Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí
Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st 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

Caroline and Kathy.

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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.

Upcoming Events

Remember to sign up early as stock is limited!

To register: Big Beach Clean Registrations 2026 - Clean Coasts

Any questions contact: cleancoasts@antaisce.org

Registrations for the Big Beach Clean 2026 are now open!

Save the date for the 18th to the 20th of September 2026, as the Big Beach Clean Weekend is just around the corner! Last year, almost 11,000 dedicated volunteers took part in over 500 clean-ups organised by Clean Coasts groups and volunteers nationwide. This resulted in over 60 tonnes of marine debris and litter was removed from the environment.
Sign up to get your kit, the kits will come with items needed to carry out a clean-up.

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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Halla Le Chéile, Ballyguin,
Brandon, 13th August, 7:30pm

Stephanie Tang - Piano

Music by Vivaldi, Ravel, Moeran, Hannah Ishizaki, and Tchaikovsky.

CLASSICAL SESSIONS

Oszkar Varga- Violin / Viola

Martin Moriarty - Viola

EunChe Kim - Violin

Nathan Meltzer – Violin

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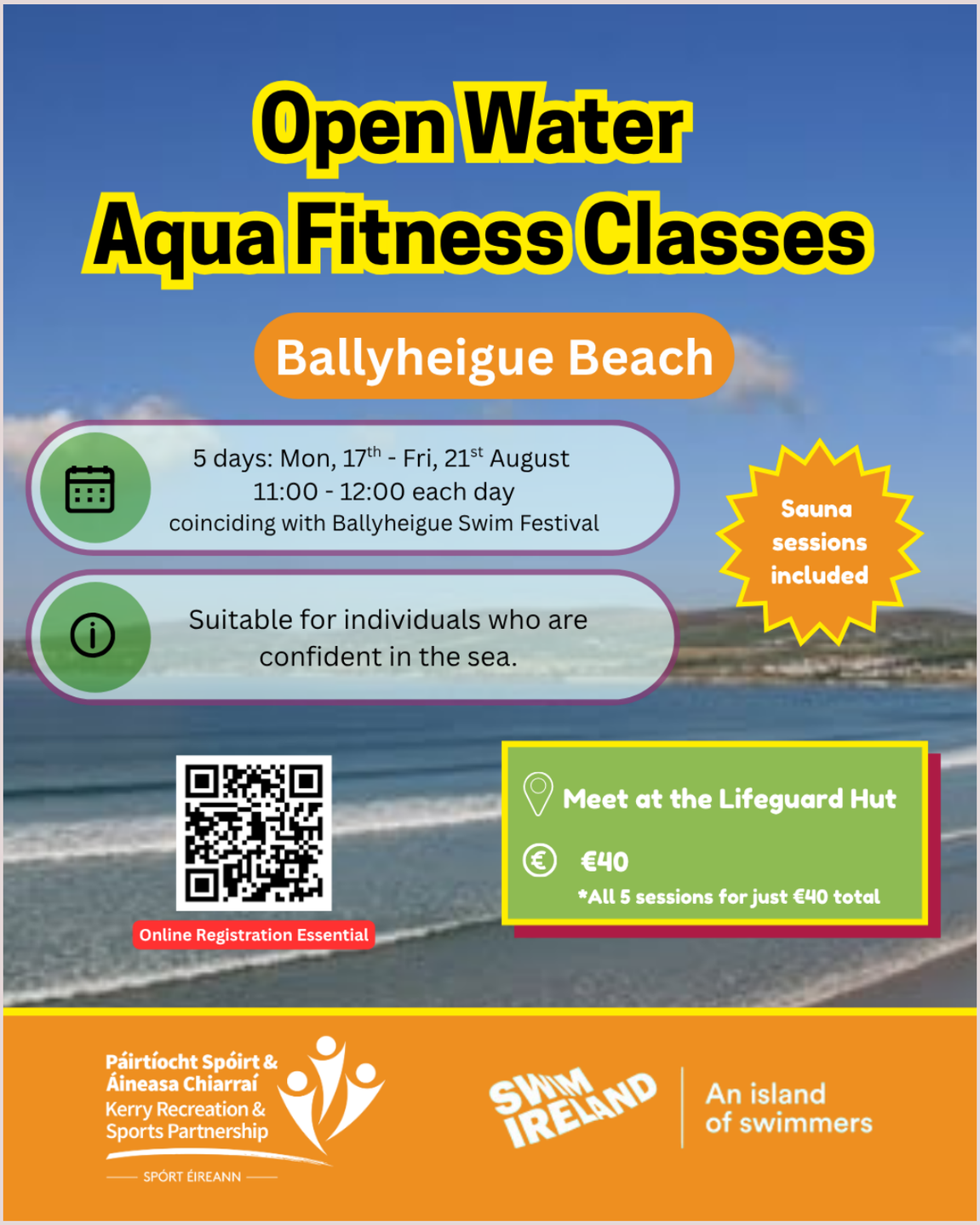


Open Water Aqua Fitness Classes

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.

