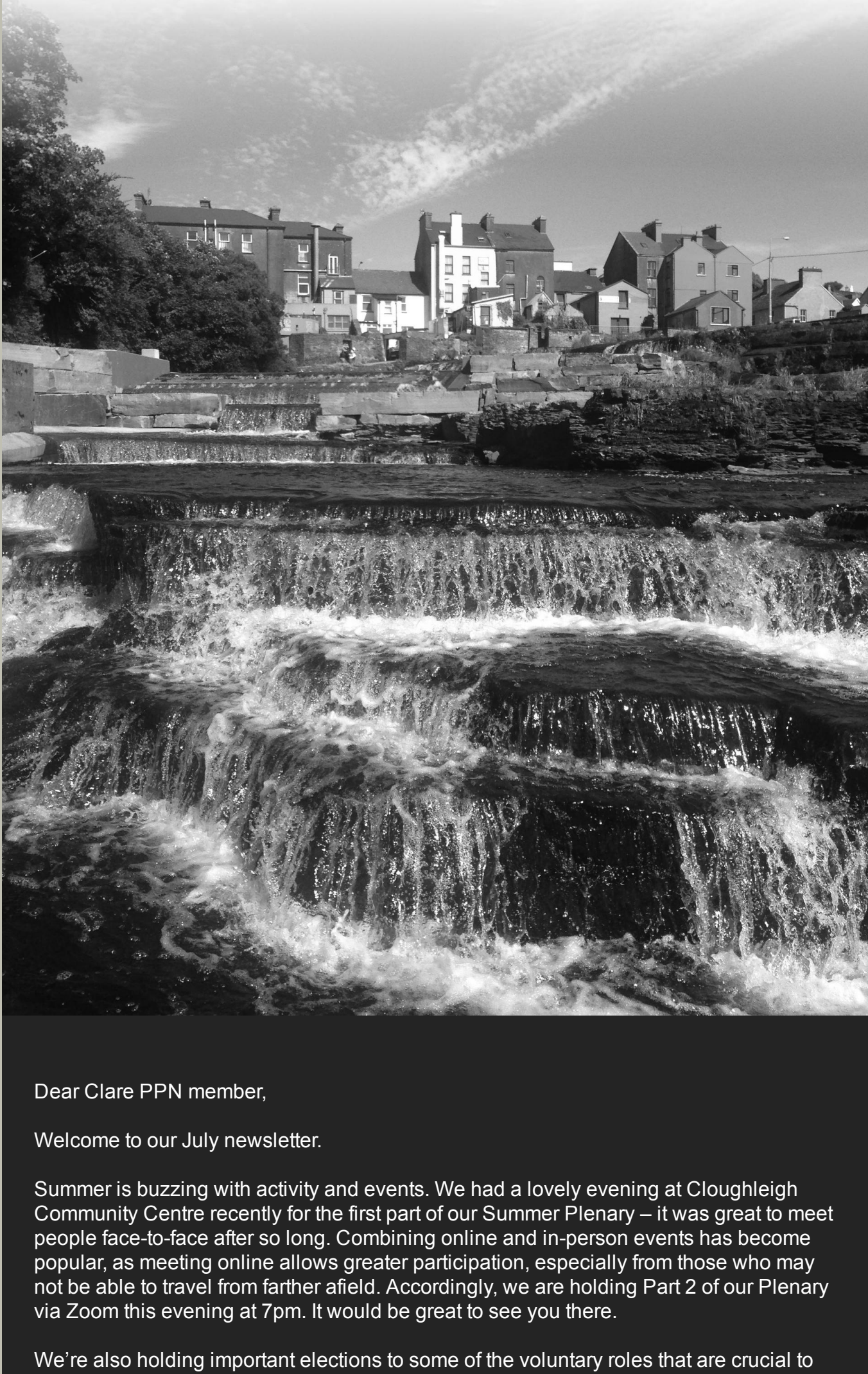


NEWSLETTER JULY 2022



Dear Clare PPN member,
Welcome to our July newsletter.

Summer is buzzing with activity and events. We had a lovely evening at Cloughleigh Community Centre recently for the first part of our Summer Plenary – It was great to meet people face-to-face after so long. Combining online and in-person events has become popular, as meeting online allows greater participation, especially from those who may not be able to travel from farther afield. Accordingly, we are holding Part 2 of our Plenary via Zoom this evening at 7pm. It would be great to see you there.

