



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


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UPCOMING PLENARY MEETING




**Public Participation
Network Limerick**







PPN Limerick's Plenary Meeting

Thursday, March 20th 2025 from 6:30 - 8.30pm
at
Council Chambers, Dooradoyle, Limerick.



Registration via eventbrite link

PPN Limerick Plenary Meeting 20th of March 2025

[REGISTER HERE](#)

At this meeting we will hold a Linkage group Meeting with the Representatives. We encourage Members to attend to support the Mandate of these Representatives on the Strategic Policy Committee Seats.

We will also Ratify the nominees from recent elections for Vacant SPC/ Secretariat Seats.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL IS INVITING YOU OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GROUP TO ATTEND THIS FOCUS GROUP MEETING. THIS MEETING IS SPECIFICALLY TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE DISABLED PERSONS ORGANISATIONS IN LIMERICK REGARDING THE PUBLIC REALM UPGRADES DETAILED BELOW.

Re. The proposed Market Quarter & Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrades

We are writing to invite you to participate in a Focus Group Meeting in Istabraq Hall in Limerick Civic Buildings at Merchant's Quay on **Tuesday the 11th of March at 11am**. The Place-Making Team in Limerick City and County Council are currently working on the design for public realm upgrades to the streets shown in the map below. The proposals include the following changes to the streets:

- Reduction in the width of carriageways to a minimum of 3.1m each and subsequent increase in footpath widths to prioritise pedestrians over vehicular traffic
 - Introduction of a shared surface, where the pedestrian zones and carriageway will be at the same level, on Robert Street, Cornmarket Row, Carr Street, High Street and parts of Denmark Street, Ellen Street and Mungret Street
 - Conversion of junctions in some locations within the proposed development boundary to raised table junctions, which will act as traffic calming measures
 - Removal of on-street parking in certain locations and relocation of taxi-ranks, loading bays and accessible parking bays to other locations within the proposed development boundary to provide wider footpaths and pedestrian zones, additional casual trading areas, outdoor dining and additional amenity spaces
 - Provision of street furniture including seating areas, trees, planting, bicycle stands, bollards, litter bins, public lighting and signage
 - Relocating overhead utilities underground to declutter the streetscape
 - Provision of interpretive signage and paving to represent the area's history and built heritage
 - All associated site works
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We are meeting different groups who may wish to give their views on the design and of the project. Please confirm if you will attend and whether you have any special requirements. We can also facilitate people joining via Zoom if the date and time don't suit.

There will be a further Public Consultation in April as part of the Part 8 Planning Application where the preferred option will be available for the general public to view at Limerick Civic Buildings in Merchant's Quay and online via the MyPoint website. We will share the information regarding this closer to the time.

If you require further information on any of the above please email catherine.dollard@limerick.ie

Consultations



SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM 2025

CWI/EAPN Ireland Preparatory Workshops

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) is part of the Government's structures to monitor and evaluate the State's strategy to address poverty and achieve social inclusion. The Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020 – 2025 is the current strategy. The Social Inclusion Forum is held annually to provide an opportunity for wider public consultation and discussion on poverty and social inclusion issues and the implementation of the strategy, in particular for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and the organisations/groups that work with them. The Forum also provides an opportunity for engagement between officials from Government Departments, community and voluntary organisations and people experiencing poverty.

Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) 2025 will be held on Thursday 8th May in Croke Park

Title for SIF 2025: Reflecting on the Past and Informing the Future of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion

Each year the Department of Social Protection selects a number of thematic areas which will be the focus of the workshops at the Forum each year. This year, the focus is on:

1. Travellers and Roma
2. Families and Children
3. Disabled People
4. Older People
5. Building Inclusive Communities addressing racism and wider discrimination

SIF 2025 will also provide an important opportunity to engage with the Government's consultation of developing a successor strategy to the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020 – 2025.

CWI & EAPN Ireland Preparatory Workshops

Community Work Ireland (CWI) and the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland collaborate annually to organise a series of workshops to support participation at the Social Inclusion Forum and to provide the opportunity for civil society, communities and stakeholders, and in particular people affected by poverty and the organisations working with them, to discuss the issues. Each workshop will provide an overview of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion and will focus on the thematic areas that are the focus of SIF 2025. Feedback from the workshops will be presented at the Plenary session of SIF 2025.

Registration is now open for two online and two regional in-person Preparatory Workshops, hosted by CWI and EAPN Ireland. Each of the online workshops will cover two themes, and each in-person workshop will cover all thematic areas.

