Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí
Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th August, 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.

PPN Stakeholder Training

There is self-pace training currently available to all PPN members!

The online only self-paced videos programme has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)

- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only training and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

Registration Link

Community News

Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership Public Consultation

Derry Ó Murchú, Vice Chairperson, Kerry LCSP (Kerry PPN Representatives), Mags O'Connor, Coordinator

Kerry LCSP, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District meeting members of the public at the Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership public consultation on Community Safety in Dingle Library on Tuesday, 11th August.

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 7th August Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Edition VII of Tintreach: The Smashing Times Arts and Literary Journal

Cost: €10

Edition VII of *Tintreach: The Smashing Times Arts and Literary Journal* was published on Saturday 18 July 2026, as part of Smashing Times' inaugural Kerry Arts and Human Rights Festival. This is a special bilingual edition themed **'Muintearas: Macallaí Uíbh Ráthaigh/Belonging: Echoes of Iveragh'**, incorporating both Irish and English, and publishing six artists with a connection to **Uíbh Ráthach/Iveragh** in **County Kerry**.

The edition's themes include belonging, identity, art, place, community, the Irish language, and nature, and, like all iterations of *Tintreach*, it contains a variety of artforms. The contributing artists are **Paddy Bushe**

(poet) and **Dominika Piekarska (visual artist)**, who are Featured Artists for this edition, as well as **June O'Sullivan (novelist)**, **Ita Ryan (writer)**, **John Goode (poet)**, and **Marie O'Shea (writer)**. Edition VII was launched in The Barracks Heritage Centre, Cahersiveen, Kerry on Saturday 18 July 2026. They were thrilled to have a sizeable turnout, with fantastic audience engagement, for which they are very grateful.

Click here to purchase your edition

Collaborator to trial new MyGug for Farming

Amu Green are looking for a collaborator to trial their new MyGug for Farming.

This project is focused on the small dairy farmer/producer of dairy foods who has livestaock(5-20 cows). We wish to provide the new system to the small farmer - Turn farm byproducts into energy, reduce costs and creates circular economy on the farm.

They are looking for a partner to work with preferably in the Munster region. The project will look at how MyGug can benefit small farmers by providing a renewable energy solution created by feedstock (slurry/dairy by-products).

MyGug is provided FREE to the farmer for the period of the project.

For small farmers committed to sustainability, MyGug anaerobic digestion (AD) offers an opportunity to rethink slurry and dairy by-products. Rather than seeing these materials simply as a waste-management burden, MyGug AD enables farmers to use them as a **readily available source of renewable energy produced on the farm**.

MyGug AD is designed specifically around the needs of smaller farms. Its **small footprint, low cost, plug-and-play design and high reliability** make anaerobic digestion accessible to farms that have traditionally been unable to justify the investment, complexity and infrastructure associated with conventional AD systems.

Energy from a resource already on the farm

Every day, livestock farms produce organic material that contains valuable energy. MyGug AD captures this energy through anaerobic digestion and converts it into **biogas that can be used on the farm for everyday energy requirements**, such as hot water, heating and electricity generation.

This creates a simple circular system:

Livestock → slurry & dairy by-products → MyGug AD → biogas → heat & electricity for everyday tasks

Instead of transporting waste away or treating it solely as a liability, the farmer can extract additional value from an on-site resource.

Lower farm energy costs

Energy is a significant operating cost for many farms. Producing renewable energy on-site can reduce reliance on purchased electricity and fossil fuels, particularly for applications requiring regular and predictable energy use.

The potential applications include:

- Hot water for the dairy
- Water heating
- Electricity generation

Because the feedstock is generated on the farm, the farmer can create energy **where it is needed, when it is needed**, reducing dependence on external energy supplies.

A small-scale solution

Traditional AD has often been associated with large farms and substantial capital investment. MyGug AD is designed to change that equation.

Its **small footprint and modular, plug-and-play approach** make it suitable for smaller livestock and dairy farms that may not have the space, capital or feedstock volumes required for conventional AD.

Reliable renewable energy, year round

Unlike some renewable energy technologies, anaerobic digestion can produce biogas **day and night and throughout the year**, provided the digester is continuously supplied with suitable feedstock. For a farmer, this means renewable energy is not simply an intermittent source of power. It can become part of the farm's everyday energy infrastructure. The result is greater energy resilience and less exposure to fluctuations in energy prices.

Turning a burden into an asset

Perhaps the most important benefit is the change in perspective.

Slurry is not simply waste. It contains energy.

