

GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



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Government Funding Schemes - Recap

- Town and Village Renewal Scheme- info and forms [here](#)
- CLAR (Ceantair Laga Ard-Riachtanais) 2020- Info and forms [here](#)
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020- Info and forms [here](#).



Have your Say!

***Galway County PPN invite you to a Consultation Event
23 July @ 7pm, Claregalway Castle, Claregalway Co. Galway***

Galway County PPN are hosting a consultation event addressing the **Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028**.

Galway County Council are currently developing a Plan that will outline its policy priorities for this time period. As part of this process the public are invited to provide input by making a **submission** with their feedback.

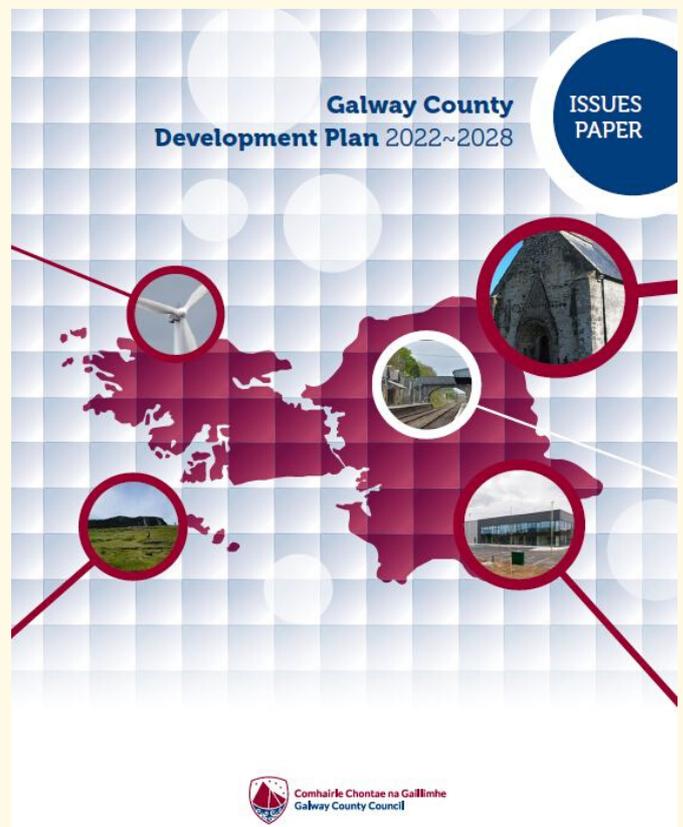
The PPN will make submission and invites its members to provide feedback at a consultation event held next week. Please find more information, including an **Issues Paper** [here](#) (if you are unable to attend you can submit your feedback on the plan to Charlotte in whatever format suits you most).

Note: In line with **social distancing requirements** and to reduce numbers at the event we ask that only 1-2 representatives from each group attend.

Numbers will be **capped** on a first come first serve basis so please register **early**.

Please register each person with their name and number by emailing Charlotte: cmay@galwaycoco.ie

(You can also send in your feedback electronically to Charlotte)



Nominations open!



Galway County PPN are looking for new Secretariat members

The PPN has a **voluntary committee** with 11 members called a Secretariat who administer and manage its activities at County level. Some of the functions of the Secretariat include managing the PPN workers, delivering on a work plan agreed in March 2020, and to generally support the 932 member organisations.

The PPN and its Secretariat are **wholly independent** of the County Council and are both represented in Council Committees by its PPN representatives. The PPN Secretariat, like the PPN Representatives must be nominated by their **member group** and elected by the whole PPN but their role is more general than that of the reps. The Secretariat meets **4-6 times a year** and its membership consists of one representative from each of the 5 Municipal Districts, 2 Community & Voluntary Reps, 2 Social Inclusion Reps and 2 Environmental Pillar Reps.

Positions to be filled:

- 1 representative from the **Social inclusion Pillar**. This position is open to county wide members (preferably female).
- 1 representative from the **Community & Voluntary** sector. This position is open to county wide members (preferably female).

A graphic featuring several colorful hands (red, purple, yellow, blue, pink, green, light green, yellow) raised in the air. A red, rounded rectangular banner is overlaid on the hands, containing the text 'Nominate here' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Nominate here



'Farming for Nature', PPN Member initiative receives prestigious award

The Irish 'Farming for Nature' initiative won a prestigious international award. Farming for Nature was developed by the **Burrenbeo Trust** in 2018 and aims to acknowledge and support farmers who farm, or wish to farm, in a way that supports nature and biodiversity.

