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 **333** 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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Public Participation Network Limerick Update

Public Participation Network (PPN) Limerick held its final Plenary Meeting of 2026 on **Thursday, 26 November**, at the **Council Chambers in Dooradoyle**

At the meeting, members reviewed, discussed and approved the Draft Workplan and Budget for 2027. Nominees for the vacant PPN Representative Seats were Ratified. In addition, the meeting welcomed and ratified a number of new member groups to the network.

The Plenary welcomed Martina Shanahan, SICAP* Community Development Officer with Limerick City Partnership, who delivered a version of the "Limerick Grant Ready" Workshop that was presented at the Library City Library on 24th of November 2026. Martina provided practical advice and guidance to community groups on preparing strong grant applications, highlighting ways to ensure applications are completed thoroughly, submitted on time, and presented as effectively as possible.

Public Participation Network Limerick meeting provided an opportunity for members to contribute to the planning and development of PPN Limerick's work for 2027 while continuing to strengthen community participation and representation across Limerick.

* Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme

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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
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Expected Funding Opportunities in Q1 2027

Funding Body	Link to information	Contact Person	Contact Details	Eligibility Criteria	Types of Funding Opportunity	Amount of Grant	Important Dates
Ryder cup Legacy fund	2027 Impact & Legacy Fund	Legacy@RyderCupEurope.com	Legacy@RyderCupEurope.com	Community Groups; local businesses . Not for	Community; Skills and Education; Environme	1,000-20,000	January 29th with awards in April 2027
Local enhancement Program (LEP)	Available on Mypoint on LCCC website	Jade Ryan	lep@limerick.ie	Community & Voluntary Capital Grants	Funds for assets and physical resources. equipment	1,000 micro grant or up to 6,000.	To be announced in January
National Lottery Grant	https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lottery-grants/nati	Maria Guinane	NLGMW <NLGMW@hse.ie>	Community Groups	To purchase equipment and small fixtures and fittings like hoists	Minimum of 300 and maximum of 10,000	Wednesday 14th of January 2026/ Friday 14th of February
Department of sports and Recreation	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-culture-communic	Theresa.ODonoghue@ccs.gov.ie	Galina Rudenco; Mos Office Mos.Office@ccs.gov.ie	Clubs and schools	Upgrade to pitches and facilities to support social	70,000-250,000	Registration Opens: 28 September 2026/ Applicatio
Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026	https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/fundi	Arts Office	Phone: 061 556370 Email: artsofficesubmissions@limerick	This grant is in line with the following Limerick Cultural Strategy Aims and Objectives	2026 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme.	This Scheme offers 10%, up to €5,000	31st December 2026
The Ireland Fund	Home - Ireland Funds	grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org; nlynch@irelandfunds.org	01 6627878	Must be a registered charity	Our work in four areas — arts and culture, communit	25,000	Round 1 Mid March / Round 2 Start of October 2026

Click to access downloadable pdf HERE

Christmas in Limerick 2026



You can view the Event Guide for Christmas in Limerick **HERE**

This guide sets out all the celebratory events taking place across Limerick as well as details of parking and access.

It looks like there is something for everyone across the City and County!

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National Transport Accessibility Survey 2026



If you are a person living in Ireland with a disability, Vision Ireland and the Wayfinding Centre want to hear from you.

The new **National Transport Accessibility Survey** will better understand the barriers people face when using public transport and travelling independently. The findings will help shape future improvements to make transport more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

The last comprehensive survey of its kind was carried out 20 years ago, so your experiences are more important than ever. The survey takes up to 15 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. Have your voice heard today, and help shape the future of accessible transport in Ireland.

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Cash4Clubs Programme

The **Cash4Clubs** grant is open for applications to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, and invest in the sustainability of their club.

This year, as well as **€2,000 grants for 225 clubs,** five clubs will have the opportunity to receive a transformational **€10,000 grant**.

Visit the Cash4Clubs website - https://cash4clubs.org/ - and complete the application before the **deadline of Friday 1 January 2027.** The grants will be awarded early next year.

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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.**

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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REQUEST TO ENGAGE IN SURVEY
“Exploring Barriers and Supports to Service Navigation Among Migrant Communities in Limerick.”

A Community Engagement Worker with Limerick City Partnership who is also a student on the Social Enterprise and Community Development programme at Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) is asking for support regarding her research, particularly a study they are conducting titled:

"Exploring Barriers and Supports to Service Navigation Among Migrant Communities in Limerick."

The purpose of this research is to explore the barriers and supports that influence migrant communities' ability to access and navigate Irish public, statutory and community services. The study seeks to gather the perspectives of practitioners who work directly with migrant community members.

Click **HERE** to complete the Survey

The questionnaire:

Takes approximately 5-7 minutes to complete.
Is anonymous and confidential.
Is intended for practitioners working with migrant communities.

The closing date for completed questionnaires is:
Monday, 23rd November at 3.00pm

Your participation and support would be greatly appreciated, as it will contribute to a better understanding of how services can become more accessible and inclusive for migrant communities in Limerick.
If you have any questions about the research, please do not hesitate to contact:

Email: a00345969@student.tus.ie

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Applications open for Music Capital Scheme 2026

The Music capitol scheme supports funding for the purchase of musical instruments and selected items of equipment to individual professional performing musicians and non-professional groups across the country.

