

Kerry PPN Community Newsletter Friday 11th October 2024

To all Kerry PPN members,

Please find contents of the Kerry PPN Community newsletter below.

It is important that the contact person who receives the newsletter shares it out to all of their members and beyond.

Due to the National PPN Conference taking place next week there will be no newsletter next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Caroline and Andrea.

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Community and Voluntary News



Announcement of CLÁR 2024 funding

Ms. Heather Humphrey's T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development, has announced details of funding under Measure 1 of the 2024 CLÁR Programme to support projects in rural communities.

I am pleased to inform you that 15 projects in Kerry have received funding under Measure 1 of the 2024 CLÁR Programme, totalling €651,422

Please see below list of the approved projects in County Kerry.

Organisation	Project Description					
Staigue Fort, Castlecove	Replace the existing outdoor toilet facilities at Staigue Fort	€50,000				
Lixnaw Development Association	Refurbish Existing Community Playground					
Listry GAA Grounds	An inclusive outdoor seating area with 24/7 wheelchair-accessible toilets					
Brosna Community Development Association	Public amenity area, outdoor exercise area, community walkway, car park- ing in Brosna Village					
CLG Lios Póil	Construction of a walking path with sensory garden features enciroling CLG Lios Póil playing field					
Ballyheigue GAA	Develop a community walkway with lighting					
Tulloha NS	Community playground					
Milltown GAA	Upgrade and safety works to facility car park to include sensory and biodiversity garden					
Sneem Development Co Op Ltd (Community Building)	Renovate community building, providing a facility and community hub					
Moyvane Development Association	Walkway Extension, Solar Lighting to the Kiln Walk & Sports Hall Floor Protection					
Castlemaine Playground Committee in conjunction with St. Josephs NS	Provide a public playground in Castlemaine Village					
Laune Rangers GAA & LGFA	Floodlighting at JP O'Sullivan Park					
St. Senans GAA	Improving access, Functionality, Safety and the Environment					
Castlegregory Celtic FC	The development of a safe new access & carpark					
Headford Ambush Interpretative Development	Development of Ambush Site, interpretive displays, new wayfinding sign- age, seating and planting					
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Dromadda Beg Wind Farm Community Fund 2024

The Dromadda Beg Wind Farm Community Fund 2024 (the "Fund") is now open for applications. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday the 19th of November 2024.**

A total Fund value of €10,000 (index linked) is available to community and voluntary organisations for projects which are based within the Dromadda Beg Wind Farm's area of benefit.

A maximum of one application can be submitted from each group / organisation per annum.

There is a themed approach to each round of funding, the 2024 theme is *Community Amenities – 'Connected Communities'*.

You must register as an applicant using the "Register" function on the website, you will be sent a unique password, which will then allow you to "Login" to the site. (Please check your Spam/Junk folder).

If you are already registered from a previous call, you may use your existing log in details, a password reset function is available on the website if necessary.

https://www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/rwe

Please **ensure** you take some time to read the **Fund Guidelines** available in the **Help Section** of the website or by clicking **here**, prior to submitting your application.

Getting started on your project ideas early will greatly assist with your application, as a well-developed project is key to a successful outcome.

It is essential to note that applications from groups/organisations that do not submit required documentation with the application form e.g. planning permission, planning exemption or owner permission, will not proceed to evaluation.

SDG National Stakeholder Forum, October 21st 2024



The final SDG National Stakeholder Forum of 2024 takes place on

Monday, October 21st at the Hibernia Conference Centre, Dublin Castle.

The theme is:-

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE ACTION - FROM PLANS TO COMMUNITY ACTION

There will be four workshops on the day:-

- -Climate Led Community Action- 5 Learnings From 5 Programmes Over 5 Years 2019-2024
- -Sustainable Farming An Irish View
- -Climate, Community and Connectivity: Ensuring Sustainable and Accessible Transport
- -Summit of the Future 2024, Pact for the Future

In person and On-line registration opens at 11:00am on Thursday, October 10th

UCD septic tank system user survey

ABOUT REMARC SURVEY

REMARC is an EPA-funded research project involving researchers from UCD, UCC and TU Dublin. The REMARC survey aims to investigate current household practices, awareness levels, opinions and preferences regarding septic tank and packaged treatment system maintenance.

