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Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th February, 2026

Welcome to the Kerry PPN Weekly newsletter packed with funding opportunities, training and education opportunities, upcoming events, community news, and much more. If you have something you would like to share with the network please let us know by emailing admin@kerryppn.ie

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter is also available on our website www.kerryppn.ie and on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/kerryppn

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Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Representative Nominations

Kerry PPN is now seeking nominations for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Representative Nominations. The Housing SPC is a key forum for shaping housing policy and strategies in Kerry.

What is the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)?

The Housing SPC is a key forum for shaping housing policy and strategies in Kerry. It plays a vital role in ensuring that housing decisions reflect the needs of the community and support sustainable, inclusive growth across the county.

What skills and attributes are needed for the position?

- Strong communication and collaboration skills
- Experience in working within a multi-stakeholder forum
- Ability to represent the wider community effectively

What does the role involve?

- Represent the representatives of Housing SC on Kerry PPN
- Attend meetings of the Housing SPC and contribute to discussions and decision-making
- Ensure the views of the wider community are heard and reflected in the work of the Housing SPC
- Maintain regular communication with the Kerry PPN Secretariat
- Contribute to the Housing SPC's work plan, including the review of draft policies, strategies, and plans
- Support the Housing SPC in its role as the Planning Committee under and in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including the review of the Kerry County Development Plan and Local Area Plans
- Ensure the Housing SPC's work reflects the needs and priorities of the community it represents

Please contact Kerry PPN Secretariat if interested.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, 27th February 2026

Kerry PPN Secretariat Nominations for Environmental Pillar

Kerry PPN Secretariat is now seeking nominations for the Kerry PPN Secretariat representatives for the Kerry Environmental Pillar.

The Kerry PPN Secretariat is the administrative body that oversee the operations of the Kerry PPN.

What skills and attributes are needed for the position?

- Strong communication and collaboration skills
- Experience in working within a multi-stakeholder forum
- Ability to represent the wider community effectively

What does the role involve?

- Represent the representatives of Environmental Pillar on Kerry PPN
- Attend meetings of the Kerry PPN Secretariat and contribute to discussions and decision-making
- Ensure the views of the wider community are heard and reflected in the work of the Kerry PPN Secretariat
- Maintain regular communication with the Kerry PPN Secretariat
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Please contact Kerry PPN Secretariat if interested.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, 27th February 2026

Saturday 14th – Kerry PPN Environmental Linkage Group Meeting

Kerry PPN Secretariat invite all members to attend the next Kerry PPN Environmental Linkage Group Meeting.

This meeting will take place on Saturday 21st February from the 10.30 am to 12.00 noon in the Kerry PPN Offices, Aras Dhun na nGaedhal, Castleisland.

Please contact Kerry PPN Secretariat if you would like to attend this meeting or if you have any queries or suggestions.

Training & Education Opportunities

Community Climate Adaptation Programme

Climate Ready Kerry is a partnership between Kerry County Council and Kerry Local Enterprise Office.

Apply by: Monday, 16th February 2026
Cost: Free
Location: Online via Zoom

Apply Now

Exciting Part-Time, Post-Graduate Opportunity in Applied Community Led Development

Kerry Community Education Service (KCES) is pleased to announce the Post-Graduate Programme for Masters in Community Development, which is a part time, specialised, one-year course, with a strong emphasis on practice and practitioner learning. The programme is delivered in partnership with Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and is aimed at those who are working in community development or who want to work in community development.

Applications are now open and will be accepted until **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Please contact Kerry Community Education Service for more information.

Apply Now

Kerry College Open Week

Kerry College's Open Week 2026 is a great opportunity for students and their families to explore the wide range of courses available at Kerry College ahead of the upcoming CAO and PLC application deadlines.

Whether you're considering a Level 5 PLC course or a degree programme, this week is designed to help you find the right path for your future.

Apply Now

Grants & Funding News

Festivals and participative events grant scheme 2026

Kerry County Council invites festivals and participative events to apply for funding under the Festivals and Participative Events Grant Scheme 2026.

Grants are available for festivals and participative events that celebrate Kerry's culture, heritage, and community life, and support local economic and cultural activity.

Applications must be submitted online **by Monday, 16th February 2026**.

