



Kerry PPN Community Newsletter Friday 29th 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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Community and Voluntary





It pays to be historic.

Heritage Stewardship Fund 2025

Applications now open

Heritage Council opens Heritage Stewardship Fund

The Heritage Stewardship Fund, which provides financial support for staff in local authorities, state agencies and educational institutions with responsibility for heritage programmes, is now open for applications. The scheme's primary target is staff working in public sector organisations whose core remit may not be fully focused on heritage, but whose work has an impact on heritage.

This includes local authority-based museum curators, archivists, archaeologists, and architectural conservation officers. It also includes employees of state agencies and educational institutions proposing heritage focused projects.

Funding under the scheme covers third party supplier costs, purchase of specialised equipment and travel and subsistence costs for volunteers. Applicants can apply for funding between €5,000 and €30,000.

The variety of projects which secured funding in 2024 demonstrates the positive impact the scheme has across the heritage sector. Waterways Ireland, the Royal Irish Academy, University College Dublin the Wicklow County Archives and Tipperary Museum of Hidden History are among those whose projects benefited from funding in 2024. A full list of funded projects from last year is available below:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Heritage-Stewardship-Funding-2024.pdf>

A full overview of eligibility criteria and other relevant details are available from the Heritage Council's website below:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage-stewardship-scheme-2>

The Heritage Council will host a **grants information webinar** at 14.30 on the 5th of December 2024, with general application advice followed by a question and answers session. You can register for the webinar from the above page.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 15th of January 2025 at 5pm, and applications must be made via the Heritage Council's online grants management system:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/on-line-grants-system>

The webinar will be recorded and available on our website for viewing afterwards.



**An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council**

**Put our money where
your passion is.**

Heritage Organisation Support Fund 2025
Applications now open

Heritage Council opens scheme supporting heritage-focused organisations

The Heritage Organisation Support Fund (HOSF), which provides financial support to not-for-profit NGOs working in the heritage sector, is now open for applications.

The Heritage Council scheme enables heritage-focused organisations to fund staff salaries, rent costs, the hiring of new staff, training and skills development and piloting new ways of working. The maximum amount available per organisation is €50,000.

The variety of applicants who successfully secured funding in 2024 demonstrates the positive impact the scheme has across the heritage spectrum. Organisations such as the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, The Brian Friel Trust, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the Irish Traditional Music Network, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, the Woodlands of Ireland, the Irish Georgian Society and many others benefited from funding. A full list of last year's grantees is available from below:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Heritage-Organisations-Support-Fund-2024.pdf>

Organisations submitting applications must be able to demonstrate either their regional or national relevance and must be undertaking actions that assist in the delivery of national policy and plans. A full overview of eligibility criteria and other relevant details are available from the Heritage Council's website below:

https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage_orgs-fund

The Heritage Council will host a [grants information webinar](#) at 12 noon on the 5th of December 2024, with general application advice followed by a question and answers session. You can register for the webinar from the following page:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GTeSOcNoTh6dzTB7nq-hkg

The closing date for applications is Monday, 27th of January 2025 at 5pm, and applications must be made via the Heritage Council's online grants management system:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/on-line-grants-system>

The webinar will be recorded and available on our website for viewing afterwards.



Please find the link below to Friday 22nd November Age Friendly Ireland's Newsletter

<https://agefriendlyireland.ie/news/age-friendly-ireland-newsletter-friday-22nd-november/>



EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY
NETWORK (EAPN) IRELAND

WORKSHOP INVITATION: "HOW DOES THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADDRESS SOCIAL ISSUES?"

DATE: FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024

TIME: 9:30AM-1PM

Registration at 9:30am, event starts at 9:45am
Lunch is provided at 1pm

VENUE: SOUTHILL HUB

Donough O'Malley Park, Limerick, V94X431

REGISTRATION:

Email: enquiries@eapn.ie

THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Learn more about and discuss the role of the European Parliament in tackling some of the most pressing social issues of our time
- Meet and discuss these issues with Kathleen Funchion MEP, South Constituency

WHO IS THIS WORKSHOP FOR?

- People in communities affected by issues such as poverty, inequality, lack of adequate services
- Organisations working to support communities and address these issues

This event is organised by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland, with support from PAUL Partnership Limerick, as part of the 'Building connections for a more social and inclusive Europe' project.



An tAire Caitlín Siúnna
Department of Foreign Affairs

This event is funded with support from the
Communicating Europe Initiative and the Department
of Foreign Affairs



Raidió na Mídeán
Centre for Social Justice

EAPN Ireland receives support under the Scheme to
Support National Organisations (SSNO) which is
funded by the Government of Ireland through the
Department of Rural and Community Development



Government supporting communities

The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland invites you to join us for our upcoming workshop, 'How does the European Parliament address social issues?'

