Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí
Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th July, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Grants & Funding News

The National Social Enterprise Awards

Application Deadline 11:59pm 31st July

Awards Event October (Date & Venue TBC)

Across Ireland, more than 4,000 social enterprises are working to make our communities more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. **The National Social Enterprise Awards**, now in its second year, is designed to celebrate the people and communities at the heart of Ireland's social enterprise sector, and to showcase the positive impact of their work.

The National Social Enterprise Awards forms part of Trading for Impact, Ireland's National Social Enterprise Policy. The Awards are being jointly delivered on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht by Local Development Companies Network, Irish Social Enterprise Network, The Wheel, and Social Enterprise Republic of Ireland.

Please note: the online application form does not allow you to save your application in draft form and return to it later. To prevent data loss, **you are advised to populate the information in the offline template first (see button below), before copying it into the online application form when you are ready to submit.**

Categories & Awards

Primary Categories

Applicants will be required to self-select into one of five primary categories, depending on the main focus of their work.

Each primary category carries a €1,000 prize for the winner.

The Social Enterprise of the Year will be chosen by the judging panel from the winners of the five primary categories.

Secondary Categories

There are three secondary categories, each of which carries a €1,000 prize for the winner.

Entry into these secondary categories is optional and is dependent on more specific eligibility criteria being met.

Applicants that enter one or more secondary categories will still be considered for an award within the primary category that they have selected.

Individual Categories

There are two individual categories. These categories do not carry a monetary prize. Self-nominations are allowed, and anyone can submit a nomination for these categories – nominations do not have to be made by or linked to a social enterprise that is applying for another award.

Further Informaion

Funding Opportunities Closing Shortly

Grant	Deadline Date	Further Information
What Works In Communities Fund	Friday 31st July 2026	Further Information

Overview of Funding Programmes from Kerry County Council

Upcoming Events

Dan Paddy Andy Four-Day Festival 2026

When: July 31st to August 3rd 2026

Where: Lyrecrompane V31 A342

Ireland's Real Rural Festival

The **Dan Paddy Andy Festival** returns to **Lyreacrompane, Co. Kerry**, over the **August Bank Holiday weekend, from Friday 31 July to Monday 3 August 2026**, continuing a much-loved tradition that began in **1999**.

Known as **Ireland's Real Rural Festival**, this four-day celebration brings together music, heritage, and community spirit in the heart of rural Kerry. The 2026 programme features a strong live music lineup, including the renowned **Seán Keane** and rising country and Irish music star **Jack Keogh**, along with **seven additional bands** guaranteed to keep the marquee dance floor lively throughout the weekend.

Festival favourites also return, with the **Tractors and Honda 50s Runs** revving through the countryside, and the popular **5K and 10K Run/Walks** offering participants the chance to explore the scenic paths and river walks of Lyreacrompane.

A highlight for many visitors is the **Bog Walk**, which introduces another side of the local upland landscape. Along the way, participants can enjoy songs and music, **Tae in the Bog**, and even try their hand at **cutting turf by sleán**, keeping age-old traditions alive.

Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, the **Dan Paddy Andy Festival** consistently delivers a warm welcome, authentic rural experiences, and unforgettable entertainment for all ages.

Further Information on the Dan Paddy Andy Festival

Seán Keane in seated Concert booking link

Féile Lughnasa (Festival of Lughnasa)

Féile Lughnasa (Festival of Lughnasa) is a revival of an ancient pre-Christian harvest celebration held annually just north of Dingle Town in the Cloghane/Brandon region.

This community-based festival features music, street theatre, guided walks, a treasure hunt, blessing of the boats and mass at Branon Pier, childrens activities, family fun day and much more.

When: Friday 24th - Monday 27th July 2026

Brochure of events and locations attached

Community Coffee Evening

When: August 5th, 6pm - 7:30pm

Where: Listowel Family Resource Centre

Meet other members of your community, share your ideas and learn more about the service at Listowel Family Resource Centre

They want to get to know you and find out if they can do anything to help you to integrate further into your local community

If you're interested in attending their Community Coffee Evening, please contact their Social Inclusion Community Worker on 087 714 2664 or at reception@listowelfrc.ie

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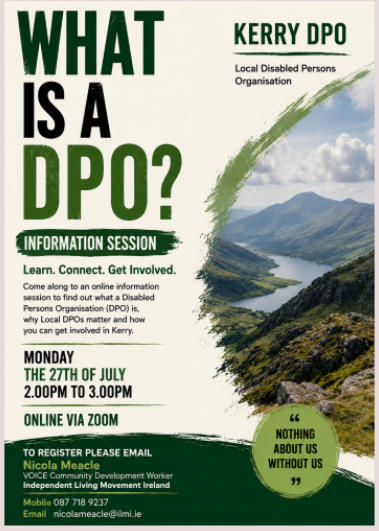
What is a DPO?



