



**Public  
Participation  
Network  
Kerry**

# Kerry PPN Community Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024

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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



# Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

The 2024/25 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) is now open to local authorities, state bodies and local development companies to complete and submit applications.

**Should your group wish to propose a project for Measure 1 or Measure 2, please complete the Expression of Interest Form attached and return by email to [tourismoffice@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:tourismoffice@kerrycoco.ie) before 5pm, Tuesday 31st of December 2024.**

**Measure 1:** Small Scale Repair/Development/Promotion and Marketing

**Grant Amount:** Up to €40,000

**Eligible Activities:** Small scale projects that are in line with the objectives and focus of the Scheme. This includes, but is not limited to, the upkeep, repair and development of trails, walkways, mountain access routes, cycleways, blueways, recreational facilities at bogs, rivers, lakes and beaches, natural play areas that form part of a larger outdoor recreation project and the promotion and marketing of such infrastructure. Projects should, where possible, indicate how they are inclusive of people with disabilities and older adults.

**Measure 2:** Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development

**Grant Amount:** Up to €200,000

**Eligible Activities:** Medium scale projects that are in line with the objectives and focus of the Scheme. This includes, but is not limited to, the development of new recreational infrastructure, extensions/upgrades to already established trails, walkways, mountain access routes, cycleways, blueways, water or cycle trails or other recreational facilities at bogs, rivers, lakes or beaches. Projects can also include works for the repair, maintenance or promotion of such infrastructure.

Please see an overview of the scheme below for your information as well as the Expression of Interest form attached.

Should you have any questions please contact KCC Tourism office on 066 7183591 or via email [tourismoffice@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:tourismoffice@kerrycoco.ie)

[.gov.ie - Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme](#)



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**COMHORDAITHEOIR EALAÍON IN  
UIBH RATHACH, CO. CHIARRAÍ.**

**ARTS COORDINATOR IN IVERAGH,  
CO KERRY**

**EOLAS/INFORMATION:  
eolas@comhchoiste.ie  
www.uibhrathach.ie**

Calling Creative Practitioners and Researchers, Iveragh Beckons.

Comhchoiste UR wishes to engage a community-based **Researcher** & an **Embedded Artist** to support the development of a creative vision for Iveragh as a #CreativePlace. Apps also invited for PT **Arts Admin/Facilitator**. Details email [creativeplacesur@gmail.com](mailto:creativeplacesur@gmail.com) . Cl. date 06/08/21.

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/News/Arts-Council-invests-3m-in-its-Creative-Places-Programme/>

# Learn, Lead, Transform

## MSc COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT for WELLBEING



Building Stronger Communities  
through EDUCATION.



We are excited to announce the launch of our innovative, new, sought after program, in APPLIED COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT FOR WELL-BEING, designed to transform your career and connect you with like-minded professionals. This is your opportunity to gain a truly transformative learning experience and to enhance your career through connecting with a dynamic community of leaders in community development and well-being. Contact us to secure your place.  
[MScdevelopmentforwellbeing@MTU.ie](mailto:MScdevelopmentforwellbeing@MTU.ie)

Choose our 24 month/4 semesters blended Masters programme or fast track your goals with the 3 semester blended diploma programme -both designed to empower you with practical real world solutions. Undertake work-based challenges as part of your learning journey, enhancing your professional growth while fostering collaboration across organisational settings. This applied approach equips you with the skills and strategies to drive meaningful change and make a lasting impact on community well-being. Join us and start building the future today.



The Health and Leisure Department at MTU is excited to inform you about our new **MSc. in Applied Community-Led Development for Well-being, starting in September 2025.**

The programme has been developed in consultation with various community development providers across the voluntary and public sectors. In response to this consultation, the programme has the following design features

You will leverage real-life **WORK-BASED** challenges to address the modules' assessment requirements and share learning across organisations to build capacity and enhance community well-being.

Using **RESEARCH-BASED** learning methods, you will explore and address relevant and interesting challenges to develop innovative and sustainable approaches to enhance community well-being.

For further information please go to <https://www.mtu.ie/courses/tlshcwbm/>



**Photography Exhibition**

All proceeds going to Tralee Soup Kitchen

Official Launch December 10th @ 6:30pm, Tralee Library, until December 16th

Photographers - Danny Burke, Siobhan Enfield, Sadbh O'Connell, Trish O'Mahoney, Dominic Peters, Keira Smith and Marie Twomey.