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Remediation of Faulty Septic Tanks: A Mixed Methods Approach to Environmental Risk

PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE SURVEY

Communication (REMARC)

Do you live in a house using a domestic wastewater treatment system (e.g. septic tank)?

If so, you are invited to participate in an anonymous national survey about system management. Your knowledge/views towards household system maintenance will help aid policy change and supports for system users nationwide! If you are interested and/or would like more information, please use the URL or scan the QR code below.

URL: https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/remarcsurvey

QR code:



REMARC project website: https://www.remarcproject.com/

Survey introduction:

Seeking domestic wastewater treatment system users in Kerry: do you live in a house using a septic tank or packaged treatment system? If so, you are invited to participate in an anonymised online survey about system management. Your knowledge/views towards household system maintenance will help aid policy change and design of supports for system users nationwide! If you are interested and/or would like more information, please use the URL or QR code below. See also poster for additional study details.

Survey link: ttps://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/remarcsurvey

Electrical Recycling Drop Off Day: Tralee, The Mart



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: The Mart, Tralee on **Saturday October 19th, 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 Barretstown and bring your used batteries for recycling!

#ERPIreland #ElectricalRecycling #TidyTownsIre

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Free webinar every day





CONNECT to the Five Ways to Wellbeing







Every day in October, including weekends and bank holidays, Mental Health Ireland is offering FREE, live webinars 'Connect to the Five Ways to Wellbeing'. These 45 minute webinars are delivered by our expert trainers and offer you the opportunity to learn tips and tools on how to manage your own wellbeing through

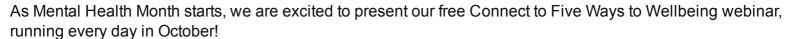
Connect, Take Notice, Be Active, Give and Keep Learning.

> Scan code for booking link



or visit:

https://bit.ly/MentalHealthMonth24



These live sessions, led by our expert facilitators, will explore practical ways to enhance mental health and well being through the Five Ways to Wellbeing framework.

As you've been instrumental in supporting us by organising events during previous campaigns, we're delighted to offer this free webinar to you and your community this year.

Register here for the Five Ways to Wellbeing webinar: **Eventbrite**

Webinar Dates: Daily throughout October Session Format: 45-minute webinar

Cost: Free (donations welcome, see details below)

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is Connect. Our campaign is about encouraging people to connect with themselves, others, nature, and their communities to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Throughout October, we will share daily tips on how to connect more meaningfully via our social media channels. We'd love for your community to join the conversation!

We invite you to participate in Mental Health Month by engaging in some of the following activities to support our work:

Organise a Fundraiser: Consider setting up a fundraiser in your community. To get started, click here: <u>set up a fundraiser</u>. Everyone who registers a fundraiser will receive a free Mental Health Ireland T-shirt. If you're planning a larger event, contact <u>fundraising@mentalhealthireland.ie</u> for materials and support to ensure your event is a success.

Donate via Text: Encourage your community to text 'MHI' to 50300 to donate €4 and support our mental health initiatives.

Host a Connect Café: Consider hosting a Connect Café, a coffee morning with structured mental health. It's a simple but powerful way to raise awareness and funds while fostering connections. You can download our Connect Café toolkit here: Download Toolkit.

Resources: We've created a range of free resources to help to engage with Mental Health Month. You can find posters here and other materials <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions or need further support, feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Viola Di Bucchianico Thrive Action Research Officer Tel. 083 478 2166





Parent Support

EVENING

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (SEPTEMBER-JUNE) 7.30PM - 9PM

2024 Dates

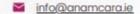
- 10th September
- · 8th October
- 12th November
- 10th December
- Online Parent Support Evening each month please email for details

Bereaved parents please join

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The Community First Responders are trained volunteers that live locally. When an ambulance is called to an address within a radius of 8-10km of lnch Beach, Co Kerry., Community First Responders received an alert, and any available responders will attend with a defibrillator.

