

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022



Dear Clare PPN member,

Welcome to our October newsletter.

Training and up-skilling is very much in the air this autumn, with lots of courses on offer, both in person and online. These include two training workshops being delivered by ourselves here at Clare PPN, covering various aspects of media work and publicity. Read on for more details of those and other training opportunities and webinars.

This month's newsletter also sees the introduction of a new slot – Member Group Spotlight. First up it's Clare Leader Forum, whose members have been tireless in their campaigning for the rights of people with disabilities in the Banner County. If you'd like to see your organisation featured in a future newsletter, drop us a line.

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

All the best,

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CLARE PPN TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Coming up in November we are delivering two training workshops that focus on media and publicity. Both of these are in person, at our offices in Ennis. They are free and open to all Clare PPN members, but places are limited and booking is essential.



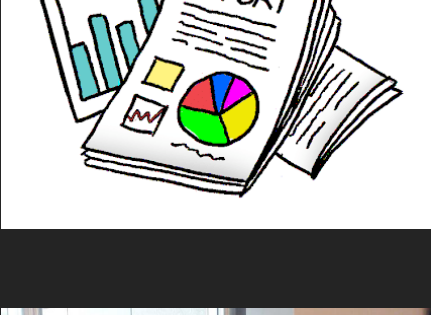
PUBLICISING YOUR EVENT

Tuesday 8th November: This evening workshop will run through the basics of promoting your event – including using social media, Eventbrite and a simple press release. The workshop, will take place from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Tuesday, 8th November, is free and open to all Clare PPN members, but places are limited and booking is essential. Please register by emailing newsletter@clareppn.ie



MEDIA FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS

Saturday 12th November: Dealing with the mainstream media can seem daunting, but it can be a really valuable tool to promote your group, campaign or cause. This one-day workshop will cover interacting with mainstream media, press release writing, broadcast interview skills and social media. This participatory workshop will be facilitated by William Hederman, a Clare PPN staff member and journalist. The workshop on Saturday 12th November will run from 10am to 4pm with a break for lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Participants should bring their own lunch. The workshop is free and open to all Clare PPN members, but places are limited and booking is essential. Please register by emailing newsletter@clareppn.ie



CLARE PPN WORK REPORT

Our latest work report is here. Have a read to see what we have been up to in the last quarter. You can download it as a PDF from our website, with details of the work carried out by PPN staff in the third quarter, other activities and a financial report.
<https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Work-report-for-Clare-PPN-July-to-September-2022.pdf>



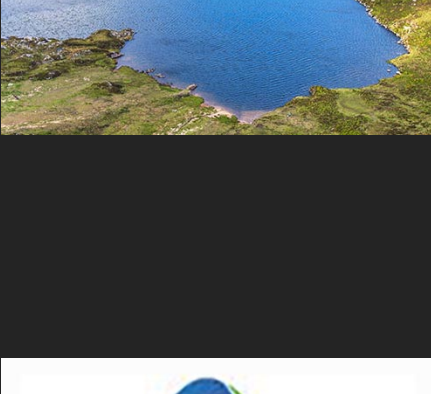
MEMBER GROUP SPOTLIGHT: CLARE LEADER FORUM

Clare Leader Forum (CLF) has been a courageous and tireless force for people with disabilities in the Banner County. Founded in 2014 and with about 50 members today, CLF is a group of people with disabilities who work together to create a voice for disability in Clare. With the support of the Centre for Independent Living, they prioritise issues for action at local and county level and work together to ensure these are addressed, while also playing a key role in the national disability agenda.

But they don't stop there – they are also active at a European level. In September, Trish McNamara and Padraic Hayes travelled to Brussels to take part in the Freedom Drive, a biannual protest rally, to network with disability activists from around Europe; and to lobby members of the European Parliament. Trish and Padraic are pictured above with Irish MEP Grace O'Sullivan.