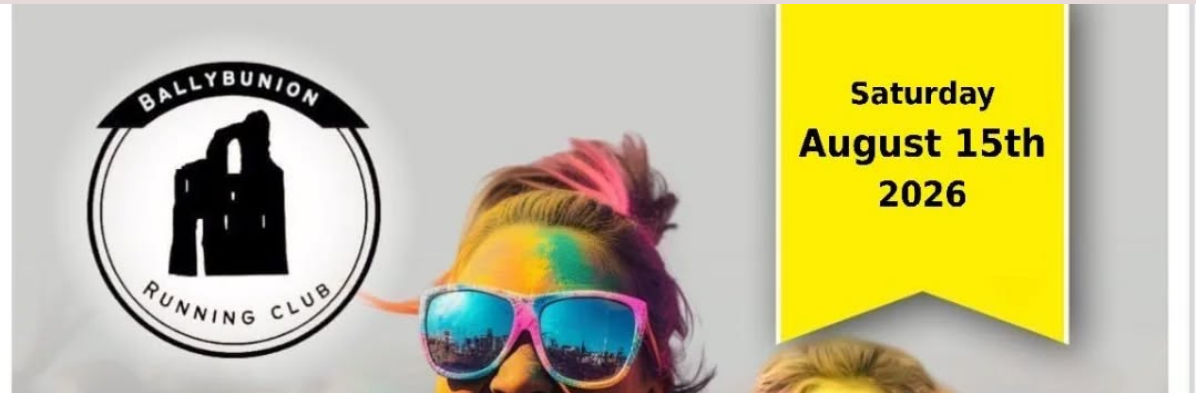
Date: 5 days starting Monday 17th of August until Friday 21st of August

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**).

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.

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

- 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

Community News

Exciting Collaboration News!

At the July meeting of the Kerry OPC Executive, staff from the Kerry County Museum presented the early stages of an exciting collaboration between Kerry County Museum and Age Friendly Kerry.

This collaboration is part of the Mindful Museum Project which provides inclusive dementia and age friendly services in the museum and through outreach services.

As part of the collaboration, a series of interactive workshops will take place across Kerry as part of the Kerry Science Festival in November 2026.

This project is funded by MTU and Creative Ireland.

More details to follow soon!

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: 31st 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.

Drop off your
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

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.

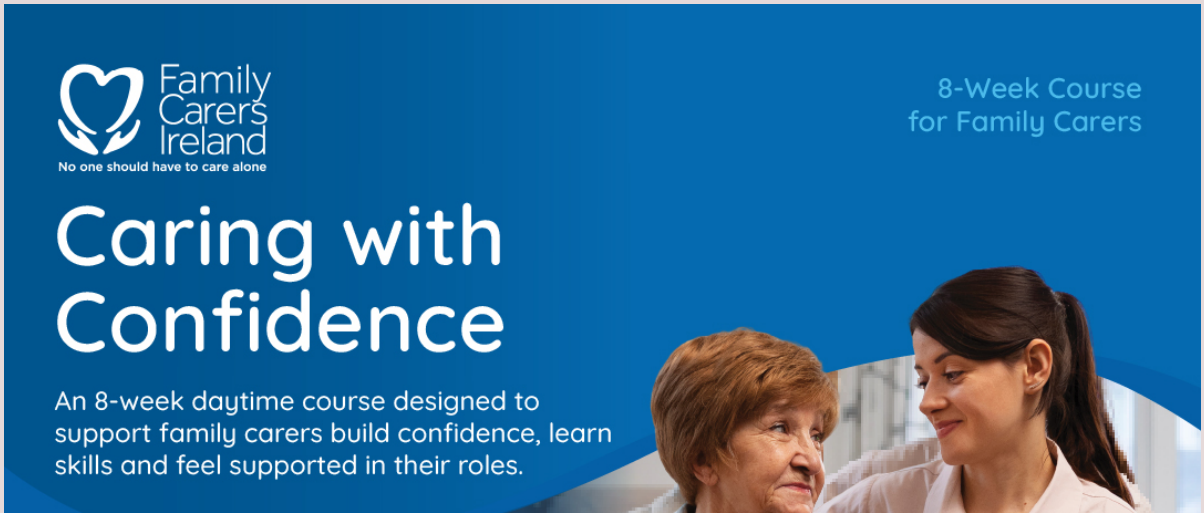
Householders, safely dispose of your household hazardous waste that's been building up... and all for FREE!

