



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

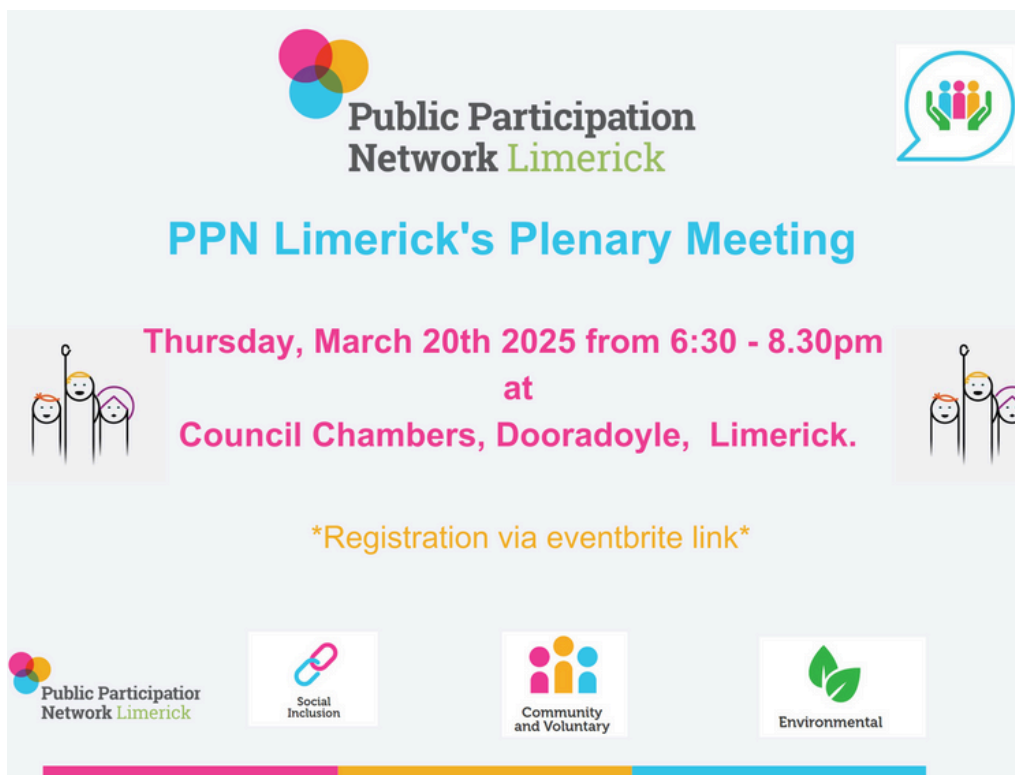
PPN Membership

Now stands at 243 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



The poster features the Public Participation Network Limerick logo at the top left, which consists of three overlapping circles in pink, orange, and blue. To the right of the logo is a speech bubble icon containing three stylized human figures in green, orange, and blue. The main title 'PPN Limerick's Plenary Meeting' is centered in a blue font. Below the title, the date and time 'Thursday, March 20th 2025 from 6:30 - 8.30pm' are written in pink, followed by the location 'at Council Chambers, Dooradoyle, Limerick.' in pink. On either side of this text are small icons of three stylized human figures. A note in orange text reads '*Registration via eventbrite link*'. At the bottom, there are four logos: the PPN Limerick logo, a pink link icon labeled 'Social Inclusion', a group of three stylized human figures labeled 'Community and Voluntary', and a green leaf icon labeled 'Environmental'. A decorative bar at the bottom is divided into three segments of pink, orange, and blue.

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.

!!SAVE THE DATE!!



**PPN LIMERICK WILL
HOST A MEETING
WITH MAYOR JOHN
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of APRIL 6:30-
8:30pm**

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MAYOR JOHN MORAN ON THE 30TH OF APRIL FROM 6:30-
8:30PM

VENUE: TBC.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO HEAR AN UPDATE
REGARDING THE MAYORAL PROGRAM.
WE ENCOURAGE PPN MEMBERS TO ATTEND TO HEAR
FROM THE MAYOR AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
FEEDBACK AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

VENUE AND REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

THE HARE'S CORNER WITH AN BURREN BEO NOW OPEN TO LIMERICK APPLICANTS

The Hare's Corner with an Burren Beo now open to Limerick Applicants

LCCC is partnering with an Burrenbeo Trust to offer 'The Hare's Corner' to landowners in Limerick. The application form is live until the 20th March – link to application form here. T&C apply

The Hare's Corner project offers landowners practical support to carry out simple but impactful actions for nature such as creation of one of the following: a wildlife pond, a native mini-woodland, a wildlife hedgerow, a heritage mini-orchard, and/or a bespoke 'plan for nature' for their site. This support is offered in the form of materials (mixed species of native trees and heritage apple trees), micro-funding (towards machinery costs for pond digging), professional services (such as a hydrologist's visit to help plan a pond, or an ecologist's visit to 'plan for nature') and guidance.

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/newsroom/news/landowners-in-limerick-to-be-offered-hassle-free-support-to-create-more-space>

Inspired by the term 'The Hare's Corner' - an old farming expression for an awkward section of a field which wasn't intensively farmed and so was 'left to nature' - the aim of this project is to help create habitats that have proven benefits for biodiversity, for climate-action as well as for the wellbeing of participants.

