



Kerry PPN Community Newsletter Friday 8th November 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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Caroline and Andrea.

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Public Participation Network Kerry

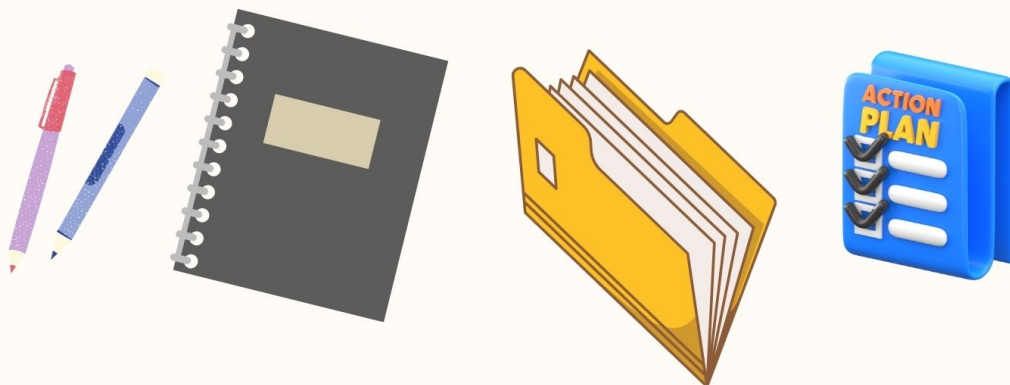
“Empowering Communities with the Tools for Success!”

Join Kerry PPN’s empowering workshops this November and December
Learn key skills in document management, governance, project planning, budgeting, funding applications and compliance for community success.

Led by expert Tom O'Leary

Sessions are online and in-person

For full details and to register go to
www.kerryppn.ie



Kerry PPN is thrilled to announce its latest series of hands-on workshops designed to boost community group efficiency and impact! Join us this November and December for two dynamic training opportunities that will equip local groups with essential skills in document management and project planning.

The first workshop, “**How to Manage and Maintain Community Documents,**” will dive into best practices for governance, funding compliance, and secure document handling. This 3-hour session will take place on 14th November (in-person) and again on 19th November (via Zoom).

The second series, “**Project Planning for Community Groups,**” is a two-part training to help groups tackle everything from needs analysis to budgeting and project evaluation. Scheduled for 26th November and 3rd December this workshop will ensure community-driven initiatives have the road map they need to succeed!

Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the potential of your group with expert-led guidance by Tom O'Leary .

For more details or to book your spot, follow the link

<https://forms.gle/CyKH343RYxV28NPo9>



Are you a Community Organisation, Sports Club or Social Enterprise?
Are you based in Kerry?
Come along to our Social Finance Clinic in Killarney!
Tuesday 12th November 2024, from 12pm to 3pm.

Are you currently -

Seeking finance to assist with your latest project?

In the planning stages of a new project?

Assessing your finances or capacity for future development?

Interested in hearing more about how social finance works and how it could help your organisation?

If so, then this event is designed for you!

Following on from the success of our National Conference we are rolling out a series of Social Finance Clinics across Munster.

So come meet us at our Kerry Clinic **on Tuesday 12th November from 12pm-3pm**, at the clubhouse of our customer, Spa GAA - Killarney (address below).

Book your place by contacting us - or just drop in on the day.

Contact either:

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Tony Marshall - tony@clanncredo.ie / 086 042 9403

Sinead Coffey - sinead@clanncredo.ie / 083 021 9334

Event location:

[Spa GAA Club, Tullig, Killarney, Co. Kerry](#)

What does Clann Credo offer?

Clann Credo is a Not-for-Profit with our mission being to support Community Development through affordable access to Loan Finance.

Clann Credo understands community groups, local clubs and social enterprises. We understand how grants work and where to find them, we know lots of fundraising approaches and groups that have used them successfully.

We know that volunteers like you have big ambitions but not a lot of time on your hands, so we make our social finance as easy to access as possible - your local Social Finance representative will guide you through it.

Clann Credo has supported many, many types of projects; community centres, sports facilities, environmental sustainability projects, childcare facilities, social housing, youth projects, community owned tourism attractions, arts centres, and many more – check out some case studies [HERE](#).

We have experienced and regionally-based staff – they know your area.

We provide ongoing supports - our expert team will walk on the journey with you through the whole process, from first vision to final payment.

