

# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



Hello everyone,

Welcome to Clare PPN's June newsletter – we hope all our member groups are getting some down time and enjoying the lovely long evenings. The first meeting of Clare's new County Council is taking place this Friday and we wish all the new and returning Councillors the very best for this term.

Here in the Clare PPN offices we're working on a new website, a late summer environment college get-together (to be announced) and a recruitment and training programme for new PPN representatives which we hope to roll out in early autumn. In the meantime we've put together a short newsletter as we've received notices of some funding opportunities and we want to make sure that our member groups don't miss out on them. Read on for those and other news.

If you'd like to see anything included in a future newsletter please email [newsletter@clareppn.ie](mailto:newsletter@clareppn.ie)

All the best,

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



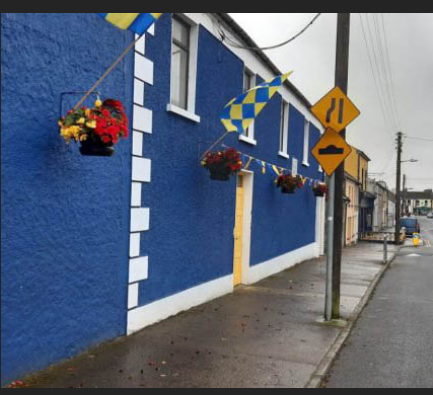
### COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

**Deadline 26th July:** The Department of Justice last week announced a new fund available to community groups and organisations working on issues of community safety. The grants will range from €20,000 to €150,000 and proposals can include activities intended to:

- tackle crime or reduce the fear of crime
- improve community safety and feelings of safety
- support the creation of safe and resilient communities
- reduce re-offending
- divert vulnerable individuals away from engagement in criminal behaviour

For more details on this funding stream and eligibility criteria please visit this link:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/community-safety-fund/>



### COMMUNITY CENTRE INVESTMENT FUND

**Deadline 29th August:** Grants from €10,000 up to €100,000 are available to upgrade existing community centres. The work being carried out can be Refurbishment of Kitchens & Toilets, Upgrades to Windows & Doors, Energy Efficiency Upgrades & Improving access for people with disabilities or other similar improvements.

**Please note that for this fund people or groups intending to apply must pre register their interest by 29th July.** Online information sessions, clinics and support events will be held in June, July and August 2024. Check with DRCD Website for further details and links for registering for the upcoming information events and application clinics. For full details please visit:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/b2827-minister-humphreys-announces-20million-community-centre-investment-fund/>

## NEWS / EVENTS ...



### JOIN YOUR TOWN TEAM

**Deadline 1st July:** Clare County Council is calling for expressions of interest from people who'd like to become part of the Town Team in their area. Interested individuals will work in conjunction with the local authority to set up a representative group for the town, which will participate in thematic working groups, assist in preparing grant applications and support fundraising activities. This particular call-out is for people living in or around Kilrush, Lisdoonvarna or Tulla. Details at the link below:

<https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/news/council-to-establish-new-town-teams-for-kilrush-lisdoonvarna-and-tulla.html>



### NEW COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Following the Local Elections on 7th June, Clare has a new team of 28 Councillors about to take up their positions. You can see who has been elected to each of Clare's five electoral area at the link below. We offer them all our congratulations and look forward to working with them again or in some cases for the first time. The first meeting of the new Council will take place this Friday.

<https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/voting/elections/default.html>



### SUMMER ART CAMPS

**During July:** Helium Arts are offering free Summer art camps for children and young people with long-term health conditions. These will take place both online and in person in Ennis. Supported conditions include diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, juvenile arthritis, heart conditions, spina bifida, hydrocephalus, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, allergies, rare and complex conditions and more. You can read more about these great opportunities at the links below.

