

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024



Dear Clare PPN member,

Welcome to our August newsletter.

It's been uplifting to finally enjoy a few spells of fine weather and to see people out and about – such as those captured in our photo above performing with hula hoops on Lahinch Strand last week.

Clare PPN will be holding a social and networking day in September for anyone in Clare involved in climate action and environmental protection. Read on for news about that and lots of other goings-on, including a sneak preview of the Clare Pride 2024 festival in a month from now. As usual we have news of funding grants, jobs, consultations, trainings and other events.

Please be sure to share this newsletter with members of your group. Finally, if you'd like to see something included in our newsletter, you can let us know by emailing newsletter@clareppn.ie

All the best,

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY?

In September Clare PPN will be invited to nominate representatives to sit on various committees of Clare County Council. This is a great opportunity to play a role in influencing policy and representing the interests of communities across Co Clare. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Clare PPN Rep, please get in touch with us by emailing admin@clareppn.ie. We will also send out notices to our members as each of the Clare PPN elections for these roles arises. Finally, we will also be organising a training and induction programme over the course of September and October.



SAVE THE DATE – SOCIAL & NETWORKING DAY FOR ENVIRONMENTALISTS

14th September: Calling all groups and people involved in climate action and environmental protection in Clare – you're invited to a think-in and social get-together on Saturday 14th September in the Clare PPN offices. Lovely lunch and treats will be served but there's no such thing as a free lunch so... We want to pick your brains about what your priorities are for the next year or two so we can build them into our work and we also want your help in co-designing an application for funding for a programme to support the work of those involved in Climate Action in the county.

The event will run from 10.30am to 4pm and we'll also have a couple of invited speakers in the afternoon on key issues. We'll advertise more details of the event soon. This event is open to anyone who's active on environment issues in Clare, but please email admin@clareppn.ie to register your interest in taking part because we'll have a limit on the number of participants.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Youth Services Grant Scheme opens to new applicants

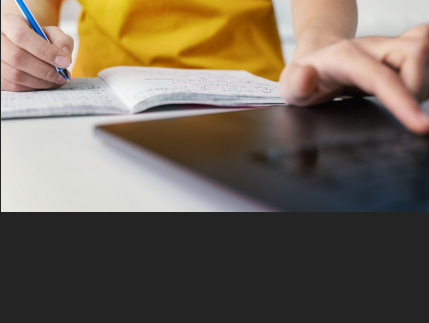
YOUTH SERVICES GRANT SCHEME

Deadline 16th September: Applications are now open for Youth Services Grant Scheme (YSGS) funding from organisations that have not previously received funding under the YSGS, which is from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. A total of up to €1.25million is being made available. The objective of the YSGS is to fund high-quality youth services that provide for and respond to the interests and needs of children and young people, that are open and accessible to all, and that involve participants in service planning and decision-making. Read more: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/1274-youth-services-grant-scheme-ysgs-nict-2024-2025/>



LGBTI+ YOUTH FUND 2024

Deadline 16th September: The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is inviting applications from organisations who work with young people to apply for funding under the LGBTI+ Youth Fund 2024. A total of up to €400,000 is being made available in grants, with the term of the grant running from October 2024 to December 2025. The fund has been established to support initiatives that make a difference in ensuring LGBTI+ young people are visible, included, treated equally, healthy, and safe in their communities. Details can be found here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77d83-lgbt-youth-fund-2024/>



ADULT EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline 1st October: The next deadline for funding applications through Erasmus+ is coming up on 1st October. The Adult Education team at Léargas is there to support any organisation that is new to European projects, which cover lots of social inclusion and community development work happening in communities. This funding can support:

- Training and job shadowing opportunities for staff and volunteers in European countries
- International learning experiences in adult learning and community programmes
- Collaboration between organisations in European countries for exchange of practice and shared resource development.

