

## **NEWSLETTER MAY 2023**



#### Welcome to our May newsletter!

Banner than we've seen in a few years. These include events such as the Clare Mela in Killaloe and Africa Day in Ennis that celebrate cultural diversity and the positive role – and even new lease of life – that migrants can bring to communities in Clare. We also have news of an 'Ireland Against Racism' funding call.

focus group sessions all across the county looking at Just Transition, what it could look like in Clare and how to put socio-economic justice at the centre of all decision-making in Clare. Thank you to all who took part. Read on for news of events, funding and more. If you'd like to see something included in

All the best,

**WORKSHOPS** 

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# 27th May: Calling all environmentalists in Clare. This

# Shannon

Lack of transport, childcare, no CPS, no dentists

Lack of human-centred care & support

#### Saturday sees the last of our month-long run of free training workshops and brainstorming sessions with think tank TASC

JUST TRANSITION TRAINING

on a Just Transition, what it could look like in Clare and on how to put socio-economic justice at the centre of all decision-making in Clare. Clare PPN would like to sincerely thank everyone who took part in these sessions across the county, sharing lived experience with huge generosity and integrity. We'd also like to thank the fantastic researchers at TASC for their tireless work. Our final session, for environmental groups and campaigners in Clare, will be this Saturday, 27th May, 10:30am-2pm (includes lunch!) at the Clare PPN offices in Ennis (V95

N62T). We want to discuss how to ensure not only that climate action happens but also that that it is fair and that the needs of communities in Clare are taken into account. We will share what we have learned during our month of workshops, and it will be an opportunity to network and catch up. Please let us know if you can make it via this Eventbrite https://EnviroEnnis.eventbrite.ie

### **IRELAND AGAINST RACISM** Deadline 31st May: €1 million is being made available to

**FUNDING** 

**OPPORTUNITIES** 



#### local initiatives, that aim to combat racism and foster racial

equality and community cohesion. The grant scheme is open to applications from existing non-government organisations and community organisations that have a specific focus on anti-racism initiatives. https://www.activelink.ie/communityexchange/funding/100193-ireland-against-racism-funding-**WOMEN OF IRELAND EMPOWERMENT FUND** Deadline 2nd June: The new Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund 2023-2026 is a \$1 million fund

committed to empowering women experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage and migrant women, through

new Fund aims to support more than 850 women into

targeted support for four to five non-profit organisations. The

employment and/or education programmes, with at least 260

applicant groups operating at national, regional and local level to support the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism. The overall objective of this fund is to provide funding for national and regional projects, as well as

of those women supported into quality, sustainable jobs. This fund has been launched by Rethink Ireland, in partnership with Bank of America and the Dept of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. Interested notfor-profit organisations are invited to apply through Rethink Ireland's website: https://rethinkireland.ie/current\_fund/mna-na-heireannwomen-of-ireland-empowerment-fund-2023-2026/ **NEWS / EVENTS ...** 

**MAJOR COURT VICTORY FOR** 

prevent expansion of Aughinish Alumina, an aluminium refinery on the Limerick side of the Shannon Estuary. The environmental group had challenged An Bord Pleanála's decision to allow the company to expand its waste disposal area without taking into account An Taisce's submission to

#### **FUTUREPROOF CLARE** Congratulations to Clare PPN member group Futureproof Clare (FPC), which has won an important High Court Case to



the board. Eoin Brady, solicitor with FP Logue, representing FPC, said it was "a significant result for Futureproof Clare" which "shows the important role that judicial review plays". Emma Karran of FPC, "We cannot stand back and silently witness the continued build up of bauxite waste within metres of the Shannon estuary. If the refinery resubmits the application to expand its waste disposal area, we will continue to resist it. The proper course of action now for Rusal and the various competent authorities is to wind down operations at the facility and begin the proper remediation of the massive waste stockpile and the contaminated land on Aughinish island." Read more here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/legal-case-against-toxicbauxite-refinery MARY COUGHLAN IN MILTOWN **MALBAY** 

2nd June: Miltown Malbay Community Centre has recently invested more than €15,000 in improving the acoustics of their sports hall. And to show off the improvements, they have lined up the legendary Mary Coughlan to perform a live



