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Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th 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 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!

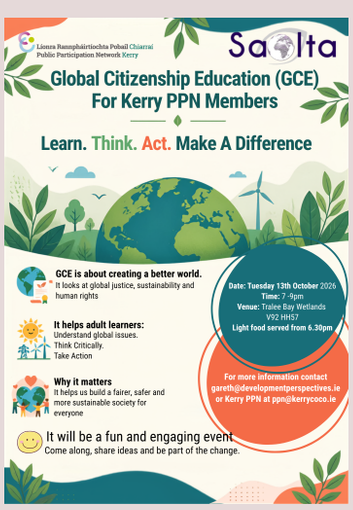
The online only self-paced videos programme has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

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



Date for your diary Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Training

When: Tuesday, 13th October, 7.00 pm - 9pm (food served from 6.30)

Where: Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology & Activity Park, Tralee

What is Global Citizenship Education?

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) helps us understand how global issues affect our everyday lives and our local communities.

It looks at:

- Global justice
- Sustainability
- Human rights

More details to follow and the link to sign up for this interactive and interesting information session.

Operations Manager Vacancy

Location-Rathmore, Co. Kerry (On-site)

Employer-The Social Action Group Rathmore CLG (SAG)

Contract-Initial 2-Year Fixed Term

Hours- 24 Hours Week

Salary- Circa €31,000 PA - Full-Time Equivalent €45,000

Benefits- Company Pension Scheme available

The Social Action Group Rathmore CLG (SAG) is a registered charity dedicated to supporting our local community. They manage an extensive and diverse property portfolio, including: 35 independent living housing units, The Convent building (Protected Structure), Teach Iosagain Community Centre, Teach Mhuire & St. Joseph's Day Care Centres, A community laundry and associated outbuildings.

They are committed to high governance standards, environmental sustainability, energy retrofits, and providing exceptional customer service to their tenants and service users.

The Role: As their Operations Manager, you will join their core management team to oversee and implement SAG's Asset Management Strategy and Procurement Policy and Procedures. You will lead their housing and maintenance team, ensuring their buildings remain safe, sustainable, compliant, and financially viable.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Team Leadership -Mentor, manage, and schedule work for general operatives and housing support staff.
- Asset & Retrofit Planning-Develop rolling stock condition surveys and lead energy-efficient retrofitting programmes across older buildings.
- Operations & Repairs-Manage responsive repairs, void works for re-lets, and oversee external contractors (KPIs, procurement, and performance).
- Compliance & Safety- Maintain a strict Health & Safety culture, ensuring statutory compliance, landlord frameworks, and annual safety servicing are met across all sites.
- Financial Oversight- Manage maintenance budgets, seek out sustainability funding, and prepare capital grant applications.
- Tenant & Community Focus- Act as a key point of contact for technical advice, ensuring empathetic and professional communication with tenants and stakeholders.

Main Requirements

- Qualifications- Holding a recognised qualification at Level 7 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
- Experience- Operations Manager experience, managing facilities, residential properties, or community buildings, ideally within the Irish NGO housing or Approved Housing Body (AHB) sector.
- Compliance- Strong working knowledge of Irish statutory legislation, including the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act and Fire Services Acts.

How to Apply: Please submit your CV along with a detailed cover letter detailing your suitability for the role by email - submit for the attention of the CEO to info@sag.ie

Closing Date Close of Business on 7 September 2026

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 21st August Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Launch of Sustainability Plan.ie

Two community organisations in Blessington are working together to launch a new website encouraging communities throughout Ireland to create their own bespoke sustainability plans for free.

Building on their previous successful partnerships and extensive experience with joint sustainability projects, the Blessington Tourist Office and Blessington Allotments Campaign formally launched *SustainabilityPlan.ie* in August 2026.

SustainabilityPlan.ie enables any small business, community group, sports club or school to benchmark their current sustainability performance, set measurable targets over the next five years, and plan how they will make further progress. Completing a sustainability plan provides a clear roadmap to reduce waste, cut emissions, improve biodiversity, and could be beneficial for future funding applications.

In recent years, the Blessington Tourist Office and Blessington Allotments Campaign have completed numerous projects both together and individually, related to waste and emissions reduction, and supporting and promoting biodiversity in the local area.

