



Dear PPN Members,

Welcome to this edition of the Galway County PPN Newsletter.

We hope you are all well and coping with the many changes to our lives as a result of the Pandemic.

In this issue, we are delighted to announce the launch of the **Galway Co PPN Connect Project** which is aimed at bringing you and your groups the most relevant information and keeping the PPN connected.

As part of this project which sets out to support the work of community groups in county Galway, this edition is focused on listing a range of funding sources that you can tap into. If you need help applying to any of these, the Galway County PPN are here to support you. Just get in touch with Charlotte at: cmay@galwaycoco.ie

Please continue to share your events, experience and stories with us!

We hope that the information in this issue will help you stay connected, engaged and active.

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY CALL HELPLINE



Galway County Council COVID-19 Community Response Forum

A helpdesk will respond to the needs of vulnerable members of our community. Vulnerable members of the community or those living alone who need deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels or essential transport can call this Confidential Freephone Number and staff will get assistance for you.

Call **1800 92 88 94** (Freephone)
Lines Open 9.00am to 6.00pm (Monday to Sunday)
Email **covidsupport@galwaycoco.ie**

The Community Response Forum is a collaboration of State Agencies, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Local Development Groups, PPS, Voluntary Groups, Sporting Bodies and Key Services across our County. The new phone line is just one aspect of the Forum's work. Its core aim is contributing to the community-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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Fóram Freagartha Pobail COVID-19 Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe

Glaofaí deasc chabhrach glaoina ó dhaoine leochaileacha sa phobal a bhfuil riachtanais acu le linn na géarchéime. Féadfaidh daoine leochaileacha sa phobal r daoine atá ina gcónaí leo féin a dteastaíonn uathu teacht ar earraí grósaera, cogas nó breosla, glaobh ar an Uimhir Saorghlao faoi Rún seo agus gheobhaidh an fhóireann cúnaimh duit i do cheantar féin.

Glaigh ar **1800 92 88 94** (Saorghlao)
Linte Oscailte 9.00am go 6.00pm (Luan go Domhnach)
Ríomhphost **covidsupport@galwaycoco.ie**

Fóram i gcomhar le an Fóram Freagartha ISÍ (Gníomhaireacht Stáit, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Grúpaí Forbartha Ábúla, Grúpaí Dromaíochta, PPS) agus Páirtithe eile ar fad an Chontae. Tá na líne glao nua seo agus aonáid eile ar an Fóireann. An ádh é má atá leis tuille de tithéacht an phobail saoghadh Covid-19 a mhaíll.

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FUNDING NEWS

COVID-19 STABILITY FUND TO SUPPORT CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

This €35m grant [COVID-19 Stability fund](#) will provide **once-off grants** towards operational and overhead costs such as rent, utilities, (excluding salaries). Read the press release [here](#).

There are 24 categories of services that are targeted by this support package. Including: Youth, Social Housing, Education, support for disadvantaged communities, Social Services, Family Support Services, etc.



All applicants must register with **Pobal** to access the funding portal and allow time (3 days) between registering with the funding portal and completing the online application process.

The application guidelines are available [here](#) and FAQs [here](#).

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, **20th May at 5pm**.

€5M INNOVATE TOGETHER FUND

The first round of applications for the Innovate Together Fund opened on Wednesday, 13th May 2020 and closes on Wednesday, 27th May 2020.

The Philanthropy Fund - 'Innovate Together' is a collaboration between Government, philanthropists and social innovations. It will focus on **supporting innovative responses** to the Covid-19 crisis.

Details [here](#).

€70,000 COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND FOR CONNEMARA, CO. GALWAY

SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables, joint owners of Galway Wind Park, have launched a €70,000 COVID-19 response fund to **support local communities** located within 10km of the facility.



The funding is **immediately** available and will support community groups that are currently mobilising a rapid response to support those most-in-need as a direct result of the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Read more [here](#).