The responders receive alerts specific to Cardiac Arrest, Stroke, Choking, and Chest Pain. The aim of the Community First Responders is to reach a potential life threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

If you think you would like to volunteer to train to become a Community First Responder the next round of training begins in November. For more information or to sign up for training please contact Niamh on the following number 0857126947.

Inch Community Council will be hosting a fundraiser bingo on Thursday October 24th to raise much needed funds for the Inch-Annascaul Community First Responders. Theses funds will be used to buy new

defibrillators.







Experience Halloween Fun with a Witches Brooms Workshop & Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt



Visit Tralee Bay Wetlands Eco & Activity Park for an awesome Autumn activity this October and Halloween Mid Term Break on our "Wetlands Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt" or "Witches Magic Broom Workshop". Ever wondered what creatures lurk around Tralee Bay Wetlands at Halloween?

Share an enjoyable morning crafting a truly Magical Witches' Broom, from freshly harvested native branches. Our Guides will direct you step by step to completing your beautiful broom, following a short walk about collecting some items to make your bespoke broom. This event is suitable for children and adults, witches and wizards. These Broom creations will make beautiful gifts or home décor.

A Scavenger Hunt with activities and searching for clues will lead families to the Pumpkin Patch, where you choose your own pumpkin to take home to carve or decorate for Halloween.

Limited places are available, so book early to be sure not to miss out. Link to Halloween page - https://traleebaywetlands.org/halloween



Course & Team Building Packages



Whether you're a school, business, club, or group, we've got the ultimate team-building experience waiting for you at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology & Activity Park.

- Conquer exciting team-building games
- Scale our Outdoor Climbing Wall
- Or pedal through nature on our Pedalo boats!

From 2 to 3.5-hour packages, you'll leave with memories, skills, and a stronger team spirit.

Book your adventure today Call the Wetlands Team on 0667126700 or email info@traleebaywetlands.org

Enquire now https://traleebaywetlands.org/about/contact-us

The Skellig Coast Archaeology Festival 18–20 October 2024



The weekend festival ticket is €35 for all the events - except for dinner in the Dromid Centre on Saturday evening (17.30-19.00) which is €15. Dinner will include foraged treats as tasters - even if you don't come to any of the other events, maybe you'd join us for the dinner. It will be a lovely gathering.

Tickets are on sale on Humanitix (we are trying it out as the profits go to good causes).

The theme for this year's festival is 'Agriculture in Kerry since the First Farmers'. Many events are suitable for all ages, with lots for chlidren - Irish speakers are in for a treat. The festival takes place over three days from 18–20 October 2024 across Iveragh in Castlecove, Ballinskelligs, Dromid, Portmagee, Valentia Island and Cahersiveen. It opens on Friday 18 October with an Irish language hike up into the uplands around Cahersiveen led by The Kerry Cowboy, Séaghean Ó Suilleabháin (farmer and an tOifigeach Plean Teanga for Cahersiveen). On Friday afternoon, Daragh Smyth, author of 'Earthing the Myths', will give a talk in the library in Cahersiveen on mythology. He will include the story of An Táin which inspired the concert by musician Lorcán Mac Mathúna taking place that evening in the Community Hall in Ballinskelligs.

Brú na Dromada is the festival hub for all of Saturday. We are delighted to be collaborating with Kerry County Museum this year. Claudia Koehler with the Kerry County Mobile Museum will join us for the day with a very special handling display of replica artefacts. Mike Sé, a native Irish speaker and farmer from Dromid, will have a fine collection of old farming gear on show by the hub. On Saturday morning, Dr Eugene Costello of UCC explores, in Irish and in English, traces of farming in the landscape, including booleying. The walk takes place in the 'sound-of-music'-like upland pastures of Tuar an Chladáin. On Saturday afternoon a workshop for children will be led by archaeologist Áine Brosnan and a rock art-themed experimental archaeology workshop (in Irish and in English) for adults and children alike will be led by Aoibheann Lambe (who gives a short introductory talk) and Helen Richmond.