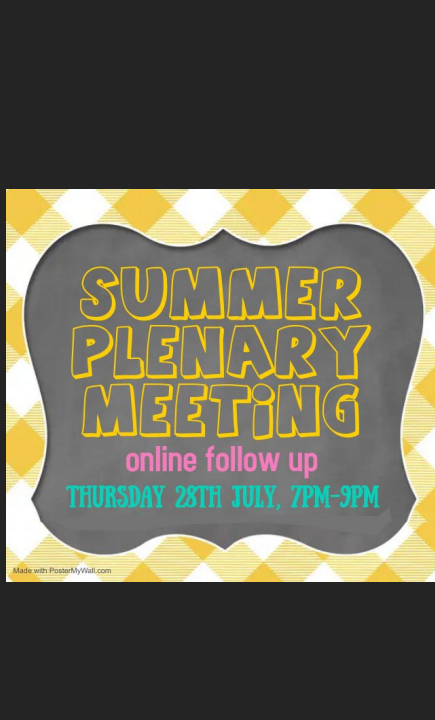
We're also holding important elections to some of the voluntary roles that are crucial to the running of Clare PPN. See below for details on how to nominate someone from your group.

If you'd like to see something included in a future newsletter, please email newsletter@clareppn.ie.

All the best,

Sarah Clancy, Sarah Ferrigan & William Hederman

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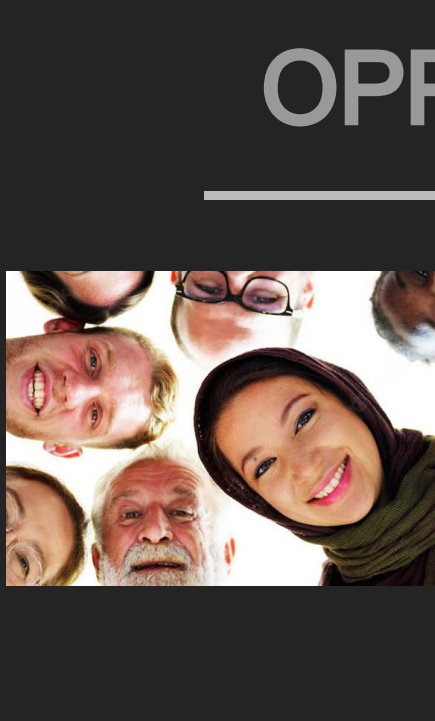
CLARE PPN ELECTIONS

Deadline 29th July: It's election time at Clare PPN. We've been inviting nominations for four vacant seats within Clare PPN, with a deadline of 5pm tomorrow, Friday, July 29th. Details on how to nominate a person are included in the link for each position.

Shannon Municipal District Representative for Clare PPN's Secretariat:
<https://clareppn.ie/notice-of-election-for-shannon-municipal-district-secretariat-position/>

Social Inclusion Representative to sit on Clare County Council's Local Community Development Committee:
<https://clareppn.ie/notice-of-election-for-social-inclusion-pillar-representative-role/>

Environment College Representatives for Clare County Council's Local Community Development Committee and for Clare PPN Secretariat (2 positions). Details of both here:
<https://clareppn.ie/notice-of-elections-for-environmental-pillar-representative-roles/>



THIS EVENING! – SUMMER PLENARY PART 2

Thursday 28th July at 7pm: Many thanks to those of you who attended our in-person plenary meeting which took place on July 13th in Cloughleigh Community Centre. For those who could not attend in person we are holding an online plenary meeting this evening Thursday from 7pm. All those wishing to attend should email admin@clareppn.ie and Sarah Ferrigan will circulate the link to the meeting on Thursday before 4pm. The minutes of Part 1 of the Plenary are here:
<https://clareppn.ie/plenary-minutes-part1-13aug2022/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION FUND

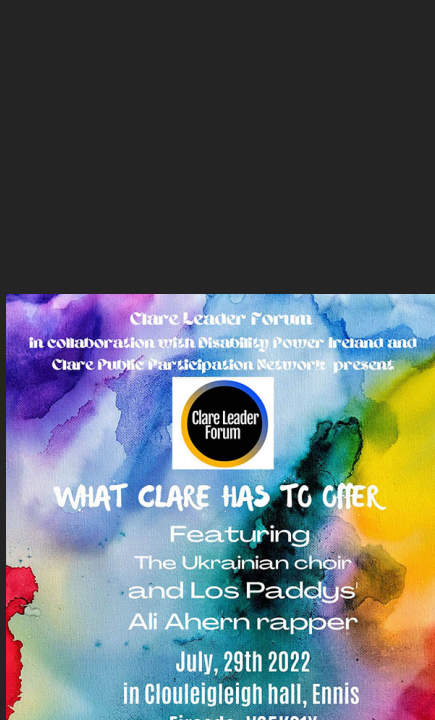
Deadline 24th August: €1,000,000 will be made available to community organisations for initiatives supporting the integration of International Protection Applicants. Grants of up to €50,000 will be given to carry out integration projects at national, provincial or local levels. Minister Roderic O'Gorman said: "The fund will ensure that those seeking protection are empowered to actively participate in Irish society whilst maintaining their diverse cultural identities." For queries, contact: ipas.transition.team@equality.gov.ie

