



# 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: THE LIMERICK STRAND HOTEL  
[REGISTER HERE](#)**



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### PPN Limerick's Plenary Meeting



Thursday, December 5th 2024 from 7:30 - 9pm  
at  
The Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick.



\*Registration via eventbrite link\*



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Social  
Inclusion

Community  
and Voluntary

Environmental



## **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 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

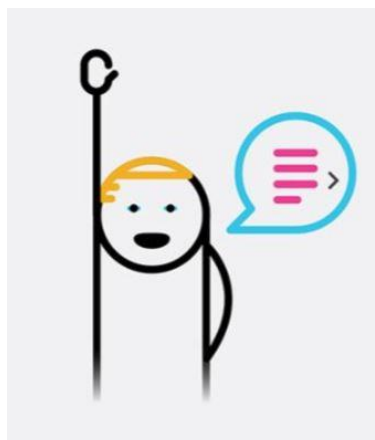
- Home and Social Development
- Travel and Transportation
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning
- Community, Leisure and Culture
- Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

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

We will also be seeking to Fill 4 Seats on the Secretariat and one Vacant Seat on LCDC. Please note all communication from PNN Limerick next week for updates.



## 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 and Funding Opportunities

### **Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Collaboration and Innovation Fund to Open for 2025**

The Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) fund will be opening in December 2025 and closing in January 2026. This funding stream aims to foster partnerships between organisations, prioritising initiatives for adults that enhance literacy, numeracy, digital, health, environmental and financial literacy across communities.

The fund's focus is on collaboration and innovation and encourages groups with shared goals to consider applying. The fund is about building connections that strengthen literacy supports in our region in new and innovative ways. Working together we can address the evolving needs of adults with unmet literacy needs.

In past years, funded projects have spanned a range of initiatives from digital skill-building workshops to innovative numeracy programmes. Examples of previous successful projects, which offer insight into the fund's potential impact, can be found on the Adult Literacy for Life website [here](#).



## Grant and Funding Opportunities

### ORIS 2024/2025 Scheme



**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](mailto:ORIS@limerick.ie) or by phone on 061-556008.

## Grant and Funding Opportunities

### €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 \(wlr.ie\)](http://wlr.ie)

## Grant and Funding Opportunities

# Impact Fund for Munster 2024



Rethink Ireland are thrilled to announce the launch of the [Impact Fund for Munster 2024](#). This fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial support to the value of €59,000 for each project and up to 8 projects, to help them expand and increase their social and/or environmental impact.

The fund will support projects that tackle issues such as biodiversity loss, food system deficits, overconsumption, pollution, climate inaction, ensuring that inclusion is at the heart of these projects, and that nobody is left behind. Through its social focus, the fund will address the social needs of marginalised and vulnerable groups within the region, including championing the inclusion and integration of neurodiverse peoples and communities through innovative approaches.

The fund is open for applications until 13 December 2024. . Please see [website](#) for more information on **who is eligible to apply** and **how to submit your online application**.

Please also join us for one of our online Application Clinics to **hear more about this opportunity, ask your questions and get some tips on writing an effective application**:

· 1pm Thursday, Nov 27th –

[Register Here](#)

## Grant and Funding Opportunities

### Historic Structures Fund (H.S.F.) 2025

**Applications are now being accepted for the Historic Structures Fund 2025.**

The Historic Structures Fund will invest essential capital in our valuable built heritage and help the owners and custodians of historic structures to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

For 2025, The Historic Structures Fund will offer grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 only, and focus on larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where:

A clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated,  
or

A clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary)

The Historic Structures Fund provides capital funding for works to qualifying structures which include the following:

**Protected Structures:** Structures in the Limerick City and County Record of Protected Structures (RPS);

**Structures eligible for or proposed for inclusion in the RPS** but not yet formally approved for inclusion. Such structures must meet the criteria for inclusion in the RPS by Limerick City and County Council, i.e. must be of special interest from an architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical point of view;

**Structures or works within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs),** or within the amenity of a National Monument, where exceptional circumstances apply.

For more information on the H.S.F., or to apply, please visit [Historic Structures Fund \(HSF\) 2025 | Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie/historic-structures-fund-2025)

All applications are to be submitted to the Conservation Section, Limerick City and County Council by **5pm on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- By email, to [conservation@limerick.ie](mailto:conservation@limerick.ie)

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## **Historic Thatched Buildings Grant (BHIS – HTB) 2025**

Applications are now being accepted for the Historic Thatched Buildings Grant 2025.

