



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
216 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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Re Registration of PPN Members

Please note that we will be initiating our Reregistration process his coming Wednesday, the 28th of February. We are required as per PPN National Guidelines to ask all of our members to Re-register - this process will also ensure we are GDPR compliant.

In order to do this we would ask that you follow the directions from the email you will receive on Wednesday. This will enable you to give us the correct details for your organisation and update us on changes to our contacts for your group. We will update, amend or remove accordingly as we receive your replies.

This re-registration process is very important and we urge all members to respond as soon as you are able to keep our records correct. We look forward to hearing from you and working with all member groups as we continue to inform, strengthen and empower community groups.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries or issues when you receive the notification.

Regards,
Lorraine and Caroline
PPN Limerick Administration

Funding

Limerick Grants Under the Arts Act Funding

Limerick City and County Council are please to announce an open call for applications from individual artists or organisations under the ‘Grants Under the Arts Act’ scheme.

Limerick City and County Council offers grant funding to amateur, community or voluntary groups, or organisations, and individual arts practitioners, which in the opinion of the authority, will stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.

In the 2003 Arts Act, the arts are defined as painting, sculpture, architecture, music, film, drama, dance, literature, design in industry and the fine arts and applied arts generally. The awards can be used for the professional development of artists, the arts and increasing access and participation in the arts.

All ‘Grants Under the Arts’ applications are considered by an independent assessment panel, appointed by the Arts Office of Limerick City and County Council. The assessment panel meet to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications. Their recommendations then go before a Limerick City and County Council meeting for approval.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon Wednesday, 28th February 2024.

Limerick Grants Under the Arts Act Online Application form available from:
<https://limerickarts.submit.com/>

For further information please visit:

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/funding-schemes-and-bursaries/limerick-0>

Creative Ireland Made in Limerick Grants

Limerick City and County Council Culture and Creativity team are pleased to announce an open call for Limerick based creatives, communities and cultural heritage organisations to submit applications for Made in Limerick Grants 2024. These grants are offered as part of Limerick Creative Ireland Programme to deliver activities taking place in 2024.

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The Creative Ireland Programme is an all-of-government initiative committed to enhancing access to, engagement with, and enjoyment of Ireland’s culture and

creativity. Within the broad range of available definitions, creativity is considered as a set of innate abilities and learned skills; the capacity of individuals and organisations to transcend accepted ideas and norms and by drawing on imagination to create new ideas that bring additional value to human activity. The vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023 - 2027 is to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing.

The Creative Ireland Programme delivers through collaboration and partnership. It promotes understanding of the value of creativity in all its forms – whether through the arts, culture, heritage, and the wider creative industries.

**Community of place is a group of people that live in the same area, while a community of interest is a group of people brought together through a common interest, for example a heritage group, literary group, historical society, community drama group, artists collective, community choir.*

Closing dates for applications: 12 noon Wednesday 6th March 2024.

Creative Ireland Made in Limerick Online Application form available from:

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

For further information please visit:

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/creative-ireland/creative-ireland-made-in>

The 2024 ESB Wind Farm Community Funds are now open for applications until **March 8th 2024**. For a full list of Wind Farm Community Funds included in this call, please click <https://windfarmcommunityfunds.ie/the-funds/?nowprocket=1>.

The fund is available to community and voluntary groups, non-profit groups or organisations with a charitable status. The Wind Farm Community Funds will prioritise projects and initiatives that support and benefit the areas surrounding ESB wholly owned and co-owned wind farms, in the following categories:

- Education and skills.
- Health, safety and wellbeing.
- Environment and habitat conservation.
- Energy efficiency and sustainability.
- Culture and heritage.
- Recreation, sport and social inclusion.
- Tourism (Raheenleagh & Castlepook only)

Getting started on your project ideas early will greatly assist with your application, as a well-developed project is key to a successful outcome.

It is essential to note that applications from groups that do not submit required documentation with the application form e.g. planning permission, planning exemption, confirmation that you have liaised with your local authority or owner permission, may not proceed to evaluation.

Applications may be made online at www.communitybenefitfunds.ie please ensure you take some time to read the [Fund Guidelines](#), prior to submitting your application and visit the [help section of our website](#) for additional helpful documents. If you are registered from a previous call, you can use the same user name and password to apply to the 2024 fund. If you have lost or forgotten your password, please go to the “[Forgot Password](#)” tab, or contact SECAD.

If you do not have a current constitution for your group please click here <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.communitybenefitfunds.ie%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F10%2FConstitution-template.doc&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

to download a template constitution, to edit and adapt to suit your group.

