



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 253 members. 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 [HERE](#)

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PPNL/ MAYOR JOHN MORAN MEETING

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING, ORGANISED FOR OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

!PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK MEETING!

with

MAYOR OF LIMERICK JOHN MORAN

All Members are welcome to attend and engage directly on the Mayoral Program to ensure that the collective PPN Voice is heard.*

**Further information to follow*

Date: Wednesday, 30th of April

Time: 6-8pm

Venue: Istabraq, City Hall V94 EH90

Registration is Essential.

Contact ppn@limerick.ie



Register to attend [HERE](#)

REGISTRATION FOR UL CITIZEN'S ASSEMBLY




UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
 OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH

Comhairleachas OL
 UL Engage

UL Citizens' Assembly


WE WANT YOU!

You select the projects that will make a difference!

Researchers will present their projects seeking your vote to receive funding.

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- With a positive impact for Limerick

1 May 2025

Venue
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 Henry Street,
 Limerick V94 4D83

Time:
 Registration: 10.00am
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Food & beverages will be served.

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ROCHTAIN

DEMOCRATISING ADVOCACY



Political Communications and Advocacy Skills Workshop

The Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) with support from St.Stephen's Green Trust are delighted to offer a **free** online political communications and advocacy workshop on **Tuesday May 20 , 18:00-20:00**

This workshop is aimed at PPN members in the Munster area and will cover topics such as;

- *Understanding the political system*
- *Knowing when and how to effectively communicate with TDs and senators*
- *How to research and present information on your causes to enhance political impact*
- *Understanding your lobbying obligations*

To register for this free event please click [here](#). More information on Rochtain can be seen by clicking [here](#).

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Civil Liberties
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Click [HERE](#) to Register

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 - Project Development Measure & Main Scheme

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary, recently announced details of the 2025 Town and Village Renewal Scheme designed to support the revitalisation of rural towns and villages by focusing on stimulating town centre economic and social regeneration.

Limerick City and County Council is now seeking Expressions of Interest from town/village community groups who may have suitable projects for consideration under the Project Development Measure or the Main Scheme.

Information in relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 is available at: www.limerick.ie/town-village-renewal

Expression of Interest forms for either the Project Development Measure or the Main Scheme must be completed online via the following link: <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/applications>

Please note the closing date for the submission of completed Expression of Interest forms on MyPoint is 12 noon on Friday 16th May 2025.

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

Consultation on the Draft Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West

With funding from the EU-supported THRIVE programme – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme, Limerick City and County Council have prepared a Draft Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West.

This Draft Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West is on public display during normal office hours until Tuesday 6th May 2025 at the following locations:

- Limerick City and County Council, Corporate Headquarters, Merchants Quay, Limerick;
- Limerick City and County Council, County Hall, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick;
- Newcastle West Municipal Office, Áras William Smith O'Brien, Gortboy, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick;
- Public library in Newcastle West;

The Draft is also available online via MyPoint; [Draft Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West | Limerick City & County Council's Online Consultation, Survey and Application Form Portal](#)

Submissions or observations

Submissions or observations on the Draft Integrated Urban Strategy may be made via the following methods:

- Online at <http://mypoint.limerick.ie>
- Email: towncentrefirst@limerick.ie
- In writing to: Town Centre First, Rural Development, Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate, Limerick City and County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick, V94 EH90.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy, online or email by 5pm on Tuesday 6th May 2025 for consideration and inclusion in the Plan. Please note that by giving your contact details you are agreeing to the Council GDPR policy.

In-person Consultation

As part of this public consultation process, Limerick City and County Council will also be hosting open drop-in events that will take place on:

- [Friday 25th April 2025 from 12pm to 4pm in the Square, Newcastle West.](#)

The aim of the Draft Integrated Urban Strategy is to make Newcastle West a great place to live for all age groups and sections of the community, a great place to work, to run a business and to visit. This strategy is focused on Newcastle West town centre and its revitalisation and we hope to hear your thoughts.

Community Safety Fund 2025; Funding Call

Please see below details in relation to The Community Safety Fund;

Funding Call has opened for 2025, details about the grants and criteria can be found at this link: gov.ie - Community Safety Fund 2025: Funding Call

The Local Community Safety team want to encourage all staff to share the Community Safety Fund details with any community groups, voluntary groups or NGO's that you engage with to help increase awareness. Official social media accounts can be utilised to share details.

Who is Eligibility?

- Existing community safety initiatives
 - NGOs and community organisations working on issues relevant to community safety and youth justice
 - Individual organisations, or consortiums involving two or more organisations where the lead partner is a community organisation, not-for-profit, social enterprise or similar with a remit relevant to community safety and/or youth justice
- What types of initiatives or projects are eligible for funding?