For more information and to apply, please visit Kerry County Council's website.

Apply Now

Extension on Local Enhancement Programme Deadline

The closing date for Local Enhancement Programme for Tourism Businesses has been extended to Friday, 27th February.

This grant scheme supports tourism businesses across Kerry to develop visitor experiences that enhance the county's tourism offering and support sustainable growth in the sector.

Grants of up to €5,000 are available to cover up to 50% of eligible costs, including:

- Upgrades to visitor experiences
- Improvements to facilities
- Enhancements to the overall visitor experience

Applications are open to tourism businesses in County Kerry, including:

- Attractions
- Activity providers
- Food and drink businesses
- Accommodation providers

For more information and to apply, please visit the Kerry County Council website.

Apply Now | **Learn More Online**

Better World Books Literary Grants

Each year, Better World Books supports literacy and literacy-related initiatives through its Literary Grants program. Since the program's inception, Better World Books has donated over $1 million in books and funding to literacy organizations worldwide.

Applications are now open and will be accepted through **February 28, 2026**.

Learn More

Age and Community National Grant Scheme

Funding of €2,000 to €5,000 is available to support projects that:

- Promote inclusion and participation of older people in their communities
- Tackle isolation and loneliness
- Support intergenerational activities
- Promote positive ageing initiatives

Applicants must be registered charities or have charitable status.

Deadline: Friday, 27th February 2026 at 12 noon

Phone: (01) 524 0400
Email: info@ageandcommunity.ie

Learn More and Apply Online

Community Energy Grant (CEG) Information Event

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Join us for an online information session on the Community Energy Grant (CEG) scheme, a grant supporting community groups, organisations, and local authorities to develop sustainable energy projects.

When: 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Friday, 27th February 2026

Register Now

New Solutions Pilot Grants

The Community Development Foundation (Ireland) is pleased to announce the launch of the New Solutions Pilot Grants, a new grant programme designed to support innovative, community-led responses to local challenges.

New Solutions Pilot Grants are intended for developing and testing innovative approaches to addressing local challenges, with a focus on collaboration, learning, and sustainability.

Grants of €2,000 are open for small development and testing of ideas and approaches.

Apply by: 27th March 2026

Eligibility: Open to registered charities, community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations working in Ireland.

Deadline for applications: Friday, 27 March 2026 (12 noon)

Application Online

Information Session: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 at 12 noon (Register online)

Information sessions will be held online and will provide an overview of the grant, the application process, and the assessment criteria. Recordings will be made available for those who are unable to attend.

Register for Information Session

Childminding Development Grants for 2026 Launched

The Childminding Development Fund scheme is a DCEDIY funded scheme administered by the City of Tralee Integrated Services Partnership (CTISP) on behalf of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

The Fund aims to support childminders to develop quality and safe childcare provision in their own homes, to enhance their business practices and to support the development of a sustainable childminding workforce in Ireland.

Grants of up to €1,000 are available to childminders who are registered with Tusla.

Apply Online

Upcoming Events

Climatise in SDI Hub

Date: Today
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come down to the Climatise stand at the SDI Hub in Tralee and learn how Climate Ready Kerry can support your business with its climate adaptation journey.

Learn More

Active Ageing Festival (Fulmoon)

Join us for a special Active Ageing Festival Fulmoon event to celebrate the power of community, connection, and creativity in ageing.

This event includes a concert, artistic performances, and a shared meal, offering a meaningful space for people to come together and enjoy time with others.

Date: Saturday, 28th February
Location: Ballyroe Community Centre
Cost: Free

Find Out More

Animation is A4

When: Friday, 27th February at 7:00 pm
Where: Dance, Tim Collins, Tralee

An evening in celebration of the Animation Guild.

Animation is A4 is a celebration of the Animation Guild, Chapelfield, and Kerry Animation.

Guest speakers:

- Animation Professionals who have contributed to the Tralee Animation Studio, Chapelfield, Kerry Animation, and beyond
- Top Animation Students from Kerry

Find Out More

Together the Creates

When: Monday, 3rd March at 6pm
Where: Kerry Education Service, Tralee
Cost: Free

Together the Creates is a free, creative, community-based initiative for people who are navigating life after the loss of a loved one. Through art, conversation, and shared time, participants will explore grief, memory, and connection in a gentle and supportive way.

