



PPN WEEKLY DIGEST

Thursday 18/07/2024

Dear members of Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN)

Please see information below which may be of interest to you;

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PPN NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

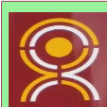
!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Oughterard Public Information Event - Thursday 25th July 2024, 6pm to 8pm

Oughterard Community Centre, Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Galway County PPN Staff will be there, Come Say Hi !

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OUGHTERARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

VACANCIES

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Volunteer Chairperson, new Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP)

Closing Date: Thursday 25th July 2024

Galway County Council invites *Expressions of Interest* for consideration to the appointment as **Volunteer Chairperson of a new Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP)** which will be established in each Local Authority area in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024.

Please note this structure is replacing the former Joint Policing Committee (JPC), which had PPN Representatives on it.

Closing Date: Thursday 25th July 2024

More info can be found [HERE](#).



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Government of Ireland

We're supporting
local communities

WE ARE SEEKING
Volunteer
Chairpersons for
Local Community
Safety Partnerships

The poster features the Government of Ireland logo and three photographs: a group of people in a meeting, a woman with a tablet, and two people in a field.



Riálas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Táimid ag tacú
le pobail áitiúla

TÁIMID AG LORG
Cathaoirligh
Dheonacha do
Chomhpháirtíochtaí
um Shábháilteacht
Pobail Áitiúil

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PPN Community Representatives

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Deadline for Nominations: Wednesday 31st July 2024

CLAREGALWAY PER CENT FOR ART: One PPN Rep. Vacancy

Read more [HERE](#).

PPN Communities Representatives Vacancy

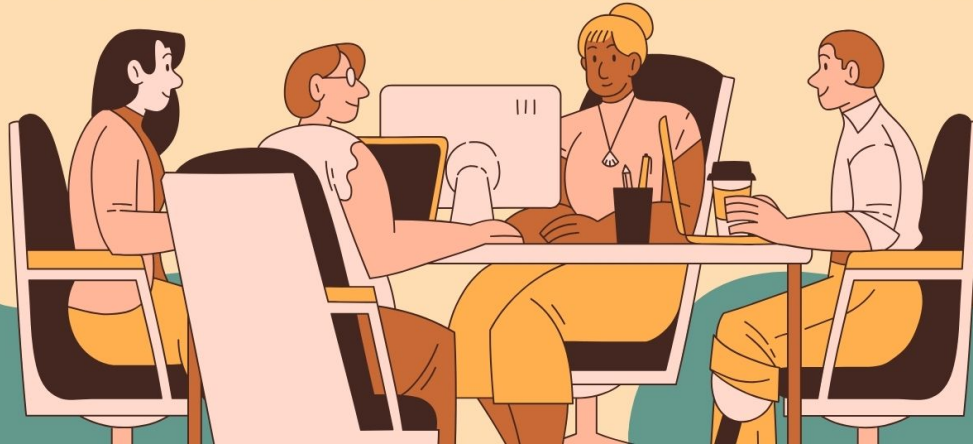
CLAREGALWAY PER CENT FOR ART

We wish to invite nominations for a Community representative from a PPN member group in the Claregalway area to sit on a Local Public Art Working Group for the Claregalway Scheme led by Galway County Council Arts Office.

Per Cent For Art Commission-OPW Flood Relief Schemes (Corrib/Clare Flood Relief) in conjunction with Galway County Council has awarded Claregalway Per Cent Art funding. A public Art group is being formed for this project and we are looking for one representative from the Claregalway area. We would be delighted if you include why you are interested in public art.

For further information please see our PPN website: <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/news/latest-news/>
Or email administrator@galwaycountypnn.ie.

Nomination forms and further information have been emailed to all Galway County PPN Member Groups in the relevant locations.



GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS: Two PPN Rep. Vacancies

Read more [HERE](#).

PPN Communities Representatives Vacancy

TWO BOARD MEMBERS: GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GRD)

We wish to invite nominations for **two representatives from different PPN member groups** in the **East County Galway area** (All areas except Connemara Municipal District) to **sit on the board for Galway Rural Development (GRD)**.

Galway Rural Development deliver a range of EU and national programmes including the LEADER Programme, SICAP (Social and Community Activation Programme), the RSS and TÚS schemes, WorkAbility, and Parent Child Plus.

GRD also acts as a sponsor of a CE scheme, have integration roles in partnership with the HSE, manage Empowering Communities in Ballinasloe, Rural Regeneration Development Fund projects, environmental initiatives, and have a range of stand-alone projects.