This workshop will give you the opportunity to discuss and learn more about the role of the European Parliament in tackling some of the most pressing social issues of our time, and to discuss these crucial issues with **Kathleen Funchion, MEP** for the South Constituency.

Date: Friday 13th December 2024

Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm (followed by a light lunch)

Location: Southill Hub, (Donough O'Malley Park, Limerick, V94X431)

Registration: To register just send an email to enquiries@eapn.ie indicating your interest in taking part in the workshop.

Who is the Workshop For?

This workshop is for people in communities impacted by issues such as poverty, inequality, lack of adequate services such as housing, care, etc. and organisations working to support communities and address these issues.

This event is being organised by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland, with support from The Paul Partnership and Limerick City CDP, as part of the 'Building connections for a more social and inclusive Europe' project.

We hope you can join us for these important discussions. For any questions and to register, please email: enquiries@eapn.ie

ONLINE CONFERENCE

What is needed to make it easier to start and develop sustainable social enterprises in rural areas?

An international online conference comparing the conditions for social entrepreneurship in five European countries.

Date: Wednesday 11 December 2024

Time: 10.00-12.00 (CET)

Place: Zoom <https://miun-se.zoom.us/j/66119391791?pwd=Fd91Xj-rs1LfxwiGpD5aTgzellXb7hW.1>

Charge: The conference is free of charge

The Interreg project Business Models Empowering Rural Social Entrepreneurship – voicing the rural norm (MERSE) within the Northern Peripheral and Arctic programme (NPA) invite you to a conference about the conditions for rural social entrepreneurship and social enterprises in Iceland, Ireland, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The purpose of the MERSE project is to facilitate the establishment and growth of social enterprises in rural NPA areas.

Come and be inspired by social entrepreneurs, business support organisations, decision makers and researchers who share knowledge and give their views on what it takes to make it easier to start and run rural social enterprises in five European countries.

We warmly welcome you to exciting two hours!

[Sign up here](#)



Údarás na Gaeltachta, along with its partners on the MERSE project, would like to invite you to attend an international online conference comparing the conditions for social entrepreneurship in five European countries.

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You can sign up here [Registration | miun.se](https://miun.se)

What is needed to make it easier to start and develop sustainable social enterprises in rural areas?



Nominations are now open for the Volunteer in Sports Awards!

It's time to celebrate the unsung heroes in Kerry who keep our clubs thriving.

The nomination process is quick and easy—take a moment to spotlight that special someone who's truly the life blood of your club or group.

Let's show them the recognition they deserve!

Click the following link for more information and to nominate:
<https://volunteersinsport.ie/>

The closing date for entries is 5pm Tuesday, 17th December.



Webinar: Launch of WWETB's Digital Literacy eLearning Videos

WWETB's Language and Literacy Service is delighted to launch its eight digital literacy eLearning videos. Designed for both classroom use and independent learning at home, these videos will support learning, revision and recall. During the webinar, we will showcase some of the videos and share feedback from learners who have benefited from them. The learning supported in the videos includes "How to Download Apps on Android", "How to Use WhatsApp on iPhone" and "Searching the Internet Using the Google App".

When: **Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 10am**

Where: **Online – Zoom**

For more information and to register: [Register here for Launch of WWETB's Digital Literacy eLearning Videos](#)



The European Parliament Liaison Office in Ireland along with the European Commission Representation in Ireland and European Movement Ireland are delighted to invite you to an in-person event at the new Europe House on Chatham Street: **'Where to Next? Looking Ahead to the New EU Mandate.'**

This event will reflect on the composition of the new European Parliament and Commission, and it will provide an opportunity for key Irish stakeholders to have their say on the priorities for the term ahead as set out by the Commission President in her address to the Parliament on 27 November 2024.

The format of the event will include opening remarks from all speakers followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A.

Title: 'Where to Next? Looking Ahead to the New EU Mandate'

Date & Time: Monday 09 December 12:00 – 13:00 (Irish time)

Registration from 11:45. Light lunch will be available after the event at 13:00

Venue: Europe House, 5 Balfe Street, Dublin, D02 Y622

Speaker Panel:

Regina Doherty MEP, EPP Group

Barry Cowen MEP, Renew Europe Group

Ivan Cooper, CEO, The Wheel

Dr Pat Ivory, Director of EU and International Affairs, Ibec

Lauren Jones Brennan, United Nations Youth Delegate for Ireland

Owen Reidy, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Moderator: Flor MacCarthy, Journalist and Author

Prior Registration is essential.