If you are a disabled person living in Kerry and would like to find out more about Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs)

Join for an online information session on **Monday the 27th of July** from **2.00pm to 3.00pm**.

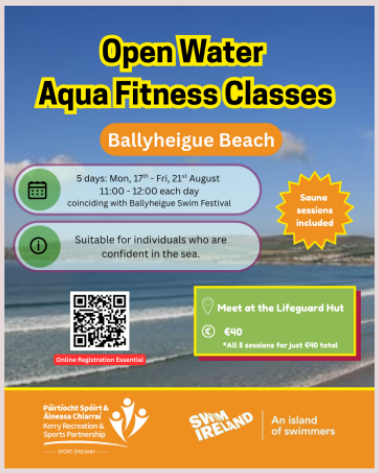
Come along to learn what a DPO is, why Local DPOs matter and how you can get involved in building a strong disabled people's movement in Kerry.

To find out more or register, contact: Nicola Meacle, VOICE Community Development Worker, Independent Living Movement Ireland

Mobile: 087 718 9237

Email: nicolameacle@ilmi.ie

Open Water Aqua Fitness Classes



Enjoy a fun and challenging workout while embracing the refreshing energy of the Atlantic Ocean and Tralee Bay! Join the qualified Swim Ireland coach and lifeguards for a safe and fun Open Water Aqua Aerobics session this summer.

Date: 5 days starting Monday 17th of August until Friday 21st of August

Location: Ballyheigue Beach (meet at the Lifeguard Hut)

Times: 11:00-12:00 (includes a sauna session)

Cost: €40 (+ booking fee) for the full 5-day programme

Booking Link

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

The Anam Sessions

Free early evening Concerts of Irish Folk, Singer songwriter and Afro Irish, music concerts, at **Anam, East Avenue Road, Killarney**.

Directed & produced by Tim O'Shea and many other new and emerging talents from Killarney and beyond. Generously sponsored by Kerry Arts Office. Kerry County Council.

(**Every second Wednesday during July & August**).

July 29 6pm - 8pm

Aug 12 7pm - 9pm

Aug 26 7pm - 9pm

After last years' pilot scheme, they are happy to announce "The Anam Sessions" are in session. Early evening summer concerts featuring local Kerry Folk, Traditional, Singer songwriters and Afro Irish acoustic Musicians.

Open to all and FREE @ ANAM, East Avenue Rd, Killarney for 5 nights only.

Spraoi Chiarraí This Saturday

Summer is moving along well. Spraoi Chiarraí are back.

This Kerry based youth, Irish Folk & Traditional Music, Song mentorship, performance collective, presents the finest of young local Co. Kerry talent. Offering them valuable rare exposure and experience, in two most historic, high profile, concert settings.

The fourth of five **FREE** Concerts is **Saturday 25 July 2026 at 8pm, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney**

Open to all, this family entertainment is sponsored this year by Kerry Co. Council Arts Office (Arts Act & Community Support Funds), Killarney Chamber of Commerce who made it possible and offer increased support and promotion, Kerry Gems Publishing (Advert Sponsor).

There are 4 evenings ("In Concert"), at St. Mary's Church of Ireland opposite the (Town Hall).

The concerts feature Fiddle, Irish Harp, Accordion, Flute & Whistle, Irish Uilleann Pipes, Guitar, Harmonica, Bodhrán and Vocals as well as (Irish Dancing and Irish Storytelling - outdoor only).

All indoor concerts are at 8pm an outdoor performance are at 2pm.

All shows are **FREE** so come along, families welcome.

The aims of Spraoi Chiarraí are:

- To showcase our local young Irish Traditional talent.
- To mentor & provide a platform for young performers to experience a real concert high profile setting
- To hone their performance skills & work in a team with a sense of ownership of the performance.
- To celebrate local traditional performance culture of the South West of Ireland.
- To offer a free, quality, family, cultural experience for locals & visitors to Killarney, over the summer months.
- To open up new, quality venues in Kerry, for Irish Traditional Performance.

Contact Tim @ 087 281 4550 for further information for free.