We welcome nominees for two Board roles, from the PPN for the invaluable perspective and genuine contribution you have always made to our organisation.

The following are some of the specifics of the roles:

- Directors make a valuable input into the operations and governance to the local development operations in the county.
- Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the Teagasc Campus - except August. Meetings are 1-2 hours in duration. Zoom available.
- Expenses: GRD can cover travel expenses if they are within a reasonable distance from the campus.

Please note that our board works tirelessly toward gender and wider equality.

GRD looks forward to receiving your nomination and working with your representatives, subject to board approval.

For further information please see the PPN website: <https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/news/latest-news/>

Or email administrator@galwaycountypnn.ie.

Nomination forms and further information have been emailed to all Galway County PPN Member Groups in the relevant locations.



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

July Plenary Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, **on Monday 22nd July 2024.**

CONSULTATIONS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Accessibility at Water Sports Facilities and Mountain Biking Trailhead Centres.

Survey deadline is at midnight on Wednesday 31st July 2024.



OHAC
O'Herlihy Access Consultancy

Fáilte Ireland

Survey Invite:
**Accessibility at Water Sports
Facilities and Mountain Biking
Trailhead Centres.**

Survey deadline is 12 midnight (GMT) 31st of July 2024.

QR Code to the Standard Survey

QR Code to the Easy-Read Survey

Fáilte Ireland is committed to ensuring their tourist destinations, products and services are accessible to all people, regardless of age, size, ability, or disability.

O'Herlihy Access Consultancy (OHAC), in partnership with **Fáilte Ireland**, have been engaged to facilitate a consultation process to understand the **experiences, challenges, and needs of people with disabilities and older people**. As part of this consultation, OHAC will be conducting a national survey in addition to the facilitation of **online and in person consultation sessions**.

Survey deadline is at midnight on Wednesday 31st July 2024.

Survey Links

[You can access the Survey here.](#)

[You can access the Easy-to-Read Survey here.](#)

More info can be found [HERE](#)

If you have any further queries, please contact O'Herlihy Access Consultancy at tessa@accessconsultancy.ie.

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Peatlands Climate Action Scheme - Attymon Co. Galway

Submissions before Thursday 1st August 2024.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications approved grant funding of €108 million in 2020 for the scheme 'Peatlands Climate Action Scheme (PCAS)'. Under this scheme, enhanced rehabilitation has commenced on fifty-six bogs since 2021 and it is proposed that rehabilitation will commence on an additional thirteen bogs in 2024. A rehabilitation plan must be prepared and part of the process includes consultation with stakeholders and affected parties.

To facilitate this consultation process, a Draft Rehabilitation Plan and associated Map Book for Attymon Bog is now available on the Peatlands Climate Action Scheme website at the following location: <https://www.bnmpcas.ie/2024-bogs/>

Bord na Mona invite you to make a submission or to comment on the Attymon Bog Draft Rehabilitation Plan. Please make any such submissions to the email address (pcasinfo@bnm.ie <<mailto:pcasinfo@bnm.ie>>) before **1st August 2024**.

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Notice of Public Consultation on Draft Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2028

Deadline is 4pm on Friday 30th August 2024.

County Galway Draft Noise Action Plan 2024 -2028 is now available to download on the Galway County Council consultation portal <https://consult.galway.ie/>

Submissions in relation to the Draft Plan may be made by any of the following options:

Electronically through Galway County Council's Consultation Portal at the following address:

<https://consult.galway.ie/> and select the Draft Galway Noise Action Plan 2024-2028.

Via email to: noiseactionplan@galwaycoco.ie

In writing marked "Submission - Draft Noise Action Plan 2024-2028" to Roads Section, Galway County Council Offices, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway.

The closing date for receipt of submissions on the draft plan is **4pm on Friday 30th August 2024.**

More Public Consultations by Galway County Council [HERE.](#)

FUNDING

VISION SPORTS IRELAND ASSOCIATE CLUB FUNDING



Our Associate Club Programme is designed to support clubs and organisations that promote and facilitate sports for individuals with vision impairments.

More info can be found [HERE.](#)

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING



CIRCUS PROJECT AWARD



The purpose of the award is to support high-quality, stand-alone initiatives that specifically deliver a presentation to, or an engagement with, an audience or public.

More info can be found [HERE.](#)

TRADITIONAL ART PROJECT AWARD



The purpose of this award is to support stand-alone projects which enrich the traditional arts landscape by facilitating artists in bringing creative, ambitious and high-quality projects to audiences. More info can be found [HERE](#).