No personal guarantees required.

No penalty for early repayment.

Affordable interest and repayment rates.

Contact us to discuss your organisation's development plans.

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Stakeholder Engagement Invitation: Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme and Reverse Vending Machines

O'Herlihy Access Consultancy have been appointed by Re-turn the approved body tasked with the administration of the Deposit Return Scheme to undertake an extensive consultation process. The consultations are being facilitated to identify any challenges to users as they interact with the service and the use of the reverse vending machines.

The Deposit Return Scheme is a national project which enables consumers to return used plastic bottles and aluminium cans to retailers or other return points in order to redeem the deposit paid on these containers. The Scheme went live on 1st February 2024 with the aim of reducing litter in our environment and increasing Ireland's recycling rates in compliance with European Union Law.

We have a number of stakeholder engagement opportunities including:

- Surveys

- [Survey Link](#)

- [Easy to Read Survey Link](#)

- Focus Groups (Both online and in-person [registration form](#))



BASIC SPORTS FIRST AID COURSE

Ballybunion



Date:
Saturday,
30th of November 2024

Time:
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location:
Ballybunion Community
Centre,
V31 TV25

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT: WWW.EVENTBRITE.IE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MAEVE: ☎ 087 627 2761 ✉ info@kerryrecreationandsports.ie

Sports First Aid Course (Ballybunion)

Description: This Basic Sports First Aid course is aimed at anyone involved with any sports team, whether you are a coach, player, teacher, volunteer or parent. This course will give particular attention to applying information to sport specific scenarios and will incorporate real life situations in a club setting context.

Date: Saturday 30th November 2024

Location: Ballybunion Community Centre

Times: 10:00-4:00pm

Cost: €50 plus booking fee per person

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1048803899697?aff=oddtcreator>

Let's Talk Menopause

With Sally Anne Brady
The Irish Menopause Mentor



Perimenopause to Menopause from start to finish

You can sit and listen in silence or ask your questions, whatever you're comfortable with.

Sally will share her knowledge on the following areas:

- When it happens?
- How long it lasts?
- All the symptoms?
- Why you're gaining weight?
- Why your cholesterol is going up?
- Why you're in and out of bathroom all night?
- Where your libido is gone?
- The importance of menopause knowledge?
- How menopause may affect your future health and does it affect mental health?
- What you can do and why it's important?
- What helps and what doesn't?
- Dietary changes
- Exercise
- Relationships in menopause
- Plus much more with Questions & Answers

*This workshop does not replace medical advice from a Medical Healthcare Professional

DETAILS



Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Cost: FREE



Happening Through Zoom

To book a place please contact Shannow FRC on 0667198018 we will need your email address and phone number to forward the link for the workshop.

This project is supported by Healthy Ireland, Department of Health



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health



Family Resource Centre
National Forum
Supporting • Strengthening • Empowering





Supporting Parents After Bereavement

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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 Meadowlands Hotel,
Tralee, V92 DC83

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 www.anamcara.ie



Transform your home with Custom Made Willow Wreaths

The most wonderful time of the year is quickly approaching, and we're here to make your holiday season even more special! Have you ever wanted a unique, handcrafted Christmas wreath to adorn your home or business? Something that not only reflects the beauty of the festive season but also supports a meaningful cause?

The Team at Tralee Bay Wetlands are excited to offer made-to-order Christmas wreaths, lovingly crafted just for you! 🌿 ✨

Each wreath is carefully designed with fresh, natural materials gathered sustainably from our local wetlands, ensuring every piece is not only beautiful but also eco-friendly. Whether you prefer a traditional look with holly, pine, and festive berries, or something more modern and bespoke, we are here to create a wreath that perfectly fits your style and home décor.

Why choose our Christmas wreaths?

🌿 **Handcrafted Quality:** Our team puts care and creativity into every wreath, guaranteeing a one-of-a-kind decoration that stands out.

🌍 **Eco-Conscious:** We use responsibly sourced materials from the wetlands, ensuring your wreath is as sustainable as it is stunning.

❤️ **Made with Love:** Each wreath is crafted with attention to detail by our dedicated Wetlands team, who are passionate about bringing the beauty of nature into your home.

🎁 **Perfect for Gifting:** Looking for a heartfelt gift for colleagues, friends or family? Our wreaths make a thoughtful and personal present for loved ones who appreciate handcrafted décor.