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

More information on Hazardous Waste

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

SHEP
Capacity for Personal & Social Transformation

The SHEP Certificate in Personal Development

No prior qualifications needed -
Course open to all -
Offers you a chance to get to know yourself better in a supportive, friendly, non-judgemental environment.

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

Is This Course for Me?
People on the course come from all sorts of backgrounds. This is a special strength of the course. No special prior qualifications are needed, just a willingness to be personally involved and to interact with others. In this approach, people meet as equals, learn from each other and begin to dissolve social and cultural barriers.

Contact:
Cork – 021 466 6180
Kerry - 085 8602253
Limerick – 085-8613752
Email Queries: info@socialandhealth.com
Website: https://socialandhealth.com/

Time commitment:
One evening a week 7.00pm-9.30pm or a morning session 10.00am to 12.30pm. Runs from Sept/Oct 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.** See application form on website for details. Closing date Friday 31st August 2026.

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Celebrating 50 Years of Personal & Social Transformation
1974 – 2024

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Chiarraí

Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership

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

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

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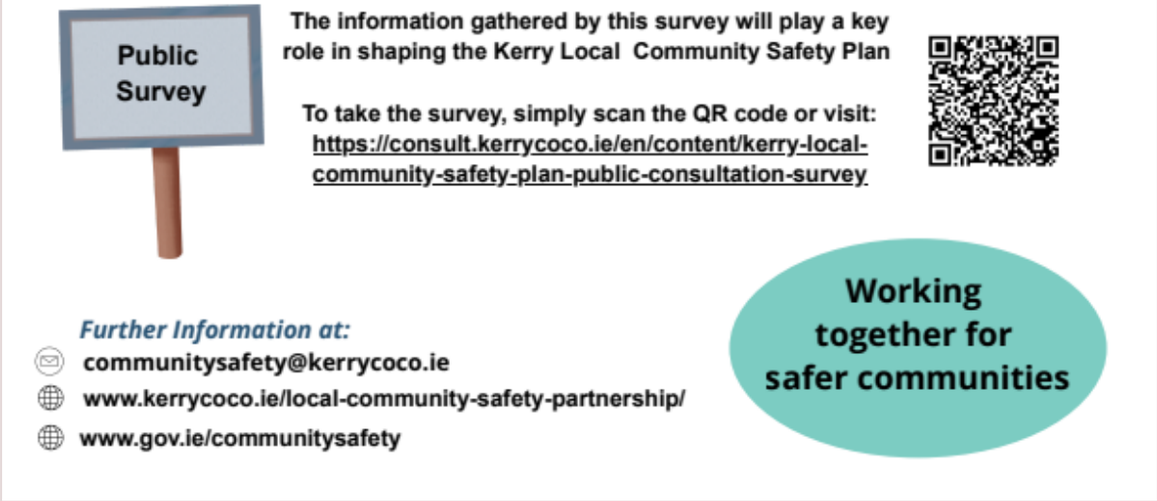

Survey Link

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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

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Road Closures

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

Some upcoming closures include:

- Road Closure - LGFA Kerry Ladies Senior Football Team Homecoming 2026 - Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – L-1012 Ahalahana, Moyvane, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention
- Road Closure – L-12077 Ballintaggart, Dingle, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention
- Road Closure – Cahersiveen Music & Arts Festival 2026 – Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – Main St, Killarney – Notice of Intention
- Road Closure – L-1006 Lisselton Cross, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention

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.**
- Section 38 - R878 Tralee Crossings & Traffic Calming
  - Closing date for submissions: **4.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th August 2026**.
- Proposed Variation No 4 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 Material Alterations
  - Closing date for submissions: **Friday 28th 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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