WEB SUMMIT IS DONATING €1,000,000 TO CHANGEX

Web Summit, which employs 210 people in their Dublin HQ, is donating €1 million to the Covid-19 fight. This money will be donated to ChangeX, who will then identify, fund and spread projects aimed at **strengthening Ireland's response to Covid-19**. This funding will be allocated exclusively to Covid-19 projects. COVID-19-specific project submissions are already been accepted on the ChangeX website.

Check [here](#).



REVISED DEADLINE! THE IRISH HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY COMMISSION HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY GRANT SCHEME 2020-21

The **theme** of the Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme for this year is empowering people (rights-holders) who face the greatest barriers **to justice to access their rights**.



Coimisiún na hÉireann
um Chearta an Duine
agus Comhionannas
Irish Human Rights and
Equality Commission

The Scheme is **open to civil society organisations**, including community and voluntary organisations, trade unions, groups representing geographic communities addressing poverty and social exclusion or communities of interest protected under the 9 equality grounds including groups led by people with disabilities and ethnic minorities.

The closing date for applications is **now 4pm, 19 May 2020**.

Full guidance and application forms be available [here](#).

NEIGHBOURLY COMMUNITY FUND

With the support of their partner businesses, M&S, Lidl, Aldi, Danone and Coca-Cola European Partners, Neighbourly are launching a series of micro-grants of up to £400, **to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the new Coronavirus outbreak**.



neighbourly
COMMUNITY
FUND

Grants will be awarded to *existing members of Neighbourly* in UK and Ireland whose work will involve supporting members of the community suffering economically, socially or from ill health as a result of the outbreak. This may include, but not be limited to, elderly people, those on low incomes and people at risk of food insecurity.

Grants are **unrestricted** and can go towards food provision, emergency supplies, practical support, running costs, transport and other essentials.

[Full details here](#).

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR IRELAND COVID-19 FUND



The Community Foundation for Ireland Covid-19 Emergency Fund is currently **closed** due to high demand but may **reopen** at a later date. Please sign up to their newsletter [here](#) or follow them on their social channels to be notified of when the fund is open again.

MOVEMENT FOR GOOD AWARDS 2020

Specialist insurer Ecclesiastical is 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.

Nomination process open until 24 May 2020!

[Full details here](#)

WRITE YOUR EU PROJECT AND PROPOSAL – EUROPE FOR CITIZENS (ONLINE WORKSHOP)

‘[Europe for Citizens](#)’ is an accessible **European funding** programme that is open to organisations that would like to engage in projects that promote understanding between the Union and its citizens, deepening our awareness of what it means to be European and developing a sense of **European identity**.



Want to know more?

- [Click here](#) to find out more about the types of projects available, including call deadlines, objectives, and everything you need to know to make your application
- [Click here](#) to look at examples of successful projects
- [Click here](#) to contact the National Contact Point directly

To prepare a funding application, The Wheel is organising an online event to equip you with the essential foundations for mastering a **successful funding application** to the European Union’s ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme. It will also cover programme objectives, priorities, application form and budget.

More details [here](#).



BURSARY FOR TUAM ARTISTS

Creative Places has launched a Bursary for Tuam Artists to boost **Community Solidarity** through collaborative practices.

Creative Places Tuam is seeking applications from artists connected to the Tuam area whose collaborative socially engaged practice has been disrupted due to the COVID 19 restrictions. The purpose

of this bursary is to support and nurture **professional artists' practice** within the Tuam town and hinterland area that has been disrupted during this time of crisis.

Apply [here](#).



BOOST ONLINE FUNDRAISING WITH VIDEO

Online fundraising and donor support is a necessity for every non-profit. Video can radically improve conversion rates, but people think it can be a difficult process without any experience in creating video.

Thady Kavanagh has experience of working with non-profits, has developed an online service where you can send photos and short videos you have already captured and **edit them into engaging online video**. This makes it easier for you to plan and create video.

Prices start at €95 + VAT so you can have regular video at affordable rates.

Get more details and examples [here](#) or contact: work@thadykavanagh.com.

WHATS GOING ON?



FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE WHEEL'S VIRTUAL SUMMIT 2020

Join the Wheel for a free Virtual Summit where a distinguished panel will discuss the current situation, the **challenges facing the community sector 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.



It is time to regroup, reconnect, and chart a new path for our organisations, the sector, and civil society.

Find out more [here](#)

Other online events organised by The Wheel:

- [Charity Finance Managers' Network – Essential Financial & Audit Considerations During COVID-19 - 21 May](#)
- [Volunteer Management \(Good Practice Essentials\) - 3 June](#)

ATLANTEC FESTIVAL GOES ONLINE

One of Ireland's **biggest tech events** is going virtual and global this year. The international line-up of expert speakers has been announced for the AtlanTec Festival 2020 which takes place online from the 18-22 May 2020.



Across five days, over **30 online events** will delve into hot-topics and trends in tech and digital innovation in the fields of AI, cyber security, fintech, medtech, mindfulness and leadership. This year's line-up will also include a special focus on COVID-19 and feature NUI Galway researchers who are responding to the pandemic with innovative solutions such as applying AI.

More information [here](#).

VIRTUAL SOLO BIKE RIDES



The [AXA Community Bike Rides](#) programme announces, with the slight ease in restrictions surrounding outdoor exercise, their **Virtual Solo Bike Rides initiative**. These are virtual bike rides that you sign up to take part in on your own, within a 5km radius of your home which you will get credited for completing. So, you can earn rewards while you cycle!



You can join for free [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view the upcoming solo rides or alternatively go to the [Find a Ride page](#) and select 'Virtual Rides' from the drop down menu.

GALWAY FILM FLEADH GOES ONLINE

Following the announcement from the government that cinemas will remain closed until August 10th and large gatherings will not be allowed for some time, the Galway Film Fleadh have made the decision to present the **2020 festival edition online**.



To continue the mission to bring audiences and film artists together to celebrate cinema they have partnered with a **leading streaming service** to provide a seamless, secure and easy-to-use online experience so that the 2020 Galway Film Fleadh remains an unmissable event in the national & international film calendar.

Read more [here](#).

BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL AT HOME

Throughout May 2020 Age & Opportunity is running the Bealtaine Festival online- **Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age**.



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, they have had to cancel the events scheduled but are continuing the celebration by adding events, videos, and resources to their webpage.

Check in [here](#) regularly for updates of what's on.





PPN News

COUNTY GALWAY PPN 'PPN CONNECT' PROJECT

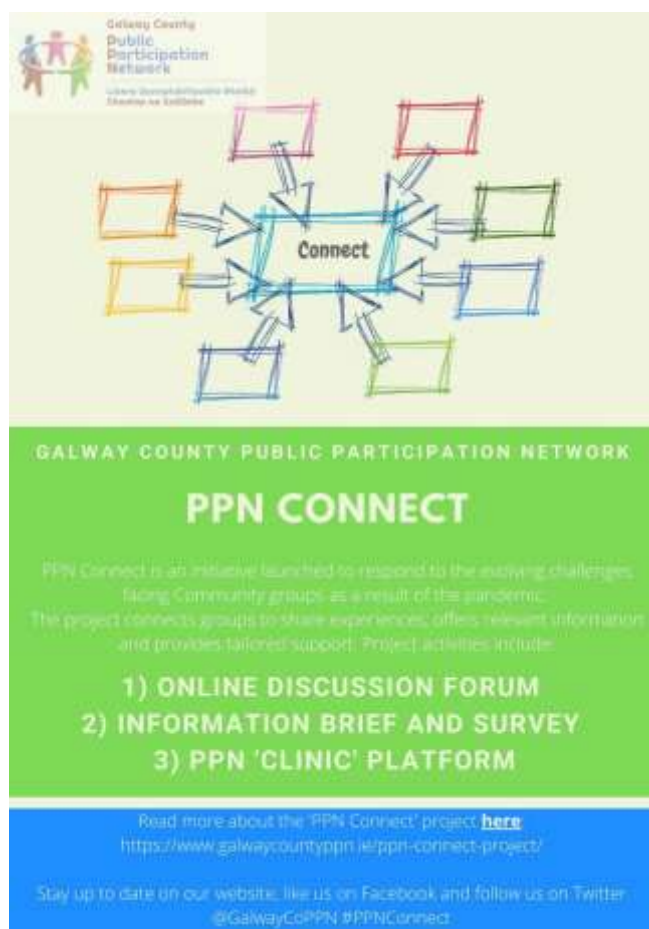
Galway Co PPN announces the launch of its 'PPN Connect' Project. With social distancing making it harder for us to connect and to continue our work to help and support community groups we have adapted and are pleased to launch this new project.

