

PPN Newsletter

Dear PPN Members,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Galway County PPN Newsletter.

We are delighted to announce our training series for the year which we have branded, 'Tuesday Trainings'. Based on the training survey that we sent out in May- we have listened to your feedback and organised sessions that address the 5 most highlighted areas for training needs. These include Good Governance, Fundraising, Social media and GDPR training. We hope that you will find these sessions useful and that they will support you in your important community work.

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PPN NEWS

SPC Meetings

During May and June the SPC meetings began convening again.

You can keep up to date on what your PPN Reps report back from these meetings on the PPN Website [here](#).

If you would like to contact your PPN Representative directly to ask questions or give feedback, please contact Charlotte: cmay@galwaycoco.ie.

Over the next few months we will be working to set up a regular two-way feedback system between the Representatives and the wider PPN community.

Next SPC meetings scheduled:

Community & Cultural Development SPC - 7 July

Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services SPC- 7 July

Joint Policing Committee- 15 June, 14 September



PPN supporting the Community Response to Covid-19

This week, the Galway County PPN continued to support the work of the **Community Response Forum**, set up to help during Covid-19.

Pictured here is PPN Coordinator Charlotte May packing 'Well-being' packs that will be sent out across the county to Volunteers and those cocooning. The packs are filled with goodies, info and activities and are part of the Response Forum's Phase 2, which focuses on well-being.



Included in the packs are some useful PPN resources including our competition: '**Memories on a Postcard**' where we ask you to share your stories and experiences during this unique time. The submissions will be included in a gallery and there are prizes to be won!

Email Charlotte for more info: cmay@galwaycoco.ie



#PPNConnect collection of online resources and trainings

In May 2020, we asked you to complete a sort survey to assess the current training needs across PPN Membership.

Based on the survey response we have prepared a **Training needs report** (access the report [here](#)) according to which we will tailor our training programme.

As there was a broad range of training needs identified we have listed each response and have found a **corresponding online resource** for you that already exists, and which may be of use to you and your group. You may be particularly interested in the many resources on **returning to work safely after Covid-19 restrictions**.

Read more [here](#).





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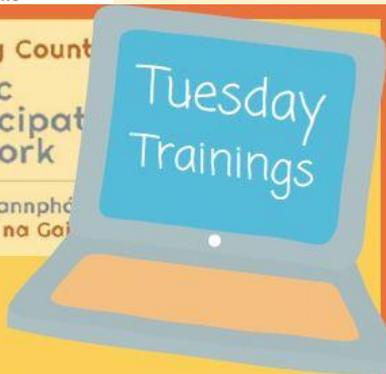
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TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

How to write funding applications	30 Jun
Designing a website for your group	7 Jul
Planning for the future	21 Jul
GDPR	28 Jul
Growing your groups' online presence	4 Aug
Using the Governance Code	11 Aug



Sign up here: cmay@galwaycoco.ie



Growing your Community Organisation's online presence
with Gert Ackerman, Communications Director of the Wheel

About: Covering the fundamentals of how to engage with social media and get your organisation's message out to there, this workshop also examines the creation of a social media policy that works for your group. We will introduce the basics of digital marketing, looking at how to implement and analyse digital advocacy and fundraising campaigns. This session is for anyone in a community and voluntary organisation involved in communications and for those involved in fundraising activities.

Delivery: Online (Zoom)
🕒 6pm, Tuesday 4th August 2020

Using the Governance Code: A guide for how not-for-profit & community organisations are run, directed and controlled
with Mairead

About: Good governance is at the heart of well-functioning organisations and key to delivering on your organisation's mission. This interactive session will explore the idea of Governance and engage with the Governance Code. By the end of the session, participants will be able to define governance as it applies to their organisation; outline the key responsibilities of governing board members; identify the principles underlying the Governance Code; and develop an action plan around engaging with the Governance Code.

