

happening, with lots of activities, events and trainings, both by and for community organisations. It's also a time of year when lots of funding opportunities are announced, so read on for news about all of the above. And our member group in the spotlight this month is Raidió Corca Baiscinn, the legendary community radio station in Kilkee, which has been providing a great service to the communities of southwest Clare since 1999. If you'd like to see something included in a future newsletter, please email newsletter@clareppn.ie.

when we were putting together our newsletter, we were struck by just how much is

All the best,

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NATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR PPNS Clare PPN was one of the PPNs selected to help launch a new national awareness campaign to encourage community

groups and volunteers to join their local PPN. The work of our Social Inclusion college in producing a landmark report in 2022, 'Towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy for Clare' was singled out as an example of what being involved with your PPN can achieve. Pictured at the launch are Clare PPN co-ordinator Sarah Clancy (left) and Secretariat member Elaine Dalton with Joe O'Brien, Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development. The campaign is highlighting the role of Public Participation Networks in giving people a greater say in local government decisions that affect their communities and allowing local authorities to connect with community groups. You can follow the campaign and latest

news on social media using #PublicParticipationNetworks and #BuildingABetterFuture. This page has a short video and more information: https://www.gov.ie/en/news/e097b-community-groups-urged-<u>to-have-say-on-local-issues-through-public-participation-</u> networks/ **CLARE PPN – SEVEN YEARS A GROWING** Running a community organisation can be so busy that years go by before you get a chance to stop and stock of your activities and achievements. Clare PPN recently had cause to sit down and reflect on the highlights of the seven years since the network was set up in 2016. Of course, much of Clare PPN's work is behind the scenes – submissions, public

> consultations, training and supporting our member groups but we always love having the opportunity to get out and about in the community. Here's a whistle-stop tour through just some of the community events and other projects we've

CLARE PPN MEMBER GROUP We emailed all our member groups earlier today, asking you to let us know whether your group is happy to remain as a member of Clare PPN. In order to comply with our data retention policy, we must periodically re-register our member groups. Membership of Clare PPN is free – all you need to

been involved in:

https://clareppn.ie/clareppn-since-2016/

PLEASE RE-REGISTER AS A

addition to giving consent, your reply also ensures that we have the correct contact details for all our member groups. We greatly value your privacy. You can read a copy of our

network and learn at my own pace" That's a testimonial from

encourages greater citizenship in debate and current affairs,

Founded in 1999, RCB works to deliver on a range of social benefits to the community including media and radio training, volunteering opportunities and employment, with five full-time staff, seven part-time CE staff and about 40 volunteers. The RCB community resource is a vital service to residents to combat the mental health effects associated with social isolation in rural areas. If you'd like to volunteer or know more, contact RCB on 083 023 2022 or info@rcb.ie. You can

the subject line. Please share this with the other members of your group – especially if you have new members who might

Election fever will soon be in the air for Clare PPN. In March we will be holding elections for representative positions from each of our three pillars – Community and Voluntary, social Inclusion and Environmental. And if you would like to be

involved in running Clare PPN, there will be elections for two roles on our Secretariat. Keep an eye out for news of these

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FUND

Deadline 15th March: Now in its seventh year, the €500,000 Community Integration Fund celebrates the rich cultural diversity within local communities and enables local community-based organisations across Ireland to play a

COMING SOON: CLARE PPN

adding local voices to debate, news, and entertainment.

