



# 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 269 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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## Upcoming Plenary MEETING





Public Participation  
Network **Limerick**







**PPN Limerick's Plenary Meeting**

**Thursday, September 25th 2025 from 6:30 - 8.30pm**  
at  
**Council Chambers, Dooradoyle, Limerick.**



*\*Registration via eventbrite link\**



Public Participation  
Network **Limerick**

Social  
Inclusion

Community  
and Voluntary

Environmental

# Plenary Meeting 25th of September 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.

More information, including Agenda and Documentation, to follow.

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## Proposed Application for Designation as Quiet Area- Peoples Park



Access to urban parks with good quality sound is of major importance for people living in cities for social and health related benefits. The People's Park is identified as a Candidate Quiet Area under the Agglomeration of Limerick Noise Action Plan 2024-2028. Investigations by the Council indicate that natural and human sounds predominate in the park and are mainly perceived as being pleasant.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(1) of the Environmental Noise Regulations, 2018 (as amended), Limerick City and County Council intends to consult with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and apply for approval by the Minister for the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to designate the People's Park, Limerick City, as a Quiet Area.

The proposal may be accessed [HERE](#)

The public consultation phase will be open from **23rd August**, closing on 19th September 2025.

Observations can be submitted [HERE](#).

Submissions may be made in writing to:  
Cathal Brodie, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment and Climate Action, Limerick City and County Council, County Hall, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

or by email to [noiseactionplan@limerick.ie](mailto:noiseactionplan@limerick.ie)

The Climate Action and Environment Section would like to thank the Limerick PPN for its support organising one of the soundwalks during the National PPN Conference 2024 as part of **its investigation**.

## Heritage Keepers Program Grant open for Applications



**HERITAGE KEEPERS**  
**ROUND 5**

**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN**

Free workshops and a grant to support local heritage action and fieldtrip for community groups and primary schools nationwide

Visit [heritagekeepers.ie](https://heritagekeepers.ie) for more information

Applications will close in September

**APPLY NOW**

[heritagekeepers.ie](https://heritagekeepers.ie)

Heritage Keepers burrenbeo trust connecting people and place Sunflower Charitable Foundation

The poster features a green background with white text. It includes a circular inset image of a group of people looking at a map on a screen, and another circular inset image of a group of people standing in front of a stone ruin. The bottom of the poster has a green grass border.

The new round of the National Heritage Keepers Programme under the Environmental NGO Burrenbeo Trust is open for applications! This programme is a great opportunity any community group across the country to celebrate their local heritage.

The programme consists of 5 short online workshops, followed by a €1000 grant for the group to carry out an action (and optional fieldtrip) for any aspect of local heritage, for more information on the programme visit

[www.heritagekeepers.ie/](https://www.heritagekeepers.ie/)

## In-Person and Online- Literacy Awareness & Plain Language Training –



Bord Oideachais & Oiliúna  
**LUIMNIGH & AN CHLÁIR**  
**LIMERICK & CLARE**  
Education & Training Board

This in person Literacy Awareness course explores how understanding literacy can be a powerful tool for personal and social change. Participants will learn how to become literacy aware and how to respond sensitively to unmet literacy needs. The course is designed for anyone who interacts with the public in their work or volunteering capacity.

Regional Literacy Coordinator: Tom Kent tom.kent@lcetb.ie 087 056 4369

### IN PERSON EVENTS

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Date: Monday; 25th of August 2025 from 10.00 to 12.00

Location: Kilmallock Road Campus Limerick City V94 Y6H3 [Registration link](#)

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Date: Tuesday; 2nd of September 2025 from 14.00 to 16.00

Location: Online [Registration link](#)

Regional Literacy Coordinator: Tom Kent tom.kent@lcetb.ie 087 056 4369

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Date: Monday; 29th of September 2025 from 10.00 to 12.00

Location: Kilmallock Road Campus Limerick City V94 Y6H3 [Registration link](#)

Regional Literacy Coordinator: Tom Kent tom.kent@lcetb.ie 087 056 4369

### ONLINE EVENT

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Date: Tuesday; 30th of September 2025 from 14.00 to 16.00

Location: [Online Registration link](#)

# Heritage Week Events



## **Family-Friendly Gathering – River Arra, Newcastle West**

 **Saturday 23 August, 11:30am – 1:30pm**

 **North Quay, near Adrenalin, Newcastle West, V42 H566**

Games, nature activities, and river-themed fun for all ages. Learn about the bugs that live in the river.

[Family Friendly Gathering River Arra Newcastle West](#)

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## **Sustainability Tent – Limerick Show**

 **Sunday 24 August, 10:30am – 3:45pm**

 **Limerick Racecourse, V94 K858**

Explore sustainability exhibits and water-focused displays.

I'll be attending and would love to chat about water quality ideas or projects in your catchment area!

[Limerick National Heritage Week Sustainability Tent at the Limerick Show](#)

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## **The Wildlife of Kilmallock**

 **Thursday 21 August, 7pm – 8pm**

 **Kilmallock North Bridge, Glenfield, Kilmallock**

Join Tidy Towns for a talk on local wildlife and biodiversity.

[The Wildlife of Kilmallock](#)


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# Heritage Week Events



## Explore the Built Heritage of the City's Waterways

 17 Saturday 23 August, 10am – 11:30am

 Merchant's Quay, Limerick City


A guided walk through the architectural heritage of Limerick's waterways.

[Explore the Built Heritage of the City's Waterways](#)

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## Askeaton Ballysteen Natural Heritage River Walk

 17 Friday 22 August, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

 West Square Parklet, Askeaton


Join Liam O'Sullivan for a walk along the River Deel, exploring nature and history.

[Askeaton Ballysteen Natural Heritage River Walk](#)

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## Shaped by Water – Gathering Limerick Stories

 17 Tuesday 19 August, 3pm – Adare Heritage Centre

 17 Wednesday 20 August, 3pm – King John's Castle


Share and record your waterway memories through storytelling and art.

[Shaped by Water - Gathering Limerick Stories for Heritage Week](#)

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## Peatlands & Climate Change Workshop

 17 Saturday 23 August, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

 Griston Bog, Ballylanders

Learn how peatlands help regulate climate and water systems.

[Peatlands & Climate Change Workshop](#)

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# Certificate in Enterprise and Community Development



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Further information: Join on Zoom at 4pm - 4:30pm - any Monday and Thursday during August (see link below) or get in touch.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83076565309?pwd=ZDzm66Qf3jBzBaohJugjfAnvjUD02S.1>

Meeting ID: 830 7656 5309

Passcode: 218713

Supported by Rethink Ireland, Deloitte, and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, this course is offered **fully funded** to eligible participants.



# EMBRACE FARM

## Support for Farming Communities



**Embrace FARM**  
Support After Injury & Loss

For our Members in the farming community.

Embrace Farm provide emotional and practical support to farm families in the aftermath of tragedy and/ or injury.

visit their website to see details

[www.embracefarm.com](http://www.embracefarm.com)



## August in the City



This August, Limerick City's streets are set to come alive with creativity, Community and Celebration as Limerick City and County council launches 'August Animations'—a month-long initiative inviting residents, businesses, and community groups to reimagine and reclaim public spaces across the city.

Residents, local groups, and businesses are invited to enjoy pop-up events, talent showcases, or simple neighbourhood gatherings. The goal is to make the most of Limerick's public realm while fostering a strong sense of community spirit.

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2025

## Survey Marks in Limerick

“There are some avid benchmark hobbyists in Ireland, and we want to draw on their interest and that of other community groups.”

Researchers at UL are calling on the local community to get involved in a project aimed at locating and recording an important Irish heritage relic via a newly launched app.

Bench marks also known as Crow's Feet, Sapper's marks and Devil's marks are present in our rural and urban landscapes for almost two hundred years. These carvings which are part of our heritage have no legal protection and are disappearing through destruction, renovations work and are being lost to nature.

For more information on how can you and your family and community groups get involved in recording the extant and disappeared bench marks in your locality visit [Locating Benchmarks, Preserving History website](#) Information sessions on how to get involved will be held throughout August in libraries across Limerick, with information to be confirmed via the website and dedicated [Facebook page](#) We are also available to meet with community groups and other organisations before then. Contact us direct on [benchmarksireland@gmail.com](mailto:benchmarksireland@gmail.com) for more information,

Date for your diaries:

Our Heritage Week event will be held on Saturday 23rd August in the People's Park, Limerick. More information on the event can be found on [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) [Ireland's Surveying History](#)



# Irish Community Archives Network

## iCAN is coming to Limerick!

This year, the Heritage Officer will be partnering with the National Museum of Ireland to bring the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) to Limerick City and County.

We are inviting local history societies and heritage groups to an online Information Session on the 9th of September to find out more about this exciting initiative, which supports volunteer groups to develop and maintain online community archives.

