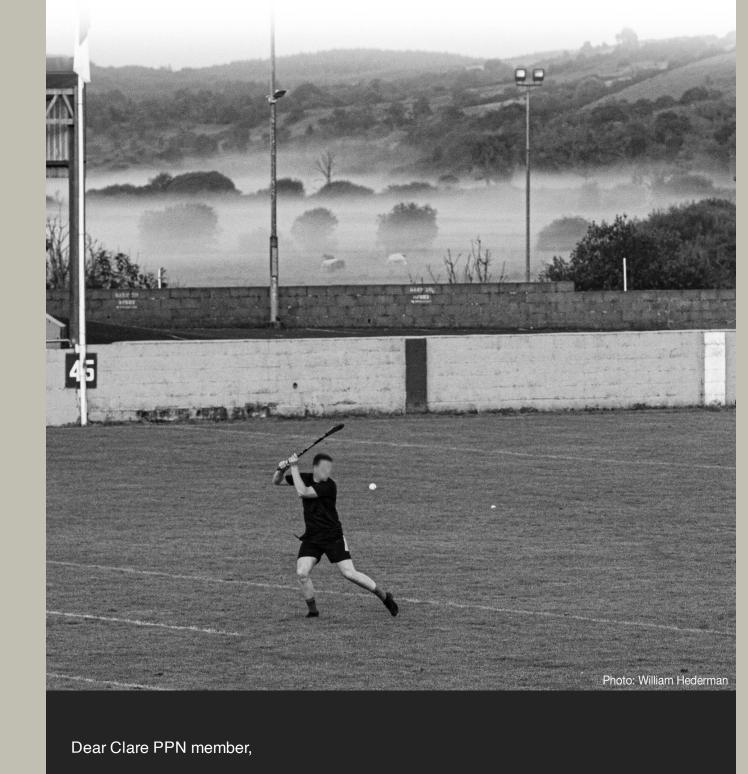


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year, but as always there is lots going on, between training courses, webinars, cultural events, funding news and more.

anniversary this year – they've been working tirelessly for women in Clare and their rights

Our Member Group in the Spotlight this month is an organisation marking its 30th

Welcome to our August newsletter. We thought this might be a quiet one, given the time of

for all of that time. Drop us a line if you'd like your group to be featured in our newsletter. Your views are more in demand than ever – there are lots of public consultations going on. News of those is at the end of this newsletter. Remember, you don't have to be an expert on a topic to submit your views about it, and in most cases, submissions can be as short as

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

Sarah Clancy, Sarah Ferrigan & William Hederman **Clare PPN**

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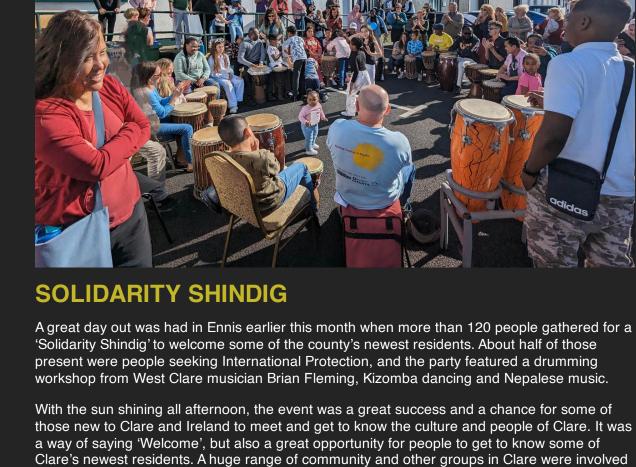
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Formerly known as Clare Women's Network – one of five women's networks set up in Ireland in 1993 – WCI Clare is now one of 17 networks overseen by Women's Collective Ireland and is funded by the Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. They make submissions on a variety of issues relating to women and have been active in campaigns such as the Marriage Equality referendum, Repeal the 8th campaign for abortion services and the 16 Days of Action Opposing Violence Against Women. They have hosted events to mark significant dates such as International Women's Day and

hosted three Feminist Festivals in Ennis. In October they will host a week-long leadership course, a six-week Consent Workshop in November and will be delivering training with the Sex

Workers Alliance Ireland. WCI Clare are growing and were recently delighted to welcome two new workers to the team a new development worker, Hilary Tonge, and a new project worker, Sarah Curtin. They are always happy to discuss proposals for new initiatives and Hilary can be contacted at devworker.clare@womenscollective.ie. Alternatively you can contact the Project Coordinator at coordinator.clare@womenscollective.ie or call Elaine on 085-1554800. You can find them on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/womenscollectiveirelandclare



in putting on the event. Prior to the shindig, residents from Direct Provision centres across the county gathered to meet with representatives of MASI – the Movement of Asylum Seekers in