With limited availability, now is the perfect time to place your order and secure a beautiful custom wreath to make your home truly festive this holiday season!

Question: Can you add a **Reserve Your Wreath Now** button with the following link?

<https://shop.beyonk.com/1c9pq8y3/experiences/gls85axl>



Christmas Craft Fairs & Markets

10am-4pm - 17th November - Ballylongford Parish Hall

24th November - Ballyduff Community Centre

10am-1pm - 24th November - Gneeveguilla GAA Hall

10.30am-4pm - 24th November - Ardferf Community Centre

12-5pm - 24th November - Knocknagoshel Community Centre

11am-4pm - 30th November - Castlegregory Clubrooms

1st December - Ballyfinnane Community Hall

12-4.30pm - 1st December - Duagh Sports Complex

5-8pm - 6th December - Portmagee Community Centre

8th December - Firies

8th December - Old Community Hall, Milltown

8th December - Tarbert Community Centre

11am-5pm - 8th December - Scoil Íosagáin, Ballybunion

11am-5pm - 8th December - Kerry Writers Museum, Listowel

12-5pm - 8th December - Kielduff Community Centre

11am-4pm - 14th December - Listowel Community Centre

1-5pm - 14th December - Randles Hotel, Killarney

15th December - Old Community Hall, Milltown

1-5pm - 15th December - Randles Hotel, Killarney



Social Inclusion News



Have you been bereaved by suicide?

HUGG support groups are a safe space to talk freely, listen, share, ask questions and connect with others who have faced similar losses. It is a place where you will be met with compassion, care, and the words:

'I hear you and I understand'

Our support groups are free and led by trained volunteers with a lived experience of suicide loss.

“From the first meeting, I felt hope and it gave me the space to heal.”

Trish, who lost her brother Shay to suicide



Our support groups are nationwide and held in person or online.

You are welcome to join a **HUGG Suicide Bereavement Support Group** Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Contact us to learn more and find your nearest support group.
www.HUGG.ie



WHO WE ARE

HUGG is the national suicide bereavement charity.

WHAT WE DO

We provide 'Suicide Postvention' services. These are initiatives and activities designed to reduce risk after a suicide occurs and in time promote hope and healing.

- Suicide Bereavement Support Groups
- Information and Resources on grief after suicide
- Telephone Support
- Signposting to other appropriate support services
- Public Events and Webinars
- Research & Advocacy