Find Out More and Register with Kate Lynch

Lecture on Conservation of Irish Species

When: 19th February at 8pm
Where: Cahir Community Hall, Tralee
Cost: Free

Lecture on Conservation of Irish Species. Come along and hear about the conservation work being done to protect our native species.

Find Out More

The Morning Mell - Exploring the Morning Struggle and Spotting School Avoidance in Kerry Primary School

Date: Wednesday, 25th February
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Venue: Dingle Community Hall, Co. Kerry

Exploring the morning struggle and spotting school avoidance in Kerry primary schools.

Speakers:

- Dr Ciara Kierans, Senior Lecturer, Dublin City University
- Dr Ciara Kierans is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Dublin City University. Her research focuses on the lived experiences of children and families in education, with a particular focus on school attendance, belonging, and the emotional dimensions of schooling. She has published widely on these issues and brings a sociological lens to understanding how children and families navigate school life.
- Dr Ciara Kierans, Senior Lecturer, Dublin City University

Find Out More

The Coal of Ireland Exhibition

Coal of Ireland Series
Kerry Mining Museum
Date: Ongoing
Cost: Free

Coal of Ireland Photography Exhibition by Photographer Ciaran Ó Donnchadha

Find Out More

Soldiers of Destiny: Exhibition

Soldiers of Destiny: Exhibition
Kerry Museum, Tralee
Date: Ongoing
Cost: Free

Soldiers of Destiny: Exhibition

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Caherciveen Coffee 'n' Chat

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Join us on Wednesday, 18th February for our next Caherciveen Coffee 'n' Chat.

This is a relaxed, informal morning for people living with dementia and their families to come together, share a cup of tea or coffee, and enjoy a chat in a supportive and welcoming setting.

Refreshments will be served, and it's a great opportunity to meet others who understand what you're going through.

Venue: Caherciveen Community Hall
Date: Wednesday, 18th February
Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Subscribe to the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter.

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Integrated App

The Integrated App is a tool for Kerry Local Authorities to keep residents informed about what's happening in their area.

Download App

Public Consultations

Kerry Age Friendly Strategy 2025-2030: Community Consultation Session

Kerry County Council invites you to attend a community consultation session to discuss the draft Kerry Age Friendly Strategy 2025–2030.

Let's talk about what matters most to you – what works well, what needs to change, and what opportunities do we have to make Kerry a better place for ageing.

Join us for a chat over a cup of tea, share your ideas and meet your local Age Friendly team.

Date: Tuesday, 24th February
Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Venue: Ballyroe Community Centre, Tralee

Kerry Age Friendly Strategy 2025-2030

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Framework for Collaboration - Design Workshops

Kerry County Council invites Residents Associations and Community Groups to participate in the Framework for Collaboration – Design Workshops.

These workshops form part of the implementation of the **National Playspace Strategy** and the **Kerry Playspace Strategy**, and aim to support the development of inclusive, accessible, and vibrant playspaces across Kerry.

Kerry County Council, Tralee Municipal Collective and Local Engagement, in partnership with Kerry Playspace Strategy, invite Residents Associations and Community Groups to:

- Attend a Design Workshop
- Participate in a walk around your local playspace

Find Out More

National Occupational Safety Survey

The National Occupational Safety Survey is a confidential survey for workers in Ireland. It takes about 10 minutes to complete and helps us understand how people experience safety, health and well-being at work.

Your answers will help us to:

- Spot risks to health and safety at work
- Understand what supports a healthy workplace
- Inform practical ideas for improvement

Find Out More

Open Public Consultations:

- Kerry County Council Draft Housing Strategy 2026-2032
- Kerry County Council Draft Vacant Homes Strategy 2026-2032
- Kerry County Council Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

Have you spotted an job vacancy you would like to share?

Please contact admin@kerryppn.ie with details.

The Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN) is a vehicle for the participation of community and voluntary groups in local decision making.

We work with Kerry County Council and other agencies ensuring the community and voluntary sector is represented on committees, strategies and plans affecting the lives of people living, working and volunteering in Kerry.

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