



## *Some News Items of Interest 10th September 2020*

### **Training & Learning Opportunities**

#### **Conversations about Climate and Community**

Are you interested in more community led Climate dialogue?

Face it Fridays is a two part 'lunch and learn' online workshop series (via zoom) on **Friday 18th & Friday 25th September from 12:00-14:00pm.**

The workshops will be hosted by An Cosán with collaborative partners from Transition Ireland and Northern Ireland (TINI) and Good Energies Alliance Ireland and will feature examples of local livelihoods, social enterprises, local food and energy initiatives, as well as, a discussion on what could be next for Climate dialogues.

Find out more and register [HERE](#)

#### **Wicklow Partnership Programme - Social Enterprise Climb**

The Social Enterprise Climb Programme is a 14 week part time course aimed to help participants develop practical entrepreneurial skills in Social Enterprise. Participants will explore and develop new or existing business ideas to determine their viability. In accordance with current government guidelines. The programme will take place on Zoom.

The programme is for Co Wicklow residents that are aged between 18-35 years old with a passion to build a project that will create and sustain a significant impact. There is also an opportunity for participants to win Funding for their Business – up to €3000 will be given to the first prize winner in the programme with four runners up also receiving funding for their business.

Expressions of interest are being accepted [HERE](#)

#### **Our Stories: Human Rights and Older People in Europe Webinar**

Friday 18 Sept 10am to 11.30pm

Two Moons, an Erasmus+ project, seeks to tackle ageism and make human rights “real” and relevant in the life of older people and people with disabilities through education and awareness raising.

The webinar will: Outline the Two Moon educational resources, Showcase part of a recorded Two Moon documentary theatre performance by Square

One Theatre Group (Bray), Demonstrate a short talk back session. Register for the event [HERE](#)

### PPN Training

There's been huge interest and lots of bookings for our upcoming training sessions. There's still a few places left so secure your seat sooner rather than later. Click the links below

[New Options for Funding Your Community Group](#)

[Making the Sustainable Development Goals more Visible in Co Wicklow](#)

### Creating a Local Sustainable Future: The Importance of a Vision for Community Wellbeing

"A county's Vision for Community Wellbeing (VCW) acts as a guiding vision for the work of the local Public Participation Network, ensuring that the community's vision for the future is at the heart of all decisions"

This webinar is being run by the Irish Environmental Network on Tuesday 15th September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It will be of particular interest to: PPN representatives and members, PPN Resource and Support Workers, Anyone who is interested in developing a roadmap for the growth of their county, especially those with environmental interests.

For details of the webinar and to register for a place click [HERE](#)



### CONSULTATIONS LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

### Are You Concerned About the Proximity of Nuclear Power Points to Co Wicklow?

Find out more about the Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation on the Sizewall C Nuclear Power Station and how to make a submission [Here](#)

Have Your Say - send your concerns to the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council by Emailing: [plandev@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:plandev@wicklowcoco.ie) or telephoning 0404 20100 and asking for the planning department. Make sure to label your concerns "Transboundary environmental public consultation – Sizewall C Nuclear Power Station" and **submit them by Wednesday 28th October**



### - MEMBER NEWS -

Help!

Wicklow ISPCA needs help. They are at the final stage of their biggest build at their Sharpeshill Centre in Rathdrum and are wondering if any group would be interested in helping them by building a reception desk for the reception room.

If you think your group can please give Anne a call on 087 132 9084



## - POLICING SAFETY & SECURITY IN CO. WICKLOW -

The Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee provides a dedicated forum to support consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between the Garda Síochána, local authority officials, elected representatives and the community and voluntary sectors.

As well as county wide meetings the group also conducts quarterly meetings at municipal district level.

Here are the recent reports from these committees (click to access)

[Arklow MD](#)

[Baltinglass MD](#)

[Bray MD](#)

[Greystones MD](#)

[Wicklow MD](#)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS

### The Charity Impact Awards 2020

The Charity Impact Awards celebrate the work of charities, community groups and voluntary organisations, and social enterprises that have changed Ireland and the world for the better.

Entries are accepted in the categories:

- [Impact Award](#) (with sub-categories for small, medium-sized and large organisations)
- [Trustee of the Year Award](#) (nominate your board members)
- [Social Enterprise of the Year Award](#) (for organisations and enterprises that go above and beyond to embed positive values into their business operations).

To enter groups are required to submit a short video (no longer than 60 seconds) and complete the

- 2 October: Entries Close 5pm
- 23 October: Shortlist Announced and Public Voting Opens
- 24 November: Public Voting Closes

- 8 December: Online Awards Ceremony

For more information and to enter visit: <https://charityimpactawards.ie/>

Please note: The Wheel are running a short online workshop next Tuesday, 15 September, in which they will explain exactly what's needed for a Charity Award application. The session will give tips and tricks for preparing a short video without any special equipment or skills, and answer any questions that groups might have.

It's free to attend, and takes place online from 2pm - 3pm.

Visit: <https://www.wheel.ie/training/2020/09/preparing-your-charity-impact-awards-entry-online-meeting>

### **National Lottery Good Causes Awards**

These Awards aim to celebrate the inspiring and innovative work being carried out by the thousands of individuals, organisations, groups and sports clubs all over Ireland who benefit from National Lottery Good Causes funding.

The National Lottery Good Causes Awards initiative has seven categories that projects can apply under. These are:

- Sport
- Health & Wellness
- Community
- Youth
- Arts & Culture and
- Heritage
- Irish Language (awarded at the National Final)

These awards are open to any community project, club or individual who has received National Lottery funding from the years 2014 – 2019.

Find out more here: <https://www.lottery.ie/good-causes-awards>

### **Community Enhancement Scheme (2 strands now available)**

1. 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 for individuals and communities that are impacted by disadvantage. Applications for funding can now be made under this Programme to the LCDC by 5.00 p.m. on Friday 18th September 2020. Application Form [HERE](#)

2. 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.

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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