HOW TO CONNECT

www.HUGG.ie
support@HUGG.ie
01 513 4048



I am coping better

I found the information I needed

The caller was kind and compassionate

I feel connected to others who understand

I have hope for the future



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Environmental News

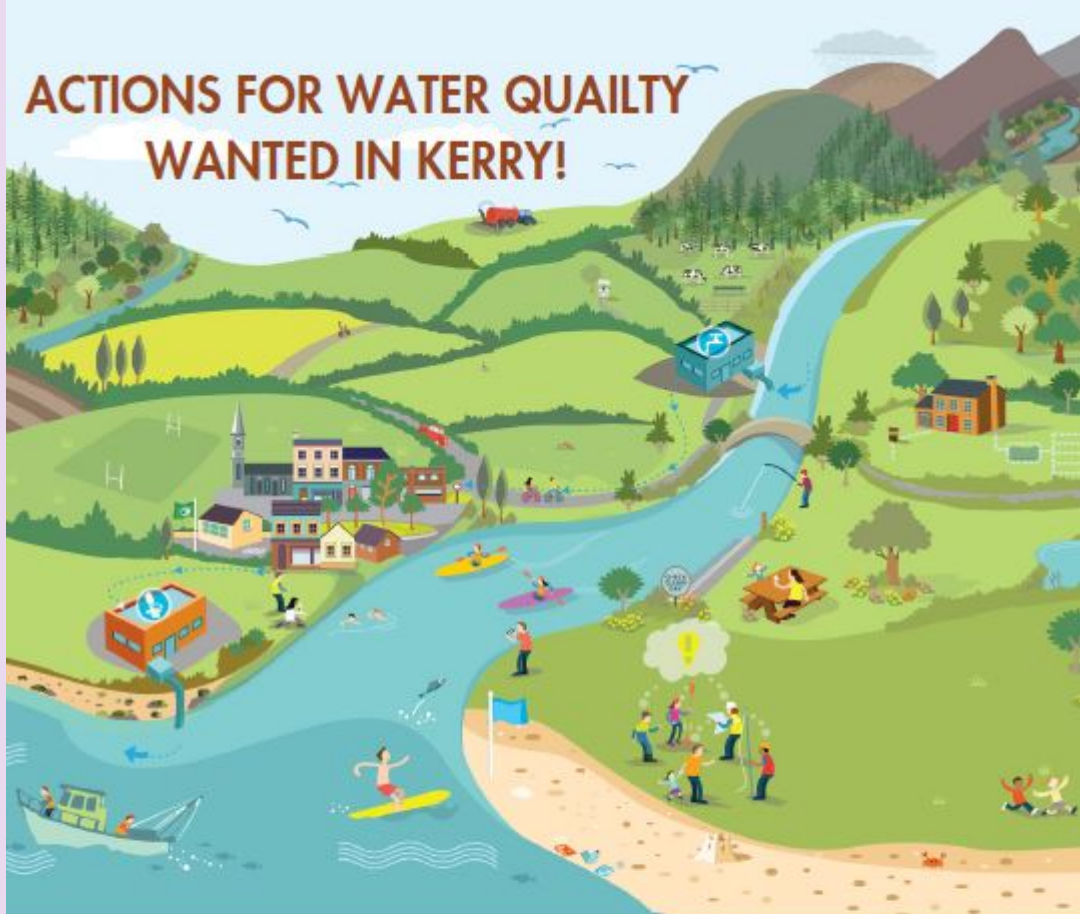


Local Authority's Waters Programme

LAWPRO is looking for groups and communities that want to take practical actions on water quality in their area

Colum Walsh the Community water officer for Kerry is available to talk to groups who want to discuss their ideas for a project further in person, online and out of hours if required.

ACTIONS FOR WATER QUALITY WANTED IN KERRY!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DOING A WATER QUALITY PROJECT IN YOUR CATCHMENT?

MAYBE YOU ARE A WALKER, ANGLER, SURFER, KAYAKER, SWIMMER,
COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN OR FARMER, MEMBER OF A TIDY TOWNS
GROUP OR YOU JUST ENJOY YOUR LOCAL RIVER, LAKE OR BEACH

FUNDING FROM €5,000 TO €50,000 AVAILABLE

CLOSING DATE 20TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE CONTACT COLUM TO DISCUSS YOUR IDEAS IN PERSON OR
OVER ZOOM (EVENING MEETINGS AND OUT OF HOURS AVAILABLE)

CWALSH@LAWATERS.IE

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PLEASE CIRCULATE TO INTERESTED GROUPS



Local Authority
waters Programme 

vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters

TYPES OF PROJECTS: THIS FUND WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE PLANNING PROJECTS THAT DEMONSTRATE DIRECT WATER QUALITY ACTIONS. PROJECTS MUST FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS YOUR IDEAS AND PROJECTS.

