



Public Participation Network **Limerick**

About Limerick PPN

Limerick PPN is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups/organisations, working together for a better Limerick through public participation in local democratic structures. Visit [our website](#) for more information



PPN membership now stands at 190 members

LPPN

Limerick PPN membership continues to grow and you can check out all our members [on the Membership directory](#) on the LPPN website. Register to join Limerick PPN at the following link: [Registration form](#)

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National PPN Conference

This year's **National PPN Conference**, will be hosted by Wicklow PPN and Wicklow County Council and held on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of October 2023** in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Co Wicklow.

This year's conference will provide an invaluable networking opportunity for Resource Workers, Support Workers, PPN Secretariats, Local Authority staff, elected representatives and others to share experiences and learn from one another. It will also provide an opportunity for the PPN National Advisory Group and the Department to meet with stakeholders and discuss the latest developments in relation to PPNs.

If you would be interested and available to attend this conference, please let us know. Priority will be given to PPN Staff, the Secretariat, Representatives and our Council liaison, as we will have a limited number of passes available.

As you will be aware, an independent Structural Review of the PPNs was carried out in 2021/2022. It recommended a number of actions to make PPN structures work more effectively.

A Working Group was created to consider these recommendations, representing PPN staff and volunteers, as well as government officials and the community sector. This group has developed a draft Implementation Roadmap drawing on the recommendations as well as actions suggested by members of the PPN community. The actions listed are not final at this time.

The Department of Community and Rural Development (DRCD), in collaboration with the Working Group, has now commissioned Crowe to conduct a consultation on the draft Implementation Roadmap.

As a first step, you are invited to read the Draft PPN Implementation Roadmap, which can be downloaded [HERE](#), and to take part in a survey on it.

Crowe have developed the survey to give all those involved in or with PPNs an opportunity to have their say on the draft Roadmap. Feedback from this survey will be used to help finalise the Roadmap.

The survey is accessible at the following link:

<https://www.crowesurvey.com/index.php/737297/lang-en>

The survey is open for response until Friday 1st September 2023, inclusive.

Please see link below regarding the ongoing development of our Strategic Plan. This Survey will help inform the priorities of PPN Limerick for the next 5 years and we are hoping to have as many responses as possible to ensure that we have a consensus for our ongoing direction. If you have any questions or ideals that will not fit onto this format you can submit directly to us at ppn@limerick.ie

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RMKRZY5>

'Accessible, Affordable and Blended' part-time in-service Master of Social Science Community and Youth Work programme, commencing November 2023.

This programme's innovative design and 'block and blend' delivery mode offers a unique opportunity for practitioners to combine work and post-graduate study to achieve a professional qualification in Community Work and Youth Work.

Main highlights:

Three-year blended programme.

Five 3-day blocks on campus per year (15 days on campus total per year).

Weekly online classes.

Opportunities for supervised Fieldwork Practice.

RPL - Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience considered.

Fees €3,050 per year, payment in instalments available.

Community workers can apply for a Bursary at www.aieb.ie

Professional endorsement by both AIEB and NSETS.

Opportunity to learn and share experiences with a diversity of experienced Community Workers and Youth Workers.

We will be running an online Zoom information session on Thursday,

10th August at 10am:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88955471893?pwd=U2lwaGFXY0VjTTJCK0N0ZlBzYzF5UT09>

Please fill in an Expression of Interest form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4xjA6WLS9m>

Good Governance Awards have now opened for entries.

Any nonprofit organisation in Ireland, whether a charity, Company Limited by Guarantee, sports club or social enterprise, can enter its annual report and financial statements into the Awards for free and it will receive individual feedback to help improve future annual reports.

The awards are open for entries until September 13th.

Annual Reports can be submitted at <https://goodgovernanceawards.ie/submit-entry/>

Limerick Directly Elected Mayor

The Cabinet approved the legislation which will open the way for voters to directly elect a Mayor of Limerick.

More than four years after the people of Limerick approved plans for an executive mayor in a plebiscite, government has finally signed off on the plans for the new office.

It's anticipated the first time the Limerick public will go to the polls to elect a new first citizen will be on the date of next summer's local and European parliament elections.

These are expected to take place on Friday, June 7th 2024.

Funding Opportunity

Minister O’Gorman invites applications under the What Works Building Evidence Fund 2023

Grants of up to €50,000 will be made available to community and voluntary sector organisations working with children and young people through a prevention and early intervention approach. The total value of the fund is €600,000.

These grants will support organisations to support the effective use of data in service provision for children and young people around Ireland.

This funding is being made available through the What Works prevention and early intervention initiative which receives its funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund (DAF). The DAF is managed by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman has today announced the creation of a new fund under the What Works prevention and early intervention initiative, which is funded through the Dormant Accounts Fund. The What Works Building Evidence Fund has been established to support the gathering and analysis of data and evidence within the community and voluntary sector.

The Fund is open to practitioners and service providers working in not-for-profit organisations who work with children, young people and their families and who have a strong emphasis on prevention and early intervention.

Not-for-profit organisations are invited to submit applications for funding of up to €50,000 for prevention and early intervention projects that will identify gaps in service provision and develop skills for effective monitoring, evaluation and analysis of prevention and early intervention services.

The Fund further aims to help those working with children, young people and families to access training on collecting, research and analysis that improves outcomes for children and young people.

The deadline for applications is 5pm, Friday, 22nd September 2023.

More information on the scheme is available on the website

<https://whatworks.gov.ie/what-works-building-evidence-fund-2023/>

Community Climate Action Fund

Please see below for details of information meetings relating to this new funding opportunity.

In cooperation with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Limerick City and County Council will support communities to stimulate and affect real change in the area of climate action through the Community Climate Action Programme. The overarching aim of this programme is to build low carbon, sustainable communities that will contribute to Limerick City and County's climate target.

The Community Climate Action Programme grants can fund up to 100% of all eligible costs. There are three levels of funding available to apply for:

- Small scale projects < €20,000
- Medium scale projects €21,000 to €50,000
- Large scale projects €51,000 to €100,000

If you are interested in hearing more about the programme, how to apply and what kinds of projects will be covered, please register for one of our online events that will be held on:

- Thursday 10th August at 7pm
- Tuesday 15th August at 7pm.

You can find more information and the links for registering for these events by visiting <https://www.limerick.ie/community-climate-action-programme>

Alternatively come along to one of our drop-in sessions:

- Rathkeale Library: Thursday 31st August at 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Killmallock Library: Friday 1st September at 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Citizen Innovation Lab Limerick: Saturday 2nd September at 10:00am - 1:00pm

Look out for our stand at the following Shows:

- Cappamore Show: Saturday 19th August (All Day)
- Limerick Show: Sunday 27th August (All Day)
- Newcastle West Show: New Date TBC

Or if you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Darren Barry on communityclimatefund@limerick.ie

Community Engagement

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We know that your child is starting school in September. To celebrate this, and to help them navigate this new experience, the Minister for Children has asked us to put together a gift of a bag of books just for them.

The stories in the books are about starting school, being happy in yourself, and making friends, and they're waiting for them in a very special place: your local library.

A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag, and we hope that your little one will make use of it. To help them join the library, parents will be asked to sign a consent form and to show valid ID.

Library membership is free for everyone. You may wish to renew a library card for yourself or other children in your family, or join for the first time. Your ID will also be necessary in this case.

We hope that this small gift will lead your child to a lifelong love of books and reading, a love you will get to share with them.

We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you all enjoy the books,

Your local library



Dear Children,

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The stories in the books are about starting school, being happy in yourself, and making friends, and they're waiting for you in a very special place: your local library.

A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag. We hope that you will join the library and come and fill up your book bag with borrowed books whenever you can.

You can also come and hang out and read some books in the library with your parents or guardians if you have some free time.

We hope that this gift of books will lead you to a lifelong link with your library and a love of books and reading.

We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you enjoy the books,

Your local library



Consultations/Surveys

Paul Partnership Upcoming Strategic Plan

Paul Partnership is requesting input to their upcoming strategic plan. Please take the time to complete their short survey using the link below and have your say on where PAUL Partnership should prioritise its efforts in the coming years. The survey is open until **Thursday Aug 3rd**

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

Limerick City and County Councils Climate Action Plan

Limerick City and County Council is required to prepare a Climate Action Plan that shall specify the mitigation and adaptation measures that are required to deliver a 51% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

The Limerick Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) will actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances and Limerick City and County Council will be responsible for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from across our own assets and infrastructure, whilst also taking on a broader role of influencing and facilitating others to meet their own targets.

