

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe Public Participation Network Galway County

Welcome PPN members to our MARCH 2023 Newsletter!

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PPN News

Minister Heather Humphreys launches 2023 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition celebrating 65 years of transforming communities

23.03.2023

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The number of entries is steadily increasing and many new groups are entering the competition for the first time or returning with new enthusiasm and drive to improve their local areas. The Special Awards also continue to bring an added dimension to the competition and again this year we have an impressive array of special awards with some fantastic prizes.

The closing date for receipt of entries for this year's competition is Wednesday, 10 May 2023. Entry forms for the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition are available on the Tidy Towns website and will be emailed to all registered groups. Entry to the competition will only be accepted by email to tidytowns@drdc.gov.ie

Full details of the competition are available on the Tidy Towns website or the SuperValu website.

Annual Report 2022



Galway County PPN are delighted to share our Annual Report for 2022.

2022 was another busy year for the PPN, with lots of exciting events, funding opportunities and workshops!

The year was a difficult one for community groups across County Galway as they returned to 'normal' following the Covid-19 pandemic. The strength and resilience of communities during this time highlighted the vital role of the community and voluntary sector in community well being!

Read the report here: PPN Annual Report 2022

DRCD Calendar of Schemes 2023

The Department of Rural and Community Development have released a calendar of Funding Schemes available in 2023. View HERE

East Corrib Alliance - Newsletter 2022

The East Corrib Alliance have produced their 2022 newsletter, highlighting their work and activities throughout the year. 2022 has been a very busy year for East Corrib Alliance with many great projects undertaken and completed. To get a copy of the newsletter please contact Billy, 086 8059880 or bill.kavanagh@ecall.com

East Corrib Alliance (ECA) was established in late 2021 – early 2022 with the intention of like-minded Angling Clubs working together for three main objectives:
• Improvement in the Water Quality of our Rivers and Lough Corrib,
• Trout Stream Development and Habitat Enhancement,
• Maintenance & Conservation.

There are four clubs involved, Annaghdown, Kibbeg, Headford and Glencorrib & Cross. We operate under an agreed written Constitution and we have opened a Bank Account to channel donations and funding towards our Development Fund. All resources are ring-fenced in order to achieve our objectives.

In our first year of existence, we have worked closely with Laxrow, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), OPW and local Landowners / Farmers and details of our co-operation with these bodies are outlined in the Newsletter. We are very proud of our achievements and will continue to try to justify our existence and to work even more closely with the above bodies in the coming years.

Enjoy your read and if anybody would like to contribute / donate to our Development Fund you can contact the Secretary, Billy Kavanagh (Annaghdown), Ignatius Egan (Headford & Cross), Fursey Kenny (Kibbeg) or Frank Reilly (Glencorrib & Cross).
Secretary - 086 8059880 or billy.kavanagh@ecall.com

An Cúinne Gaelige

Logainneacha ROS MUC, Mol an Oige CLUB CÁSÇA CHONAMARA LAIR, De Céadaoin 29/03/2023 i Scoil Bhriocáin An Gort Mór ag 6:30P.M., SIÚLÓID GNÍOMHACHTOIR FAOI DHÍON AN CROMPÁN-AN CHEATHRÚ RUA AN AN GÉADÁIN 1-2 LIN AG TOSÚ 14 MÁRTA 2023 6 SEACHTAINE CÚ AN DÚ

News from the Departments

- Minister Joe O'Brien announces fresh funding call for groups that support disadvantaged. 06.03.2023. HERE
• Minister Joe O'Brien announces expansion of the Empowering Communities Programme. 07.03.2023. HERE
• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €2.3 million in Dormant Accounts Funding to support social enterprises. 24.03.2023. HERE
• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces new €13 million Fund to tackle vacancy and dereliction in Rural Ireland. 27.03.2023. HERE
• Grant of almost €1 million for Emigrants and Diaspora Centre in Carna, Co. Galway approved by Minister of State O'Donovan. 08.03.2023. HERE
• Approval for Gaeltacht Irish college host-families to accept 16 students granted by Minister of State for the Gaeltacht. 10.03.2023. HERE
• Culture Ireland continues promotion of Irish arts around the world with latest €745,000 funding. 16.03.2023. HERE
• Minister Catherine Martin publishes programme for the final year of the Decade of Centenaries. 24.03.2023. HERE.

Consultations

Galway to Athlone Cycleway

Public information events surrounding the Galway-Athlone National Cycleway Project are to be held in County Galway.

Representatives of the project team will be on hand to answer questions about the route at each event from 3pm to 8pm at the following locations:

- Oranmore Lodge Hotel - Tuesday, March 28th
Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort - Wednesday, March 29th
Portunna Town & Community Hall - Thursday, March 30th
Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe - Friday, March 31st

Further information on the Galway-Athlone National Cycleway Project is available at www.galwaytoathlonecycleway.com

Galway Rural Development LEADER consultations 2023-2027

The meetings will be for taking the views of the people of East Galway on the priorities for the new LEADER Programme and to give some feedback on the current Programme.