<p><u>River restoration</u> E.g. reinstatement of natural processes, preparation of river restoration plans.</p>	<p><u>Nature-based solutions – Urban</u> E.g. rainwater planters, rain gardens, hard surface removal, rainwater management plans etc.</p>	<p><u>Nature-based solutions – Rural Wetlands</u>/ponds, leaky dam, Silt trapping or ‘Slow the Flow’ Natural Flood Retention Measures (e.g. the addition of large woody debris to drains), Flood management measures (e.g., Swales, attenuation ponds), catchment woodlands, etc.</p>
<p><u>Protected Area Projects</u> Projects in support of protection/restoration of drinking water sources, bathing waters, shellfish waters, or water dependent habitats/species, e.g. salmon, freshwater pearl mussel.</p>	<p><u>Pathway interception measures</u> (To reduce phosphorus, microbial pathogens) – e.g. Riparian planting – trees, fencing, closing off cattle access point with provision of cattle drinkers, hedge planting, etc.</p>	<p><u>Surveys</u> E.g. wetland surveys, water quality assessments (macroinvertebrates, fish, chemistry, etc), fluvial geomorphology assessments etc.</p>
<p><u>Fish barrier mitigation</u> (Note 1) E.g. feasibility reports, remediation of fish barrier etc.</p>	<p><u>Permissions & Consents</u> E.g. Appropriate Assessment Screening, Planning permission, etc.</p>	<p><u>Fish habitat enhancement</u> (Note 1).</p>
<p><u>Reports</u> E.g. Feasibility Reports for scoping medium to large scale projects.</p>	<p><u>Landscape management actions</u> E.g. Invasive Alien Species (IAS) surveys, biosecurity programmes, IAS treatment (Note 2), IAS removal (Note 2) etc; Bog restoration*** – e.g. conserve and improve the quality of blanket bogs and associated habitats (Note 2).</p>	<p><u>Education Programme & Training Delivery</u> E.g. Citizen Science; Outdoor classrooms; development of primary or secondary level educations programmes and local delivery; participatory workshops; development of media, or online/social media products; information/training sessions; or collaborative projects.</p>
<p><u>Blue Dot Catchments Projects</u> (Note 3) Projects for the protection and restoration of Ireland’s network of blue dot waters in support of the Blue Dot Catchments Programme.</p>	<p><u>Biodiversity</u> (Note 4) Riparian management/tree planting, planting of native species/hedgerows, de-tunneling, green space development, Creation of habitat near river, lake, wetland; projects in support of the National Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p><u>Water conservation measures</u> E.g. Rainwater harvesting.</p>
<p><u>Climate action</u> (Note 4) Water project with co-benefits for climate; Projects in support of the Climate Action Plan.</p>	<p><u>Bespoke Projects</u> Innovative projects in support of water quality action delivery will be considered.</p>	<p>Note 1. Consultation with IFI is mandatory. Note 2. Consultation with NPWS and/or Local Authority Biodiversity Officer mandatory. Note 3. Consultation with LAWPRO’s Blue Dot Catchments team recommended. Note 4. Must have a water quality benefit</p>

Tralee Bay Wetlands Launches Exciting Educational Sessions for Science Week

2024



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



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Explore the Wonders of Climate Change and Biodiversity with Hands-On Experiences

Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology & Activity Park is thrilled to announce the launch of its "**Beginners Guide to Climate Change and Biodiversity**" sessions as part of Science Week 2024, starting on Tuesday, 12th November and Wednesday, 13th November 2024, in collaboration with **MTU (Munster Technological University)**. Nestled in the heart of Tralee, this vibrant park offers a unique opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in the natural world, gaining insights into the pressing issues of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Our 2 hour sessions, both days at 9:30am, 12pm & 2pm, are designed to inspire and educate tourists, families, nature enthusiasts, and educational groups alike.

At Tralee Bay Wetlands, we believe in the power of education to spark change," says Senior Ecologist, Alan Balfe." These sessions are not just about learning; they're about empowering our community to make a difference in the world. By understanding the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss, we can all take small steps that lead to significant positive outcomes."

Benefits of Attending the Sessions:

Gain in-depth knowledge of how climate change affects our daily lives and practical steps to mitigate its impact.

Discover the crucial role wetlands play in providing natural climate solutions.

Learn about the importance of biodiversity and how its loss impacts us all.

Participate in demonstrations of best practices, such as native hedge planting.

Explore the unique ways woodlands help regulate local climates.

The sessions are set to be an engaging mix of informative talks and hands-on activities, running throughout Science Week 2024. Tickets can be booked in advance online. We advised everyone to wear suitable outdoor clothing, rain gear and bring wellies or boots which are necessary.

Book Now here <https://shop.beyonk.com/1c9pg8y3/experiences/o4yiso5l>



Nature Based Solutions for Water

Webinar with Féidhlim Harty

Thursday 21st Nov 10am
Visit www.kerrybiosphere.ie

The Kerry Biosphere is delighted to host author and director of FH Wetland Systems Ltd. Féidhlim Harty for a webinar on Nature Based Solutions (NBS) for water.

FH Wetland Systems specialise in designing reed beds for sewage treatment and other eco-friendly methods for the treatment of sewage. Our webinar will run for one hour on the morning of Thursday 21st November and is sure to be packed with useful information and tips for NBS for water.

We are thrilled to announce that we will also be hosting in-person workshops with Féidhlim later in the year and in early 2025 in support of our Rainwater Planter Initiative. The Rainwater Planter Initiative will be rolled out over two years and will comprise the design and installation of five rainwater planters in the Biosphere. Three planters are already under construction and will be installed before the close of the year, whilst the remaining two planters will be installed in early 2025.