Astronomy events will kick off with an early 7pm star-gazing session using telescopes. Much later at 10pm, there will be an archaeo-astrophotography workshop. A talk at 8pm on the first Irish farmers by Caolán Maher will be followed by a story-telling session with Terri Ryan - I heard her at the Sneem Story Tellling Festival and loved her. She will invite the audience to share their stories, songs, poems and confessions!

Sunday's walk on Valentia Island, led by Heritage Iveargh Vice-chair, Dr Eoin O'Neill, is followed by a bronze casting demonstration with Dr Holger Lönze and Dr Billy Mag Fhloinn. An afternoon farm visit to Seán Ó Laoghaire (Seán the Seanchaí) will be great craic for all the family - and another chance to speak Irish too. The festival winds down with a rare chance to see Patrick Murphy's folk museum in Castlecove followed by a visit to an impressive example of rock art and the close of the festival at Staigue Fort House.

The festival is made possible with the support of the Kerry County Council's Community Support and Festival Funds, Fáilte Ireland, the Homecoming Festival, An Plean Teanga Uíbh Ráthaigh, Skellig Shamrock - and you!

Social Inclusion News



OLDER DRIVERS ATTEND ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE IN TRALEE



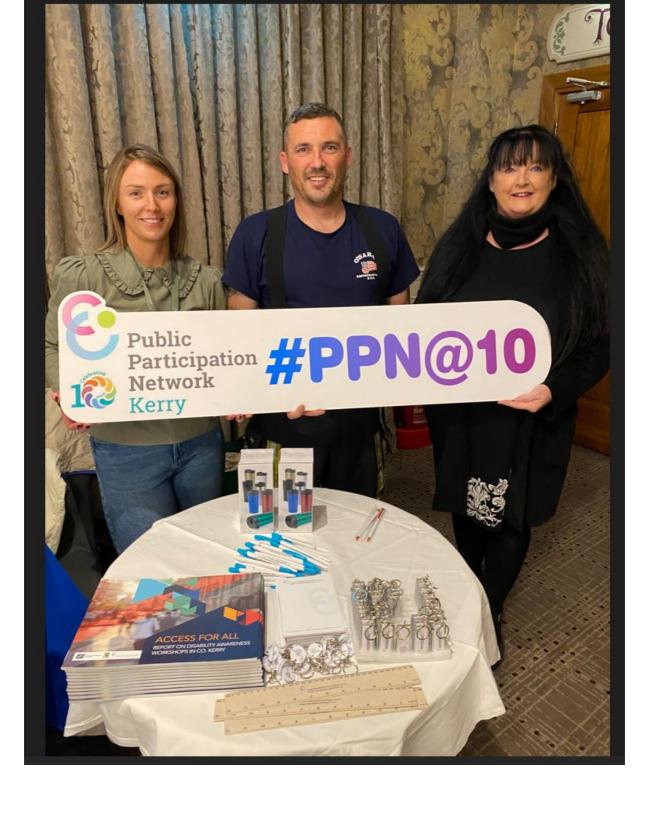
Declan Keogh Kerry County Council Road Safety officer

KERRY County Council and Age Friendly Kerry hosted a road safety conference for older drivers on Tuesday 8th October at the Rose Hotel in Tralee.

The conference was organised and hosted by Kerry County Council and the local authority's Road Safety Officer, Declan Keogh.

Anna May McHugh of the National Ploughing Association was among the keynote speakers at the conference along with representatives from Kerry County Council, An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority, the Older Peoples Council and a road safety consultant for older drivers.

A number of exhibitors were also present to provide information and advice to older drivers.





Local Creative Youth Partnership Creative Activities for everyone!