SPRAOI CHIARRAI 2026 (All Saturdays) 21st Season

- July 25 8pm St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney "In Concert"
- Aug 01 8pm St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney "In Concert"
- Aug 15 8pm St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney "In Concert"
- Aug 22 8pm St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney "In Concert"

Cahersiveen Coffee 'n' Chat

When: Wednesday 12th August & Wednesday 26th August, 11am - 1pm

Where: Kerry Coast Hotel, Frank's Bar & Bistro - 8/9 Church Street, Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry V23 RV07

Wednesday 12th August - They will be joined by Guest Speaker - Melissa Molyneaux, Dementia Adviser Kerry

The Dementia Adviser (DA) service is designed to help individuals and families navigate the challenges of dementia by providing a highly responsive, individualised information and signposting services.

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

Further Information

Call for Presentations and Workshops

Deadline: Wednesday 16 September 2026

National Arts Portal Day will take place on the 7th of November in TU Dublin

This year's theme: **The Future is Creative:** ***Why arts and creativity in education matter more than ever.***

They invite artists, creative practitioners, teachers, educators, academics and arts in education professionals to share presentations or workshops. They are particularly interested in projects and practices that explore:

- Arts in education in the age of AI and emerging technologies
- Arts based approaches to connect with nature, climate action and sustainability

Community News

Seirbhís Bainistíochta Abhantraí
River Basin Management Service

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) Name Change

The **Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)** has a new name.

Following discussions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister's Office, our organisation will now be known as the **River Basin Management Service** – A Local Authority Shared Service, funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The new name was announced by Minister Christopher O'Sullivan at the National EPA Water Conference on 17th June, and the transition to their new name will be completed in the coming weeks.

For the community groups, volunteers and local organisations they work alongside, the most important message is:

Only our name is changing.

The River Basin Management Service will continue to support communities across Ireland to protect and restore local rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater and coastal waters. We will continue to provide guidance, practical support and funding opportunities to help communities take action to improve water quality.

NEWKD Ballyduff Craft Group Update

A fantastic project has been growing legs for the last number of weeks in Ballyduff Family Resource Centre.

NEWKD Ballyduff Craft Group's dog (David Bow-wowie) has been completed and safely handed over for his trip to Cork.

What a fantastic piece of work that Mary, Kerry and all the craft group have done and huge congratulations to all who helped decorate him and help raise funds for the **Irish Guide Dogs.**

The dog (David Bow-wowie) and 49 more like him will be on display in Cork from August 22nd-28th. The locations will be advertised from the beginning of August so stay tuned.

Further Information

SuperQuest Explorer Passport

Glenbeigh Community Council has launched a free SuperQuest Explorer Passport for children, families, and visitors. The passport encourages outdoor activity, nature engagement, and local heritage exploration throughout Glenbeigh.

Every child in the local school received a copy before the summer holidays, and additional passports are available in local businesses to support footfall and family-friendly visits to key locations in the area.

They've already had great engagement, with children completing their challenges in the recent good weather.

Pick up your Glenbeigh Super Quest Explorer Passport at Glenbeigh Post Office!

Explore, create and discover Glenbeigh this summer.

Complete 10 challenges and receive your Glenbeigh Super Quest Certificate.

Open Call for ART on the Railings

Calling all artists!

Showcase your work along the Railings of the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church during this year's festival.

Contact Ronan to get involved at ronan@gysti.com or 086 22 55001

When: Saturday 1st August & Sunday 2nd August 11am - 5pm

Where: Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church, Cahersiveen

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 17th July Edition

Download Newsletter Here

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG is currently inviting nominations to fill vacancies for Community and Voluntary Sector Directors on its Board.

If you are a member of a local community group or organisation that is registered with the Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN), your group/organisation may be eligible to nominate a representative.

There are vacancies in the following Community Forum Areas:

- Killarney Community Forum Area (1 position)
- Greater Kenmare Community Forum Area (1 position)

This is a valuable opportunity to represent your local area and contribute to the ongoing work of South Kerry Development Partnership CLG in supporting communities throughout South Kerry.

For further information on the nomination process, rules and eligibility, please contact Julie Thorne, Community Development Officer on 087 190 6450 or email jthorne@skdp.net

The closing date for completed nomination forms is 5pm Friday 14th August 2026.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Drop off your Household Hazardous Waste for free!

Note: Hazardous waste can be accepted for free during opening hours. Charges for other waste types apply.