A total of €500,000 in funding is available through the following three awards which are now open for applications:

Music Capital Scheme Award 1 supports the purchase of musical instruments by non-professional performing groups

Music Capital Scheme Award 2 supports the purchase of musical instruments by individual established professional performing musicians

Music Capital Scheme Award 3 supports the purchase of musical instruments by individual emerging professional performing musicians

The Scheme is now open for applications and the **deadline for applications is 2pm, Tuesday 15 December 2026.**

You can find further details of the scheme on the Music Network website **HERE**

They are also be providing an extensive range of applicant supports to both organisations and individuals, with a particular focus on supporting first time and previously unsuccessful applicants.

All supports are provided free of charge to applicants, and you can find out more about them at **HERE**

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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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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.

ICHAS
Irish College of Humanities & Applied Sciences

Participants needed

What place does mental health have within your friendships?



Whether mental health comes up a lot, a little or not at all, I'm interested in hearing about your experience.

Who can take part?

- Aged 18–25
- Currently living in Ireland

What's involved?

- **A one-to-one interview with me on Microsoft Teams**
  At a time that suits us both
- **Confidential**
  Your interview transcript will be anonymised
- **Your choice**
  You can skip any question or stop at any time

Interested?

If you would like more information or are interested in taking part, please get in touch.

Martha Holian
MA Counselling & Psychotherapy (Integrative Modalities), ICHAS
20205977@ichas.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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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



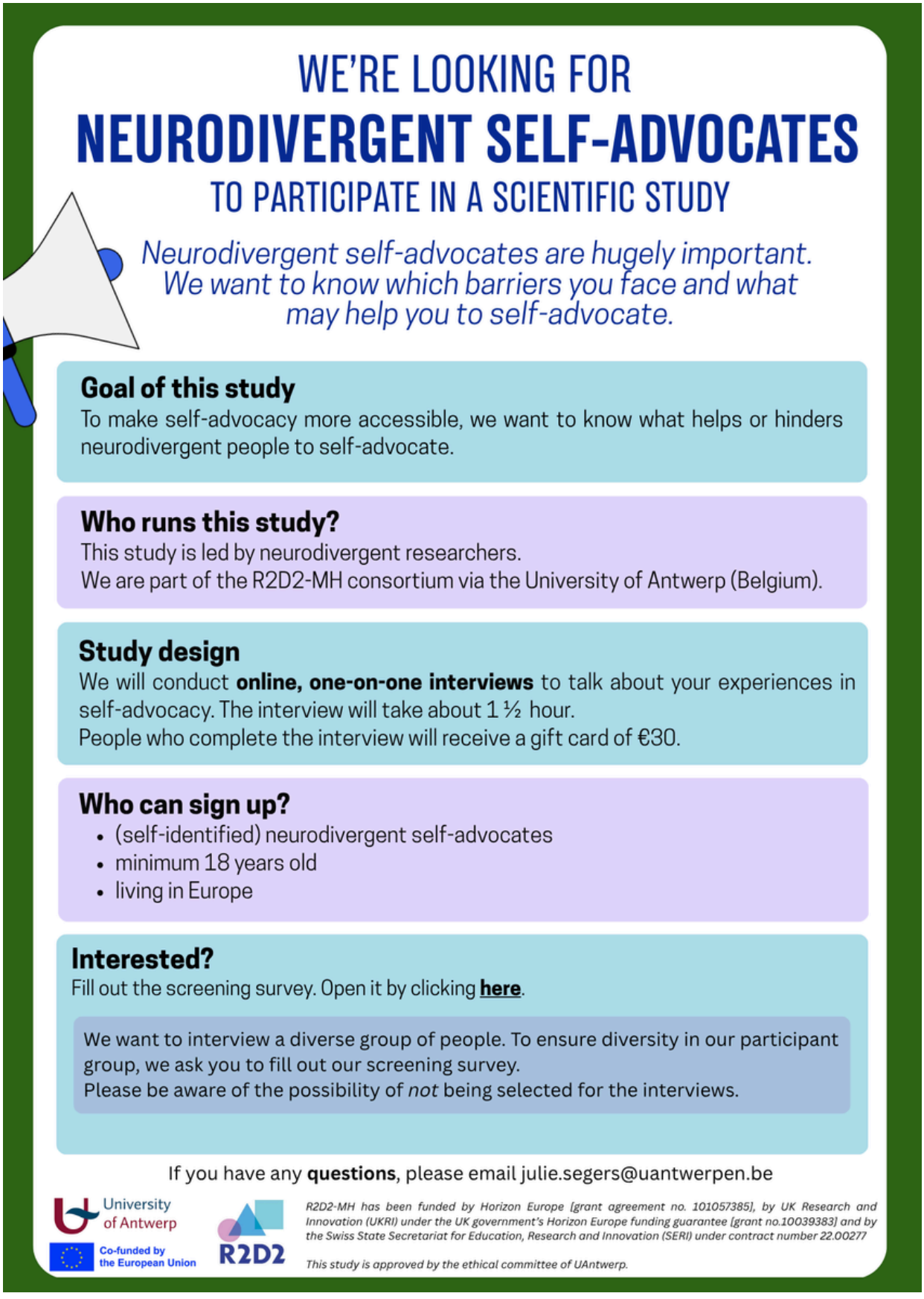
Your voice can help shape the future of tourism in Ireland. Through the Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation, Fáilte Ireland is seeking feedback from people who benefit from accessible and inclusive tourism when travelling in Ireland. Insights gathered through the consultation will help improve 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