In 2026 the two groups worked together to organise free electrical recycling events in Blessington that collected almost 10 tonnes of e-waste in total.

These projects and the positive response and support from the local community inspired and informed the development of *SustainabilityPlan.ie* and a want to encourage and make it easier for other groups to take similar sustainability actions.

SustainabilitiyPlan.ie Link

Ballybunion Bean Festival: Visionary Festival lights the way for the future

The Ballybunion Bean Festival was a huge success this weekend, with guests enjoying the beautiful sunshine in the woodlands and gardens at The Barna Way just outside Ballybunion. The dynamic and inspiring programme celebrated food and culture. It included comedy, live music, art, great conversations and yoga as well delicious local, organic and vegan food.

Panels explored the potential of beans for the planet, for creative communities and for the body. All speakers emphasised the interconnectedness of the issues in the context of the polycrises we are facing in terms climate change, biodiversity loss and forced migration.

Sunday morning started off very gently with Soil Salutations yoga session with Steph Sheahan. Then comedian Breda Larkin jumped onto the stage for a hilarious show called Diary of a Bean Queen. Then everyone will head back to town on bikes or the Bean bus for The Bean Fair and nature walk at The Old Attic on Main Street Ballybunion.

The beans and other food was grown locally and will be cooked by The Gourmet Offensive and Lily Toomey. Artists include Kerry Visual Artist in Residence Lisa Fingleton, Jennie Moran (luncheonette), Stephanie Sheahan (Rituals of Plate), Sailhymn (singer /songwriter), Niamh O Brien (harpist) and Breda Larkin (Comedian).

The festival ran from August 22–23, 2026 at The Barna Way and in Ballybunion town.

Upcoming Events

Fenit

Join for Dip for

Registration Link

Jigsaw!

When: Saturday 12th September at 9:30am

Where: Fenit Strand

This charity dip is dedicated to bringing the community together to support youth mental health.

Here is the schedule for the morning:

- **9:30 am: Registration:** Come by our information table to sign in for the dip, learn more about Jigsaw, and leave a positive message at our creative wellbeing station.
- **10:00 am:** A moment to move, stretch, and try some light breathwork on the beach.
- **10:30 am:** The dip begins on the main beach.
- **After the swim:** Warm up with complimentary tea or coffee from Mike's Cafe and join us for a get-together to celebrate our community and youth mental health.

Kenmare

Kenmare Memory Café

When: Tuesday 29th September, 11am - 12:30pm

Where: Lansdowne Hotel, Main Street, Kenmare

Topic: Safety in the Community and Home **with Guest Speaker** Sergeant Jamie Cullen from An Garda Síochána Kenmare

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

The café provides a warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their carers, health & social care professionals and members of the community by participating in social engagement and connecting with others

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

Memory Walk

When: Sunday, 20th September at 11am

Where: Meet at Deenagh Lodge and walk through Killarney National Park

It has been organised by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Sign Up Today!

Call 01 207 3833 or visit memorywalk.ie

Listowel

Active Ageing Festival Listowel

The Active Ageing Festival has been an annual event since 2023. Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership and Age Friendly Kerry are bringing the event to North Kerry for the first time this year. It aims to promote physical activity for older adults by providing attendees an opportunity to try activities such as Activator Pole Walking, Floor Curling, Walking Football etc. The event will also have a keynote speaker John Lonergan, to address the audience and it will also host stands allowing local organisations such as local charities, the HSE, SKDP and men's sheds etc. to showcase their services to attendees.

Date: Friday 18th of September

Location: Listowel Community Centre

Times: 10:00-2:30 (refreshments provided)

Cost: FREE

Bookings

Stories & Ideas in Listowel

From 17–20 September, Listowel International Storytelling Festival brings four days of storytelling, music, poetry, theatre and conversation to the town.

Discover performances, workshops, family events, free Culture Night experiences and a special celebration of Kerry seanchaí Éamon Kelly.

Full programme and tickets

Activity Class Schedule - Listowel Community Centre

Why not check out BASE at Listowel Community Centre for various fitness classes?

