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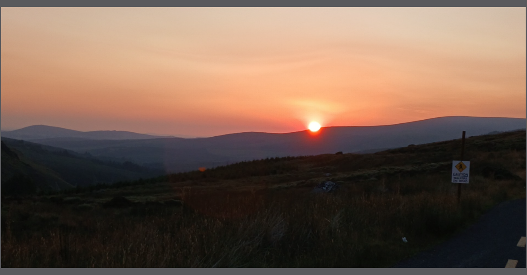

News Update: Friday 7th August 2026

Hi everyone

We hope you enjoy catching up on some of the latest news, updates and opportunities for funding and to have your voice heard.

We're delighted to highlight our upcoming **Coffee Conversation** event, being organised in collaboration with An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre and Concern Worldwide. Join us on Saturday 12th September at An Tairseach for a free day of connection, conversation and community. The event will explore themes of community, values and solidarity, including regenerative food systems, food poverty, health and wellbeing, organic farming and biodiversity. For more information about this event and to book your place, please see the PPN News section of the newsletter below.

We're also introducing a new **Know Your Rights** section in the newsletter. From time to time, Wicklow PPN will share useful information from Citizens Information on topics relevant to individuals, volunteers and community organisations. Have a look at the new section below and we hope you find it helpful.

Our visit to the Tinahely Agricultural Show was, as always, a fantastic day for meeting people, catching up with existing contacts and hearing about the many groups and initiatives active in our communities. It was great to learn more about the work happening across the county and to make new connections.

We are also busy preparing a couple of training and information-sharing events which will take place later in the year. We'll share more details soon and look forward to welcoming you along.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement with Wicklow PPN. We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter!

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- **Know Your Rights**
- Consultations
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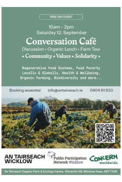
PPN News


FREE DAY EVENT
10am - 2pm
Saturday 12. September
Conversation Café
Discussion • Organic Lunch • Farm Tour
• Community • Values • Solidarity •
Regenerative Food Systems, Food Poverty Locally & Globally, Health & Wellbeing, Organic Farming, Biodiversity and more...
Booking essential
info@antairseach.ie
0404 61 833
AN TAIRSEACH WICKLOW
Public Participation Network Wicklow
CONCERN worldwide
An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow Town, A67 YX26

Book Your Place

Join Us for a Coffee Conversation - Community, Values & Solidarity
An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town
Saturday 12th September from 10am to 2pm

Wicklow PPN is delighted to partner with An Tairseach and Concern to host a free Coffee Conversation exploring the connections between our local communities and the wider world.

Join us on Saturday 12th September at the beautiful An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre for a day of conversation, learning and connection. Together, we'll explore the issues that matter; including regenerative food systems, food poverty in Wicklow and globally, health and wellbeing, organic farming, biodiversity, and the values that help build stronger, more resilient communities. The event will explore how our local experiences and choices connect to the bigger global picture, encouraging discussion, shared learning and practical action.

During the morning, you'll hear about the inspiring work of Concern, learn about local initiatives tackling food poverty in Wicklow, and explore other examples of positive community action. It's a unique opportunity to discover how local action and global solidarity go hand in hand.

The day also includes a delicious organic lunch of homemade soup and fresh salads prepared using seasonal produce grown on An Tairseach's organic farm. After lunch, participants are invited to enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful farm and gardens, the perfect opportunity to experience this peaceful setting, connect with others, and continue the conversation.

Whether you're a community volunteer, member of a local group, or simply interested in creating a healthier, fairer and more sustainable future, we'd love you to join us.

Places are free but booking is essential, so be sure to reserve your place and come along for what promises to be an inspiring and enjoyable day.

Access the Declaration

From Conversation to Action – We Listened and Heard

Last year, Wicklow PPN, Concern Worldwide and the West Wicklow Environmental Network collaborated to host a local Climate Café, as part of the Concern Global Intergenerational Climate Initiative where people came together to share their thoughts and ideas on climate action.

The feedback from all the Climate Cafés has since been brought together by Concern Worldwide to create an Intergenerational Climate Declaration.

Now it's time for the next step. Concern Worldwide is encouraging people to share the Declaration with their local TDs and help keep climate action on the agenda.

Central Bank of Ireland Visit with Wicklow Travellers Group & Wicklow PPN on Thursday 16th July

Wicklow PPN & Wicklow Travellers Group Welcome Central Bank of Ireland to CEART, Wicklow Town

Wicklow PPN and Wicklow Travellers Group were delighted to welcome Colm Kincaid, Deputy Governor, Consumer and Investor Protection, and colleagues from the Central Bank of Ireland to Wicklow to hear directly from local communities about their experiences of banking and financial services.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for members of the Traveller community and Wicklow PPN member organisations to share their experiences and highlight the challenges they face, including digital exclusion, accessibility, banking services and the realities of volunteer-led community organisations.

