

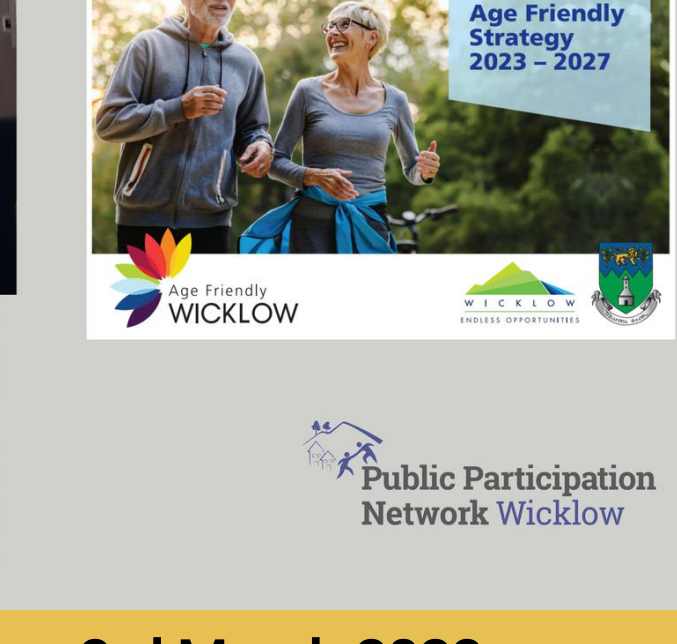
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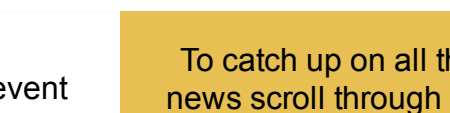
OUT & ABOUT THIS WEEK



LAUNCH OF THE NEW
CO WICKLOW
AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY
2023 - 2027



County Wicklow
Local News
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2023-2027



Public Participation
Network Wicklow

News Update: Week Ending 3rd March 2023

Welcome to our latest news update

The new five-year [Age Friendly Strategy](#) for County Wicklow was launched on Monday by Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler TD, at an event in County Buildings. Helen joined the event on behalf of the PPN and we will be working as a support partner on some of the strategy actions over the coming years.

We met online with the Law Reform Commission on Wednesday to discuss the [consultation paper](#) on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and other Unincorporated Associations. We will make a submission to this consultation which will be informed by what we heard from communities at our Vision for our Community sessions held last year. We will share our submission with you and perhaps you could use it to inform your own groups submission.

Next Wednesday we will be in Rathnew Community Hall for International Women's Day. We are looking forward to this 'Catch Up and Follow Up' with the women in Co. Wicklow. We hope you can join us!

When you're out for a walk will you record the flowers that you see? The National Biodiversity Data Centre is looking for everyone's help in recording the appearance of 20 easily identified 'Spring Flowers' and they would really like more information from West Wicklow.

Enjoy using your cupla focal or learning a few words of Irish? (Ifs [Seachain na Gaeilge](#))

To catch up on all the news scroll through the update or click on the links below to jump straight to a specific section:

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Photocress in the Glen of Inagh



Wicklow PPN News

PPN Awareness Campaign

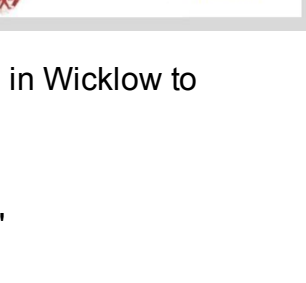
Wicklow Public Participation Network to give community groups their say

Great to have gotten some coverage in the Wicklow People this week. Please spread the word about PPNs to other community groups and clubs both within Co. Wicklow and across the county.

Call for Nominations for PPN Representative Positions

A gentle reminder: the closing date for nominations is Monday 13th March at 9am!