The purpose of the scheme is to protect the heritage value of historic thatched roof buildings across Ireland, including dwellings and other structures.

For 2025, the Historic Thatched Buildings Grant will offer funding offers of up to €20,000. Any historic thatched structure built before 1970, including domestic or commercial properties, is eligible to apply for grant funding under this scheme.

For more information on the Historic Thatched Buildings Grant, or to apply, please visit [Historic Thatched Buildings Grant \(BHIS – HTB\) 2025 | Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie/historic-thatched-buildings-grant-2025)

All applications are to be submitted to the Conservation Section, Limerick City and County Council by 5pm on 17th January 2025

- By email, to [conservation@limerick.ie](mailto:conservation@limerick.ie)
- Or, in hardcopy to the Conservation Section, Forward Planning and Public Realm, Limerick City and County Council, Old Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, V94 EH90.



## Surveys and Consultations

### HOUSEHOLDS WITH SEPTIC TANK/ PACKAGED TREATMENT SYSTEMS

As part of the EPA-funded project [REMARC](#), a research team at UCD have developed an **anonymised online survey** intended for Irish users of domestic wastewater treatment systems (i.e. septic tank/packaged treatment systems). Survey insights will help identify policy supports to simplify - and potentially incentivise - system maintenance and mitigate environmental/health issues deriving from untreated domestic wastewater.

The Goal of this Survey is to advance the Republic of Ireland's National Inspection Plan by identifying top-down (governance) and bottom-up (engagement) pathways towards higher levels of septic tank remediation to generate positive outcomes for water quality, the environment, and ultimately public health.

**Survey link:** <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/remarcsurvey>

Survey QR code:



[REMARC domestic wastewater treatment system survey \(1\).pdf](#)

## Surveys and Consultations

### Public Consultation on the Draft Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030

<https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/draft-limerick-biodiversity-action-plan-2025-2030>

Limerick City and County Council are inviting the public and key stakeholders to review the draft and submit your feedback ahead of Friday, January 10th 2025, submission deadline. Submissions are welcome via:

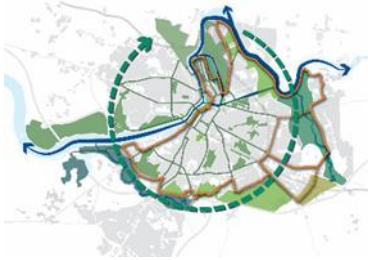
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- Online MyPoint [here](#)
- Email [biodiversityactionplan@limerick.ie](mailto:biodiversityactionplan@limerick.ie)
- Post Limerick City and County Council, Draft Biodiversity Action Plan, Dooradoyle Office, Limerick, V94 WV78
- Face to Face Presentation/Information Sessions – around the county. Details to follow.

All views and comments are welcome and will be reviewed after the submission deadline.

## Surveys and Consultations

### Non-Statutory Public Consultation on Blue Green Ring Masterplan for Limerick



Limerick City and County Council is inviting members of the public to participate in a non-statutory public consultation for the Blue Green Ring Masterplan.

The Blue Green Ring will be an integrated network of blue (water) and green (land) spaces and corridors in Limerick City. LUC, a multidisciplinary design team have been appointed by the Council to progress the development of a Blue Green Ring (BGR) Masterplan, with the ambition to create Ireland's first city-scale amenity and ecological corridor.

This corridor encompasses many of Limerick's key natural heritage assets cross cutting and surrounding the ring. These include the River Shannon and some of our most important wetlands such as Bunlicky, Coonagh and Westfields. It also incorporates important habitats for fauna and flora such as King's Island, Shannon Fields, the Baggot Estate, Ballinacurra Creek, Canal Bank, Toppin's Field, Groody Valley and areas north of Thomond Weir.

A non-statutory public consultation period will begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and run for a 4-week period until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

#### **Have Your Say!**

Members of the public can learn more about and engage in the preparation of the Masterplan by visiting the online consultation portal [HERE](#) and providing feedback through our [consultation survey](#). Submissions will be invited up to and including Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

## Surveys and Consultations

# County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Limerick



## Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan

Limerick City and County Council is developing an Outdoor Recreation Plan for the county to guide the management and development of outdoor recreation while increasing participation over the course of the next five years.

The council would like to hear your views to help shape an effective 5-year plan, which can better support the needs of the local population and increase participation in outdoor recreation across Limerick in the years to come.

An online survey is open for you to share your views on outdoor recreation and will close on. The survey can be accessed using the following Link.

<https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/limerick-county-outdoor-recreation-plan>

## Events

### **Christmas in Limerick 2024: The Magic Starts With You!**

Watch Limerick Light Up with the Magical Christmas in Limerick 2024 Launch Video [HERE](#)

View the Christmas in Limerick 2024 Event Guide [HERE](#)

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) invites you to experience the joy of the festive season as Limerick comes alive with magic to make this Christmas unforgettable.

[Limerick.ie/Christmas](https://limerick.ie/Christmas) is your one stop guide for holiday cheer, whether you are looking to enjoy street shows, Santa visits, pantos and more.

A comprehensive event guide is available to download [HERE](#).

### **[A Magical Winter's Tale](#)**

On Sunday, December 1 at 7:30pm, LUXE Theatre Company presents a magical, illuminated Christmas procession in Limerick. Enjoy wintry performers and larger than life characters as they enchant the city streets with seasonal fairy tales and guiding stars.

### **[Limerick On Ice](#)**

Limerick's beloved ice-skating rink returns to Arthur's Quay Park on Friday, November 15. Whether you're a seasoned skater or a beginner, enjoy the magic of real ice. It's the perfect winter family fun activity.

### **[Fossett's Christmas Circus at Cleeves](#)**

Experience the magic of Fossett's Circus in Limerick from December 19 to January 07. Take in the acrobatics, daredevil stunts, and festive fun with Otto the Clown and Marionn Fossett. Don't miss it!

### **[Santa's Super Show](#)**

Join the festive family sing-along with Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, Elf and Santa at the Millennium Theatre, Sunday 1 December.

### **[Christmas Couture at the Castle](#)**

Discover the latest fashion trends at King John's Castle with Celia Holman Lee and the Holman Lee Agency on Saturday, December 7 at 12pm.

### [Christmas at Limerick Milk Market](#)

Embrace the festive spirit with delicious traditional food, handmade crafts and beautiful gifts. Enjoy the heated seats at the Open-Air Café, the Ivory Elephant Vintage Christmas Fair, Santa Paws and Santa Clause, and the Christmas Transition Year Enterprise Market.

### [Christmas Tales by Limerick Fireside](#)

Join storyteller and musician David Collopy as he recounts stories of Christmas traditions gone by, including the Hunting of the Wren, Thomond Bridge on Christmas Eve, the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral and Nollaig na Mban!

### [Santa's Greenway Fancy Dress Cycle](#)

Limerick Greenway is hosting a festive family fun day this Christmas! Join Santa and Mrs. Claus on a charity cycle at 11am Sunday 8 December, followed by face painting, goodie bags and prizes for the best dressed! For a special memento of the day, get a photo with the main man himself!

### [Getting there and getting around](#)

Christmas shoppers and visitors to Limerick city can avail of more than 9,000 designated on and off street car parking spaces, 46 km of dedicated cycle lanes and over 30 bus routes serving the city, county and region.

## **Limerick City**

### Weekend Park and Stride

- **FREE** parking in Limerick City and County Council Car Park behind Merchant's Quay  
Access is via Nicholas Street  
9am to 10pm - Saturdays & Sundays from 23 Nov – 22 Dec  
9am – 4pm Christmas Eve

### City Centre On-Street Parking

- Over 4,000 on-street parking spaces in Limerick City

- Parking is from 50c per half hour (Monday to Saturday)
- **FREE** after 5:30pm daily
- **FREE** on Sundays, as usual.

### **Abbeyfeale, Killmallock and Newcastle West**

- **First hour FREE** between 9.30 am – 5.30 pm as usual
- **Additional 2 hours FREE** on-street parking  
from 2.30pm daily from 02 Dec – 31 Dec
- **FREE** on Sundays as always

To keep up to date on all things Christmas in Limerick, please visit [Limerick.ie/Christmas](http://Limerick.ie/Christmas) or follow Christmas in Limerick on social media.

