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Kerry PPN Community Newsletter Friday 1st August 2025

To all Kerry PPN members,

Please find the Kerry PPN community newsletter below.

Please forward any information you would like included in the newsletter (where it is suitable) to info@kerryppn.ie

If you enjoy receiving weekly updates in our upcoming newsletter please email info@kerryppn.ie and let us know.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards, Siobhan and Sarah,

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Kerry PPN Updates

Kerry PPN invites nominations for Secretariat vacancies

Nominations are now being invited from PPN member groups to fill vacancies on the Kerry PPN Secretariat.

The Kerry PPN Secretariat is made up of the following sectors:

- Community & Voluntary
- Environmental
- Social Inclusion

Who can vote and who can be nominated for the secretariat?

- Good governance/conflict
- Ability to work as a team, contributing to the member group the candidate is representing
- Experience of working in groups or committees
- Ability to read, write and understand English to a high standard

Nominations are invited from PPN ordinary members (Community Groups) who are willing to be nominated and who are willing to accept the nomination if and if nominated to attend meetings and actively participate fully in the Kerry PPN Secretariat. Nominees must be able to read, write and understand English to a high standard. Nominees must be able to attend meetings and actively participate fully in the Kerry PPN Secretariat.

Nominations Process

You can complete the online nomination form HERE.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is Tuesday 26th August at 5.00pm

Nominations Form HERE

Training & Education Opportunities

Social Media Tips and Tricks for Community Groups with Nadin Ellegy, South West Social

Join us for this session, led by Nadin Ellegy, South West Social, to learn practical tips and tricks for managing social media effectively for your community group.

Nadin will share simple ways to find content ideas, plan and schedule posts, and keep your page active and engaging without feeling overwhelmed. She will also share her top tips for staying safe online. This is an interactive session, so bring your questions and be ready to share what's working (or not) for your group.

Suitable for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills.

Date: Tuesday 12th August 2025 Location: Zoom

Sign up here for a place on the Social Media Tips and Tricks for Community Groups with Nadin Ellegy, South West Social

What is the Nature Restoration Law and how will it apply to Ireland?

Information session for PPN Representatives

The Nature Restoration Law (NRL) is a major piece of legislation that is to be rolled out over the next 10 years to improve and restore nature. It aims to restore at least 20 percent of land and sea areas in the EU by 2030.

Joint Environmental Network (JEN) is a network of Public Participation Networks (PPNs) in Ireland. JEN is working with the Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) and the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) on the Nature Restoration Law. If time allows, we will also be looking at how the NRL will be implemented in Ireland, the role of the Local Authorities and the role of the Public Participation Networks.

Date: Tuesday 26th August 2025 Location: Zoom

Sign up here for a place on the What is the Nature Restoration Law and how will it apply to Ireland? *Information session for PPN Representatives*

Please Note: Sign up here for a place on the Social Media Tips and Tricks for Community Groups with Nadin Ellegy, South West Social and the What is the Nature Restoration Law and how will it apply to Ireland? *Information session for PPN Representatives*

Further details will be available on www.kerryppn.ie/training-events

Grants & Funding News

Save the Date: NDA Research Promotion Scheme 2025-26

Save the date! The NDA is launching its Research Promotion Scheme for 2025-26 on Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at 10:00 AM.

This year, they are combining the Scheme theme of **Healthy Neighbourhoods** with a broader focus on **Healthy Communities**. This will include research on the relationship between alcohol and other aspects of community life, including health, culture, and social connection.

The National Drugs Strategy acknowledges gaps in our knowledge and calls for research to inform policy and practice. The Scheme aims to fill these gaps by supporting research that is practical, ethical, and rooted in lived experience.

Applications from stakeholders interested in implementation of disabled projects in the community are also welcome.

Further details will be available on www.drugsandalcohol.ie/research-scheme-2025-26

2026 European Social Fund+ Open Call: Integration and Employment of Migrants

On the 31st of July 2025, the Minister of State for Migration Crime Mandy Tu, announced the launch of the 2026 European Social Fund+ (ESF+) Open Call for Integration and Employment of Migrants. This call is for projects that will support the integration of migrants into employment and society.

They invite to submit eligible national projects and are expressing interest in submitting a project under the Integration and Employment of Migrants Open Call. Applications for funding will be assessed against the criteria set out in the Programme Document and the Integration and Employment of Migrants Open Call.

The specific categories of persons targeted by this Activity are as follows:

- Third Country Nationals (TCN) with permission to enter employment in Ireland, including those who are seeking international protection;
- Including and for the benefit of the Traveller and Roma community of Irelaand, Kerry where relevant;
- Up to €1.5 million may be committed under this call over 3 years.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is on Thursday the 11th September 2025 at 12 noon.

Further Information

What Works Enhancing Quality Fund 2026

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, TD has announced the commencement of the What Works Enhancing Quality Fund for Disability Services, children, young people and their families and communities.

The What Works Enhancing Quality Fund has been established under the Quality Framework for Disability Services in Ireland 2025-2030 and is part of the Government's commitment to ensure that services are based on the best evidence and lived experience, and that they support meaningful participation and inclusion.

The What Works Enhancing Quality Fund aims to promote continuous improvement and ensure that services are responsive to the needs of people with disabilities, children, young people and their families and communities. It will support the development, testing, and evaluation of practices, models, and approaches that are evidence-informed, ethically sound, and delivered from over a decade of investment in prevention and early intervention, family support, and disability services.

The fund is open to organisations and services providing **children's and disability organisations working with children, young people and their families** and in **disability services** in the community, including those in the HSE, Tusla, and voluntary and community organisations with capacity for funding of up to €100,000.