Delivery: Online (Zoom)
🕒 Tuesday 11th August 2020 TBC

All workshops are free to PPN Members, places are limited so please register soon by emailing Charlotte: cmay@hotmail.com



SCHEDULE

Writing Funding Applications

with Ailish Irvine, CEO Irvine Training

Website: <http://www.ailishirvinetraining.com/>

About:

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

🕒 Tuesday, 30th June 2020

How to Build a Website for Community groups on a Budget
with Ailish Irvine

About: Helping non-profits to create a low cost, drag and drop website to help with promotions and events, and the facility to accept donations, create events and take bookings.

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

🕒 Tuesday, 7th July 2020

Planning for the Future/Developing a Business Plan

with Marian Barnard

About: This one-hour interactive webinar shows you how to create a business plan that works for you. The main objective is to understand the process of writing a business plan and discuss why a business plan is prepared, what should be included and provide a template for creating financial projections.

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

🕒 6pm, Tuesday 21st July 2020

GDPR for Community Organisations

with Liam Lynch, Cyber Security Evangelist, L2 Cyber Security Solutions.

Website: <https://www.l2cybersecurity.com/>

About: A live webinar on practical skills to follow through on obligations of accountability under GDPR. Attendees will be shown the tools to create a Data Protection Policy for their organization and can ask questions during the webinar.

Delivery: Online (Google meet up)

🕒 6pm, Tuesday 28th July 2020



Local Schemes

2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme- Expressions of Interest Sought

In 2020, the Rural Development Investment Programme, including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is being tailored to address the **emerging challenges associated with COVID-19**, including a new Accelerated Measure.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now sought by Galway County Council, from Business Representative Groups, Community and Voluntary Groups and Local Authorities for the Accelerated Measure (Rounds 1 and 2) and the Main Town and Village Scheme. (Individual businesses are not eligible for this Scheme please refer to www.gov.ie/business).



EOI for Accelerated Measure Round 1 are sought now and closes Monday June 22nd
EOI for Accelerated Measure Round 2 are sought now and closes Monday July 13th
EOI for Main Town and Village Scheme are sought now and closes Monday July 13th

Find out more [here](#)



Galway County PPN along with the Galway County Council are hosting an **info Webinar** to provide insight into the Scheme:



2020 Rural Scheme Webinar
Join us noon Thursday June 18th 2020

Galway County Council
Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

The Webinar will be hosted by Galway County PPN.

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Galway County Council Staff of the Economic, Rural & Community Development Unit will present on:

Town and Village Accelerated Measures Round 1 & 2, Main Town and Village Scheme.

Providing an overview of Main Criteria and Grant Amounts.

Town and Village Accelerated Measures is tailored to address the emerging challenges associated with COVID-19.

The Deadline for Round 1 is June 22nd.
Deadlines for other Measures is July 13th.

To Register email Charlotte May: cmay@galwaycoco.ie

An Roinn Forbartha Tualthe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

CLÁR 2020

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Ard-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for **small infrastructural projects** in areas that experience disadvantage.

The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.

There is an allocation of €5million (nationally) in total for 2020, and the following measures will be operated via Local Authorities for a range of School and Community projects.



Measure 1: Support for Safety Measures at Schools & Community Facilities

Measure 2: Support for Community Recreation Areas

Applications must be returned to Galway County Council by Monday, 13 July 2020, at midnight by e-mail to clar@galwaycoco.ie

Find out more [here](#).



FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Meet & Code 2020: Small grants for Coding Events for Young People

Grants of up to €500 available for virtual digital and **coding events** targeted **at young people** in Ireland. Meet and Code are funding digital and coding events of all kinds during September and October 2020. From IT workshops to robot courses and events with trendsetting subjects, charities can receive a grant of €500 for support of their **EU Code Week** event.

[Find out more](#)





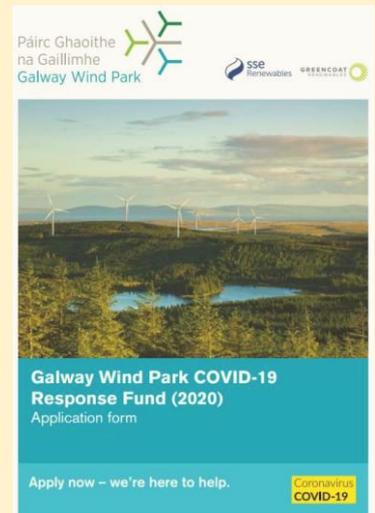
€70,000 COVID-19 Response Fund for Connemara, Co. Galway

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, which is being made **immediately available**, 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.

