

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023



Happy new year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. January can be a tough

Dear Clare PPN member,

honour of St Brigid! By the way, on the Saturday of the bank holiday weekend there's a free, family-friendly event near Flagmount to celebrate World Wetlands Day. Read on for news of upcoming events and also for some of the many funding opportunities on offer at the moment. If you'd like to see something included in a future newsletter – or if you'd like for your

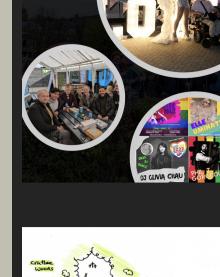
month but don't forget there is a new bank holiday coming up on Monday 6th February in

group to be featured in our 'Member Group in the Spotlight' - please email newsletter@clareppn.ie. And please remember to forward/share this email with the members of your organisation - thanks!

Sarah Clancy, Sarah Ferrigan & William Hederman Clare PPN

Ennis, Co. Clare V95 N62T

Clonroad Business Park

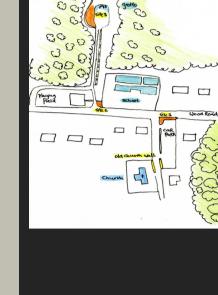


with our volunteer Reps and Secretariat – and the staff – as busy as ever. Thank you to all our volunteers for the time and work they have given. If you'd like to read about we were up

CLARE PPN WORK REPORT 2022

Clare PPN had a very busy, productive and eventful 2022,

to last year, you can read or download a lively series of colourful slides that comprise our Work Report for 2022 from https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Work-reportfor-plenary-Dec-2022.pdf SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER GROUP - CRATLOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



This year Cratloe Community Council (CCC) will mark a halfcentury as a voice for the local community – and new members are always welcome. Set up in 1973, its varied activities now include running and maintaining the community hall and graveyard; publishing a quarterly parish newsletter;

organising the 'Light Up Cratloe' Christmas charity fundraiser; running a community clean-up; and progressing local projects for the benefit of the wider community. That's just a sample of the group's activities – and it's a glimpse into the great community work being carried out by thousands of volunteers across Co Clare. Cratloe Community Council is just one of 296 member groups in our Community & Voluntary Pillar – by far the biggest of Clare PPN's three pillars.

Monthly meetings of CCC are held at the Community Hall and all are welcome to attend. The council is funded from an annual lotto draw and various grants, while the cost of running the Community Hall is funded from rental income. The organisation has recently focused more on heritage and the environment – new sub-groups set up in 2021 include Tidy Towns, Woodland, Sustainability and Heritage groups. The image to the left is from a really impressive Biodiversity Enhancement Plan for Cratloe devised by the group. Cratloe entered the Tidy Towns competition for the first time in 2021

and was awarded a Best Newcomer in the Local Authority

Activities and meetings are publicised in local and social media. See also www.cratloe.ie and www.sustainablecratloe.ie. You can get involved! Contact Ann Breen at 086-3391883 or breenann@gmail.com **FUNDING**

Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area. The CSF will operate in a complementary manner to add value to other frontline schemes and programmes. It supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with

their non-pay running costs such as energy costs or rental/lease costs, insurance bills; necessary repairs and improvements; purchasing equipment and signage. This funding will help community groups to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area, and in the process strengthen the bonds that tie communities together. Applications can be made to the Clare LCDC up to 4pm on 31st March, 2023. Any not-for-profit community or voluntary

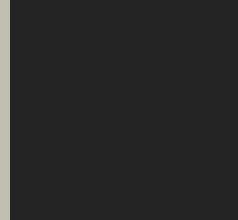
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND **Deadline 31st March:** The nationwide Community Support Fund (CSF) is administered by the Local Community

group can apply, via this page:

https://clarecoco.submit.com/show/33

OPPORTUNITIES

Pollinator Award in 2022.



https://clarecoco.submit.com/show/32 **CLARE LOCAL AREA GRANT SCHEME 2023**

Women's Sheds, for which you can apply here:

As part of the CSF, there is also ring-fenced fund for

Deadline 3rd February: The Clare Local Area Grant Scheme,

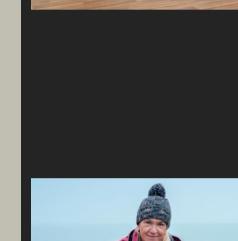
provides funding for local communities to assist with various

stimulate public interest in, promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of, or improve standards in the arts. There are nine support categories, including Public Realm Initiatives

previously known as the Community Support Scheme,

projects and to support artists and organisations who

and Amenity Projects, Maintenance of Open Spaces, Community Playgrounds, Burial Grounds, Local Authority Estates, Arts, Irish Language, and Sustainable Tourism. The closing date is 5pm on Friday, 3rd February, and enquiries can be made by email to: clags@clarecoco.ie. Online application system and guidelines are here: https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants/clareloca lareagrantscheme/ **HSE NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT SCHEME** Deadline 17th February: The HSE is offering National Lottery grants to community groups and voluntary organisations that provide health or social care services to the community. For example, you might help people with a disability, older people, carers or disadvantaged groups. The deadline for



