

NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



Welcome to our July newsletter. We're approaching that time of the year when things will

Dear Clare PPN member,

hopefully slow down a little and allow some rest and reflection. It's only been a couple of weeks since our June newsletter, but we thought we'd put together another quick newsletter, as there's already been plenty more news of interest to community groups. We have updates on courses in community energy and also ecosystem restoration for

community groups and there is a bursary for a postgrad in community work. Other funding includes grants for computer coding for young people, the circular economy, sports equipment and for events to mark the Decade for People of African Descent.

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

All the best,

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

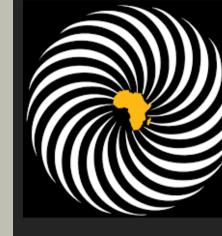


organisations across Europe to host coding events and

MEET AND CODE 2023

empower children and young people with the technology and coding competencies they will need to succeed. The initiative is aligned with EU Code Week. Are you ready to help close the digital divide across Europe? Are you part of a non-profit organisation that hosts workshops to ignite the sparks of digital skills and coding among young people in your community? If you said yes, then get ready to submit your creative ideas to stand a chance of receiving a grant of up to 500 euro to host your event. For more information visit: https://meet-and-code.org/ie/ie/news-show/620 **DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF**

Deadline 13th September: Meet and Code helps non-profit



Deadline 20th July: A total of €150,000 is available for

culture to the wider community.

of-african-descent-funding-call

AFRICAN DESCENT

proposals to host local, regional and national events to mark and celebrate International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024). Up to €5,000 is available for each event. The event must achieve all of the following: • Involve the active participation of members of the African community and/or People of African Descent at all stages of the Event, including planning. • Celebrate and promote African culture. • Promote a positive image of People of African Descent's

 Members of the wider community must be included and invited to the event. • The event must be accessible to an open public audience where possible. See more: https://www.activelink.ie/communityexchange/funding/101228-international-decade-for-people-

CIRCULAR ECONOMY SUPPORTS Deadline 28th July: Community Foundation Ireland invites applications from groups to develop local Circular Economy



Action Plans. Grants of up to €2,500 will support local groups to avail of online training, resource packs and access to

experts. The mission of the Circular Economy Fund is to invest strategically to raise the profile of circular economy. Since 2019, close to €200,000 has been awarded in grants to organisations working on new and innovative approaches to reduce consumption and waste as well as online campaigns aimed at building awareness of circular economy and its impact. See: https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/environment-and-**SPORTS CAPITAL & EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME** Deadline 8th September: The 2023 Sports Capital and

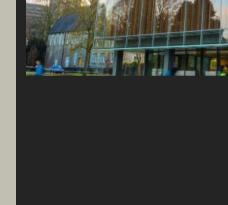


Monday, 17th July until 5pm on Friday 8th September. However, you must register by Friday 25th August. This year's SCEP "Guide to Making an Application" has a focus on

climate action and sustainability for the first time, supporting

Equipment Programme will open for applications next

local clubs to take steps to reduce their energy consumption and applying for more efficient lighting. For the first time in the history of the SCEP, projects will only be considered for grant support if access is guaranteed to men and women on equal terms. As one of the stated objectives of the Programme is to increase female participation, all applications for funding of women-only facilities will be deemed valid for consideration. https://www.gov.ie/en/service/d13385-sports-capitalprogramme/ **BURSARY FOR POSTGRAD IN COMMUNITY WORK Deadline 31st August**: This bursary fund is to support people employed in community work to pursue endorsed



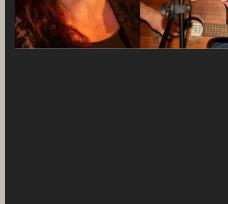
professional community work qualifications. The priority group for this bursary fund is those employed as community

workers, managers of community work organisations and those in associated roles who have degrees but not endorsed professional community work qualifications. Maynooth University is currently the only provider in Ireland of a professionally endorsed, postgraduate, part-time, inservice community work programme. Bursary applicants will first need to apply and be accepted onto the programme. If you have questions about the bursary, please email: bursary@aieb.ie. For further information on the programme visit: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/studymaynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/msocsc-communityand-youth-work-part-time-service

NEWS / EVENTS ...

nationwide Traveller Pride Week, this event at Glór is organised by the amazing people at Clare Traveller CDP. This is a celebration - through music, song and storytelling of the contributions made by Travellers to their community

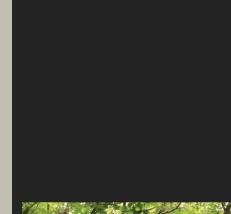
CLARE TRAVELLER PRIDE 13th July @ 7pm: Yes, that's tomorrow! Following a brilliant event last year, Clare Traveller Pride is back with an even more impressive line-up of performers. As part of this year's



and to the wider community in Clare. Featuring artists Willzee, Thomas McCarthy, Trisha Reilly, Helen Hutchinson, Thomas O'Halloran, Katie Theasby and The Keenan Family. See you there. Admission is free but ticketed. Please book here: https://glor.ie/events/traveller-pride-2023/ **MIGRANT FOCUS GROUP IN ENNIS 18th July**: Are you a migrant living in Clare? Are aware of what your local authority does? Do you know what services

are available to you from Clare Co Council? Would you like to participate in a focus group and to tell us your experience of integration in Ireland? The Immigrant Council together with

Maynooth University are organising a series of focus groups with migrants in six areas to gather migrants' experiences of



CLIMATE CAMP - 13 AUGUST 2023

MANORHAMILTON,

LEITRIM, IRELAND

Workshops - Walks - Music - Direct Action

the attitudes and practices of local authorities. The focus group in Clare will be at 10:45am next Tuesday 18th July, at the Clare PPN offices in Ennis. There will be a contribution of

