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Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June, 2026

Welcome to the Kerry PPN Weekly newsletter packed with funding opportunities, community events and information about upcoming public consultations. Please feel free to share this information with your group so all members can keep up to date.

If a group member would like to subscribe directly to the newsletter please ask them to email their name and email address to ppn@kerrycoco.ie

To have your community event included in our upcoming newsletter please email the details to ppn@kerrycoco.ie

Kind Regards

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Kerry PPN Updates

Don't forget to re-register your PPN membership!

By now the primary contact we have listed for each PPN member group should receive an email from us asking them to re- register the group's membership.

If your group has not received an email please contact us at ppn@kerrycoco.ie

We are required as per PPN National Guidelines to ask all of our members to re-register. This process will ensure we are GDPR compliant.

All you have to do is click on the link in the email you receive and complete the relevant form.

When you click on the link you will have 3 options to choose from. This will enable you to give us your organisation's correct details.

There is an opportunity to supply any new information, or indeed, if your group is no longer in existence or does not wish to be part of the PPN network, you can choose the opt out option.

We will update, amend or remove accordingly

This re-registration process is **very important** and we urge all members to submit it to us as soon as possible to keep our records correct.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with all member groups as we continue to inform, strengthen and empower community groups.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Caroline or Kathy at ppn@kerrycoco.ie or 087 488 8360.

An Introduction to AI for Older Adults

No Jargon, no hype, just facts.

Designed for older adults (over 55yrs+).

Join us over three mornings to explore what AI is, how it already is impacting your life and how you can live a more informed life in a world of technology.

A practical course with hands on experience delivered by the Academy for Good (Maynooth University) in partnership with Kerry Public Participation Network and the Older People's Council Kerry.

Date: 18th, 24th & 25th June (Participants must attend all three sessions)

Time: 10.30am- 2.30pm

Location: Listowel Family Resource Centre

To book contact Caroline or Kathy on 066 7183686 or email ppn@kerrycoco.ie or use the booking link below

Booking Link

Grants & Funding News

2026 Coca Cola Thank You Fund

Grants between €5,000 and €15,000 are available to support community-based projects focused on inclusion, wellbeing and future work readiness.

These projects should empower young people aged 16–25, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, to become work-ready, skilled and engaged citizens.

Projects may include initiatives focused on employability and skills development, education access and progression, or wellbeing and personal development.

In 2026, over €2 million will be invested in almost 200 non-profit organisations across the island of Ireland.

How to Apply

All applications should be made online via the Irish Youth Foundation grants platform which will be linked from the Coca-Cola Ireland website.

Deadline: Applications close on Friday 26th June, 2026.

Community Centres Investment Fund 2026 - Refurbishment Grant

The Community Centres Investment Fund 2026 - Refurbishment Grant is providing funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas.

Funding is being made available under 2 Categories, with grants of between €10,000 and €100,000 available.

How to Apply:-

The scheme will be delivered in conjunction with Pobal.

All applicants must register as 'users' on the online portal here in advance of the application process which will open on 29th May, 2026. Community organisations that applied for this fund previously will not need to register again but should check that their details are still correct.

Community organisations are strongly advised to get their application and paperwork ready in advance of the application process opening.

The Portal for online applications will open on 29th May, 2026 at MyPobal Portal and will remain open until **13th July, 2026.**

Further Information

Full Circle Awards 2026

These awards recognise outstanding individuals and groups who are making reuse, repair, repurposing, sharing and upcycling part of everyday life across the country.

The winners will receive:

- €2,000 prize to support their circular work
- Unique handcrafted trophy made from upcycled materials
- Media exposure through Circular.ie and associated press

Award categories include:

- Repair and Reuse Champion
- Community Circular Champion
- Creative Circular Design
- Circular Living Advocate
- Best Community Campaign
- Circular Sports Champion

They're looking for people who are genuinely making a difference through their circular practices and inspiring others to follow suit.

Nominate your Circular Champion here: Full Circle Awards 2026

The nomination deadline is July 24th

Funding Opportunities Closing Shortly

Grant	Deadline Date	Further Information
AIB Community €1 Million Fund 2026	19th June 2026	Further Information
SEAI National Energy Funding Call	30th June 2026	Further Information

Overview of Funding Programmes from Kerry County Council

Upcoming Events

Killarney Alzheimer Café

When: Wednesday 17th June 2026 11am - 1pm

Where: Coil na Darrach Community Room V93 VXY8

Speaker: Melissa Molyneaux - Dementia Advisor - Kerry ASI

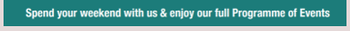
For further details, contact: Lynda Phillips at 087 355 6508 or lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie

The café provides a warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their carers and health & social care professionals

This Weekend - Féile na mBláth 2026 Events Programme

Tralee's Féile na mBláth 2026 Festival begins today Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June in Tralee Town Park.

