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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 **323** 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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Secretariat Meetings Plenary Meetings Bank Holiday

Secretariat Meetings
- 27th January
- 23th February
- 23rd March
- 27th April
- 25th May
- 22nd June
- 7th September
- 19th October
- 23rd November

Plenary Meetings
- 26th February
- 28th May
- 10th September
- 26th November

We have set our Plenary Meeting dates for 2026,
as well as the Secretariat Meetings.
you can view these **HERE**.
Please save the Plenary dates in your calendar.

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Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School Festival

October 23rd-25th

Inspired by the legacy of Bruff and Lough Gur to the American Fitzgerald Kennedy political dynasty, the weekend gathering in County Limerick will explore the life of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, mother of President John F Kennedy (three of her four grandparents came from Bruff/Lough Gur). As well as honouring the matriarch, the School also explores the wider Irish-American emigration experience, from post-famine times to the present day, with a particular focus on women.

Please see link for more information

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School

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Launch of the 2026 Town and Village Renewal Scheme and Drop-in Information Clinic information

Information in relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2026 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, 4th December 2026.

Drop-in Information Clinics
Limerick City and County Council will host several drop-in information clinics, as outlined below, where community groups will have an opportunity to discuss any potential projects in their communities or ask any questions they have about the 2026 Town and Village Renewal Scheme;

- **Patrickswell - Tuesday 20th October 3pm to 7pm**
Patrickswell Community Centre, Main Street, Patrickswell, V94 3K59

- **Caherconlish - Tuesday 10th November 3pm to 7pm**
The Millenium Centre, The Square, Caherconlish, V94 CC60

- **Templeglantine - Thursday 19th November 3pm to 7pm**
The Devon Inn Hotel, Templeglantine East, Templeglantine, V94 H489

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.

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Communication Grants Information

IThe Circular Communication Grants 2026 are open for applications.

This is Circular.ie's grants programme supporting community initiatives to share their circular story and grow their impact.

This year they are offering grants across three tiers:

· **Physical Communications:** €1,000 grant to support communications and marketing activities that strengthen an initiative's physical presence.

· **Digital Communications:** €5,000 grants to support initiatives looking to expand their digital presence.

· **National Communications:** €10,000 grants to support more established initiatives looking to scale their communications and reach, including web design and one-to-one mentorship to develop their communications to a national standard.

The application deadline is **9th Nov 2026.**

Apply HERE

There will be an information webinar on Thursday 22 Oct 2026 providing an overview of the three grant types,
eligibility criteria, guide to the application process and practical guidance on how the grant can be utilised across different project types.
Registration for the webinar can be found **HERE.**

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Comhpháirtíocht Chathair Luimnigh
Limerick City Partnership

Community Funding Application Support Clinics

Mondays: Verdant Crescent; King Island V94XF40

Wednesdays: The Tait Businss Centre; Unit 25a Dominic Street V94WY42

Contact Martina Shanahan
087 170 4552
mshanahan@Limerickcitypartnership.ie

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The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Union.

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Limerick City Partnership

Funding Opportunities

Autumn 2026

Circular Economy Innovation Grant

Supports repairing, recycling, upskilling; promising circular economy opportunities

- Two strands of funding at 50K and 150K
- Due Date is 12th October 2026

Department of Climate Energy and the Environment

Heart of the Community Fund

This funding strand is intended for organisations that work in the promotion, preservation, and development of all art forms.

- Grants of between 5K and 25K
- Due date os October 2nd 2026

The Ireland Fund

Erasmus + Mobility Projects for Youth Worker

This call supports organsiationsto carry out youth worker mobility projects fostering the professional development of youth workers and their organsiations.

- October 1st 2026
- There are four calls anually

Erasmus +

Sports Capital Facilities Funds

This fund will support the facilities development and infrastruction of Sports clubs in communities.

- Maintenance and equipment 40K
- Facilities between 50K and 200K
- Due Date to be announced

Drop an email to Martina at:
mshanahan@limerickcitypartnership.ie or call 087 170 4552

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Economic & Social Intervention Fund 2027

Limerick City & County Council will launch the application portal for the 2027 Economic & Social Intervention Fund at 9am this Thursday, October 8th.

The Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) is a critical instrument to help address disadvantage in Limerick City. ESIF is incorporated into the Limerick Regeneration Programme, administered by Limerick City and County Council. The overall vision of the Limerick Regeneration Programme is to create "safe and sustainable communities of opportunity where people of all ages enjoy a good quality of life, a decent home and a sense of pride about their place".

Applications are now sought under the following themes:

- Community
- Education and Learning
- Employability and Work
- Families and Youth at Risk
- Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well

All applicants must complete the official online Application Form. The form will be available at the link below from 9am on Thursday, October 8th:

https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/economic-and-social-intervention-fund-2027

Closing date for the submission of completed applications is Thursday, October 29th at 12 noon.

Please note that the Economic & Social Intervention Fund grant process is specifically linked to the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan and funding is currently only available for 2027.

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Impact & Legacy Fund Launched for the 2027 Ryder Cup in Limerick

Ryder Cup Europe has launched a new Impact & Legacy Fund for the 2027 Ryder Cup in Limerick, Ireland. This will provide funding to support projects that will leave a positive impact on the local community around host venue Adare Manor and across Limerick.

Local organisations and projects can apply for grants of up to €20,000. To be eligible, applicants must be working to deliver positive impact in the Limerick region across one or more of the following five areas:
Community; Skills & Education; Environment; Disability; Regeneration.

Applications open on 28th September 2026 and close on 29th January 2027. Successful applicants will be informed in April 2027, in the build up to the Ryder Cup itself that takes place at Adare Manor from September 13-19, 2027.

Click the link below to view details and to apply.

https://www.rydercup.com/content/2027-legacy-fund

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Ballot applications for charity tickets to the Ryder Cup 2027 open

The Ryder Cup 2027 Charity Ticket Application process seeks to identify operations which might like to apply for tickets to the 2027 Ryder Cup at Adare Manor, co Limerick in Ireland. Please **click here** for further information.

To apply for charity tickets to the 2027 Ryder Cup please complete THIS FORM.

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Beginner archery course – starting 14th of October

Archers of Limerick is running a four-week beginner archery course at Cappamore Sports Hall, starting on Wednesday 14 October. The course is open to adults and juniors, with no previous experience needed and all equipment provided.

- Dates: Wednesdays 14, 21 and 28 October, and 4 November 2026
- Start time: 6.00 pm each week
- Venue: Cappamore Sports Hall
- Full course fee: €60 for juniors and €80 for adults
- Group size: Maximum ten archers

Participants will learn range safety, bow handling, stance, aiming and shooting technique in a friendly, small-group setting. A parent or guardian must remain present during junior sessions. After the course, participants can join the club and continue with regular training.
We are a volunteer-run club affiliated with Archery Ireland, with a strong focus on inclusion. Anyone is welcome to contact me to discuss the course and any support that would help them take part.
For enquiries or booking, please WhatsApp me on 086 340 2334 or email **archersoflimerick@gmail.com**.

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Stronger for Longer: Building Strength and Muscle as We Age Webinar/ Thursday 22nd October 2026

The All Island Institute of Public Health (IPH) is hosting a webinar on Thursday, 22nd October, focusing on the latest evidence and practical ways to support healthy ageing through building strength and maintaining muscle as we age.

The webinar, 'Stronger for Longer: Building Strength and Muscle as We Age', will feature expert speakers, followed by a panel discussion chaired by IPH's Director of Ageing Research and Development, Professor Roger O'Sullivan.
See registration link below.

Webinar Registration

Age Friendly Ireland

CCMA

comhairle chontae na mí
meath county council

RECOGNISED Age Friendly BUSINESS
www.agefriendlyireland.ie

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Banking survey for small community groups

Survey on Barriers to Accessing Bank Accounts for Small Community Groups

We are interested in learning more about any barriers that small community groups faced when trying to open bank accounts. They usually need them in order to apply for and receive small grants and funds. The survey is short and not too onerous. We would appreciate if you could share with your relevant networks please.

The survey is here -

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVCFB9S

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Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2027 Open

The Heritage Council are pleased to let you know that Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2027 are open. Applicants will be able to submit their Stage 1 EOI through the Heritage Council's online grants system.