GDPR policy at this page on our website: http://clareppn.ie/privacy-policy/ Please email newsletter@clareppn.ie to let us know you are happy to remain as a member. Thanks! MEMBER GROUP IN THE SPOTLIGHT: RAIDIÓ CORCA **BAISCINN** "It's a community, it's a place where I feel accepted and welcome. Everyone is friendly and laid back and I feel I can

a volunteer with Raidió Corca Baiscinn, the community radio station based in Kilkee. The station operates as a social enterprise – any profits (if made) are reinvested back into the community. RCB does what commercial stations can't in terms of focusing in on area-specific interests and

also tune in everyday from 1pm on 92.5 or 98.4 fm. Check out their website: https://rcb.ie/ **NEW MEMBERS MEETING 28th February @ 7pm**: Next Tuesday we're holding a brief online meeting for our new members. If your group recently joined Clare PPN, or if you'd like to find out more about the network and what we do, it would be great to see you for this one-hour meeting via Zoom, where we'll answer all your questions. So that's at 7pm on Tuesday, 28th February. If NEW MEMBERS you'd like to attend, please reply to this email at newsletter@clareppn.ie and put 'New Members Meeting' in

be interested in attending.

ELECTIONS

VOTE

Community Integration

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

elections in your inbox in March.

greater role in supporting the integration of migrants. Successful organisations stand to receive grant funding of €1,000 – €5,000 to support local integration initiatives. Applications must demonstrate the ability to involve both migrant and host communities in the activities proposed. More information here: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CommunityIntegrationF

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Shared Island grant for one project of up to €50,000. Applications must be completed online by 31st March. More information here: https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/app/uploads/2023/02/Trave <u>ller-Wellbeing-through-Creativity-Call-Brief-2.pdf</u> To attend an information webinar on Friday 10th March at 2:30pm please register here: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/traveller-creative-healthwellbeing-project-webinar-tickets-549461162127 CRUINNIÚ NA nÓG Deadline 24th February: Submissions are now open for

TRAVELLER WELLBEING

Deadline 31st March: The Traveller Wellbeing through

on enhancing Traveller wellbeing through the medium of creativity. Grant funding from €30,000-€50,000 per project will be provided, up to a total of €200,000 including a new

organisations to deliver an innovative project in 2023 focused

Creativity initiative is a call to relevant groups and

THROUGH CREATIVITY

applications for projects that focus on creative activities for children and young people. Finished projects can be in any format e.g. visual art, film, music, theatre, dance, STEAM, etc. Projects can occur on the day of Cruinniú na nÓg or as a longer-term programme or series of workshops. Projects must include active participation of children and young

For more information and application form: https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/artsrecreation/grants/cruinniu-na-nog-awards/

people, allowing their voice and influence to contribute to the

HEADSTART FUND FOR MENTAL

over 500 community education projects funded through the 16 Education and Training Boards. Projects included those that helped support online learning, connect communities and providing social supports to the most disadvantaged. The Reach fund was launched by SOLAS, the national Further Education and Training Authority and is open to community education providers. Applications must be

received by Friday, 31st March. For an application form and

Reach guideline documentation, please email:

CINDERELLA RECYCLED

8th March: Exciting news about a new show in aid of Mna Ag

Gaire Women's Shed Ennis and the Deaf Community.

WORKSHOP: COMMUNITY

ORGANISING FOR TENANTS

25th February: The Clare branch of CATU (Community Action Tenants Union) will host a workshop on Community Organising this Saturday, 25th February, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm, at the Clare PPN building in the Clonroad Business Park in Ennis. The workshop aims to provide valuable training to tenants grappling with rent hikes, the threat of eviction or maintenance issues in their homes. It also offers a supportive space for those who feel isolated or outnumbered. CATU Clare is committed to ensuring its members have the support and resources they need to fight for their rights. For more on this event, email clarecatu@gmail.com or call 083 196 9256.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE ON THE

Community Law and Mediation's Centre for Environmental

their voice heard? Or making a change for health and social issues across Ireland? Spunout is Ireland's youth information

Spunout's core philosophy is "by young people, for young people", and the spunout Action Panel is a fundamental part

of this. The Action Panel provides direction, insight and solutions to the organisation to ensure spunout is meeting the real needs of young people. There are five Regional Action Panels and dedicated Action Panels for the Traveller and BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) communities.

