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Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September, 2026

Welcome to the Kerry PPN Weekly newsletter packed with information, funding opportunities, community events and upcoming public consultations. Please share this newsletter 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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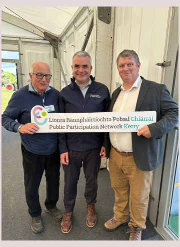
National Ploughing Championship 2026

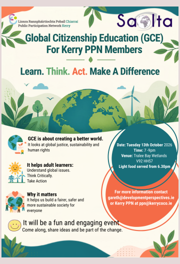


We were delighted to have two of our Secretariat members, Derry Murphy and Tomas Stack, attend the National Ploughing Championship 2026 representing the Kerry PPN.

They had a fantastic time meeting the public and other PPN's from over the country.

Derry and Tomas are pictured here with Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary.

Global Citizenship Education - Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest 2026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Global Citizenship Education (GCE)
For Kerry PPN Members
Learn. Think. Act. Make A Difference
GCE is about creating a better world.
It looks at global justice, sustainability and human rights
It helps adult learners:
Understand global issues.
Think Critically.
Take Action
Why it matters
It helps us build a fairer, safer and more sustainable society for everyone
It will be a fun and engaging event
Come along, share ideas and be part of the change.
Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026
Time: 7 -9pm
Venue: Tralee Bay Wetlands V92 HH57
Light food served from 6.30pm
For more information contact gareth@developmentperspectives.ie or Kerry PPN at ppn@kerrycoco.ie

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

Venue: Tralee Bay Wetlands Eco & Activity Park, Tralee, V92HH57

Organiser: Kerry Public Participation Network / Saolta, 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

Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter

Age Friendly IRELAND

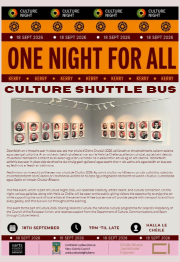
Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 4th September Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Upcoming Events

Brandon

Tonight (18th September) Culture Shuttle Bus



When: 18th September, 7pm till Late

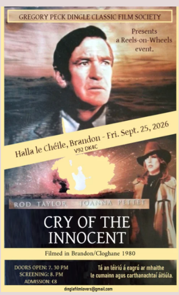
Where: Halla Le Chéile, Brandon

In partnership with Kerry County Council's Culture Night

There will be various local art galleries, along with Halla Le Chéile, will be open to the public, giving visitors the opportunity to enjoy the art and support the works of local artists.

This is a **free** event

Film Night


GREGORY PECK DINGLE CLASSIC FILM SOCIETY
Presents
a Reels-on-Wheels
event.
Halla le Chéile, Brandon - Fri. Sept. 25, 2026
V92 DK4C
ROD TAYLOR
JOANNA PETTET
CRY OF THE INNOCENT
Filmed in Brandon/Cloghane 1980
DOORS OPEN: 7. 30 PM
SCREENING: 8. PM
ADMISSION: €8
Tá an léiriú á eagrú ar mhaithe le cumainn agus carthanachtaí áitiúla.
dinglefilmlovers@gmail.com

When: 25th September

Doors Open: 7:30pm

Screening Starts: 8pm

Where: Halla Le Chéile, Brandon

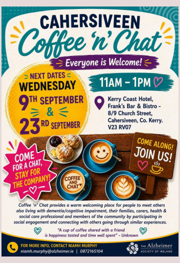
Admission: €8, with all proceeds going to local societies and charities

Halla Le Chéile in association with the Gregory Peck Dingle Classic Film Society are holding a film night.

They will be collaboratively showing a screening of 'Cry of the Innocent' starring Rod Taylor and Joanna Pettet, which was filmed in the Cloghane/Brandon area in 1980

Cahersiveen

Cahersiveen Coffee 'n' Chat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Coffee 'n' Chat
Everyone is Welcome!
NEXT DATES
WEDNESDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER
&
23RD SEPTEMBER
11AM – 1PM
Kerry Coast Hotel, Frank's Bar & Bistro - 8/9 Church Street, Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry. V23 RV07
COME FOR A CHAT, STAY FOR THE COMPANY!
COME ALONG! JOIN US!
COFFEE AND CHAT
Coffee 'n' Chat provides a warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their families, carers, health & social care professional and members of the community by participating in social engagement and connecting with others going through similar experiences.
"A cup of coffee shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent" – Unknown
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT NIAMH MURPHY
niamh.murphy@alzheimer.ie | 0872165104
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

