

To all Kerry PPN members, please find contents of the Kerry PPN Community Newsletter below and please share it to all members of your group and beyond.

Have a lovely weekend.  
 Kind regards,  
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The Age Friendly Older Peoples Council Kerry would like to thank Kerry County Council, Community Support Fund 2019 and the Kerry PPN for funding towards the purchase of Hi Visibility vests for road safety campaigns.

**KERRY COMMUNITY AWARDS 2024**

**ONE WEEK TO GO !!!**  
**GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN !!**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!!!!**

Fill out a form for the Kerry Community Awards 2024 and tell the judges the great work you are doing for your community !!!

Large or small organisations all stand an equal chance of benefiting from the €18,500 prize fund and joining us at the Awards dinner in the Rose Hotel this September.

Applications are open until Friday 14th June

Application forms & guidelines can be found on [ppn@kerrycoco.ie](http://ppn@kerrycoco.ie) and [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

If you're not in you can't win !!!

**Local Enhancement Programme 2024**

Ms. Heather Humphrey's T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development has announced funding awarded to applicant groups/organisations under the Ring Fenced Fund for Women's Groups under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024.

Link to the Department of Rural & Community Development's Press release re. the announcement of funding: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/d67b2c-ministers-humphreys-announces-funding-for-almost-500-womens-groups-nationwide/>

The funding will provide capital supports essential for the many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged areas in rural and urban areas. The funding is being administered by the Community, Arts & Culture Department in Kerry County Council in co-operation with the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Under the Department of Rural & Community Development's (DRCD) Ring Fenced Fund for Women's Groups under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024, **€20,993.67** has been approved to support 10 projects in County Kerry.

Below is a list of the successful applicant groups/organisations and the amounts awarded.

Details of the successful applicant groups and the amounts awarded is also available to download from Kerry County Council's website - [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

| Group/Organisation  | Name of Town/Village Area   | Amount awarded    |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Austin Stacks Ladies GAA Club                             | Tralee                      | €9,461.83         |
| Blackwater Women's Group                                  | Blackwater                  | €2,400.00         |
| Cashinewell Ladies Active Group                           | Cashinewell                 | €2,500.00         |
| Cillará Camogie Club                                      | Counsway                    | €2,100.00         |
| Kerry Women's Centre                                      | Counsway                    | €600.00           |
| Kerry Women's Resource Centre (KRC)                       | Kilmeragh                   | €800.00           |
| Kilmeragh Celtic Football Club                            | Milrowan                    | €4,000.00         |
| Nagle Rice Community Centre Ltd. (Milrowan Seawing Group) | Milrowan                    | €4,000.00         |
| Phoenix Women's Shed                                      | Tralee                      | €1,400.00         |
| Shannonside Women's Group                                 | Yahel                       | €750.00           |
| Thames Dromocher, Gort Academy                            | Tralee                      | €1,082.84         |
|   | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED</b> | <b>€20,993.67</b> |

**Sports Club Small Grant Scheme 2024**

**Páirtíocht Spóirt & Ainéas Chiarraí**  
 Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership  
 SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

**Sports Club Grant Scheme**

- Equipment
- Training & Education
- Participation Initiatives

Deadline: Friday, 5th of July 2024

**Apply now**  
[www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership's aims include increasing participation in Sport and Physical Activity, improving the quality of coaching and training and to support volunteers in sport. The Sports Club Grant Programme aims to assist new and existing clubs in creating structures which provides long term development and benefits to the club it should add value to the club and concentrate on the vision of the club going forward over its short-medium lifespan. Our small clubs grant scheme makes awards, to not-for-profits organisations that can contribute to our strategic goals of:

- Increased participation in Sport and Physical Activity
- Better access to training and education
- Better club Governance

Online applications are now being accepted for assistance under this fund, which is available under three strands:

- Strand 1: Sports Club – Sports equipment supports (Max €3,000)
- Strand 2: Sports Club – Education and training supports (Max €1,000)
- Strand 3: Sports Club – Participation initiative supports (Max €1,000)

Deadline – Friday, 5th of July, 2024

Applications and guidelines can be found here <https://www.kerrycoco.ie/sports-club-small-grant-scheme-application-2024/>

For more information you can email [info@kerryrecreationandsports.ie](mailto:info@kerryrecreationandsports.ie)

**Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces over €16 million for 69 projects in Ireland's great outdoors**

*Investment in our Greenways, Blueways, Forest Parks & Cycling Facilities*  
**Big focus on Outdoor Adventure Tourism ahead of the Summer Season**  
*New walking trails established for the first time*  
**Access points for kayaking, paddle-boarding, swimming and other water based activities**  
**Minister Humphreys: 'Our beautiful outdoors have never been more available to us than today'**

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, **Heather Humphreys TD**, has today, announced a **€16.1 million** investment in outdoor recreation projects right across the country.

With the Summer Season upon us, this investment from Minister Humphreys will see a huge investment in **Outdoor Adventure Tourism**.