Deadline for both applications: Thursday 25th July 2024 at 17:30

Note applications will only be accepted through the Arts Council's [Online Services site](#). If you have not used Online Services before you must register for a login to be able to apply for funding.

IRELAND AGAINST RACISM FUND 2024

Deadline for application: Wednesday 7th of August 2024 at 12.00

The Ireland Against Racism funding call is an important element in supporting the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism.

All applications must be submitted electronically. More info can be found [HERE](#).

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION PROCESS

Deadline for application: Monday 12th August 2024.

As part of St Stephen's Green Trust's (SSGT) strategic goal to contribute to a more humane asylum system in Ireland and its decade-long commitment to supporting people in the international protection (IP) system, the Trust is making funding available in 2024 for organisations with a track-record of advocacy work in relation to migrant issues.

Detailed criteria including links to the online application forms can be found [HERE](#).

More info about funding from St Stephen's Green Trust (SSGT) can be found [HERE](#).

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

COMMUNITY CENTRE INVESTMENT FUND (CCIF) 2024

Deadline for application: Thursday 29th of August 2024.

Designed to support the development and refurbishment of community centres across Ireland.

Supporting essential maintenance, retrofitting, and other necessary improvements, with grants of between **€10,000 - €100,000** towards capital costs to develop and enhance their existing community facilities.

Eligibility and Funding Scope

Existing community centres can apply for funding to cover a range of projects, including compliance with fire safety and building regulations, energy efficiency upgrades, and essential maintenance works.

Application Process

The application process involves two stages: initial registration and formal application submission. Application window opens on 29th of July 2024, with **applications due by 29th of August 2024**. Applicants can register online [HERE](#) ahead of the application open date of the 29th of July.

Support for Applicants

The Department is hosting online information sessions to assist applicants. The first session is scheduled for 25th of June 2024. Additionally, tutorials and support resources are available to guide applicants through the registration and application process.

For more detailed guidelines please see official press release [HERE](#)

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

New Solutions Funding to Support Social Innovation



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

Deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Friday, 30th August 2024

Minister Joe O'Brien recently announced the ESF+ **New Solutions Funding** to support social innovation across the country. The overall objective of New Solutions is to enhance the social innovation ecosystem in Ireland and is co-funded through the European Social Fund+ 2021-2027 (ESF+), a European initiative aimed at reducing the risk of poverty and social exclusion, with an emphasis on disadvantaged groups.

For further details please see the official Press Release: [gov - Minister Joe O'Brien announces ESF+ 'New Solutions' funding to support Social Innovation across the country](https://www.gov.ie/en/press-releases/2024/08/minister-joe-obrien-announces-esf-new-solutions-funding-to-support-social-innovation-across-the-country/) (www.gov.ie)

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Funding for European Projects for Adult Education & Community Development



The next deadline for funding applications through Erasmus+ is coming up on Tuesday 1st October 2024.

The Adult Education team at Léargas is here to support any organisation that is new to European projects. Our Adult Education funding supports non-formal and informal learning for adults, which covers lots of social inclusion and community development work happening in your communities.

This funding can support:

Training and job shadowing opportunities for staff and volunteers in European countries

International learning experiences for participants in adult learning and community programmes

Collaboration between organisations in European countries for exchange of practice and shared resource development.

Contact Jemma on jlee@leargas.ie to discuss your work and see what might be possible. Or visit www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/ to find out about all the support events happening in the lead-in to the deadline.

TRAINING

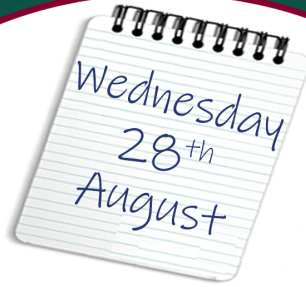
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GRETB Open Day - Wednesday 28th August 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Open Day

Further Education and Training Centre
Tuam Road
Galway H91 Y8C2



SAVE THE DATE! **Open Day on Wednesday August 28th.**

Drop in to find out what Further Education can do for you.

Galway and Roscommon Further Education and Training (GRETb).

GRETb has training centres across Galway County - The Open Day is in the City location -

Ask about courses on in the County!

GRETb FET Centre, Tuam Road, Galway City, Galway, Ireland

Courses starting in September. Apply now online at www.fetchcourses.ie

SPREADSHEET EXCEL LEVEL 3 - 425886



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Aontas Eorpach
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FURTHER EDUCATION &
TRAINING COURSE HUB

Start Date 04/09/2024 Duration 42 Weeks

Tuam Adult Learning Centre.