Supported by various Department bodies, the project has been recognised in the international competition 'Act for Biodiversity Challenge'. Over 200 projects across the world were assessed and Farming for Nature was awarded second place in this competition, receiving a cash prize of €40,000.

Farming for Nature will have access to an Accelerator Programme to share what has been successful in Ireland with other countries.

Further information on 'Farming for Nature' is available [here](#)



Burrenbeo Online Tea Talks

Our monthly Tea Talks in Tubber Hall have always been a cosy, social and popular event in the calendar of many Burrenbeo members and members of the local community. Although it might be some time before these can restart, we would like to start hosting an **online version of our Tea Talks** on the second Wednesday of every month starting in August.

We will have our first Online Tea Talk at 8pm, on Wed 12th of August with Barry O' Donoghue on 'Bringing back the Irish Curlew'.

More details on this coming soon: www.burrenbeo.com.

A yellow poster with black and white text. At the top, it reads 'The Creative Ireland Programme in association with Healthy Ireland and the HSE Mental Health & Wellbeing Programme invites you to'. Below this is the large, stylized text 'Vitamin C'. Underneath is the title 'The Positive Effect of Creativity on Wellbeing in Older People'. The host is listed as 'Hosted by Jennifer O'Connell, The Irish Times'. The speakers are 'with Dr David Robinson, Consultant Geriatrician at St. James's Hospital', 'Kate O' Flaherty, Head of Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health', 'Dr Denise Rogers, Senior Clinical Psychologist, HSE', 'Bridget Deevy, Arts Programme Assistant Manager, Age and Opportunity, and', and 'Dominic Campbell, Creative Aging International'. It also mentions 'Music from the Forget-Me-Nots Choir and live drawing by Blaise Smith RHA'. The event is on '10:30am-12 noon | Tuesday, July 21st'. At the bottom, it says 'Further information and registration at tinyurl.com/VitaminCEvent'. At the very bottom of the poster are logos for Clár Éire Idirnáach Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022, a square logo, the 'hi Healthy Ireland' logo, the 'HSE' logo, and the 'Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland' logo with a harp.

Minister Martin approves funding for Galway 2020

Revised Cultural Programme to combine live and online performances and events

28 projects and over 350 artists to be supported



Catherine Martin TD, Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht, has approved a **revised cultural programme** for Galway 2020, Ireland's European Capital of Culture, ensuring that projects from the original winning bid by Galway can take place.

The delivery of the programme has had to be reimagined by the cultural partners in order to take account of changed circumstances owing to COVID-19 and public health guidance. The programme will now involve a combination of physical performance in compliance with **prevailing restrictions** and **online** delivery.

Galway 2020 and its dedicated cultural partners, like so many others in the arts and cultural sector, have been **deeply impacted by the COVID-19** crisis. The revised cultural programme has many projects online, drawing additional audiences globally, as well as nationally with the diverse and innovative projects being presented up to **March 2021**.

The programme, which involves more than **350 Irish artists** embraces a range of projects covering theatre, dance, visual art, musical composition and performance, circus and street performance, literature, poetry and film and addresses many of the varied sectors of society, including children, youth and older people, traveller community, people with intellectual and sensory disabilities and hospital patients. The Galway 2020 Schools and Small Towns Big Ideas project with a county reach also remains as part of the revised programme and 7 of the 28 projects are solely in the Irish language or fully bi-lingual.

Notable projects include the re-imagining of Gilgamesh by **Macnas**, which will move to a largely digital format, as well as the outdoor staging of the series of now one-act performances by **Druid**.

[...]

Read the full press release [here](#)



The **Farm Plastic Collection Service**- IFFPG
(Irish Farm Film Producers Group) has
resumed its farm plastic collection service to
farmers.

Full details available at: www.farmplastics.ie

The Equality Fund 2020 – 2023 open now

“The Equality Fund 2020 – 2023 has been launched to support organisations and groups that empower marginalised communities and tackle systemic inequality.

This initiative is supported by the Government of Ireland and the Peter Kinney and Lisa Sandquist Foundation. Details of the fund available [here](#).

The Equality Fund will focus on three strands:

- 1) Empowering Women
- 2) Strengthening Communities
- 3) Building Equality Together

Application deadline: Monday **14th September 2020 @5pm.**



**RETHINK
IRELAND**

Online Events

Volunteer Galway Webinar Series

Volunteer Galway's 'Fundamentals of Volunteer Management Webinar Series' continues through to the end of August and you can book your place on any of these free webinars right now.