The deadline for applications is **5pm, Friday, August 22nd, 2025**.

Further Information

Funding Opportunities Closing Shortly

Grant	Deadline Date	Further Information
Community Enforcement Grant	31st August 2025	Further Information
Community Grants Scheme	31st August 2025	Further Information

Community and Voluntary News

O'Connell 250

O'CONNELL 250
Ceiliúradh Céad Bliain agus Leathchéad ar Dhaonlathas Áitiúil in Éireann
Celebrating the Centenary and Fifty Years of Local Democracy in Ireland

O'Connell 250 is a year-long programme celebrating the centenary of the first Local Government Act in Ireland and the 50th anniversary of the current Act.

Local Government in Ireland has been at the heart of our communities for 100 years, shaping the places we live, work, and play. This year-long programme will celebrate the people, places, and stories that have made local democracy what it is today.

Cuireann Ceiliúradh céad bliain agus leathchéad ar Dhaonlathas Áitiúil in Éireann ar siúl ar son Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireanna, agus ar son na daoine agus na gcomhphobal a bhfuil a dhéanann siad ann.

Tá sé ceaptha go mbeidh an ceiliúradh seo ina chéad bhliain ar fhiche ina bhfuil an Daonlathas Áitiúil ag cur le saol agus le cultúr ár bpobal agus ár gcomhphobal.

Follow O'Connell 250 on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for updates and to share your own stories using the hashtag #OConnell250.

Visit www.oconnell250.ie to learn more about the programme and to explore upcoming events and initiatives.

Cahersiveen 9th-7th August

Celebrating 100 years since "the Liberator" came to Cahersiveen

Cahersiveen 9th-7th August

Event Highlights:

- Mass Rocks on Bridge of Nenagh area
- Cahersiveen Tour (Tour Guide)
- Cahersiveen in The 20s (talks)
- Cahersiveen in The 20s (Exhibition)
- Cahersiveen in The 20s (Photo Competition)
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- Local Author Book Launch (Tom Cronin)
- Equal Rights event (Rose Fitzgerald, The Liberator)
- Mass Rock Commemoration (Fr. Ned Cronin)
- Cahersiveen Parade (Saturday 9th August)

Further information on Cahersiveen 100 Facebook Page or Cahersiveen100@gmail.com

Cahersiveen Facebook Page

Ballybunion Community Coffee Morning

Stop in for a friendly community coffee morning in Ballybunion! Meet your neighbours, share a cup of coffee, and enjoy a relaxed morning in the heart of the community. This is a great chance to connect with local people and learn about what's happening in Ballybunion.

Ballybunion Community Coffee Morning

Where: Ballybunion Community Centre, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry

When: Tuesday, 23rd of September

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Free of charge

Ballybunion Community Coffee Morning

Sustainable Development Goals Week 2025

Ireland's fourth SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this September, from Monday 15th to Friday 19th September.

Sign-ups are now open for the annual Sustainable Development Goals Week Awards, which recognise outstanding contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and over 400 SDG learning and action resources, with almost 200 resources added in the last year.

Sign up here now

Upcoming Events at St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre this August

- **Monday 11th at 8pm - Theatre - The Great Gatsby**
  Set in the roaring twenties, this bold new production puts a fascinated eye on the excesses of the Jazz Age.
- **Wednesday 13th at 8pm - Comedy - Ardfinnan Comedy Night**
  Ardfinnan Comedy Night is a fundraiser for Ardfinnan Rugby Club with Jim Smallhorne, Ger Ryan and Ciaran Ryan.
- **Friday 15th at 8pm - Theatre - Ballyhoo**
  It's a whodunnit set during Jazzy Jubilee, where legend claims the ghost of Ireland's first Jazz Band, Ballyhoo, haunts the Ballyhoo Hotel. Ballyhoo is a fun-filled, fast-paced, musical whodunnit with a cast of 5 and 20 characters.

Visit www.stjohns.ie

Environmental News

Ballybunion Bean Festival

Fri 8th-Sunday 10th August 2025
10th August 2025

The Ballybunion Bean Festival celebrates one of the highlights of annual Ballybunion life, the Ballybunion Bean Festival, which takes place every year on the last weekend in August.

The Ballybunion Bean Festival was born out of Mickey Ballybunion, a Scarecrow made of beans, who was created by the Ballybunion Tidy Towns in 2016. Mickey Ballybunion was created to celebrate the Ballybunion Tidy Towns Bean Project, which was a community project to encourage people to grow beans in the front of their houses and businesses.

Mickey Ballybunion has been the mascot and ambassador of Ballybunion ever since. Mickey is a Scarecrow, made of beans, who is dressed in a different outfit for every occasion. Mickey Ballybunion has been photographed with people from all over the world, from Australia, Canada, Europe and Ireland, and has been in the photo bombing business ever since.

The Ballybunion Bean Festival is a community event, which is run by a committee of volunteers, who are passionate about their town and want to see it thrive and flourish. The committee are always looking for new members, new ideas and new volunteers, especially young people.

The Ballybunion Bean Festival is a family friendly festival, with a variety of events and activities for people of all ages to participate in, including a parade, a bean bake competition, a bean hunt, a bean quiz, a bean dance, a bean bake sale, a bean stall, a bean market, a bean bar, and a bean BBQ.

Concerts in the Park, Live Music, Fun Fair, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Bean Bake Competition, Bean Hunt, Bean Quiz, Bean Dance, Bean Bake Sale, Bean Stall, Bean Market, Bean Bar, Bean BBQ, Parade