Self-advocacy research paper — looking for self-advocates

Click HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY



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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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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

UCD DUBLIN
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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Grow Mental Health

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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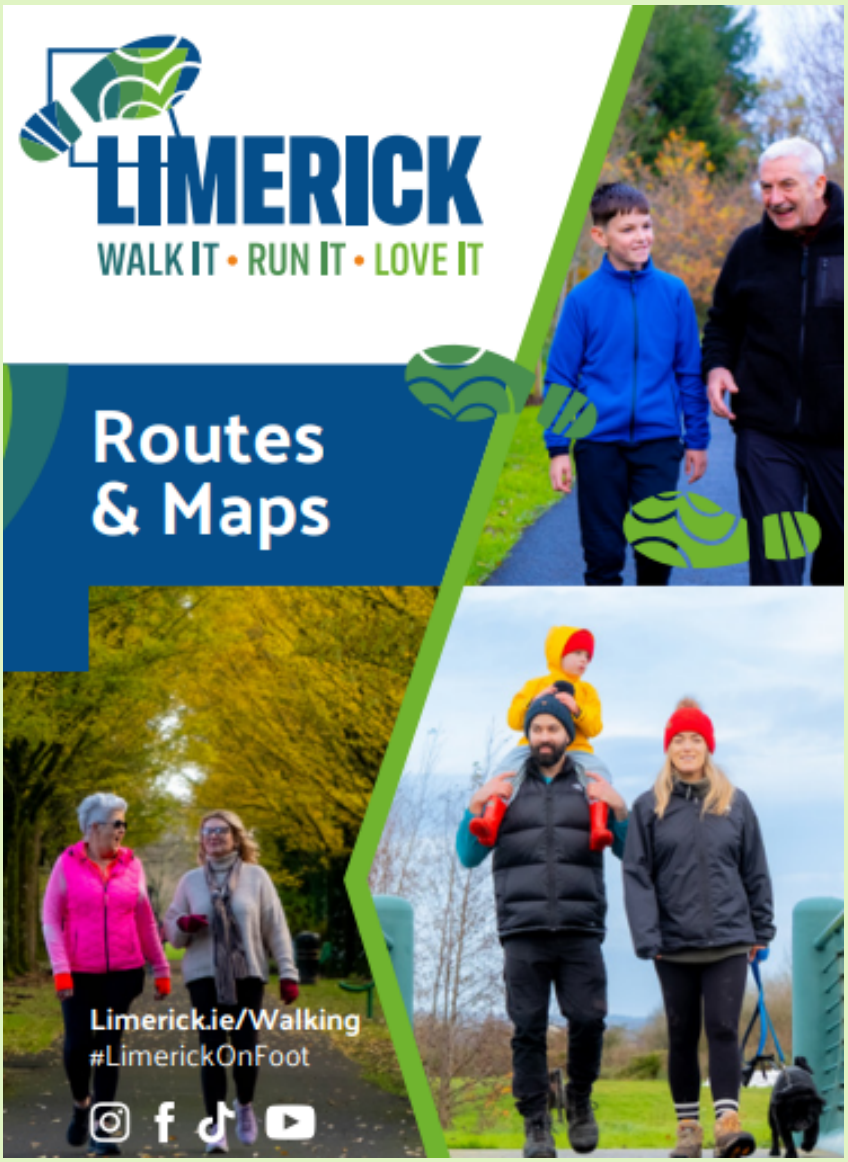
Limerick Walking Guide



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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HUGG Annual Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Event



National Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Event

Each year, HUGG brings people together to remember loved ones who have died by suicide and connect with others who understand the impact of this loss.

Through readings and music, we will create a space to reflect, remember loved ones, and acknowledge the lasting impact of their lives. 💙

📅 Sunday, 22 November 2026

🕑 2pm–3pm

📍 Dublin Unitarian Church, 112 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, D02 YP23

You can attend in person or join us via livestream. No registration is required.

The livestream link will be shared closer to the event.

You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee after the event.

We hope you can join us.

Read more here: Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Event 2026 | HUGG

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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

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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

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PPN Limerick Documents

→ The **PPN Website** has all our information and details regarding membership and groups, linkage groups and documentation.

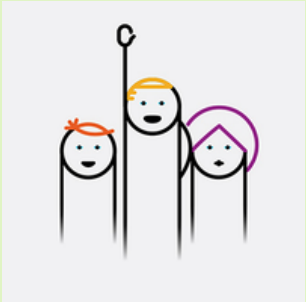
→ The **PPN Constitution** details how we operate:

→ 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.



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