Contact Jemma on jlee@leargas.ie to discuss your work and see what might be possible. Or to find out about all the support events before the deadline, visit: <https://www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/>

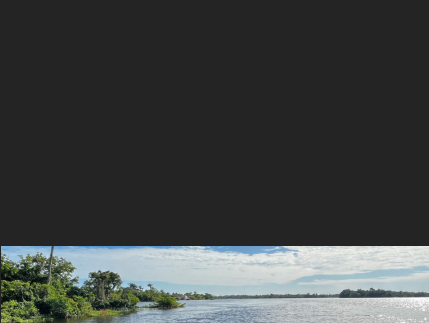
NEWS / EVENTS ...



CLARE LGBTQIA+ PRIDE FESTIVAL 2024

20th-22nd September: A fantastic three-day festival is promised for Ennis next month as Clare Pride 2024 brings together music, dance, poetry, drag, comedy, documentaries and a Pride march. Details have yet to be released but Clare PPN got a sneak preview. With a theme of 'Stronger Together', the third annual outing for Clare Pride kicks off with a Queer Poetry Night at Glór as part of Culture Night on Friday, September 20th, followed on Saturday at by the Pride March which kicks off on Parnell Street at 12pm and will go as far as Glór where there will be free performances by several acts.

On Saturday night all are welcome to the Market Bar for a spectacular Pride After-Party from 9pm, featuring comedy, drag, dance and music. Finally, it's back to Glór on Sunday, for a free screening of two new documentaries. QuareClare warmly invites everyone, "regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to enjoy this weekend of community, craic, celebration and unity." Tickets for the after-party – and free tickets for the screening – will be available on the Quare Clare website. Look out for event details there and in local media in the coming days. <http://www.quareclare.ie>



SCREENING THIS FRIDAY: 'MINING THE AMAZON'

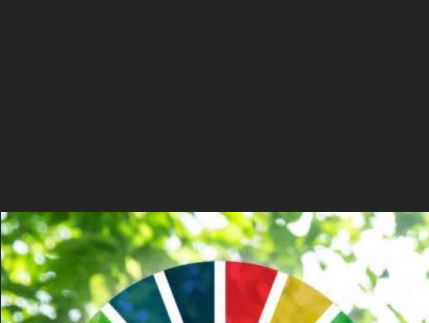
23rd August: This Friday at 7pm in Ennis, campaign group Futureproof Clare and other local activists are welcoming Brian Garvey from the University of Strathclyde who will present 'Mining in the Amazon', a stunning short film by director Thais Borges on the environmental and social impact of mining and processing of bauxite in the Pará state of Brazil's Amazon and the resistance of the traditional Oximimá and Bacarena communities.

They will also update on local resistance to the expansion of Aughinish Alumina, the bauxite refinery on the Shannon Estuary, and to mining in Co Clare, to highlight the interconnectedness of our struggles for social and environmental justice. The event takes place at Clare PPN's premises in Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, Co Clare, V95 N62T. To contact Futureproof Clare about this event, email futureproofclare@gmail.com or call 087 7772877 or find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/futureproofclare>



FREE MENTAL HEALTH PEER-SUPPORT TRAINING

From 23rd September: Cycle Against Suicide is offering free online Mental Health Peer Support training to volunteers in clubs and associations in a drive to encourage one of them to take on this vital role and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being, which fosters a culture of care and concern. The training is free to a volunteer in an organisation associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing. The course runs over four evenings: 23rd, 25th & 30th September and 2nd October. More info and to register: <https://www.cycleagainstsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/>

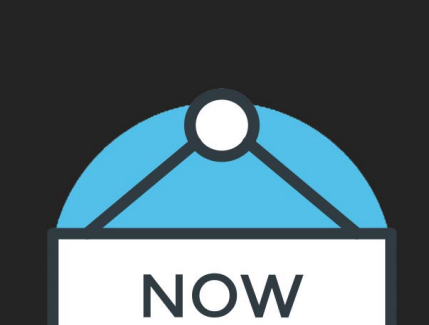


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WEEK

20th-29th September: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is back. Libraries Ireland are joined by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to host Ireland's third SDG week from 20th-29th September. The SDGs work towards ambitions such as an end to poverty, access to decent work, sustainable consumption, protection of nature, better health and wellbeing, universal access to education, gender equality, climate action and peace. To take part in SDG week, organise an event – no matter how big or small – or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development. For more information please see <https://www.gov.ie/sdgs/>