Applicants can access a detailed guidance document and complete an online application form here:
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/IPIF22>



OLDER PERSON'S FUND

Deadline 5th August: The Community Foundation for Ireland's (CFI) 2022 Older Person's Fund grants are aimed at strengthening voices with a focus on active citizenship and advocacy, including influencing policy, community decision-making processes, leadership, negotiation, and other ways to give greater "voice" to older people. The CFI has focussed in on these areas following research which showed this generation felt cancelled during Covid-19. The fund seeks to support older people's voices at a local and national level and their capacity to engage fully in all strands of society. How to apply:
<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/the-older-persons-fund>



BLUE ECONOMY UPSKILLING & TRAINING

The purpose of the scheme is to counter the adverse consequences of Brexit on businesses and communities within 10km of the coastline. There are supports for individuals who wish to train or upskill into employment or promotion within the Blue Economy. The course must be completed by 30th September 2023 and online applications must be submitted before the start of the course. Grant aid is available at 50% of course costs up to a maximum grant award of €10,000. For full details see:
<https://bim.ie/fisheries/funding/brexit-blue-economy-enterprise-development-scheme/>

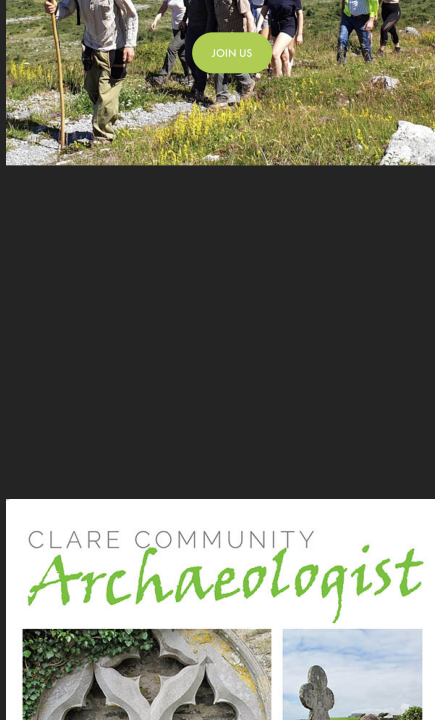
NEWS / EVENTS ...



CLIMATE CAMP IRELAND

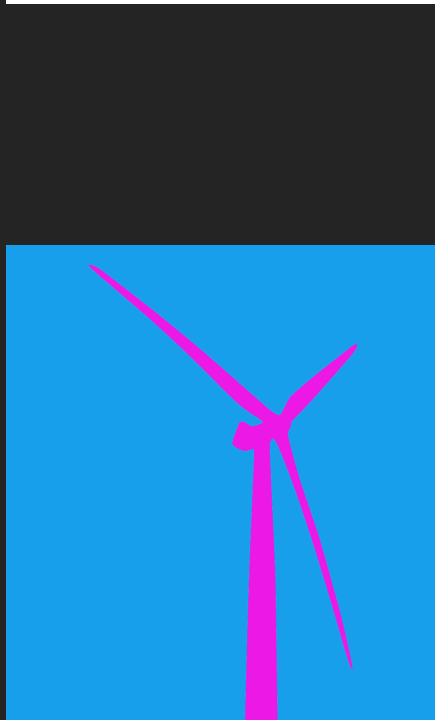
2nd-7th August: Some of Clare PPN's member groups are involved in organising Climate Camp, a family-friendly gathering next week near Tarbert on the Shannon Estuary in North Kerry. The event, from August 2nd-7th, aims to "build a strong, radical climate movement across the island of Ireland", and there's a really interesting-looking programme of events. They also plan to take 'direct action' against the planned Shannon LNG terminal.