North Kerry

Teens: Shout Out Youth Theatre for North Kerry- Meets at St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre weekly, contact Máire Logue by email to maire@st.johnstheatre.ie

Tralee

Young adults: Kerry Youth Theatre – Integrated all abilities – meets at St. John's Parish Centre weekly, contact noellebarrettnez@gmail.com

West Kerry

Teens: Dingle Youth Theatre for West Kerry- meets at Áiseanna na hÓige weekly, contact Sinéad Eadie by email to iarscoil@aiseannanahoige.ie

Teens: SKY Youth Theatre for South Kerry – meets at Coláiste Na Sceilge weekly, contact Nancy Holmes Smith by email to nancyhs@hotmail.co.uk

South Kerry

Teens: Killorglin Film Group- meets at Library Place, Killorglin weekly from week of 28th October contact Iryna ipuzdria@skdp.net

Teens: Cahernane Film Group – meets at Cahernane Community Centre weekly from week of October 28th email Tetyana to tolkhovska@skdp.net

Killarney

Children: Killarney Youth Drumming Band THUMP!- meets weekly at the Anam Cultural Centre, Killarney contact Marian, Torc Family Resource Centre <u>marianballyspillanefrc@gmail.com</u>

Teens: Killarney Film Group – meets at Anam Cultural Centre, Killarney on Wednesdays email deirdre.enright@kerryetb.ie

Children: Two Visual Art Groups, one on a Monday (ages 3 to 6yrs) meets at Anam Cultural Centre at 3.30pm and one on a Thursday (7-10yrs) meets at KDYS Youth Centre, Fairhill at 4.30pm email deirdre.enright@kerryetb.ie



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The South Kerry Development Partnership WorkAbility Programme is an employment-focused programme which aims to support individuals with disabilities to enter training and/or employment.

It is a **free & confidential service**, aimed at individuals who live in South Kerry and identify as having a disability.

The programme is aimed at people who are aged 16 years and older who are currently not work ready and/or are distant from the labour market.

We use a range of person-centred approaches to provide progressive pathways into education, training and employment (including self-employment) for participants based on their needs, their abilities, and their potential.



** For the purpose of the WorkAbility Programme, participants with a disability are defined under the EIST Programme, as persons with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. We will meet you and tell you about the service. We will get to know you and what you would like to achieve in terms of training & employment

We will explore work and / or training options based on your interests and abilities.



We will have regular follow-up meetings with you and your employer or training provider to support you if challenges arise We will continue to support you to set goals (short, medium & longterm) as you progress along your training and / or empoyment path

To participate and receive supports through this programme, individuals must meet the following <u>eligibility</u> <u>criteria</u>:

- Identify as having a disability (long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments)
- Be aged 16 years or older at the time of registration with no upper age limit

Environmental News





Price: €3 per person

Book Online here https://traleebaywetlands.org/book-now

The recent Life Along Our Rivers event



What a fantastic day was had on Saturday, 28th at **Life Along Our Rivers**, Transition Kerry and Tralee Bay Wetlands teamed up for Telling the Stories of the Rivers of Tralee - Ag Insint Scéalta Abhainneacha Thrálí, as

part of our free autumn community events.

Visitors experienced the magic of Tralee's rivers, witnessing otters playing in the water and bats soaring across the sky. Birdwatchers were in their element, and nature enthusiasts explored the fascinating world of insects that thrive in our town's rich ecosystem.

A huge thank you to Niamh Ní Dhúill from Transition Kerry and Alan Balfe, Senior Ecologist at Tralee Bay Wetlands, for leading the way, with the support of the Local Authority Waters Programme and Kerry County Council. We loved seeing everyone come together to celebrate and connect with the incredible nature right on our doorstep.



Join Tralee Bay Wetlands for Science Week 2024

Beginners Guide to Climate Change & Biodiversity

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th Nov

Session Times: 9:30am, 12pm & 2pm

These sessions cover the following;

- Focus on Climate Change, learning about its impact on our daily lives and how we can all make little changes that will have a great impact.
- How biodiversity loss affects all our lives
- Learning how Wetlands provide a natural solution.
- Exploring how woodlands regulate the local climate.
- Demonstrations of best practice Native hedge planting.