In addition to supporting rapid response initiatives that are currently being mobilised, funding will also be available for projects that will **help rebuild our community** in the months ahead.

[Full details here.](#)



Good Governance Awards 2020 Now Open for Entries

Along with their partners and supporting organisations, **Carmichael** are delighted to announce the [2020 Good Governance Awards](#) which are now open for entries. Now in its fifth year, The Good Governance Awards is an initiative that recognises and encourages adherence to good governance practice by non-profits in Ireland.

[Find out more](#)

Arts Council Ireland- Festivals Investment Scheme

The Arts Council announces round one of the Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS) for festivals taking place between January and June 2021.



The Council recognises the distinctive role arts festivals play in sustaining a vibrant and sustainable arts **profile at a local level**. The Council acknowledges the valuable contribution made by voluntary committees in developing these festivals. The scheme will be open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals.

Deadline **23rd July 2020**. More information available [here](#).

Visual Artists Workspace Scheme Update: Deadline extension

The purpose of the 2021 Visual Artists Workspace Scheme is to support artists' **workspaces** throughout the country to provide the best possible working environment for visual artists and, where feasible, to enable a level of subsidy for the artists working in these spaces.

The scheme will award grants of up to €40,000 towards running costs such as light, heat, rent, artists' development programmes, administration and/or appropriate salary costs.

Due to COVID-19 the application period for this scheme has been extended. The new closing date for applications to the Scheme is **17:30, Thursday 2 July 2020**. More info available [here](#).



Generation Pandemic Recovery Fund

Irish Youth Foundation Announces Generation Pandemic Recovery Fund of €500,000 to Support Ireland's Most Excluded Children and Young People. The Irish Youth Foundation aims to support successful transitions for the most excluded children and young people under three key focus areas:



1. Educational Attainment
2. Personal Development
3. Skills & Employability
4. The fund opens for application on **Wednesday 3rd June** and closes on **Wednesday 1st July 2020** at 6pm

Full details [here](#)



DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

Previously known as the Hilton in the Community Foundation, the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP) funds smaller charities and organisations that may be otherwise **overlooked**. The Foundation's grant process aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland. Groups working with the following focus are eligible:

- Children and young people with disabilities





- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care).

UPDATE: Due to COVID-19 the Foundation has made the decision to postpone its next quarterly deadline for the receipt of funding applications until **22nd July 2020**. Full details [here](#).



Return to work: HELPDESK for community organisations

The Wheel, Irelands association for charities and community groups, has set up a new **helpdesk service** for the sector. The helpdesk offers advice on matter concerning HR, employment law and up-to-date information on the Wage Subsidy Scheme.



- To find out more about the free helpdesk service please see [here](#).



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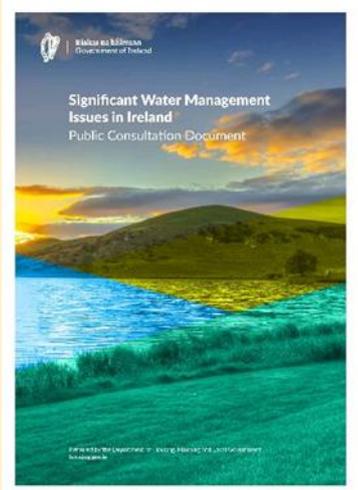
Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues for the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2020-2027

Please note that the public consultation process for River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 closes on the **26th of June 2020**. This is an equally important piece of legislation that will affect water quality management in Galway Bay and it is vital that local community input is received.

You can respond online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HGB3HZ

Full details including alternate ways to make a submission and the full consultation document are on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government website [here](#).

The consultation period closes on **Friday, 26 June 2020**.