Dairy by-products are not simply something that has to be managed. They can become part of a productive farm energy system. MyGug AD enables farmers to capture that value locally, creating a circular agricultural system in which farm by-products are transformed into renewable energy and the resulting digestate can potentially be returned to the land as a nutrient resource.

Supporting the sustainable farm of the future

For farmers committed to sustainable agriculture, MyGug AD offers more than an alternative energy source. It provides a practical application of **circular bioeconomy.**

The farm becomes a producer of renewable energy as well as food.

Food production → agricultural by-products → renewable energy → nutrients returned to the farm

With its low capital requirement, small footprint, simple operation and ability to make use of an existing farm feedstock, MyGug AD has the potential to make small-scale anaerobic digestion commercially and practically accessible to a much larger number of farmers.

If you are interested in this opportunity to collaborate and trial a MyGug on your farm for FREE, please reach out to Fiona at fiona@amugreen.com

Upcoming Events

Abbeydorney

CYPSC
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES
Kerry

Shannow
Family Resource Centre

Do you have a child with ADHD or awaiting a diagnosis of ADHD?

Then this Parent Support Group is for you.

This group was established in September 2023 and has been growing from strength to strength ever since.

Monthly Meetings

The 2nd Tuesday of every month

from 7pm to 8.30pm

Thank you to funding which we received we hope to provide a range of workshops for parents on topics identified by the existing group such as:

- Parental Self Care & Regulation
- Promoting Resilience Confidence & Self-esteem.
- Friendships & Relationships
- And much more.

New members always welcome.

Venue: Shannow FRC, The Cloisters Abbeydorney

For further information or to register contact us on 066 7198018

Cost: FREE

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Family Resource Centre National Forum
Supporting • Strengthening • Empowering

Parent Support Group

When: The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7pm - 8:30pm

Where: Shannow FRC, The Cloisters, Abbeydorney

Cost: Free

Are you raising a child with ADHD, or currently on the journey toward a diagnosis?
You don't have to navigate it alone.

It’s a safe, welcoming space to share experiences, build resilience, and connect with other parents who truly understand.

New members are always welcome!
For more information or to register your place, please call 066 71 98018 or 087 777 4673.

Ballybunion

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!

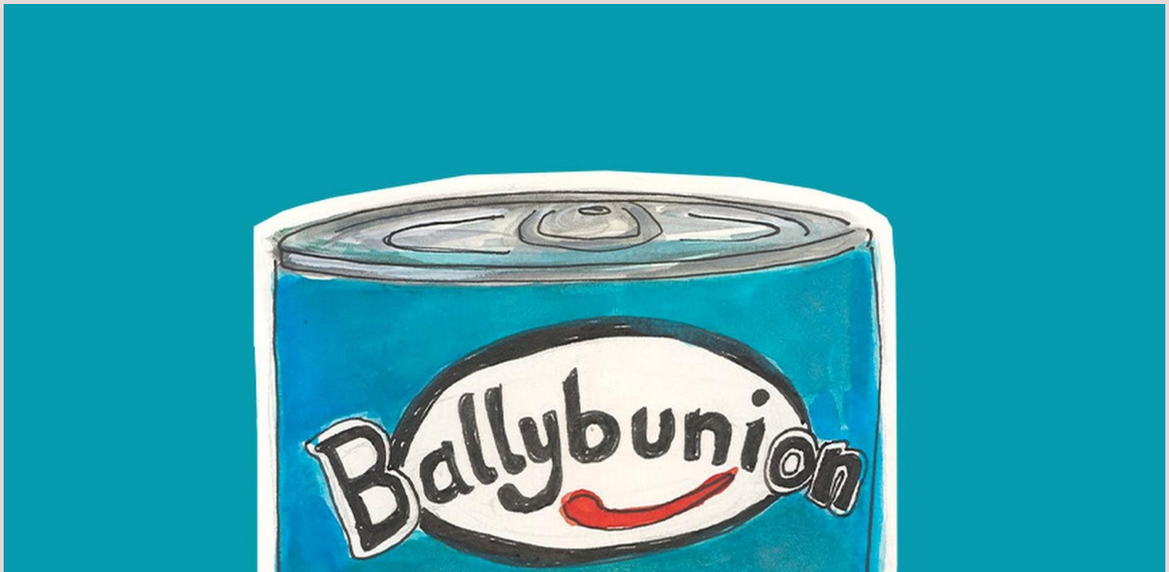
This is the third year running the event and the previous 2 years have been absolutely brilliant days out for all!

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



Tickets Available

Ballybunion Bean Festival

When: 22 - 23 August

Where: The Barna Way, Ballybunion

Join for a weekend of beans in Ballybunion.

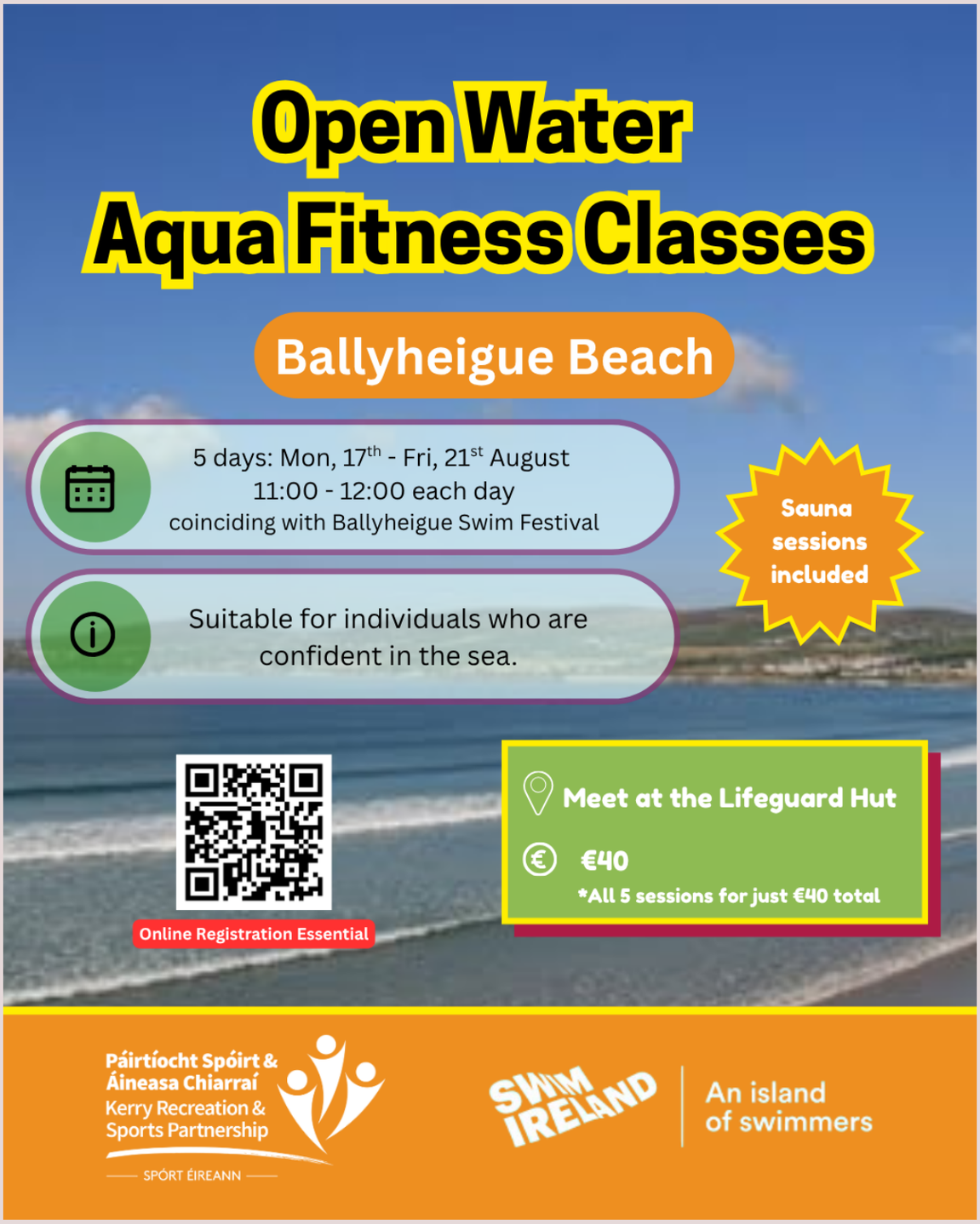
The **Ballybunion Bean Festival** is an truly unique festival celebrating beans as a sustainable, climate-friendly food for the future.

The dynamic and inspiring programme includes comedy, live music, art, great conversations and yoga as well delicious local, organic and vegan food.

It runs next week from **August 22–23, 2026** at The Barna Way and in Ballybunion town.

Watch last years bean festival

Ballyheigue



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

Cahersiveen

Cahersiveen Coffee 'n' Chat

When: 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

Castleisland

All Breed Championship Show

Tralee and District Canine Club are delighted to welcome you to the club's 53rd All Breed Championship show!

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026

Location: An Riocht Athletic Grounds, Castleisland, Co. Kerry

Host: Tralee & District Canine Club (under license from the Irish Kennel Club)

Sign-up / Entry: Entries and schedules can be managed via Dog Show Entry

Killarney

THE ANAM SESSIONS

(LIVE ALTERNATIVE ACOUSTIC FOLK MUSIC CONCERTS)

Wednesday, July 01: 7-9pm
Free Admission. Open to all

Wednesday, July 15: 6-8pm
Free Admission. Open to all

Wednesday, July 29: 6-8pm
Free Admission. Open to all

Wednesday, Aug 12: 7-9pm
Free Admission. Open to all

Wednesday, Aug 26: 7-9pm
Free Admission. Open to all

(East Avenue Road next to old cinema)

A new series of early evening FREE alternative Folk Concerts at Anam, East Avenue road (near the cinema), Killarney. Presenting singer-songwriters, original and cover songs, Irish Folk & African Folk Music fusion. Curated by Tim O'Shea (folk veteran). Feature the best new and emerging talent from the area and beyond.

ANAM

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ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE

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

Killarney Alzheimer Café

Open to everyone
Held the third Wednesday of every month
Coill na Darrach Community Room Eircode V93 VXY8

This month's session:
Wednesday, 19th August 2026
11am – 1pm

Speaker:
Emily McCullagh
Mental Health Recovery
Support Worker ~ SHINE

For Further Details, contact
Lynda Phillips
087 3556508
lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie

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

For more info: www.alzheimer.ie

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, National Office,
Temple Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin Charity Number: CHY7868

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Speaker: Emily McCullagh, Mental Health Recovery Support Worker - SHINE

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

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Listowel

Fuchsia Café Morning

When: Tuesday 29th September and the last Tuesday of each month thereafter, 10:30am until 12noon

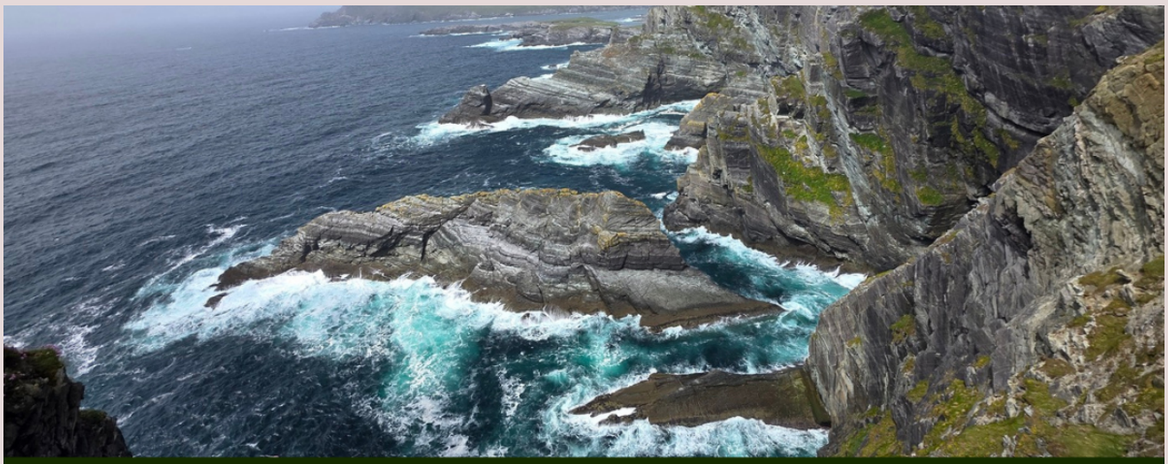
Where: The Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel

Who can attend? Come along to a welcoming space for those with dementia, their carers and family members

Why should you come along? Enjoy a free cuppa, have fun and meet new friends in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. It is a morning of music, quizzes and craic!

For more information on the Fuchsia Café Mornings, please call on 087 231 6017

Tralee



Connected to Nature: Protecting Species from River to Sea

Heritage Week 2026 | National Water Day

Sunday 23rd August 2026 @ 1:00pm
Tralee Bay Wetlands
FREE

Book Now

Funded by An Chomhairle Oidhreachta The Heritage Council

National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

Nature Network Ireland

Connected to Nature: Protecting Species from River to Sea

Heritage Week 2026 | National Water Day

Come join for the afternoon!

Hear from conservationists working to protect Ireland's waders, sharks and otters, then explore Tralee Bay Wetlands on a guided walk. Heritage Week, hosted by Nature Network Ireland

Come for the talks, stay for the connections.

Where: Tralee Bay Wetlands

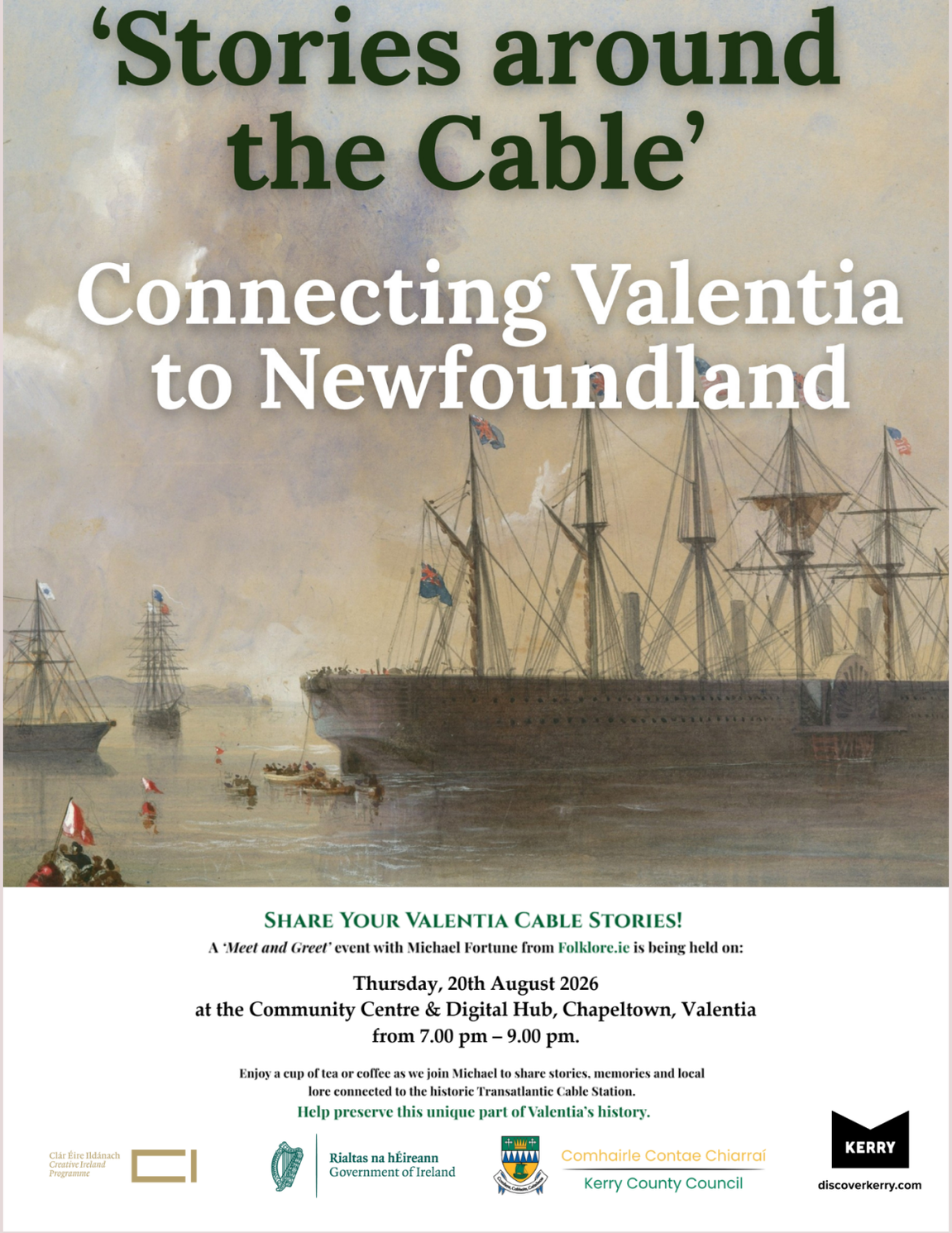
When: Sunday 23rd August

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Free to all!

Valentia

A new project by Michael Fortune (folklore.ie)



Share your Valentia Cable Stories!

Connecting Valentia to Newfoundland

A ‘Meet and Greet’ event with Folklorist Michael Fortune from Folklore.ie

When: Thursday 20th August, 7pm - 9pm

Where: Community Centre & Digital Hub, Chapeltown, Valentia

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and join Michael to share stories, memories and local lore connected to the historic Transatlantic Cable Station.

Help preserve this unique part of Valentia's history.

Valentia Walking & History Festival

Friday, 18th – Sunday, 20th September 2026

The Valentia Walking & History Festival, taking place across Valentia Island this September.

A weekend of walking, history, heritage, music and community, with something for all ages.

- **Friday,18th September | Culture Night:**
  - 5.00pm: From MacCarthy Mór to the Cable: Knightstown History Walk. Meeting at the Town

Clock
    - 7.30pm–9.30pm: Connecting Valentia to the World, from the Medieval Past to the Future - A discussion on the history of Valentia with three guest speakers at the Royal Valentia Hotel.
    - Music in the Royal Valentia Hotel afterwards
- **Saturday, 19th September:**
    - 10.00am–2.00pm: Cable Walk: From Foilhomurrum Bay to the Cable Station in Knightstown. Meeting at Bray Head Carpark
    - 3.30pm: Kids Walk
- **Sunday, 20th September:**
    - 2.00pm–5.00pm: Callum’s Cup Walk. Meeting at the Town Clock
    - Music in the Royal Valentia Hotel afterwards

This year also marks 160 years since the successful laying of the 1866 Transatlantic Cable, a story that places Valentia at the heart of global communications history.

Full programme and booking information will follow soon.

Walk. Discover. Connect.

Registration Link

County Wide

Daniel O'Connell School

When: 28th - 29th August 2026

Where: The Ring of Kerry Hotel, Cahersiveen and Derrynane House, Caherdaniel

The programme is attached to the newsletter

Those who intend to attend the School (on either or both days) must pre-register.

This may be done through our website (www.danieloconnellsummerschool.com) where those registering will be asked to pay an attendance fee €35 per day or €60 for the two days.

The registration fee includes morning coffee/tea. Those who do not have access to online may register by calling 087 756 2772.

For those not attending the School in person, the lectures will be live-streamed from Cahersiveen on Friday, 28 August. Saturday's lectures in Derrynane will be recorded and will be available for viewing from 6 September.

Access to both the live stream and recorded lectures is available by purchasing an Online Access Pass (€20) through Eventbrite.

Further Information

Estuary Watch

When: Saturday, 22 August 2026, 1pm – 3pm

As part of National Heritage Week, join for the **Estuary Watch**, a community dolphin watching event celebrating the natural and maritime heritage of the Shannon Estuary.

The Shannon Estuary is one of Ireland’s most remarkable coastal landscapes and is protected as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). It is home to Ireland's only resident population of bottlenose dolphins, as well as seabirds, otters, salmon, lamprey and a rich variety of coastal habitats.

During the event, IWDG officers and volunteers will host a series of coordinated watch points on both the Clare and Kerry sides of the Shannon Estuary. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the Shannon Bottlenose dolphins, use binoculars and spotting scopes and take part in a coordinated **one-hour continuous watch**, beginning at **1:30 pm**. During this survey, all watch points around the estuary will simultaneously record and count all dolphins observed, helping to build a snapshot of distribution and activity across the inner and outer Shannon Estuary.

No booking is required, just come along to any of the designated watch points and join the event.

A special watch point will also take place on Scattery Island Battery. Please note that Scattery Island is accessible by ferry only. Ferry tickets must be purchased separately, ferry charges apply, and visitors are advised to check the ferry timetable for crossing times on the day of the event. Advance booking is recommended.

Watch Point Locations:

- **Kerry**
  - **Tarbert Ferry Terminal –** Hosted by Jack.
    - Contact: jack.ocallaghan@iwdg.ie
    - Car Park
  - **Beal Point –** Hosted by Eva and Louis.
    - Contact: eva.lambert@iwdg.ie
    - Car Park
  - **Bromore Cliffs –** Joanne and Ballybunion Tidy Towns.
    - Contact: joanne.obrien@iwdg.ie
    - Car Park

Family Carers Ireland

No one should have to care alone

Family Carer Peer Support Meetings

Family carers welcome, no need to call in advance, simply turn up have a tea a pastry meet other carers and possibly come away with extra information.

****FREE**** Caring with Confidence course for family carers in Tralee from Monday 21st September, 8 weeks. Whether someone is new to caring or has many years of experience, this course offers a welcoming and supportive environment where carers can learn, share experiences, and access valuable support.

For more information or to register, please contact **Michelle** at training@familycarers.ie

Tralee

Location: Rahoonane Community Centre, Tralee, V92 D9HF

Time: Tuesday 8th Sept, 10.30-12.00

Details: peer support group meeting and visit from Miriam McGillycuddy solicitor who will give a brief presentation to carers

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Killarney

Location: Torc Family Resource Centre, Ballyspillane,

Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 FD1H

Time: Thursday 10th Sept, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Details: peer support group meeting and at 11.45 , we will have Joan Browne doing some self-care in form of Qigong 11.45 (its similar to Tai-Chi but easier!)

Glenbeigh

Location: Glenbeigh Hotel, Curraheen, Glenbeigh, V93 K0W9

Time: Wednesday 16th Sept, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Details: peer support group meeting and at 12.15 , we will have Sage advocacy to tell carers about the service **carers asked to bring €€ for tea/coffee at hotel if desired

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CLASSICAL SESSIONS

'Classical Sessions' Concert Series

Th Moriarty brothers and Nathan Meltzer return this summer for another series of classical sessions in Castlegregory and Brandon/Cloghane.

Joining them this year is an outstanding group of internationally acclaimed musicians from across the globe, bringing together an exciting programme that spans beloved classical works.

Session 3 - Halla Le Chéile, Ballyguin, Brandon, 16th August, 7:30pm

Music by Sam Perkin, Gabriela Smith, Kosma/Takemitsu, Schumann and Max Richter (from the film Hamnet)

National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

Full list of events

National Heritage Week

National Heritage Week in Kerry and across the country kicks off this weekend, running from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd August.

Check out the large programme of free events happening across county Kerry

Online

AnamCara

Supporting Parents After Bereavement

Supporting Surviving Siblings Bereavement Information Evening

When: Tuesday 15th September at 7pm

As part of their commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, they are exploring opportunities to further support the wider family.

This event is the first, hopefully of many, of that commitment.

This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement.

They are joined by an exceptional panel of local organisations and experts in sibling bereavement.

Michelle Hartnett is a senior play therapist, systemic practitioner, and bereavement specialist currently working with **LauraLynn**, Ireland's Children's Hospice, with over 15 years' experience supporting families through serious illness, grief, and loss.

Anna May is founder of **The Student Grief Network** and Executive Head of Grief Programmes at Kaplan International. She lost her brother as a child and her dad as a young adult, and is passionate about improving the support that people get following a bereavement. Anna is also a writer and artist, interested in how creativity can help us explore difficult human experiences and build more connected ways of living.

We are also joined by **Childhood Cancer Ireland**, **Jacinta's Smile**, and **Rainbows**.

Registration Link

Grants & Funding News

Rural Tourism Fund 2026

Closing Date: 16th of September

The Rural Tourism Fund is an Airbnb-supported initiative, in partnership with Historic Houses of Ireland, Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) and the Vintners' Federation of Ireland (VFI).

Their objective is to recognise and celebrate the people, businesses and communities who make up the rural tourism and hospitality sector in Ireland. Following the strong response to their inaugural fund in 2025, Airbnb is extending and significantly increasing its investment in rural tourism, with €200,000 available this year, reflecting double the previous level of funding.

This investment reflects Airbnb's ambition to champion rural tourism as an important driver of balanced regional development. Rural tourism helps sustain local employment, supports small businesses, preserves cultural and natural heritage, and disperses tourism activity beyond traditional urban centres.

Rural tourism also drives regional competitiveness and the sustainability
of rural SMEs, with clear links to the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union's programme and pillar of competitiveness.

The Fund is designed to support locally led projects that strengthen rural communities and improve visitors' experience. It is open to community groups, rural tourism organisations, small businesses and local enterprises across all 26 counties in the Republic of Ireland.

Applications will be invited across three categories:

- Outdoor & Activity
- Heritage & Arts
- Hospitality & Food,

The 2026 Fund builds on the impact of last year's programme, which provided more than €100,000 to a diverse range of projects, including Spanish Point Cycling Tours, Aughrim Tidy Towns, Skibbereen's Painted Past and the Doonbeg International Jazz Festival.

These projects demonstrate how targeted support can help communities enhance local attractions, develop distinctive visitor experiences and create longer-term economic benefits.

Further Information

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Energy for Generations

Fund 2026

Closing date: Monday 24th August 2026 at 5pm

The Energy for Generations Fund disburses €1 million per year across a range of community and issues-based initiatives through a bi-annual fund to charities working in the areas of social inclusion relating to access to education, access to employment, and homelessness.

Built Heritage funding schemes for 2027 applications.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and Kerry County Council have announced the opening of three key built heritage funding schemes to applications: the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme** (BHIS), **Historic Structures Fund** (HSF) and **Historic Thatch Buildings** (HTB) for 2027.

These three funding schemes are open to owners of historic buildings and structures and the funds support for buildings, streetscapes and traditional building skills.

Guidance booklet for Applicants attached to newsletter

The closing date for applications:

- Built Heritage Investment Scheme - October 30, 2026
- Historic Structures Fund - November 27, 2026
- Historic Thatch Buildings - October 30, 2026

Further Information

CGN Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

The CGN Windfarm Community Benefit Fund has acted as a beacon of support specifically designed for community, voluntary, and not-for-profit organisations in the vicinity of the windfarm. Their mission is to endorse a culture of inclusion and to dismantle the barriers that lead to isolation.

They aim to unify the community, stimulate active achievement, and foster an environment where every member can participate and thrive. In addition to fostering community development and inclusivity, we also endorse local initiatives that promote environmental sustainability, climate action, and biodiversity preservation.

Grants of up to €2,000 are being offered to encourage local initiatives that focus on bolstering community development and inclusivity. They're actively seeking applications for initiatives that underline the following objectives:

1. Amplifying opportunities that inspire engagement in community life, thereby strengthening integration and social unity.

2. Extending support to various groups to enhance connectivity within the community, fostering a sense of belonging.
3. Championing activities that help cultivate a shared sense of community identity and connectedness.

The attached Criteria and FAQ documents have all the details of the Fund.

They ask you to *carefully* read these documents before starting an application. Also attached is a Application Help Guide which should help you through the registration and application process, including a list of the questions being asked.

When you log into your SmartSimple account, you will see a ‘Funding Opportunities’ button where you can access the application form.

Please note that updating your organisation’s account with them and filling in an application *takes time*. **They will only be accepting applications until 4th September 2026** so please leave yourself more than enough time to complete every required step.

Please login to your SmartSimple account here

Training & Education Opportunities

Supporting Alcohol-Free Pregnancy; Evidence, Practice and Professional

Perspectives

When: Tuesday 8 September, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Online

The launch webinar of the Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) Prevention Resource Pack.

This resource has been developed to support healthcare professionals across a range of settings to promote healthier pregnancies and prevent harm associated with alcohol use. It offers practical, evidence-based guidance to support sensitive, non-judgemental conversations with women, partners, and families about alcohol and reproductive health.

The webinar will:

- introduce the key components of the resource pack,
- highlight the importance of early intervention and informed decision-making,
- explore how healthcare professionals can play a vital role in prevention,
- and reinforce the shared responsibility across services and communities in supporting alcohol-free pregnancies.

Registration Link

Free Life Coaching for Disabled People

ILMI's VOICE project is offering free online life coaching to help you work towards your personal goals. Sessions take place on Zoom and are tailored to your individual needs.

To find out more, contact your local VOICE Community Development Worker:

Nicola Meacle nicolameacle@ilmi.ie

National Biodiversity Data Centre - Training Events and Workshops

Their expert-led workshops and training events support both beginner and experienced recorders, helping you confidently identify species, collect high-quality records, and follow best-practice standards that support wildlife conservation.

They offer hands-on workshops across Ireland, along with flexible online training. Our free, self-paced courses on the National Biodiversity Learning platform are available to explore here.

Keep an eye out as more workshops, webinars, and events will be added throughout the year.

Further Information

ILMI VOICE Project 6 week online course

If you are a disabled person living in Kerry, Tipperary, Cork, Waterford, Wexford, Carlow or Kilkenny, we'd love you to join us.

VOICE is designed for disabled people by disabled people. It is a space to connect with other disabled people, build confidence, share experiences and take action on the issues that matter in your community.

The course is free and runs online over six weeks, with the opportunity to stay involved in the VOICE Project afterwards.

Don't miss out. Places are limited.

To register or find out more, contact Nicola Meacle, Community Development Worker.

Phone: 087 718 9237

Email: nicolameacle@ilmi.ie

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

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Public Consultations

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.

Public Consultation

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

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Public Survey

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

To take the survey, simply scan the QR code or visit:
https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/content/kerry-local-community-safety-plan-public-consultation-survey

Further Information at:

communitysafety@kerrycoco.ie

www.kerrycoco.ie/local-community-safety-partnership/

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 – L-1012 Ahalahana, Moyvane, Co. Kerry – Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – The Lost Sheep Triathlon 2026 – Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – L-4041 Beaufort, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention
- Road Closure – L-6545 Doonimlaghbeg, Ballymacelligott, Co. Kerry – Notice of Decision
- Road Closure – L-6516 Clahane, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention
- Road Closure – L-8043 Ventry, Co. Kerry – Notice of Intention

Further Information

Open Consultations

Check out the Open Consultations on the Kerry County Council Portal

- Part 8 - Flemings Lane, Killarney
  - Closing date for submissions: **Wednesday, 19th 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.**
- 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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