When: Wednesday 23rd September, 11am -1pm

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

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

Dromaid

FÁILTE GO DTÍ AN DROMAID
18-20 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2026
FÉILE NA DROMODA
AR THÓIR THÍR NA NÓG
BÍGÍ LINN
OSCAILT OIFIGIÚIL
Tábhairne na hÚine
AOINE - 7.00pm
Míle buíochas le:

Féile na Dromoda

Where: Between Ionad na Dromoda and the Inny Tavern, Cillín Liath

When: Friday 18th September to Sunday 20th September

Oíche Cultúir brings CUAS at 8pm and later Neily O'Connor Friday, family activities all day Saturday with SuperCeilí headlining Saturday night and siúlóid na Dromoda on Sunday with the Shane the Kerry Cowboy and a lecture by Dr Tim Horgan.

Celebrating the culture, heritage and traditions of Dromid and the Skellig Coast Gaeltacht.

Three days of traditional music, storytelling, family fun and community events in the heart of Uíbh Ráthach.

Full programme is attached to the newsletter

Further Information

Killarney

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland
Supported by AVIVA
Memory Walk
Sunday 20th September
Together we walk. Together we remember.
LOCATION: Killarney National Park - Deenagh Lodge
TIME: 11am (entrance opposite St. Mary's Cathedral)
SIGN UP TODAY!
Call 01 207 3833 or visit memorywalk.ie

Memory Walk

When: Sunday, 20th September at 11am

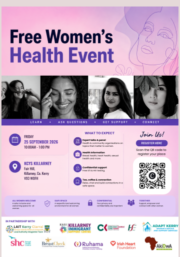
Where: Meet at Deenagh Lodge and walk through Killarney National Park

It has been organised by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Sign Up Today!

Call 01 207 3833 or visit memorywalk.ie

Women's Health Event



When: Friday 25th September, 10am - 1pm

Where: KCYS Killarney

A range of support services will be available to provide free information and advice on the day.

Free and confidential STI and HIV testing will also be available.

There will be some very short talks and a question-and-answer panel, with the option to submit questions anonymously.

They can help to organise transport for participants who need it.

Please encourage anyone interested to register and include their transport requirements on the registration form or directly to: Courtney.sheehy@kerrycoco.ie

Event Information

Registration Form

Listowel

Listowel Races Family Day

When: 20th September

Listowel Autism Friendly Town are delighted to be working in collaboration with The Listowel Races again this year.

They will be supporting the autistic community at the Family Day of the Harvest Festival on Sunday 20th September.

Listowel Autism Friendly Town understands that this may not be for all autistic families, for those who do want to attend Family Day, they will be there to provide support.

They will be located just inside the Marquee by the Hannon Stand.

They will have a supply of Ear Defenders / Fidget items that autistic people can borrow.

Members of their committee will also be there to support autistic families; you will see them wearing hi vis vests with their logo on.

Please do come & say hello, they may have some interesting fidget items that are "Out Of This World"

Visual Guide - Listowel Races Harvest Festival Family Day

Listowel Autism Friendly Town have created a visual guide for Listowel Races helps autistic people and their families know what to expect during their visit

Purpose and Features

- **Accessibility:** The guide makes The Races more welcoming by showing what to expect before arriving.
- **Familiarity:** The guide provides photos / images and practical information about the day. Reducing anxiety for visitors with sensory or cognitive differences.
- **Community Inclusion:** These guides are produced to support a fully inclusive community.

The visual guide is attached to the newsletter

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.

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**

What's it all about?

This programme is about helping you:

- Discover your personal motivations for being active.
- Overcome barriers in your life that prevent you from moving more.
- Set realistic goals and find the support you need to succeed.

Through five engaging group sessions facilitated by HSE Health Promotion Officers, you will explore how to make activity a part of your life—on your terms.

How does it work?
The course includes:

- Session 1: Getting Motivated
- Session 2: Setting Goals
- Session 3: Overcoming Barriers
- Session 4: Finding Supports
- Session 5: Sharing and Celebrating

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 0871880962 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 Éamon Kelly.

Full programme and tickets

Tralee

Serious Cause, Serious Fun: #TieDayFriday Helps Fill Mental Health Funding Gaps in Kerry

DANCING, discos and donations will take centre stage across Kerry on #TieDay**Friday, 9th October**, when people of all ages are encouraged to wear a tie, share a picture on social media and donate to Kerry Mental Health Association.

