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GALWAY COUNTY PPN NEWSLETTER



Welcome PPN Members to our
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Galway County PPN
Newsletter!



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PPN NEWS

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3rd December 2021

"Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world."

Galway County PPN would like to mark the day with an online webinar discussing local initiatives aiding people with disabilities across the county. If anyone would like to give a short presentation on the work done by their organisation please let us know. As always the webinar will be an opportunity for your members to share and discuss their own experiences, see poster below for info on how to join.

A great success story for a Co. Galway school

Clontuskert National School wins International Climate Award at the COP26 Conference in Glasgow.

Congratulations to Clontuskert National School who received an International Climate Award at the COP26 Conference in Glasgow recently. The Ballinasloe School is the first school in Ireland to ever win the Climate Action Project Schools of Excellence Award. Clontuskert National School have always been an active participant in the Green Flag Programme in Co. Galway. This award has brought them recognition at international level. It is a massive win in terms of global recognition for the work that the school is doing in the area of Climate Change. Clontuskert students produced a video on a campaign to ban plastic on fruit and vegetables in supermarkets. To watch Video [SEE HERE](#). To support Clontuskert [Sign petition here](#).



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT(S)



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

- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €3.5 million for outdoor activities. 22/10/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister O'Brien announces an additional €1 million extension to the Community Services Programme Support Fund 15/11/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Ministers Humphreys and O'Brien announce €9 million Fund to support community groups impacted by COVID-19 11/11/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches National Rural Network booklet of LEADER project case studies 12/11/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#)
- Minister Humphreys announces Ennis Co. Clare as winner of Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2021. 12/11/2021. Read Press Release [HERE](#).
- Minister O'Brien publishes the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022 €55.5 million in funding to help address disadvantage. 12/11/2021. Read Press Release [HERE](#).
- Minister O'Brien announces an additional €1 million extension to the Community Services Programme Support Fund. 15/11/2021. Read Press Release [HERE](#).
- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys and Minister O'Gorman welcome Ireland's first Rural Youth Assembly. 16/11/2021. Read Press Release [HERE](#).
- Our Rural Future: Ireland to host major OECD International Rural Development Conference in 2022. 17/11/2021. Read Press Release [HERE](#).



An Roinn Comhshaoil,
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide
Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications

- Minister Ryan welcomes the first carbon budgets from the climate change advisory council as a significant milestone in Ireland's efforts to tackle climate change 25/10/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#).
- Minister Ryan announces €60 million for community climate action projects across Ireland and the launch of a new National Dialogue on Climate Action from COP26 10/11/2021 Read Press Release [HERE](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Online public meeting to discuss the Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022 - 2027.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the issues affecting water quality in Galway's rivers and lakes, and what is proposed to protect and restore them. If you are concerned about the condition of your local river or lake, come along to this meeting and have your say.

When: 9th December @ 7:30pm

[REGISTER HERE](#) in advance for this meeting:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan

Tá an comhairliúchán poiblí ar Dhréacht-Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil Bhéal Átha na Sluaighe 2022 - 2028 ar oscailt anois. Cloisimis uait, cuir isteach d'aighneacht nó do bharúil ar nó roimh an 3 Nollaig 2021. Tabhair cuairt ar <https://consult.galway.ie/ga>

The public consultation on the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022 - 2028 is now open. Have your say, make your submission or observation on or before 03rd December 2021. Visit <https://consult.galway.ie/>

HAVE YOUR SAY

Connecting Ireland - Rural Mobility Integrated, accessible, and sustainable Public Transport Network for Rural Ireland

The NTA wants your views on its proposals to improve public transport in rural Ireland. For more information:- [See here](#). As Gaelige:- See here. Public Feedback/Survey on proposals- Survey/feedback:- [See Here](#). Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan said 'This connecting Ireland Plan will significantly increase both the number of routes and the frequency of existing services. Closing Date for Survey - 10 December 2021.

Consultations on the review of the Equality Acts

A public consultation process has been launched as part of a review of the Equality Acts. Submissions are invited on a range of issues including, the functioning of the Acts and their effectiveness in combating discrimination and promoting equality :Awareness of the Legislation and whether there are obstacles to taking an action under the acts. Submissions are also invited on the scope of the current definitions of the nine equality grounds. This will include consideration of the gender ground, the disability ground and whether new grounds should be added, such as the grounds of socio-economic discrimination. Consultation Closes 29 November 2021. [For more information see here](#).

FUNDING / SCHEMES

Community Activities Fund (under Community Enhancement Programme):

In line with recent announcement by the Department of Rural and Community Development of funding to be allocated through the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee), please see below some further information for your attention:

Timescale:

We expect to receive forms & guidelines over the next few weeks for discussion at the LCDC Meeting on 23rd November with a view to advertising the scheme by end November. Each LCDC has flexibility to set its own closing date. no later than 28 February 2022.

Funding Allocation:

Galway County has received a total funding allocation of €286,802 – maximum individual grant levels will be agreed by the LCDC and notified in the application form & guidelines in due course.

What is it for?

The Fund is intended to support community groups such as community center's, men's and women's sheds, parish halls, etc., particularly those in disadvantaged areas, who have been impacted by the pandemic by: Providing funding towards running costs such as utility bills, insurance, etc., Carry out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities including purchase of equipment.

Announcing the funding, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphries T.D. and Joe O'Brien T.D. stated;

“This funding is about giving a helping hand to our local groups and clubs, which have continued to serve their community during COVID-19. These grants may be small in nature, but they help thousands of community organisations, clubs, men's and women's sheds, youth center's and parish halls. This past year has once again, shown the importance of a vibrant Community & Voluntary Sector. The efforts of local community groups & volunteers throughout the pandemic has been immense and this funding will help to provide practical support to smaller community groups and facilities at a grassroots level across the country.”

Next Steps:

As this funding is targeted at ensuring the sustainability of community groups by providing funding support towards utility costs & insurance costs, please bring it to the attention of all Community Facilities in your area. Once it is advertised, we will organise a Webinar to outline the support under this Fund and the Council's own funding schemes for 2022, i.e. the Community Support Schemes for Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

FUNDING / SCHEMES

Community Monument Fund



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Started in 2020 the fund has been a huge success so far helping us to protect our monuments for the benefit of local communities and visitors. €5 million is available for 2022. Closing date: 1st March 2022. For more information [SEE HERE](#)

Community Climate Action Programme



Climate Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing (Strand 2) Programme Programme is now open to not for profit organisations, non-government organisations, universities, third level institutions, community and voluntary organisations, social enterprises and libraries.

Organisations interested in applying must complete and submit their on-line application form before the deadline of 3pm (15:00hrs) on the 14th January, 2022. One application per organisation, for full details [SEE HERE](#)

TRAINING/ COURSES



Volunteer Galway Facilitation Workshop for Non-Profits

The aim of this session is to give an overview of the skills needed to guide meetings/events through to a successful outcome.

Date and time: Tue, 30 November 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 GMT Online event. [Register here](#).

Let us Help You Fundraise For Christmas

We have started building a new page on our website where we can showcase local fundraising efforts by your organisation this Christmas, and which we will be promoting widely on social media.

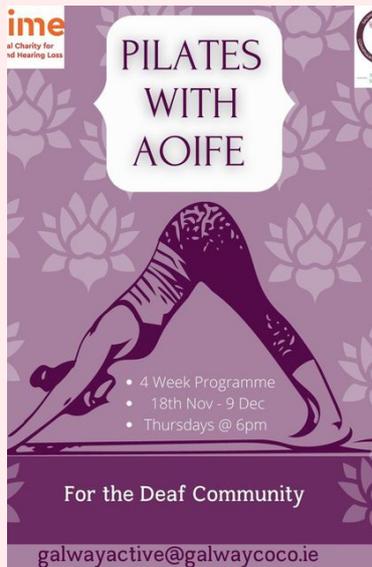
If you are fundraising between now and the end of 2021, we would like to help. Please give us some details of your fundraising activities by completing the following very short survey by December 1st [see HERE](#). Once we get this information we will review it with the aim of including it in a special section of our website and also share it as widely as possible on our social media channels.

Creating a website for your non-profit organisation

Keith Bradshaw of Urban Brand Creative will share with you the real value in creating a strong website for your nonprofit organisation.

Free Event. 1st December 2021 - 11.00am to 12.30pm. [Book your place here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pilates for the Deaf Community

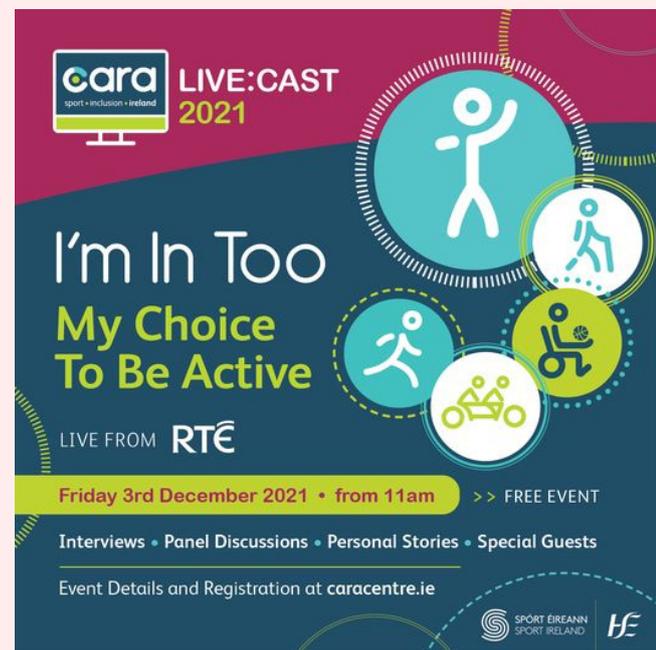
With the lovely Aoife
in association with Chime
4 Week Programme
18 Nov - 9 Dec
Thursdays @ 6pm



[Sign up HERE](#)

For more information email: galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie

Blue Teapot is a multi award winning theatre company, performing arts school and outreach project for people with intellectual disabilities. or anyone interested in finding out more about the 3 year training course. To make an appointment, please contact Ana Alvarez training@blueteapot.ie or Judith Wolf on 087 652 0146.



Home Energy Challenge

Take part in our home energy challenge Nov 29 - Dec 5. Discover how you can save money and be more energy efficient at home!! [Take our 5 Day Challenge](#) to form new energy saving habits in your home! [See HERE](#)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

GALWAY COUNTY DISABILITY FORUM

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

"FIGHTING FOR RIGHTS IN THE POST-COVID ERA"

JOIN US ON 3RD DECEMBER
2021

3PM - 4:30PM

ONLINE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM
TO ATTEND EMAIL
MMULLEN@GALWAYCOCO.IE

The webinar will consist of a series of presentations by guest speakers and a group discussion



Galway County
**Public
Participation
Network**

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí
Chontae na Gaillimhe



Lucht Míchumais na
Gaillimhe Galway
Disability Forum

Living Well

A programme for adults with long-term health conditions



Living Well is a free **online** group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition.

You will develop self-management **skills and confidence** to live well with your health conditions.

Upcoming Living Well Programmes

Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
Tuesday	October 26th	November 30th	7pm to 9.30pm
Wednesday	November 10th	December 15th	7pm to 9.30pm
Thursday	November 11th	December 16th	10.30am to 1pm

To book your place contact

Contact the Programme Administrator Liam Gildea

Phone : 087 349 0393

Email: liam.gildea@mayocil.ie

www.hse.ie/LivingWell



Your toolkit for better health

Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain and depression.



Sláintecare.



This is an SMRC Evidence Based Self Management Programme originally developed at Stanford University. This project has received funding from the Government of Ireland's Sláintecare Integration Fund 2019 under grant agreements numbers 38, 78, 185, 219, 413, 418.

SUPPORTS

Galway County Council COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

Telephone: 1800 928 894 (freephone)

091 509 390 (landline)

Email: covidsupport@galwaycoco.ie

Our helpline will be open from 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these times please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you.

Covid-19 Information



COVID-19 Vaccine Centres

Videos with information about how the vaccination centres will operate are [available here](#).

Weekly Vaccine Information

The vaccine rollout is underway and daily vaccination data is now available to all on the [COVID-19 Data Hub](#) and on the [COVID-19 Tracker App](#). The data is from 48 hours previously to allow for validation.

COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccination for 18-34 year olds

[This guidance is available here](#).

For all the latest updates see:

[Public health measures in place right now](#)

[Keep Well Campaign](#)