The 2027 scheme introduces a new two-stage application process. At Stage 1, applicants submit a short Expression of Interest outlining their project idea, the heritage involved, why the project is needed, who will benefit, and how it aligns with one of the scheme themes. Detailed budgets, quotations and supporting documentation are not required at this stage.

To support applicants, a comprehensive suite of guidance materials will be available on the website when the scheme opens, including:
General Scheme Guidance
Theme Guidance Notes
Expression of Interest Form Guidance, including the application questions, example responses and practical tips for applicants

An online applicant information webinar will take place on **28 September 2026 at 12 noon**. You can register for this Webinar **HERE**

The key messages for applicants are:

- Expressions of Interest open at **12 noon on Friday, 18 September 2026**
- The deadline for submission is **5.00pm on Friday, 16 October 2026**
- Applications must be submitted through the online grants system
- Late applications cannot be accepted
- Applicants should review the guidance documents before submitting their EOI
- EOIs will be reviewed against the scheme requirements to determine whether they progress to Stage 2: Full Application

Full scheme details and guidance materials will be available on the Heritage Council website from the opening date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tom O Neill on thomas.oneill@limerick.ie

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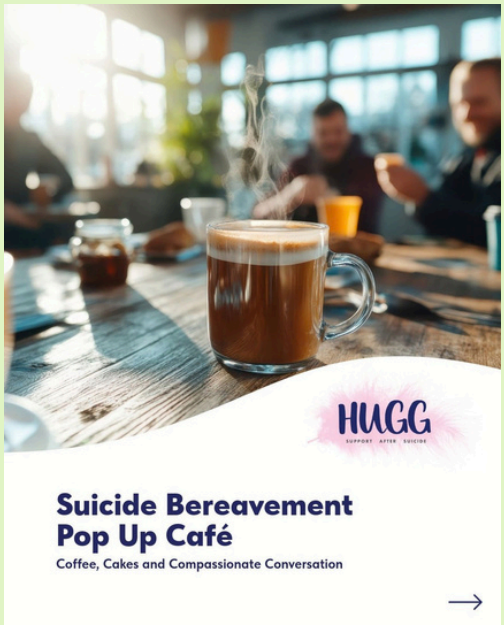
HUGG Limerick Pop-Up Cafe

HUGG Limerick Pop Up Café – For adults bereaved by suicide

Register here: bit.ly/4hbf0Yu

Join us for coffee, cakes & compassionate conversations at HUGG's suicide bereavement popup cafes, led by trained volunteers with lived experience of suicide loss.

Time: 10.30am
Location: Newcastle West, Limerick
Dates: Friday, 16th October & Friday 13th November



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Expressions of Interest for Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Hall

Expressions of Interest for the management and operation of Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Hall. Details are available on the below link.:

https://gvmauctioneers.ie/property/our-lady-queen-of-peace-hall-roxboro-road-limerick-v94-c9yw/

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Accessible and Inclusive Tourism in Ireland Survey Now Live

Your voice can help shape the future of tourism in Ireland. Through the Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation, Fáilte Ireland is seeking feedback from people who benefit from accessible and inclusive tourism when travelling in Ireland. Insights gathered through the consultation will help improve understanding of visitors' experiences and expectations across areas including trip planning, transport, accommodation, attractions and visitor experiences.

Take part in the survey at the following link

Fáilte Ireland Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Survey

#AccessibleTourism #InclusiveTourism #YourVoiceYourJourney

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Public Consultation - Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy and Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Strategy

The draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan together with all accompanying environment assessment documentation is now on public display. The draft plan together with all accompanying environment assessment documentation will be available for inspection from 23/07/2026 to 12/10/2026 at the following locations:

- Online at www.limerick.ie
- Online Consultation portal at Https://mypoint.limerick.ie
- Merchants Quay, Limerick during normal office hours
- Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle road, Dooradoyle, Limerick during normal office hours
- Libraries- Barrow House, Dooradoyle Library, Watch House Cross Library

This public consolation will run concurrently with the proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy which will also be available to view at the locations as outlined above. and HERE.

Should you have any queries in relation to the draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan please email citycentretransportplan@limerick.ie

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Climate Action Newsletter

Please see the September edition of the Climate Action Newsletter which you can find at either of the below link:

Climate Action Newsletter_September_2026.pdf

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Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs)
New Informational website is now live

The Department has launched an awareness campaign regarding how Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) connect public bodies and communities across Ireland. The programme commenced on Friday, May 1st and will run for a three-week period across radio, podcasts, print and online media.