There are several ways to support the annual campaign:

- **Dancing** – Multiple World Champion Irish dancer David Geaney will sidestep from Dingle to Tralee for another Irish Dancing Marathon with another hundred dancers and musicians from 2pm to 9pm outside Kirby's Brogue Inn.
- **Discos** – MyFitness Kerry trainer George Bastible will host a Daybreak Fitness Disco at John Mitchels GAA Complex Sports Hall from 6am to 7am, featurin4g a live DJ and an energetic early-morning workout.
- **Donations** – Schoolchildren from Tarbert to Tuosist, workers from Ballybunion to Ballyferriter and members of the Kerry diaspora worldwide can donate online, buy a €3 tie pin or organise their own #TieDayFriday activity.

Donations to the Irish Dancing Marathon can be made at KerryMentalHealth.ie/dancing, while a separate fundraising page for the Daybreak Fitness Disco is available at KerryMentalHealth.ie/disco.

Irish dancers of every age and ability are welcome to take part in the marathon outside Kirby's Brogue Inn. Donations can be made online until 27th October, while #TieDayFriday tie pins will be available for €3 at Garvey's SuperValu on 9th October.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Fitness Disco can register at the MyFitness Kerry gym, opposite McDonald's in Tralee, or contact George Bastible on 087 447 6391 by WhatsApp. People can also support the fundraiser without attending by donating online.

Every euro raised will help fund therapeutic activities at mental health day centres, transport for people accessing mental health services and mental health awareness projects in communities throughout Kerry.

Kerry Mental Health Association is particularly grateful to Red Chair Recruitment for sponsoring the #TieDayFriday tie pins and to SMBC / JRI America at Kerry Technology Park for providing collection volunteers on #TieDayFriday.

The campaign also relies on the support of volunteer dancers, musicians and fitness enthusiasts, along with the cooperation of schools, businesses and communities throughout Kerry.

To volunteer or organise a fundraiser, email Volunteers@KerryMentalHealth.ie or phone 083 203 2742.

SportsAbility Day! *Venue Change*

Join Kerry recreation and Sports Partnership for a FREE and fun day to gather information and try adaptive sports! Local sports clubs and organisations will be offering Taster sessions where you can get in and try adaptive sports and activities available in Kerry.

Date: Sunday 20th September 2026

Event: 11:00-3:00

Location: Kerry Sports Academy (MTU-North), Tralee (V93 HD4V)

Cost: Free

Who: This is a pan-disability event geared towards adults and children with disability and their family members, local clubs, support services and anyone interested in learning more about adaptive sport and recreation.

Register online by Thursday 17th September 2026

Registration Link

Over 55s Activities

The Over 55s Health and Wellbeing Programme offers a range of friendly, accessible activities designed to keep you active, strong and connected. From Pickleball and Mobility & Stretch to Chair Yoga, Strength, Balance & Fall Prevention and Better Balance, Better Bones, there’s something for everyone.

- Improve balance and coordination
- Building strength safely
- Support mobility and posture
- Increasing confidence in movement
- Helping reduce the risk of falls

Days	Activity Classes	Times
Mon	Pickleball	11am - 12pm
Mon	Strength, Balance & Fall Prevention	12pm - 1pm
Tues	Beginners Pickleball	1:15pm - 2:15pm
Tues	COPD Support Group	2pm - 2:45pm
Wed	Better Balance, Better Bones	10am - 2pm
Thurs	Mobility & Stretch	1pm - 2pm
Fri	Chair Yoga	12pm - 12:45pm

Come along, get active and enjoy being part of the community!

Where: Listowel Community Centre, V31 VK13

Tel: 068 222 44

Email:

info@listowelcommunitycentre.ie

Thrift Extravaganza 2026

Get ready for the Big Thrift Extravaganza at Listowel Community Centre – their biggest market yet!

When: Saturday 10th October, 1-5pm

Where: Listowel Community Centre

Expect racks packed with pre-loved and vintage clothing, accessories and hidden gems, plus this time they’re bringing a little something extra … Kids’ Preloved Corner, Face Painting and Sweet Treats.

Whether you’re hunting for that one-of-a-kind vintage find, giving pre-loved fashion a new home or just coming along for the atmosphere, there’ll be something for everyone. It’s going to be bigger, busier and packed with even more bargains, fun and community!

Further Information

Progressive Pathways Fair 2026

Presented by: Employability Service Kerry & Department of Social Protection

Have you Additional Support Needs?

Are you 18 years or over and looking to progress Employment, Trainign or Further Education?

Then this **FREE** event is for you!