**SANTA'S MAGICAL FANTASY PARADE**

**SATURDAY 14TH DEC @ 7PM**  
**SUNDAY 15TH DEC @ 3PM**

**CHRISTMAS in Tralee**

**WITH THANKS TO:**  
 RON Construction | Grand Hotel | Ashe Hotel | Bolger Fabrication's | FBD Insurances | John Lane & Sons | Kerry Petroleum | Sean O'Donnell Carpets | Weathermaster Tralee | Kelliher's Toymaster | Kelliher's Electrical | Darragh O'Sé Properties | Jim Finnucane Auctioneers | Exhibit A Displays | AIB Tralee | Led World | Boyles Hardware | Mike Murphy Frozen Foods | Eamon McQuinn Consulting | Tadgh Healy Upholstery | South West Electrical | Moores Fruit & Veg

**Santa's Magical Fantasy Parade, Tralee**

-Saturday 14th December @7pm

- Sunday 15th Dec @3pm

**CHRISTMAS**  
in Tralee

# ROAD CLOSURES FOR SANTA'S MAGICAL FANTASY PARADE

**Saturday, 14th December 2024**  
Full Closure (6pm to 8pm):  
R875 Bridge Street | The Mall

Rolling Closures (7pm to 8pm):  
R556 Upper Rock Street | R556 Lower Rock Street  
R551 Russell Street | L2071 Denny Street

**Sunday, 15th December 2024**  
Rolling Closures (3pm to 4pm):  
R556 Upper Rock Street | R874 North Circular Road  
L2070 Ashe Street | L2071 Lower Castle Street |  
The Mall | R875 Bridge Street | R551 Bridge Street

Tralee Chamber Alliance  
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Kerry County Council

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**Celebrate Cultures - A Festive Christmas Concert**

15th December, Ballybunion Community Centre.

Everyone Welcome

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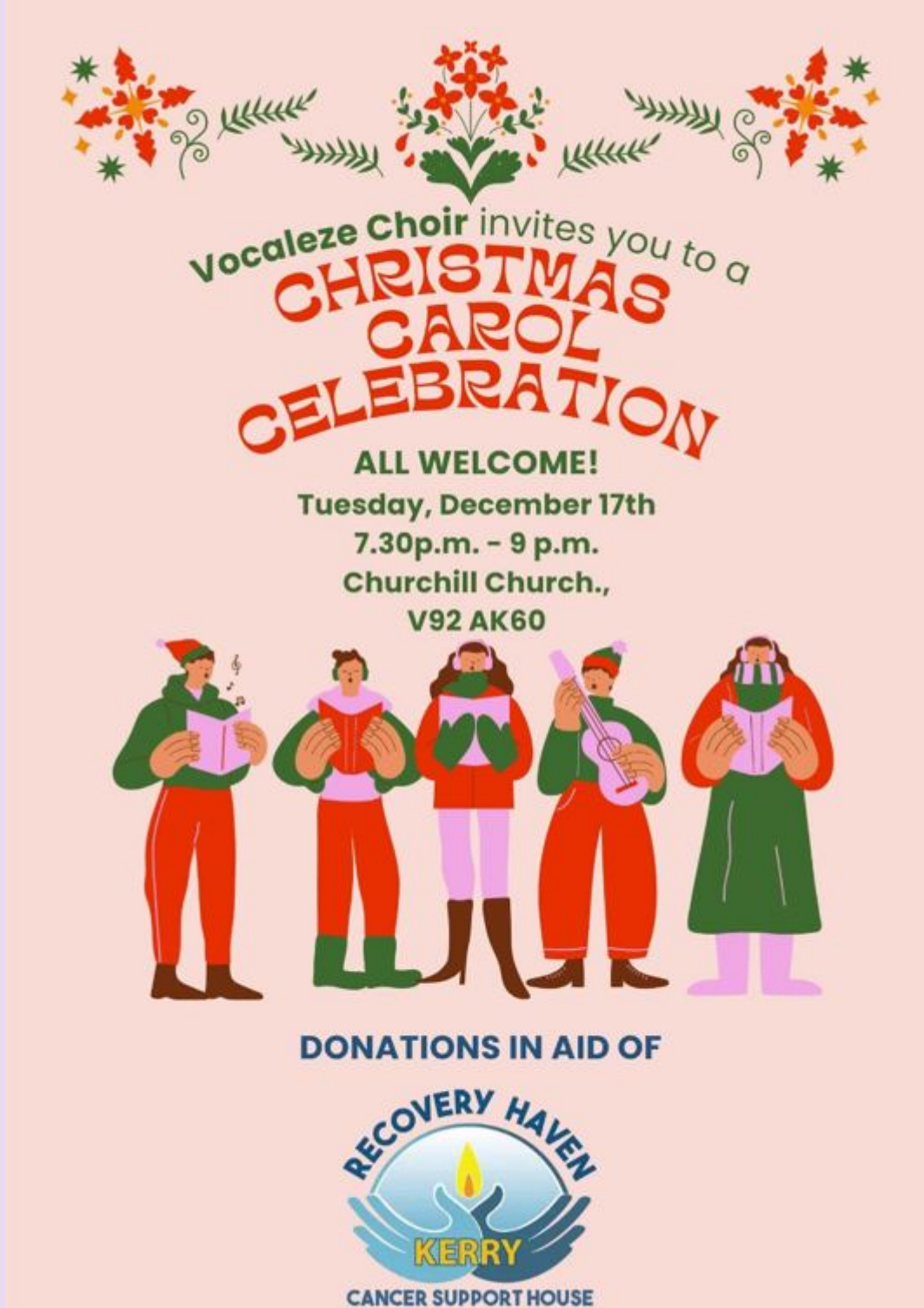