## About iCAN

iCAN is the leading organisation championing and supporting digital community archives in Ireland. Its aim is to encourage and support community groups to collect, preserve and make accessible their local history and heritage online.

iCAN Members are provided with a fully subsidised community archive website and relevant training and upskilling programmes. Every member group is guided step-by-step to develop their community archive to professional standards, while being supported by a network of volunteers and heritage professionals on an ongoing basis. This is a collaborative programme where we all work together for the benefit of our local history and heritage. Find out more here: [iCAN - the Irish Community Archive Network | National Museum of Ireland](#)

The information session will take place on Zoom from 7pm to 8.15pm on Tuesday 9 September.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [ican@museum.ie](mailto:ican@museum.ie) by Friday 5 September and please include the name of your group and the name/s and email address/es of the attendee/s.

iCAN is an initiative of the National Museum of Ireland, delivered in partnership with the Heritage Council, participating Local Authority Heritage Officers and community volunteers in Ireland and abroad.

## Invitation to Attend IEN Webinar

### **What is the Nature Restoration Law and how will it apply to Ireland?**

The Nature Restoration Law (NRL) was enacted across the EU in July 2024 with the goal of restoring degraded ecosystems. Ireland is now in the process of figuring out how to apply the new law.

Join this Webinar to hear from Fintan Kelly, Agriculture and Land Use Policy and Advocacy Officer at the Irish Environmental Network. Fintan has been working closely on the NRL over the past few years and has great insight into what stage it is at here in Ireland and where it is going.

He will introduce the NRL, explaining what it is, what the timelines are and how the Irish Government plan to engage with stakeholders. This webinar will be a perfect introduction to the law and the current plans in Ireland.

**[REGISTER TO ATTEND HERE](#)**

## Balancing Stress - A HSE Resource for sharing with PPNs

The HSE has developed a Free, easy-to-access online programme called 'Balancing Stress' to support people across Ireland in managing common mental health difficulties including stress, anxiety and low mood.

The HSE has developed a Free, easy-to-access online programme called 'Balancing Stress' to support people across Ireland in managing everyday mental difficulties such as stress, anxiety, low mood and worry.

The Balancing Stress programme offers six online video sessions (each around 35 minutes) covering key topics including managing stress, worry, anxiety, low mood, and relationship stress. This online programme offers people evidence-based tools to manage stress effectively and enhance their mental wellbeing.

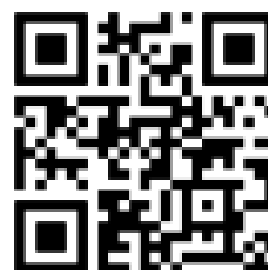
The programme is delivered by Dr Niamh Clarke, HSE Principal Psychologist, and features expert interviews with Professor Alan Carr, UCD School of Clinical Psychology.

You can watch the videos at your own pace, on your own time, using a phone, tablet or laptop.

The easy to use QR code will take you directly to the programme.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

[yvonne.gilsenan@hse.ie](mailto:yvonne.gilsenan@hse.ie)





## PPN Stakeholder Training

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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](#)



# Sustainable Development Goals



Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland



## Take Part in SDG Week 2025!

Ireland's fourth Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place this year from **19 - 28 September**. It forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW), which runs from 18 September - 8 October 2025, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year! Last year ESDW saw over 4,000 activities taking place across 39 countries, with almost 200 events taking place in Ireland.

The SDGs belong to everyone and SDG Week is open to all - individuals, groups, schools and colleges, businesses and institutions.

To take part, organize an event - however big or small - or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development and join the annual week of action for the SDGs.

**1**

### START NOW!

Think about how you could promote sustainable development and plan an activity, project or event to take place during SDG Week

**2**

### REGISTER

Upload your idea on the ESDW website:  
[www.esdn.eu/esdw](http://www.esdn.eu/esdw)

**3**

### ACT!

Organize and promote your initiative during ESDW - **18 September - 8 October 2025!**  
Explore which events are taking place and participate in activities near you!

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Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment  
European Sustainable Development Network



For more information on sustainable development, SDG Week and ideas for taking part please see [www.gov.ie/SDGs](http://www.gov.ie/SDGs)

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## MAYORAL PROGRAMME

Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, has unveiled an ambitious vision for the future of Limerick City and County with the publication of the Limerick Mayoral Programme 2024-2029, titled More for Limerick. This comprehensive 138-page document outlines the Mayor's vision and objectives for his term in office, as mandated by the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2024.

### Mayoral Programme, More for Limerick, 2024-2029