The line-up includes workshops on fossil fuels, fracking and LNG; connecting with nature; the climate impact of data centres; food and seed sovereignty; direct action techniques and strategy; herbal plants walk and wildcrafting; immigrant solidarity & social action; Irish conversation classes; class identity and struggle; community housing activism; mutual aid; forest school; a three-day art space; live music and céilí and much more. Read more about the camp at their website:
<https://climatecampireland.ie>



FESTIVAL FOR DISABILITY – AFTERPARTY

20th July: Members of Clare Leader Forum, together with Clare members of the Disability Power Ireland committee, will throw a party this Friday, 28th July, from 11:30am to 2:30pm at Cloughleigh Community Centre in Ennis. This will be an after-party event for Ireland's first Disability Pride and Power Festival. After a screening of Clare Leader Forum's new 20-minute film, "Nothing About Us Without Us", there will be performances from a Ukrainian choir, the Los Paddys band and a samba disco. Doors open at 11am, admission is €5 and all are welcome. The festival ran throughout July and was Ireland's first official Disability Pride Month. It was also Ireland's first cross-impairment festival for disability, and the first festival to celebrate disability arts and the disabled community. You can watch their film here:
<https://vimeo.com/720384392/37879b48b>



NATIONAL REVIEW OF PPNS – ONLINE MEETING

24th August: Following the publication of Structural Review of the PPNS by consultants Mazars, the Department of Rural and Community Development is calling for feedback from stakeholders. Clare PPN will make a submission before the deadline of 31st August, and we are keen to get input from you, our members, for this important submission. We will hold a meeting via Zoom, on Wednesday, 24th August, at 6:30pm, at which you can share your views on the Mazars report. If you would like to take part, please email sarah@clareppn.ie. You can read the report at this link:
<https://assets.gov.ie/227490/1223d8cc-dcdc-4e1e-a2b7-37d9e198a06f.pdf>



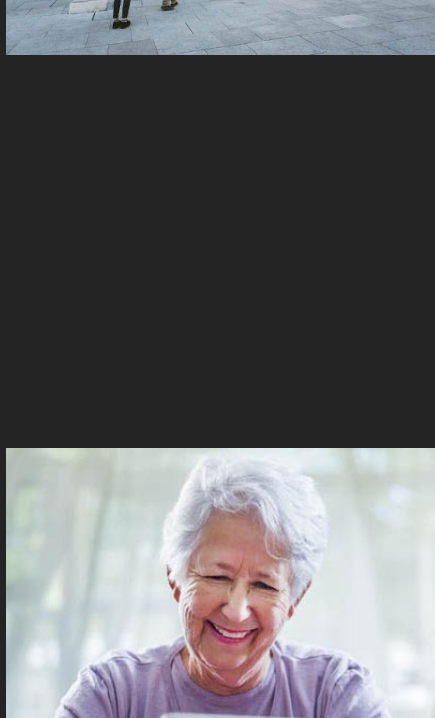
NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

The Heritage Council are calling on heritage newcomers, enthusiasts and experts of all ages from across Ireland to focus on sustainable heritage and biodiversity during National Heritage Week 2022. Organised by the Heritage Council, National Heritage Week will run from Saturday, 13th - Sunday, 21st August, and has become one of Ireland's largest cultural events. The event makes a full return to in-person events this year. However, following a hugely successful pivot to an online-only format during the pandemic, which saw record-breaking participation across the country, digital projects are again being showcased online.
<https://www.heritageweek.ie>



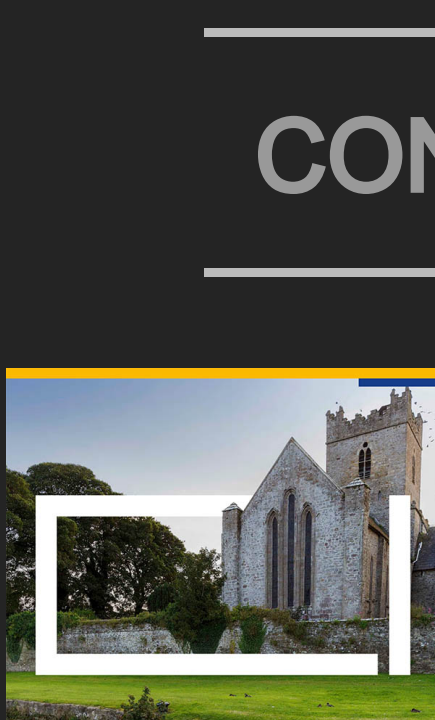
COMMUNITIES FOR HERITAGE EVENT

20th August: Join Burrenbeo at St Patrick's Hall, Corofin for a celebration of local community heritage action featuring workshops, field trips, networking and a community feast. This one-day event will include workshops for community groups to share solutions on locally led heritage conservation projects. Groups will showcase their projects while considering wider questions around climate change, biodiversity loss, community fragmentation and more. Tickets will cost €20 for the entire day including the community feast. This event is for anyone looking to get involved or take action in their community. More information and the booking link can be found here:
<https://burrenbeo.com/cfh/>