The overall objective of the campaign is to raise public awareness on the role and function of the LCDCs and how they contribute to the development of local communities, through actions contained in each of their Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs).

The new dedicated web page which can be viewed **HERE** is a central hub for information on each of the 33 Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and contains information and a series of videos on the following:

·Background of LCDCs
·Watch LCDCs in Action
·Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
·Additional Staff Resource (ASR)
·Find your LCDC
·Training for Staff

This resource will also benefit community and voluntary organisations, PPNs, together with local and community development organisations. It is hoped that these groups will utilise these assets to build a stronger on-line presence and gain better traction for their community activities, i.e.. fundraisers, local events, and media posts.

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta
Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

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IPCOR
IRISH PROSTATE CANCER OUTCOMES RESEARCH

University College Dublin
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

PARTNER EXPERIENCES SURVEY

Has your partner been diagnosed with prostate cancer?

Yourexperience matters.

Help us understand partners' experiences of intimacy, communication, information and support following a prostate cancer diagnosis in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Who can take part?

- Adults aged 18 or over.
- Current or former partners of someone diagnosed with prostate cancer in Ireland or Northern Ireland.
- Includes active surveillance and watchful waiting, as well as treatment.

TAKE PART

Scan the QR code to open the survey

- Anonymous and voluntary
- Approximately 10-15 minutes
- Read the participant information before deciding

eu.surveymonkey.com/r/leaflet

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Walking Buddies Limerick- Community Walking Initiative Bringing People Together Across Limerick

Walking Buddies Limerick is a local volunteer-led walking group that has been bringing people together across Limerick for the past number of years through free weekly walks and social connection.

Walking Buddies welcomes men and women of all ages and fitness levels from across the city and surrounding areas.

Every Thursday at 7.30 pm, they meet outside Collins Bar, Dooradoyle, for a relaxed 5–6km walk, creating a welcoming social space for both regular members and newcomers.

The group has become a important support network for many participants, promoting both physical well-being and social connection in the community. In addition to the weekly walks, they also organise longer weekend hikes throughout the year.

These walks are free of charge and designed to encourage people of all abilities to get active, meet others and enjoy the benefits of walking in a supportive group environment. Local fitness and wellbeing partners are also contributing short demonstrations and guidance during the walks.

Click below to learn more and to register for events:

https://walkingbuddieslimerick.wordpress.com/

“Hop To It” and Help Track Local Frogs

Although well known, the common frog (Rana temporaria) is Ireland’s only native frog species and is listed as vulnerable across Europe. Frogs are considered important biological indicators because their skin is highly sensitive to pollution. Their presence or absence can reveal much about water quality and local environmental conditions. They are protected under both the EU Habitats Directive and the Irish Wildlife Act. Why not participate in the “Hop It” nationwide survey and report your sightings of frog spawn, tadpoles, froglets or adult frogs. These simple records play a crucial role in monitoring frog populations and understanding the health of the environments they depend on.

How to Take Part

If you spot frog spawn, tadpoles, froglets or adult frogs in your garden, local green space or while out walking, you can submit records directly to the IPCC at:

- www.ipcc.ie
- Email bogs@ipcc.ie
- Phone 045 860133

Records can also be submitted to the National Biodiversity Data Centre at https://records.biodiversityireland.ie/start-recording

Further Details on Limerick City and County Council Encourages Public to “Hop To It” and Help Track Local Frogs | Limerick.ie

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Trees.limerick.ie website to record newly planted trees across Limerick

Limerick City and County Council has created Trees.limerick.ie website to record newly planted trees across Limerick City and County.

Any individual, community group or business can now register any new tree planted.

This will enable to track the progress and count of trees planted in Limerick City and County.

Trees.limerick.ie is supported by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran who is seeking to reach a target of at least one tree to be planted by every citizen in Limerick.

The link is https://trees.limerick.ie/ and below is the QR code:

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WHO WE ARE:

We are a community of people drawn together by our first-hand experiences of mental health problems. Having found practical ways of helping each other recover from mental health challenges we developed what we refer to as The Grow Program. We meet weekly in locations all over Ireland and use our proven 12 Step Program to recover from various forms of mental health problems.