Upcoming sessions:

- Fundamentals of volunteer screening, 21 July
- Fundamentals of virtual volunteering, 28 July
- Fundamentals of training online, 4 August
- Fundamentals of volunteering trends, 11 August



Book your place on any of these courses [here](#)

Carmichael's Online courses

Best practice using Zoom to host and run meetings – Online Course (31/07/2020)

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. Sign up [here](#)

Managing Events Online – Online Course (05/08/2020)

This webinar is for staff and volunteers who are responsible for running events and want to make the move to managing events online, whether it's a panel discussion, webinar, fundraising event or training session. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35. Sign up [here](#).



CLANN CREDO- Webinars

Community Childcare Centres; Sharing Experiences of the New Normal

Tuesday 28th July, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Susan Gallagher, Social Finance Regional Manager for Clann Credo in the South will host this session. She will introduce you to the Manager of an operating community childcare facility who will bring hands-on experience of the new normal.

Claire Neill, Manager of Niall Mór Childcare Centre in Killybegs, Co. Donegal will talk about her experiences of reopening a community childcare service. This session will give lots of opportunity for asking questions and learning from other community childcare providers.

Register here on [Eventbrite](#)



Local Sports Organisations; Adapting to the New Normal and Finding Supports

Thursday 30th July, 7 – 8pm

As local sports organisations restart their activities and adapt to the new normal, we recognise the challenges that have been presented in this ever-changing landscape.

Mary O'Connor – CEO of the Federation of Irish Sport will speak about the impact that Covid-19 has had on the Sports sector, how sports organisations are adapting and the work that is being carried out to provide supports to the sector.

Darren McMahon – Consultant with 2into3 will speak about the impact on fundraising in the Sports sector and how sports organisations can adapt their fundraising and income models successfully.

Register here on [Eventbrite](#)

Discovery Programme Seminar Series 2020

A Research Framework for Archaeology in Ireland: Discovery Programme Seminar Series 2020

THE SEMINAR SERIES IS MOVING ONLINE

The Discovery Programme is committed to working with partners and engaging with the wider archaeological sector to identify research gaps and coherent themes for future research. Developing a research framework is a key recommendation of Archaeology 2025 and to promote discussion The Discovery Programme is organising a series of seminars on different approaches to and applications of research frameworks.

These online seminars will take place Thursdays at lunchtime 1-2.30pm, via Zoom webinar. Each will begin with a presentation, followed by Q & A and discussion.

Book a place on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/38OfoZs>

Date	Speaker	Theme
10 September	Jessica Smyth, UCD School of Archaeology	The Brú na Bóinne, World Heritage Site Research Framework a decade on.
1 October	Ian Doyle, The Heritage Council	The Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research [INSTAR] Programme: Addressing research through partnerships.
8 October	Karen Dempsey School of Geography, Archaeology and Irish Studies, NUI Galway	Gendering the narrative of research frameworks.
15 October	Rónán Swan, Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Transport Infrastructure Ireland policy on archaeology: The process and relevance of a research framework.
22 October	Aidan O'Sullivan, UCD School of Archaeology	The Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP): A model for a period-based approach to a research framework?



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



CLÁR FUNDING SCHEME - MEASURE 3



We wish to draw your attention to the CLÁR 2020 funding scheme made available by the Department. A part of the scheme may be of interest to some community and voluntary groups.

CLÁR provides funding for **small scale infrastructural projects** in rural areas that have suffered significant levels of **population decline**. The supports provided through CLÁR have been tailored this year to help rural communities to **respond to the new COVID-19 environment**.

Measure 3 of the programme will be of particular interest to groups providing **meals on wheels** services, **mobility services** and **cancer care transport**.

For further details and application forms, click [here](#).

Please note that eligibility for this Measure will be based on the catchment area' being served by the vehicles.

Information on eligible catchment areas can be found [here](#).

Applications should be submitted directly to the Department: CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie by the **28th August 2020**.

Any queries should be sent to CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie.

Irish Environmental Network

- Environmental college: Updated criteria and eligibility form

The IEN we have updated the criteria for groups who wish to be included in the Environmental College of the PPN.



They have been streamlined to make it easier to know who is automatically eligible for inclusion, and to show the process which we have in place when considering groups. The IEN have also taken out some elements that were clashing with PPNs' existing criteria.

If a group is not on the list of **automatically eligible groups**, they can complete the **Community Group Eligibility Form** to be considered for inclusion in the Environmental College.

The form represents a leap forward in including groups who have an **environmental ethos at their core**, but who are not traditionally considered to be an environmental group.

If you have any groups in mind who are now in the Community or Social Inclusion colleges who may wish to be in the Environmental college, please send fill in this form and [read the criteria](#) which gives some insight into what is considered to be an environmental group. These could include Tidy Towns groups or Residents Associations.

