Let your Voice be heard and make a real difference! Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Cill Mhantáin **Public Participation Network Wicklow News Update: Week Ending 17th February 2023** Welcome to our latest news update Congratulations to all the Tidy Towns Groups throughout the County whose work was To catch up on all the acknowledged at the annual Wicklow County Council Tidy Towns, Estates and news scroll through the Sustainable Development Awards held on Monday evening (13th) in County update or click on the Buildings. Helen was delighted to attend the awards ceremony and get a chance to links below to jump catch up with many of our member groups. straight to a specific section: This week the Wicklow Volunteer Awards Ceremony will be held in the Park View Hotel and the PPN are honoured to be sponsoring the Ukrainian Response Special Wicklow PPN News Projects Award. Phyllis Farrell a member of our Secretariat will present the award on **Local News** behalf of the PPN. **National News Consultations** It is so great to see the volunteers in our Communities being acknowledged. **Funding Opportunities** Calling the Women of Wicklow - a warm welcome awaits you all in the Rathnew Community Centre on Wednesday 8th March for International Women's Day. We hope you will join us for this Catch Up and Follow Up Event Remember to keep an eye on and ear to national and local media for the **national** PPN awareness campaign. You might even recognise some of the faces or voices! Helen with Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy, Leas Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council at the Tidy Towns Awards Wicklow PPN News **PPN Representatives** Welcome to our New Representatives Following approval by the Secretariat we are delighted to welcome the following new PPN Representatives: Secretariat: Vacant PPN Rep seats Wicklow MD Seat: Ruth Prenderville (nominated by the Newtownmoutkennedy Community Forum) We will be sending out a Arklow MD Seat: Stephen Kearon (nominated by the Golden Circle Group) formal call for nominations next week. Joint Policing Committee: Please watch your email Greystones MD Seat: Kathleen Kelleher (nominated by Delgany Community Council) inbox and spread the word amongst your group. Re-registration of Member Groups Remember to re-register your group with us to ensure that you continue to receive information about funding, consultations, local and national plans, training and events A re-registration email was sent to all primary contacts for member groups last Monday 13th February. If you are having any difficulty in completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact us. A huge thanks to our member groups that have re-registered already. We are updating our members mailing list to reflect the changes notified to us. International Womens Day in Wicklow Wednesday 8th March in Rathnew Community Centre Book to join us PLENTY OF MARCH 8, 2023 CONVERSATIONS INTERNATIONAL & REFRESHMENTS RATHNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE **WOMEN'S DAY** (INCLUDING TEA & CAKE ON FROM 10AM TILL 12.30PM ARRIVAL AND A IN WICKLOW LIGHT LUNCH TO FINISH LET'S CATCH UP & FOLLOW UP HOSTED BY THE WOMEN OF WICKLOW TO BOOK: TEXT MARY MILLETT SOCIAL INCLUSION ON 087-6440693 OR VIA NETWORK EVENTBRITE: HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL-WOMENS-DAY-Public Participation WICKOW.EVENTBRITE.IE Women Of Wicklow Social Inclusion Network & the Rathnew Hall Committee invite all women in Wicklow to celebrate International Womens Day with a morning full of opportunities to: Catch up with other women from throughout the County and Follow up on the consultation held at last years event on 'Your Vision for our Community' Delicious Cakes and food will be provided by Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise #EmbraceEquity 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 Secretariat of the PPN meets every 2 months. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March. 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** The Wicklow Tidy Towns, Estates, and Sustainable Development Awards held in County Buildings on Monday 13th February Photos below of just A hugely inspiring and uplifting event. The imagination, passion and commitment in some of the award our communities never ceases to amaze. Thank you to all the wonderful Wicklow recipients volunteers that take care of our local environment and the people that live there. Funding Announcement for the County ... Wicklow benefits from €353,247 from the Local Improvement Scheme for rural roads & laneways. Our Rural Future: Minister Heather Humphreys announces over €12.5 million for upgrade works on rural roads and laneways nationally. The local authority is responsible for identifying and prioritising roads for improvement works under the scheme, in consultation with residents/landowners. News from Member Groups ... Volunteer Photographer wanted! Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre is looking for a voluntary photographer who will take photos of the presentations at the Annual Volunteer Awards night in the Parkview Hotel in Newtownmountkennedy next Thursday 23rd February Click on the link opposite for a full role description or call Fiona @ 086 325 8803 or Yvonne @ 085 862 1525. Role Description **Wicklow Welcomes Coffee Morning** in the De La Salle Parish Centre, Wicklow Town Sunday 19th February from 2pm to 4pm All are welcome to attend **Delgany Community Council BINGO** in the Horse and Hound, Doors open at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st February This will be a night to meet the neighbours and have a bit of fun and raise some funds for Delgany Community Council. Everyone is welcome, cost of €5 for 2 Bingo cards. Cash and other prizes on the night (Tax Free!!). Signal Arts Society Meet & Greet Signal Arts Centre, Bray February 24th on Friday, 24th February 7pm - 