Tuesday 28th March - Gort - Lady Gregory Hotel
Wednesday 29th March - Tuam - Ard Ri House
All meetings starting at 7.30pm

Gort Town Centre First Masterplan & Public Realm Regeneration Scheme

The Governments new Town Centre First policy aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the business, service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community; while the public realm in its simplest terms refers to the space between buildings and includes roads, streets, lanes, parks, squares and footpaths. Both projects acting in unison with one another present a unique opportunity to create a community-led vision for the future development of Gort's historic town centre.

Make a submission HERE

Draft Tuam Local Area Plan 2023-2029

View the draft plan / make a submission HERE.

A Public Webinar event will take place on:

Thursday 9th March 2023 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Webinar Registration Details can be found through the link below.

https://us602web.zoom.us/join/register?WV_VCG67AViSv9m6aC3DIEQ

Funding

The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2023

The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund is a €3 million, 3-year Fund created by Redink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

You can apply to the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund via the online portal from Monday, 20th February 2023 until Friday, 31st March 2023 at 1pm.

If you would like to access an Easy Read version of these Fund Guidelines, please click HERE.

Creativity in Older Age Scheme 2023

The Creative Ireland Programme developed and implemented the Creativity in Older Age scheme in 2020 to support specific creative initiatives to support positive ageing and wellbeing programmes for older people, taking account of public health guidance in the community and for healthcare facilities. This initiative has run yearly since its inception and has been renewed for 2023 as social isolation continues to affect older citizens particularly in rural areas and this scheme seeks to address this issue by bringing creative engagement to citizens rather than them having seek it out.

Closing date: 05.04.2023. More information HERE.

Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity Initiative FUNDING CALL

The Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity initiative is a call to relevant groups and organisations to deliver an innovative project in 2023 focused on enhancing Traveller wellbeing through the medium of creativity. Grant funding between €30,000- €50,000 per project will be provided in 2023 under this initiative up to a total of €200,000 including a new Shared Island grant for one project of up to €50,000.

Closing date for applications - 31.03.2023.

Full details available HERE.

Training

gretb Ionad Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna Further Education and Training Centre

Lá Oscailte Ag smaoineamh ar fhilleadh ar an oideachas? Réidh le ghairm fostaíochta? Am chun do ghairm bheatha a athrú?

Déardaoin 20th Aibreán 9:30-2:30

Notice Board / Events

BALLINASLOE TRAVELLER WOMENS GROUP INVITE YOU TO A FUNDRAISER COFFEE MORNING & BAKE SALE IN AID OF PIETA HOUSE

ON MARCH 28TH 2023 COFFEE MORNING

Age Action Getting Started Getting Started learners needed

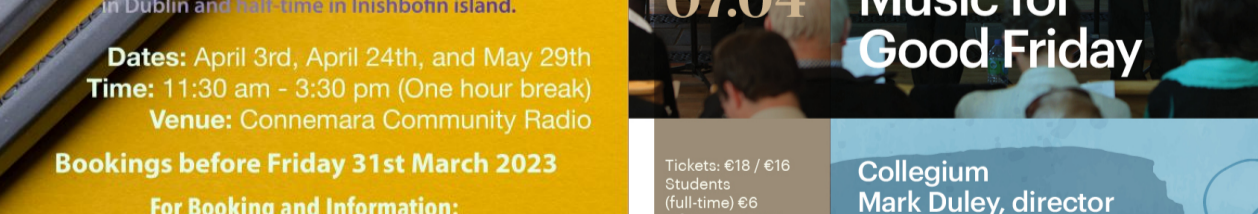
ALL IRELAND CONFINED DRAMA FINALS

Write Now! Creative Writing with Victoria Lobo

MUSIC FOR GALWAY INTERNATIONAL CONCERT

gretb NORTH GALWAY ADULT EDUCATION

Music for Good Friday



An griopa Postmea Chonamara ag Paráid Lá Phoiblí Pádraig na Spéise

Can We Help?

Age Action's Care and Repair does small DIY jobs, free of charge, for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence.

Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out jobs in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. If someone is coming out of hospital, no matter where they live, we would support them to make sure their home is safe.

Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready for their return.

If you require work done in your home to make it safer after a stay in hospital we can help.

If you are a professional working with older people who would benefit from this service you can download a referral form from www.ageaction.ie

For all other queries about Care and Repair please contact us using these numbers:

Age Action national line: 0818 911 109
Age Action in Dublin: 01 4756789
Age Action in Cork: 021 2067399
Age Action in Galway: 091 527831
Email: careandrepair@ageaction.ie

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