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Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry PPN Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th 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

Important notice, there won't be a Kerry PPN Newsletter next week as the Kerry Community Awards are on October 1st in The Rose Hotel. The very best of luck to all the finalists.

Kind Regards

Caroline and Kathy.

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Kerry PPN Updates

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, V92H6S7

Organiser: Kerry Public Participation Network / Sa+Ha, 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

Download the latest edition of the Age Friendly Ireland Newsletter: 18th September Edition

Download Newsletter Here

Census 2027 local job opportunities

The Census Team in the Central Statistics Office (CSO) have opened their recruitment of Census 2027 temporary Census Field Staff.

Their next census will take place in April - May 2027. To help them carry it out they are recruiting staff across the country in September and November 2026.

They are currently recruiting for **466 Census Field Supervisors**. This competition will **close at 2pm on 22 September**.

The successful candidates will be based from their homes and work in their local area from January until June 2027.

Further Information

Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance Recruitment - Regenerative Tourism Development and Interreg Circulatour Project Manager.

Comhaontas Turasóireachta Chorca Dhuibhne / Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance

is Recruiting a

Regenerative Tourism Development & Interreg CIRCULATOUR Project Manager

The Role:

- **Full time** Fixed term contract ending March 2029
- **based on site at Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance office**
- **Reports to Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance Co-Chairs and Council**
- **Salary commensurate with experience**

Essential Qualifications & Experiences

- **Minimum 2 years experience in destination development, management and marketing including stakeholder engagement and partnership building**
- **Minimum degree level qualification, preferably in tourism and hospitality**
- **Demonstrated experience managing EU-funded programmes**
- **Strong project management and administration**
- **Experience in Community-Based Tourism**
- **Experience managing budgets, funding compliance, and reporting to funding bodies**
- **Strong IT and digital skills**
- **Excellent written and verbal communication skills**

Essential Skills:

- **Stakeholder relationship building**
- **Regenerative tourism prioritisation**
- **Destination marketing**
- **Community engagement and relationship management**
- **Community engagement and facilitation**
- **Clean drivers licence and car necessary**
- **Irish language proficiency an advantage**

Desirable:

- **Existing knowledge of the Dingle Peninsula / Kerry Tourism Landscape**
- **familiarity of Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council and Irish government structures**

Please apply to Helen Houlihan (Co-Chair), Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance, Unit 6, The Wood Business Park, Dingle, Co. Kerry V92 F953 / Leagan Gaeilge ar fáil.

Closing date: 9th September 2026

Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance is an equal opportunities employer.

Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance is recruiting a Regenerative Tourism Development and Interreg Circulatour Project Manager.

Closing date: 30th September 2026

7,500 pieces, 48 hours: LEGO Millennium Falcon build to raise funds for young people on the Skellig Coast

Anita McKeown, Rebecca White and Olha Burdo are taking on a 48-hour challenge to build a 7,500-piece LEGO Millennium Falcon at the Portmagee Domes on 3-4 October 2026, raising funds for STEAM education for young people in South Kerry.

Organised by Future Focus21c, **From the Skellige to the Stars** coincides with World Space Week and celebrates Portmagee's connection to *Star Wars* and the Skeligs, which featured in the films.

The challenge will support Future Focus21c's **FIRST LEGO League** programme and plans for a new **Youth SPACE Astronomy Club**, making use of the Kerry International Dark Sky Reserve and building on the organisation's partnership with STEMarts Lab in New Mexico.

Future Focus21c provides hands-on opportunities in robotics, coding, engineering, astronomy and teamwork for young people across the Iveragh Peninsula. This year, its Team T-Rex became Dublin Regional Champions and went on to finish among the top eight teams nationally.

The Millennium Falcon itself has travelled internationally since 2019, passing between LEGO builders on six-month loans with a logbook documenting its journey. Future Focus21c is hosting its first international stop.

The fundraiser has a core target of **€6,500**, with higher targets supporting the FIRST LEGO League programme through the Regional and All-Ireland Finals, as well as helping launch the new astronomy club.

The public can support the challenge by donating through the From the Skeligs to the Stars fundraiser on Donate.

Donation Link

Upcoming Events

Dingle

Home Composting Workshop

A series of 3 workshops - free of charge

When: 10am - 12noon, Wednesdays 30th September, 14th October and 28th October

Where: An Díseart, Green Street, Dingle

Practical, hands-on and informative - learn how to turn kitchen and garden waste into valuable compost

To register call 087 215 3758 or email dsmurchu@hotmail.com

Priority will be given to those who can attend all 3 workshops

Killarney

Mental Health First Aid Course

There are **10 FREE community places currently available** on the upcoming 2-day mental health first aid course at Kerry Mental Health Association (former Ross Products)

When: Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October from 9.30am to 4.15pm on both days

Where: Upper Lewis Road, Killarney, V93 Y07C

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the initial help given to someone who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional support is received or until the crises resolves.

The MHFA course is a 12-hour course (4 modules, each 3 hours) that teaches people how to assist someone who is developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of mental health problems and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

They will learn a framework for communication, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person towards appropriate treatments and other supportive help.

Emerging mental health problems covered include:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Substance Misuse

Mental health crises covered include:

- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Self-harm
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe psychotic states
- Severe effects of alcohol or other drug use
- Aggressive behaviours

The course will be delivered by trained volunteer instructors under a licence from Mental Health First Aid Ireland.

To register your interest, please visit FREE Community Mental Health First Aid Course KILLARNEY - Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest or email Firstaid@kerrymentalhealth.ie and we will follow-up with more details.

Listowel

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 help you move 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 087 1680804 or email grainne.woulfe3@hse.ie to book your place or for further information.

Listowel Autism Friendly Town

Autism Friendly Champions
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