## Recovery Haven Client Christmas Get Together

Tuesday December 17th, 11am-12:30

5 Haig's Terrace, Tralee V92TN35

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Vocaleze Choir invites you to a  
**CHRISTMAS  
CAROL  
CELEBRATION**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Tuesday, December 17th**

**7.30p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Churchill Church.,**

**V92 AK60**



**DONATIONS IN AID OF**



**Vocaleze Choir invites you to a Christmas Carol Celebration**

All Welcome

Tuesday, Decemebr 17th

7:30pm - 9pm

Churchill Church, V92 AK60

Donations in aid of Recovery Haven, Kerry Cancer Support House

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## Kerry Writers Museum , Christmas Afternoon Tea

Wednesday December 18th at 2pm

### ***Includes:***

- Mulled Wine
- Selection of seasonal sandwiches
- Assortments of mini cakes and desserts
- Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate
- Live Entertainment

€25 Per Person

Booking now being taken contact 068 22212/

Email: [kerrywritersmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:kerrywritersmuseum@gmail.com)

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# Castleisland Community First Responders Public Announcement



The Defibrillator outside JK's has now been serviced and fitted with a new battery and is now back in its case and accessible to the public.

The Defibrillator outside Jackie Reidy's has been replaced with a brand new Defibrillator and is now accessible to the public also.

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## Social Inclusion News



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**Public encouraged to take part in the innocent big knit in aid of Age Action**



## **The innocent big knit is back for its 14th year**

The Irish public is being encouraged to take part in the innocent big knit. Pick up your knitting needles and make some tiny hats for bottles of innocent smoothies to support Age Action.

The Big Knit will see lots of little woolly wonders, sent in by thousands of people across Ireland, go on bottles in November 2025.

For every be-hatted bottle sold, 30 cent will go to Age Action. The funds will help improve the lives of older people across Ireland.

innocent is looking for novice knitters or crochet connoisseurs to get involved and send in their colourful woolly masterpieces.

All you need to do is knit a little hat and send it to Fruit Spire by 1st April 2025.

For patterns or more information visit [thebigknit.ie](https://thebigknit.ie)

## **How the innocent big knit helps Age Action**

The innocent big knit puts these little hats on bottles to raise money for Age Action.

Age Action is Ireland's leading advocacy organisation for older people and ageing.

Age Action leads the way in informing and influencing policy as well as providing practical programmes to support older people and empower them to live independently.

The charity offers care and repair services, carrying out minor repairs for older people free of charge.

Age Action also offers information services around issues facing older people.

The team also helps with computer training to combat digital exclusion. Over the last 13 years, innocent has supported their work and raised €275,000 for them so far.