Both organisations would like to sincerely thank the Central Bank delegation for taking the time to listen, engage and acknowledge the importance of community voices. Opportunities like this help build stronger relationships and ensure that the lived experiences of communities help inform future policy and practice.

Wicklow PPN and Wicklow Travellers Group look forward to continuing this positive engagement with the Central Bank of Ireland.

Wicklow PPN Submission to the Central Bank of Ireland

There is still time to Contribute to the Discussion on Banking Matters for Community Groups

If you were unable to attend our recent Members' Gathering, where we discussed Banking & Financial matters, there are still opportunities to have your voice heard on this topic by completing the Social Justice Ireland Survey

Wicklow PPN at the Tinahely Agricultural Show
3rd August

Helen Howes and Tommy Tutty represented Wicklow PPN at the Tinahely Agricultural Show on the August Bank Holiday Monday. They enjoying meeting new people from across the County and beyond and catching up with member groups and old friends.

BEST OF WICKLOW

Local Press coverage of our recent events

Thanks to the Wicklow People for including the following two articles about Wicklow PPN Recent Events:

Wicklow community groups highlight banking barriers at local meeting

Access the Article

Delegation from Central Bank visits Wicklow to engage with local Traveller and community groups

Access the Article

Welcome to the Community Groups That Joined Wicklow PPN in the First Half of 2026

Click on the link below to access short slideshows of our new member groups.

New Member Groups

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Winners of Our Membership Re-registration Draw

A big thank you to all of our member groups who took the time to re-register with us as part of our recent membership campaign. Your engagement is helping us to keep our membership database up to date and ensuring that your group is kept in the loop of information.

As part of the campaign, we ran a prize draw for all groups that completed their re-registration. We were delighted to offer 12 Carmichael Training vouchers, along with a top prize of a €100 voucher towards essential supplies for your group.

The draw took place during our July Secretariat meeting, and all winning groups have now been contacted by email. In the event that any winner is unable to accept their prize, we have also selected a reserve list of groups who may be contacted.

Congratulations once again to all our winners!

The winners are:

€100 Essential Supplies Voucher:
Shillelagh Shillelagh United Youths

Carmichael Training Vouchers:
Arklow RNLI
Dunlavin Teen Scene
GRASP - Greystones Resource & Autism Support Group
Killincarrig Community Association
Making Waves Youth Theatre
Riverside Residents Association
Signal Arts Centre
Valleymount Theatre Company
Waverly Residents Association
West Wicklow Environmental Network
Wicklow Local Sports Partnership
Wicklow Regatta Festival

PPN
STAKEHOLDER
TRAINING
ONLINE SELF- PACED
TRAINING

Register

PPN Stakeholder Training – Self-Paced Online Learning

PPN stakeholders are reminded that a range of free, self-paced online training modules are available through Social Justice Ireland on behalf of the Department.

The training covers topics including an introduction to PPNs, local government budgets, effective participation in consultations, facilitation skills, strategic planning, measuring outcomes and impacts, and understanding the relationship between PPNs and local government.

The programme is designed for flexible, self-directed learning and is open to PPN workers, Secretariat members, PPN representatives, member groups, local authority staff, and elected councillors.

Those interested are encouraged to register and take advantage of this valuable professional development opportunity.

Keep an eye on our Website for all things PPN, including our Funding & Events Calendar, Funding Resource, 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 8th September 2026. Minutes from the Secretariat meetings are available to view on our website.

Check out our YouTube channel to view our 10th Anniversary Messages, Sustainable Development Goals Animation, our series of Wellbeing videos (Super Charge Your Self-care) and more.

Local News

Heritage Week 2026
Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd August

Celebrate Heritage Week 2026 – Discover What's Happening Across Wicklow

National Heritage Week returns, bringing with it a bumper programme of over 80 events taking place across County Wicklow.

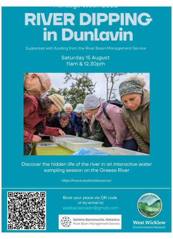
Whether you're interested in local history, archaeology, biodiversity, folklore, architecture or family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone. Heritage Week is a wonderful opportunity to discover and celebrate the rich natural, built and cultural heritage of our county, while exploring the places, stories and traditions that make Wicklow's communities so unique.

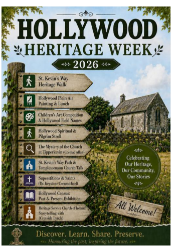
We've included just a couple of event posters in this newsletter to give you a flavour of what's on offer, but they represent only a small sample of the huge programme taking place throughout the week. There are many more events happening across the county, including an extensive series of talks, workshops and activities in Wicklow's libraries, alongside walks, exhibitions, demonstrations and community events organised by local heritage groups, volunteers and organisations.

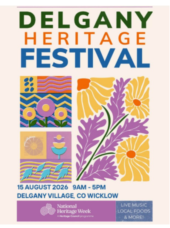
Planning a heritage event during National Heritage Week? There is still time to register your event and have it included on the official National Heritage Week website.