Find the Criteria and the Eligibility Form (pdf or doc) [here](#).

For questions please contact: Catherine at catherine@ien.ie

Call for Applications: Intangible Cultural Heritage Week 2020 (part of National Heritage Week 2020)

The Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has launched an open call for applications to showcase elements of Ireland's Intangible Cultural Heritage as part of Heritage Week 2020.

They will provide bursaries to the successful applicants where costs for showcasing are involved, up to a maximum of €1000.

Closing date for applications: **12pm, 24th July.**

Further details/application forms available [here](#).



An Roinn Cultúir,
Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
Department of Culture,
Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Use your lego to showcase local heritage

The Heritage Council is calling on children, aged 4 to 12 years of age, across the country to put their imagination to good use this summer by using their **Lego bricks** to recreate their favourite example of Irish **built, natural or cultural heritage**. You must choose your category, build a model, write a short description of what your model represents and why it's important to you.

Closing date: **Sunday 30th August.**

Lego books and kits will be provided for the winners.

Find out more [here](#).



Reminder! Tuesday Trainings



Galway County
Public Participation
Network
Líonra Rannphóir
Chontae na Galúis

FREE

Galway County Public Participation Network

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	1 Sep

Sign up here: cmay@galwaycoco.ie
More info at: galwaycounty.ppn.ie

Traveller Pride 2020



**TRAVELLER PRIDE
2020**

Traveller Diversity

Celebrating our Differences
#Diversitywithin

July 13th – 24th 2020



GALWAY DRUG AND ALCOHOL FAMILY SUPPORT



The Galway Drug and Alcohol Family Support Service provides a safe and confidential space for people who are affected by a loved one's drug or alcohol use. The service is free and available at various locations in Galway to those aged over 18.

Contact: Maria Powers
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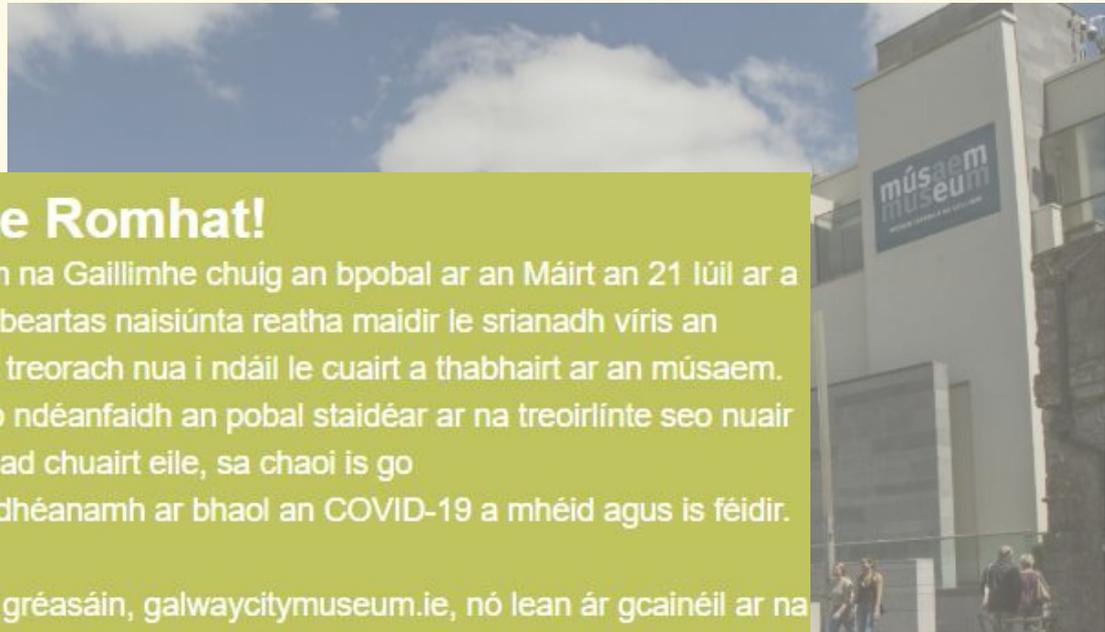


Galway Museum- Welcome Back!

Galway Museum are excited to announce their **reopening** this coming **Tuesday 21st July at 10am!** Get ready for a whole new way of visiting the museum with a variety of new never-before-seen exhibitions.

Admission remains FREE but visitors will now require a **ticket** for their visit. Tickets can be booked online by visiting www.galwaycitymuseum.ie. They will need to be presented either in printed format or on mobile phones at the main entrance to the museum. The number of visitors will be strictly controlled and those attending will have to adhere to correct social distancing and health and safety protocols so that everyone can enjoy the exhibitions in a safe and comfortable environment.

