



Public Participation Network **Limerick**

About PPN Limerick

PPN Limerick 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 230 members

PPNL

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

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**PPN LIMERICK WILL BE HOSTING ITS END OF YEAR
PLENARY MEETING ON THURSDAY THE 5TH OF
DECEMBER, 7:30 – 9pm.
VENUE AND FURTHER DETAIL TO FOLLOW.**

PPN Nominations to SPCs- Update

When the 2024-2029 SPC Scheme is Adopted we will to be asked to initiate our nomination process.

We expect this to happen at the Upcoming Full Council Meeting on the 25th of November.

- Home and Social Development
- Travel and Transportation
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning
- Community, Leisure and Culture
- Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

When the SPC Scheme is Adopted at the Full Council Meeting, with confirmation of the number and makeup of Seats across the Pillars, we will seek nominations as soon as possible.

Please see below to view our Submission to the Consultation regarding the Draft Scheme.

https://www.limerickppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/PPNL-Submission-to-Draft-Limerick_SPC_Scheme.pdf

Celebrating 10 years of PPNs in Ireland



The Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) and Limerick City and County Council proudly hosted the 6th National Public Participation Network Conference at the Strand Hotel Limerick on October 17th and 18th. This year's event was particularly special as it marked the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of PPNs across Ireland.

The conference brought together 160 delegates representing community and voluntary groups, social inclusion and environmental organisations from across the country, alongside local authority officials, elected representatives, and other supporters of the PPNs' work.

The theme for this year's conference, "Collaboration for Resilient Communities," highlighted the essential

partnerships required for the effective delivery of government programs at both national and local levels. The PPNs play a crucial role in facilitating these collaborations by providing representatives on committees and steering groups, sharing information, building capacity, and offering support. Click the link below to view documentation, Photographs and Workshop presentations from the National PPN Conference, Hosted in Limerick

<https://youtu.be/oWHnW7hn8WE?si=5L78Hnn2EreWU7CF>

<https://www.limerickppn.ie/national-ppn-conference-2024/>

Grant Opportunities



Expression of Interest (EOI) are being sought in respect of all Measures of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme as follows;

- Project Development Measure : Development Costs for Strategic Large Scale Projects – Grant up to €50,000 (a max. of two EOIs can be shortlisted for onward submission to the Department) – EOI now open

and Monday 16th December closing date for EOI submission

- Measure 1 : Small Scale

Repair/Development/Promotion and marketing – Grant up to €40,000 (a max. of six EOIs can be shortlisted for onward submission to the Department) – EOI now open and Monday 16th December closing date for EOI submission

- Measure 2 : Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development – Grant up to €200,000 (a max. of three EOIs can be shortlisted for onward submissions to the Department) EOIs opening Monday 18th November and closing date for EOI submission Friday 31st January 2025

- Measure 3 : Strategic Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and new Strategic Trail/Amenity Development – Grant up to €500,000 (a max. of one EOI can be shortlisted for onward submission to the Department) EOIs opening Monday 18th November and closing date for EOI submission Friday 31st January 2025

Expressions of interest will be assessed for suitability based on the information provided and the required supporting documentation submitted after the closing dates.

The ORIS 2024/2025 Scheme Outline, National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027, ***Embracing Ireland's Outdoors*** and links to additional information are all available on Limerick.ie by clicking [here](#)

Expression of interest forms are available online at <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/applications>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Rural Development Department at ORIS@limerick.ie or by phone on 061-556008.

€5.1 Million LEADER Funding Available to County Limerick Communities

€5.1 Million in LEADER funding is available to support rural development projects across the whole of County Limerick.

Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in Partnership with West Limerick Resources is now seeking expressions of interest for funding support.

The LEADER programme is a community-led initiative designed to support rural development projects. It aims to improve the quality of life and economic activity in rural areas by funding projects that align with local development strategies.

Anyone who wishes to apply for support under this initial call must submit an expression of interest before December 16 2024.

[LEADER 2023 to 2027 - West Limerick Resources \(wlr.ie\)](https://www.wlr.ie/)

Reminder

- **Wed, 20th Nov 2024 is the closing date for [LAWPRO's](#) Community Water Development Fund (CWDF) grants scheme. The portal will close at 12 noon.** Application form here
- <https://consult.watersandcommunities.ie/en/content/community-water-development-fund-grant-application-form-2025> -
- **If you see any of the following please submit your sightings on links below -**

- o **Irish Stoat:** [Recording System :: Irish Stoat Survey \(biodiversityireland.ie\)](https://biodiversityireland.ie)
- o **URBAN Fox:** <https://biodiversityireland.ie/surveys/urban-fox-survey/>
- **Hedgehog:** <https://biodiversityireland.ie/surveys/irish-hedgehog-survey/>

Éire Shláintiúil
Rialtas Aitiúil
Healthy Ireland
Local Government

18th November 2024 Online 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Enabling Wellbeing

The Role of Early Intervention & Prevention

Registration Is Now Open For Our Third Webinar In The Healthy Ireland Local Government 'Enabling' Series

[Register Today](#)

Enabling Wellbeing – The Role of Early Intervention & Prevention

Webinar Registration Open

Monday 18th November 10.00am – 12.00pm

Online via Zoom

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q59gwrraTJONFPY73J-NNg#/registration

Events

Upcoming Environmental Excursions and Talks

- The Limerick Branches of the Irish Wildlife Trust together and BirdWatch Ireland present
- **Barn Owls in Ireland** - A Talk by John Carrig Barn Owl Project
 - **Wed Nov 13th 7.30pm**
 - Mary Immaculate College

Supported by NPWS and Limerick City and County Council

- **Sat 23 Nov - Joint Limerick/Clare BirdWatch Ireland Outing to Curraghchase Forest Park**
 - **Look for** visiting winter migrants: chaffinch, hawfinch, woodpecker and the resident jay and squirrel
 - **Meet** at 9.30 am at the car park in Curraghchase.
 - **Leaders:** Maura Turner and Clodagh Glasgow
 - Coffee after, at the Potting Shed in Curraghchase Garden Centre.

Run in the Dark

This November over 1,000 Limerick People will take over the city streets to run for a very worthy cause. ***Run in the Dark*** is an annual worldwide event which connects runners globally from 50 cities worldwide and invites them to pull on their running shoes to complete a 5K or 10K run or walk in support of the Mark Pollock Trust. Monies raised will help support Collaborative Cures whose aim is to unite people to cure paralysis in our lifetime. The Run in the Dark event was set up by the Mark Pollock Foundation to support Mark's search for a paralysis cure.

Limerick is one of six flagship *Run in the Dark* events and takes place this **Wednesday 13th November 2024 in the University of Limerick Campus at 7:30 p.m.** Why not pull on your running shoes and get walking or running this Wednesday night whilst supporting a very worthy cause. Full details of the event with registration etc. are on the link below.

<https://www.runinthedark.org/event/limerick/>

Free Events in Limerick City & County

Press link to see what's on in Limerick [What's On | Limerick.ie](https://www.whatsonlimerick.ie/)