



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

PPN WEEKLY DIGEST

Thursday 22/08/2024

Dear members of Galway County Public Participation Network (PPN),

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

Contents - **PPN News** - **Consultations** - **Funding** - **Training** - **Community Activities**

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

PPN NEWS

!!!!DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!!

PPN MEMBERS: **DON'T WASTE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

Vote for your PPN representatives on:
GRD Board & Claregalway Per Cent for Art Panel.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 28TH AUGUST 2024



DETAILS & VOTING LINK HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO PPN MEMBERS

SAVE THE DATE - PPN Plenary (Meeting of Members)

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

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



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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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Barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPN)

We at S3 Solutions are an independent consultancy company who have been commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to carry out a piece of research to explore any barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPN).

We are keen to explore the demographic characteristics of groups and individuals involved in all 31 PPNs in Ireland and in doing so, investigate the diversity of participation. Where appropriate, we want to explore the barriers and challenges for diverse groups in actively participating in PPNs.

We will primarily use consultation to carry out the research. However, we are also conducting an initial exploratory survey, which you can access at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPNQuestionnaire>

Information gathered via this survey is for the purpose of informing DRCD and will not be used for any other purpose. The survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete, but it's ok if it takes longer. The final report will be shared with stakeholders.

Ombudsman Monthly Complaints Clinic in Galway

The Ombudsman can investigate complaints from people who are not happy with how they have been treated by certain public service providers.

<https://www.ombudsman.ie/publications/information-leaflets/what-the-ombudsman-does/>

You can make complaint to the Ombudsman:

Online: Visit www.ombudsman.ie and click on 'Make A Complaint'

In writing: Ombudsman, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.

Ombudsman staff will be also taking complaints in person at Galway 'Complaints Clinic':

Galway Citizens Information Centre.

Augustine House, St. Augustine Street, Galway, H91 Y7XH. Phone: 0818 07 7600.

From: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Fourth Tuesday of every month (July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26).

You must have tried to resolve your complaint with the body before contacting us.

Please bring any information with you to support your complaint such as letters, forms, or reference numbers.

The Ombudsman **cannot** take complaints about consumer matters, financial products, private pensions or An Garda Síochána.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

National Heritage Week 17th – 25th August 2024



National
Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th - 25th
August 2024



Connections,
Routes and
Networks

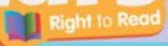
Each year Local community organisations participate by organising events, many of which are **free!** The programme highlights the abundance of great work that is carried out in all communities in Ireland to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage.

To find out all about the events taking place around County Galway, log on to <https://www.heritageweek.ie/>

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Galway Public Libraries - 19th - 25th August 2024

Summer Stars



GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Events: 19th Aug - 25th Aug

Aug 20th

Tuam Library
11am-12pm Learn about the Tuam Coat of Arms and create your own. Ages 5+. Booking required.

Aug 21st

Galway City Library
10:30am MakerSpace Magic LEGO with Foroige. Ages 10-12. Booking required.

Oranmore Library
11am Birthday Cake Craft with Leah O'Grady. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Athenry Library
11am Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Westside Library - Westside Wednesday
12pm Family storytime with Michelle Palmer. All welcome.

Letterfrack Library
1:30-4:30pm Coding workshop with Corrib Coding. Ages 8-12. Booking required.

Tuam Library
2:30pm Birthday Cake Craft with Leah O'Grady. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Loughrea Library
2:30pm Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Ballinasloe Library
2:30pm The Bronze Age workshop. Ages 9+. Booking required.

Aug 22nd

Tuam Library
11am Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.
2:30pm History of Tuam for Children- storytelling followed by Craft. Booking required

Oranmore Library
2:30pm Poetry workshop with Serena Molloy. Ages 7-12. Booking required.

Aug 24th

Oranmore Library
11am-1pm Corrib Coding workshop. Ages 8-12. Booking required

Westside Library
11am Marine Explorers workshop. Ages 8-12. All welcome.

Clifden Library
11am Storytelling with APK Speech and Drama. Ages 3-7. All welcome.

Leabharlann an Spidéil
2:30pm Ceardlann eolaíochta mara. Do Ghasúir 8-12. Tá fáilte roimh chách



NEWS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Friday 20th - Sunday 29th 2024

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Take Part in SDG Week 2024!

Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place this year from 20 - 29 September. The SDGs belong to everyone and SDG Week is open to all - individuals, groups, schools, and colleges, businesses, and institutions. To take part, organise an event, however big or small - or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development and join the annual week of action for the SDGs.

- 1 START NOW!** Think about how you could promote sustainable development and plan an activity, project or event to take place during SDG Week
- 2 REGISTER** Upload your idea on the European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) website: <https://www.esdw.eu/esdw>
- 3 ACT!** Organize and promote your initiative during the wider ESDW which runs from 18 September - 8 October 2024! Explore which events are taking place and participate in activities near you!

For more information on sustainable development, SDG Week and ideas for taking part please see www.gov.ie/SDGs

ESDG: SDG @EuropeanSDGWeek #ESDGWeek

ESDG:IRL ESDW2024

SPRIOCANNA FORBARTHA INBHUANAITHE

Bí Páirteach i Seachtain SFI 2024!

Beidh an tríú Seachtain na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe (SFI) de chuid na hÉireann ar siúl i mílúna In 2024. Tá 29 Míle Fomhairle Ráiteara na hÉireann le páirt a ghlacadh sa Seachtain SFI seo. Tá sé de chuid na hÉireann a bhfuil ábalta a ghlacadh agus a bhfuil ábalta a ghlacadh. Chuaigh an t-ádh, is féidir leat insiúchán a dhéanamh - bíodh sé beag nó mór - nó aird a tharraingt ar gheobhaidh nó bunsodad a dhéanamh forbartha inbhuanaithe chun cinis, agus páirt a ghlacadh sa Seachtain Ghníomhaíochta bliantúil do na SFIanna.

- 1. TOSÁIGH ANOS!** Imroinntigh ar comas a dhéanamh forbartha inbhuanaithe a chur chun cinis, agus príomhalocht, hioncail nó impleach a ghlacadh a bhíodh ar siúl i rith Seachtain SFI.
- 2. CLÁRÁIGH** Uasáidigh do smaoineamh ar suloin gréasáin SFI: [www.sfi.ie](https://sfi.ie)
- 3. SNÍOMHAIGH!** Déan Sníomhaigh a sagairt agus a chur chun cinis i rith SFI níos láidre a bhíodh ar siúl In 2024 Míle Fomhairle - 8 Dúshuíle Fomhairle 2024! Faigh amach cad iad na hioncail atá ar siúl agus gac páirt in imleachtair gur duine!

Le tuilleadh faisnéise eadaí iad hioncail inbhuanaithe, Seachtain SFI agus imleachtair maidir le páirt a ghlacadh, teach www.esdn.eu

ESDW 2024
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ESDW 2024

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is delighted to announce that Ireland's third SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this year from **20th to 29th September**, forming part of the wider [European Sustainable Development Week \(ESDW\)](https://www.esdn.eu), which this year, will run from **18th September – 8th October**. [Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications](https://www.esdn.eu) are partnering with European Sustainable Development Week and you can join them by registering your event: <https://www.esdn.eu/esdw>

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

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Tionscnamh Frithdhumpála 2024

Bailiúchán Earraí Toirtiúla

Cuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe balliúchán earraí toirtiúla ar fáil ag Láithreacha Fóntas Poiblí

Thuama, Bhéal Átha na Sluaighe agus an Chlocháin agus ag saoráid Dramhaíola Barna Recycling ar Bhóthar Áth Cinn Ón 29ú Iúil go dtí an 24ú Lúnasa 2024 (faoi réir athbhreithnithe)

EARRAÍ A NGLACFAR LEO	EARRAÍ NACH NGLACFAR LEO
Trosacán Cumhdaithe, Toilig, Cathaoireacha uilleacha agus svúiteanna 3 bhall, Vardrúis, Locair cois leapa, Frámaí leapa, Boird agus Cathaoireacha Seomra Bia	Dramhaíl tógála & scartála, Earraí dramhaíola leictreacha, Dramhaíl ghuaiseach, Mála dramhaíola tí etc., Bréagáin, Trampailíní etc., Nithe ceirmeacha, Teicstílí

Táille ag an nGeata: **€5 an Veain/Carr agus Leantóir**

Tabhair ar aird nach mór an tseirbhís seo a chur in áirithe via láithreán gréasáin Barna Recycling (thíos) sula dtagtar i láthair ag aon cheann de na láithreacha thuas.