Public Consultation Forum for Tuam Regeneration – Expressions of Interest

Galway County Council are in the process of producing a **Regeneration Masterplan for Tuam Town** and would like to invite expressions of interest for membership of the **Tuam Regeneration Forum**. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, future public consultation events for the Tuam Regeneration Masterplan will predominantly be via an online platform.



In order to reach a broad spectrum of local people, we are seeking representatives from approximately 15 different Groups within the town to attend 2 consultation meetings, in person, on the Regeneration Masterplan. These meetings must be limited to 16 people in order to comply with social distancing.

Read more [here](#)



CROWD4ACCESS: Invitation to Experience Sharing Online Workshop

Crowd4Access is a project partnership between National University of Ireland Galway and Dublin City University as part of the Insight SFI Research Centre for Data Analytics. For more information about this citizen science project, please visit: <http://crowd4access.insight-centre.org>



The Crowd4Access citizen science project aims at empowering citizens to **map the accessibility of cities** through crowdsourcing and data analytics. The first question in our journey is: What type of urban elements would we like to see on a map?

To answer this question, we are looking for people to join an **online focus group** to help us understand what are the urban elements that either support or create barriers for footpath accessibility.

If you would like to join the online focus group or would like to learn more about this study, please send an email to Bianca Pereira at bianca.pereira@nuigalway.ie



Age Friendly Ireland: Research on Rightsizing

Age Friendly Ireland is conducting a survey on older people's perceptions and experiences of rightsizing. This is being carried out in the context of developing **housing options of our ageing population**. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from older householders regarding the following:

- Perceptions of older people to down-sizing/right-sizing
- Attitudes and concerns of older people to leaving the family home
- Obstacles older people encounter when seeking to right-size
- Their experiences of going through the process



The data collected will help Age Friendly Ireland to inform and influence Local and National Government Housing policy. It is really important that the voice of the older people is heard on matters of concern to them. You can complete the questionnaire by clicking on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AgeFriendlyIrel>

The closing date for the survey has been extended to **30th June 2020**.



NEWS

Ballinasloe Public Library: Welcome Back!

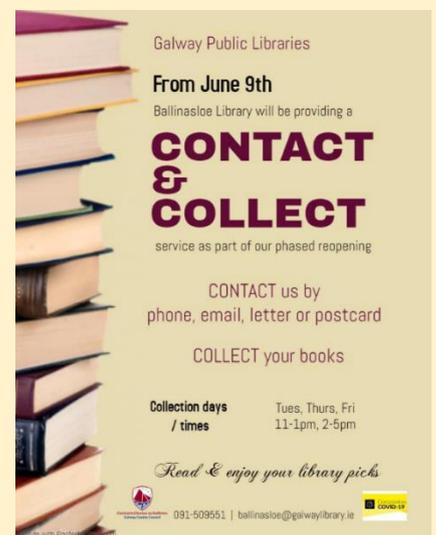
As part of the gradual re-opening of library services the Ballinasloe Public Library has launched a 'Contact and Collect' service.

Here is how it works.

- Contact them by email / phone / letter and tell them what you like to read. You can check the catalogue to see what is on the shelves, but as they have no deliveries, they can only look for books from the branch

<https://librariesireland.iii.com/iii/encore/?lang=eng>

- If your requested item is not available, they can make a selection for you based on your preferences.





- We will arrange collection date/time.

Collection days are as follows:

- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm

Summer Stars

For the kids, they are running Summer Stars in a slightly different format. Children can still read or listen to 8 books to complete the challenge. They are putting together bags of 12 books with a Summer Stars card ready for collection. Just contact them with your child's name and age and they will arrange a time for collection.

Address: Ballinasloe Library, Society Street, Ballinasloe, Co Galway, H53 T320; Tel: (091) 509551

Email: ballinasloe@galwaylibrary.ie; Website: www.europedirect.ie/ballinasloe;

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BallinasloeEDIC



New Online Graveyard Resources for County Galway

Care, Recording and Conservation of the Graveyards of the County of Galway

Galway County Council in partnership with Galway Rural Development has embarked on the development of online resources for individuals and communities who wish to record the memorials and heritage of their local graveyards. In addition to this it also highlights some of the issues of graveyard management and provides information for community groups on how best to deal with such issues.