[Vacant PPN Rep Seats](#)



International Women's Day is Wicklow

Wednesday 8th March in Rathnew Community Centre

[Book to join us](#)

MARCH 8, 2023
RATHNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE
FROM 10AM TILL 12.30PM

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
IN WICKLOW**
LET'S CATCH UP & FOLLOW UP
TO BOOK: TEXT MARY MILLET
ON 087-6445893 OR VIA
EMAIL: info@wppn.ie
<https://international-womens-day.com/ireland/>

PLENTY OF CONVERSATIONS, & REPRESENTATIVES INVOLVED! TEA & SNAKS ON ARRIVAL AND A LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW
HOSTED BY THE WOMEN OF WICKLOW SOCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK

Women Of Wicklow Social Inclusion Network & the Rathnew Hall Committee invite all women in Wicklow to celebrate International Women's 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 year's 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



Co. Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027

A five-year [Age Friendly Strategy](#) for County Wicklow was launched last Monday (27th February) by Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler TD, at an event in County Buildings.

The Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023 - 2027 was developed by the Wicklow Age Friendly County Alliance following an extensive consultation with older people throughout the county.

The new five-year Strategy includes an action plan which details 2 actions, across eight thematic areas or domains:

- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect & Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation & Employment
- Communication & Information
- Community Support & Health Services

The Strategy aims to enhance the quality of life of older people in County Wicklow, using a multi-agency approach (statutory, voluntary and community sectors) to implement a range of objectives and action designed to significantly enhance the quality of life of older people living in Wicklow.

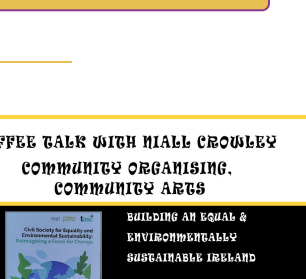
Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training

Breaking Through coordinates 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 Life'. All training is free and for persons over 18.

The training aims to support community members to:

- Recognise when someone might be at risk of suicide.
- Build confidence to talk to someone who is at risk of suicide.
- Connect them with helpful supports and services.

Please note that 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.



Find out more & Book

Local Enterprise Week

8th - 10th March

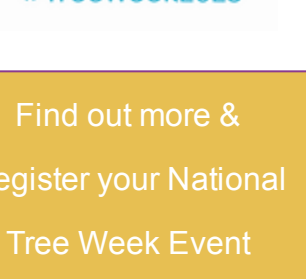
[Find out more](#)

Small businesses and budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to sample a number of events aimed at helping them to start or grow their business as part of this year's Local Enterprise Week in Co. Wicklow.

News from Member Groups ...

Bray Tidy Towns - Call for Volunteers

Litter Picking on Southern Cross on this Saturday 4th March from 10.30am.
Meeting at the Pharmacy at Pettits Supervallu.



Greystones Family Resource Centre is running an event for International Women's Day

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

POTLUCK BRUNCH

(BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE)
Tea, coffee and juices provided
#EmbraceEquity

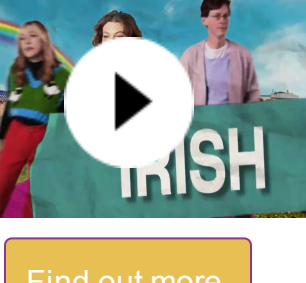
Greystones Family Resource Centre
Chapelwood

Wednesday March 8th at 11.00am
from Monday 6th to Sunday 19th March
Opening Reception: Sunday 12th March, 3pm - 5pm

Spaces are limited - to register textcall/whatsapp Rebecca on 087 751 4578

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership are hiring
Physical Activity for Health Officer

Closing Date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 23rd March.

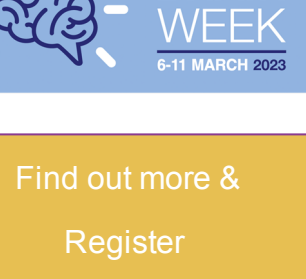


[Find out more](#)

Previously Listed ...

International Women's Day Lunch

In the Arklow Bay Hotel
Thursday 9th March



[Book your place](#)

Organised by Arklow Town Team.
Proceeds from the raffle held at the lunch will be going towards the Turkish/Syrian earthquake disaster relief fund.

Coffee & Talk with Niall Crowley

Thursday 9th March from 3-5pm
In the Signal Arts Centre Bray

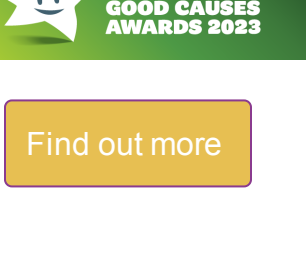


[Find out more](#)

If you're interested in Building an Equal & Environmentally Sustainable Ireland then head to Signal Arts Centre on Thursday 9th March for this event.
To register text your name to 087 2334931.

