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Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September, 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

Kerry Community Awards - Finalists Announcement

The Kerry Community Awards are delighted to announce the finalists for 2026!

There was **88 applications** in **7 categories** which the judges had a difficult decision to make as there is **21 finalists**!

A huge congratulations to all of the groups and organisations who have been shortlisted. The finalists represent the remarkable work taking place in communities across Kerry — from supporting community wellbeing and empowering young people, to protecting our environment, celebrating our culture and heritage, and creating more inclusive communities.

They are delighted to recognise the dedication, energy and commitment of everyone involved.

- **Age Friendly Community**
  - Corca Dhuibhne / West Kerry Active Retirement Association
  - Killarney MenaShed
  - Laune Rangers
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage**
  - Blackwater Women's Group / Drama Group
  - Valentia Island Development Company C.L.G.
  - Wold Fiddle Day Scartaglin Community Group
- **Climate Action & Biodiversity**
  - Ballyferriter Conservation
  - Feiste Climate Action Group
  - The Dingle Hub
- **Community Achievement**
  - Forbairt na Dromoda Teo
  - Friends of AIBLE CLG / Tralee Tidy Towns
  - Spa Tidy Village Group
- **Community Wellbeing**
  - Ballyduff Family & Community Support Forum CLG – Bud's Family Resource Centre Ballyduff
  - Fáilte Isteach Gach Duine Moyvane / Moyvane Village Hub
  - Recovery Haven Kerry – Cancer Support House
- **Community Youth**
  - Boy Scouts Scouts Tralee Branch Youth Section
  - Maist Generation Kerry (Kerry ETB)
  - Sliabh Luachra BC
- **Inclusive Community**
  - Kerry Canoe Club
  - Listowel Autism Friendly Town
  - NEWKD Craft Circle

Congratulations to all the finalists!

Each of these groups and organisations makes an important contribution to community life in Kerry, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the **Kerry Community Awards**.

We wish all of our finalists the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating with you all.

Global Citizenship Education - Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest 2026

Date & time:
13 Oct @ 19:00 - 21:00

Venue:
Tralee Bay Wetlands Eco & Activity Park, Tralee, V92H957

Organiser:
Kerry Public Participation Network / Sarella. Development Perspectives

Facilitator:
Gareth Conlon

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Training What is Global Citizenship Education?

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) is about understanding the connections between our local community and the wider world. It encourages us to think critically, act responsibly, and work together to create a fairer, more sustainable future.

During this engaging workshop, we'll explore topics including:

- Global justice – understanding fairness and equality in an interconnected world.
- Sustainability – how our everyday choices impact people and the planet.
- Human rights – promoting dignity, inclusion, and respect for all.
- Climate action – responding to environmental challenges through community action.
- Active citizenship – empowering individuals and groups to make a positive difference locally.

Whether you're involved in a community group, a volunteer organisation, or simply interested in creating positive change, this practical and interactive session will provide ideas, tools, and inspiration that you can bring back to your community.

Registration Link

Community News

SICAP Newsletter

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation (SICAP) newsletter is **attached**

Take a look to catch up on their latest updates, news and upcoming events.

Have you an old mattress you want to dispose of?

Households only - No Commercial Customers

Clean Dry Mattresses only will be accepted **Free of Charge**.

Maximum of **2 mattresses** per vehicle

Saturday 12th September, 9am - 3pm at North Kerry Landfill, Muingnaminnaun, Kielduff, Tralee V92 K444

Saturday 19th September, 9am - 3pm at Kenmare Co-Op Mart, Mart Road, Gortamullin, Kenmare V92 R761

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 11th September Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Relove Fashion 2026 Competition Now Open for Young People Aged 12-19

The competition, which has just launched for its third nationwide year, invites young people aged 12-19 to create a wearable fashion piece by upcycling unwanted clothes and textiles, promoting creativity, repair, reuse, and sustainable fashion.

With finished outfits due at the end of January, it serves as the perfect term project for schools and youth groups.

Those who register their interest before 30th September will be entered into a draw to win a sewing machine, and all participants can receive a free bag of unwanted textiles from participating charity shops to upcycle, if they so wish.

Further Information

Upcoming Events

Ballybunion

Community Alert & Text Alert - Property Branding

Mark it! Brand it! Get It Back!

When: Saturday 12th September, 11am - 2pm

Where: Ballybunion Mens Shed

Property Branding deters criminals and ensures stolen property is returned to its owner

Everyone Welcome!

Please note: Your driving license number will be used for engraving on the day, so please ensure you have your license with you

This is a **free service** but a donation on the day would be welcome to cover the costs of running this event

Fenit

Join for Dip for 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 shoreline.
- **After the swim:** Warm up with complimentary tea or coffee from Mike's Café 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 Cullinane from An Garda Síochána Kenmare

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

For more information, contact Niamh Murphy niamh.murphy@alzheimer.ie or at 087 216 9104

Listowel

A Day at the Races | Inaugural Exhibition

You are invited to A Day at the Races, the inaugural exhibition by Visual Artists Listowel, celebrating the creativity, individuality and unique perspectives of local visual artists.

Taking place at the iconic St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre, the exhibition brings together a vibrant mix of artistic practices, including painting, sculpture, mixed media, printmaking and photography.

Date: Saturday, 19th September

Time: 10:30 am

Location: St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre, Listowel

Cost: Free event

The official opening will be performed by Jimmy Deenihan, former TD and Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Come along add celebrate one of Listowel's oldest and most cherished traditions through the creativity and vision of our local Visual Artists.

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

Be Active Be Well

Are you ready to bring more activity into your life, but unsure where to start? The Be Active, Be Well programme is here to help. Be Active Be Well isn't an exercise class – it's a behaviour change course designed to empower you to make positive, sustainable changes to your physical activity habits.

The Health Promotion Department in the HSE South West will be running a **Be Active Be Well programme in Listowel Family Resource Centre** in October.

The programme will take place on these dates (all Thursdays from 11.00am - 1.00pm):

- **1 October**
- **8 October**
- **15 October**
- **22 October**
- **10 December**

Each session blends expert guidance, group participation, personal reflection, and practical exercises to create a truly supportive and empowering experience.

Is it for you?
If you're someone who finds it hard to meet the physical activity recommendations of 2.5 hours of activity per week, but wants to make a change, this course could be exactly what you need.

Contact Gráinne Woulfe, Health Promotion and Improvement Officer on 087 1693992 or email grainne.woulfe3@hse.ie to book your place or for further information

Listowel International Storytelling Festival

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 Eamon Kelly.

Full programme and tickets

LISTOWEL CFRC
COMMUNITY CULTURE EVENING
An evening celebrating the cultures, traditions and talents that make the community unique
Wednesday September 16th 6pm - 8pm
Listowel Community Hall and Family Resource Centre
Whether you've lived here all your life or are new to the community, we'd love to hear from you.
If you're interested in getting involved or want more information, please contact our Inclusion Team on 087 1742864 or 087 4587131
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