Householders, safely dispose of your household hazardous waste that's been building up... and all for FREE!

Please note the following before you dump:

- No commercial/farm waste
- Strictly limited to householders
- Only products in original containers with original labels will be accepted
- No fire extinguishers
- No gas cylinders

Cahersiveen Civic Amenity Site -

066 947 2640

Coolcaslagh Civic Amenity Site -

064 663 3522

Dingle Civic Amenity Site -

066 915 1566

Kenmare Civic Amenity Site -

064 668 9172

Milltown Civic Amenity Site -

066 976 7385

More information on Hazardous Waste

Tidy Towns Newsletter

Issue 2 of the Supervalu TidyTowns Newsletter has been released for 2026, check it out to stay up-to-date on news, surveys and programmes!

Download Newsletter Here

Training & Education Opportunities

Caring with Confidence

Family Carers Ireland is running a Caring with Confidence Course for family carers in Tralee **starting Monday September 21st 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Location: Rahoonane Community Centre, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 D9HF

By attending, you will gain practical knowledge and skills to help you provide safe, compassionate care, increase your confidence in your caring role, and connect with other family carers who understand the challenges and rewards of caring.

Whether you are new to caring or have many years of experience, **Caring with Confidence** offers valuable information, practical advice and a welcoming, supportive environment.

If interested, please contact Michelle at training@familycarers.ie

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Social Health Education Project (SHEP) Certificate in Personal Development

No prior qualifications needed

Course open to all

Offers you a chance to get to know yourself in a supportive, friendly, non-judgemental environmental

The SHEP Certificate in Personal Development is part one of the SHEP Foundation Programme.

Here, you can grow in awareness on a journey of self-discovery and learn about how you relate to yourself, and to others. Its a place to explore your feelings, your life, your choices, your responsibilities, a place where you can learn to accept yourself and others more, and increase your self confidence and well being.

Approach:

- Personal
- Non-academic
- Supportive

Contact:

Kerry - 085 860 2253

Email Queries: info@socialandhealth.com

Time commitment: One evening a week 7pm - 9pm or a morning session 10am - 12:30pm

Runs from September/October to May, 29 weekly sessions, 1 PD weekend, 1 Body Awareness day, 1 Expanding Awareness day - 105 hours total

Location: Courses are available in Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Online

Cost: The course fee is €850

If paid in full before the start of the course the fee is €790 (€60 discount

Payment plan option available.

Closing Date: Friday 31st August 2026

Further Information

Public Consultations

Survey Link

Have your say on Community Safety in County Kerry

Community Safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their own communities

The Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership is inviting members of the public to take part in the following community consultation sessions to help shape the first Kerry Local Community Safety Plan

The information gathered by this survey will play a key role in shaping the Kerry Local Community Safety Plan

Further information at: communitysafety@kerrycoco.ie or https://www.kerrycoco.ie/local-community-safety-partnership/ or www.gov.ie/communitysafety

Date	Venue	Time
July 23 - Thursday	Kenmare Library	11am - 1pm
August 4 - Tuesday	Killorglin Library	11am - 1pm
August 6 - Thursday	Listowel Library	4pm - 6pm
August 11 - Tuesday	Dingle Library	11am - 1pm
August 13 - Thursday	Tralee Library	4pm - 6pm
August 20 - Thursday	Caherciveen Library	11am - 1pm
August 27 - Thursday	Killarney Library	4pm - 6pm
September 1 - Tuesday	Ballybunion Library	11am - 1pm
September 3 - Thursday	Castleisland Library	11am - 1pm

Road Closures

Keep up-to-date with upcoming road closures to plan your journeys on the Kerry County Council Website

Some upcoming closures include:

- Carpark Closure – Brandon and Parklands Carparks Tralee, Co. Kerry
- Road Closure – L-1029 Meehan's Cottage, Co. Kerry – Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – Puck Fair 2026 – Notice of Decision

Further Information

Open Consultations

Check out the Open Consultations on the Kerry County Council Portal

- Speed Limit Review 2023 - Phase 2 of 4 - Implementation of Built Up and Urban Area Speed Limits
  - Closing date for submissions: **3pm on Friday, 7th August 2026.**
- Part 8 - Bracker O'Regan Road, Tralee Active Travel Scheme (Phase 1)
  - Closing date for submissions: **4.00 pm on Wednesday, 26th August 2026.**
- Part 8 - Flemings Lane, Killarney
  - Closing date for submissions: **Wednesday, 19th August 2026.**

Further Information

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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