'Cinderella Recycled' is a rags-to-riches tale for the 21st

century, in association with Opera Woodstock, at the Hotel

Woodstock in Ennis. It promises to be a fun, magical night with a twist. They would greatly appreciate your support by

buying a ticket, sponsoring a prize for the raffle or by giving a

reachfund@lcetb.ie

MNÁ AG GÁIRE WOMEN'S SHED

HANDS IN HARMONY DEAF COMMUNITY CHOIR

PRESENT

Cinderella Recycled

Community Law & Mediation

You have the right to clean air,

clean water and a clean community

NEWS / EVENTS ...

Deadline 3rd March: This fund is open to projects and organisations with an innovative approach to effecting positive mental health and a proven track record of impact. All young people can benefit from better mental health and The HeadStart Fund recognises you don't need to be at a 'crisis point' to access mental health support. The HeadStart

project proposals for Cruinniú na nÓg – the National Day of Creativity on Saturday, 10th June. As part of Clare's 2023 Creative Ireland programme, Clare County Council invites

Fund will support organisations working with young people aged 15-24 and will focus on innovative solutions to help groups such as young people, women, and those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage through cash grants and non-financial support. This three-year, €3 million fund was created by Rethink Ireland in collaboration with the Z Zurich Foundation and the HSE. Find out more here: https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/the-headstart-fund/ **REACH FUND FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION** Deadline 31st March: The Reach Fund (previously MAEDF) provides funding to support educationally disadvantaged learners in accessing and participating in community education. The fund was first made available in 2020 with

creative work.

HEALTH

much-need donation. Tickets can be bought at the Mna Ag VENUE: HOTEL WOODSTOCK SHANAWAY ROAD ENNIS CO CLARE V95TR25 Gaire Women's Shed or online through Revolut. Tickets are €10, the show is for over-18s only and starts at 7pm on 8th March. For more information about buying a ticket, call 086-3439254 or email mnaaggaire@gmail.com

Find out more about CATU at:

ENVIRONMENT

https://catuireland.org

Justice was launched by Mary Robinson in February 2021 and is the first of its kind in Ireland. They offer free legal Contact us on 01 847 7804 for free and advice and representation, provide community education and training, and advocate for a rights-based approach to policy and law reform in the area of environmental justice. They believe everyone has the right to breathe clean air, drink clean water and live in healthy communities. If you want to improve your local environment but don't know how, please contact them on 01-847 7804 or email info@communitylawandmediation.ie for free and confidential advice on your rights. Learn more about their work here: https://communitylawandmediation.ie/centre-forenvironmental-justice/ SPUNOUT'S ACTION PANEL Do you know a young person who is passionate about having

website, reaching more than 200,000 readers each month.

More information here:

https://spunout.ie/about/the-action-panel

SDG ADVOCATE TRAINING

citizens and create long-lasting change within your

Deadline 14th March: Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in Global Citizenship Education? Do you want to join Ireland's network of active

organisation or community by contributing to achieving the

company that is recruiting voluntary directors for its board. It's important to us that we have strong representation from

https://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/en/news/vacancies/di

PLANNING & DECISION-MAKING

23rd February: Tomorrow from 2:15-4:15pm, Carol Conway

of Freelance Catalyst will deliver a session on Leading

Strategic Planning and Decision Making, on Wednesday, 15th March from 10am to 12pm. Please register here:

<u>ie.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcuypqDwsGNEfXxFDZ_8xU</u>

FREE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Interested in some free project management training? DVPM

management, tailored for volunteer and community groups. It's sponsored by Dell, free to participants and approved by the Project Management Institute / Educational Foundation. Their next Limerick training session is Friday 24th March,

opportunities to engage and participate in local planning and decision making. Such inclusive engagement will ensure that their perspectives are reflected in the decisions which affect them and will facilitate more inclusive measures to support sustainable development at a local level. The guide has been

developed by the Department of Rural and Community Development in conjunction with Pobal and the community and voluntary sector, as part of a wider Dormant Accounts