Date: Thursday 24th September 2026

Time: 11:00 - 15:00pm

Location: The Rose Hotel, Tralee

- Interactive Assistive Technology Display
- Information on Available Services
- ASD Service & Autism Friendly Room
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Wheelchair Accessible

For further information, email info@employabilitykerry.com or call 066 711 8758

County Wide

Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest 2026 - Open for bookings

The programme of events for the 2026 Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest has been finalised online, with bookings open from 9am this Friday, September 11.

This year’s Fest will run from Saturday October 10, World Mental Health Day, to Saturday, October 17, with a wide variety of free events taking place throughout County Kerry.

With events like Pilates, gardening, art, yoga, clay modelling, bee keeping, ice-cream making, self defense, mindfulness, storytelling and guided walks, there is an event there for everyone.

For more information visit KerryMentalHealthAndWellbeingFest.com or email kerrymhwfest20@gmail.com

Further Information

Heritage Keepers

Your place has a story. What will you discover?

Heritage Keepers is a free programme for **primary schools** and **community groups** to explore, celebrate and care for their place

They are currently looking for schools and groups in **Munster** and **Wexford** to join for the 2026-2027 programme

10 hours of Interactive Workshops

Learn about your local built, cultural and natural heritage

Funding available for heritage projects and fieldtrips

Turn your ideas into actions

Apply by 30th September 2026

Further Information

Architecture Kerry 2026 Programme

The Architecture Kerry Team is delighted to share the **Architecture Kerry 2026 Programme Brochure**.

The programme features exhibitions, talks, tours, workshops, and family events taking place across the county from **18 September to 9 October 2026**.

View the brochure here:

https://architecture.kerrycoco.ie/

Bookings here

Online

Free Online Composting Talk

Wednesday 23rd September 7 – 8pm

This hour long talk will be delivered by horticulturist Aoife Munn and will cover the basics in composting.

Click on the link to book your place Online Composting Talk

Any questions please email: aoifemunn@gmail.com

Grants & Funding News

Information session on CFI Innovate funding

Safefood is inviting applications for funding under its Community Food Initiatives (CFI) Innovate programme.

CFI Innovate supports organisations to develop and deliver innovative projects that use food to address health and social concerns within their local communities. The funding is available for organisations that may be new to delivering this type of project or organisations already working in this area.

Projects can support participants to develop practical skills and confidence in areas such as cooking, healthy eating, shopping, budgeting and meal planning, or can take a broader approach by exploring the local food environment and ways to improve access to and availability of healthy food. Through a programme approach, CFI Innovate projects support participants over a period of time, creating opportunities for learning, engagement and positive change.

This information session will provide information about what the funding can be used for, the Safefood resources that are available and also show you how to prepare your online application.

There are 2 options for the delivery of a CFI Innovate project:

1. CFI Innovate small project
2. CFI Innovate food environment project

An overview of CFI Innovate can be viewed through clicking on this link: https://youtu.be/0lXpOQiPxYI.

Funding

Interested organisations can apply for funding up to a maximum of €1,500 or the sterling equivalent to deliver a project in their local area.

Online information session

We will be holding an information session for organisations who would like to hear more about the CFI Innovate funding and what delivering a project will entail.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the CFI Innovate funding.

Information session

Date: Thursday, 10th September 2026
Time: 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Registration Link for Information Session

Further Information on Fund

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants Information Sessions

There will be two additional information sessions to be held in the Gaeltacht areas on the expansion of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants.

The information sessions will take place on the following dates:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tuesday 29th September	2pm to 6pm	Dingle	Páirc Ghnó an Daingin, Baile an Mhuilinn, V92 TX48
Wednesday 30th September	2pm to 6pm	Ballinskelligs	Gteic Uíbh Ráthaigh, Baile an Sceilg, V23 XK58

An information leaflet and all scheme documentation will be available at the events, in both languages, English and Irish.

The Gaeltacht Vacant Homes Coordinator Colm MacEachmharcaigh appointed by Mayo Co.Co. and in partnership with Údarás na Gaeltachta, will also be attending the events.

The sessions are open to the Public, to come and review the information and schemes available, and ask any questions that you may have.

Further Information

Protecting Wildlife and Nature Before Its Too Late, New Grants Available

Communities across Ireland are being invited to apply for funding to protect and restore local biodiversity through a new grant round from Community Foundation Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

More than 300 communities are already taking part in the initiative, delivering local projects that support forests, rivers, peatlands, coastal habitats and the species that depend on them.

The grants are provided through a strategic philanthropic partnership between Community Foundation Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, with applications now open for the 2026 funding round.