[Register here](#)



O Holy Night

A Christmas Concert

KERRY CHORAL UNION

Musical Director Sharon Reidy
Accompanist Áine Murray
with guests
The Scotia Ensemble

St John the Baptist Church, Castle Street, Tralee
7:30pm Sunday 8th December 2024

Kindly supported by Fr. Tadhg Fitzgerald P.P.
& Patrons of the Kerry Choral Union

Suggested donation €20



Welcome to Kerry Choral Union's Christmas Concert 2024

Christmas: what would it be without music? The favourite Christmas song that stops you in your tracks; the special carol that affirms faith and the Christmas message; the simple, the silly and the joyful songs that make us smile, make us a little wistful; the power that music has to invoke memories of dear family and friends.

Our concert programme is a selection of favourite carols, pieces from the classical choral repertoire and music for the festive season. From the anticipation of 'Zadok the Priest' and splendour of the 'Hallelujah Chorus', through to the perfect quiet of 'Silent Night' and the closing statement of faith that is 'O Holy Night', we hope that you will find some of your personal favourites in our concert programme tonight and that the performance sets you up for a festive and happy Christmas.

On behalf of Kerry Choral Union, we wish you all a peaceful and a happy Christmas.

Safeguarding

Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Workshop



Thursday 12th December 2024



6:00-9:00pm



Torc Community & Family Resource Centre, Killarney

BOOK NOW



€20

+
booking fee



Safeguarding 1 Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Workshop (Killarney)

Description: All Coaches, Club Children's Officers (CCO) and Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) must first complete the 3 hour Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Workshop. This workshop educates participants on the implementation of best practice in safeguarding the welfare of children involved in sport.

Date: Thursday 12th December, 2024

Location: Torc Community & Family Resource Centre CLG

(Formerly known as Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre CLG)

Times: 6:00-9:00pm

Cost: €20 plus booking fee per person

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1088690174619?aff=oddtcreator>

Reminder notice for Community Groups who have installed Defibrillators in their

communities

Defibrillators are essential life-saving devices that can help someone survive a sudden cardiac arrest by giving their heart a needed shock to restore a normal beat.

Having defibrillators in our communities, especially in busy or remote areas, means that help can come quickly in an emergency.

To keep defibrillators ready for action, it's important to check them regularly—this means looking at the batteries, pads, and making sure they're stored in the right spot.

We would strongly encourage community groups who have installed this vital life saving equipment to take the following steps.

Weekly Visual Inspection: Check the defibrillator for any visible signs of damage, cleanliness, and ensure all components are securely attached.

AED Pad Expiration and Condition: Verify the expiration dates on the AED pads; expired or damaged pads may prevent the AED from detecting the patient's heart rhythm or delivering a shock.

Battery Check: Ensure the battery level is sufficient. Replace the battery if it's low or nearing expiration to guarantee the AED will function in an emergency.

Training Certification and Updates: Confirm that all trained personnel have up-to-date AED certifications. Schedule refresher courses as needed to maintain confidence and skill levels.

Routine Professional Servicing : If uncertain about the last service date, contact the AED supplier or an authorized engineer to schedule a thorough service and inspection.

Accessibility and Signage: Ensure the AED is easy to access in an emergency, with clear signage indicating its location.

Emergency Contact List: Place a visible list of emergency contacts and steps nearby, so users know who to contact immediately after AED use or during any maintenance issue.

Environmental Check: If the AED is kept outdoors or in an area with extreme temperatures, ensure it's properly stored to avoid environmental damage.

For more information and support, contact Stephen O' Flaherty, Community Engagement Officer at cfr@hse.ie

Also further information can be found at www.becomeacfr.ie

Social Inclusion



KERRY WOMEN'S CENTRE
Empowering Women. Igniting Change

Art EXHIBITION AND SALE

"WINTER REFLECTIONS"

LOOKING BACK OVER THE
1ST YEAR OF KWC
WOMEN'S ART GROUP

**OPENING: SATURDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER 2PM
IN TRALEE LIBRARY, CO. KERRY**

Exhibition runs until Fri 6th
Dec at 3.30 pm

20% of all sales goes to
Kerry Women's Centre
Fundraising appeal

WWW.KERRYWOMENSCENTRE.IE

Kerry Women's Centre

Art Exhibition and Sale

Saturday November 30th, 2pm in Tralee Library.



Phoenix
Women's S.H.E.D.
Support • Health • Engagement • Diversity

SHED Events,
12 - 19 December 2024

Pipe Band Hall, Matt Talbot Rd, Thursdays, 10.30a.m. €3.00

12 December: **Official National Christmas Jumper Day;** Wear your Christmas Jumper & Create your own **Christmas Wreath** with Elizabeth Brookes

19 December: **Christmas Party** in the Shed; music, mulled wine, mince pies, cheese boards.



The Shed will close on 20th December 2024.
We reopen on Thursday 23rd January 2025.