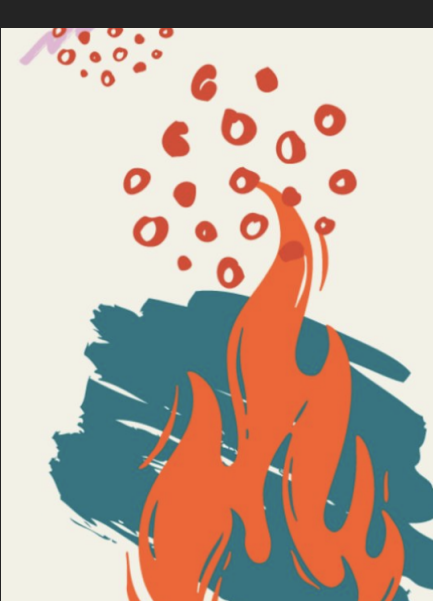
Ennis Summer Camp (In-Person; Ages 8-12): <https://helium.ie/workshops/ennis-summer-camp-in-person-ages-8-12/>

Online Summer Saturdays (Ages 9-12): <https://helium.ie/workshops/online-summer-saturdays-ages-9-12/>



### APPEAL FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES TO HOUSE PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE

Clare County Council is appealing to those who have unoccupied properties to offer them as temporary homes for those fleeing war in Ukraine. A tax-free recognition payment of €800 per month is available for properties used to house those arriving from Ukraine. Clare County Council will take offers of houses, apartments, or holiday homes for temporary accommodation, liaise with owners to assess suitability, and arrange for their use by Ukrainian people and families. Property owners can offer homes at [offerahome.ie](http://offerahome.ie) or by contacting Clare County Council via email at: [offerahome@clarecoco.ie](mailto:offerahome@clarecoco.ie). See more at: <https://www.clarecoco.ie/your-council/news/renewed-appeal-for-clare-properties-to-house-ukrainian-people.html>



### REKINDLE FESTIVAL OF LOST SKILLS

**16th & 17th August:** Fresh from winning a national Pride of Place award in 2023, Rekindle Festival of Lost Skills returns for its third year, celebrating the revival of traditional skills and crafts, and those who practice them. This year will see a new outdoor Ceili Mór and Heritage Trail, running alongside traditional skill demonstrations, the Maker's Market, music and dance. Find out more, register for a free ticket or apply to their open call for participants, performers & volunteers: <https://www.ourcommonknowledge.org/rekindle>

Rekindle will also host a coffee morning next Wednesday 26th June at the Cheese Press in Ennistymon from 11am to 1pm and would love people to come along and share their stories of Ennistymon and whether they might like to share their skills or get involved in Rekindle this year.



### FIELD GOOD FRIDAYS

If you live in Clare, you can join the Common Knowledge team at their place near Kilfenora for a volunteering day every Friday from 10am-4pm to learn all about permaculture, boosting biodiversity and growing organic food with delicious lunch and cake provided by our onsite chefs. Book your place weekly by joining the Field Good Friday WhatsApp group at the link below. You can also email [aofe@ourcommonknowledge.org](mailto:aofe@ourcommonknowledge.org) <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KMW5g58r6YWHZm.lk.lMy3f>

**28th June – Foraging session & Screening:** This event at Common Knowledge on Friday week is a fundraiser for Palestinian solidarity organisations. It will include a screening of the film 'Foragers', after a bilingual foraging session (in Irish and English) exploring edible wild plants. Info and booking: <https://hocking.ourcommonknowledge.org/events/commonknowledge/1274343>

## CONSULTATIONS



### DEVELOPING A NEW LGBTQIA+ STRATEGY FOR IRELAND

**Deadline 5th July:** The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is developing a successor strategy to the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy (2019-2021) to promote inclusion, protect rights and to improve quality of life and wellbeing for LGBTQIA+ people over 18 until 5th July and the views of LGBTQIA+ people over 18 are welcome – you can make a submission here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6HC2LHD>

There will also be an online focus group taking place with ISL Signers on July 2nd – you can register for that here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/second-national-lgbti-inclusion-strategy-public-consultation-online-tickets-910263872747>