#### into folk, blues or jazz, you can't fail to be moved by the expression and power in her voice, which has won fans across the globe. Tickets are on sale now from the Community Centre (limited numbers available), or you can

purchase online here:

more info, contact:

beconway@clarecoco.ie

https://fidgetfeet.com/project/clare-mela/

**DOOLIN FOLK FEST** 

concert, with her band, on Friday June 2nd. Whether you're

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/mary-coughlan-tickets-619407764297 **AFRICA DAY IN ENNIS** 27th May: Happy Africa Day! That's today (Thursday 25th May), an annual worldwide celebration of the people, cultures and potential of that wonderful continent. This will be marked in Ennis this Saturday 27th May, with an event at Mna Ag Gaire, from 1pm to 4pm. Mna Ag Gaire is in Tracklands Business Park, V95K6F6. For more info, call Amanda on 089-4028981.

29th May: The Africa Day theme continues on Monday with an event at Glór in Ennis. The AMDALAH Africa Foundation will give a motivational talk on social inclusion, integration, recognition, justice and support for women of African descent

and their families. That's on Monday 29 May, 12-2pm. For

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**CLARE MELA IN KILLALOE 10th June:** This event is a proud celebration of cultural diversity in our great county. Watch a fantastic line-up showcase their talents in a beautiful outdoor setting. From powerful rap to captivating aerial dance, Chinese dragon dancing, unforgettable African drumming, enchanting Nepalese music, A wonderful Polish folk performance, dance and much more. It's a fun and lively day out for all the family. Dress for all weathers. Bring camp chairs or picnic blanket to chill out on the grass and enjoy the day. Twomilegate Park just outside Killaloe on Saturday 10th June, 1pm to 4.30pm.

# QUARE CLARE TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

Where was the first modern

Olympic Games held?

Lucas Bar QuareClare

more:

#### of the finest folk artists from around the world. Those coming to Doolin this year include Christy Moore, Lisa O'Neill, Wallis Bird and many more. Should be a an unforgettable musical experience - see you there. Check out the link below for information on daily tickets. https://www.doolinarts.ie/doolinfolkfest

**QUARE CLARE QUIZ NIGHT** 

9th-11th June: Doolin Arts are thrilled to announce the release of the daily music schedule for the Main Stage and White Horse Stage at this year's Doolin Folkfest. Get ready for a weekend packed with incredible performances by some

9th June: Save the date, Friday 9th June from 7-10pm at Lucas Bar in Ennis, for the latest event in Quare Clare's busy social calendar. This Quare Clare Table Quiz Night is a fundraiser for Clare Pride 2023. Tickets will be on sale soon. For more details, visit: https://quareclare.ie/calendar/ Quare Clare are also excited to announce that planning for Pride 2023 is now underway, and they are looking for

volunteers to join the planning committee. They welcome all

include several events in the week of September 18-24. See

levels of expertise and enthusiasm. Pride this year will

https://quareclare.ie/get-involved/

**COMMUNITIES** 

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

two upcoming events: 7th June: Clare SEC's Network event – Meet your SEC Mentor/find out about funding supports: An SEC networking/information evening at Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) in Ennis on Wed June 7th at 7.30pm. This is open to any existing SEC's or those interested in getting involved/applying for funding for a local energy project.

Clare's Sustainable Energy Communities SEC Network has



#### Please spread the word. 31st May: Lisdoonvarna SEC - Renovating & retrofitting of

Housing, Local Govt & Heritage. For further information email lisdoonsec@gmail.com If you need any SEC support for your community, please get in touch with Lorraine Power to arrange a chat and find out

what supports you can avail of. You can email her at:

lpower@cldc.ie

stone buildings. This is on Wednesday 31st May at 7pm at the Pavillion Community Hall, Lisdoonvarna. Discussion on grant schemes, Q & A with Common Knowledge, Dept of

LITERACY FOR LIFE: FREE **WEBINAR** 13th June: Did you know more than 500,000 adults in Ireland struggle with reading and understanding information and using everyday maths. This means they may find it difficult to fill in a form, vote, read and understand instructions on medicines, divide or add up a bill or help with

homework. Irish non-profit organisations interact with and serve individuals and communities across Ireland every day. This puts you in a unique position to champion adult literacy and to highlight the many supports available. This free, 90minute Literacy for Life webinar on Tuesday, 13th June (10am - 11.30am), will provide you with an overview of literacy, how it impacts participation in society; how to

fostering a 'literacy friendly' approach; adult literacy supports

and more. To attend this free webinar, please register:



FREE WEBINAR

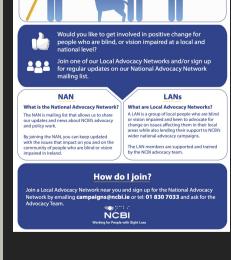
LITERACY FOR LIFE

#### https://www.wheel.ie/training/2023/06/literacy-life-<u>understanding-literacy-numeracy-digital-literacy-ireland-</u> <u>webinar</u> **BURRENBEO TRUST –**

**COMMUNITIES FOR HERITAGE 17th June:** Burrenbeo Trust in conjunction with the BCV are holding their annual Communities for Heritage event, on Saturday 17th June in Gort. Join them in celebrating communities taking action for their places, with workshops, networking and a community feast. Join them for a very special day out to get some ideas and inspiration about what all over you can do enhance your local environment by witnessing what others have done and hearing ideas from a range of experts. Includes: a delicious feast, Wonderful walks, Inspiring talks. A delicious vegetarian lunch and dinner are included. Tickets are only €10 and can be booked https://www.tickettailor.com/events/burrenbeotrust/918894 NCBI LOCAL ADVOCACY -**ONLINE EVENTS** Do you want to make positive change in your community?

> Local people who are blind or vision impaired are invited to attend NCBI's Local Advocacy Network. This provides a

platform for people in the local community to work together to break down barriers they are facing in their area. You can find out more information about the Local Advocacy Network,



#### by calling 1800 911 250, by emailing campaigns@ncbi.ie or go to the following link and click on the Policy and Advocacy tab: https://www.ncbi.ie

You can also join NCBI's Advocacy Talks live monthly online event when you will hear from local and international speakers on topics of interest to people with a disability. These events are held from 3-4pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month on Microsoft Teams platform. More information and how to register here: https://www.ncbi.ie/policy-advocacy/advocacy-talks/

# CONSULTATIONS



Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) is writing a new LEADER plan and wants to talk about how LEADER and its other programmes can best contribute to the development of the county. They'd love to hear your ideas on how to make Clare a better place for all, in which to live, work and socialise. Tell them what you think needs to be done by completing their online survey, which is open until the end of May. It only takes a few minutes to complete and it gives you

an opportunity to have your voice heard. They also have a

specific survey for teens and those in their 20s:

**CLDC LEADER PLAN SURVEY** 

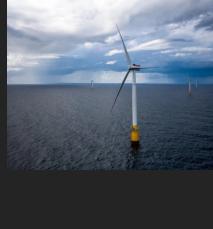
LOCAL ECONOMIC AND **Have Your Say** Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) LCDC

#### **Deadline 23rd June:** This new six-year plan will guide the future economic and community development of County Clare. The high-level goals of the new Local Economic and

**COMMUNITY PLAN** 

https://cldc.ie/leaderplan/

Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2029 are informed by the Socio-Economic Statement, which is the subject of a series of public information sessions throughout the county over the coming weeks. This plan will consider the future development of Clare from both a community perspective and an economic perspective. Public consultations will take place from 12th to 15th June in Shannon, Ennis, Killaloe, Kilrush and Ennistymon. See link below for details. Submissions can also be made online. Read more: https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/local-economic-and-communityplan-23-29 **MONEYPOINT OFFSHORE WIND FARM** 



Public consultation period (15 May - 23 June 2023)

# **Deadline 20th June**: This project comprises two floating

offshore wind projects, to the west of Co Clare and Co Kerry

at approximately 15.5km from shore. This Foreshore licence application relates to proposed Site Investigation (SI) works only. These works are temporary and short term in nature. A copy of the application and relevant information are available until 20th June in Kilrush and Kilkee. More information here: https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/a93b6-fs007137-esb-winddevelopment-ltd-moneypoint-offshore-wind-farm-siteinvestigations-off-clare-and-kerry-coasts/ **About Us Contact Us** 

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## County Clare's Public

Clonroad Business Park,

# Summer is suddenly in full swing and there are more events happening across the

Dear Clare PPN member,

## Clare PPN and TASC have had a very busy May, co-hosting training workshops and a future newsletter, please email newsletter@clareppn.ie.