You must be able to start and finish your project in 2023. https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lotterygrants/national-lottery-grants/

COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT

Heritage Council has allocated €1.5 million. Communities and heritage NGOs are encouraged to apply to support capital

Deadline 20th February: Applications are open for the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023, for which the

management of places, collections or objects (including buildings); that improve access and inclusion to heritage

projects that apply good heritage practice to the

SCHEME 2023

applications is noon on Friday, 17th February, and applicants will be informed of results on 2nd June. Projects can include: buying equipment and small fixtures and fittings such as hoists, tables and chairs; running camps, classes, courses, personal development training, information or activity events.

sites; The scheme also supports the purchase of essential equipment. Apply online by 5pm on Monday, 20th February: https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/community-heritagegrant-scheme-2023 **GRANTS FROM RTÉ TOY SHOW APPEAL** Deadline 10th February: Applications are now open for the first of two grant rounds under the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal. The Impact Grants Round is for children and family charities with an annual income of €500,000 or more and will close on Friday, 10th February. Applications are invited from



€75,000). This year the appeals charity partner, Community Foundation Ireland, is inviting applications under three strands: Addressing Essential Needs; Improving Health and Wellbeing; and Creativity and Play.

https://www.communityfoundation.ie/insights/newsroom/rte-

toy-show-appeal-first-round-grants-open

organisations undertaking larger scale projects (up to

A second grant round, inviting applications from smaller, community level groups will open for application in early February. **NEWS / EVENTS ...** WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN WITH A HEALTH CONDITION

> **16th & 17th February**: Helium Arts kicks off the new year with details of free creative art workshops in 2023, for 8-12 year olds with a lifelong physical health condition, living in the Mid West. The first workshops will be run as two-day art camps during the mid-term break, in Ennis, Limerick and Nenagh on 16th and 17th February. All camps are run by professional artists, and activities can include drawing, painting, puppetry, story-telling, sculpture, clay-modelling, film-making. A great opportunity for children to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun in a safe and supported environment. You can get in touch with Niamh by emailing hello@helium.ie or by



MNA AG GAIRE ENNIS WOMEN'S SHED

FILM PREMIERE

DEVELOPED BY MNÁ AG GÁIRE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

THE LIVING AND LEARNING

COMMUNITIES PROJECT

THURSDAY THE 2ND

OF FEBRUARY

AT 7PM

7 Tracklands Bussines Park. Ennis. V95K6F6

Shannon Family

Resource Centre

workshops-in-ennis-limerick-nenagh/ **WORLD WETLANDS DAY 4th February:** You are invited to celebrate World Wetlands

calling 083 0103240 to register. More info here:

https://helium.ie/2023/01/05/register-now-for-free-art-

free, family-friendly event aims to help us understand why wetlands are so important in our lives. Meet at the car park, White Sands, Lough Graney, Cahermurphy, Flagmount. If you have any questions, contact Ruairí Ó Conchúir at 085-8083715 or roconchuir@lawaters.ie. MNÁ AG GAIRE FILM PREMIERE 2nd February: Mna Ag Gaire is Ennis Women's Shed, set up during the Covid pandemic as a place to meet, share skills and combat loneliness for all women in Ennis. Their mission is to reach out to all women, and for all women to enhance their role in their own lives, and in their local communities. Next Thursday 2nd February at 7pm they are screening the

premiere of a new film about Mna Ag Gaire, made in

To find out more call Hilary at 087 283 5769 or email

including how to get there, see:

CENTRE IS HIRING

http://mnaaggaire.ie

mnaaggaire@gmail.com. For more about Mna ag Gaire,

SHANNON FAMILY RESOURCE

a fantastic organisation and they're looking for a special

that be you or someone you know? This role involves working closely with the Voluntary Board of Directors to

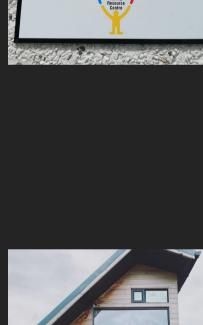
Deadline 10th February: Shannon Family Resource Centre is

someone to take over the role of Project Co-ordinator. Could

promote the active involvement of local people in addressing issues that affect their lives. The requirements include three

collaboration with the Living & Learning Communities Project.

supporting biodiversity and addressing climate change. This



years' experience managing a relevant organisation and knowledge and experience of providing family support in a community setting. For full details and an application form, please email sfrcrecruitment@gmail.com or call 061-707600. See also: https://www.activelink.ie/vacancies/community/97244-