The Phoenix Women's Shed committee and volunteers would like to wish all our members a Very Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Phoenix Women's SHED Events 12-19 December

Pipe Band Hall, Matt Talbot Rd, Thursdays, 10:30am, €3

12 December - Official National Christmas Jumper Day - Wear your own Christmas jumper and create your own Christmas Wreath with Elizabeth Brookes

19 December - Christmas Party in the shed, music, mulled wine, mince pies, cheese boards.

The shed will close on 20th December 2024 and reopen Thursday 23rd January 2025.

The Phoenix Women's Shed committee and volunteers would like to wish all our members a very joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.



New Authority Parenting Workshop



Margaret Gilbert
LIFE & PARENT COACHING

This workshop is designed to help parents. It focuses on what's called "new authority" parenting, which means being present and persistent with your kids. Stopping the negative interactions, continuously repeating oneself without effect and resorting to threats. The goal is to teach parents how to set clear rules and boundaries for their children, while still maintaining a strong emotional bond with them.

The workshop provides practical tools for dealing with difficult behaviours, getting kids to cooperate, and improving communication in the family. By participating in this workshop, parents can feel more confident in their approach to parenting.



Date: 6th December 2024

Venue: Holy Family School, Tralee



Time: 10.20- 12.30



Book your space

089 4678544

Ciara
hsl@hfstralee.com

New Authority Parenting Workshop

The workshop provides practical tools for dealing with difficult behaviours, getting kids to cooperate and improving communication in the family.

Date: December 6th

Venue: Holy Family School, Tralee

Time: 10:20-12:30

Book your space call 0894678544 or email hsl@hfstralee.com



JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT

MEALS ON WHEELS TRALEE

Wednesday **25** December

12:00pm TO 4:30pm

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Those registered will have a Free Delicious, hot Christmas meal.
- No charge for anything!
- Festive decorations and music.
- A welcoming and friendly atmosphere.
- You must register to attend and note the allocated time given for seating.

HOW TO REGISTER

Call us on 066-7165071 or register online at www.mealsonwheelstralee.ie

Find us at:
Tralee Community Development Project, Upper Rock Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 WR9P

DONATE:



CONTACT US:
066-7165071
mealsonwheelstralee@gmail.com
www.mealsonwheelstralee.ie



Meals on Wheels Tralee, Christmas Dinner

Join us for Christmas dinner, Wednesday 25th December, 12:00pm-4:30pm

Register by calling 066-7165071 or register online www.mealsonwheelstralee.ie

Environmental



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

Noise Action Plan 2024-2028

This Noise Action Plan has been prepared by Kerry County Council to address environmental noise from major roads with more than three million vehicles per annum.

Kerry County Council is the Environmental Noise “Action Planning Authority” for Kerry, and it is a statutory function (in relation to environmental protection for the purposes of Section 63 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992) for the Council to provide a Noise Action Plan in consultation with the EPA and the noise mapping bodies.

This is a four-year strategic plan where the main purpose is to inform and consult on the health effects of noise exposure from road sources and the measures that may be considered to address this issue in Co. Kerry. The plan excludes noise from domestic activities, noise created by neighbours, noise at workplaces or noise inside a means of transport or due to military activities in military areas.

This is the fourth round of Noise Action Planning, and this Noise Action Plan (2024-2028) and has been completed in line with the Environmental Noise Directive (“END”) (2002/49/EC) and the EPA requirements.

To view the plan please visit <https://kerryppn.ie/noise-action-plan-2024-2028/>

Free online workshop: Reduce Your Food Waste



Wednesday 4th December @ 7PM

Supported by Kerry County Council, join Aoife Munn for a interactive workshop looking at:
food storage, grow your own, FIFO systems, preserving, UN Sustainable Development Goals and much more...

To book your place: [Reduce your Food Waste Online Workshop | Eventbrite](#)

Any questions email: aoifemunn@gmail.com



Please note that all information you provide will be shared with the facilitator, Aoife Munn and Kerry County Council for the purposes of running and administering the workshop.

FREE Online '**Reduce your Food Waste**' workshop supported by Kerry County Council and delivered by horticulturist Aoife Munn which will be held on **Wednesday 4th of December at 7pm**.

The workshop will look at food storage, growing your own, FIFO systems, preserving, UN Sustainable Development Goals and much more...

To book your place: [Reduce your Food Waste Online Workshop | Eventbrite](#)
aoifemunn@gmail.com

Any questions email:

National



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

Ministers Humphreys and O'Brien announce new €7 million 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 and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities Joe O'Brien announced (7 November 2024) €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 through issues while also helping their community as a whole."

Funding allocation for each local authority area can be viewed here <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/95a67-ministers-humphreys-and-obrien-announce-new-7m-department-of-rural-and-community-development-local-enhancement-programme-2025/>