- Applications may be for once-off initiatives or short to medium term projects limited to two years. Project activities must be additional to the usual business of the applicant organisation and should complement but not replace mainstream structures or funding streams at local level
- Allowable expenditure includes salaries as part of a wider proposal once costs are apportioned in relation to the overall proposal, would not duplicate existing roles and are for a defined and temporary duration
- Applications will not be accepted for the creation or support of long-term positions
- Duplication of funding is not permitted
- Applications for capital funding costs; e.g. high value items (vehicles, fixed assets) and infrastructure/building schemes will only be considered if they are integral to the proposal itself and appropriately apportioned; lower value items, for example equipment, will be considered on the same terms

Any additional queries regarding the Community Safety Fund should be directed to Communitysafetyfund@justice.ie

Climate Action Newsletter



Climate Action Week kicks off on Monday 28th April. Schedule of events can be found here [Climate Action Week | Limerick.ie](#)

[Climate Action Newsletter April25.pdf](#)

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter 04.04.25

Please see link below to 04th April 2025 Age Friendly Newsletter for your perusal.
[Click Here](#)

WALKING AND CYCLING INDEX IRELAND



Walking and Cycling Index Ireland

Share your story in the new Walking and Cycling Index 2025

Do you live in Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Limerick Shannon or Galway Metropolitan area? Share your experience about walking, wheeling or cycling!

“Limerick City and County Council are seeking people who Walk, Wheel or Cycle as case studies for the next Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Walking and Cycling Index report.

If you regularly use one of these sustainable transport methods and would like to inspire others then you we would like to hear from you. Please fill out the short survey via the following link:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/sustrans/walking-and-cycling-index-ireland>.

If you are living in the Metropolitan District and would like to participate in the case study email us to ppn@limerick.ie and we will connect you with the LCCC contact.

Invitation to Consultation Event on Our Rural Future 2026-2030

The Department of Rural and Community Development will be holding a series of consultation events to inform the development of a new rural development policy for the period 2026-2030.

This future policy is a commitment in the Programme for Government and will build on the achievements of the current Our Rural Future 2021-2025 policy as we seek to fulfil our vision for a thriving rural Ireland.

We would value the input of your PPN to a discussion around the opportunities and challenges of importance for rural Ireland. I therefore invite you to nominate a representative to attend the consultation event most convenient to them.

Details regarding these events are set out in the table below. The first four events focus on specific themes and invites to these are being issued to a wide range of rural stakeholders and delivery partners. The remaining two meetings are also open to the public and more general in focus.

Participants should register via the relevant Eventbrite link as soon as possible as places are limited.

There will also be a consultation event as Gaeilge in late June. If you would like to register your interest in this event, or if you have any questions related to any of the events, please email rural.consultation@dracd.gov.ie.

Our Rural Future 2026-2030 Consultation Events

Public Consultation Meeting	Cork	16 June 2025 6.30pm – 9pm	Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville	Register here –
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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TEAM LIMERICK CLEANUP



TLC takes place on Good Friday, 18th of April 2025.

Team Limerick Clean-Up (TLC) is a massive county-wide initiative encouraging volunteers, organisations, businesses, and schools from across Limerick to get involved and do their bit to keep Limerick clean and tidy.

The Health and Safety of Participants is the Priority of the Organisers. You will find best Practice Health and Safety Guidelines [HERE](#).

LIMERICK GOING FOR GOLD IMPROVEMENT GRANT & COMPETITION 2025

How to Apply

Applications are now being accepted for Limerick Going for Gold 2025.



The image shows a hand holding a green pen, filling out a 'Going for Gold Community Challenge Application Form'. The form is titled 'LIMERICK GOING FOR GOLD' and 'A Brighter, Better, Cleaner Limerick'. The form fields include: Name Business/Residence Association/group, Address, Contact Name 1, Contact Phone 1, and Contact Email 1. A small graphic of a hand holding a gold medal is visible in the top right corner of the form.

Details regarding the Limerick Going for Gold improvement Grant & Competition 2025 are available from: [Limerick Going for Gold | Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie/goingforgold).

This grant scheme is open to local groups who wish to improve biodiversity, litter management, focus on waste prevention, circular economy and on pollinator friendly planting including native trees,

Application forms are available [here](#).

Alternatively, application forms are available from Customer Services, Limerick City and County Council, email: customerservices@limerick.ie.

This year, Limerick City and County Council invites applications from Resident's Associations/Resident's Groups located in the Regeneration Areas.

Please note the closing date for completed applications is 12 noon on 12th of May 2025.

Should you have any queries contact: limerickgoingforgold@limerick.ie.

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,
Haddington Road,
Dublin,
D04 K7X4

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.

TRAINING

PPN Stakeholder Training

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.

To register, please complete the Registration Form at the following link: :

[Register for Training | Social Justice Ireland](#)