EAPN Ireland and CWI would like to encourage people with direct experience of issues that emerge from the workshops to participate in person at SIF 2025. A small budget will be available to support the participation costs of a number of participants in the workshops from unfunded or underfunded groups and unwaged individuals to attend SIF 2025. Further information will be available at the workshops

PREPARATORY WORKSHOPS

Date and Time	Location	Theme	Register
Tuesday 25th March 11am-1pm	ONLINE	Travellers and Roma; Older People, Building Inclusive Communities	HERE
Tuesday 1st April 11am-1pm	ONLINE	Disabled people, Families and Children; Building Inclusive Communities	Here
Tuesday 8th April 10:30am-1pm(Registration from 10am)	CORK CITY Blackpool Community Centre, 90 Great William O'Brien Street, Blackpool, Cork T23 TR7A	All Themes	Here
Wednesday 16th April 11:30am-1:30pm(Registration from 11am)	GALWAY CITY Westside Resource Centre, Seamus Quirke Road, Galway, H91 C1KX	All Themes	Here

Invitation to Launch of Foynes and Newcastle West A.C.A. Wonder Wander Walking Trails - March 25th 2025

Limerick City and County Council is delighted to invite you to the launch of the Foynes and Newcastle West Wonder Wander Walking Trails on March 25th 2025

Explore the rich architectural history of Limerick with the Wonder Wander Walking Trails, created by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage in collaboration with the Limerick City and County Council Architectural Conservation Office and EZxploring. These two immersive trails invite you to discover the vibrant streetscapes of the Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) in the heart of Newcastle West and Foynes.

The trails celebrate the unique architectural heritage and sense of place, offering a chance to explore the diverse history of these iconic areas. As part of the project, engaging community workshops and informative drop-in sessions were held, encouraging local participation and storytelling. Special involvement from local schools added an extra layer of richness, enhancing the trail maps and fostering greater public awareness of our built heritage.

The Foynes trail will be launched on March 25th 2025 at 10am, at Foynes Library.

The Newcastle West trail will be launched on March 25th 2025 at 1pm, at Newcastle West Library.

Both events will be followed by the opportunity for a guided walk of the trails afterwards

Join us in celebrating and preserving the architectural gems that shape our communities! The maps will be available to download on the NIAH and Limerick City and County Council website from the launch date and some paper copies will be available on the day.

We hope that you can join us for this celebration of Limerick's architectural heritage



GET LIMERICK WALKING

STAKEHOLDER EVENT

Thursday, 3RD April 2025
Strand Hotel Limerick V94 03F2

SAVE THE DATE!

FACILITATED by MAEVE BUCKLEY of: **LEADINGSPORT**

“Get Ireland Walking, in collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership, is developing an Action Plan and Toolkit to enable more people to walk in Limerick. Walking is one of the most accessible and effective ways to improve physical and mental health, while also promoting sustainable, active communities. The aim of this Action Plan is to provide better, safer, more accessible walking for everyone in Limerick city and county.

This plan will be implemented across all aspects of walking—whether for recreation or active travel—and will incorporate insights from infrastructure design, trails and outdoor recreation, public realm, active travel engineering, sports organizations, community development groups, walking enthusiasts, older adults, migrant communities, and people with disabilities. Using the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity Framework, the Action Plan will be structured, comprehensive, and inclusive in nature.

You are invited to join us for a stakeholder workshop from 10.00am – 1.00pm on Thursday 3rd of April, at The Strand Hotel, where as many voices as possible to help shape this initiative will be brought together.

I have attached the agenda for the day, which will be facilitated by Maeve Buckley of Leading Sport, in partnership with Get Ireland Walking. Your input will be invaluable in ensuring a comprehensive and impactful plan and creating more opportunities for people to walk as part of a healthy lifestyle in Limerick”.

CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Monday 28th April to Sunday 4th May

Host an Event and Make a Difference!

Climate Action Week is a local initiative bringing together individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations to raise awareness, inspire action, and drive meaningful change in the fight against climate change. It is a week of collective action, education, and empowerment.

We are calling on groups, schools, local organizations, and community leaders to host events throughout Climate Action Week!

Whether it is a small community gathering or a large-scale event, your involvement will make a big difference.

How to Host Your Event:

- Pick a Date & Location: Choose a day and venue that works for your group and community.
 - Plan Your Activity: Be creative and inclusive.
- Promote Your Event: Share on social media, with local media, or through community newsletters.
 - o We will also promote the event
- Track Your Impact: Consider sharing photos, videos, or stories to show how your event made a difference.
 - o Use #GreenForLimerick #ClimateActionLimerick on all your posts

Need help getting started or have questions?

Contact Darren Barry and Sarah O'Malley at climateaction@limerick.ie



Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2025



Limerick City and County Council has curated a diverse line-up of festivities from March 15th to 17th, highlighting a range of events and community celebrations. Plan your weekend with the

[Limerick St. Patrick's Festival Event Guide](#)

or discover more on

[Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival](https://limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival)