



# 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 285 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](#)



## In this Newsletter

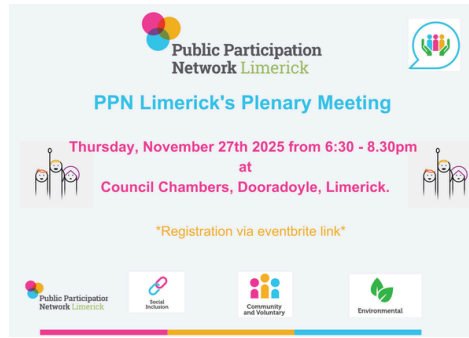
- **Plenary Meeting Updates**
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- **Heritage Organisations Support Fund (HOSF)**
- **Merry Christmas!**



**PPN Limerick Secretariat and Administration wishes all  
Members a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
We will be back in the office on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.**



# PPN Limerick Plenary Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025



PPNL hosted its end of year Plenary Meeting on the 27th of November 2025. At this Meeting the Plenary reviewed [PPNL activities over the year](#) and after some discussion, adopted the proposed [2026 Workplan and Budget](#). The Plenary also Ratified all Nominees to their respective Committees. Details of the nominees and Committees are below.

 <b>PPN Limerick Nominees Ratified at November 2025 Plenary</b>			
Vacancies	Community/ Voluntary Pillar	Environment /Conservation Pillar	Social Inclusion Pillar
Climate Action Biodiversity & Environment		Seán Mcilfatrick An Taisce Limerick	
Economic Development Enterprise, Tourism & Planning		Brian Leddin An Taisce Limerick	
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage & Culture SPC	Eileen McMahon Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy School		
Local Community Development Committee		Darragh Boyce An Taisce Limerick	Tanya Dunworth Thomondgate Residents Association
Limerick Community Safety Partnership	Verena Tarpey <u>Goshh</u> <hr/> Pat Fitzpatrick Limerick Cycle Campaign		

## PPN Limerick Emergency Plenary Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Following a concerning email received by members of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee relating to what would have been limitations on the engagement of members, an emergency Plenary meeting was organised for the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

Background, Correspondance and outcomes from this Meeting can be read [HERE](#) .

Another Meeting will be hosted in January/ early February to discuss outcomes as well as the disposition of the proposed Workplans.



## Christmas in Limerick



Click [HERE](#) to see an event guide regarding events and activities organised in Limerick city and county for this Christmas Season.



## Heritage Organisations Support Fund



**Brian Friel Trust Ltd**  
Offered funding to support the development of the Brian Friel Interpretive Centre.

**Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland**  
Offered funding to support professional development for heritage practitioners.

**Inishowen Maritime Museum**  
Offered funding to support sustainable growth and heritage impact.

**Vincent Wildlife Trust**  
Offered funding to strengthen mammal conservation in Ireland.

**Our heritage lives and breathes.  
Grants to keep it that way are now live too.**

Our heritage is part of who we are. It includes our culture, our architecture, our natural environment and much more. **The Heritage Organisations Support Fund is now open for applications** from heritage-focused companies limited by guarantee that demonstrate national or regional relevance.

 An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council

### Heritage Organisations Support Fund (HOSF).

This fund, open until Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is available for any heritage focused organisation.

Through this fund, the Heritage Council aims to support organisations to:

- Build long-term strength and stability
- Plan for the future and grow strategically
- Adopt environmentally friendly practices and contribute to climate action.

This fund supports core operational work, not standalone projects. It helps heritage organisations to remain stable, plan for the future, invest in staff and governance, and contribute to climate action and public benefit. All funded work should align with the goals of The Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

View their [promotional video!](#)

## Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2

Limerick City and County Council Culture and Creativity team is pleased to announce an open call for Limerick based community organisations, groups, and creatives to submit applications for the Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026, as part of Limerick's Creative Ireland Programme to deliver activities taking place in 2026.

**Closing Date for Applications: 12 noon, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Full details can be found at [Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026 | Limerick.ie](#)

Find the full text of the Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 by clicking [HERE](#)

Find more information about the Creative Ireland Programme by clicking on this link: [www.creativeireland.gov.ie](http://www.creativeireland.gov.ie)

**For further information, please contact:**

**Phone: 061 556370**

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# Limerick Arts Office Funding Opportunities 2026



## **Limerick Arts Office Funding Opportunities 2026**

Limerick City and County Council is delighted to invite applications for funding under the following grant and bursary schemes for 2026:

These competitive open calls offer funding for projects and activities taking place in 2026 up 31 December 2026.

More details can be found on [HERE](#)

All applications through the online submission portal: [HERE](#)

For queries contact Michelle O'Rourke, Assistant Arts Officer  
[artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie](mailto:artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie) or phone 061-556370 Mon – Fri  
9am-5pm

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## 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.

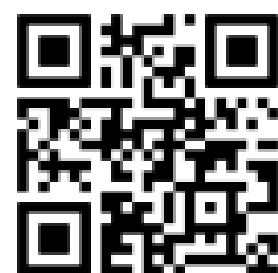
The HSE has developed a Free, easy-to-access online programme called 'Balancing Stress' to support people across Ireland in managing everyday mental difficulties such as stress, anxiety, low mood and worry.

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

### 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](#)

## 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