<https://barnarecycling.com/booking>

Tá réamh-áirithe riachtanach chun táille €5 an gheata a fháil. Mura ndéantar sin, beidh ar an gcustaiméir táille an gheata agus droichid meáite a íoc.

IS DO SHEALBHÓIRÍ TÍ TEAGHLAIGH AN TIONSCNAMH SEO AGUS SIN AMHÁIN.

Ní ghlacfar le hearraí ó olbriitheoirí tráchtála.

Leantóirí cairr béaloscallte amháin – Níl cead tarracóirí NÍ CHEADAÍTEAR AON LEANTÓIRÍ CAPALL / AINMHÍ NÁ TALMHAÍOCHTA

Nótáil: Beidh tú curtha ó dhoras

Maidir le fiosruithe do Chontae na Gaillimhe, déan teagmháil leis an Rannóg Timpéallachta ar an uimhir **091 509510** nó seol ríomhphost chuig environment@galwaycoco.ie

Maidir le fiosruithe do Chathair na Gaillimhe, déan teagmháil leis an Rannóg Timpéallachta ar an uimhir **091 536400** nó seol ríomhphost chuig environment@galwaycity.ie

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

connacht-ulster waste region

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2024

Bulky Goods Collection

Galway County Council & Galway City Council will be providing a bulky goods collection at the

Tuam, Ballinasloe and Clifden Civic Amenity Sites and at Barna Recycling Waste facility on the Headford Rd from 29th July to the 24th August 2024 (subject to review)

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED	ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Upholstered Furniture, Couches, Armchairs and 3-piece Suites, Wardrobes, Bedside Lockers, Bedframes, Dining Tables and Chairs.	Construction & demolition waste, Waste electrical items, Hazardous Waste, Bags of Household Waste, etc., Toys, Trampolines etc., Ceramic Items, Textiles.

Gate Fee: **€5 per Van/Car and Trailer**

Please note that this service must be booked via the Barna Recycling website (below) before arriving at any of the above sites.

<https://barnarecycling.com/booking>

Pre-booking is essential to avail of the €5 gate fee. Failure to do so will result in the individual being required to pay the gate and weighbridge fee.

THIS INITIATIVE IS FOR DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDERS ONLY. COMMERCIAL OPERATORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY OPENTOP CAR TRAILERS ONLY – NO TRACTORS NO HORSE / ANIMAL OR AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS ALLOWED.

NOTE : YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY

For Galway County enquiries, please contact Environment Section on **091 509510** or environment@galwaycoco.ie

For Galway City enquiries, please contact Environment Section on **091 536400** or environment@galwaycity.ie

More News from PPN
<https://www.galwaycountypnn.ie/news/latest-news/>

More News from Galway County Council

CONSULTATIONS

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 - 2029

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

The role of the SPC'S, as committees of Galway County 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.

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 not later than **4.00pm on Friday, 23rd August 2024**. To County Secretary: Secretary@galwaycoco.ie

MORE INFO:

[Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024](#)

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<https://www.galway.ie/en/news/name,49133,en.html>

More Public Consultations by Galway County Council

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

FUNDING

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

New Solutions Social Innovation Fund

Deadline for applications is Friday 30th August, 2024 at 5pm.

A call for applications for **Phase One** was launched in June 2024.

Interested parties are invited to apply to the call as a sole applicant, or as part of a consortium.

Further information, guidelines and application forms can be found on the [Pobal website](#).

It is intended that Phase Two will open for application in Q1 2025.

Inclusive Community Gardens

Deadline for submissions: Thursday 12th September 2024 at 4pm.



Dear PPN Members

Galway County LCDC is pleased to invite applications from existing Community Gardens for an initiative under the Healthy Ireland Fund entitled "**Inclusive Community Gardens**".

The Healthy Ireland Fund is supported by the Department of Health, and aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone living in Ireland. This funding initiative is aimed at making Community Gardens more inclusive by funding materials or equipment which will create social opportunities for older people, people with disabilities, youth, and the general community.