CALL WETLANDS TEAM 066 712 6700
EMAIL: INFO@TRALEEBAYWETLANDS.ORG









Session Times: 9:30am, 12pm & 2pm

Duration: 2 Hour Sessions

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Book Online here

Call the Wetlands Team on 0667126700 or email <u>info@traleebaywetlands.org</u>.

National News

Get involved: National Survey on the future of Care of Older People

Public Consultation on Health and Social Care Services and Supports for Older People open until 24 Oct

The independent Commission on Care for Older People, supported by the Department of Health, invites you to have your say on the health and social care services and supports provided for older people.

What do you think about Services & Supports for Older People in Ireland? Do you have an idea to improve Health & Social Care Services & Supports for Older People in Ireland? We'd like to hear your views.

Your views will inform the Commission's recommendations for the development of these vital services.

Find out more and share your views at: gov.ie/ConsultationOlderPeople

Submit your views by 5pm on Thursday 24 October 2024.





The Commission on Care for Older People was established in May 2024 to examine the future of the provision of health and social care services and supports for older people. As part of this they are carrying out a public consultation. Your voice and experience matter - access the survey at https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/05291-public-consultation-on-health-and-social-care-services-and-supports-for-older-people/ Closing date: Thursday, 24th October 2024)

The Commission are carrying out the consultation to learn about the views of the public on the provision of health and social care services and supports for older people in Ireland. The views expressed will inform the Commission's recommendations for the future development of these services and supports:

https://shorturl.at/tXNkY

Comhairliúchán Poiblí ar Sheirbhísí Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialta agus Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta oscailte go dtí 24 Deireadh Fómhair

Tugann an Coimisiún um Chúram do Dhaoine Scothaosta neamhspleách, le tacaíocht ón Roinn Sláinte, cuireadh duit do thuairimí a roinnt maidir leis na seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí sláinte agus cúraim shóisialta a chuirtear ar fáil do dhaoine scothaosta.

Cad a cheapann tú faoi Sheirbhísí Sláinte & Cúraim Shóisialta & Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta in Éirinn? An bhfuil tuairim agat faoi conas is féidir feabhas a chur ar Sheirbhísí Sláinte & Cúraim Shóisialta & Tacaíochtaí do Dhaoine Scothaosta in Éirinn? Ba mhaith linn cloisteáil uait.

Cuirfidh do thuairimí bonn eolais faoi mholtaí an Choimisiúin maidir leis na seirbhísí ríthábhachtacha seo a fhorbairt.

Faigh tuilleadh eolais agus roinn do thuairimí ag: gov.ie/ComhairliuchanDaoineScothaosta

Seol isteach do thuairimí faoi 5pm Déardaoin an 24 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.







Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces over €11.4 million for 264

projects under 2024 CLÁR Programme

- Investment in Sports Clubs and Schools right across the country
- Funding for our Playgrounds, Astro-Turf Pitches, Running Tracks and Spectator Stands
- Community Centres and Local Halls to be given a new lease of life
- Development of Green Spaces, Sensory Gardens and Biodiversity Areas

Minister Humphreys: "This funding will improve the lives of families living in Rural Ireland"

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced on Monday over €11.4 million to deliver 264 projects under the 2024 CLÁR Programme.

- The investment will support the development of sports and outdoor facilities such as playgrounds, astro-turf pitches, running tracks and spectator stands.
- Community Centres and Local Halls will also be upgraded and given a new lease life as part of the initiative.
- There is a big focus too on supporting **Schools** by investing in play areas for our children.
- There is also significant funding to develop our green spaces, sensory gardens and biodiversity areas, with funding also going to a number of our Tidy Towns groups.
- The investment of over €11.4 million being announced by Minister Humphreys represents one of the largest allocations under the CLÁR Programme to date.