What is it? The PPN Connect Project is a series of activities to connect groups and offer support.

The project comprises 3 main activities:

- 1) An **online discussion forum** hosted by the Galway Co PPN with members to share experiences, discuss challenges and collectively find solutions and consider community engagement in the future.
- 2) An **information brief** will be sent out that focuses on methods of fundraising during Covid-19, volunteer engagement, group management and FAQs addressing matters affecting Community groups.
- 3) The **PPN Clinic**- if you have specific questions, you can email us these and we will tailor our efforts to help you find a solution. The queries and responses will be published and shared, if permitted, to generate a logbook of cases and facilitate mutual learning.

Follow our work and updates on the [website](#), Facebook and Twitter using the #PPNConnect hashtag.



BURREN BEO TRUST AND FARMING FOR NATURE WEBINAR SERIES

Burrenbeo Trust in conjunction with Farming for Nature are coordinating a series of **webinars on the themes of farming, nature and heritage** every Wednesday between 8pm and 9pm.

The Wild Wednesday Webinars are free to attend but registration is essential at the links provided.

20th May: Making nature a priority in our farm business with Kate Egan. Register [here](#).

27th May: The Burren in the Bronze Age – archaeological discoveries from Glencurran Cave and Moneen Cave with Marion Dowd. Register [here](#).

Find out about the full series [here](#).



GALWAY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP: ONLINE PARENT & CARER SUPPORT GROUP.

The Galway Autism Partnership now offer an

Online Parent & Carer support group for members at a new time; Thursday evenings 8 - 9:30 pm.

This group is for parents or carers of autistic children or adults; if you are feeling isolated, stressed or simply want some company, this is for you.

The group is **FREE** to attend for Members and will be co-facilitated by Sinead Taylor (Child and Family Therapist) and Aisling Colreavy (GAP Coordinator). The group will take place via Zoom (which can be downloaded for free). Support will be confidential, and GAP can offer specific supports and strategies where available.

If you would like to join the online parent & carer support group, please contact Aisling by emailing: coordinator@galwayautismpartnership.com.



SCCUL SANCTUARY COCOON CHILL AND TUNES

SCCUL Sanctuary run a therapeutic support centre located in Kilcornan Estate, Clarinbridge. The team have developed an online therapy hour 'Cocoon, Chill and Tunes' aimed at those cocooning at home or in residential centres/nursing homes.

Perhaps you know someone that would like to join this initiative, please share with those cocooning, or in nursing homes. If you need help getting online, please contact Will (see below)

The next features gentle-seated yoga by Theresa Donoghue, music by Mick Brown and an opportunity for a virtual cuppa. The event will run on Thursday, May 21st, from 11am to 12pm.

This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please register [here](#). For more information contact Will, Tel: 087 3466220 or email: sanctuary@scculenterprises.ie



Cocoon Chill and Tunes

Thursday 21st May



- 11:00 - Gentle-seated Yoga with Theresa Donoghue
- 11.30 - Break
- 11.35 - Live Sing-A-Long Music with Mick Brown
- 12:05 - Virtual cuppa and close

Free Event | Donations Welcome | CHY15857
Register for event by calling 087 3466220 or emailing sanctuary@scculenterprises.ie

SUPPORTS and RESOURCES

UPDATE FROM THE TELECOMS INDUSTRY

Comreg have released a web page with [COVID-19 Useful Consumer Information](#), it has useful information for consumers regarding electronic communications during the current COVID-19 situation.