Right across the country, there will be funding for projects such as our Greenways, Blueways, Forest Parks and Cycling Routes.

New walking trails will be established for the first time, along with projects that will support outdoor sports such as kayaking, paddle-boarding, swimming and other water-based activities.

**In announcing the huge investment in outdoor projects, Minister Humphreys said:**

*"Our beautiful outdoors have never been more available to us than today. With the summer months upon us, now is the time to enjoy the wonderful amenities right on our doorstep."*

**Among the projects being funded today include:**

**Belmullet Tidal Pool, Mayo: €295,574**

**Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway Enhancement, County Meath: €200,000**

**Dunmore Beach Walkway, Co Waterford: €500,000**

**Ards Ross Coastal Walkway, Co Cork: €200,000**

**Lough Boora Discovery Park, Co Offaly: €500,000**

**Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk, Clare: €500,000**

**Other projects include:**

**Kilrush Wood River Walk & Cycleway, Co. Clare: €165,420**

**MacManus Estate, Rosslinongon, Co. Donegal: €200,000**

**Ballyseedy Wood Amenity Trail, Co. Kerry: €200,000**

**Castlecomer Discovery Park Bike Trail – Co. Kilkenny: €500,000**

**The Ryder Cup Way – Co Limerick: €399,983**

**Donamon Outdoor Recreation Area Development – Co. Roscommon: €500,000**

This investment announced today further underpins the Government's commitment to developing our outdoor amenities as part of **Embracing Ireland's Outdoors**, the national outdoor recreation strategy.

**On the impact of today's funding, Minister Humphreys stated:**

*"This investment from my Department brings the overall allocation under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) to over €129 million since the Scheme was first launched in 2016."*

*"It is testament to the positive impact 'Our Rural Future' continues to have on communities all over Ireland and Government's commitment to that policy."*

*"The times of lock downs are thankfully behind us but those times gave us all an appreciation of what our stunning outdoors had to offer us for our mental and physical wellbeing."*

*"It gives me great satisfaction to see the work my Department does to ensure that our rural communities can benefit even more from what nature has to offer."*

*"Our world class outdoor amenities continue to make rural Ireland the place to be for adventure tourists, as well as those who appreciate a more sedate pace of life. These projects are spread throughout the country, so everyone can avail of the outdoors."*

*"Some of the planned investment, which is taking place all over the country, will enhance existing visitor attractions while providing new opportunities to experience our wonderful coastal landscape."*

The announcement today will benefit local communities with new or enhanced outdoor facilities while also helping to support local economies by continuing to offer domestic and international visitors an attractive and exciting array of outdoor amenities.

This funding will be invested in 69 larger scale outdoor recreation projects, bringing the total number of projects funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, since its establishment in 2017, to over 1,650 nationwide.

These projects under measures 2 and 3 are to receive funding of up to €200,000 and €500,000 respectively, and will be delivered by July 2026. This announcement today is in addition to the €2.3m which was announced in November 2023 for 50 projects under the Project Development Measure of ORIS and €4.1m approved under measure 1 earlier this year.

**Minister Humphreys concluded by reiterating her commitment to supporting outdoor recreation:**

*"The 69 projects that I am announcing today will be there for all of us, from all walks of life and all abilities."*

*"These excellent projects will add to Ireland's now large pool of world class amenities and will help to achieve the goals of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy – Embracing Ireland's Outdoors."*

*"I would encourage everyone to take this opportunity to get out there and embrace our great outdoors and make the lived experience of our country better for us all."*

Details of all projects are available [here](http://here).

**Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
**Kerry County Council**

**Draft Ministerial Direction**  
**Kenmare Municipal District**  
**Local Area Plan 2024-2030**

Notice is hereby given that on 23rd May 2024, Kerry County Council received notification from the Minister for Local Government and Planning of his intention to issue a Direction pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The Draft Ministerial Direction related to the adoption of the Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

This Draft Ministerial Direction is now placed on public display for a period of two weeks, whereby submissions can be made to the Planning Authority with regard to the Draft Direction.

[Draft Ministerial Direction Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2024-2030 | Kerry County Council \(kerrycoco.ie\)](http://Draft Ministerial Direction Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2024-2030 | Kerry County Council (kerrycoco.ie))

**FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING**  
 Drop off any household electrical item with a plug, a battery or a fuse.

**DROP OFF DAY**  
 From 10am to 4pm

**LISTOWEL, MART - TANAVALLA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SAT 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 10am - 4pm.**

Non-electrical items will not be collected.

**Electrical Recycling Drop Off Day: Listowel Mart, Tanavalla Industrial Estate**

*Want to support the environment and de-clutter your home by recycling your electrical waste? Then check out the FREE Electrical Recycling Drop Off Day at:*

**Listowel Mart, Tanavalla Industrial Estate on Saturday June 8th, 2024, 10am to 4pm**

You can drop off any household item with a plug, cable or battery - large or small - from TVs, washing machines, IT equipment and power tools to mobile phones, battery-operated toys and wireless ear buds. We even recycle used vapes!

