

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



Galway County
**Public
Participation
Network**
Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí
Chontae na Gaillimhe

Dear Galway County PPN Members,

Welcome to this edition of the Galway PPN Newsletter with its improved look.

This week we are delighted to report that the **Secretariat** has been back at work and are busy thinking of ways to support community groups in County Galway.

We have listened to your wishes for **training** and are **organizing** ourselves based on this. We have reported on the Training Needs Survey [here](#).

We are also please to announce that your PPN representatives have begun attending **Strategic Policy Committee** meetings held in the County Council. This engagement ensures that the **voice of the Community** is represented in decision-making processes. Keep up to date with this democratic process [here](#).

Please stay in touch and share your feedback, news or events!



Galway County PPN held its first Secretariat meeting online.

On Tuesday 19 May 2020 the Secretariat held its first online meeting. Items discussed included the PPN Budget, helping groups 'get back to work' post Covid-19 and ensuing a green and localized recovery Strategy.

Department News

Funding and Supports from the Department during the COVID 19 pandemic

In addition to the measures which have been introduced by the Department of Rural and Community Development for community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises, the Government has put in place a range of **supports and guidance for businesses** impacted by COVID-19.

A downloadable guide to these supports and their **eligibility criteria** is available [here](#).

Find out more about the Covid-19 '**Restart Grant**' for County Galway and apply [here](#).

Further information about planned supports is available [here](#) (Community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises may find some of these supports and/or advice useful).

Minister Ring confirms availability of funding for TidyTowns Groups



[Official Press Release](#) (Wednesday, 20 May 2020)

Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, has confirmed that funding which he allocated to support the **TidyTowns** groups throughout the country this year will still be available to them, even though the **2020 SuperValu TidyTowns** competition has had to be cancelled due to public health considerations.

Funding allocated for Agricultural Shows can be used in 2021 – Minister Ring



[Official Press Release](#) (Monday, 18 May 2020)

Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, has confirmed again that funding which he allocated to support the running of **Agricultural Shows** throughout the country this year can be used in **2021** where shows have to be cancelled due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus.

Funding

Funding available for Child & Youth Participation and Parental Participation through Tusla in Galway.



Seed funding available for Child & Youth Participation and also for Parental Participation through Tusla in Galway.

The purpose of the funding is to support Tusla funded agencies and partner agencies in the community to do a project/event/programme (etc.) with young people and parents which will support and develop their participation in your service.

SFI Discover Programme 2020 Funding Call Open

The Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Discover Programme Call 2020 is a key part of the SFI Education and Public Engagement activity. Its purpose is to stimulate and support projects that extend activity and ability in engaging the public in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: Wednesday 10th of June 2020 at 13.00 hours (Irish time)

Details [here](#)

Movement for Good Awards 2020

Specialist insurer Ecclesiastical is again giving away over €1 million to charities registered in Ireland and the UK with the return of its Movement for Good awards. This year 500 more charities will each receive over €1,000 / €1,120 during the first phase of the campaign.

Details [here](#)

Transformative Action Award, 2020- accepting applications

The European sustainability award, is given to a city, region or civil society organisation, which implements the 15 pathways outlined in the Basque Declaration to bring about the socio-cultural, socio-economic, and **technological transformation of their community**.

The actions taken are local or regional contributions to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

More info [here](#)

2020 TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION AWARD - TIMELINE

Open for applications: 31 March 2020

Closing date: 23.59 (CEST), 31 July 2020

Transformative Action Award ceremony: 30 September 2020, during the [9th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns – Mannheim2020](#)

CONTACT

Any queries regarding this contest should be submitted to: info@sustainablecities.eu

For press and media queries, please visit our [Media Corner](#)

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for all the latest updates

[#TAaward20](#)

Innovate Together Fund- Deadline approaching

The Social Innovation Fund Ireland launched their 'Innovate Together' Fund on 13th May.

The Fund starts as a €5 million Fund, with a focus on supporting **innovative responses to the Covid-19 crisis**. 'Innovate Together' is a collaboration between Government, philanthropists and social innovations.

The first round application deadline is 5pm, Wednesday **27th May**.

More information [here](#).

Whats Going on?



GAA Legends on Call

Is there someone cocooning or isolating in your community who would love to get a call from a GAA Legend?

Paul Byrnes, former Executive Editor of GAA with RTE Sport and a native of Oranmore has come up with an initiative to make a difference in a joint initiative for Galway City and County: GALWAY GAA LEGENDS 'ON CALL' DURING COVID-19 CRISIS.

Read more [here](#).