Among the projects being funded include:

- **Co. Laois:** Ballyfin National School Upgrade to the outdoor play area, multi-purpose outdoor playing surface, biodiversity garden & sensory trail: €50,000.
- Co. Carlow: Scoil Moling Glynn New Astroturf Pitch for the School Community: €45,000.
- Co. Galway: Killererin Community Council Community Centre enhancement works: €49,456
- **Co. Offaly:** 'Fivealley Pride of Place and Future Proofing initiative' Rest area, meeting point, cycle stop, patio with biodiversity planting: €45,000
- Co. Cork: Castlehaven GAA Resurfacing of the the running and walking track: €50,000
- **Co. Kerry:** Milltown GAA Upgrade and safety works to car park to include sensory and biodiversity garden: €50.000
- **Co. Cavan:** St Patrick's GAA, Arva Provide a fully inclusive and wheelchair accessible spectator stand with a sheltered space: €50,000
- Co. Leitrim: Drumsna Tidy Towns Upgrade of existing tennis facilities: €45,405
- **Co. Louth:** St Olivers' National School, Carlingford Creation of a soft play area in the school yard: €37,800
- Co Clare: Moy GAA Develop a community walking track: €50,000
- **Co. Mayo:** Charlestown Swimming Pool Upgrade entrance to Charlestown swimming pool and walkway as well as fencing along the river: €45,000
- **Co. Sligo:** St Brigid's Hall Tubbercurry Upgrade of existing handball alley and squash court; conversion to gym & boxing club: €24,150

Co. Westmeath: Horseleap Streamstown Community Association - Renovation and improvement works to the Community Centre: €50,000

Announcing the successful projects, Minister Humphreys said

"I am very pleased to announce over €11.4 million for 264 projects under my Department's CLÁR Programme. The projects we are funding today are based on a bottom-up approach; Ideas and proposals that have come directly from communities on the ground. From playgrounds and sports facilities to sensory gardens and community halls - these projects will make a really positive difference in towns and villages throughout Rural Ireland.

"That is what we are about in the Department of Rural and Community Development – supporting our local and community groups in delivering the ambition and vision that they have for their areas."

Minister Humphreys added:

"Under 'Our Rural Future', we have put unprecedented investment into our towns and villages.

That's because we are passionate about ensuring our rural communities can realise their potential. Investment is one thing; But you also need the buy-in from communities on the ground. This announcement today under CLÁR has only been possible because of the work and efforts of our local groups and volunteers. You are the people who have spearheaded these projects from Day One; Projects that will leave a lasting difference on your communities for years to come."

This announcement builds on the €2.1 million announced in September to support community groups through the provision of Mobility, Cancer Care, Meals on Wheels and Community First Responders Transport.

This brings the total investment to over €13.5 million in support of over 310 projects in CLÁR areas nationwide so far this year under the 2024 programme.

Successful projects under Measure 3 of the programme which supports our island communities will be announced in the coming weeks.

Minister Humphreys concluded:

"I have no doubt that the funding I am announcing today will further support the invaluable work of community groups across the country and will continue to enhance life in Rural Ireland. I very much look forward to hearing about and indeed visiting some of these projects in the years ahead and indeed meeting the people who have made these projects a reality."**

Since the CLÁR programme was reintroduced in 2016, funding of over €72 million has been approved for almost 2,450 projects.

The full list of successful projects announced today under Measure 1 - Community can be found here https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/8a8da-our-rural-future-minister-humphreys-announces-over-114-million-for-264-projects-under-2024-clar-programme/

Council Meeting Schedule 2024

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tralee MD	11 (Thurs)		4	29			1	2		4	
Killarney MD	10		6		1	3	3	11		13	
Listowel MD	24 (Wed)		14 (Thurs)		13		8	9		11	
Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne MD	17		20		15		17	18		20	
Kenmare MD	26		22		31		26	27		29	
Full Council	22	19	11	15	20	17	15	16	21	18	TBC 9th or 16th
JPC	26			12	3						

Full Council — 3rd Monday of each month
Standing Orders - Bi-monthly Meetings of Members
Tralee - 1st Monday of month or last Monday of previous month if it falls on Bank Holiday
Killarney - 1st Wednesday
Listowel - 2rd Monday
Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne - 3rd Wednesday
Kenmare - Last Friday of month