The Festival is in its 21st year and has events to cater for all including, Floral Displays and Workshops, Food and Craft Village, Kids Zone, Biodiversity Workshops and Clinics, Nature Walks, Story Trails, Summer Movie evening, Ceili dancing, knitting circles, Dog Show and a the ever popular emergency services display.



Check out the Programme of Events Linked below for the 3-day event and for any changes made to the programme over the weekend

Programme of Events

Kerry Wild Bee Festival 2026 launch talk with Jane Stout

The Kerry Wild Bee Festival 2026 is taking place on the 4th and 5th July at Tralee Bay Wetlands and we will be updating the festival page with events over the next few weeks.

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a festival launch talk with Jane Stout, who co-wrote the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. She will be giving an online talk on June 8th 7-8.30pm '*Reversing wild bee decline*', being screened in person at Tralee Bay Wetlands.

Register Here

5K Colour Run

When: Saturday 15th August 2026

Kids 1k Run: 10:30am

Adults 5k Run: 11am

Where: Ladies Beach, Ballybunion

Ballybunion Running Club are hosting **fun for all the family** with the 5k Colour Run for Adults, Teens and Kids!

This is the third year running the event and the previous 2 years have been absolutely brilliant days out for all!

All money raised goes to the Ballybunion Sea and Cliff and the local school Scoil Iosagain in Ballybunion

Prices: €25 for adult, €15 for teenagers and €10 for kids

Registration is essential!

Registration Link

Cornelius Lyons Harp Summer Festival Returns to Finuge!

Following the success of last year's inaugural event, Teach Siamsa Finuge is delighted to welcome the 2nd Cornelius Lyons Harp Summer Festival, celebrating the rich harping tradition of North Kerry and Ireland.

Taking place in the heart of Finuge **June 19th-21st**, the festival honours the legacy of renowned Kerry harper Cornelius Lyons and features a weekend of workshops, music, heritage and community.

They are delighted to welcome acclaimed Kerry harpist Deirdre Granville as this year's tutor. An award-winning harpist, singer and educator from Dingle, Deirdre is recognised as one of Ireland's leading traditional harp performers and tutors.

Join for a special weekend celebrating harp music, tradition and the living legacy of Irish harping.

Further Information/Booking Link

Webinar: Protecting your Garden from Invasive Species

Ahead of Invasive Species Week 2026, join the National Biodiversity Data Centre on **Wednesday 17th June from 12:00–1:00pm** for a webinar with Kate Moore, NBDC's Invasive Species Engagement Officer, exploring the actions everyone can take to protect their garden or outdoor space from invasive species.

The session will cover:

- Buying plants for your garden
- Biosecurity best practices
- Identifying and dealing with invasive flatworms

Booking Link

Kenmare Summer Solstice Festival

A Sunrise to Sunset Celebration of Community and Cultures

When: Sunday 21st June, day long from 5am

Where: Various Locations in Kenmare Town and centred around the Fair Green on the Square

Featuring:

- Sunrise at the Kenmare Stone Circle
- Solstice Welcome Wellness Experience
- Nature Immersion Walk
- Solstice Breakfast Trail
- Folklore & Heritage Storytelling
- Local History Walking Tour
- Traditional Irish Music & Dance
- International Food Stalls
- Kids' Activities & Face Painting
- Craft Workshops & Demos
- Live Music & Choral Singing
- Evening Concert
- Closing Sunset Experience

Further Information

Solstice Festival

A Celebration of Light, Culture & Community

Live Concert by Ruslan Veliev - Ukrainian Singer

When: Sunday 21st June 2026, 6pm - 7pm

Where: Carnegie Arts Centre, Kenmare

Presented by: Bridges Kenmare Ukrainian Community Group

In partnership with: Kenmare Family Resource Centre

Kenmare Memory Café

When: Tuesday 30th June 2026 from 11:00am - 12:30pm

Where: The Lansdowne Hotel Kenmare, Main Street, V93 YRC8

With Guest Speakers from: Chime Killarney

Chime is Ireland's national charity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. Through advice, services and the community they support those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, while also championing for equal rights and advocating for full inclusion in every part of society

Followed by refreshments and a singsong with the talented Suzanne & Tracy - song requests welcome!

