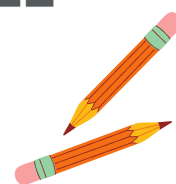




Public Participation Network Limerick



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.

Nominations Open for PPN Representative Seats

**!!HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES
OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL!!**

**PPN Limerick has nomination rights for Seats on the
Strategic Policy and Local Community Development
Committees in Limerick:**

**Nominations are Open for Vacant PPN Limerick
Representative Seats on Limerick City and County
Council Strategic Policy Committees, the Local
Community Development Committee and PPN Limerick
Secretariat.**

**Applications accepted from the 5th - 19th of
September**

**Scan below to check eligibility and for details regarding
the Committees and nomination process.**



**For more information email ppn@limerick.ie
or call
061-556347**

Information and documents [HERE](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR PPN LIMERICK MEMBER GROUPS

16th

SEPTEMBER,
2025

FUNDRAISING SKILLS WORKSHOP

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9.00PM VENUE: ONLINE

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

18th

SEPTEMBER,
2025

FUNDRAISING SKILLS WORKSHOP- SESSION 2

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9.00PM VENUE: ONLINE

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

23rd

SEPTEMBER,
2025

FINANCIAL PLANNING & MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9.00PM VENUE: ONLINE

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

30th

SEPTEMBER,
2025

FINANCIAL PLANNING & MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS- SESSION 2

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9.00PM VENUE: ONLINE

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

2nd

OCTOBER,
2025

PREPARING GRANT APPLICATIONS

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9.00PM VENUE: ONLINE

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

Limerick Local Sports Plan



LIMERICK LOCAL SPORTS PLAN HAVE YOUR SAY!

Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with Limerick Sports Partnership, are now sharing the findings from our consultations with residents and stakeholders about sport and physical activity in Limerick.

We want your help to shape the vision of increasing participation in sport & physical activity in Limerick by getting your input on the emerging themes from the findings.

Join us at one of our public consultation workshops to share your views, ideas and experiences.

- Desmond Complex, Gortboy, Newcastle West, V42 WT20
Wednesday 3rd Sept 2025
6.30 – 8pm
- Citizen Innovation Hub, Sarsfield St, Limerick City, V94 DW21
Thursday 4th Sept 2025
6.30 – 8 pm
- Adare Community Hall, V94 V0Y0
Wednesday 10th Sept 2025
6.30 – 8 pm
- Kilmallock Library, Millmount, Kilmallock, V35 HC98
Thursday 11th Sept 2025
6.30 – 8 pm



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

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 for more information

Applications will close in September

APPLY NOW

heritagekeepers.ie

Heritage Keepers burrenbeo trust connecting people and place Sunflower Charitable Foundation

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/

SPORTS CLUBS TAKING ACTION ON WASTE

www.mywaste.ie Ireland's official guide to managing your waste, has announced a FREE , 4 -part webinar series designed to equip sports clubs nationwide with the knowledge and tools to implement sustainable waste management practices.

The MyWaste Sports Club Toolkit webinar series, is supported by

- Ø The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA),
- Ø Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU),
- Ø the-Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and
- Ø the Federation of Irish Sport.

The upcoming webinars will provide practical advice and insights from experts, empowering clubs to reduce their environmental footprint and foster a greener Ireland.

You are invited to promote this initiative please and to register for the webinars at the link below.

[Free webinars for sports clubs - My Waste](#)

Further information is available at this link. [Green Clubs | Limerick.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

Date: Monday; 29th of September 2025 from 10.00 to 12.00
Location: Kilmallock Road Campus Limerick City V94 Y6H3

[Registration link](#)

ONLINE EVENT

Date: Tuesday; 30th of September 2025 from 14.00 to 16.00
Location: [Online Registration link](#)

Rethink Ireland Fund Announcement - Children's Active Play Fund

Rethink Ireland, in partnership with the Sunflower Charitable Foundation and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht via the Dormant Accounts Fund are delighted to share details with your organisation about the launch of the **Children's Active Play Fund.**

About the Children's Active Play Fund:

We invite applications from charitable organisations delivering innovative projects that encourage movement, activity and social connections, making it easier and more enjoyable for young people to lead active lives.

The fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports for up to eight projects to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

A multi-year cash grant worth up to between €130,000 - €210,000 (per successful project)

The non-financial supports include:

A place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme.

Business and capacity-building supports designed in consultation with successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, impact management, communications, and fundraising.

Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

Applicants can join one of our application clinics on **Wednesday 24 September 2025** and **Wednesday 1 October 2025**. These one-hour webinars will provide information on fund eligibility and the application process and offer an opportunity to answer any questions you have. Register for an application clinic here:

Wednesday 24 September at 11am - [Register here](#)

Wednesday 1 October at 11am - [Register here](#)

Applicants can apply to the Children's Active Play Fund via this [online application](#). Applications are open from **Monday, 1 September 2025 to Friday, 10 October 2025 at 1PM** The full list of eligibility criteria can be found [here on our website](#) as well as details on how to submit your online application. .

EMBRACE FARM

Support for Farming Communities



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



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 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.

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.

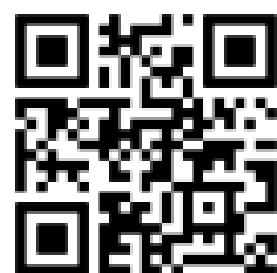
The HSE has developed a Free, easy-to-access online programme called 'Balancing Stress' to support people across Ireland in managing everyday mental difficulties such as stress, anxiety, low mood and worry.

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



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 10th 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

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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EuropeanSustainableDevelopmentWeek



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

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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