Clare Leader Forum have been stalwarts of Clare PPN and currently have two members on Clare PPN's Secretariat, as well as three PPN reps on various committees of Clare County Council. They run frequent events – keep an eye on their Facebook page. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, get in touch at clareleaderforum@gmail.com or 087 274 0079.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY FUND 2022

Deadline November 2nd: Awards up to €20,000 are available from the Heart of the Community Fund, launched last year by The Ireland Funds. It was designed to support organisations striving to meet the ever-growing needs of people across the island of Ireland. The past two years have shown that the age-old adage of 'the heart of the community' is personified by organisations who work tirelessly to support their communities through crisis. More details and application at this link:
<https://www.irelandfunds.org/grants/>



DRUGS & ALCOHOL FORUM FUNDING SCHEME

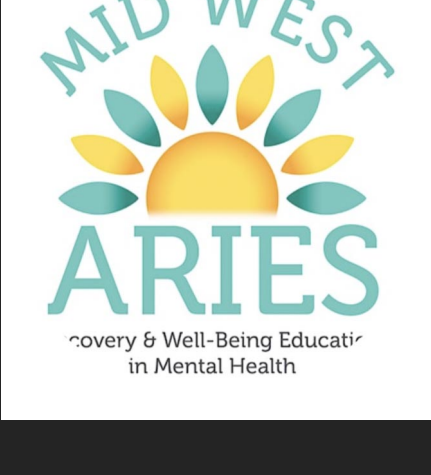
Deadline 28th October: The Mid-West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Forum (MWRDAF) has a once-off 'End of 2022 Funding Scheme' available, with total funding of approximately €40,000 available. Applications will be accepted up to a maximum of €5,000. Initiatives must align within the five goals of the National Strategy 'Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery – A health-led response to drug & alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025'. The closing date for applications is Friday 28th October, 2022. See more at: <https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/training/94446-epic-programme-free-employment-training-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

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EMPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

Deadline 24th October: Refugees or asylum seekers looking for a job can apply for EPIC, a free online Employment Programme that helps asylum seekers and refugees living in Ireland find jobs and integrate into Irish society through group training and personalised individual support. The inclusive and interactive group training covers: Getting familiar with the Irish job market; Step-by-step CV writing; Individual support from Career Counsellors; Personalised career planning and more. The next training date is Tuesday, 1st November (morning), for which the application deadline is next Monday, 24th October. More information here: <https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/training/94446-epic-programme-free-employment-training-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>



RECOVERY & WELL-BEING IN MENTAL HEALTH

Mid West Recovery Education Service (ARIES) has announced its free online schedule for November. Mid West ARIES aims to provide the Mid West Region with an inspirational and inclusive educational programme on recovery and well-being in mental health. Its free courses are for anyone aged 18+ with an interest in recovery and mental health. The topics of the courses are created and delivered by people with lived experience, family members and staff working within the mental health services. See more info at their website <https://hse.ie/mwaries>. Check out the full schedule and book tickets here: <https://midwestaries.eventbrite.ie>



ENERGY WORKSHOP IN DUBLIN

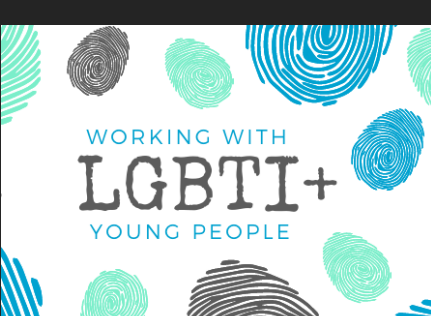
26th October: Friends of the Earth (FoE) invites you to an in-person workshop on 'Our Energy Future: How Ireland can better protect biodiversity and the environment while delivering necessary infrastructure to meet climate and renewables targets'. The aim is to support groups often left out of biodiversity/environmental protection decision-making and ensure their voices are heard. FoE may be in a position to meet travel and subsistence costs of attendees in certain cases: please email jerry@foe.ie on this point. The workshop will take place on Wednesday 26th October, 10am - 4:30pm. More information and registration here: <https://form.typeform.com/to/K2QKzBTP>



IEEN BIODIVERSITY WEBINARS

The Irish Environmental Network has had a great response to its Biodiversity Webinars, which will continue to be held each Wednesday lunchtime until November 2nd. Browse the webinars and register to attend here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/en-lunchtime-biodiversity-webinar-series-1172809>

You can also watch the previous webinars on the IEN's Youtube channel, where you can follow their series of short Bitesize Biodiversity videos too. They are a great way to recap the info in a minute or two, or to pick up some quick info if you only have a minute to spare. Watch previous webinars here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF5kvXl9NObGLnlex2nBUaA>