Art Exhibition from Bray Active Retirement Group

In the Signal Arts Centre, Bray
from Monday 6th to Sunday 19th March
Opening Reception: Sunday 12th March, 3pm - 5pm

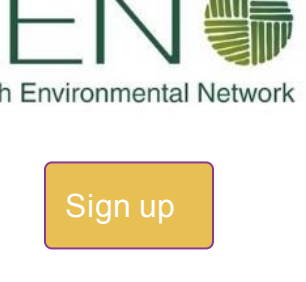


[Find out more](#)

The Bray Active Retirement Art Group meets weekly to share, stay connected and inspire one another with art. It is a relaxing group where the interchange of ideas and creativity are combined and this diversity is reflected in the resulting art. The group works in different media including oils, watercolour, acrylic and pencil.

National Tree Week

Sunday 19th to Sunday 26th March



[Find out more & Register your National Tree Week Event](#)

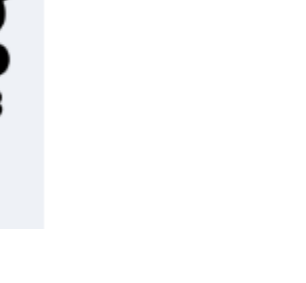
As in other years, the Tree Council of Ireland and Wicklow County Council are offering trees for planting during the week. Wicklow County Council is arranging for distribution to schools, community groups and residents associations in the county.

If your group or school is interested in availing of some trees during that week, please send contact person's details including the location and delivery of trees by email to tree@wicklowcoco.ie no later than Friday the 10th of March.

Trees will be approximately 80-100cm high and will consist of a mixture of, Rowan, Birch, Sycamore, Oak, Beech, Holly, Bird Cherry, Willow and Alder. They will be distributed according to availability after their delivery to Wicklow County Council. Unfortunately, they cannot guarantee delivery by specific dates, but we expect that trees will be available for delivery before or during National Tree Week. Numbers of trees distributed to each group will depend on demand, which varies from one year to the next.

Tree Festival '23

on Sunday 26th March
In Belmont Demense Greystones

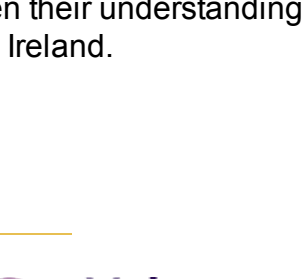


[Find out more](#)

organised by 80 Max

3000 trees will be distributed throughout the day
There will be a Seed Swap
and there will be lots of family friendly activities
This sounds like a great day out for the family and community.

National News



Seachain na Gaeilge Le Energia

1st - 17th Márta (March)



[Find out more](#)

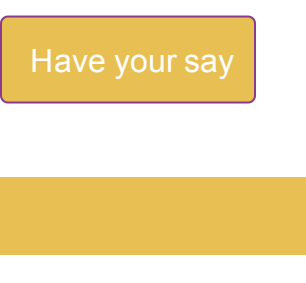
An fhéile Chaeilge is mo in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain!
The biggest Irish language festival in Ireland and the world!

Seachain na Gaeilge Le Energia is a community festival, with tours of historical towns & castles throughout the county. From oileanta ceoil in the local pub to historical tours tr Chaeilge through the castles of Ireland, there's an event for everyone.

See Funding section below for details of the Foras na Gaeilge Festivals Scheme

Creative Brain Week

6th to 11th March



[Find out more & Register](#)

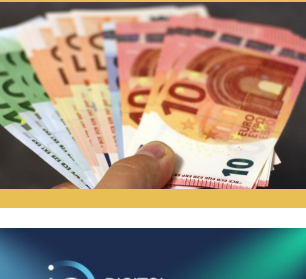
Online and in person events explore and celebrate how brain science and creativity collide to seed new ideas in social development, technology, entrepreneurship, wellbeing and physical, mental and brain health across the life cycle. A pioneering event to illustrate innovation at the intersection of arts and brain science, including creative approaches to health.

In person events take place in the Naughton Institute, Trinity College Dublin, and are fully ticketed. Tickets are free but have to be booked in advance to guarantee a place.