Any queries & completed applications should be submitted by e-mail to healthandwellbeing@galwaycoco.ie by **4pm on Thursday 12th September 2024**.

If your Community Garden wants to discuss a potential application, please contact Mary McGann at mmcgann@galwaycoco.ie / 087 1044 820.

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Mary

(Please note application forms and guidelines have been emailed to all PPN members separately).

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

Deadline for submission: Friday 27th September 2024

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) applications for funding are now open up to the **27th September 2024** and the information is available on the Galway County Council website:

<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/archcon/grants/>

Creative Arts: Grants and Funding

Cultural Capital Scheme - Stream E & Artist Workspaces Capital Scheme.

Read More at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/46f4f-creative-arts-grants-and-funding/>

MORE FUNDING INFORMATION

Funding by Galway County Council:

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

List of different funding schemes on the PPN website:

<https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/grants/>

TRAINING

Ride Leader Training in Galway

Wednesday 28th August 2024 9:30am - 4:30pm

RIDE LEADER TRAINING GALWAY



Cycling Ireland are hosting a Ride Leader Training in Galway next week!

Cycling Ireland Ride Leader training will provide leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively lead and manage a group of cyclists on the road in club/group rides.

Details are as follows: Wednesday 28th August, SCCUL Enterprise Centre Ballybane 9:30am - 4:30pm

For more details and to register visit: <https://cire.tahdah.me/event/detail/1017236>

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Wednesday 28th August 2024 9:30am - 2:30pm



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na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
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!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Starting Wednesday 18th September 2024

Galway County Council Climate Action Unit and GRETB Community Education



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
communityed@gretb.ie
091 706 294



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Galway and Roscommon
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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

In partnership with Galway County Climate Action Unit & GRETB.

Starting Wednesday 18th September 2024.

For more info Email: communityed@gretb.ie or Phone: 091 706 294.

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

Galway Sports Partnership's Online Safeguarding Training

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 information at: <https://galwayactive.ie/events-calendar.php>

PPN TRAINING & RESOURCES

The Department of Rural and Community Development have training and resources for PPNs.

MORE INFO AT:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/news/b4571-public-participation-networks-latest-news/#training-sessions>

Galway County PPN resources on our website <https://www.galwaycountypn.ie/resources-2/>

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVATOR POLE WALKING - COME & TRY SESSION

Tuesday 27th August 12pm - 1pm

ACTIVATOR POLE WALKING COME & TRY

FREE

FREE



TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST
NOON-1PM



EMERALD BALLROOM, BALLINASLOE



**Suitable for all adults
over 50 years young!!**

- A great physical activity that:
- improves stability
 - reduces impact on hips/knees
 - develops core strength
 - improves posture;

Want to improve your balance, strength and physical fitness all at once???

ACTIVATOR POLE WALKING - COME & TRY SESSION is for you!!!

When: **Tuesday 27th August** Time: 12pm - 1pm Where: Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe

Booking is essential.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/981761323547?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information contact galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie

Free of Charge & Over 18's only

Organised by Galway Sports Partnership in collaboration with local tutors and the Integrated Care of the Older Person Team supported and funded by the HSE.

!!!!REMINDER!!!!

GREEN SOD IRELAND Conference at Kylemore Abbey

GREEN SOD IRELAND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOTRE DAME KYLEMORE

BIODIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL 2024



SAT 31ST AUGUST AND SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER

Join us in Kylemore for free events over the weekend on a range of topics including ground nesting birds, dark skies, invasive species removal and lots more!

MORE INFO COMING SOON



Green Sod Ireland, in partnership with Notre Dame University, are hosting a Biodiversity Summer School on **August 31st and September 1st**, a two day event that will bring together environmental charities, professionals, local community groups, and members of the public. The focus of the event will be to provide a series of events that are educational and enjoyable and empowering.

Contact Rory McCanna for more information or to book your place at the conference. rory@greensodireland.ie 087 161 6451

READ MORE AT:

<https://greensodireland.ie/2024/07/19/biodiversity-summer-school-2024/>

PPN INFO

- 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](#)



Website: www.galwaycountppn.ie

Email - News submissions & Communications: ppn@galwaycoco.ie

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Le dea-ghuí (with kindest regards)

Duana & Silvana

Galway County PPN Team

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