Established following the declaration of a National Biodiversity Emergency in 2019, the Biodiversity Fund has invested more than €2.5 million in helping communities work with expert ecologists to develop and implement local biodiversity action plans.

Funding is available under two strands:

- **Biodiversity Action Plan Development Grants** (€6,000 to €10,000) for communities seeking to work with an ecologist to assess local biodiversity, identify priorities and develop an action plan.
- **Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation Grants** (up to €12,000) for communities ready to put an existing plan into action.

The programme combines the commitment and local knowledge of communities, clubs and landowners with ecological expertise to increase understanding of local biodiversity and support practical conservation measures.

Further Information

Sustainable Sporting Summit

Here's how your club could win €10,000 towards an energy upgrade project

When: Saturday 19th September, 9am - 12:30pm

Where: SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Ballintemple, Cork

SE Systems is hosting the Sustainable Sporting Summit, a free morning for clubs of all sizes and every sport across Munster.

Every club represented is entered into a prize draw for €10,000 or €5,000 towards an energy project, or a free energy audit.

Join on the day to find out how you can:

- Reduce your club's energy costs
- Access funding and grants
- Future-proof your club's facilities
- Protect your club for future generations

Marty Morrissey is hosting, and it’s free to attend.

Spaces are limited, so register today

Registration Link

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

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

Kilgarvan and Inchincoosh Community Benefit Funds!

Perigus Energy invites applications for its Kilgarvan and Inchincoosh Community Benefit Funds.

The funds are open to not-for-profit organisations and community groups based within 10km of the sites. They emphasise support to organisations that engage in:

- Community services
- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Educational programmes
- Medical and health assistance

Applications close October 31st.

For queries, please reach out to communitybenefitieuk@perigusenergy.com

Apply Here

EUFunds: Sponsorship Opportunities to enhance Communication and Visibility of Cohesion Funds

For 2026 our aim is to provide a limited level of financial support to NGO’s and other local and or community based organisations with the objective of reaching citizens to communicate and enhance the visibility of the Cohesion Policy Funds in Ireland. We will award an overall total of approximately €15,000, over one or more rounds, to a range of qualifying events and activities across the country, with a maximum award of €2,500 for any individual proposal.

Examples of what can be sponsored

Activities that are eligible for support under this framework include (but are not limited to):

- Engagement activities such as events / conferences
- Capacity Building & infrastructure development, such as website enhancement / development
- Provision of promotional merchandise

Interested in applying:

Please send your completed application to **cohesionpolicydialogue@per.gov.ie**

Closing Date: 09/10/2026

The application form

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Training & Education Opportunities

Cyber Security Workshop

The MTU Cyber Safety Team is hosting a free 1 hour Cyber Safety Workshop at **Killorglin Library** on **23rd September** at **11 am** for 1 hour.

The workshop is designed to provide practical, easy to understand guidance on staying safe online. It is especially beneficial for older adults in the community, but everyone is welcome to attend.

It’s a chance to learn practical ways to stay safe online under these topics: -

- Avoid scams and phishing messages
- Create strong passwords
- Resolve hacking and account issues
- Manage cookies and privacy settings
- Set up two-factor authentication

The Cyber Safety Team from Munster Technological University (MTU) will answer any questions attendees may have.

Caring with Confidence

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

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

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

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

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

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Upcoming FREE Gate Keeper Suicide Prevention Training

HSE South West is offering a programme of free suicide prevention and bereavement training across Kerry this September, October and November.

These training opportunities are open to the public and are designed to support professionals, key contacts, and members of the community in developing knowledge and skills around suicide prevention, self-harm and supporting people affected by suicide.

Training will run from September to the end of November, check out the full list of training at Training Information Link

Registration Link

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Public Consultations

Accessible and Inclusive Tourism in Ireland Survey Now Live

Help shape the future of accessible and inclusive tourism in Ireland.

Fáilte Ireland's Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation aims to understand visitors' experiences and expectations of accessible and inclusive tourism when travelling in Ireland.

People across Ireland are invited to share their experiences of accessible and inclusive tourism and help inform the future development of tourism across the country.

The consultation will gather insights across areas including trip planning, transport, accommodation, attractions and visitor experiences. It will help identify barriers, opportunities and priorities for the future development of tourism, providing an important evidence base to support future planning.

The Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation has been co-designed with national advocacy organisations representing disability, sensory impairment, age friendly and access and inclusion interests.

The survey is open until 29th of October.

Further Information/Survey Link

MEMBER NEWS

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.