



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Public Participation Network Galway County

# PPN WEEKLY DIGEST

Thursday 08/08/2024

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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

**!!!!VOTE NOW FOR PPN REPRESENTATIVES!!!!**

Nominations have been submitted and they are now closed (vote now open) for the roles of:

**One** position for PPN Rep. **CLAREGALWAY PER CENT FOR ART:**

votes only from PPN groups in and around Claregalway area.

**Two** positions for PPN Rep. **GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

votes only from PPN groups from East Galway for the following Municipal Districts: Loughrea, Athenry–Oranmore, Tuam, Ballinasloe.

Voting only allowed from registered PPN organisations within the relevant location.

One vote per organisation.

**ELECTION INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO PPN MEMBERS TOMORROW.**

**DEADLINE FOR VOTES IS MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2024**

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**!!!!SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**19th November 2024** Evening Time, West County Galway (more info to follow)



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Public Participation Network Galway County

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 19th November 2024



Evening Time - West County Galway  
GALWAY COUNTY PPN  
WINTER PLENARY  
EVENT (IN PERSON)

All PPN Member Groups Are Invited

### Get Information On:

Funding & Financing Opportunities

Guest Speakers

Information Tables

PPN Updates

Community, Environmental & Social Inclusion Pillars  
PPN Secretariat, Reps & Staff  
Members Votes, Approvals & Survey

Contact: (acting) PPN Resource Worker:

Duana Tuite: 087 233 0720 / 091 378 817

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!!!!All PPN Members Groups are invited!!!!

## GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

### Her Outdoors

From Monday 12th to Sunday 18th August 2024



*Details coming next week*

*14 + HER Outdoors events*

*happening across*

*Galway City & County!*



**AUGUST 12TH - 18TH**

**HER Outdoors** is BACK from 12-18th August 2024 and Galway Sports Partnership have an exciting lineup of events happening across Galway City and County.

HER Outdoors Week looks to celebrate all the outdoors has to offer. Galway Sports Partnership is encouraging the women and girls of Ireland to [#EmbraceYourSpace](#) and [#FindYourOutdoors!](#)

Activities include swimming, water sports, Yoga, Cycling, Orienteering, Trek & Dip and much more around Galway County

Keep your eyes peeled to our [Facebook](#) feed next week to find out more... or check our [Website](#)

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

## National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024



### ARE YOU RUNNING AN 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>**

### ATTENDING EVENTS?

Each year Heritage Week kicks off on the third weekend of August and runs until the end of the following weekend. Many national and hundreds of local community organisations participate by organising events throughout the country. Many of the events that take place during the week are free and the programme highlights the abundance of great work that is carried out in all communities in Ireland to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage.

To find out all about the events taking place around County Galway, log on to [Home | National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024](#)

## HERITAGE WEEK Blue Flag Seashore event 2024

### Discover the Beaches of Co. Galway

**Monday 19th August 2024 11am - 1pm**

# Discover Co. Galway's Blue Flag Beaches

An Trá Mhór, Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe.



Monday  
19th August 2024  
11am - 1pm

Seashore BioBlitz  
Scavenger Hunt  
Beach Clean

Free Event - Booking Essential  
<https://tinyurl.com/mryf7f4j>



National Heritage Week 2023



### FREE EVENT! Booking essential

Get ready to explore the beauty of an Trá Mhór! We've got a bioblitz, scavenger hunt, and beach clean-up planned. This bilingual, family-friendly event is a great way to connect with nature and learn about our local ecosystem. Register [HERE](#).

[More News by Galway County Council HERE](#)

## CONSULTATIONS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

**Galway County Council**  
**Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 - 2029**



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**Submission deadline: Friday 23rd August 2024 at 4pm**



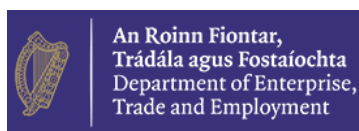
The role of the SPC'S, as committees of the Council, is to consider and advise the Corporate Policy Group and the full Council on matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring, and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Council, and which are linked to the Corporate Plan. SPCs bring together both elected members and people actively working with social, community/voluntary, economic, and environmental bodies to assist in the work of the committees.

The draft scheme specifies assignment of sector(s) to each SPC and the number of representatives from each sector for each SPC. Submissions marked **Draft Strategic Policy Scheme 2024-2029** and/or observations from interested parties in relation to the scheme should be submitted to the undersigned not later than 4.00pm on Friday, **23rd August 2024**.

[Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024](#)

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## European Commission targeted consultation on procedure for access to justice in environmental matters in relation to State aid decisions



**Deadline for submissions Friday 6 September 2024**

The European Commission has launched a targeted consultation to seek feedback from the business community and public authorities on a proposed new procedure aimed to give public access to judicial procedures to challenge specific decisions on State aid measures that allegedly contravene EU environmental law.

More info [HERE](#).

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

The targeted consultation page can be found here: [European Commission targeted consultation..](#)

The deadline for replies to the European Commission is **Friday, 6 September 2024**.

More info [HERE](#)

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

**<https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse>**

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## FUNDING

### Funding For European Projects For Adult Education and Community Development



**Adult Education Erasmus+ Info Session (Online): Thursday 22nd August 2024 Register [HERE](#).**

**Deadline for funding applications through Erasmus+: 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](mailto:jlee@leargas.ie) Or visit [www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/](http://www.leargas.ie/training-and-events/)

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An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

## Cultural Capital Scheme

**There is no closing date - This scheme will remain open until the fund is exhausted.**

This funding is made available under the National Development Plan, Project Ireland 2040. Investing in our Culture, Language & Heritage 2018 -2027 sets out the Government's objectives for capital investment in Ireland's culture, language and heritage.

Applications are now invited for funding under this Stream.

**There is no closing date - This scheme will remain open until the fund is exhausted.**

Applications must be emailed to [artscapitalunit@tcagsm.gov.ie](mailto:artscapitalunit@tcagsm.gov.ie) (putting **Stream E** in the subject line). More Info [HERE](#).

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## Artist Workspaces Capital Scheme

**There is no closing date - This scheme will remain open until the fund is exhausted.**

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media is now inviting applications from Local Authorities under a new pilot scheme with an allocated fund of €6m to increase the provision of artists' workspaces across Ireland.

Your completed application form should be emailed to [artscapitalunit@tcagsm.gov.ie](mailto:artscapitalunit@tcagsm.gov.ie) with “**Artist Workspaces Scheme**” inserted in the email subject line. More info [HERE](#).

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## Grant For Burial Ground Maintenance Works 2024



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**Deadline for application: Friday 16th August 2024.**

The Council encourages local communities to undertake the maintenance of their Burial Grounds and financial assistance is available for the work involved.

Application Forms and Conditions for the above Grant are available on our website at [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie), or may be obtained from the Environment Section, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway - Tel. (091) 509510.

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is Friday, 16th August, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

More info [HERE](#).

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## Local Creative Youth Grant

**Submissions by the end of December 2024**



Galway and Roscommon Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP), administered by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETb) has grant funding available in 2024 under a Creative Youth Grant Scheme. The scheme supports the development of child and youth creativity in Galway and Roscommon. Maximum Grant Available €3000. Grants awarded must be fully spent in by December 2024

Applications should only be submitted for the funding of projects which can be fully completed, vouched for and accounted for by end of **December 2024**.

More info [HERE](#).

## MORE FUNDING INFORMATION

More Funding by Galway County Council [HERE](#)

<https://galwaycoco.submit.com/>

A List of different funding opportunities is on the PPN website [HERE](#)

## TRAINING

### Community Energy Development (Certificate, L6, 20 ECTS)



TUS are currently rolling out another Community Energy Development (Certificate, L6, 20 ECTS) - **Starting in September, this certificate is now 80% funded.**

This programme is aimed at people from (urban/rural) communities interested in the development of sustainable energy projects and those who are involved in supporting communities to develop sustainable energy projects.

The aim of the programme is to develop the knowledge and skills of learners to be able to identify and develop appropriate sustainable energy investment opportunities in their communities, by developing their knowledge of sustainable energy technologies/solutions, relevant funding opportunities and project development techniques.

