Let your Voice be heard and make a real difference! Public Participation **Network** Wicklow **NEWS UPDATE: Week Ending 13th January** 2023 Welcome to our first news update of 2023 for Members And so begins 2023! This year will see Co. Wicklow PPN & Wicklow County To catch up on all the Council host the National PPN Conference in early October. We also plan to get news scroll through the out to each Municipal District in the Springtime to share with you 'what we heard' update or click on the and where to now on the Vision for Community Wellbeing. links below to jump straight to a specific Many thanks to all of you that completed our 2022 Annual Members Survey. We section: will use the feedback to help inform the focus of our work including our training for Wicklow PPN News member groups. We will share the results in our next News Update. **Local News** Access to training on all aspects of volunteering: recruitment, management etc **National News** was highlighted by many groups in our survey. Please check out our National **Consultations** News section below for details of the upcoming training that Volunteer Ireland will **Funding Opportunities** provide. To begin the new year, we have a new logo. The Department of Rural & Community Development is working with Alice PR and PPNs nationally to rollout a national Communications Campaign for PPNs. As part of this work the logos of all 31 PPNs have been prepared in a new format to ensure that a unified visual identity is in place before the campaign is launched. The Secretariat and staff of Co. Wicklow PPN wish all our member groups a successful, vibrant and active year in your community endeavours. **Wicklow PPN News** Meeting of PPN Representatives & Secretariat Members We will hold an in-person and an online meeting this month for all our Representatives including members of the Secretariat and our reps on County policy and decision-making committees and boards. The broad purpose of the meeting is to support networking amongst PPN reps, to share experience, and to explore ideas/issues to raise/address during 2023 based on community input gathered at our Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations and based on the feedback received in our Annual Members Survey. Vacant PPN Representative Positions We will put out a formal call for nominations for the following vacant PPN Representative positions next week: Co Wicklow PPN Secretariat Arklow MD - 1 seat Wicklow MD - 1 seat Environmental Pillar - 1 seat County Wicklow Joint Policing Committee **Election Policy** Greystones Municipal District - 1 seat Community, Cultural, Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Environmental Pillar - 1 seat **Details of Commitees** Southeast Fisheries Local Action Group The PPN Representative A person/group who has some knowledge/experience of our coastal communities plays an important role in - 1 seat representing the voice of community on County **Bray Drug & Alcohol Task Force** policy and decision-A person/group living/working in the Bray Municipal District, from our Social making committees and Inclusion Pillar and who has some knowledge/experience of addiction issues – 1 boards. seat. Thank you to those of you that expressed interest in the Rep. positions through our Survey. Keep an eye on our Website for all things PPN, including our new Events Calendar and Funding Sources, Monthly Work and Finance reports, Representative Reports, Submissions, News and Training resources. The <u>Secretariat</u> of the PPN meets every 6/8 weeks. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January. Minutes from the Secretariat meetings are available to view on our website. Check out our YouTube channel to view our Sustainable Development Goals Animation and our series of Wellbeing videos (Super Charge Your Self-care). **Local News** Job Vacancy – County Manager, Wicklow Volunteer Centre Wicklow Volunteer Centre Closing Date for Applications: Friday 20th January 2023 at 5pm The County Wicklow Volunteer Centre (CWVC) is an independent organisation Find out more committed to the promotion, development, and support of volunteer participation in Wicklow county and its natural environs. CWVC supports the development of volunteering through the provision of services to volunteers, volunteer-involving organisations, and the local community. CWVC actively participates in the development of the national infrastructure through its affiliation with Volunteer Ireland and its involvement in the Volunteer Centres Managers Network. The purpose of the Manager role is to direct, lead and deliver on the CWVC strategic and operational plans which are developed in the framework of continuous quality improvement (CQI) and align with the National Volunteering Strategy (NVS). Sensory room available for bookings **Bray Family Resource & Development Centre** To book a slot in the Sensory Room email bfrdpoffice@gmail.com or phone 01 2867644. Pease note: All minors need to be accompanied by an adult. Rathdrum Tidy Towns - Call for help on Saturday 21st January Rathdrum Tidy Towns and the residents of Woodpark and The Woods are getting together to plant a new hedge along the wall on Union Lane. Weather permitting planting will take place on Saturday 21st January from 10am. Keep an eye out on their Facebook page for They are looking for volunteers to help out, so if you can make it, please bring updates on this project gloves and a spade for planting. Youth LGBTQIA Wellbeing and Make Youth LGBTQIA Wellbeing & Makeup Workshop and Seminar Workshop & Seminar in Rathnew on Wednesday 25th January from 4.30 - 6.30pm in Croi Rath Naoi Community Development Project, Rathnew Hall The workshop & seminar will teach you makeup and application techniques to help you be our best self in a safe space. For more information and to book your place contact the facilitator on 089 4371173 This event is funded under County Wicklow Partnership Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. Wicklow Local Sports & Recreation Partnership Upcoming Training Courses during February Courses include: Disability Inclusion Training Find out more & Lámh for Sports Information Workshop Vision Sports Awareness Training Register Sports First Aid Online Safeguarding Remember to check out the Wicklow Disability Access & Inclusion Toolkit for Community Groups The toolkit offers practical advice for groups and clubs to help them make their facilities and meeting spaces as accessible as possible. It also provides tips for groups in relation to making their communications accessible Information is also provided on how to plan for inclusiveness in the operations of the group, including the management of the group, and in planning for activities, events and outings. Fáilte Isteach Conversational English classes fáilte isteach Fáilte Isteach is a Conversational English Language Project co-ordinated by County Wicklow Partnership through the SICAP Programme. The project is aimed at providing free Conversational English classes for migrants in an informal setting. If you wish to find out more about volunteering Conversational English Classes are held at the following venues: for any of the above areas please contact Ann Wicklow Town Byrne, County Wicklow De la Salle Pastoral Centre, (Church Grounds), St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow Partnership on Classes are held every Tuesday morning from 09.45am – 11.45pm 085 8006873 Except during school holidays. or Contact the Office on 0402 20955. **Arklow Town** Bridgewater Centre, 1st Floor Avoca River House (opposite Aldi) Classes are held every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 10am – 12pm Except during school holidays. Baltinglass. St Joseph's Parish Centre, Baltinglass Classes are held every Monday morning from 11am – 1pm Except during school holidays RÉACHÓG REILIGE DO CHILL MHANTÁIN / BARN OWLS OF WICKLOW 2023 Barn Owls of Wicklow Calendar 2023 This calendar is a great way to learn more about Barn Owls and to keep in touch with the Wicklow Barn Owl group. Copies are available free of charge, please email requests to wicklowheritage@wicklowcoco.ie with your postal address. Find out more about The calendar is an output from the Wicklow Barn Owl project, a collaboration between the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council, National Parks and this project Wildlife Service and Birdwatch Ireland. The aim of the project is to encourage recording of Barn Owls in Co Wicklow; provide Barn Owl Nesting boxes at appropriate locations, and to promote awareness of this fascinating species of conservation concern. This project was co-funded by The Heritage Council as an action of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan in 2022. The Wicklow Barn Owl group welcomes your sightings and gueries. Previously Listed ... Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training Training in Co. Wicklow in 1st Quarter of 2023 Training is free and for persons over 18. Booking is essential Breaking Through co-ordinate Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training on behalf of the HSE for Community Healthcare Dublin South East, Dublin South and Wicklow as part of Ireland's National Suicide Prevention Strategy, Connecting for Find out more & Register The training will give community members the following: Recognise when someone might be at risk of suicide. Build confidence to talk to them about it. Connect them with helpful supports and services. Please note should an organisation wish to host a training please contact admin@breakingthrough.org directly to be advised of the training requirements such as minimum numbers, room requirements etc. **National News** Volunteer Learning & Capacity Building for Volunteer Involving Organisations Upcoming Training provided by Volunteer Ireland lreland Volunteer Ireland has developed a comprehensive range of learning and capacitybuilding tools and resources to increase the effectiveness and impact of involving Find out more & volunteers with your organisation. Some of the training and events are offered free of charge and others have a nominal charge. Register The upcoming training includes: Volunteer Managers Coffee Morning • Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement Involving Migrant Volunteers Volunteer Policy - The Fundamentals Diversity as a way to increase volunteer engagement ALONE Community Impact Network Training & Support offerings for 2023 Within the remit of the Community Impact Network, ALONE are proving training, resources, and access to technology to all the agencies they work with across the country. The aim of these offerings is to support older people to age in place in their local communities. This network is open to any service, group or organisation that supports older people; whether that is a part of the work they do or is their main work. Find out more & Register The ARCHES Recovery College January-February-March programme Beginning in mid-January ARCHES Recovery College is suitable for anyone who self identifies as having experience of mental health difficulties as well as family members/supporters of people impacted by poor mental health. All the sessions either take place Onine via Microsoft Teams or in-person at the locations indicated in the programme details (across CHO 6). Find out more & Register The Wheel's 2023 Training Calendar Please note: some of the training provided by the Wheel is restricted to members of the Wheel. Also some is provided free of charge while other training sessions do have a fee. Browse their Training Calendar Online Leadership Academy Breakfast Club Find out more & Thursday 2nd February from 9.30 - 11am Register This session in February will look at the emerging opportunities for Leaders of Organisations for developing leaders. The Breakfast Club events will happen monthly and will alternate between on-line and in-person. One of the key needs of any leader is a good support system and strong network. All of the events will be designed to encourage people to engage with one another so as to develop a strong leadership community here in Ireland. Clann Credo €10 Million Community Sports Loan Fund Clann Credo has a dedicated €10 Million Community Sports Loan Fund available to help sports clubs and local groups maximise their Sports Capital grants. If your club or community group is preparing an application to the Sports Capital Contact Clann Credo by and Equipment Programme operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, email Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, it may be worth speaking with Clann Credo about info@clanncredo.ie their Community Sports Loan Fund. or phone 01 400 2100 The Sports Capital & Equipment Grant scheme is likely to open in the first quarter of 2023. Find out more about the In previous years Clann Credo has hosted online information events to help clubs and groups planning the development of sports facilities. They will be hosting Sports Loan Fund another online event soon, so keep your eye on the Clann Credo social media and on our correspondence and social media. Upfront Current Affairs show on RTE - Join the audience Upfront is a new hour-long current affairs show taking over the Monday night slot on RTÉ 1. Hosted by Katie Hannon, the show will cover three to four topics each week with a guest panel and studio audience. They are looking for audience members that are interested in current affairs, social Find out more & Apply issues and politics, and engaged with the world around them, to create a vibrant atmosphere, and potentially ask questions of the panelists. Audience members do not need to attend as representatives of their organisations and societies, but just represent themselves. Join the New Year Plant Hunt on your next walk and help add wildflower hunts from across Co. Wicklow 'The Delgany to Greystones Walk turned out to be a blooming Hotbed of New Year Biodiversity! Looks like maybe the highest number of wildflower species of any Irish location, and 12th highest of all 1,003 sites in the full UK&IE', (Green <u>Greystones Facebook page</u>) What wild plants are growing in your local area? Find out more IEN Calendar of National & International Days of Environmental interest If you're looking to plan actions throughout the year, this calendar might be helpful to you. Irish Environmental Network Access the Calendar See Change Green Ribbon Impact Report 2022 This report highlights how the Campaign's supporters helped See Change celebrate their milestone anniversary 10th Green Ribbon campaign. Access the Report **National Policing Authority** Review of 2022 An túdarás Póilíneachta Access the Review Previously Listed ... SI)G Updates SDG Champions Programme - Call for Expressions of Interest Closing date: Friday 20 January 2023 at 5pm The SDG Champions Programme was developed to raise public awareness of the SDGs and to demonstrate, through the examples provided by the SDG Champions, that everyone in society can make a contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Following an open call for expressions of interest, 12 Champions were chosen to take part in Ireland's first SDG Champions Programme. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications are now seeking Expressions of Interest for participants for the 2023 SDG Champions Programme. As part of the 2023 programme, 20 organisations and groups from across the country will be appointed 'SDG Champions' to raise public awareness of the SDGs and to demonstrate, through example, that everyone in society can make a contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Sustainable Development Goals National Stakeholder Forum on Tuesday 17th January from 10.30am – 4.30pm online and in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin The Forum meeting will focus on the key principle of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of Leaving No One Behind. They would like to hear from you about what you believe national and local policy makers should take into account when developing policy to ensure that no one is left behind. **Consultations Codling Wind Park** Second Phase of Public Consultation Closing Date: early February Through this phase of public consultations Codling Wind Park will share details on the progress the project has made since the first phase in March 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions at that time, the first phase of consultation was confined to online consultation activities only. This time Codling Wind Park will combine online consultation with in-person exhibitions and face-to-face information clinics. The three strands of their month-long consultation process are as follows: A virtual online exhibition: This is now live and runs for four weeks, until February 8th, and is accessible on their Website. It consists of a series information boards. maps and other visuals setting out their latest project proposals and seeking feedback from the public. **In-person exhibitions at four locations:** Face-to-face exhibitions will be held at four different locations in the coming weeks: Wed, Jan 18th: Kilcoole Community Centre, 18:30-21:30 • Thurs, Jan 19th: Bridge Tavern, Wicklow Town, 09:00-14:00 & 17:00-20:00 Tues, Jan 24th: Greystones Sailing Club, 09:00-14:00 & 17:00-20:00 Wed, Jan 25th: Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club, Ringsend, 09:00-14:00 &17:00-20:00 **Information clinics:** Ten hours of information clinics will be available to the public between January 26th and February 4th, allowing people to meet with members of the project team after they have had a chance to view the exhibition materials. These are by appointment only and bookings can be made via the project website or by calling the Community Liaison Officer, Grainne Fennell, on 087 1011473. EirGrid Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report in relation to the Grid Implementation Plan 2023 – 2028. Closing Date: Monday 30th January EirGrid is the national electricity Transmission System Operator (TSO) with Find out more & make responsibility for the making of certain energy plans. EirGrid is reviewing the existing Grid Implementation Plan (IP) 2017-2022 for the Electricity Transmission System in Ireland and will prepare a new Grid Implementation Plan for 2023-2028 (Draft IP). Government of Ireland Consultation Portal **Consultation Portal** Find information on public consultations held by government departments and local authorities. Previously Listed ... Strategy Statement for the National Parks and Wildlife Service for the period 2023-2025 Closing Date: Friday 20th January 2023 The first Strategy Statement for the National Parks and Wildlife Service will set out the core mission and values of the NPWS, together with the key strategic priorities for the organisation They are seeking your views as to what their priorities should be, over the coming Find out more & Have 3 years. What are the most important goals you think the NPWS should work toward over the period? Do you have good ideas as to how to reach those goals? How should they measure progress? Social Enterprise Policy Consultation In person in Dublin on Tuesday 31st January from 9.30am - 2pm National Social Enterprise Policy The information gathered from stakeholders at this consultation will be used to inform Ireland's next Social Enterprise National Policy.

garden birds themselves are doing, but also to give an indication of how the environment is faring in general. Wicklow County Council Consultation Hub This <u>Site</u> will inform you and allow you to submit observations on open consultations in the County that interest you. **Funding Opportunities** Community and Voluntary Sector Energy Support Scheme Closing Date Extended to Friday 20th January The Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS) provides for a once-off payment to eligible charities and community and voluntary sector

This Scheme was announced as part of a range of measures introduced in Budget

Arts Act Funding (Wicklow County Council) Closing Date: Monday 27th February

development of Artists and Communities in County Wicklow. It is the intention that these awards will fund, in full or in part, a particular aspect of an Artist, Festival

This year Wicklow County Council Arts Office will be accepting applications under

Musical Capital Scheme Closing Date: Tuesday 28th February 2023

This funding scheme comprises three different awards, supports the purchase of musical instruments and is designed to respond to a broad range of capital needs within the music sector in Ireland. The award that may be of interest to some of

Music Capital Scheme Award 1: supports the purchase of musical instruments by

Community Monuments Fund 2023 Closing Date: Friday 27th January 2023

The Community Monuments Fund is investing capital in our archaeological heritage to help owners and custodians of archaeological monuments safeguard

The core aims of this fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and

them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

The purpose of this Funding Schemes is to support programming and

and Community project, development plan or programme for 2023.

Artist & Community Collaboration Award Scheme 2023

Organised by the Wheel on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community

enterprise in a collaborative setting.

Development, this consultation will allow those engaged in the space to give their thoughts on key areas, barriers to development and the current status of social

Exploring energy decision making and how consumers might be helped to make more energy efficient decisions when choosing home appliances.

The EVIDENT project is an EU-funded HORIZON research project exploring behavioural biases in energy decision making. As part of this project, TCD researchers are examining the factors which impact an individuals' decision making around energy appliance decisions. This study seeks to understand how factors such as financial literacy (i.e. knowing how to make informed and effective financial decisions), and environmental literacy (i.e. the understanding, skills and

motivation to make decisions that will positively impact the environment) might impact energy decision making. Through this, the EVIDENT project hopes to better understand how to support individuals to make better energy decisions and

Survey participants can enter a raffle to be in with a chance to win one of eight

An Taisce EU Life Project Ponds as Reservoirs of Biodiversity

An Taisce's EU Life Project focuses on ponds and pond creation in Ireland. As Dr. Elaine McGoff mentioned in her freshwater biodiversity webinar, creating a pond is

One of the key objectives for this project is to ascertain the status of existing ponds across the country from current and recent pond initiatives and private projects. In

one of the best things you can do for biodiversity (see video link opposite)

order to achieve this, they have designed a survey "Investigating the Past,

currently exist. It is hoped that this will help guide future pond creation,

The survey will take appoximately 10 minutes to complete. The data collected from the survey will provide a baseline of pond status in Ireland, which does not

> Garden Bird Survey Open Between December and February each year

The Irish Garden Bird Survey is BirdWatch Ireland's most popular citizen science survey, with around two thousand gardens taking part each year. The Irish Garden

The Irish Garden Bird Survey does this not only by give a good idea of how our

contribute to policies that promote energy efficiency.

Present, and Future of Ponds in the Irish Landscape".

management and conservation at national level.

Bird Survey is kindly sponsored by **Ballymaloe**.

organisations towards their energy costs for 2022.

'23 to meet higher energy costs across society.

3 schemes:

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non-professional performing groups

Artist Award Scheme 2023

Arts Festival Award Scheme 2023

€350 Amazon vouchers.

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Take the Survey

Find out More & Take

the Survey

Get Involved

Find out more & Apply

Funding to support local experiments that will address the behavioural, social and cultural dimensions of the European Green Deal Closing Date: Tuesday 31st January 2023 Not-for-profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for €22,000 to become local partners of **SHARED GREEN DEAL**. Partnerships are offered on six different European Green Deal topics: Clean Energy, Circular Economy, Preserving Biodiversity, Sustainable Mobility, Efficient Renovations and Sustainable Food. Utilising diverse participatory approaches to involve local stakeholders and citizens, a total of 24 organisations will have the chance to conduct funded local experiments that will address the behavioural, social and cultural dimensions of the European Green Deal and receive the funding. These 'social' experiments aim to facilitate and learn from change processes at both individual and collective levels whilst collecting research data in the process. Find out more & Apply The organisations chosen as local partners will have the opportunity to contribute to the local implementation of the GREEN DEAL priorities, create and strengthen relationships with your community and local institutions while benefiting from the learning outcomes that can be adopted as part of the local stakeholders' own processes.

promotion of local monuments and archaeological sites. The Department encourages projects to incorporate a traditional skills training element. Local authorities, private owners, community groups and custodians of monuments are eligible to apply under to this Fund. **Built Heritage Conservation Grants** Closing Date: Friday 27th January 2023 at 4pm Wicklow County Council invites applications from owners of historic buildings, protected structures and structures within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) under the following two grant schemes as operated by the Department of Housing, Local government and Heritage; Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023, and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023.



Community Water Development Fund Local Authority* Closing Date: Tuesday 7th February 2023 The Fund is administered by LAWPRO on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. There will be €500,000 available under the call. The Fund has been in operation since 2018. Since that time, it has awarded €2m Find out more & Apply in grant aid to 629 grant recipients to fund all types of water related projects. Examples include: feasibility studies; surveys and plans; biodiversity signage; water conservation measures; invasive species control; riparian management and planting; training workshops; Citizen Science initiatives, etc.

> 'Unsubscribe'. T: Helen - 087 189 5145 T: Grainne - 086 048 7434 E: info@countywicklowppn.ie W: www.countywicklowppn.ie

The Fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to assist in the protection and management of water quality, both locally and in the wider catchment. Community Enhancement Scheme 2022 Community Support Fund Provisional Closing Date: Friday 31st March 2023 This scheme will be processed by Wicklow County Council. Wicklow's allocation is €308,834. This scheme is administered through the LCDC and they will be inviting applications in the new year. Details of the scheme together with the application form will be circulated in due course. Any queries in respect of this scheme should be emailed to <u>cep@wicklowcoco.ie</u>. Thanks for reading and please share with others in your community group. We hope you picked up some useful information for your group. Remember if you have any questions or would like more information, please do contact us.

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