Ireland.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

STRONGER DEMOCRACY

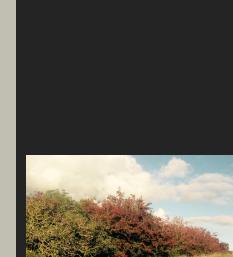
THROUGH PARTICIPATION

£12,500/€15,000 are available to groups in Ireland north and south. To find out more about the scheme, see the link below and if you have any questions about the programme, please get in touch with Sara Stokes at sara@ssgt.ie. The closing

https://www.ssgt.ie/grant-programmes-strengthening-

Deadline 29th September: Clare County Council is seeking to complement its hedge-cutting programme this autumn by facilitating landowners and community groups in maintaining hedgerows. The Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme, the first of its kind in Ireland when it was piloted in 2013, will see €15,000 provided to deal with the local road network over the coming autumn and winter seasons. A grant of €50 per km

Deadline 14th September: The St Stephen's Green Trust (SSGT) has opened a new funding programme that aims to contribute to a 'high energy democracy' by supporting civil society groups working to strengthen democracy through civic engagement and participation. Learning from the Northern Ireland grassroots peace-building programme (2017-2024)



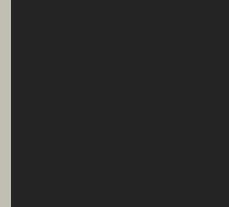
COMMUNITY HEDGE CUTTING

date is 14th September at 4pm.

GRANTS

of hedgerow will be paid, subject to certain conditions and resources. Application forms are available from the offices of Clare County Council in Ennis and online at: https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/roads-andtransport/schemes-and-projects/hedge-cutting/ **TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME** Deadline 6th October: Clare County Council is advertising for expressions of interest for the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme, an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development, 'Realising our Rural Potential'.

The scheme supports small to medium capital projects which enhance the environment of town or village centres. Grant funding for projects will range from €20,000 to €500,000. Deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is 4pm on Friday, 6th October. Email your expressions of interest to: townandvillage@clarecoco.ie. All projects must be in a position



Town and Village Renewal Scheme

to commence as soon as approval is granted and delivered within a 12 to 18 month period. Read more here: https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants/townandvi

llagerenewal/ **NEWS / EVENTS ...** Ó SLIABH EACHTAÍ GO DTÍ NA SPEIRÍNÍ 23rd September: Singer Damien Dempsey will be among the performers at a family-friendly day-long event near Tulla that

> s to raise awareness about mining in Ireland. Hosted by Keep Tulla Untouched and supported by environmental group

Gluaiseacht, speakers during the day will include

representatives of community groups from near and far, including Love Leitrim, Treasure Leitrim, Save Our Sperrins

is Abhainn an Ollfhia, Derryulk Upper, Tulla. More details and

SOCIAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/o-sliabh-eachtai-go-dti-na-

and the Woodland League. Tickets are free, but donations are welcome, with proceeds going to Save Our Sperrins, a campaign against mining in Co Tyrone. The event, which runs from 12-7pm on Saturday, 23rd September, is a no-alcohol event, with food stalls and a play tent for children. The venue

tickets are available here:

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POSTERS & ADVERTISE

Ennistymon Digi Hub, V95 NX86

ONLINE

19 Sept, 10 - 1pm

LIMITED PLACES

Deadline 1st September: If you or someone you know has recently received a Social Housing Needs Assessment from from Clare County Council, it is important to complete the form and return it to the Council before 1st September, if you still require social housing support. The Council is preparing a Summary Social Housing Needs Assessment for 2023, and is contacting certain applicants, namely those yet to be assessed for the first time or who have not been reviewed since 11th August 2022, to confirm they still require social housing support. It will be assumed that applicants who do not return their Social Housing Assessment Forms are no longer interested in or in need of social housing

support and their file will be closed. If you have any questions,

please contact the Housing Department by calling (065) 6846572, (065) 6846550 or (065) 6846258 or emailing: Housing@clarecoco.ie. You can read more information here: https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/[news]/notification-of-

FREE CANVA & EVENTBRITE

19th September: Are you involved in creating posters or in

training to help you create more eye-catching posters and

online advertising? Clare Local Development Company is

videos and posters that will be part of a public campaign to recognise the contribution of people from Ukraine to Irish civil society. If you have a story or know someone who wants to share theirs, please fill out this form and the We Act campaign

will be in touch. They'll never share anything without

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

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WEBINAR: ENERGY POVERTY &

organising workshops and other events? Would you like some

social-housing-assessment-2023.html

TRAINING

running free Canva & Eventbrite training for community groups on Tuesday 19th September, from 10am to 1pm at the Digi Hub, Parliament Street, Ennistymon. Please register for this free training here: https://shorturl.at/kqOZ4 SHARING STORIES OF PEOPLE **FROM UKRAINE** We Act, a campaign by The Wheel, is partnering with the Irish Red Cross to tell stories of people displaced from Ukraine who are working and volunteering with community groups and charities in Ireland, as well as the groups that provide support for the Ukrainian community. They want to hear stories of positive action – the goal is to create a series of interviews,

contacting you first.