Status: **APPLY NOW** Campus: **Blended** Weeks: **24**

More info - <https://tus.ie/courses/certificate-community-energy-development/>

### Local Climate Action Course

in partnership with Galway County Climate Action Unit & GRETb

Starting Wednesday 18th September 2024



## Local Climate Action Course What you and your community group can do?

Six Week Course:  
Biodiversity, Energy, Food &  
Waste, Recycling and Transport  
Starting Wednesday 18th Sept  
GRETB Centre, Oughterard

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
[community@gretb.ie](mailto:community@gretb.ie)  
091 706 294



Kialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland



**gretb**  
Galway Regional Training Board



Comhairle Chontae na Gallainne  
Galway County Council

For more info contact **Email:** [community@gretb.ie](mailto:community@gretb.ie) **Ph.:** 091 706 294

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## Galway Sports Partnership's Online Safeguarding (child protection)

**LEVEL 1:** online child protection in sport, basic awareness course (3 hours).

Suitable for everyone involved in children's sport.

**LEVEL 2:** online course for Club Children's Officers. (3 hours).

Participants must have completed Safeguarding 1 before attending.

**LEVEL 3:** online course for Designated Liaison Person's .

Participants must have completed Safeguarding 1 before attending.

**Different dates available. Cost is €20.00 per workshop.**

More info [HERE](#).

## PPN TRAINING & RESOURCES

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

Galway County PPN resources on our Website [HERE](#).

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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## Poetry on the Bog

**Saturday August 10th 2024, starting at 10am**



# CREATIVE CARROWNAGAPPUL

Galway's Living Bog &  
Mountbellew Underground Writers Group

**INVITE YOU**  
to a day of

## POETRY ON THE BOG

Come along to this special day including a  
walking tour of the bog,  
poetry readings & a poetry writing session  
hosted by some of our well known local  
writers and poets from  
Mountbellew Underground Writers Group  
on Saturday August 10th @ 10am

To book & more info:  
Email: [gtcomountbellew@gmail.com](mailto:gtcomountbellew@gmail.com)  
Call: 090 96 79765

Whether a lover of the bog, of poetry, a listener or just  
curious, you are all welcome to enjoy this Bog Poetry  
adventure.

**GET YOUR WORDS AND WELLIES READY!**



Creative  
Communities



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme



## Song Writing For Teens Workshop

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th of August 2024

CONNECTING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

**SONGWRITING  
FOR TEENS (AGES 14-17)  
WORKSHOP**

with Lorraine Donnellan

*eight spaces available  
so book now*

MON 12TH OF AUGUST TO FRIDAY 16TH OF AUGUST | 5PM TO 7PM PASTORAL CENTRE MOUNTBELLEW

THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
EMAIL;  
[CLAIRELONG0790@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CLAIRELONG0790@GMAIL.COM)**

supported by;

To register your child email: [clairelong0790@gmail.com](mailto:clairelong0790@gmail.com)

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Hedgehogs in the Garden - Co. Galway 2024

# Hedgehogs in the Garden

Do you know if there are hedgehogs in your garden?

Do you want to find out?



The Irish Hedgehog Survey is looking for residents in County Galway to fill out a short online survey to tell us about your garden and whether you have seen any hedgehogs or not. Please follow this link or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire – it will only take five minutes!

[www.irishhedgehogsurvey.com/garden-hedgehogs](http://www.irishhedgehogsurvey.com/garden-hedgehogs)

We would also like to visit some gardens in this area and survey for hedgehogs this summer. If you are interested, please get in touch:

[irishhedgehogsurvey@gmail.com](mailto:irishhedgehogsurvey@gmail.com) [@IrishHedgehogSurvey](https://www.facebook.com/IrishHedgehogSurvey) [@Irish\\_hedgehog\\_survey](https://www.instagram.com/Irish_hedgehog_survey)

This survey is being carried out by researchers at the School of Natural Science, University of Galway supported by: National Parks and Wildlife, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



National  
Biodiversity  
Data Centre



An tSeirbhís Páircanna Náisiúnta  
agus Fiadhúlra  
National Parks and Wildlife Service

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 2024.](#)

More info [HERE](#).

[Irish Hedgehog Survey](#)

## 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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Website: [www.galwaycountypn.ie](http://www.galwaycountypn.ie)

**Weekly Digest News Submissions to [ppn@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:ppn@galwaycoco.ie) by Wednesday's 3pm**

*Le dea-ghuí (with kindest regards)*

*Duana & Silvana*

### **Galway County PPN Team**

Public Participation Network (PPN) Galway County  
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