9pm 7pm to 9pm All are welcome Signal Arts Centre, a member of the PPN aims to raise the profile of artists and the arts within the community and to make the arts accessible to the broadest possible public including special needs groups and schools SIGNAL ARTS SOCIETY **Making Waves Youth Theatre** The group has announced details of their latest production that's running this month in The Whale Theatre Greystones. This Youth Theatre group has extended their membership, they are now accepting by Don Zolidis members from ages 12-20 and they have also started a new Junior Group for 12-14 vear olds. Previously Listed ... One to One tuition Digital Tuition for Adults at Wicklow Town Library over a 6 week period Starting on Thursday 23rd February from 2-3.30 pm Wicklow Town Library is teaming up with Transition Year students from East Glendalough School to show adults how to use their own device to access the internet and carry out ordinary everyday online activities. This is how it works; the students will receive training from 121 Digital to become tutors capable of demonstrating to older people how to carry out various online tasks on their personal laptop, tablet or smartphone. Then under the supervision of their To book your spot call teacher the tutors will link up with their learner in Wicklow Town Library where the Wicklow Town Library learning will take place. on 0404 67025 **Bray Tidy Towns - Volunteers Needed** on Saturday 25th February at 10.30am Meeting in the Peoples Park at the Memorial Stone for a general tidy up, equipment will be provided Sustainable Stories - New Group meeting in Delgany Sustainability Stories Next meeting on Sunday 26th February at 8pm This new group is planning a short series of monthly meetings to chat about topics such as home heating and insulation, electric bikes and scooters. If there is interest, there will also be discussions about biodiversity, pollinators, eating sustainably, energy efficient travel and renewable energy. Would you like to live more sustainably in 2023? Are you considering how best to stay warm, travel and eat while not costing the earth? If you would like some local support and advice on this journey then Sustainable Stories in Delgany might interest you. The group will meet in the Old School House in Delgany, A63 F858 on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8pm. **National News** #IrelandForAll March in Dublin on Saturday 18th February organised by Le Chéile coalition The march is being organised to show solidarity with people across the country who have been marginalised, discriminated against or let down by the State. The event will gather at Parnell Square at 1.30pm and march to the Custom House. This will be a peaceful family event to show that collective action can overcome division #DiversityNotDivision. **Bereavement Support Line** "It's been very helpful talking 1800 807077 Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm or Email: <u>bereavementsupport@hospicefoundation.ie</u> with queries For leaflets or more information contact <u>bereavementsupport@hospicefoundation.ie</u> or phone: 01 6793188 Website Annual forum of Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce & Annual Work Programme Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, and Minister of State, Ossian Smyth, hosted the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce National Stakeholder Forum on Wednesday 15th February. This annual event provides an opportunity for stakeholders across the public, private and community sectors to discuss issues relating to broadband, mobile phone coverage and connectivity. There was a particular focus this year on the importance of connectivity in the regions and how it can be used to support innovation, as well as benefitting our elderly citizens. Previously Listed ... Creating Regenerative Futures with your Local Council Online Tuesday 28th February from 3 - 5pm Join this session from Communities for Future which will be: Showing successful stories of Community Led Initiatives working with local councils Sharing tools & resources Linking to the policy thesis in the topic **SDG Advocate Training** Sustainable Development Goal Advocate Training 2023 CALLING ALL ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATORS! Closing Date for applications: Tuesday 14th March Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in Global Citizenship Education? Do you want to join Ireland's network of Active Citizens and create long lasting change within your organisation, institute or community group whilst also contributing to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals? The SDG Advocate Training offers 26 active citizens in the Adult and Community Education sector, an opportunity to become one of Ireland's SDG Advocates. This training course encourages advocates to deepen their understanding of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals and lead transformative change in Ireland. Learning & Capacity Building for Volunteer Involving Organisations Upcoming Training provided by Volunteer Ireland Volunteer Ireland has developed a comprehensive range of learning and capacitybuilding tools and resources to increase the effectiveness and impact of involving volunteers with your organisation. Some of the training and events are offered free of charge and others have a nominal charge. The upcoming training includes: Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement Involving Migrant Volunteers Volunteer Policy - The Fundamentals Diversity as a way to increase volunteer engagement **Consultations** Community Recognition Fund 2023 Wicklow County Council wants to hear from the public about what projects should receive funding. Survey Closing Date: Friday 3rd March This funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages which are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants ("new arrivals") including towns identified for the rapid build homes programme. It aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. Previously Listed ... **Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm** dublinarray consultation period running from end of January until early March The Dublin Array project is to hold a series of public consultation events on its plans to develop a wind farm off the coast of south County Dublin and Wicklow. Dublin Array During this second phase of public consultation Dublin Array will hold events in HAVE YOUR SAY Dublin and Wicklow and online. The details of the remaining in person consultation events and online sessions are as follows: Wednesday, February 22, Greystones Rugby Club, Greystones, Co Wicklow • Thursday, March 2, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, Co Dublin • Tuesday, March 7, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin Saturday, March 11, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin. Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs, Societies and LAW REFORM COMMISSION/COIMISIÚN UM other Unincorporated Associations ATHCHÓIRIÚ AN DLÍ Closing Date: Wednesday 15th March This Consultation Paper forms part of the Law Reform Commission's Fifth Programme of Law Reform. It examines issues relating to civil and criminal liability. including matters of regulatory compliance and enforcement, connected with nonprofit, unincorporated associations such as clubs and societies. Co. Wicklow PPN is The Consultation Paper raises important questions as to how regulators and exploring the possibility individuals can enforce legal obligations and, if necessary, sue unincorporated of organising a session associations. It also explores the potential legal consequences, including personal with the Law Reform liability, for individuals involved in non-profit unincorporated associations. Commisssion on this with a view to making a submission. Wicklow County Council Consultation Hub This site will inform you about open Wicklow County Council consultations and allow you to submit observations on them. **Government of Ireland Consultation Portal** Find information on public consultations held by government departments and local authorities. **Funding Opportunities** Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme 2023 for Sport & Physical Activity for Older People Closing Date: Friday 24th February at 12 noon The Active National Grant Scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally developed, well planned initiatives designed to increase participation in recreational sport and physical activity by older people. Grants are available to all eligible local clubs, groups, care settings and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities. The Accenture Sustainable Community Challenge (Change X) Closing Date: until the grant funds have been distributed The aim of the Accenture Sustainable Community Challenge, sponsored by Accenture, is to support existing groups and individuals (once they form a team) in Ireland to start new projects that improve community wellbeing, ultimately improving the quality of life for community members. Communities choose the project they want to start based on their community's needs, from a portfolio of ideas on the ChangeX site. Once the applicant has demonstrated their commitment and ability to start the community project by successfully completing a 30 Day Challenge on the ChangeX website, ChangeX will provide funding, information guides and support to give the applicant the best chance of success. In addition, once the applicant has demonstrated the impact the new project is having in their community, they will receive a further instalment of funding to support the maintenance of the project. Previously Listed ... **ERASMUS+ - Youth Participation Activities** Closing Date: Thursday 23rd February This action supports organisations and groups of young people to carry out Youth Participation Activities, to encourage, foster and facilitate young people's participation in Europe's democratic life. Youth Participation Activities are non-formal learning activities revolving around Erasmus+ active participation of young people. Such activities aim to enable young people to Enriching lives, opening minds. experience exchanges, cooperation, cultural and civic action. **Community Awards Scheme** WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL Closing Date: 4pm on Friday 24th February Community **Awards Scheme** The purpose of the Wicklow County Councils Community Award Scheme is to assist local community and voluntary groups, including sporting, arts and cultural organisations that would benefit from small scale or once-off funding to support the groups' activities i.e. running costs or to develop a particular project. The Award Scheme gives the County Council the opportunity to recognise and value the voluntary contribution made by local groups in their own localities. The maximum grant available is €500 per organisation - one application only per organisation. All queries to Community, Cultural & Social Development. Tel. (0404) 20208 or email: ccsdadmin@wicklowcoco.ie Community and Voluntary Sector Energy Support Scheme (CVESS) Extension in Closing Date to Friday 24th February The Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS) launched on the 21 November to provide for a once-off payment to eligible charities and community and voluntary sector organisations towards their energy costs for 2022. Given the level of interest, the scheme re-opened for applications on 13 December 2022 and the Find out More & Apply closing date has now been extended to the 24th February. Organisations that have an application in draft will be able to complete and submit their application. Organisations that have already submitted their application will not be able to reapply. **Arts Act Funding (Wicklow County Council)** Closing Date: Monday 27th February The purpose of this Funding Schemes is to support programming and 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 and Community project, development plan or programme for 2023. This year Wicklow County Council Arts Office will be accepting applications under 3 schemes: Artist Award Scheme 2023 Artist & Community Collaboration Award Scheme 2023 Arts Festival Award Scheme 2023 **RISE Community Fund** Closing Date: Tuesday 28th February Community The RISE Community Fund supported by NBI is aimed at addressing the rural digital divide and will award 5 monthly grants of €1,000 each to empower local businesses, community groups, farms and social enterprises to enhance their digital strategy. The Fund offers an immediate financial injection into your local community, boosting the digital ecosystem. 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 our members is: Music Capital Scheme Award 1: supports the purchase of musical instruments by non-professional performing groups The Arts Council - Young Ensembles Scheme Closing Date: Thursday 2nd March The primary purpose of the Young Ensembles Scheme is to support groups of young people between the ages of ten and twenty-four to create or critically engage with ambitious and original work together in any artform (e.g. circus, street art, spectacle, dance, digital media, film, music, theatre, literature, visual arts, architecture, or any combination of the above). Groups/ensembles must be made up of three or more members. **HeadStart Fund** Closing Date: 1pm on Friday 3rd March This €3,000,000 Fund announced by Rethink Ireland aims to support not-for-profit organisations that have an innovative approach to effecting positive mental health for young people aged 15-24, with a proven track record of impact and a vision to scale. Under this three-year Fund which was created in partnership with the Zurich Foundation and the HSE up to 10 awardees will receive a package of support. Find out More & Apply Rethink Ireland are also holding an online Information Session on the HeadStart Fund on Wednesday, 8th February at 11am or Friday, 17th February at 1pm. Estate Development Funding Scheme (Wicklow County Council) Closing Date: Friday 3rd March at 4pm Applications are invited from Residents Associations of Wicklow County Council Social Housing Estates for Funding in relation to the upkeep of green areas within their estate. Private Housing Estates in which there are a number of Local Authority properties may also apply. Application forms can be requested from your relevant Municipal District office. .IE Digital Town Awards .ie DIGITAL TOWN Closing Date: Friday 3rd March at 5pm AWARDS Towns and communities across Ireland can enter the .IE Digital Town Awards 2023, which celebrate the digital achievements of local towns and citizens across the country. There is a total prize fund of €100,000 across a range of categories for town projects that include a digital element. These projects could be in areas such as sustainability, agri-tech, digital tourism, community, education, and digital business. The RTE Toy Show Fund Community Grants Round - Friday 10th March The Community Grants Round is for children and family charities with an annual income of less than €500,000. Charities working at local, regional and national level can apply for a grant under one of the following thematic pillars: Addressing Essential Needs Improving Health and Wellbeing Creativity and Play Organisations can apply only once to the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal this year. Where multiple applications are received from the same organisation, none will be considered for assessment. Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme (managed by Create) Next Closing Date: Monday 27th March at 5pm (Round One) This Scheme offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The aim of the AIC scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. This Round to the Scheme includes the following awards: Research and Development Award (without mentoring) Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Project Realisation Award The closing date for Round Two of this Scheme is Monday 25th September. Artist Residency Award: Create and National Women's Council Closing Date for EOI from Artists: Wednesday 15th March at 5pm This year marks the 50th anniversary of NWC, the largest representative organisation for women and women's groups in Ireland. This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements for women and women's rights in Ireland and recognise the important, often invisible, contribution of women's organisations and activists in bringing about this positive change. The NWC are setting out to achieve this through a combination of creative approaches and engagements, discussion and debates as well as celebratory events and moments throughout the year. The Artist Residency Award is a key artistic strand of these activities. **Community Support Fund** (under the Community Enhancement Scheme 2022) Closing Date: 4pm on Friday 31st March This Fund will be administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area. Wicklow's allocation is €308,834. The Community Support Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with their non-pay running costs for example energy costs/bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for example

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canopies and training equipment etc.

rental/lease costs, insurance bills. Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry

Thanks for reading and please share with others in your community group. We hope you picked up some useful information for your group.

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out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment for

example tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers,

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