In Phase 1 of the Museum Re-Opening Plan visitors will be granted access to the GROUND FLOOR only with two brand new, never-before-seen exhibitions, MONUMENT in association with Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture and The Corrib: Myth, Legend and Folklore. Pádraic Ó Conaire has also been redecorating and is ready and waiting with the kettle on!



Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat!

Oscloídh Músaem Cathrach na Gaillimhe chuig an bpobal ar an Máirt an 21 Iúil ar a 10am. I gcomhair leis an mbeartas naisiúnta reatha maidir le srianadh víris an COVID-19, táimid ag socrú treorach nua i ndáil le cuairt a thabhairt ar an músaem. Beidh sé ríthábhachtach go ndéanfaidh an pobal staidéar ar na treoirínte seo nuair atá siad ag réiteach dá gcéad chuairt eile, sa chaoi is go mbeimid in ann bainistiú a dhéanamh ar bhaol an COVID-19 a mhéid agus is féidir.

Coinnigh súil ar an suíomh gréasáin, galwaycitymuseum.ie, nó lean ár gcainéil ar na meáin shóisialta ar mhaithe le tuilleadh nuashonruithe. Más ceist phráinneach atá ann, dean teagmháil leis an Músaem ar +353(0)91 532460 nó trí ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig museum@galwaycity.ie.

Is fada linn go gcuirfimid fáilte romhaibh arís!

Getting back on track

Galway County PPN has prepared a collection of resources to help community groups get back on track.

Resources available [here](#)



Returning to Volunteering Safely



Volunteer Ireland have put together a series of resources for both organisations and volunteers to help them during the response to COVID-19.

Ireland is gradually re-opening our economy and our society. It is vital we continue to adhere to the rules for this new way of living to continue to suppress the spread of COVID-19. The safety and well-being of volunteers and those they help is paramount. This resource contains **practical advice** that should be used as a guide to support volunteer involving organisations to put measures in place that will allow volunteering to resume safely and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Individual organisations can use it to develop their own protocols:

Download '[Returning to Volunteering Safely](#)' guide.

This resource also includes a number of templates that you can adapt for your organisation. with editable versions of these templates here.



PRESS RELEASE- Alliance for Insurance Reform

Alliance echoes call of lone horseman for 'complete reform of insurance' State action on Covid19-related business interruption claims 'invisible'

As horseman Sean Kilkenny continues his insurance protest trek from County Clare to Leinster House with his coach and horses, the Alliance for Insurance Reform has expressed intense frustration at **ongoing delays** in action on insurance.

Linda Murray, Director of the Alliance and owner of Huckleberry's Den play centre in Navan said "We completely sympathise with Sean on the loss of his livelihood and echo his call for 'complete reform of insurance in Ireland'.

"SMEs, community and voluntary groups are dealing with the results of that lack of reform every day, through unsustainable insurance costs and fear for the future of their organisation as the insurance crisis **hampers their recovery** from the pandemic."

Michael Magner, Chair of the Alliance's Covid19 Working Group and owner of Cork's Vienna Woods Hotel said "The Covid19 pandemic has thrown up multiple issues with regard to insurance and the State response on business interruption (BI) claims in particular has been **invisible**.

The Alliance wrote to the Governor of the Central Bank on the 23rd March urging him to take action that would "quickly turn a blanket ban (by insurers on covering any Covid19-related BI claims) into a sensible resolution of the problem." To date, all we have seen from the Central Bank is a number of public pronouncements, but no solid action.

[...]

Read full press release [here](#).



Public Consultation on EU Cohesion Funding for the period 2021 to 2027

The **Northern & Western Regional Assembly** along with our Colleagues in The Southern Regional Assembly, The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform & The Department of Education and Skills are coordinating a **Public Consultation exercise relating to EU Cohesion Funding for the period 2021 to 2027.**



Northern & Western
Regional Assembly

This engagement process will help identify the **priorities** for the 2021 to 2027 Partnership Agreement and Operational Programmes for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

There are two parts to the Public Consultation Process:

1) A survey to receive the views and submissions on all elements of the EU Cohesion Funds and priorities for the forthcoming Operational Programmes for ERDF and ESF+ 2021 – 2027.

2) Stakeholders have an opportunity to express their views at a consultation **workshop** scheduled for **Tuesday 28th July 2020**. This workshop will be conducted virtually. Detailed information and links to the survey and the workshop can be found on www.esif.ie

Please **get in touch** with any updates, feedback or information you would like to share:

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