Let your Voice be heard and make a real difference! OUT & ABOUT THIS WEEK **Age Friendly** Strategy 2023 – 2027 Age Friendly WICKLOW LAUNCH OF THE NEW CO. WICKLOW AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY **Public Participation** 2023 - 2027 **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 To catch up on all the Monday by Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler TD, at an event news scroll through the in County Buildings. Helen joined the event on behalf of the PPN and we will be update or click on the working as a support partner on some of the strategy actions over the coming years. links below to jump straight to a specific We met online with the Law Reform Commission on Wednesday to discuss the section: consultation paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and other Unincorporated Associations. We will make a submission to this consultation which will be informed Wicklow PPN News by what we heard from communities at our Vision for our Community sessions held **Local News** last year. We will share our submission with you and perhaps you could use it to **National News** inform your own groups submission. Consultations **Funding Opportunities** 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 focail or learning a few words of Irish! (it's Seachtain na Gaeilge) Primroses in the Glen of Imaal. **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 country. Call for Nominations for PPN Representative Positions A gentle reminder: the closing date for nominations is Monday 13th March at 9am! 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 <u>Secretariat</u> 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 new 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 72 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 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. **Local Enterprise Week** 6th - 10th March 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 Pettitts Supervalu. Greystones Family Resource Centre is running an event for International Women's Day INTERNATIONA WOMEN'S DAY **POTLUCK BRUNCH** (BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE) Tea, coffee and juices provided #EmbraceEquity **Greystones Family Resource Centre** Charlesland Wednesday March 8th at 11.00am Spaces are limited - to register text/call/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. Previously Listed ... International Women's Day Lunch International Women's Day in the Arklow Bay Hotel **Thursday 9th March** 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 coffee talk with miall crowled Thursday 9th March from 3-5pm in the Signal Arts Centre Bray 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 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. Find out more **National Tree Week** Sunday 19th to Sunday 26th March NATIONAL 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. COILLTE If your group or school is interested in availing of some trees during that week, please send contact person's details including the location for delivery of trees by email to #TreeWeek2023 eao@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 organised by 80 Max 3,000 trees will be distributed throughout the day There will be a Seed Swop and there will be lots of family friendly activities This sounds like a great day out for the family and community. **National News** Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia 1st - 17th Márta (March) An fhéile Ghaeilge is mó in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain! The biggest Irish language festival in Ireland and the world! Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia is a community festival, with community-organised events. From oícheanta ceoil in the local pub to historical tours trí Ghaeilge 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 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** Community Work on Wednesday 29th March from 10.30am to 3.30pm in Rialto, Dublin. **Ireland** 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 The National Lottery have officially launched this year's National Lottery Good Causes Awards, which honours 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 The newsletter shares details of events and announcements from local environmental networks and IEN member groups. Click <u>HERE</u> 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 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 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. Volunteer 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. **Consultations** Global Campaign to Combat Ageism Survey Closing Date: Wednesday 8th March 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 #AWorld4AllAges. Previously Listed ... **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** .IE Digital Town Awards .ie DIGITAL TOWN Closing Date Extended: Friday 10th 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. Foras na Gaeilge Festivals Scheme Closing Date: Thursday 16th March 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 Foras na Gaeilge 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 bilingually, as 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 st.stephen's green trust International Protection Process Closing Date: Thursday 16th March 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 will welcome applications 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 Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding. Every guarter 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 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/no access to financial supports for their work. Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity Progamme Closing Date: Friday 31st March 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 relevant to, working with Travellers to submit proposals. Active Citizenship and Equality-based EU Funding Opportunities Access Available Now - specific closing dates included below Europe 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 inside 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: 20/4/2023. 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: 25/5/2023. Calls for proposals to protect EU values and rights by combating hate speech and hate crime - deadline: 25/5/2023. • European Remembrance – deadline: 6/6/2023. 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: 20/6/2023. **ESB Wind Farm Community Fund** Closing Date: Wednesday 26th April 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 prioritise 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 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. Community and Voluntary Sector Energy Support Scheme (CVESS) Extension in Closing Date to Friday 24th March The scheme will now also be expanded to include HSE-funded Section 39 organisations The Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS) launched on the Find out more & Apply 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 in December 2022 and the closing date has now been extended to the 24th March 2023. 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 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. The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2023 Closing Date: Friday 31st March at 1pm The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund is a €3 million, 1-year Fund created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY). The goal of the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund is to support innovative projects or organisations across Ireland to: • build skills and remove barriers to help people with disabilities take part in their communities, Application clinics will be provide valuable employment experience to people with disabilities, and held on the 8th & 16th of support the overall participation of people with disabilities in local activities, in March to find out more line with the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of about the Fund and People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in communities. answer any questions that you have. **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 rental/lease costs, insurance bills. Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry Any queries in respect of

canopies and training equipment etc.

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

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

Once the applicant has demonstrated their commitment and ability to start the

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.

applicant the best chance of success. In addition, once the applicant has

community project by successfully completing a 30 Day Challenge on the ChangeX website, ChangeX will provide funding, information guides and support to give the

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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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

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

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