For Adults 18+
33 Henry Street, Limerick

Come along and hear Who Grow is, What we do and how you can receive support for your Mental Health.

Contact Celia 086 1526966 or celiabrett@grow.ie for further information.

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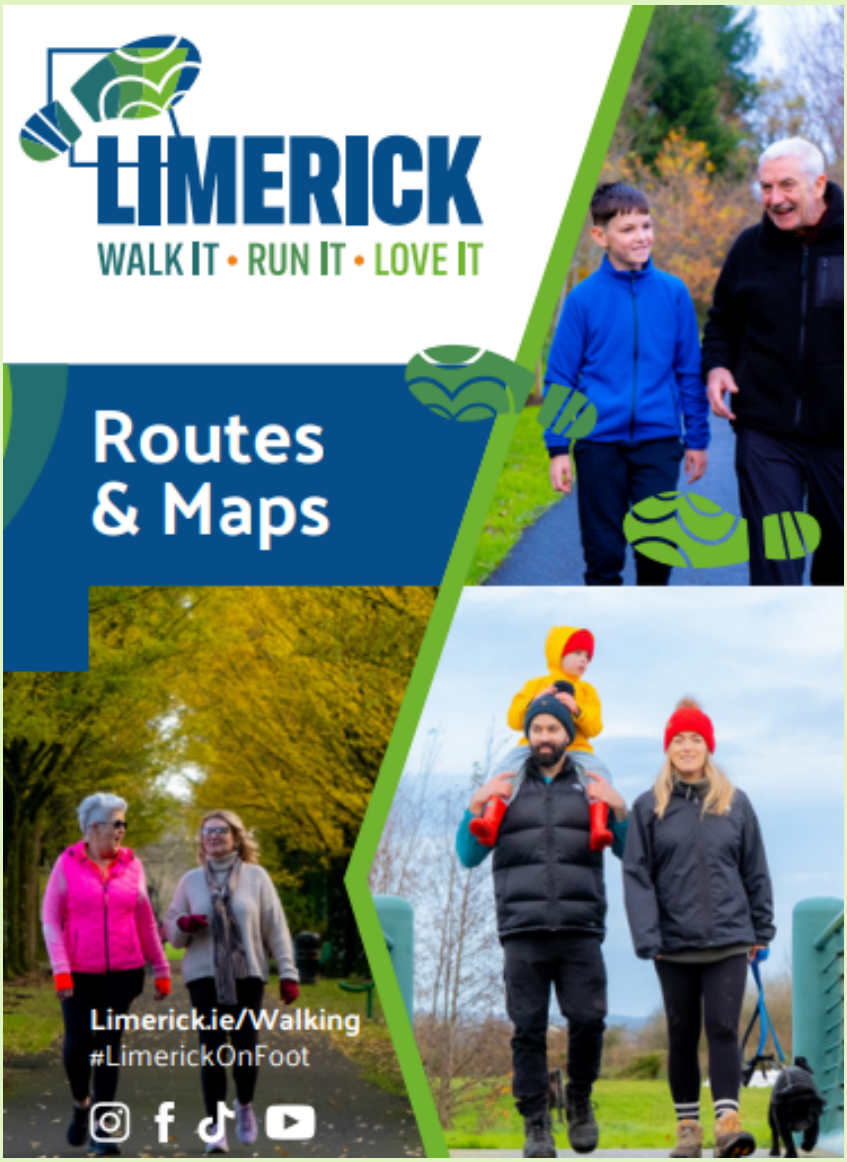
Limerick Walking Guide



You can find routes and maps of the many fantastic walking/ running trails in Limerick City and County **HERE**

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Active Travel Newsletter

Elevate your small scale event and festival by choosing to rent reusable cups. You will make a big difference to the environment by preventing waste and reducing litter.

Organisers of small scale events and festivals can now avail of beautifully designed robust, pint, half pint and hot beverage cups with or without lids at a reasonable cost.

More Information can be found **HERE**

Want to rent cups?

Here's a checklist:

1. Is your event or festival small-scale & not for profit?
2. Is your event/festival happening in Carlow, Clare, Cork City, Cork County, Kerry, Kilkenny, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford?

If yes is the answer to both these questions,
click on this button to order cups:

Order Cups

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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 your require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at: yvonne.gilsenan@hse.ie

Balancing Stress

Practical skills to cope with stress

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:

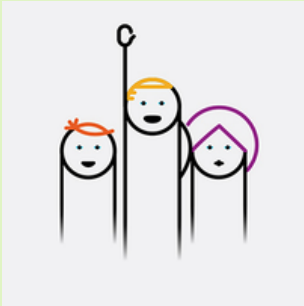
- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

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

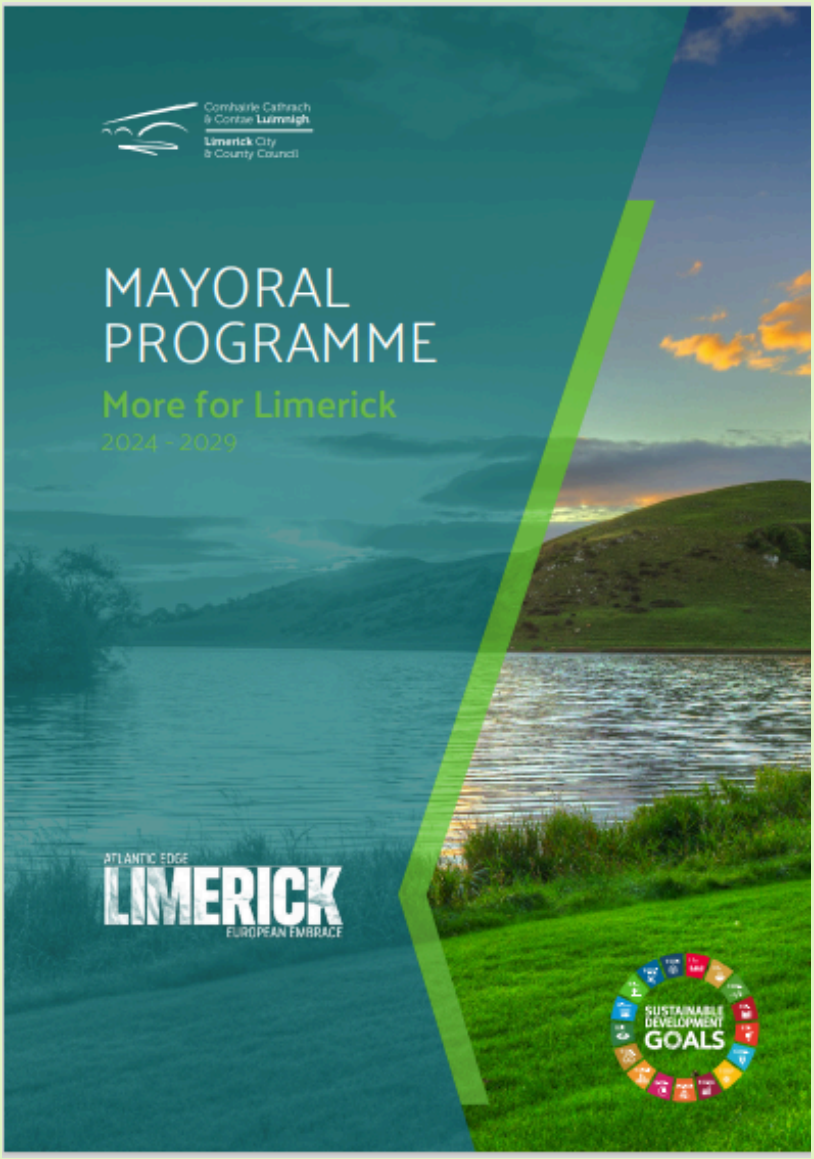
PPN Limerick Documents

- The **PPN Website** has all our information and details regarding membership and groups, linkage groups and documentation.
- The **PPN Constitution** details how we operate:
- Our **Strategic Plan** outlines our goals for the next 5 years:
- Our **2026 Workplan** was agreed by the Plenary at our AGM on the 26th of November 2025.
- The **PPN Handbook** is the national document which guides the processes that all PPN's Nationally must follow.
- Training slides from recent Induction training for SPC Members can be viewed **HERE**. They include background information that may be of interest.



16th October 2026

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.

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