The Hare's Corner initiative in 2025 will be funded through a combination of public and private sector funding, including the **Local Biodiversity Action Fund** supported by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and private funders - NTR PLC, Greencoat Renewables PLC, ESB, and Aldi Stores Ltd. **The Local Authority Biodiversity Officer Programme is delivered in Partnership with the Heritage Council.**

Climate Action Newsletter



Please find a copy of our latest Climate Action newsletter attached, as always if you wish to highlight something that your team/dept has done in the newsletter please do not hesitate to send it to me.

[Climate Action Newsletter March25.pdf](#)

Consultations

Public Consultation - Suicide Reduction Policy

A public consultation to inform the next suicide reduction policy in Ireland was launched on 7 March 2025:

[gov.ie - Minister for Mental Health launches public consultation on new suicide reduction policy](#)

Information about the public consultation can be found here:

[gov.ie - Public consultation on Ireland's next suicide reduction policy](#)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could circulate to your member groups, to offer their views on suicide reduction in Ireland, as well as express what they would like to see in the new policy in the below linked survey:

[Suicide Reduction Policy - Public Consultation](#)

The Department of Rural and Community Development is developing the next phase of Ireland's rural development policy which will build on the progress made under Our Rural Future 2021 -2025.

We invite you to take part in our public consultation survey, available here: <https://panel.amarachsurveys.ie/S2/159/DRCD2025/> .

As an organisation with an interest in rural Ireland, your insights are crucial and your feedback will help ensure rural policy continues to support and strengthen rural communities across Ireland.

We would also be grateful if you could share the survey, which can be completed in English or Irish, within your organisation and with your broader networks. The survey will remain open until Wednesday 2 April.

Please contact Rural.Consultation@drcd.gov.ie if you have any queries.

Thank you for your time and contribution.

Department of Rural and Community Development

Consultations/Grants

The Department of Climate, Environment, Energy have just launched the public consultation on Ireland's implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the Pollutant Release Transfer Register (PRTR) Protocol available [here](#).

DECC encourages your organisation to participate in this public consultation. This process will inform Ireland's National Implementation Reports on the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol 2025. The Department has prepared draft National Implementation Reports to outline the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocols in Ireland. To inform the final documents, comments are invited from stakeholders, members of the public and other interested parties. DECC invites you to further disseminate information about the public consultation process and requests that you promote these public consultations through your organisation's website and social media forums, where possible.

Aarhus Convention

The Aarhus Convention lays down a set of basic rules to promote citizen's involvement in environmental matters and improve enforcement of environmental law.

Its provisions are broken down into three Pillars: Access to Information on the Environment, Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making and Access to Justice.

Ireland ratified the Aarhus Convention on 20th June 2012.

PRTR Protocol

The PRTR Protocol seeks to reduce the burden of pollution and waste by establishing publicly accessible national pollutant registers. The Protocol requires each of its Parties to establish and maintain a publicly accessible national PRTR that meets certain requirements which are set out in the Protocol. The Irish PRTR, which was launched in 2007, is maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency and is available at <https://www.epa.ie/our-services/compliance--enforcement/whats-happening/pollutant-release-and-transfer-register/>

Comments on the draft document should be submitted by email or received by post no later than the 7th April 2025.

Email: Aarhus-decc@decc.gov.ie or Post:

The Aarhus Unit,
Department of Climate, Environment and Energy,
Tom Johnston House,
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For more information on the Aarhus Convention, please go to:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b3b1a-aarhus-convention/>

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 under-funded 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 CITYBlackpool Community Centre, 90 Great William O'Brien Street, Blackpool, Cork T23 TR7A	All Themes	Here
Wednesday 16th April11:30am-1:30pm(Registration from 11am)	GALWAY CITYWestside 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


 A flyer for a stakeholder event. At the top, a green rounded rectangle contains the text "GET LIMERICK WALKING" in white. Below this, the text "STAKEHOLDER EVENT" is written in green, followed by "Thursday, 3RD April 2025" and "Strand Hotel Limerick V94 03F2" in black. On the left, a green circle says "SAVE THE DATE!". In the center, there is a circular portrait of a woman. At the bottom, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text "FACILITATED by MAEVE BUCKLEY of: LEADINGSPORT" in white. The flyer has a light blue background with a vertical dotted line on the left and a yellow curved shape on the right.

“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

You can view the Active Travel Limerick Newsletter #35 dated March 14th 2025, by clicking the link below:

[Active Travel Newsletter #35](#)

Alternatively, you can download the newsletter in PDF format by visiting the [Active Travel](#) webpage on Limerick.ie Simply scroll to the bottom and click on “Read Newsletters”.

The following Active Travel Limerick updates are included within this newsletter:

Castletroy Link Road (2 pages)

Wickham Street to Clare Street

Bus Shelters – Ballylanders, Co. Limerick

Towns and Villages – Croom, Co. Limerick

Mill Road Scheme, Corbally

· R510 Raheen Roundabout to Quinn’s Cross Scheme update (3 pages)

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activetravel@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)