WORKING WITH LGBTIQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE

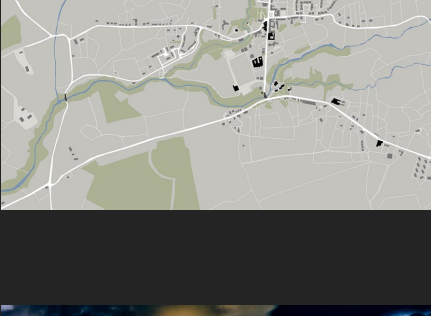
GOSHh are providing free training days for professionals who work with Young People in the Mid-West who identify as LGBTIQ+. Key learning goals of the day include: Building confidence to facilitate LGBTIQ+ discussions; Increasing capacity to support clients/service users who identify as LGBTIQ+. Learn to identify Homophobic & Transphobic behaviour; Build capacity to support individuals who are experiencing discrimination; Explore how gender and orientation impacts the experience of individuals in society. Remaining dates are Thursday 24th November, 2023 in West, Co Limerick; and Monday 23rd January, 2023 in Nenagh, Co Tipperary. More details: <https://goshh.ie/ggbttraining/>



CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY TRAINING

3rd & 4th November: Would you like to know how Irish companies can be used to hide the proceeds of environmental crime, tax evasion, organised crime or corruption? Would you like to learn how to use data to reveal the real owners of these companies? If so, join Transparency International Ireland for a free two-day online training course for civil society on the beneficial ownership transparency with local and international experts from the Tax Justice Network and Transcrime. The course will focus on law and practice and will take place via Zoom on 3rd and 4th November. Registration is free but spaces are limited. You can book now at: <https://t.co/bwVA9NkJe>

CONSULTATIONS



LISDOONVARNA HERITAGE PLAN

26th October: This evening event will involve a presentation of feedback from this consultation process for the Lisdoonvarna Heritage Plan, heritage audit and a number of potential projects which have been identified through this research. You are invited to share your feedback at this event which will take place at The Pavilion in Lisdoonvarna from 5.30pm-7pm on Wednesday, 26th October.



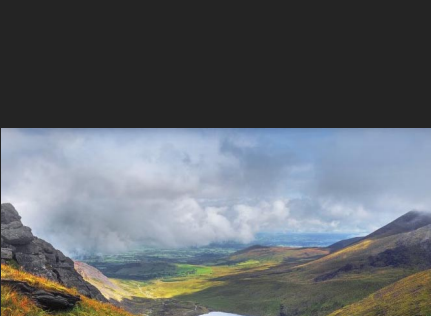
REVIEW OF IRELAND'S ENERGY SECURITY

Deadline 28th October: Ireland's energy system is going through a period of transformational change and the government is seeking to ensure the pathway of decarbonisation is underpinned by affordability and security in how we access and use energy in our everyday lives. The government is undertaking a review of the security of supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems and is seeking views on policy measures. Detailed research has been carried out by consultants to inform this review, and is available at the link below. The review is focused on the period to 2030, but in the context of ensuring a sustainable transition up to 2050.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/qbe14-review-of-the-security-of-energy-supply-of-irelands-electricity-and-natural-gas-systems/>



BEING LGBTIQ+ IN IRELAND

Deadline 31st October: Belongs To and Trinity College Dublin want to know what it is like to be LGBTIQ+ in Ireland today. Take part in this study to share your experiences of being an LGBTIQ+ person in Ireland. This anonymous research will examine the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people in the Republic of Ireland and investigate public attitudes towards LGBTIQ+ people. The survey is for LGBTIQ+ people aged 14 and over and is anonymous and confidential. You can find out more at www.beinglgbt.ie. Take the survey here: https://beinglgbt.ie/?page_id=68



CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Deadline 14th November: A Citizens' Assembly has been meeting since September to examine how the State can improve its response to the hugely important issue of biodiversity loss, and to make proposals. You can make a submission at the link below. Submissions can be as brief or detailed as you wish. However, the Assembly is encouraging people to focus their submissions on the issues of central concern to the Citizens' Assembly. These issues are set out in the Terms of Reference, also at the link below: <https://www.citizensassembly.ie/en/dublin-assembly/submissions/>