The aim of this online resource is to showcase and create a greater awareness of the wealth of heritage and local history contained within the graveyards of County Galway.

Read more [here](#).





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Take part in the great gathering of photographs from Ireland's past.

We are appealing to people during COVID-19 to contribute to an online repository of photographs, films and stories that reflect the social, economic, educational, religious and cultural life in Galway and Ireland in days gone by. Known as the BEO (Irish for 'alive') Digital Local Heritage Online Archive Library, its websites have attracted over 4.5 million views.

The primary method of gathering this historical material has been up until now through events hosted by schools, community and heritage groups.

However during the present lockdown, when so many of us are confined to our home, we are asking people to look in their family albums and elsewhere, particularly for photographs, that could provide a fascinating insight into the way of life of the Irish people up to 1973 when Ireland became a member of the European Union (European Economic Community-EEC). Joining this international entity helped speed up a process of societal change that was already occurring in how we worked, travelled, shopped, were entertained and educated. It is life before this historical milestone that we are most interested in capturing.

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



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When forwarding the photo(s) to brendan.b.smith@nulgaway.ie, please provide where possible the following information:

- **Name of sender:**
- **Year when photo was taken:**
- **Location A:** Townland/Urban neighbourhood (street, housing estate)
- **Location B:** County
- **Location C:** Town/city (if applicable)
- **Event:** e.g. wedding, farm activity, sporting, school, family holiday, festival, religious)

irishbeo.com

BEO is coordinated by the Insight Centre for Data Analytics of the Data Science Institute at

ONLINE EVENTS

Putting Our Values Where Our People Are (Virtual Summit Series, 17 June)

It is now a well-established fact that a healthy workplace and increased employee engagement are interdependent, and never before has this been so apparent. This seminar is organised by **The Wheel** (10am - 12.30pm) will focus on how organisations can be supported to put our values where our people are, while keeping our organisations afloat.

Topics covered will include:

- Adapting to remote working
- Maintaining services to vulnerable service users
- Consideration of phased return to some workplaces
- Complying with strict Health & Safety conditions
- Ensuring our organisations can financially survive during this crisis.

Register for free [here](#)



Thinking of Volunteering (Webinar)?

Calling all potential volunteers, check out our online webinar to help you make the **right choices** when it comes to volunteering. If you've new to volunteering or perhaps you were a volunteer in the past and have decided that now would be a good time to return, we suggest you join our Thinking of Volunteering webinar.

Sessions take place at 11.00am online on the following dates:

Wednesday 17 June; Wednesday 24 June; Friday 3 July

Book your free place [here](#).



Business Advice Webinar Series: Managing Change with Iseult O’Doherty from Carr Communications

In this webinar we will explore the fundamentals of change including stages of personal change, how workplace performance can be affected by change and how we can make sure our employees have the help and support they need to successfully adjust to these changes. This webinar is suitable for employees at all levels with a particular emphasis on those who manage others.

Region: Online

Date/Time: 17 June @ 3pm

Register [here](#).



The Wheel Webinars

- [Exploring EU Values, Solidarity & Funding \(Virtual Summit Series- 18 June\)](#)
- [Implementing Your Digital Advocacy Campaign - 1 July](#)
- [Social Media for Impact - 8 July](#)



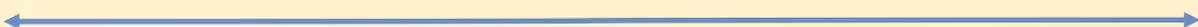
Carmichael Centre Webinars

- [Ready and Able post COVID-19 – Online Course \(15/07/2020\)](#)

The aim of this short online course is to clarify the guidelines, priority steps and actions to be undertaken by community and voluntary groups in response to the current Covid-19 context to safeguard volunteers, employees and service users. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.

- [Best practice using Zoom to host and run meetings – Online Course \(22/07/2020\)](#)

This short online course is for anyone needing to get a better understanding of how to run and attend meetings using Zoom. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.



STAY IN TOUCH

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

For all the latest PPN news check out our website [here](#).