This is of relevance to the PPN and representative groups providing support to vulnerable groups and individuals.

Read more [here](#).



ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND'S NATIONAL HELPLINE

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's National Helpline is expanding with a new **free call-back service** which offers people with dementia and family carers from anywhere in Ireland the opportunity to book a **1:1 session with a Dementia Nurse or a Dementia Adviser** during the COVID-19 public health emergency.



People with dementia and their family carers who want to avail of this new service can contact the National Helpline to make an appointment which is open six days a week Monday to Friday 10am–5pm and Saturday 10am–4pm on **1800 341 341**.

You can also email helpline@alzheimer.ie or use the Live Chat at www.alzheimer.ie

AGE ACTIONS' GETTING STARTED KIT- 'HOW-TO' TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Age Actions' Getting Started KIT supports older people to **keep in touch** with their loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. We all are feeling the effects of social distancing, and older people are particularly impacted being asked to cocoon at home.



Now it is more important than ever to keep in touch with family and friends, so Age Action drew on our Getting Started programme which offered face to face digital skills classes, to created easy **How To Guides**. These guides include help to use Zoom, Whatsapp, Email, Facetime, etc.

These can be downloaded [here](#).

LIDL COMMUNITY GIFT CARDS

Aware that many shoppers are not able to frequent their stores at present as they are isolating and cocooning at home, Lidl have **developed a remote payment solution** for vulnerable or at-risk customers. Starting Thursday, May 7th, customers can purchase a Lidl Community Gift Card, up to the value of €200, by calling their hotline on 1800-111-124. They will then receive a



code via email or text message which they can share with family members, friends or a volunteer who can utilise this code to purchase their shopping at Lidl.

More information on our Lidl Community Cards can be found [here](#).

HEATH LINK WEST- A NEW SERVICE IN THE WEST

In response to an increasing demand for information and advice Croí has **launched HeartLink West**, a new FREE daily support service from our community based, multi-disciplinary health team of nurses, physiotherapists, dietitians and physical activity specialists.

Follow the link: www.croi.ie/heartlinkwest

Please share with your patients, communities and colleagues and wherever you think it may be most needed. For more information please contact: Annie on 091 544310 or email: healthteam@croi.ie

The poster features the Croí logo (a heart with a pulse line) and the text 'HEARTLINK WEST' next to a map of the West of Ireland. Below this, it states 'Connecting people living with heart disease and stroke with Nurses, Dietitians, Physios and Exercise Specialists.' The main body of the poster is blue and white, announcing 'Providing FREE daily support from our Community Specialist Health Team'. It lists two services: 'Telephone Helpline (Monday - Friday, 09.00-17.30)' and 'Daily Virtual Health Chats (Face-to-face answers to questions)'. At the bottom, it provides the contact number 'Call Croi on 091-544310' and social media handles for email, Facebook, and Twitter. A list of bullet points identifies target audiences: 'Concerned about COVID-19?', 'Afraid to visit your doctor, nurse or hospital?', 'Recently had a procedure or just discharged from hospital?', 'Had an appointment or procedure cancelled or postponed?', and 'Generally concerned about your heart health?'. The poster also includes the text 'Call the Croi Health Team now!' and the Saolta logo.

FREE COURSES WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

There is a wide range of online courses available through 'Universal Class' which you can avail of free of charge with your Library card. Courses available include the following:

- Accounting
- Business & Office Skills
- Computers and Technology
- Decision Making
- Law & Legal
- Personal Development
- Negotiation Skills
- Wellness– Self Help Training
- Web Development
- Writing Skills



To sign up for an Online Course with Universal Class:



1. When signing up, you will be asked for your library card number. Please note if you do not have a library card/account you can join up online and start using it straight away (click on the follow link to apply for your library card <https://lgma.iii.com/selfreg>)
2. To access the Universal Class website, click on the Galway County Council Library Online Course and Resources page [here](#) and select the access online courses at the Universal Class link. Use your library card number to register for a free account. You can sign in directly to your account using username and password once you have registered.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY SECTOR

COMHAR NA NOILEÁN CTR: PRÍOMHOIFIGEACH FEIDHMIÚCHÁIN / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tá Comhar na nOileán CTR ag lorg duine fuinniúil agus cumasach le post a ghlacadh mar Phríomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin den Chomhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil Comhtháite do na hoileáin amach ón gcósta. Tá an cheannoifig lonnaithe ar Inis Oírr, Oileáin Árann, Co. na Gaillimhe agus tá oifig cheantair i gConamara Theas.