Our initiative aims to highlight NBS for stormwater management and to focus on the pressures, and subsequent adverse impacts on natural watercourses that may arise from stormwater systems.

Join us for our webinar by registering on Zoom at:

https://skdp-net.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qpnoPIIPQkKKI1sqRsU-KA

Please visit our website www.kerrybiosphere.ie for more information or email Brendan at kerrybiosphere@skdp.net with any queries.

KERRY BIOSPHERE RAINWATER PLANTERS INITIATIVE

- Installing rainwater planters ✓
- Information events ✓
- Community Lead ✓



Initiative will run through 2024 &
2025



An tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta
agus Fiadhúlra
National Parks and Wildlife Service



National News



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

Ministers Humphreys and Joe O'Brien announce new €7 million "Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme 2025"

€7 million fund to assist thousands of community groups across the country, including Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds

€1 million available to aid with energy and running costs

Local Enhancement Programme to focus on disadvantaged areas

Supporting community groups a key focus of 'Our Rural Future'

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, announced €7 million in funding under the "Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme 2025".

This funding will consist of €6 million in capital supports essential for the many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.

There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. The funding may be used, but is not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

A further €1 million in current funding is available for Community Groups, including Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds, to assist with their energy and running costs, to help them continue their important work within the community.

The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all. All funding will be available to a diverse range of community groups including but not limited to Men's and Women's sheds/groups, community centres, parish halls and local voluntary groups.

Announcing the funding, Minister Humphreys said:

"I am delighted to once again be in a position to provide this funding for communities around the country"

"Although small in nature, these grants provide a lifeline to many small but vital community groups. I have been privileged to visit many of these groups over the last number of years and have seen first-hand the fantastic work they do and how important these grants are for them and the communities they serve."

"Supporting local communities to shape their future is a key focus of the Government's rural development policy, Our Rural Future. The funding I am announcing today will benefit every single county and ensure that important small scale, ground-up projects can be delivered by local communities for local communities."

"I would encourage all interested groups to get in touch with their Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) that administers the fund in their area."

Minister Humphreys added:

"I am also delighted to announce that I have reserved €1 million of this fund to support Community Groups, including Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds, with their energy and running costs."

"This is in recognition of the increased costs associated with running small community facilities and organisations.

"So today, my message to any community/voluntary group out there is think how you could use this funding to enhance and support your group and contact your local LCDC for further details."

Also announcing the funding today, Minister O'Brien said:

"Once again, this Local Enhancement Programme funding will provide practical support to community groups at a grassroots level to help them to ensure that they can improve and enhance their facilities and equipment which they need to support their communities".

" Thousands of community organisations, including clubs, youth centres and parish halls, will benefit from this funding ensuring they can continue to provide their valuable services to the people in their areas."

"I am particularly happy to have reserved funding for community groups to help towards their energy and running costs. It is important for these groups to be able to keep their facilities and groups open and available to their communities. Providing a safe space for attendees to visit and meet peers, chat and work though issues while also helping their community as a whole."

Increased Funding for 400 Community Organisations Announced

Minister for Community Development, Integration and Charities, Joe O'Brien, has announced an increase in funding for the vast majority of Community Services Programme (CSP) supported organisations.

The CSP aims to provide employment opportunities and local services to disadvantaged communities.

The revised funding rates to be applied from 1st January 2025 will see:

an increase of €1,850 in the annual contribution per full-time equivalent post to organisations categorised as having a high funding need; and

a €1,755 increase in the annual contribution per full-time equivalent post for CSP organisations categorised as having a medium funding need.

No change is proposed for the small number of organisations in the low funding category, these are organisations identified as having the strongest earning potential and operating in less disadvantaged areas.

These increases will assist organisations to meet higher labour costs from 2025 onwards.

Community Services Programme

The Community Services Programme (CSP) currently supports 450 community-based services via 430 organisations, to provide local social, economic and environmental services through a social enterprise model.

CSP provides an annual co-funding contribution towards each full-time equivalent (FTE) position being supported, and, where warranted, towards the cost of employing a manager. As of October 2024, there are 350 managers and 1,721 FTEs currently being supported under the programme.

For more information please see here <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/ea3a6-minister-joe-obrien-announces-increased-funding-for-400-community-organisations/>