Contact number: 068 222 44 or www.listowelcommunitycentre.ie

- **Monday**
  - Bums & Tums at 10am
- **Tuesday**
  - Spinning at 10am & 6pm
- **Wednesday**
- Base Burn MRT at 6:30am
- Body Blast at 10am
- **Thursday**
  - Spinning at 10am & 6pm
- **Friday**
  - Kettlebells at 10am

More Classes Available - led by their experienced instructors

Classes: €2 for members / €10 non members

Tralee

Upcoming Events at Kerry Women's Centre

Story Telling Workshop

DATE: September 2nd & September 9th

TIME: 10 am to 12 pm

WHERE: 65 Rath Oraigh, Rathass, Tralee V92 PH32

Do you have a unique life story just waiting to be told? They are looking for women of all backgrounds, races, ages (18+), and nationalities to share the experience that have shaped their world

Come along and learn at a free training event.

If you have a unique life story to be told or if you just want to learn the craft of storytelling.

To book your space, please contact us on

P: 066 9130430
E: info@kerrywomenscentre.ie

Registration Link

Culture Night

DATE: 18th September

TIME: 7 pm

WHERE: 65 Rath Oraigh, Rathass, Tralee V92 PH32

Gather round the flame for an intimate night of live stories and the bridging of cultures

Hot food and Music on the Night!

2026 Bee Survey Series

Survey Date: Wednesday, 9th September 2026
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Weather-dependent, updates on the Wetland's website and social media

Suitable for adults and children (with supervising adult)

Senior Ecologist, Alan Balfe will lead an engaging outdoor session exploring Ireland's native bees and the wildflowers that support them. Participants will be guided through the Park to learn how to spot, identify and understand the different species of bumblebees found in Ireland.

During the survey, attendees will search for bees, record sightings and submit their findings to Biodiversity Ireland, contributing valuable data that helps protect these vital pollinators. The event is suitable for both beginners and returning participants, offering a wonderful opportunity to deepen nature knowledge and enjoy the outdoors.

Everyone is welcome to take part. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine.

Can't make this one? Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park will host their final Bee Survey of 2026 on Wednesday, 7th October.

Booking Link

Al-Anon First Meeting

Help and Hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Open to men and women

Free & Confidential

Date: Tuesday 10th September

Time: 7p.m - 8p.m

Venue: Rath Oraigh Community Centre

Social Enterprise Forum

Calling All Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurs!

When: Wednesday, September 16, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Where: Austin Stacks GAA Club, Tralee, Kerry, V92 X952

Lunch is included and the event is free but please register by emailing johnny@wheel.ie.

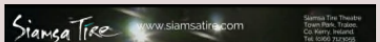
Are you a social enterprise, a social entrepreneur with a good idea, or just want to learn more about this growing sector?

Join in **Portlaoise** on **17 September** for a morning of connection, shared learning, and practical discussion.

The forum will explore key challenges facing social enterprises, including funding, leadership development, and marketing. They will also hear from local social enterprise leaders and learn about the support structures available in the region.

Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and delivered in partnership by The Wheel, LDCN (Local Development Companies Network), SERI (Social Enterprise Republic of Ireland), and ISEN (Irish Social Enterprise Network)

Booking Link



Stitch & Screen

Siamsa Tíre & NEWKD Craft Circle Invite You to the 2nd Stitch & Screen in Kerry!

Come along and have the time of your life with an evening of creativity, laughter, friendship, and film!

Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, or any portable craft, and settle in for a wonderfully relaxing evening while watching the beloved blockbuster **Dirty Dancing** on Siamsa Tíre's big screen.

With the lights gently dimmed, you'll be able to stitch comfortably while enjoying the movie—creating the perfect blend of creativity, entertainment, and community.

Your **€8 ticket** includes:

- A unique Stitch & Screen experience
- Complimentary tea and coffee before and after the film

Whether you're an experienced crafter, just starting out, or simply love a great movie, **everyone is welcome**. Come on your own or bring a friend—you'll leave with wonderful memories, new connections, and inspiration.

Date: Monday, 7th September 2026

Time: 7:00pm–8:40pm

Tickets: €8

Suitability: PG

Book your ticket online

County Wide

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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The Kingdom Comes Alive for Culture Night

When: Friday, 18th September

The Kingdom comes alive for Culture Night 2026 – an evening to get out, get involved and experience the extraordinary range of creativity happening in communities across Kerry. **All for free!**

From Tralee to An Dromaid, Ballybunion to Caherdaniel, Killarney to Daingean Uí Chúis, and Listowel to Kenmare, there will be plenty happening.

Drop into an exhibition.

Try your hand at a workshop.

Catch a play, a concert or a film.

Hear a reading, join an open mic, explore Kerry's heritage or come across music, dance and spectacle in unexpected places.

Events will happen indoors and outdoors, from the afternoon through to late evening.

The people making it happen are local. Artists, creatives, community groups, venues and cultural organisations across Kerry devise and organise events in their own communities, creating a Culture Night programme that is rooted in the places and people of the county.

The Arts Office of Kerry County Council works with these local organisers, coordinating the county programme and providing funding towards the majority of participating events.

There is something for all ages and all kinds of interests. Some events are made for families and younger audiences; others are for adults, while many welcome everyone. You can plan your night from start to finish, stay close to home, make a trip of it – or simply take a chance on something you've never experienced before.

The Gaeltacht is very much part of the night, with activity across Corca Dhuibhne and Uíbh Ráthach. Irish-language and bilingual events sit alongside music, theatre, opera, heritage and multidisciplinary work, with activity in locations including Daingean Uí Chúis, Brandon, Cloghane and An Dromaid.

And the variety continues across the county: painting and craft, exhibitions and displays, writing and spoken word, concerts and live music, theatre and opera, film, dance, heritage, community gatherings and street spectacle. There are opportunities to watch and listen, but also plenty of chances to make, learn, participate and meet people along the way. The programme ranges from small, intimate experiences to lively gatherings and outdoor events.

One night to make something, hear something, see something, discover something – and have a bit of craic while you're at it. One Night for All, right across the Kingdom.

All events are free, although some require advance booking

Events are subject to change; check the website for the latest information

The Arts Office of Kerry County Council, with support from Kerry County Council and the Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon, provides core funding for the Kerry programme. Additional activity in 2026 is supported by Creative Ireland Kerry and Cultúr 2026 – Sharing Ireland's Culture, the cultural programme marking Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, presented by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport through Culture Ireland / Cultúr Éireann. Events supported through Cultúr 26 are identified in the programme

Culture Night Brochure

HSE South West launches free information evenings to help people plan for the future

The HSE South West is running six free information evenings across Kerry this September and October. The ‘Plan Today For Peace of Mind Tomorrow’ series will help people, families, and carers plan for their future health and care needs.

The project is a partnership between the HSE South West, SAGE Advocacy and Healthy Age Friendly Homes. The main goal is to give practical advice so people can live safely and independently at home for as long as possible.

Attendees will get clear, simple information on topics such as: Local health services and community support; tips for keeping homes safe and age-friendly; independent support from SAGE Advocacy; making decisions and setting up legal protections including Enduring Power of Attorney and how the Fair Deal nursing home scheme works.

Everyone is welcome to attend and no booking is required. **All events start at 8pm** at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, 1 September**
  - Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square, Listowel, V31 V062
- **Tuesday, 15 September**
  - RDI Hub, Killarney Road, Killorglin, V93 KP68
- **Tuesday, 29 September**
  - Sacred Heart University, John St, Dingle, V92 V593
- **Tuesday, 13 October**
  - Cahersiveen Social Services, The Parsonage, Caherciveen, V23 R726
- **Tuesday, 20 October**
  - Killarney Heights Hotel, Cork Rd, Killarney, V93 XKR4
- **Thursday, 22 October**
  - Meadowlands Hotel, Oakpark, Tralee, V92 DC83

Grants & Funding News

MACE: Community Grants Campaign

MACE has launched the second year of its Community Grants initiative, inviting local groups and clubs across Ireland to apply for a share of a €50,000 fund designed to support projects that make a positive difference in their communities.

The campaign will award fifty grants of €1,000 each to community organisations, supporting projects that make a positive and lasting difference at a local level.

Returning as the retailer's biggest community campaign, MACE Community Grants builds on a successful inaugural year that saw widespread participation from local groups and retailer engagement across the MACE network.

Fronted by MACE brand ambassador and former Ireland rugby captain Johnny Sexton, this year's campaign features a series of videos showcasing three of last year's grant recipients and the tangible impact the funding has had in their communities.

Open to community groups and clubs nationwide, the initiative provides a simple application process. Entrants are asked to submit details of their organisation and explain, in 150 words or less, why they deserve to receive funding and how it would benefit their community.