More information [here](#).

YOUTH REACH RESOURCE PERSON WITH GRETB

Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board (GRETB) invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the following position: **YOUTHREACH RESOURCE PERSON for Adult Basic Education Service (2 Positions)**.

More information [here](#).

WEBINARS and TRAININGS

CARMICHAEL CENTRE OFFERS TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Carmichael Centre is a leading specialist training and support body for non-profits in Ireland. Many of their training opportunities are now available online.

These include:



Carmichael.



- [Using Social Media to promote your work during a crisis – Beginners Online Course 02/06/2020](#)
- [GDPR Level 1 – General Data Protection Regulation \(eLearning\)](#)
- [Cyber Security issues & COVID-19 – Online Course 05/06/2020](#)
- [Financial Management for Non-Profits \(eLearning\)](#)
- [Marketing and Sales for Non-Profits \(eLearning\)](#)

VOLUNTEER IRELAND WEBINAR SERIES

Volunteer Ireland have launched a series of free, useful **webinar trainings** for organisations around **Volunteer management** during Covid-19.

For a list of training available see [here](#).



2INTO3 FUNDRAISING WEBINAR SERIES

Following the success of the Webinar ‘Actions to manage the impact of COVID19 on Fundraised Income’, every Thursday at 3pm, from now up to and including 21st May, 2into3 are holding a webinar focusing on different **Fundraising methods**.

Join [here](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK COMMUNITY BOOST EVENT

Based in Ireland, Neighbourhood Network is a **new initiative** which aims to build existing and future volunteering networks around the country by connecting them, supporting them and encouraging the sharing of ideas to fortify the entire system. In this webinar, we will hear from those who are doing the volunteer coordinator work on the ground.

Neighbourhood Network will be hosting their second Live Community Boost webinar on May 19th. The Neighbourhood Network team, volunteers, and some select guests will chat about the journey Irish community support groups have taken so far during this crisis, and what the next steps are.

Join [here](#).



CHARITIES REGULATOR: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND CHARITIES – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Regulator appreciates the added pressures on many charities at this time. Based on their interaction with charities to date, the Regulator are aware of some particular concerns and have **prepared some responses** to these are set out in the FAQs below, these will be kept under review and revised and extended as necessary.

[FAQs](#)

COVID-19 AND BEREAVEMENT WEBINARS

The Irish Hospice Foundation are running webinars on COVID-19 and **Bereavement** on 26th May and 9th June.

Places can be booked at the following link [here](#).

COVID-19 PERINATAL ONLINE TALK

If you are expecting a baby or have recently had a baby, the HSE would like to invite you to this online talk that will explore **common anxieties and sources of stress** associated with having a baby during COVID-19 as well as specific practical and psychological support strategies that can help you best manage and care for yourself and your newborn.

This is a free online event with HSE Senior Clinical Psychologist Dr Jeananne Garavan on Tuesday, 19 May at 11am.

To book a place call 094 9042281 or email martin.oreilly2@hse.ie (please register your interest before 1pm on 18th May).

GET IN TOUCH

CALL FOR STORIES



Please continue to share your stories of community support and volunteering during Covid-19.

We want to hear from you!

We are asking all local supports and community groups that are part of the broader [Community Call](#) – to share some information on how their efforts are working along with images of your volunteers at work (as appropriate).

Please submit your stories and pictures to the Galway County PPN so that we can showcase your hard work and share information about your services.

Email: cmay@galwaycoco.ie. (Always be mindful of the individual using your services and respect their privacy when sending us information as we do plan to publicise this.)