You can register your events at: <https://www.esdn.eu/esdw>

JOB VACANCIES

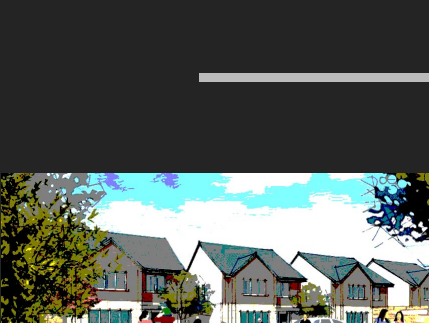


COMMUNITY SECTOR VACANCIES IN CLARE

• **Women's Collective Ireland (WCI)** is recruiting for a Coordinator for their WCI Clare project, for 28 hours per week. WCI is a national women's community development organisation advancing marginalised women's equality through women's community development. More info: <https://www.actvelink.ie/vacancies/civil/liberties/human-rights/110258-womens-collective-ireland-coordinator-part-time-clare-project>

• **Foróige** is seeking a Mentoring Programme Officer for Clare & Limerick, based in Ennis. Foróige is the National Youth Development Organisation, which promotes and fosters youth development through the operation of various youth services. More info: <https://www.actvelink.ie/vacancies/children-youth/110244-foroige-mentoring-programme-officer-mentoring-clare-limerick>

CONSULTATIONS



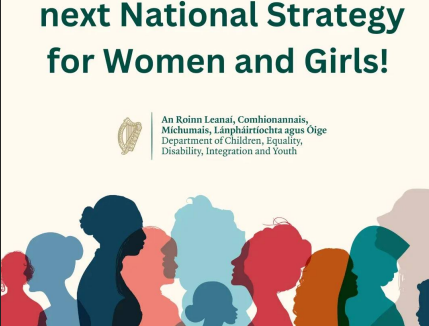
TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME IN CLARE

Deadline 27th September: Clare County Council has prepared a Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2025 -2029. The draft programme is available for public inspection until 27th September at the following locations:

- Clare County Council, Áras Contlae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare
- West Clare Municipal District, Clare County Council, Ennistymon Area Office, Ennis Road, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
- Killaloe Municipal District, Mountshannon Road, Scarriff, Co. Clare
- Shannon Municipal District, Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare
- West Clare Municipal District, Town Hall, Killybeg, Co. Clare

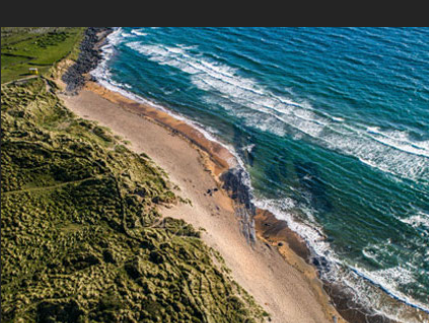
Clare County Council invites any interested party to make a submission in writing to: The Housing Department, Clare County Council, Áras Contlae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare or via email to travelaccom@clarecoco.ie no later than 27th September 2024.

• On Clare County Council's website: <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/housing/news/draft-traveller-accommodation-programme-2025-2029.html>



NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Deadline 30th September: Have your say in the next National Strategy for Women and Girls. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is developing this to build on the previous strategy objectives in areas such as leadership, social and economic issues, visibility and active participation, healthcare and gender mainstreaming. Your insights will be vital in its design. To share your thoughts please visit the survey at the link below. After the online survey is closed, the Department will begin in-person consultations to further inform the strategy. <https://research3.jpssinteractive.com/mr/Web/mr/IE212WE1.I.Project-IE23039212WE>



BATHING AREAS IN CLARE

Deadline 26th September: Local authorities must identify official bathing areas every year so they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. If you are a regular swimmer and want to help Clare County Council decide which bathing areas should be classified as such, it might be helpful to consider the following:

- How your swimming area has been used up to now;
- How many people use the site;
- What facilities exist at the site and how accessible it is;
- Any safety issues.

If you wish to propose your favourite beach/river etc as a new bathing water site or comment on an existing site, please email at enviroff@clarecoco.ie

For more information please contact 065-6846331.