And don't forget to support Batteries for Babelstown and bring your used batteries for recycling!

**Seashore Explore**  
 Discover marine life on Kerry's Blue Flag Beaches this summer. Join a Seashore Safari with a marine biologist from Sea Synergy.

| Date         | Time  | Beach          |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| 08 June 24   | 10:00 | Kells          |
| 08 June 24   | 12:45 | Rosbeigh       |
| 11 June 24   | 15:45 | Ballyheigue    |
| 15 July 24   | 17:00 | Maharabeg      |
| 20 July 24   | 11:45 | Ballybunton    |
| 23 July 24   | 11:00 | Fenit          |
| 23 July 24   | 15:45 | Banna          |
| 04 August 24 | 10:30 | Whitestrans    |
| 21 August 24 | 10:30 | Inch           |
| 21 August 24 | 13:30 | Ventry         |
| 23 August 24 | 12:00 | Derryname      |
| 25 August 24 | 14:30 | Ballinskelligs |

**Interested? Register here:**

Or contact **087 455 4034** [info@seasynergy.org](mailto:info@seasynergy.org)

Free places available, booking essential! Please dress weather appropriate and wear waterproof shoes. **\*\*All children must be accompanied by an adult\*\***

Get to know your Blue Flag Beaches this summer with Seashore Explore. Starting tomorrow, Saturday 8th June at Kells and Rosbeigh

To book use the QR code on the poster or contact Sea Synergy at [info@seasynergy.org](mailto:info@seasynergy.org) / 087 45540434

**Cruinniú na nÓg 2024**  
 Kerry Library presents a series of free events to celebrate children's day of creativity.

**Saturday 15th June**

**All events are free! Booking required unless otherwise stated.**

Contact your Local Library or scan the QR code to book!

**Ballyvaughan | Balls an Bháirdeán**  
 10:00am - 11:00am Drawing with Helena (8-12yrs)

**Cashinewell | Coltadh Sabháin**  
 10:00am - 10:45am Story through Dance (4-8 Yrs)  
 11:00am - 12:00pm Story through Dance (8-12 Yrs)  
 12:00pm - 1:00pm Story through Dance (10-16 Yrs)  
 2:00pm - 3:30pm Lego Workshop with Young Engineers Kerry (8-12yrs)

**Cashinewell | Clóidh Coma**  
 11:00am - 12:00pm Felling Fun Using Sheep wool (8+)  
 2:00pm - 3:30pm

**Dingle | Dáingean Uí Chúis**  
 10:30am - 11:30am First Year Read with author Olivia Hope (8-9yrs)

**Kenmare | Naídin**  
 10:15am - 11:45am Lego Workshop with Young Engineers Kerry (8-12yrs)

**Kilbarney | Cill Áine**  
 2:00pm - 4:00pm Graphic Novel Launch (18)

**Kilbarrigh | Cill Órgan**  
 11:00am - 1:00pm HF Green Scene (8-12yrs)  
 1:30pm - 2:30pm First Year Read with author Olivia Hope (8-9yrs)

**Listowel | Lios Tuathal**  
 10:30am - 11:00am Pickle Your Own Robot with DigViz (4+)  
 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Trillick | Trá Lí**  
 11:00am - 12:00pm Join Leona Forde (7-10yrs)  
 1:00pm - 2:00pm Circus Explorer (6-7yrs)  
 2:30pm - 3:15pm Circus Explorer (8-12yrs)  
 Circus Explorer (13-16yrs)

**Join Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park**  
**Féile ná mBláth 2024**  
 with our Nature Artist **Philip McSwiney**

Creating dragonflies and bee mobiles, Dream Catchers and Willow Sculptures all created from our own willow grown in Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park!

**Dates & Times**  
**Saturday, 29th June at 11am - 5pm**  
**Sunday, 30th June at 12pm - 4pm**

**Anam Cara**  
 Supporting Parents After Bereavement

Upcoming Bereavement Information Evening. This online event will take place on **Thursday 13th June at 7pm**. This will be the last online information evening until September.

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://www.zoom.us/j/9801111111)

**MEN'S HEALTH WEEK 10TH - 16TH JUNE 2024**

**FREE**

**Men's Health Awareness Event 2024**

**AT MID-KERRY MART IN MILLTOWN TUESDAY 11TH OF JUNE 10AM TO 1:30PM**

**Free Health Checks in the Pharmacy**

A range of health professionals will be onsite including:

- Health Promotion & Improvement Officer
- Community Work Department
- Physiotherapist
- Dietician
- Public Health Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Stop Smoking Advisor
- Community Mental Health Team

A number of local community groups will also be onsite including:

- Men's Outreach Worker
- South Kerry Development Partnership
- Family Resource Centre
- MARCS
- Better Bones Better Balance
- Local Link Bus
- Men's Social Club in Killorglin

OPEN TO ALL AGES ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH