



Welcome to our September 2020 Update E-Bulletin.

COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



Meet Your Local Elected Representatives – We are delighted that most of our Local Elected Representatives have confirmed their ability to participate in these online events. They will be run every Thursday in October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm as follows: Arklow 1 October; Baltinglass 8 October; 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 delighted to be working with Saolta and WCC to run this event. Participants will find out about the Sustainable Development Goals, how to link the work they do in communities to the SDGs and find out about a new mapping tool to record this work. As well as this, participants will be given access to free SDG resources. The event takes place on Friday 9th October. Register [HERE](#).

Social Inclusion Week: Will run from Saturday 17th October to Friday 23rd October. Don't forget to let us know if your group will be running an event that week. We will be advertising these events through local newspapers, radio and on a Facebook Page that we have especially set up to advertise the great Social Inclusion work being done in the county. Please give it a "Like" by clicking [HERE](#)

PPN Representative Reports: Thank you to the PPN Representatives who attended meetings on our behalf and keep us informed with their reports:

- Wicklow County Childcare Committee Report [HERE](#)
- Wicklow Joint Policing Committee Report [HERE](#)
- Bray Joint Policing Committee Report [HERE](#)

Covid 19 Support Information: Don't forget the Covid 19 Support Page on our website is full of national and local information and supports available to

help community groups safely run their activities and open their premises
Click [HERE](#)

Wicklow Community Response Forum: We continue to share experiences and respond to issues in Co Wicklow that have arose from the Covid health crisis on the WCC led forum. The Community Call Help Line 1800 868 399 remains open at the reduced hours of 9am -5pm 7 days per week.

PPN Workplan & Finance Report – For our September Work Report Click [HERE](#). For our September Financial Report Click [HERE](#)

Co Wicklow PPN Members Funding Handbook & Funding Calendar – This valuable resource for groups is updated regularly and is available on the members only page of our website [HERE](#). Give us a call if you've forgotten the password to access the page

Welcome New Members: Co Wicklow PPN has 350 Member Groups a full list can be found on the Members Page of our website, This month's new members include:

Clover Hill Community Group - aims to get people of all ages working and playing together to develop a strong sense of pride and community in activities including developing an Urban Pollinator Garden. They have also developed a strong Neighbourhood Watch committee

Vallymount GAA - offer coaching and games in Football and Hurling in conjunction with Western Gales to all ages and genders

Clann Credo Community Loan Finance – is a social enterprise that provides loans to community organisations, charities, clubs, and social enterprises

Greystones Lawn Tennis Club – provides the use of tennis courts and coaching facilities to all ages, genders, and abilities

Bray Rowing Club – provides the opportunity for people of all ages to participate in the sport of coastal rowing

An Tochar LGFA - provides a safe & welcoming environment where all girls can learn & improve the skills of Ladies Gaelic Football.

Roundwood & District Athletics Club – is a rural athletics club based in Roundwood which has athletes competing successfully at national, provincial, and intercounty competition level. They also have social athletes who do not wish to compete but enjoy the activity and training. They cater for children aged 6 to 18 and there is also a social running club for adults.

Sporting Greystones Football Club - provide football teams, training, development, and facilities to enable circa 200 local boys and girls, some from disadvantaged areas, to participate in schoolboy leagues.

Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation - works with individuals and groups to transform conflict, promote reconciliation, encourage healthy relationships, and build sustainable peace.

Irish Girl Guides - is a youth-driven, dynamic organisation offering a varied and exciting programme for girls and young women aged 5-30, and opportunities for women of all ages.





CONSULTATIONS LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Mountains to the Sea - A proposed greenway from Kilcoole to Glendalough - Feasibility Study

This is an initiative of Newtown 2050 and is supported by Newtown Tidy Towns, Team Newtown, Kilcoole Community Development committee, Roundwood Tidy Towns and many other groups. Its aim is to explore the feasibility of the proposed Greenway and canvas support and opinions from all walks of Wicklow life.

The survey has two components:

- General Users click [HERE](#)
- Business Users Click [HERE](#)

Wicklow Migrant Integration Survey - Wicklow is currently developing a Migrant Integration Action Plan for the county and we would like your help. The survey at the links below is open to everyone living/working in County Wicklow, whether you have always lived in Wicklow, or have recently moved here.

This survey should take between five and ten minutes to complete.

Your input and help in circulating this would be very much appreciated.

- In English [HERE](#)
- In French [HERE](#)
- In Polish [HERE](#)
- In Arabic [HERE](#)
- In Chinese [HERE](#)

Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Greenway Wicklow County Council (WCC) is proposing to develop a greenway as part of the proposed Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Greenway scheme. This first public consultation on the Study Area, Route Options & Project Constraints now underway. Find out more [HERE](#)

Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation on the Sizewall C Nuclear Power Station – Due to the proximity of the nuclear power station to Ireland, Irish citizens are permitted to make submissions on this development. More information [HERE](#) Submissions should be sent to the planning section or WCC by Emailing: plandev@wicklowcoco.ie or telephone 0404 210100 and ask for the planning department. Submissions should be labelled “Transboundary environmental public consultation Sizewall C Nuclear Power Station and submitted by Wednesday 28th October

The Department of Rural and Community Development is currently preparing its Statement of Strategy to cover the period 2021-2023. This Statement of Strategy will contain the high-level goals, outputs and related strategies of the Department, taking account of commitments within, inter alia, the Programme for Government, Civil Service Renewal Plan, Public Service Reform Plan and the recently undertaken Organisation Capability Review of the Department.

Click [HERE](#) for the current statement.

Submissions to be forwarded to Eileen Davey, Eileen.Davey@DRCD.gov.ie by close of business on Monday, 5 October 2020

- LOCAL NEWS -

WCC Report – Mr Frank Curran, CE, WCC provides a monthly report that is full of information about work and actions that are funded through the local authority. Find the latest edition [HERE](#)

Wicklow Dementia Support Seeking Volunteers – for a befriending service for people with dementia. If you have a couple of hours per week to spare please contact them by Emailing: info@wicklowdementiasupport.org or ring: 089 428 6928

The Africa Irish Society of Wicklow – is running a drawing and writing competition with Arklow Primary Schools during Social Inclusion Week themed “What is your favourite culture in the world other than your own?” We are excited to see the results

- NATIONAL NEWS -

Street Feast have launched their Neighbourhood Network website. It provides some great ideas for community activities that encourages residents to stay connected to those cocooning through fun and friendly socially distanced community activities. Find it [HERE](#)

Changing Ireland – is magazine that provides quality, original, good news journalism, written by, and for everyone working and volunteering towards a socially inclusive Ireland. Find the latest edition [HERE](#)

National Plan for Dealing with Covid 19 – launched this month the government’s plan can be found [HERE](#)

Annual Coastwatch Survey – is currently underway and will run until 15th October. To find out more and get involved click [HERE](#)

BusConnects Dublin: New Dublin Area Bus Network (Bus Services Only) - The National Transport Authority (NTA) has published a finalised plan of the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. These plans relate to bus services only and not the Core Bus Corridors projects (bus lanes and cycle lanes/tracks). The next round of public consultation for the Core Bus Corridors projects will be held later this year. All documents are available in HTML, PDF and Audio versions on www.busconnects.ie.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES,
COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS**



The National Lottery Good Causes Awards aims 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. Find out more [HERE](#). Deadline for applications Friday 9th October

WCC Adaptation & Mobility Grants - Wicklow County Council is inviting applications for funding under the terms of the Housing Adaption Grants, Housing Aid for Older People Grants and Mobility Aid Grants. Find out more [HERE](#)

The Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary Award aims to support individual professional artists whose practice centres on collaboration with individuals or groups (non-arts professionals). The second AIC Bursary Award 2020: Collaborative Arts and Human Rights aims to support individual professional artists working in collaborative socially engaged arts practice. Find out more [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](#).

Wicklow County Council Tree Grant - This grant aims to assist the planting of native trees or pollinator friendly trees in public spaces. Up to 75% of the planting cost can be applied for up to a maximum grant of €500. The 2020 closing date for receipt of applications is the 9th October. Up to 75% of the planting cost can be applied for up to a maximum grant of €500. Further details on this grants contact: Jim Callery, WCC Environmental Officer Email JCallery@wicklowcoco.ie or Tel 087 9680346 6.26

Inland Fisheries Ireland announces €120,000 in funding for novice angling projects

Inland Fisheries Ireland is inviting applications to a new funding scheme that aims to support groups and facilities to offer young people and novice anglers of all backgrounds and abilities opportunities to participate in the sport of angling. The “Angling for All” fund worth €120,000 will open for applications on 28th September. The grant allocation will be limited to a maximum €5,000 for any eligible project. The scheme is supported by the Dormant Account Fund. Applications are invited from any group that is engaged in developing novice angling in Ireland including:

- Angling representative organisations
- Angling clubs within the Republic of Ireland
- Existing AFYDI hubs which are currently active
- Potential angling hubs for use as a start-up grant
- Local community groups or not for profit organisations

To find out more and to apply, visit www.fisheriesireland.ie/afa.

DM Thomas Foundation -The Foundation has decided to postpone its next quarterly deadline until 6th October 2020. The Foundation makes grants to charities that meet one of their two chosen areas of focus which are:

- Improving the education of young people
- Improving the health of young people

To find out more about this funding and access an application form click [HERE](#)

ESB Energy for Generations Fund - This fund provides funding for community and issues-based initiatives working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support. The guideline application amount is c. €10,000. This is neither a minimum nor a maximum, rather an indication of the scale of the resources available. Average funding awards in recent years have been c.€8,000 - €12,000. This fund is open until October 12th. Click [HERE](#) to find out more about this fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund - is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance for registered health charities, hospices, medical organisations and individuals with a medical condition or disability. They provide grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. For individuals, they can provide help with the purchase of specialised equipment or forms of treatment. More information [HERE](#)

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme - offers financial supports – provided by Sport Ireland – to local clubs, groups and organisations, nationwide who promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people. More 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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