For more info, contact Niamh Murphy at niamh.murphy@alzheimer.ie or 087 216 5104

Upcoming Events in Shanakill Family Resource Centre

Tabletop & Togetherness

A Social Group for Adults

Bringing People Together One Game at a Time

When: Every Wednesday, 2pm - 3:30pm

Where: Shanakill Family Resource Centre, Tralee, V92 PF30

066 712 7831

Come along for an afternoon of board games, cards, conversation and a cuppa in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere

Whether you love games or just fancy a chat and good company

All Adults are Welcome

Baby & Toddler Group

Come along to the Baby & Toddler Group

When: Every Wednesday 10am - 11:30am

Where: Shanakill Family Resource Centre, Tralee, V92 PF30

For more information, contact: Shielagh Griffin 083 387 2727

They are delighted to announce the launch of a new baby and toddler group!

Come join for a relaxing cuppa and enjoy engaging conversations with parents in a friendly atmosphere

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Breastfeeding Support Group

When: Every Tuesday, 11:30am - 1pm

Where: Shanakill Family Resource Centre, Tralee, V92 PF30

Queries to: Public Health Nursing Dept - 066 710 4800

Tralee Public Health Nursing Service would like to invite you to their in person Breastfeeding Group

- Offer support and guidance on your breastfeeding journey
- Light refreshments provided

Community News

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

The Community Smoke Alarm Scheme is an initiative to ensure vulnerable households are supplied with working smoke alarms in efforts to save lives. Vulnerable households include the elderly and people with disabilities. The cost of purchasing the alarms is funded by the Departments of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The importance of having a working smoke detector fitted cannot be over emphasised. Most deaths and injuries caused by house fires can be prevented where a functioning smoke alarm is installed. Smoke alarms provide an early warning in the event of a fire and can significantly increase the chances of escape. Smoke alarms can save lives.

Under the Scheme, community and voluntary organisations identify vulnerable households where smoke alarms are not currently fitted and advise Kerry Fire and Rescue Service of the need for same. Kerry Fire and Rescue Service will then arrange for the supply, to the community and voluntary organisations, of the smoke alarms needed. The local community and voluntary group may well decide to assist with the installation of the smoke alarms where necessary.

A limited number of smoke alarms are now available. Request for alarms should include the following information:

- Requester Name.
- Requester Phone Number.
- Requester Email.
- Community Group / Organisation Name.
- No. of Smoke Alarms Requested.

For more information on the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, please contact Kerry Fire and Rescue Service at communityfiresafety@kerrycoco.ie

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Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 5th June Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Join the Summer Stars Reading Challenge with Kerry Library this summer!!

Kerry Library invites all children throughout the county to join in the adventure and discover the fun and pleasure of reading over the summer by taking part in our Summer Stars Reading Challenge.

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Training & Education Opportunities

Raising Resilient Children During the Summer

When: 17th June 2026, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Maine Valley Family Resource Centre, Castlemaine, V93 R273

The Maine Valley Family Resource Centre & Harriet Mc Guigan Psychotherapy presents 'Raising Resilient Children during the Summer'

Cost: €10

Places are Limited

Help your child navigate:

- Anxiety
- Confidence
- Friendships
- Screen Time
- Boredom

Booking via helen.oshea@mainevalley.ie or 087 369 4169

Public Consultations

2026 Census of Social Enterprisels now open!

- *Minister Buttimer calls on every social enterprise to complete the survey*
- *Don't miss out on this opportunity for your social enterprise to be included and heard*
- *Important opportunity for social enterprises to influence future policy decisions, funding priorities, and support programme development*

The Census is open until 28th June and can be accessed: HERE

Action 51 of *Trading for Impact* the National Social Enterprise policy includes a commitment to periodically hold a Census of Social Enterprise.

Growing, strengthening, and realising the impact of social enterprises within communities are key goals of the Government's Social Enterprise Policy, and the information collected during the Census is key to the continued targeted delivery of this policy, and how the sector will be supported into the future.

Please provide only one response from each social enterprise

Have you news or an event you would like to share?

Our newsletter comes out weekly and is designed to keep you up-to-date with Kerry PPN news, local and national funding opportunities, open consultations, training and webinars, local events and our PPN member vacancies.

If your group has an upcoming event or news you would like shared in our newsletter please email the details, with any images and registration links to ppn@kerrycoco.ie before 3pm on Thursday to be considered for inclusion.

The Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of 1,000+ community & voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups in Kerry.

We connect Kerry County Council with our member groups facilitating community participation in local government decision making. We work to make sure our member groups have a say on local issues that concern them.

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