



Latest Updates on PPN Events, Consultations and Grants

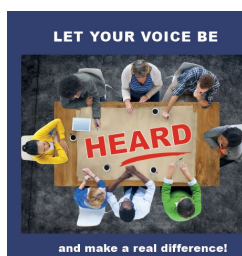
COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



Meet Your Local Elected Representatives – We are grateful to the 6 Elected Representatives and all those who attended our Arklow Event last week and delighted with the great feedback from everyone that participated. We are looking forward to our Baltinglass Event this evening and this will be followed by Bray 15 October; Greystones 22 October; and Wicklow 29 October. Find out more and register [HERE](#)

Free online training: Bringing the Sustainable Development Goals to life in Wicklow. We are getting a good response to this event and we are looking forward to helping our member groups to link the work they do in communities to the SDGs and showing of a new mapping tool to record this work. The event takes place on Wednesday 14th October. Register [HERE](#).

Science Week: Thank you to the groups that have responded to our queries about linking community groups with schools and youth clubs to do projects and activities for science week. We will be in touch to progress this with you soon. Groups can express their interest in this up to 16th October



CONSULTATIONS LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm (Kish & Bray Banks)

The Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm project, is proposed for the Kish and Bray Banks. The project is jointly owned by RWE Renewables Ireland (formerly innogy Renewables Ireland) and Saorgus Energy.

A public consultation is being run from today, Wednesday October 7th to Friday November 20th. This is only one of the consultation activities that will be undertaken in advance of the project being constructed, if approved.

The main element of this consultation will be an online portal displaying a virtual exhibition room, in which all the information that was planned for in-person Open Days will be displayed. This portal will also include photomontages, images depicting the potential view of the wind farm from a number of locations along the coast. There will also be a dedicated phone line and email address through which people can contact use for more information.

This is a non-statutory consultation and the feedback from this consultation will be integrated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the final design of the project.

It is intended to lodge a planning application in mid-2021. At that point there will be a further opportunity for people to give their views on the project, this time on the final application. It is hoped that construction will begin in 2024. In the meantime the project is still being designed and the views of the community are welcome.

The online consultation can be accessed via the project website, www.dublinarray.com.

Food Poverty & Food Incubation Centre

The following surveys in relation to Food Poverty are being circulated in Co Wicklow. If this is something that you or your group is involved with please fill it in and submit it by Sunday 18th October

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/25TGGZQ> - Survey for the organisations operating in food poverty

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2569NQM> - Survey for clients receiving help from food poverty organisations

If you or your group is associated with food and you think Wicklow would benefit from a Food Incubation Centre/Food Business support centre in Wicklow, please fill in the following survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/58NTDSW>

If you have any questions or need further information about these surveys please contact Jonathan Birnie on 0044 (0) 7380 850759 or Email: jonathan@birnieconsultancy.com

Accessibility of Public Transport Survey The National Transport Authority operate the public transport system by contracts with Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann, Irish Rail, Luas, Go Ahead and Local Link. They also provide licences to taxi's and private buses and coaches. They are currently looking for feedback on how accessible people find the public transport system in their own area and are conducting a survey in this regard. Access the survey Here: <https://www.transportforireland.ie/getting-around/accessible-travel-information/>

Support for Community Centres/ Hall & Social Enterprise

Are you presently involved with running a Community Centre / Hall and would like to explore or develop further the operational mind-set of a Social Enterprise?

County Wicklow Partnership are presently carrying out a needs analysis for a training and mentoring support package for up to 8 Community Halls/ Centres to help cope with the operational impact of Covid 19. We are looking for participants who wish to look towards developing a strong Social Enterprise structure to underpin future development. This programme will run over 16 weeks and form a range of group online training boot camp's (full day), some evening online sessions, plus one to one mentoring sessions specific for your projects development.

And so, ask yourself, would you like to delve into topics like – creativity and innovation for your community centre? How best can you restructure & open following Covid 19? Are you interested in developing better leadership skills and so, then lead other's more effectively? Are you open to exploring leaner business planning for your community centre? and how can you use simple marketing and sales tools to generate better more sustainable income for your community centre? In addition, this in-depth, programme will also look at how to deal with legal, governance and common HR issues.

If you feel that this is something that would be of value to your community group, please register your interest with Evelyn Murray by Emailing: emurray@wicklowpartnership.ie.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS

Volunteer Ireland Awards - Celebrate the most amazing volunteers in the country. To mark the extraordinary year that has been 2020, they have introduced a special COVID-19 category. This category recognises anyone who gave back in response to COVID-19, no matter how big or small the contribution. If you know someone worthy of this award click [HERE](#). The Deadline is tomorrow, Friday 9th October. Every nominee will get a special thank you card from Volunteer Ireland

Healthy Ireland Fund - Community Mental Health Fund Small Grants Scheme

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 is a national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation. Now in its 3rd year, the 'Healthy Ireland Fund' aims to support innovative sectoral, evidence-based projects, programmes and initiatives that support key national policies in areas such as mental health, physical activity, nutrition and sexual health, tobacco and alcohol and development of spaces and places for health and wellbeing.

Wicklow County Council, on behalf of Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (Wicklow LCDC) are now seeking submissions for a Small Grants Scheme to deliver actions or projects which are in line with the Mental Health theme of Healthy Ireland.

- A total of €30,000 has been allocated to Wicklow.
- Minimum Grant €2000 / Maximum Grant €5000 per project.
- The programme budget must be spent by 31st May 2021.

Applications can be made up to 4pm on Friday 30th October 2020

Grant Advertisement [HERE](#)

Grant Guidelines [HERE](#)

Funding Application Form [HERE](#)

Community Enhancement Fund - Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from community and voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations for small scale capital projects that will enhance community facilities i.e community centres & halls.

Capital expenditure on adaptations or equipment needed as a result of COVID-19 may be eligible, depending on the work being completed.

Applications for funding can now be made under this Programme to the LCDC by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 15th October 2020.

Application form [HERE](#)

Visit Wicklow County Council website for further information [HERE](#).

Thanks for reading. We hope you picked up some useful information.

Remember if you have any questions or would like more information please do contact us.



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