€20 for your time, and the session will run for about 90 minutes. Biscuits served. If you have questions you can contact Liliana.fernandez@immigrantcouncil.ie. Pleas register here: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/perspectives-of-migrants-onintegration-in-clare-focus-group-tickets-660421176517\ **CLIMATE CAMP IRELAND 3rd-9th August:** Some of Clare PPN's member groups are involved in organising Climate Camp, an annual familyfriendly gathering that "brings people together to share skills, ideas and strategies for building a radical climate movement in Ireland, building a future based on equality and solidarity and resisting the politics of hate." This year the camp will be

near Manorhamilton in Co Leitrim – organisers have been invited by grassroots campaigns resisting harmful extractive

industries that threaten to turn Leitrim into a sacrifice zone, in

particular Coillte forestry plantations and gold mining. Climate Camp welcomes people from across Ireland and beyond,

and aims to be as inclusive as possible, welcoming in particular people from minorities and marginalised groups. Clare PPN's staff all went along to last year's camp in Kerry and it was brilliant. As well as talks and workshops, the

programme included classes in Irish language and direct action, herbal plant walks, forest school for children, live

music, céilí and much more. Read all about the camp at their

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FOR

26th & 27th August: In this course we will explore how you can and your community group can play your part to mitigate



website:

https://climatecampireland.ie

COMMUNITY GROUPS

climate change and biodiversity loss by creating systems that sequester carbon, build biodiversity and restores the ecosystem that you are part of. The course will mix theory with practical hands-on work. It will give participants the knowledge and inspiration to transform the community space

that you work with. This course is for people involved in community groups that have access or look after pieces of land. Examples might be a Tidy Town group, a GAA club and

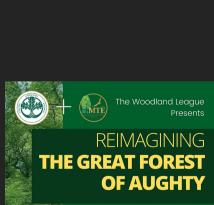
housing co-op or any other group that wants to learn new skills around land management. For more information and to book your place visit: https://sioltachroi.ie/product/ecosystem-restoration-forcommunity-groups-26th-and-27th-august/ **CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY ENERGY** For the second year running the TUS Certificate in Community Energy Development is taking place with funding support from the Digital Academy For The Sustainable Built Environment. This 24-week, level-6 programme costs €867 (reduced from €1,700) and is aimed at people from (urban/rural) communities interested in the development of

sustainable energy projects and those who are involved in supporting communities to develop sustainable energy projects. The aim of the programme is to develop the

knowledge and skills of learners to be able to identify and develop appropriate sustainable energy investment opportunities in their communities. Find out more: https://dasbe.ie/all-programmes/certificate-in-community-

energy-development/

forest-of-aughty/



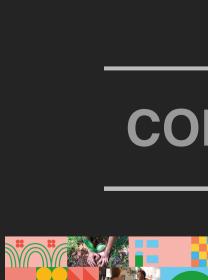
RE-IMAGINING THE GREAT FOREST OF AUGHTY

22nd - 23rd July: The Woodland League and CELT are hosting an event in Tulla on the weekend of July 22nd-23rd that aims to bring attention to the Great Forest of Aughty and the rainforest restoration plan to expand pockets of oakwood and join them via hedgerow corridors and to seek action and support to make it happen on a wider scale to benefit communities, farmers, water, soil and biodiversity. This is a cross-cultural exchange exploring the indigenous forest traditions of Ireland and North America, with special guests from the Menominee Nation who will share their knowledge, wisdom and spiritual connection to their forest of 235,000 acres in Wisconsin. At Cnoc na Gaoithe Cultural Centre in Tulla. Includes field trips to two remnant Aughty ancient oakwoods. Weekend tickets for €90, or €50 per day. More information and full programme here:

https://www.woodlandleague.org/re-imagining-the-great-

BRENDAN O'REGAN STATUE IN SIXMILEBRIDGE Sixmilebridge Historical Society has honoured the legacy of one of Ireland's leading visionaries and innovators and a great advocate for peace, Brendan O'Regan, with the unveiling of a life-size statue in his native Sixmilebridge this week. The statue, created by one of Ireland's leading bronze sculptors, Seamus Connolly, was commissioned by the Historical Society and Shannon Chamber. Brendan is

advocate of international peace through his founding of the Irish Peace Institute in 1984 and of Co-operation North in 1978.



CONVERSATION

CONSULTATIONS **CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS 2023 Deadline 8th September**: You're invited to have your say on how we can all play our part in securing our sustainable future. Government, communities, industry and individuals

> each have a part to play to help Ireland shift to a carbonneutral future. We want to hear how we, as a government, can engage, enable and empower people to take action and realise the potential of moving towards carbon neutrality. An online questionnaire allows you give your views on shopping, reuse and recycling, food and food waste, heating our homes and sustainable living, local environment and climate change. You don't need to be a climate expert for your opinion to be

> regarded as the 'father' of duty free, as he created Ireland's first industrial duty-free zone, Shannon Free Zone. In recent decades Shannon Airport has been the site of many anti-war protests due to its role in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so

it's worth remembering that Brendan was also a major

conversation-2023/ **FESTIVALS AND DIGITAL EXPERIENCES SURVEY**

https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/62ce3-climate-

valued.



Enya, a researcher in Technological University Dublin is

working on a project on festivals and digitalisation in rural Ireland, called Festivals, Audiences and the Digital Experience (FADE). Enya would love to hear insights from festival organisers across all counties. Your insights will help shape a better understanding of the future of festivals and the role of digital technologies. The anonymised data will be shared with Creative Ireland, the Arts Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete: https://forms.office.com/e/457QyE9AK6

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