Inclusion and Migration in Ireland: A Community Work Response

Community Work Ireland Migration Symposium

on Wednesday 29th March from 10.30am to 3.30pm in Riadó, Project



[Find out more & Register](#)

If you are a community worker or in a leadership role in your community or project or if you are working with people and communities from a migrant background this symposium may interest you.

National Lottery officially launches Good Causes Awards 2023

Closing Date: Friday 31st March



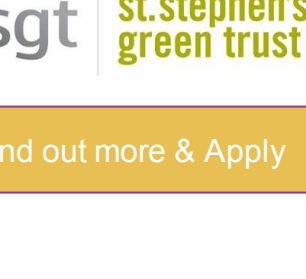
[Find out more](#)

The National Lottery have officially launched this year's National Lottery Good Causes Awards, which will celebrate the inspiring work and achievements of thousands of projects, clubs and individuals all over Ireland, who, with the help of National Lottery Good Causes funding, have had an extraordinary impact on their local communities.

Individuals, community projects and organisations who received Good Causes funding between the years 2018 and 2022 are eligible to apply.

Irish Environmental Network

Sign up for their Newsletter



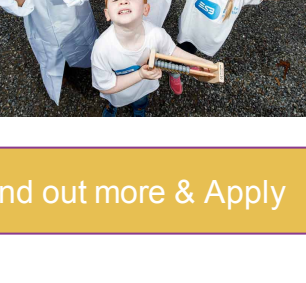
[Sign up](#)

The newsletter shares details of events and announcements from local environmental networks and IEN member groups.

Click HERE to have a look at their March Newsletter, which features an article from the West Wicklow Environmental Network a member group of Co. Wicklow PPN.

Let's Talk LEADER

online on Monday 3rd April



[Register](#)

This year at the IEN Environmental Pillar they are continuing to host online meet ups for PPN Environmental Representatives. If you are a PPN Representative, or you simply have an interest in the topic, you are welcome to join this event

Previously Listed ...

SDG Advocate Training

Sustainable Development Goal Advocacy 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.

[Find out more & Apply](#)

Learning & Capacity Building for Volunteer Involving Organisations

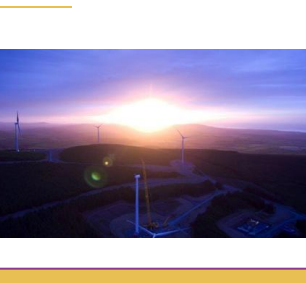
Capacity Training provided by Volunteer Ireland



[Find out more & Register](#)

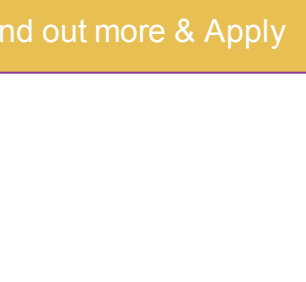
Volunteer Ireland has developed a comprehensive range of learning and capacity-building tools and resources to increase the effectiveness and impact of involving volunteers with your organisation. Some of the training and events are offered free of charge and others have a nominal charge.

Consultations



Global Campaign to Combat Ageism Survey

Closing Date: Wednesday 8th March



[Have your say](#)

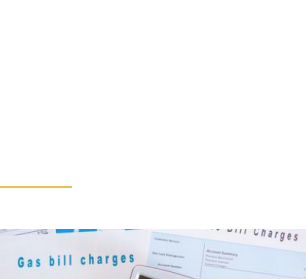
The Global Campaign to Combat Ageism is an initiative supported by the 194 Member States of the World Health Organisation and is integral to the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030).

The Global Campaign aims to tackle ageism by changing how we all think, feel and act towards age and ageing. The vision of the Global Campaign to Combat Ageism is to build [#NoMoreAgeism](#).

Previously Listed ...

Wicklow County Council Consultation Hub

This site to inform you about open Wicklow County Council consultations and allow you to submit observations on them.



[Consultation Hub](#)

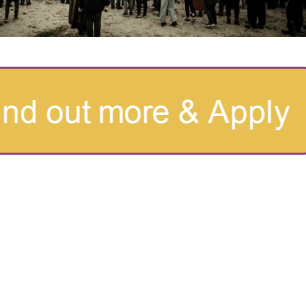
Government of Ireland Consultation Portal

Find information on public consultations held by government departments and local authorities.