POLLUTION



4th September: Can we simultaneously reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen energy poverty through retrofitting? Can we guarantee warm homes for all? Energy poverty, defined as a household spending more than one-tenth of their net income on fuel and electricity (excluding motor fuel but including electricity) reached a new high in Ireland this year at

29% of households. Friends of the Earth continue their Learning Hub 2023 Series on Monday 4th September from 7pm, with a webinar on the impacts of energy poverty and

solutions. With a mix of activists and practitioners, they will dig into the human impacts and what decision-makers can do, particularly in the run-up to Budget 2024. Speakers include Alejandro Criado of CATU, Dr James Casey of Independent Living Movement Ireland and Shay L'Estrange from the Ballyfermot Traveller Action Project. Register here: https://www.friendsoftheearth.ie/events/left-out-in-the-cold-awebinar-on-energy-poverty-and-energy/ **CLIMATE ACTION AT COMMON KNOWLEDGE** Are you passionate about contributing to community climate action? Here are two upcoming projects you can take part in for free: 1. Apply for a fully-funded five-day residency at Common Knowledge in October. You'll to be the first to test a new

climate action toolkit. Those participating will receive €500 seed funding and incubation support from the Common Knowledge team for a climate action project in your own

community. Applications close September 14th. More info and

https://www.ourcommonknowledge.org/homeworks

change. They're seeking participants based in rural communities for a short focus group, and lunch will be provided by The Common Knowledge Kitchen. Places are

very limited. More info and registration here:

2. Join a climate-oriented focus group at The Common Knowledge Centre on Saturday 2nd September. ROAM is a research project from the University of Galway that aims to explore the perspectives of rural communities on climate

application form here:



wledge/983560 **CLARE ARTISTS PANEL** Deadline 1st September: Clare Arts Office is seeking applications from artists interested in delivering and facilitating

projects as part of its Artists in Schools, Embrace Arts and Disability, Clare Youth Theatre and Creative Places Shannon

programmes. Those selected will be eligible to submit applications to deliver projects as part of the Clare Arts Office's annual residency schemes; will be invited to participate in professional development training offered through the Arts Office; and may be invited to participate in other relevant opportunities that may arise. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 1st September. For all inquiries,

https://booking.ourcommonknowledge.org/events/commonkno

please contact Ceara Conway: cconway@clarecoco.ie Full details are here: https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/clare-arts-office-artists-panel-2023 **CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY ENERGY DEVELOPMENT** This course at the Technological University of the Shannon is a part-time, flexible (evenings and weekends) course with blended delivery and comprises two modules. This programme is aimed at people interested or 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, by developing their knowledge of sustainable energy technologies/solutions, relevant funding opportunities and project development techniques. For more details email: info@dasbe.ie, and you

https://lit.ie/en-ie/courses/certificate-in-community-energy-



can read about the course here:

<u>development</u>

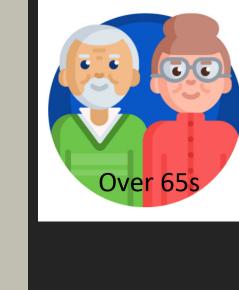
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CONSULTATIONS **GET IRELAND CYCLING** Here's a short survey about cycling – and there's a prize draw! Cycling Ireland is promoting the Get Ireland Cycling (GIC) initiative to get more people into cycling. They want to hear from as many people as possible to help picture cycling at the moment and how to get more people onto bikes. Endorsed by Sport Ireland and Healthy Ireland, they are researching Local Sports Partnerships, schools, cycling clubs and the wider community. You can help by completing this Community

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GetIrelandCycling-

CLARE AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY

Deadline 15th September: The Clare Age Friendly Strategy



2023-2027 will address the opportunities and challenges posed by a predicted exponential growth in the ageing population. While drawing on international and national experience, it will continue to develop our county as a place where older people are supported, connected and valued for their contribution. Clare Co Council wants to hear from you. You can have your say through one of the following options: • Submitting your views in the anonymous online survey, see link below. • Emailing your submission to agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie By written submission to Clare Age Friendly Programme, Clare County Council, Aras Contae an Chlair, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2

Participating in a public consultation workshop to be held

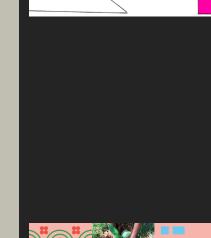
The closing date for the survey is Friday 15th September at

later this year. Date to be advised.

5pm, and you can complete it here:

https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/clare-age-friendly-strategy-23-27 **FUTURE OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY Deadline 29th September**: Local authorities form an essential part of Irish life. Ahead of local elections next year, the Seanad Public Consultation Committee is exploring the Future of Local Democracy across a number of themes: public engagement and participation in the local government; the

powers of local authorities; and the impact of changes such as the abolition of town councils and the introduction of directly elected mayors. In particular we should seek ways to achieve gender balance, encourage representation from minority



groups and ensure that decisions impacting local people are made at a local level. Submissions can be made to seanadpublicconsult@oireachtas.ie by 4pm on Friday, 29th September. Read more here: https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/33/sean ad public consultation committee/submissions/2023/2023-07-27 call-for-submissions-seanad-public-consultation-onthe-future-of-local-democracy en.pdf **CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS 2023 Deadline 8th September**: There are still a few days to have your say on how we can all play our part in securing our sustainable future. Let the Government know your views on how it 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

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CONVERSATION 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 valued. https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/62ce3-climateconversation-2023/

voices into policy making for the www.clareppn.ie