As a first stage in this process a Climate Action Plan Summary report has been prepared that provides a summary of the evidence that will inform the development of the strategy. This evidence base includes a Climate Change Risk Assessment for County Limerick and a Baseline Emissions Inventory for County Limerick and also for the proposed Decarbonisation Zone. In addition, the report provides an indicative Vision and Mission for the LACAP. The report can be accessed via this link: <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/limerick-city-and-county-councils-climate-action-plan>

Limerick City and County Council wish to invite observations on the summary report and suggestions for inclusion in the draft Limerick Climate Action Plan which will be published in the Autumn.

Submissions will be accepted from **July 7th to August 4th 2023** and can be submitted online, by email or in writing with details provided below:

Online: Via MyPoint <https://mypoint.limerick.ie> on or before 4pm, on **Friday 4th August 2023**.

Email: You can submit your feedback via email to urbaninnovation@limerick.ie

Writing: You can submit your feedback in writing to

The Climate Action Co-ordinator

Environment and Climate Action Department

Planning Environment and Place-Making Directorate



The Festivals and Events Department we are running a survey on Christmas in Limerick. The survey is currently set up to run until the 31st July.

Link to Survey; <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/christmas-limerick-survey-2023>

Assessment of Limerick Greenway

Limerick City & County Council have appointed Repucon to undertake a year long assessment of Limerick Greenway measuring impact on the local community as well as understanding the profile of visitors travelling to use it. As part of this Repucon are looking to get the feedback from the local community. This feedback will be used by Limerick City and County Council to improve the Greenway as a community amenity. Please access the survey via the link below. Please also circulate to others. If you have any queries, please contact LCCC at greenway@limerick.ie/ 061 557538.

<https://RepuconConsulting.welcomesyourfeedback.net/um734j>

Training/Webinars/Events



National Heritage Week celebrates Ireland's cultural, built and natural heritage.

It brings together volunteers, community groups and heritage enthusiasts to share their experience, knowledge culture and practices. Please see link for more information <https://www.heritageweek.ie/>

Invitation to workshops from International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)

I want to extend our invitation to you for a series of captivating and thought-provoking workshops organized by the IACCP. These workshops present a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge, enhance your skills, and connect with experts in the field of cross-cultural psychology. We believe these workshops will be of great value to your organization's work with diverse populations and migrants.

The workshops are scheduled to take place from Monday, July 31 to Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and will feature esteemed facilitators from institutions around the world.

Here is a glimpse of the workshops:

“The Cost Of Caring - Caring for the carers” - The consequences of supporting and caring and how to take care of ourselves

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Manoela Lucena, One Housing & CoCreate Humanity, and Leticia Scheidt, University of Limerick

Developing Intercultural Competence: Strategies for University Students, Educators and Administrators

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Diana M. Lizarazo Pereira; Anastasiia Zubareva and Aigerim Balkhashbayeva, University of Limerick

A Social Identity Model of Trauma and Resilience

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Prof. Orla Muldoon, Dr. Sarah Jay and Dr. Aisling O'Donnell, University of Limerick

All that we share: The Tell your own story (TYOS) project working to improve diversity in the media

Monday, July 31, 14:00 - 17:00

Facilitators: Dr. Maria Rieder, Gail Flanagan, Dr. Anita Barmettler, Robyn Cunneen, and Hadjer Bensadek, University of Limerick

Social Psychology of Climate Conflicts: How to Mediate and Resolve Climate Conflicts in Different Cultural Contexts?

Monday, July 31, 14:00 - 17:00

Facilitators: Dr Gulnaz Anjum and Nora C. G. Benningstad, University of Oslo

Ukraine: who, where and why? Cultural sensitivity in working with Ukrainian refugees

Monday, July 31, 14:00-17:00

Facilitators: Prof. Dr. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, and Dr. Anca Minescu and Liliyana Mbeve, University of Limerick

The importance of intercultural competence when fighting for social justice in the media.

Tuesday, August 1, 9:00 - 12:00

Facilitators: Mamobo Ogoro, University of Limerick, and Beatriz Gómez Moreno, GORM

To register for these workshops, please visit our registration page at: <https://iaccp2023.com/pre-congress-events/>

We highly recommend early registration, as spaces are limited.

Useful Resources

All those planning to go to sea on any craft are urged to always wear a suitable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or Lifejacket and to carry marine VHF equipment as the primary means of distress and safety communication. In addition, the carriage of an EPIRB and/or PLB as a secondary means of distress alerting is strongly advised. Mobile telephones should NOT be considered as a suitable substitute.

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