[Consultation Portal](#)

Funding Opportunities



JE Digital Town Awards

Closing Date Extended: Friday 10th March at 5pm



[Find out more & Apply](#)

Towns and communities across Ireland can enter the JE 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.

Foras na Gaeilge Festivals Scheme

Closing Date: Thursday 16th March

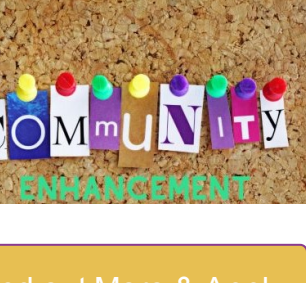


[Find out more & Apply](#)

This scheme is open to local groups to give them an opportunity to develop arts festivals or elements of festivals being run and implemented through the medium of Irish or which Irish language arts are a central part of them between the 1st June and the 31st December 2023.

This scheme is aimed at festivals which aim to foster and promote the Irish language, the Irish language arts, the indigenous arts and Irish language heritage through Irish or bilinguality, the an integral part of the festival and to provide a stage for the Irish language community, to the wider community and to the arts sector.

Funding scheme for groups who are supporting vulnerable women and families in the International Protection Process
Closing Date: Thursday 16th March



[Find out more & Apply](#)

This St. Stephen's Green Trust programme includes two funding strands.
Strand 1: one-year grants of between €5,000 and €8,000 will be offered to local groups working to improve the living conditions and pathways to support for the target beneficiaries.
Strand 2: one-year grants for up to €20,000 per annum for up to three years from groups working strategically to improve the situation of vulnerable women and families in the long-term.

ESB Energy For Generations Fund

Next Closing Date: Thursday 23rd March



[Find out more & Apply](#)

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

National Parks & Wildlife Services Grants for Small Recording Projects

Closing Date: Friday 31st March



[Find out more & Apply](#)

Ireland has a long tradition of natural history recording. NPWS recognises that the recording community needs support to maintain and enhance its expertise in species identification and recording.

The primary aim of these grants is to support and encourage the current network of naturalists recording in Ireland and to develop the next generation of specialist recorders. Grants are aimed at volunteer, unpaid recorders, or groups, societies and associations of recorders who have limited access to financial supports for their work.

Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity Programme

Closing Date: Friday 31st March



[Find out more & Apply](#)

A programme from the Creative Ireland Programme and partners in the Department of Health (Healthy Ireland Programme) the HSE and the Arts Council.

The purpose of this programme is to support creative projects that will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the Traveller community.

The Programme is looking for Traveller organisations with experience of working with health/wellbeing and/or creative arts and/or creative practitioners with experience of, or relevance to, working with Travellers to submit proposals.

Active Citizenship and Equality-based EU Funding Opportunities

Available Now - specific closing dates included below

[Find out more & Apply](#)

The EU's Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme has published calls for proposals for collaborative projects focused on promoting and protecting fundamental rights, rule of law and democracy across Ireland and the EU.

Any nonprofit organisation actively working to promote equality and rights can apply for funding to deliver projects that address the CERV programme's objectives and priorities. The open calls for proposals include:

- Network of Towns - deadline: 20/02/2023 This call aims to provide towns and municipalities the opportunity to develop sustainable networks and to outline their long-term vision for the future of European integration
- Calls for proposals for capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights - deadline: 25/02/2023
- Calls for proposals to protect EU values and rights by combating hate speech and hate crime - deadline: 26/02/2023
- European Remembrance - deadline: 06/03/2023 This call aims to support projects aimed at commemorating defining events in modern European history
- Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination - deadline: 06/03/2023

ESB Wind Farm Community Fund

Closing Date: Wednesday 28th April

[Find out more & Apply](#)

Please Note: Raheenleagh Wind Farm - located approximately 8 km west of Arklow within the Raheenleagh forest, Ballinvalley, is the only Wind Farm within Co. Wicklow that is included in this call.

The fund is available to community and voluntary groups, non-profit groups or organisations with a charitable status. The Wind Farm Community Funds will promote projects and initiatives that support and benefit the areas surrounding ESB wholly owned and co-owned wind farms, under a number of specific categories.

So if your group is located within 10 km of the Raheenleagh Wind Farm this fund may be of interest to you.

Previously Listed ...

The RTE Toy Show Fund

Community Grants Round - Friday 10th March

[Find out more & Apply](#)