Applications close on **10 September**

Further Information

Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF): NEW €100,000 FUND for Community Climate Action Initiatives

LEAF is designed to:

- Support environmental enhancement, biodiversity and climate action projects.
- Empower Tidy Towns committees and voluntary groups registered with the PPN.
- Encourage collaboration between community organisations and local stakeholders.
- Deliver visible, practical improvements in local areas.

Eligible Projects:

- from Tidy Towns/similar organisations registered with the PPN
- ranging between €1,000 and €25,000 will be considered with funding for up to 100% of eligible project costs
- should demonstrate a clear environmental and community benefit and involve collaboration with other community stakeholder groups
- need to be completed with funding drawn down by 5pm, Friday, July 30th, 2027.

Applications are to be submitted via KCC's consult.ie portal

Application Forms | Kerry County Council where further information on the fund is also provided.

(A hard copy of the application form will be available on request.)

Closing date is 5pm Friday, September 25th.

Queries to climateaction@kerrycoco.ie.

Kerry County Council Submission Portal

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

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

2-Day Acting Workshop

When: Rath Oraigh Women's Centre, 65 Rath Oraigh, Tralee V92 PH32

When: Saturday, 12th September, 10am - 5pm & Sunday, 13th September, 10am - 2pm (Lunch break included)

Your Coach: Simon Geaney - Experienced coach with over 10 years experience. Trained in Trinity College Dublin

Build your skills. Boost your confidence. Be ready for your moment.

What's included:

- **Approaching the text**
  - How to approach text, how to approach a scene, learning lines, character development
- **Rehearsal work**
  - Monologues, tips for big emotions like laughing, crying, anger, etc. Giving others their moment - giving to the other actor.
- **Showtime routines**
  - Tools and routines to help you look after yourself as an actor
- **Practice & performance**
  - A few short scenes to help with practice
- **Scene work & monologues**
  - Work on scenes and monologues in a supportive, creative environment

To Secure your place, call 087 781 3443

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Discovery Day - Kerry

Where: RDI Hub, Killorglin

When: Thursday 17 September • 10 AM - 4 PM

Free workshop for nonprofits & community organisations - learn practical tools and explore responsible AI adoption in your workplace.

Join in Kerry for the AI For Good Discovery Day, a free, hands-on workshop designed for nonprofits, social enterprises, and community organisations curious about artificial intelligence.

Whether you're just getting started or looking to deepen your understanding, this interactive session will introduce practical AI tools, real-world use cases, and guidance on adopting AI responsibly within your organisation.

Led by experienced facilitators, you'll take part in collaborative exercises, live demos, and discussions tailored to the needs of the sector. You'll leave with a clearer understanding of how AI can support your mission - and the confidence to take the next step.

Registration Link

Physical Activity Leader (PALs) Training

PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) is an initiative which trains older people how to lead sport and activity sessions in their local groups and communities. Once an older adult becomes a PAL you will be trained to lead activities like short exercise routines, games, dances and sports.

Dates: 6 Tuesdays starting 6th of October until Tuesday 10th of November

Location: St John's Parish Centre, Castle Street, Tralee.

Times: 10:00-3:00 (refreshments provided)

Cost: FREE

Booking Link

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

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**

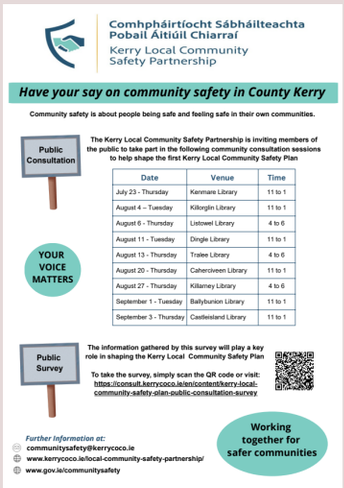
Location: Rahoonane Community Centre, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 D9HF

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

Public Consultations



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
September 1 - Tuesday	Ballybunion Library	11am - 1pm
September 3 - Thursday	Castleisland Library	11am - 1pm

Open Consultations

Check out the Open Consultations on the Kerry County Council Portal

- 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**.
- Section 38 Proposed junction improvement works at Cahernane, Muckross Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry
  - Closing date for submissions: **2pm on Friday, 4th September 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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