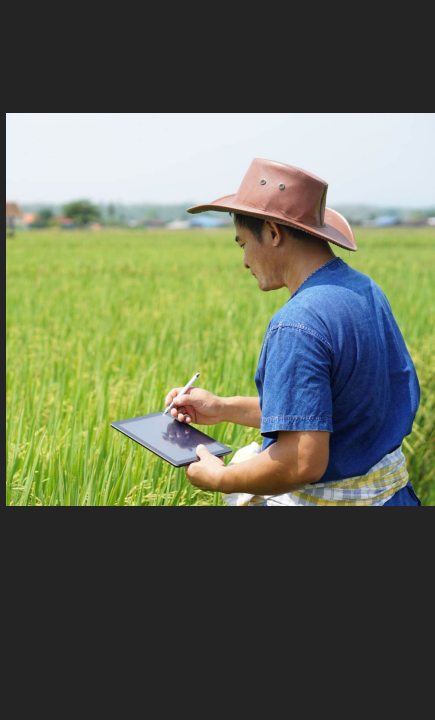
CLARE COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGIST

Clare boasts an incredible amount and variety of archaeological sites and monuments, including fulachtai fiadh, wedge tombs, ring forts, church sites, historic graveyards, and tower houses. Edel Barry, as Clare Community Archaeologist, is available to provide advice and support, relating to the maintenance, preservation and promotion of archaeological monuments, to community groups, farmers, educators and landowners, who are the custodians of the county's archaeological heritage. You can contact Edel Barry at 087 6279828 or clarecommunityarchaeology@gmail.com



WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUNDS WEBINAR

13th September: Community groups within the Area of Benefit of a Wind Farm (10km) are invited to a 'Celebrating Community Achievements' webinar on Tuesday 13th September, from 7pm-8pm. This event is in connection with the ESB Wind Farm Community Funds. The event will feature groups from across the country, who have successfully completed a wide range of projects with support from these funds. For more details, email EBarrett@secad.ie. Here is a list of the wind farms associated with this event:
<https://www.secad.ie/community-benefit-funds/>



UKRAINE RESPONSE JOBS AT CLDC

Deadline 11th August: Clare Local Development Company is recruiting for a number of roles to support the Ukrainian Response in Clare under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme. Each role (Fixed Term Contract to the end of 2023) will support the delivery of a range of community development, child and family, individual and employment supports to displaced Ukrainians residing in the county:

- Ukrainian Response Community Worker (full-time)
- Ukrainian Response Employment Worker (full-time)
- Ukrainian Response Inter-Cultural Worker (part-time)

CLDC also wish to recruit for the post of Training and Communications Officer (full-time) to assist with a range of community, children and family, and adult supports. Closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday, 11th August at 4pm. More information at:
<https://cldc.ie/cldc-is-hiring/>



MARITIME TRAINING IN KILRUSH

Thanks to the success of previous Maritime training programmes, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) has announced its Kilrush campus is now a dedicated centre of excellence in marine-related training. The initiative is modelled around the success achieved at its Shannon Campus with its training support for the Aviation Industry. One upcoming marine-related programme is the Workboat Master Traineeship which is the first of its kind in Ireland and will take begin at Kilrush Campus in mid-August. For more information on any of the ETB's traineeships, go to:
<https://collegeoffet.ie/traineeships/>

ARTISTS FROM MINORITY ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS

Deadline 22 August: The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create have announced an opportunity for a collaborative/ socially engaged artist(s) to embark on a major commission. They are seeking expressions of interest from artists who are from minority ethnic backgrounds and/or have lived experience of displacement and/or are shaped by histories of intergenerational migration. Candidates may self-identify as Traveller, Roma, refugee, migrant or otherwise through lived experience and/or shared generational memories. The commission is open to artists based in the Republic of Ireland. Full details and the application process here:
<https://www.create-ireland.ie/the-hugh-lane-gallery-and-create-announce-a-major-commission-opportunity/>

CLARE OLDER PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Deadline 16th September: The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. Application forms must be submitted by Friday, 16th September. For an application form please email hmoloney@clarecoco.ie or call (086) 6846240 or visit <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/clare-age-friendly-community.html>

CONSULTATIONS



FINAL CALL: CLARE CULTURE & CREATIVITY STRATEGY

Deadline 31st July: Irish Rural Link and Social Justice Ireland are undertaking a joint research project examining rural communities, wellbeing and a Just Transition. The purpose of this survey is to get the views of rural dwellers and rural communities on a Just Transition, and how the wellbeing of rural communities can be improved. At this very important juncture in Irish life, as we begin to implement the policies to meet our national climate goals by 2030, your views are vital to developing a clear picture of the potential impact on rural communities across Ireland. Take the survey here:
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