To join innocent's big knit, visit [thebigknit.ie](https://thebigknit.ie) to:

Grab some yarn, and explore patterns for inspiration

Learn more about the campaign

<https://www.ageaction.ie/how-you-can-help/fundraise/events/big-knit>

<https://www.innocentdrinks.ie/big-knit/knitting-patterns>

# New members welcome at Listowel Men's Shed

LISTOWEL MEN'S Shed is inviting new members to join the fold as they put the finishing touches to a new woodwork room and polytunnel at Listowel Family Resource Centre.

BY MICHAEL AHERN

The Listowel branch recently relocated from their old community house at Feale Drive and they're excited to be expanding their facilities for people interested in woodwork, gardening and a whole range of activities. Over the past two years, membership at Listowel Men's Shed has been steady - and now they're keen to get lots of new faces on board for the year ahead.

David Fitzgibbon of NEWKD (North East West Kerry Development) says the benefits of getting out to socialise and work on a project with friends cannot be overstated.

"The most important thing in any Men's Shed is the kettle and anyone who comes along is free to focus on what suits them, even if they just want to come along for a chat and a game of cards."

"We're looking for new members to join - we know there's

men in this town who have lots of skills to offer, and who would benefit themselves from coming along.

Meanwhile, 12 Men's Shed members from across North Kerry recently completed an adult literacy course, as part of efforts to improve people's well being and understanding of the online world.

The coming year will also see Listowel Men's Shed placing a big emphasis on health and social outings, giving people the opportunity to head off to sports events and other large gatherings right across the country.

In the past, members have even travelled together to The National Ploughing Championships.

"There's no need to worry about signing up or paying contributions," said David.

"People can come along to Listowel Men's Shed and just read the paper, if that's what they want.

"We have noticed that quite



David Fitzgibbon

a few members have not returned since covid, but those who did return have said they really missed the social interactions and how it improved their mental health overall.

"At the moment, members are getting tools in order for the woodworking shed, and they're hoping to bring in about seven or eight new members.

"Each Men's Shed can pursue their own agenda, some are involved in Tidy Towns, some are more about songs and music and others are about working on the likes of woodwork projects," he said.

Anyone looking to join Listowel Men's Shed can contact David on (087) 937 9121.

## Environmental News



## Generation Green Community Fund

Applications are now open for our €5m /£4.3m Generation Green Community Fund

The SSE Airtricity Generation Green Community Fund has been established to support communities across the island of Ireland in their journey towards sustainability. The fund is designed to empower local communities to take an active role in the Green Transition—a collective shift toward greener, more sustainable living.

The Generation Green Community Fund is open to a wide range of groups – whether projects are part of a grassroots organisation working on environmental awareness, a school looking to integrate

sustainability into the curriculum, or a social enterprise creating green solutions, this fund is here to support their vision.

**Getting to net zero is in everyone's interest and local communities will be at the heart of the energy transition**

Full details can be found her, <https://www.sseairtricity.com/communityfund>

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**New survey findings show large majority of young people in Ireland are anxious about climate change**

New data from the 2024 Youth Climate Justice Survey announced by ECO-UNESCO at Earth Gala event

Almost three out of four young people aged 14-29 in Ireland (73 per cent) are anxious when thinking about climate change, while one out of three are feeling hopeful regarding climate action. That's according to newly released interim findings from the **2024 Youth Climate Justice Survey\***, a joint initiative between [ECO-UNESCO](#) and SpunOut.ie, which highlights how young people in Ireland feel about climate justice issues.

The new data was announced by **ECO-UNESCO** – Ireland's leading environmental education youth organisation – together with five other prominent national youth organisations – Feachtas, Irish Girl Guides, the No Name Club, Poppintree Youth Project and Young Irish Filmmakers – at **ECO-UNESCO's** annual **Earth Gala** climate justice event held on 7th December at the Irish Museum of Modern Art.

The climate justice event was attended by special guest the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin Donna Cooney, while Stefania Giannini, assistant director-general for education at UNESCO, welcomed participants to the day with a video message highlighting the importance of youth participation.

A new Youth Climate Justice Manifesto drawn up at the **Earth Gala** brought together young people, scholars, policymakers, charity leaders and advocates from across the country to collaborate on solutions for a more sustainable and equitable future.