Tea At 3

Join the neighbourhood network every Saturday at 3pm for some Tea!

Tea-At-3 - a national weekly event that invites you to (appropriately!) check-in with your neighbours at 3 pm every Saturday.

Tea-At-3 is a physically distant activity that takes place from your doorstep, in separate gardens, over the phone or across a video call!

Register for FREE Tea-At-3 resources [here](#)

The Wheel Virtual Summit 2020

Wednesday 27 May, 09:30 -11:30

What does the future holds for the sector – and what we can collectively do to shape that future? Join the Virtual Summit to discuss the current situation, the challenges facing our work, and what we can do to shape future policy and embed community values in any imminent change.



This is your opportunity to help shape that change.

Register [here](#)

NEW ONLINE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME FOR WORKING IN RESIDENTIAL SERVICES DURING COVID-19

COVID-19 has brought extensive challenges to all of us, not least ensuring that staff cover is provided in service areas that remain open and ensuring that staff are well informed working in areas possibly unfamiliar to them.

The Open Training College now offer a 12-module Foundation ONLINE Programme to people working in Residential Services.

Full details [here](#).



Carmichael Podcast Series

Episode 15: Michael Wickham Moriarty gives insights to Trócaire's award winning governance culture

Michael gives us an insight into Trócaire's award winning governance culture and talks about how Trócaire is coping with Covid-19. Listen [here](#).



Episode 16: Coping with Covid-19 - The challenge for small charities as they provide much needed services

We speak with 3 small charities, Look Good Feel Better, FirstLight and Huntington's Disease Association of Ireland about their Covid-19 challenges and how they are responding. Listen [here](#).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

GALWAY CITY MUSEUM

PRESENTS

MY COVID CREATIVITY

AN ONLINE INITIATIVE

In these uncertain times people are using their initiative and creativity to make the long days at home seem a little shorter and a little more fun! We at Galway City Museum would like to document some of these activities and build an exhibition in the future featuring your experiences during the 2020 pandemic.

Calling all **Galwegians** – Let us know what you have been up to! Please send us your photos, drawings or videos showing us what you have baked/made/designed/planted and what has entertained you during these past weeks.

Please send images with a 50 word description, your name and the area you live in to our email address museum@galwaycity.ie with the subject heading

#MYCOVID CREATIVITY

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MUSEUM
CITY OF GALWAY

THE GALWAY

BUZZ!

**Celebrating National Biodiversity Week in
the County of Galway 22nd to 29th May 2020
Ceiliúradh ar Sheachtain Náisiúnta na
Bithéagsúlachta i gContae na Gaillimhe,
22 - 29 Bealtaine 2020**

**Connecting
people
with
nature**

Competition

Send us in a short video, photograph or drawing on any aspect of the wonderful biodiversity that is on your doorstep or what you are doing for pollinators in your garden or community. For some inspiration see <https://pollinators.ie/resources/local-communities/>

We have some wonderful prizes for children and adults for the winning entries. Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 29th May 2020.

Please email your entries to thegalwaybuzz@gmail.com

Comórtas

Seol fiseán gearr, grianghraf nó líníocht chugainn ar aon ghné den bhithéagsúlacht álainn atá ar leac an dorais agat nó ar atá ar siúl agat ar mhaithe leis na pailneoirí i do gharraí nó i do cheantar féin. Féach ar an nasc seo a leanas chun ábhar inspioráide a fháil <https://pollinators.ie/resources/local-communities/>

Tá duaiseanna iontacha againn do leanaí agus do dhaoine fásta a n-éireoidh leo an comórtas a bhuan. Dé hAoine an 29 Bealtaine 2020 an dáta deiridh a nglacfar le hiarratais.

Seol bhur gcuid iontrálacha ar ríomhphost chuig thegalwaybuzz@gmail.com

**An ceangal a
chothú idir
an duine
agus
an dúlra**

Pollinator-friendly guide for Housing Estate management

Pollinators are important for our health, wealth and environment. If you have been given this sheet, the people living in the properties you manage are concerned about their local pollinators. Show them your care by taking these five no-cost measures to help pollinators:



1. Let the Dandelions bloom: wait until late April to do the first grass cut. This allows some Dandelions to flower, providing bees with much needed food in the spring.

2. Do not spray edging or base of trees: avoid using pesticides to tidy up these areas; strim instead, or let the grass here grow to provide pollinators with food.



3. Protect hedgerows, dry stone walls and earth banks: especially when south facing, these areas are important nesting sites for harmless solitary bees. Avoid using pesticides on these areas.

