



Public Participation Network Wicklow

News Update: Week Ending 17th March 2023

Welcome to our latest news update

We are trying to get ahead of ourselves this week and are circulating our news update early!

We are only including a brief news roundup from the week. For fuller local and national news updates and details of other currently open consultations and funding schemes please check back on our previous [News Updates](#).

Best wishes to you all for St. Patrick's Day, we hope you enjoy the day regardless of the weather!

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh

Brief News Roundup from the week



Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme Closing Date: 4pm on Friday 24th March

Wicklow County Council invites applications under the Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme 2023. This scheme has been put in place to support Wicklow County Council's role in delivering the Creative Ireland Programme.

This fund is open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage, biodiversity and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with local community, arts, heritage, biodiversity and cultural groups.

Grants between €1,000 and €3,000 will be allocated to projects that communicate and celebrate aspects of Wicklow People and Place in creative and innovative ways. Activities that effectively capture and showcase the richness of Co. Wicklow's arts, culture, creativity, heritage, nature, biodiversity, and history are welcomed.



[Find out more & Apply](#)

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 - Public Consultation

The SSE Renewables consultation has opened in relation to Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2. The public is invited to participate in their upcoming public consultation events.

This consultation specifically relates to the offshore element of the project and the SSE Renewables Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 project team has confirmed that they are now looking at deploying a range of between 36 and 60 turbines compared with 200 as outlined in the earliest iteration of the project.

Planning permission has been secured for both the onshore grid infrastructure and the operations and maintenance facility last year.

You can engage with the SSE Renewables team and source information through a number of ways.

• Virtual exhibition room accessible via their [Website](#)

• In-person exhibitions – (registration not required)

- Thursday, 16 March 5-8 pm - Arklow Bay Conference and Leisure Hotel, Sea Road, Arklow, Co. Wicklow Y14DX02
- Tuesday, 21 March 5-8 pm - Wicklow Sailing Club, South Quay, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow A67WV82
- Wednesday, 29 March 5-8 pm - Courtown Sailing Club, South Beach, Courtown, Co. Wexford Y25X9D0

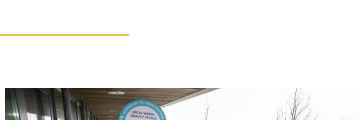
• Public Webinar, Wednesday, 5 April at 7.30 p.m. Register in advance via their [Website](#)

Their goal is to ensure that you can share your views and feedback so that they can assess and incorporate it, where possible, into their upcoming application to An Bord Pleanála.

For more information, contact Deirdre Keogh by email to: Deirdre.Keogh@sse.com or by phone to: 087 1822587

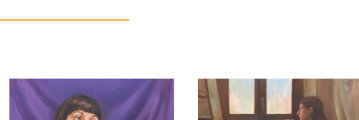
Harbour to Headwaters LEADER funded biodiversity project Launch at the Arklow Maritime Museum on Wednesday 22nd March at 4.30pm

The aim of the initiative is to create awareness of the rich biodiversity in the Avoca-Avonmore, Aughrim and Avonbeg River Catchments, while also explaining local water quality details and providing local information on Wicklow heritage within the river catchment, from the 'Harbour to Headwaters'.



"Outside of Now" an Exhibition by Nina Ruminska in the Signal Arts Centre, Bray

Running from: Monday 20th March to Sunday 2nd April



Update on Tree Festival '23 on Sunday 26th March in Belmont Demense Greystones organised by 80 Max

This is a family day out with many attractions such as archery, birds of prey, treasure hunt, horses, pottery, story telling, nature trail, music, dancing, great raffle with **€1,000 worth of insulation installation** from ecocel, archery lessons, and many many things from all the stalls contributing.

It is a free event for everyone. Cars however must pay 3 euro. local and sustainable

Vendors that meet that criteria are invited.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



Can you help with this event - 80 Max call for volunteers

They need volunteers in advance of the day, click link for details [HERE](#) for details

They need Stewards on the day, click [HERE](#) for details

Call Yvonne @ 085 862 1525 or Fiona @ 086 325 8803 in the Wicklow Volunteer Centre to get involved.

Environmental Sustainability Training Course Thursday 23rd March to Wednesday 29th March in Wicklow Town & Naas

This KWETB training course aims to equip learners with an awareness of the impacts of human activities on the environment and with the knowledge, skills and competence to identify the key sustainable practices that they can take in their personal life and in their community.

This course will be delivered over 25 hours in a physical classroom plus 15 hours self-directed learning online.



[Find out more & Apply](#)

Climate Heroes Community Challenge Public information sessions via zoom on Wednesday 22nd March at 1pm & 7pm

Global Action Plan is running a free two week Community Climate Challenge funded by Irish Aid, using the app Ducky.

Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge for you and members from your community. This can be from your sports club, a men's shed or tidy towns group, a residents group, or simply a group of friends who want to do some good together. You make your own team however you want.



[Find out more & Get Involved](#)

The challenge simply invites you and your team to:

- explore a range of climate friendly actions you can do on a day by day basis. These are listed on our unique climate challenge platform.
- If you do any of these actions, you then log them on the platform.
- See the impact you make as you record your actions.
- See the challenge leader board with other teams and then go try beat them :)

The fight against poverty and the role of civil society organisations in combatting poverty webstream on Wednesday 22nd March from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Prior registration for the webstreaming is not necessary.

The Civil Society Organisations' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee will maintain the topic of the fight against poverty and the role of civil society organisations in combatting poverty, as the overriding priority of the Group after the first half of the EESC term 2020-2025.

In 2023, the Group will launch and, if possible, publish a Civil Society Organisations' Group commissioned study on How to eradicate skills poverty among the most vulnerable and has already proposed two related own-initiative opinions, one on the subject The Climate Crisis and its Effect on Vulnerable Groups and another on The impact of high energy prices on the agricultural sector and rural areas.

[Access the Webstream](#)

The Charities Regulator call for nominations Closing Date: Thursday 23rd March at 5pm

The Charities Regulator is inviting nominations to a new stakeholder forum which will provide charity trustees and the Charities Regulator with an opportunity to exchange information and views on topics relevant to regulation of the sector including emerging issues. When it is established, the forum will be an important channel to ensure that the views and feedback of the charity sector are considered when the Charities Regulator is developing policies, guidance and regulatory materials.

The forum will operate initially on a pilot basis, comprising 12 to 20 charity trustees. A selection committee will consider the nominations received and agree the final members as they are keen to ensure that the membership of the stakeholder forum reflects the current profile of the charity sector by charitable purpose, size, legal form and geographical area.

In addition to the charity trustees and representatives of the Charities Regulator, observers from government departments and other state agencies will be invited to attend meetings where there are matters on the agenda relevant to their area(s) of responsibility.

[Find out more and submit a nomination](#)

Free Tickets for The Wheel Summit 2023 Up for Grabs Open for Applications until Wednesday 19th April

The Leadership Academy is delighted to give away four free tickets to [The Wheel's National Summit](#) in Croke Park on Tuesday 23rd May.

This exciting one-day Summit event is designed for sector leaders, staff, and volunteers who are passionate about making a positive impact in their organisations and their communities.

Tickets for the Summit are valued at €250 for non-members (€150 for members). The Wheel are looking for four emerging leaders who are interested in attending the Summit, free of charge.

To apply you must be one of the following:

- A new or entry-level staff member at a nonprofit organisation
- A committed volunteer in the nonprofit sector
- An emerging leader who is interested in developing your leadership skills
- A budding social entrepreneur
- Staff from all community and voluntary organisations are encouraged to apply, but we will give priority to organisations with smaller budgets



[Apply for Free tickets for the Wheel Summit](#)

You don't need to be associated with an organisation to apply. Individuals are also encouraged to apply. If you're not 100% sure if you are eligible, throw in an application anyway, there's nothing to lose!

Local Authority Baseline Funding Review Closing Date for Submissions: Friday 24th March

In May 2018, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government initiated a Local Government Funding (Baseline) Review. Following consultation with stakeholders, a funding allocation model was developed and agreed based on 5 key indicators: Population, Geographic, Income & Expenditure, Deprivation and National Policy Priorities. Each of these indicators is further divided into sub-indicators. Further detail of this model, which is being used as basis for the current review, is set out in the [Briefing Document](#).

A working group has been set up to review this model, with a view to recommending changes to the existing indicators, where required, and setting appropriate weightings to the agreed indicators. It should be noted that the purpose of this review is to deal with the allocation model itself. Any additional funding requirements arising from the recommendations of this review will be considered during the annual estimates process, and within the parameters of the national fiscal and budgetary situation.

[Baseline Review Survey](#)

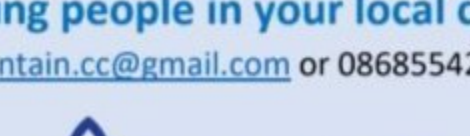
Can you help the Roundwood Scout Group - Call for Volunteers



17th Wicklow Roundwood Scout Group
Needs your Help
To Avoid permanent closure

Adult volunteers needed to help provide scouting for young people in your local community

Contact: cjh.mhantain.cc@gmail.com or 0868554262 for further details



Job Vacancies with Purple House Closing Date: Friday 24th March

[Purple House](#) are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Corporate Partnerships & Communications Manager
- Financial Controller
- Fundraising Coordinator

Visit their [website](#) to find out more about the organisation and its programmes



[Find out more](#)

Wexford Pride Group

Wexford Pride is committed to the creation of safe, accessible and inclusive spaces that honour the intersections of our diverse community. All events are open to every corner of our community, including those who are neurodivergent, disabled or members of the BIPOC, Traveller or Roma communities.



[Upcoming Events](#)

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 9th May. Minutes from the Secretariat meetings are available to view on our website.

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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