The day celebrated young people's action projects as **ECO-UNESCO Youth Climate Advocates**, and participants worked closely with noted illustrator and artist Maeve Clancy to develop a climate justice communications campaign with interactive comics. Partner organisations presented local climate action projects that they developed over the past months, which included a climate justice mural in Dublin's Ballymun.

A youth panel discussion on the topic of 'Voices for Change: How Can Young People be Advocacy Champions?' was led by the UN Youth Delegate for Ireland and representatives from the Youth Advisory Panel at the Ombudsman for Children's Office.

Commenting, **national director, ECO-UNESCO, Elaine Nevin** said: "We were thrilled to welcome over 70 young people from around Ireland to our annual **Earth Gala**, which is a fantastic opportunity for our **Youth Climate Advocates** to come together, to share their local action projects and to celebrate their achievements. This year, young people had the opportunity to speak with key experts and policy makers, and to develop a manifesto around climate and environmental issues.

"Our interim **Youth Climate Justice Survey** results for 2024 show that young people are feeling very anxious about climate change, but that one in three are also hopeful. This is important as young people can feel

overwhelmed considering the climate and biodiversity loss, but it is important that organisations like ECO-UNESCO can provide a positive outlet and a channel through which young people can take action.”

The **Youth Climate Justice Survey** collects the views of more than 1,000 young people in Ireland aged 14-29 every year. The 2024 survey is running until 31st December and can be accessed [here](#). The survey is also available in Irish and can be accessed [here](#).

### ECO-UNESCO's Earth Gala

The **Earth Gala** climate justice event is an in-person event which is part of the **Youth Climate Advocate Programme** at **ECO-UNESCO**, funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, through the Youth Climate Justice Fund. It is an annual celebration of youth-led climate action that fosters meaningful conversations on climate justice and advocacy.

**Earth Gala** showcased innovative projects addressing the climate crisis led by young people from ECO-UNESCO and partner bodies, including fellow national youth organisations Feachtas, Irish Girl Guides, the No Name Club, Poppintree Youth Project and Young Irish Filmmakers.

For more information about **ECO-UNESCO**, see [www.ecounesco.ie](http://www.ecounesco.ie).

<https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/news/112599-new-survey-findings-show-large-majority-of-young-people-in-ireland-are-anxious-about-climate-change>

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# Registrations for Young Environmentalist Awards 24/25 are OPEN.

For full details, log onto ,

<https://ecounesco.ie/young-environmentalist-awards/register/>

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# Nature Bay Walk

VALUE – PROTECT – INSPIRE

See our migratory birds in their natural habitat. These birds have been coming to Tralee Bay since before it was called Tralee Bay and this time of year is the best time to see these birds in huge flocks.

**11am - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

The walk will begin at the carpark of the lock gates

**€5 Per Adult - Children FREE**



World  
Wetlands Day  
2 February 2025

Protecting wetlands  
for our common future



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ALL WALKS PART FUNDED BY KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Celebrating **World Wetlands Day 2025** with Alan Balfe, Senior Ecologist and the Team here at **Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park** and the **Lakeside Café** with a series of Guided Walks of our Wonderful Wetlands. Walking our way to discovering the natural wonders around us so you will feel healthy in mind, body and soul. Let's value, protect and inspire.

Join us on the below dates;

**Nature Bay Walk** – Sunday, 26th January 2025 at 11am

These events are suitable for both Adults & Children.

€5 for Adults and Children Go Free.

Pre booking is advised for all events.

These walks are part funded by Kerry County Council.

Everyone is welcome. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine.

[Book Online here](#)



Please find below the 3rd issue of the Tidy Towns Newsletter 2024.

<https://www.tidytowns.ie/about-us/newsletters/>

**Council Meeting Schedule 2025**

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tralee MD	13		3		6 <i>(Tues)</i>		7	8		3	
Killarney MD	15		5		7		2	10		12	
Listowel MD	24 <i>(Fri)</i>		TBC		12		14	12 <i>(Fri)</i>		10	
Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne MD	22		26		21		16	17		19	
Kenmare MD	31		28		30		25	26		28	
Full Council	20	17	10	14	19	16	21	15	20	17	15

**Standing Orders**

Full Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

**Bi-monthly Meetings of Members -**

Tralee - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month or last Monday of previous month if it falls on Bank Holiday

Killarney - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Listowel - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Kenmare - Last Friday of month