<u>shannon-family-resource-centre-project-co-ordinator</u>

TO BOGHILL CENTRE

COMMON KNOWLEDGE MOVES

Congratulations to Common Knowledge, the non-profit social

become new guardians of the facilities currently operating as

enterprise based near Ennistymon - in March they will

The Boghill Centre near Lisdoonvarna. Common Knowledge, which has a mission of sharing skills for a truly sustainable life, is now seeking to fill a number of roles, both on their voluntary board and as part of their staff. The deadline for these is tomorrow! The board roles are as Treasurer or Secretary and there are four staff jobs, including coordinators and instructors. See their website for more info: https://www.ourcommonknowledge.org/joinourteam LOSS & BEREAVEMENT ONLINE **WORKSHOPS** January – June: The Irish Hospice Foundation is running what looks like a really comprehensive and thoughtful series of workshops for both professionals and volunteers to learn more about loss and bereavement and for those working with

people who have experienced a major loss. The workshops are framed relative to the HSE palliative care competence framework at level two – for people whose work increasingly

sees them engaging with people facing loss, bereavement and death. The workshops will be held online via Zoom and will include talks and interactive sessions. Participants may attend one or more workshops. Early booking is strongly



Irish Hospice Foundation

useful for organisations anywhere who want to make their region or area a more inclusive and accessible place to live, work and visit. To view this toolkit visit: https://wicklowppn.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/%2358000000bU qX/a/4H000001CUhl/5_5yNBFvTUnAk8ePVDD_0PdFltSr9R WtfhtLLQGFD3U

WEBINAR: MINING, MINERALS

AND LIMITS

https://miningtalk.eventbrite.com/

SERIES

SEAI WINTER WORKSHOP

This series of online energy workshops, which featured in an earlier newsletter, continues until April. Hosted by SEAI, the series aims to help support communities and homeowners through winter energy efficiency tips to reduce bills, and tips on keeping well and warm. Remaining workshops in the

1st February: Irish State policy is strongly in favour of minerals mining in Ireland. A new mining policy is being resisted by Communities Against the Injustice of Mining (CAIM), a grassroots all-island group formed to defend local communities from corporate mining. CAIM argues that the new government policy document on mineral exploration and mining gives a 'green light' to companies with disastrous environmental track records. Futureproof Clare and CAIM are co-hosting an online talk next Wednesday February 1st at 7.30pm which will include the sharing of on-the-ground experience of dealing with mining companies; a discussion on the environmental cost of 'green technology'; and whether the economic model behind the concept of green growth is flawed and what the alternative might be. Register here:



Sustainable Transport | 20th April Community Energy Generation | 27th April Find out more and register here:

Solar Electricity: PV for Homeowners | 23rd/30th March

Insulation and Ventilation | 9th February A Guide to Heat Pumps | 9th March

https://www.ballyhouradevelopment.com/Event/seai-winterworkshop-series **TOUR GUIDING COURSE** A course for Regional Tour Guiding is starting at Miltown Malbay Resource Centre on 31st January. It's a QQI L6 course, and would enable you to work as a Regional Tour Guide and employment in other fields of Tourism and Heritage. You will also gain a wide knowledge of Irish culture and heritage and sustainable tourism. It takes place three days a week, 10am to 2pm. Contact Maire Dempsey on 0867807940, or email maire.dempsey@lcetb.ie for information.

Deadline 28th February: A draft proposal for a suggested Pay-Related Benefit for Jobseekers sets out a new approach which would mean that the income support a person receives after becomings unemployed would be in line with a person's recent employment income. The Department of Social

CONSULTATIONS

JOBSEEKERS

post. More details here:



scheme-consultation/ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **GOALS**

Deadline 20th February: The Government is inviting

Voluntary National Review as part of the 2030 Agenda process. The following questions might be helpful in

considering a submission for inclusion in the review: What

PAY-RELATED BENEFIT FOR

Protection plans to host a workshop on the draft proposal design at a later date. You can make submissions by email or

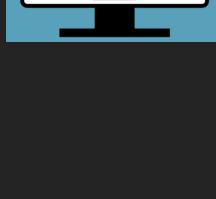
https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/a73aa-pay-related-benefit-

submissions from stakeholders for inclusion in Ireland's 2023

are you/your organisation/your sector doing to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? What is Ireland doing well and what could be improved? Have you ideas you'd like to share on how Ireland can Build Back Better while Leaving No One Behind? Submissions of up to 800 words can be made until 5:30pm on Monday 20th February, by email to SDGs@decc.gov.ie or by post – more details here: https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/bc64b-consultation-forirelands-voluntary-national-review-2023/ CIVIL LEGAL AID SCHEME -**SURVEY**

Deadline 3rd February: The Civil Legal Aid Review Group wants to hear about your experience of having a civil (noncriminal) legal issue. The Group would like to know how you

is administered by the Legal Aid Board. A separate



SURVEY

might have resolved that issue, whether you accessed the Civil Legal Aid Scheme and if so, how well it worked for you. Your participation lets you have your say on how we can improve things for the benefit of all. The Review Group is reviewing the operation of the Civil Legal Aid Scheme, which

consultation for stakeholder organisations is also being held. You can fill out an anonymous survey via this page: https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/79e1d-public-consultationon-the-review-of-the-civil-legal-aid-scheme/ **About Us Contact Us** County Clare's Public

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