National schools can use this template

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.communitybenefitfunds.ie%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F09%2FNational-School-Template.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

If you register as a new user and do not receive the confirmation message within a few minutes of signing up, please check your spam or junk mail folders, just in case the confirmation email was delivered there instead of your inbox. If so, select the confirmation message and click Not Spam, which will allow future messages to get through.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact SECAD, Elaine Barrett ebarrett@secad.ie or Eilish Walsh ewalsh@secad.ie

Community Climate Action Programme Strand 1 & 1A -

Closing Date **5:00pm on 1st March 2024**. The Expressions of Interest (applications) online application portal is accessible through this link: <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/climate-action-fund-community-climate-action-programme-0> Online information sessions will be held in January 2024. Queries to communityclimatefund@limerick.ie **Contact person Dr Darren Barry, Community Climate Action Officer**, Limerick City and County Council

Community Engagement



**In Person and On Line Registration Opens at 9:00 am
Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 20th
With a Second In Person Registration at 7:00 pm on
Thursday, February 22nd.**

Please Register here

<https://ti.to/ndca/sdgs-national-stakeholder-forum-2024-sdgs-mean-business>

**Call for organisations and groups to be Sustainable
Development Goal Champions**

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is now seeking Expressions of Interest for participants in the 2024-25 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Champions Programme.

As part of the 2024-2025 programme, a number of organisations and groups from across the country will be appointed 'SDG Champions' to help raise awareness of the importance of the SDGs as the cornerstone of a fair, prosperous and sustainable future for all. As Champions, they will show through their own actions that everyone in society can make a contribution to the <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

The SDGs, also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people could enjoy peace and prosperity. There are 17 SDGs, covering areas such as poverty, shelter, education, health gender equality and clean energy. They are all integrated, recognising that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must be mindful of social, economic and environmental sustainability.

“The SDG Champions Programme allows a diverse range of organisations in Ireland to showcase the work they are doing to achieve the SDGs and to share their experiences and achievements locally and nationally. I really want to encourage all groups and organisations to apply to be part of this year’s programme, to learn, to inform and to help make a difference in your own community.”

Applications are sought from all organisations and groups who would like to act as an advocate for the SDGs and a good practice example of how to promote and achieve the goals. Applications will be accepted in written or video format up to 5:00pm on Monday, 1 April, 2024.

For further information on the SDG Champions Programme, and how to apply, please go to <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/85f09-expressions-of-interest-sought-for-participants-of-the-2024-2025-sustainable-development-goal-sdg-champions-programme/>

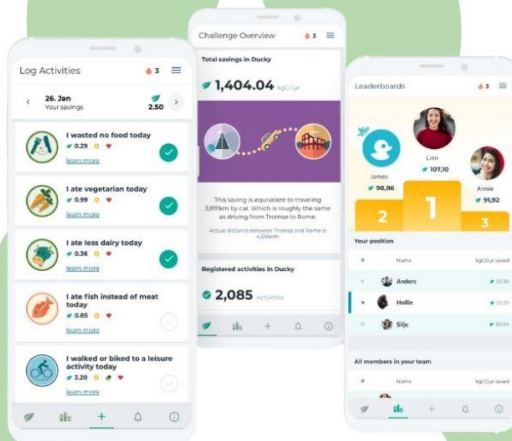


Is your community group
a team of

CLIMATE HEROES?

Join our community challenge!

- Act together to log climate-positive actions
- Compare, compete and connect with groups nationwide
- See the 'big picture' and connect it to your community



SCAN HERE

www.climateheroes.ie

Participation is **FREE OF CHARGE**
for community groups all over Ireland



15th - 26th April 2024



Are you a Climate Hero?

Climate Heroes is a good-natured, carbon-saving competition from Global Action Plan. Between the 15th and 26th of April, all kinds of community groups across Ireland will log planet-friendly actions and compete to have the biggest carbon footprint reduction. Weekly webinars in the run-up will shine a light on the big picture and offer a space for knowledge-sharing and connection. Participation is free. For more information and to sign up, please visit www.climateheroes.ie. Because everyone can be a Climate Hero!

This project is supported by Irish Aid's Global Citizenship Education funding.



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 Irish Aid
Department of Foreign Affairs
An Roinn Gnóthai Eachtracha

climateheroes.ie



Upcoming Biodiversity Related Events

SDG 15/ SDG 13 – TT Categories Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality & Green Spaces and Landscaping

- **Athea Tidy Towns** group will host a 'FREE' talk on Wednesday March 6th by Ornithologist and wildlife sound recordist Seán Ronayne (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_Ne-nlxLW0) as part of their efforts to improve Biodiversity Awareness in the area. Details of venue, time and tickets are available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/irelands-wildlife-sounds-with-sean-ronayne-tickets-810359817027?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Lough Gur** will host a talk by Eoghan Dalton (<https://www.farmingfornature.ie/nominees/eoghan-dalton/>) on the 24th March. **Eoghan, one of Ireland's most exciting rewilders, is coming to Lough Gur to talk about his successes in recreating a rainforest in West Cork.** Details of ticket cost, venue, time are available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/eoghan-dalton-an-irish-atlantic-rainforest-and-the-magic-of-rewilding-tickets-798413535377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Consultations/Surveys

Public Consultation on the Autism Innovation Strategy

To view documentation:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/f7f8d-public-consultation-on-the-autism-innovation-strategy/>

Complete survey here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/AISV1>

Training/Webinars/Events



Is there a **Mental Health Peer-Supporter** available in your club or association?