Funded project on the engagement of marginalised communities at local level. You can read or download the

https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/bcc24-a-guide-for-inclusivecommunity-engagement-in-local-planning-and-decision-

consultation-for-the-west-clare-railway-greenway-ennis-to-

THE 3 BILLION TREES SURVEY

place or knows of other Irish organisations that plant trees, take the EU's survey to help identify tree-planting initiatives that advance the 3 Billion Trees pledge. The survey is open

https://milieu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPgyPLytR6cjzPE

Involved in a charity, voluntary or community group?

is a one-day course in the fundamentals of project

These two events will be held on Zoom and there will be space for discussion and questions. The webinars will be recorded and can be shared with anyone not able to attend

the community and voluntary sector across our region (Counties Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford). Full details of the role and an expression of interest form are

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP,

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? You can apply today to become one of Ireland's SDG Advocates. The 2023 SDG Advocate Training is a 7-month Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Project that offers 26 Adult and Community Educators an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and be supported in the design and implementation of informed Action Projects within their practice. Apply by March 14th via this link: https://www.developmentperspectives.ie/advocate.html CITIZENS INFORMATION BOARD **MEMBERS NEEDED** North Munster Citizens Information Service is a charitable

Communities – the role of the board or committee member. This session will explore the principles and practices of good governance, positive strategic leadership and identify strategies to help you apply these in your organisation. Please register here: https://wheelie.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcumgpj8vE9wHJ6kokNz2ce W4iKvpFoXI **15th March**: Luna Atkins of 2into3 will deliver a session on

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TRAINING

COMMUNICATION

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on the day.

10am to 4pm, at Dell, Raheen, Limerick. For more information or to reserve a place, please email: DVPM_Limerick@dell.com with details of your voluntary project / organisation or charity and phone number. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN **PLANNING & DECISION MAKING** A new resource guide is aimed at ensuring that the most marginalised and disadvantaged communities have

WEST CLARE RAILWAY **GREENWAY** Clare County Council is progressing the Options Assessment for Section 2 of the West Clare Railway Greenway project between Ennis and Ennistymon. Public Consultation No 2 is now being held to provide an update and to present the Stage 2 Route Corridor Options. Submissions are welcome from the public and interested stakeholders. The consultation documents are on display until Friday 3rd March at: Ennistymon Public Library, Corofin Public Library and Clare County Council Office, Ennis. More info here: https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/[news]/public-

CONSULTATIONS

guide via this page:

making/

Deadline 31st March: Have you heard of the 3 Billion Trees Pledge? Under the European Green Deal, the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 commits to planting at least 3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030 in full respect of biodiversity and climate change objectives and ecological criteria. If your organisation has a tree-planting project in

until 31st March.

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LIABILITY OF CLUBS & SOCIETIES Deadline 15th March: The Law Reform Commission (LRC) has published a consultation paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and other Unincorporated Associations. It raises important questions as to how regulators and individuals can enforce legal obligations and, if necessary, sue LAW REFORM unincorporated associations. It also explores the potential ATHCHÓIRIÚ AN DLÍ legal consequences, including personal liability, for individuals involved in non-profit unincorporated associations. This consultation is particularly relevant to existing registered charities and new applicants that have been established as associations rather than as companies or trusts. Responses should be made before 15th March by email to UnincorporatedAssociations@lawreform.ie. More info,

including links to the consultation paper, here:

https://www.wheel.ie/news/2023/01/consultation-liability-<u>clubs-societies-and-other-unincorporated-associations</u>

FOOD WASTE SURVEY We all sometimes let food go off, but a team of researchers at TU Dublin and Teagasc is looking into a method of extending the shelf life of fresh produce so your forgotten or excess food has a better chance of being used instead of binned. What do you think of our proposed solution? What packaging do you prefer, and how do you dispose of packaging now? You can take their brief, anonymous survey which aims to gauge people's attitudes towards food waste and sustainable packaging of leafy greens. Here's a link to https://forms.office.com/r/uHUR0ivcqp

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Clare PPN member, Welcome to our February newsletter! Spring is in the air, new life is starting to bloom and