4. Create a '6-week meadow': cut small areas or strips of grass on a 6-week rotation to provide more wildflowers for pollinators.



5. Log your actions: if you take any pollinator-friendly measures, please log them on the publicly available mapping system, 'Actions for Pollinators.' Let everyone know what you are doing for pollinators at <https://pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie>

Signage templates to inform the community that areas are being protected for pollinators can be downloaded from our website: www.pollinators.ie/resources

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a call to action to help our pollinators, working with farmers, local community groups, gardeners, businesses, councils and schools. This initiative is supported by over 100 governmental and nongovernmental organisations.

If your business has taken some of the suggested pollinator-friendly actions above and want your company to be listed as a supporter, get in touch: pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie

Connemara Schools Folklore Competition

In association with the North Connemara Locally Led Agri Environmental Programme



1. Interview an older person you know about farming life when they were young



2. You can do this by phone, email or in person while keeping social distance

3. Write a story, poem or create a drawing of what they tell you about

4. E-mail it to c.connelly@forumconnemara.ie or post to Agri Environmental Scheme, Forum Connemara, Ellis Hall, Letterfrack

A special booklet will be produced from all the entries so we can remember and celebrate our local agricultural heritage-we look forward to hearing from you!



An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine



The European
Agricultural Fund for
Rural Development:
Europe Investing in
rural areas



All entries will be collated into a booklet which will be published by Forum Connemara. Entries may be accompanied by drawings or photos. Chuirfeadh fáilte roimh iontrála i nGaeilge nó i mBéarla.

Entries should be submitted by post or email to North Connemara Locally Led Agri-Environmental Scheme, Forum Connemara, Ellis Hall, Letterfrack, co. Galway or c.connelly@forumconnemara.ie on or before Friday 12th June 2020



Name of entrant _____

School _____

Class _____

Name of person interviewed _____

Burren in Bloom 2020

Burren in Bloom 2020 is a virtual celebration of the wonderful wildlife of the Burren as it emerges into its full seasonal glory of orchids and gentians, bumblebees and butterflies.

Events include online talks, discussions, videos, quiz and workshops.

See the full list of events [here](#) and register [here](#).



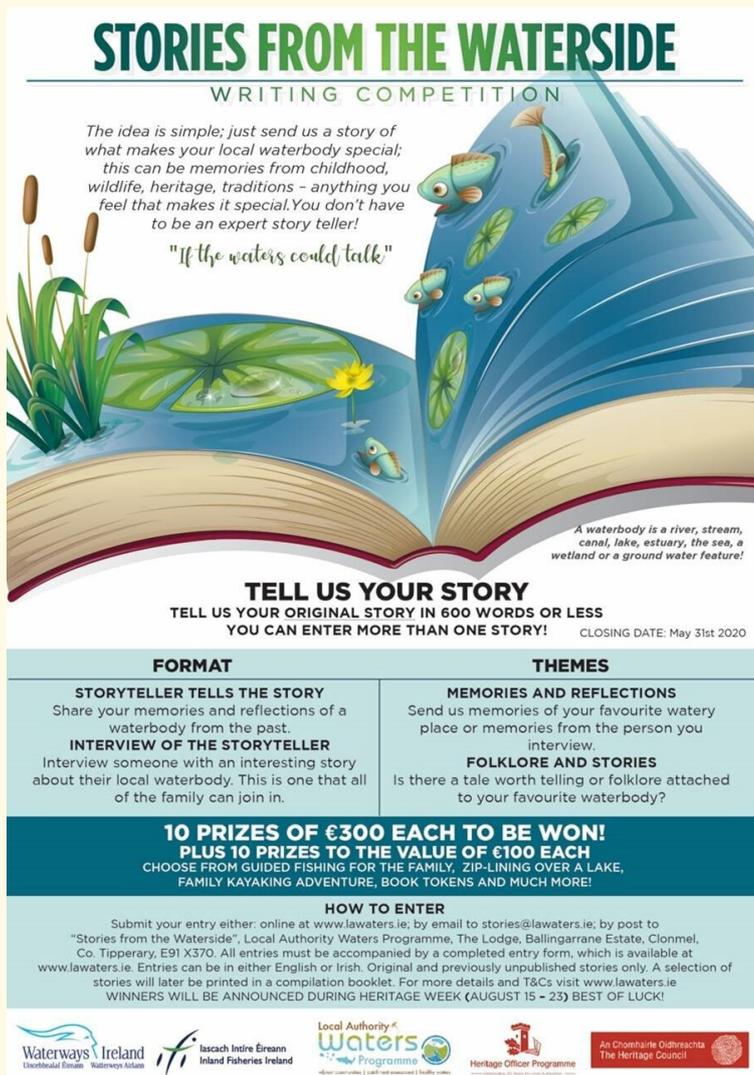
**BURREN
IN BLOOM
ONLINE**

Wed 3 - Sat 6 June 2020
www.burreninbloom.com

Wed 3rd
7pm -
9pm

My favourite flower - a range of contributors tell us about the plants they love and why