Dunmore Further Education & Training Centre, Tuam Road - Dunmore H54Y827

This course is available free for those who are working but want to improve their computer skills and become more confident with using word processing and spreadsheets software such as excel etc.

Reference: 425886

More info can be found [HERE](#) Contact: Geraldine Tuttle geraldine.tuttle@gretb.ie

PPN Training & Resources Available on Department Website

The Department of Rural and Community Development (responsible for the PPN) provides training resources for PPNs.

Check out slides on Strategic Planning [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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National Play Day - Sunday 21st July 2024

12-2pm at the
Fairgreen,
Loughrea
(beside
playground)



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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

PLAY DAY LOUGHREA

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024

FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, EQUALITY,
DISABILITY, INTEGRATION
AND YOUTH

FUN AND GAMES GALORE!

DRUMADORE &

FACE PAINTING,

ACTIVITIES, OBSTACLE

COURSE,

SENSORY AREAS

for ages 4-17yrs*

*Children must be supervised by
a parent/guardian at all times



Looking for something to do with the kids next **Sunday 21st July**? Why not pop down to the Fairgreen in Loughrea between **12 and 2pm**! We have a fantastic range of activities, including drumming, face-painting, obstacle course, parachute, sensory area, stilt walkers and boxercise.

Note there will be water available at this event but we ask attendees to bring your own bottle.

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Ecological Sensitivity Analysis Webinar - Wednesday 24th July at 2.30pm

The MPA Advisory Group would now like to invite you to a webinar on the Ecological Sensitivity Analysis of the Celtic Sea, which will be hosted online from **2.30pm-4.00pm on Wednesday 24th July 2024**.

This online event will provide all stakeholders and participants with an overview of the study, its outcomes and its key findings. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the main presentation. Please note that the webinar will be recorded and made available online after the event.

In order to receive a direct web link to this online event, please register yourself for the webinar by sending a short email to: marine.env@housing.gov.ie , stating REGISTER in the Subject line and providing your name and your organisation/affiliation.

Your registration for the webinar will then be acknowledged and an access link emailed to you 1-2 days before the event.

With thanks again for your interest and your participation.

Best regards,

Secretariat to the MPA Advisory Group

Hedgehogs in the Garden - Galway 2024



We are looking for people in County Galway to take part in a survey of hedgehogs in gardens and parks this summer. Please fill in the survey questionnaires below and tell us about your garden and whether you have hedgehogs visiting or not. [The surveys will take place in July and August.](#)

More info [HERE](#).

[Irish Hedgehog Survey](#)

Roundstone's Hidden Heritage 1824 - 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024 | 09:30am – 2:00pm - Roundstone Community Centre, Roundstone, Conemara H91 C99W

Conference

FREE ENTRY

Roundstone's Hidden Heritage, 1824~2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024 | 09:30am – 2:00pm
Roundstone Community Centre, Roundstone,
Conemara H91 C99W



Roundstone, Co. Galway is thrilled to announce the upcoming conference titled Roundstone's Hidden Heritage, 1824-2024.

FREE EVENT & FREE BUSES!!!

Spaces are limited and early registration is recommended.

To book a place at this conference please book on the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/roundstones-hidden-heritage-1824-2024-tickets-948108627427?aff=oddtcreator>

or contact Ita Gordon @ igordon@galwaycoco.ie

Free Bus (limited places booking is essential)

7.15am Athenry – Leaving from carpark beside Kenny Park, GAA Grounds, Athenry
7.40am Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway
8.00am Moycullen – Carpark beside the Forge Pub
8.20am Oughterard – outside Oughterard Courthouse
8.35pm Maam Cross

Bus will leave Roundstone at 2.30pm

National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024



National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th - 25th
August 2024



Register Your Event

Heritage week is fast approaching us and is a great opportunity to showcase local heritage in Co. Galway. The Heritage Week Portal is now open, so please register your event as early as possible at: - <https://www.heritageweek.ie>

More PPN Information & Resources Below

- PPN Monthly Newsletter and Weekly Digests [HERE](#)
- See events, or add your own event, on our [EVENTS CALENDER](#)
- Funding opportunities on our Newsletters/Weekly Digest or [WEBSITE](#)
- National PPN news and resources [HERE](#)
- Galway County PPN Members Directory [HERE](#)



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Weekly Digest News Submissions to ppn@galwaycoco.ie by Wednesday's 3pm

Le dea-ghuí (with kindest regards)

Duana & Silvana

Galway County PPN Team

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Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail (**PPN**) Chontae na Gaillimhe

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