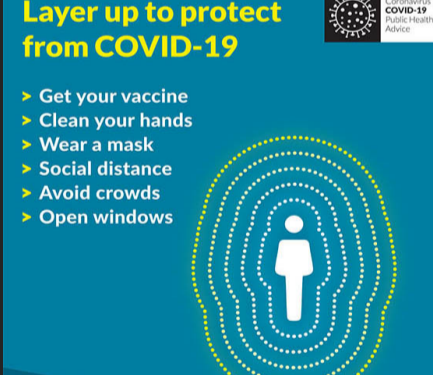
## CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Are you feeling festive? To help you all get in the Christmas spirit, Quare Clare is hosting an online sing-song this Friday, 17th December at 8pm. Join them from the comfort of your own home for singing, laughing and general shenanigans. All are welcome and there will be spot prizes on the night, be sure not to miss out on all the Quare Clare Christmas craic! Please email [lgbtq.clare@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtq.clare@gmail.com) for the link to attend.



## CLARE TIME MACHINE

Neighbourhood Network is looking for communities in Clare to take part in a neighbourhood archive project over the next few weeks. It's a brilliant opportunity to reach out to older people this Christmas, pairing young people and senior citizens who live in the same area. Facilitated interviews are conducted between the pair to learn about their lives and what community means to them. Their recorded responses, art works and photos create an image of how the community looks now and how it looked in the past. Please help spread the word to connect teens and seniors. More info: <https://timemachine.neighbourhoodnetwork.ie/>



## COVID LAYER UP CAMPAIGN

The Government has published updated public health advice posters relating to Covid-19. Layer Up is a cross-Government campaign that encourages everyone to layer up on the behaviours to protect from the virus by getting vaccinated, wearing face masks, washing/sanitising our hands frequently, keeping our distance, meeting up outdoors where possible, and ensuring indoor spaces are well ventilated. More information and a series of posters are available free to download at <https://www.gov.ie/L/LayerUp/>.



## ENNIS HAVEN HUB VOLUNTEERING

Are you a kind and caring person? Are you passionate about mental health and suicide prevention and keen to learn new skills? If you can be available for two shifts per month on a Friday or Saturday from 8pm to 2am, you might consider volunteering for Haven Hub peer support and suicide prevention. Also, if you know of anyone who is worried/distressed/anxious, they can reach out and speak to Haven Hub during these times at Clare PPN's premises in Clonroad Business Park. You can email them at: [ennishavenhub@gmail.com](mailto:ennishavenhub@gmail.com). To volunteer, see: <https://www.havenhub.ie/volunteer>

# CONSULTATIONS



## SHANNON TOWN CENTRE PLAN

**Deadline 20th December:** Clare County Council has prepared a final Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan, taking account of feedback from the initial public consultation. The purpose is to define the focus, nature and locations for economic, cultural, community and commercial development in the town centre. The deadline for submissions is 4pm next Monday, 20th December. Read more about the draft plan here: <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/planning/news/draft-shannon-town-centre-masterplan.html>

Clare PPN will host a short online workshop at 2pm today, Thursday 16th December, with a view to writing a submission on behalf of our members in the Shannon Municipal District. Please email [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie) if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend today, we welcome comments and suggestions for our submission before 5pm on Friday 17th, via email to [admin@clareppn.ie](mailto:admin@clareppn.ie).



## CLARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**Deadline 28th March:** Clare County Council has published a Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, which sets out the strategic spatial vision and future direction for the County. The plan is now open for submissions. Public consultation events will be held at venues around the county in late January and early February. You can read the Draft Plan at this link: <https://clarecdp2023-2029.clarecoco.ie/stage2-draft/display/>

More information about the public consultation events for the Draft County Development Plan and how to make a submission are at this page: <https://clarecdp2023-2029.clarecoco.ie/make-a-submission/>