Cycle Against Suicide's **free*** online Mental Health Peer-Support Training equips the everyday person with the step-by-step tools to give mental health support to their peers.

Train in Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide to:

- ♦ Gain a better understanding of what peer-support is and its role in maintaining good mental health within our communities.
- ♦ Learn how to use peer-support if someone in your club, association or community needs mental health support.



Become Your Club/Association's Mental Health Peer-Supporter!

For dates and times of training, or to express interest email:
training@cycleagainstsucide.com

Or register directly online with this QR code or at:

www.cycleagainstsucide.com/community-buddy/



"It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help."

* Offered free of charge to any community volunteer who is over 18 and a non-healthcare professional, such as volunteers of local community clubs or associations, sports clubs, book clubs, arts clubs, Tidy Towns, Men's Sheds, parents' associations, residents' associations, and any group dedicated to engaging in their community's health and wellbeing.

Free to all volunteers in clubs and associations to encourage one of them to take on this vital role for their club or association and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Our training in Mental Health Peer-Support creates a compassionate network within a club and a community. Our training transcends traditional boundaries, breaking down the stigma associated with mental health discussions. The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern.

Course: Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support (Buddy) Training

Details: www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

Cost: *Free of charge. No funding needed.

Delivery: Online via Zoom

Time: 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Option 1: March: Tues 12th, Thurs 14th & Tues 19th , Thurs 21st (last places)

Option 2: April: Mon 8th, Wed 10th & Mon 15th, Wed 17th

Option 3: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd

To Register: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

or online at www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

*free to volunteers in a community club or association or who are associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing.



ALONE's Community Impact Network (CIN) provides the opportunity to be part of a collaborative national network that supports organisations working with older people across Ireland.

In 2023, the Community Impact Network worked directly with over 200 organisations through the delivery of training, support and resources.

Full details about the CIN membership can be found <https://alone.ie/community-impact-network/>

We are delighted to release our Training Schedule for quarter 1 which include training on key areas such as Safeguarding, boundaries, Dementia, Cancer, Mental Health, and Grief & Bereavement.

Training Information

Find specific information about the training modules on our website

<https://alone.ie/community-impact-network/>

We can run in-person training for your organisation, depending on numbers.

Contact us at community@alone.ie to discuss.

Training Schedule

Please see the training schedule for January, February, and March

<https://alone.ie/community-impact-network/>

How to register

Please register for any of these trainings by using the

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D70ap9liakyisz7u44HDMjafV4IzOWFMg6mcN4KdpWIUNehINk1aQUgwVk9MU0ZXUFE3TTg2MlgyUSQIQCN0PWcu>

Contact Details

Our team are on hand to answer any questions about training or membership, please email community@alone.ie

PPN Stakeholder Training

Please note training available to all our members; covering relevant topics detailed below.

The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

This training is available to the following PPN Stakeholders:

- PPN Workers
- PPN Secretariat Members
- PPN Representatives
- PPN Member Groups
- Local Authority Staff
- Elected Councillors

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link: : <https://www.socialjustice.ie/register/register-training>

Useful Resources

North Munster Citizens Information Service Company invites Expressions of Interest for the Role of Voluntary Director

Experience in areas such as Financial, Disability Services, IT / Social Media, Company Secretary and/or Service Delivery will be beneficial.

The Citizens Information Service

Citizens Information Services (CIS) are companies that provide information, advice and advocacy to callers in relation to their rights and entitlements. Services are provided on a drop-in basis, via phone, letter/email, or other channels. There are Citizens Information Centres right across Ireland, and these are supported by outreach locations. For more information please see: <http://www.citizensinformation.ie>

North Munster Citizens Information Service CLG is a regional company with responsibility for service delivery in the counties of **Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford.**

The company is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors. No fees will be paid to Board members, however, travel and subsistence expenses will be paid when applicable.

Additional Information, and How to Apply

Please find attached Director Recruitment Booklet and Expression of Interest form.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 15th March 2024

A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making [Second Edition].

This is a very useful guide for community groups and organisations.
Please find link

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/274611/a547919e-0cf5-412b-8983-f260c8ed66ed.pdf#page=null>

We have a limited number of hard copies. Email ppn@limerick.ie if you would like to receive one.