Farming for nature - Inspirational short films and practical advice (Q&A) from farmers on the ground



STORIES FROM THE WATERSIDE

WRITING COMPETITION

The idea is simple; just send us a story of what makes your local waterbody special; this can be memories from childhood, wildlife, heritage, traditions - anything you feel that makes it special. You don't have to be an expert story teller!

"If the waters could talk"

A waterbody is a river, stream, canal, lake, estuary, the sea, a wetland or a ground water feature!

TELL US YOUR STORY
TELL US YOUR ORIGINAL STORY IN 600 WORDS OR LESS
YOU CAN ENTER MORE THAN ONE STORY! CLOSING DATE: May 31st 2020

FORMAT	THEMES
STORYTELLER TELLS THE STORY Share your memories and reflections of a waterbody from the past. INTERVIEW OF THE STORYTELLER Interview someone with an interesting story about their local waterbody. This is one that all of the family can join in.	MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS Send us memories of your favourite watery place or memories from the person you interview. FOLKLORE AND STORIES Is there a tale worth telling or folklore attached to your favourite waterbody?

10 PRIZES OF €300 EACH TO BE WON!
PLUS 10 PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF €100 EACH!
CHOOSE FROM GUIDED FISHING FOR THE FAMILY, ZIP-LINING OVER A LAKE, FAMILY KAYAKING ADVENTURE, BOOK TOKENS AND MUCH MORE!

HOW TO ENTER
Submit your entry either: online at www.lawaters.ie; by email to stories@lawaters.ie; by post to "Stories from the Waterside", Local Authority Waters Programme, The Lodge, Ballingarrane Estate, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 X370. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which is available at www.lawaters.ie. Entries can be in either English or Irish. Original and previously unpublished stories only. A selection of stories will later be printed in a compilation booklet. For more details and T&Cs visit www.lawaters.ie. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING HERITAGE WEEK (AUGUST 15 - 23) BEST OF LUCK!

Waterways Ireland
ifl Inisach Inire Éireann Inland Fisheries Ireland
Local Authority Waters Programme
Heritage Officer Programme
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta The Heritage Council

Story writing competition

'Stories from the Waterside' /
'Scéalta Ó Thaobh An Uisce'

Deadline for entries Sunday 31 May
2020

Full details [here](#).

For queries,
contact: cruane@lawaters.ie

Consultations

Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues for the third cycle River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027

Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2020 (Opened 20 Dec 2019)

Have your say [here](#)



Proposals sought by the Just Transition Process for the Midland Region as peat production and power generation ends.

As part of the Just Transition project, the EU Start Engagement Process is collating proposals for projects which can assist a positive transition from peat harvesting and power generation in **affected communities and related groups** in the wider Midland Region (including East Galway).

This [link](#) takes you to guidance which explains how community based organisations [can make proposals](#).

Please note that registering projects through this Engagement Process, is the **first stage in applying for funds** from the Just Transition Fund. Project proposal forms for completion are available on: midlandsireland.ie.

Completed forms should be submitted by Friday **12th June**, following the guidance provided. Questions can be sent to: JustTransition@mrtd.ie by Tuesday, June 2nd.



Additional Resources

New Resource available for those those living with long-term health conditions during Coronavirus (Covid-19)

People living with long-term health conditions may be more at risk of serious illness if they get coronavirus and need to take extra care to protect themselves.

Community Health Care West have published a useful leaflet. Read here: [Minding your long-term health condition during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



Resource available to help with implementation of the Charities Governance Code

Carmichael published a new guidance document: ['Resources available to help with implementation of the Charities Governance Code'](#)

PPE Guide for Kids - A Narrated Guide on Masks and PPE at the GP and in Public

Children with disabilities may be scared or anxious when they see people wearing masks in public. This [video](#), narrated by a wonderful young boy will help explain all about masks.

Please stay in contact with us- we are here to support and connect.

Tag us on social media @GalwayCoPPN or forward on resources, and info to update the network.

Contact: Charlotte May, cmay@galwaycoco.ie, Tel: 091 509130

Click [here](#) to see your PPN Representatives