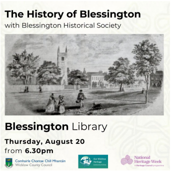
We encourage everyone to explore what's happening in your own local area, or perhaps take the opportunity to visit another part of the county or country and experience something new. Heritage Week is a great way to support local events, connect with your community, learn something new and celebrate the incredible heritage that surrounds us.

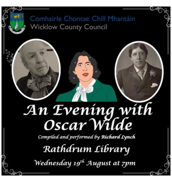
You can browse the full programme of events on the National Heritage Week and Wicklow Heritage websites and start planning your Heritage Week adventure today.

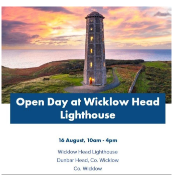

RIVER DIPPING in Dunlavin
Supported with funding from the River Basin Management Service
Saturday 15 August
11am & 12.30pm
Discover the hidden life of the river in an interactive water sampling session on the Greese River
https://www.westwicklowen.ie/
Book your place via QR code or by email to westwicklowen@gmail.com
Seirbhís Bainistíochta Abhantraí River Basin Management Service
West Wicklow Environmental Network

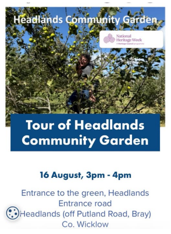

HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE WEEK
2026
St. Kevin's Way Heritage Walk
Hollywood Plein Air Painting & Lunch
Children's Art Competition & Hollywood Field Names
Hollywood Spiritual & Pilgrim Stroll
The Mystery of the Church at Tipperkevin (Cormac Allen)
St. Kevin's Way Path & Templeteenaun Church Talk
Superstitions & Saints (Dr. Keystone Cormichael)
Hollywood Census: Past & Present Exhibition
Heritage Service Church of Ireland Storytelling with (Cressida Lynch)
Celebrating Our Heritage, Our Community, Our Stories
All Welcome!
Discover. Learn. Share. Preserve.
Honouring the past, inspiring the future.

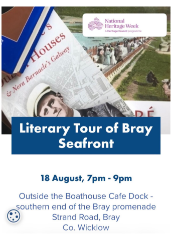

DELGANY HERITAGE FESTIVAL
15 AUGUST 2026 9AM - 5PM
DELGANY VILLAGE, CO WICKLOW
National Heritage Week
LIVE MUSIC LOCAL FOODS & MORE!

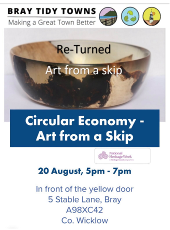

The History of Blessington
with Blessington Historical Society
Blessington Library
Thursday, August 20
from 6.30pm
Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin Wicklow County Council
National Heritage Week


Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council
An Evening with Oscar Wilde
Compiled and performed by Richard Lynch
Rathdrum Library
Wednesday 19th August at 7pm




Headlands Community Garden
National Heritage Week
Tour of Headlands Community Garden
16 August, 3pm - 4pm
Entrance to the green, Headlands
Entrance road
Headlands (off Putland Road, Bray)
Co. Wicklow


National Heritage Week
Literary Tour of Bray Seafront
18 August, 7pm - 9pm
Outside the Boathouse Cafe Dock -
southern end of the Bray promenade
Strand Road, Bray
Co. Wicklow



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Bird Watching Walk on the River Vartry

East Wicklow Rivers Trust and Roundwood Tidy Towns Biodiversity Group are inviting the community to join a Birdwatching Walk on the River Vartry on Wednesday 19th August at 6.30pm.

Led by Dr. Stephen Newton and Anne Newton, the walk will explore the diverse birdlife of the Vartry River and Reservoir. Participants may spot species including Grey Heron, Little Grebe, Moorhen and, with a little luck, Kingfisher, Dipper and Grey Wagtail.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the natural environment, learn more about local wildlife and discover the rich biodiversity of the Vartry area.

Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership Acquires Property Marking Machine to Support Crime Prevention
Supporting Safer Communities Across Wicklow

Wicklow PPN were delighted to see a number of our member groups and some of our PPN Representatives on the Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) taking part in training organised by the LCSP on the use of their newly acquired property marking machine.

The machine is an important crime prevention tool that helps deter theft by allowing valuable items to be marked with a unique identification code, supporting An Garda Síochána in identifying and returning recovered property to its owners.

This initiative highlights the importance of partnership and collaboration, bringing together the Wicklow LCSP, An Garda Síochána and local community organisations to strengthen safety and security across the county.

Full Press Release

Powerscourt Estate 2026 Working with Nature Awards
Celebrating Ireland's Nature Champions at the 2026 Working with Nature Awards

Ireland's leading conservationists, educators, nature communicators and community groups gathered at Powerscourt Estate for the 2026 Working with Nature Awards, celebrating the people and projects making an outstanding contribution to biodiversity restoration, nature protection, nature education and storytelling across Ireland.

The awards recognised inspiring initiatives that are restoring habitats, protecting wildlife, connecting communities with nature and encouraging greater appreciation of Ireland's natural heritage.

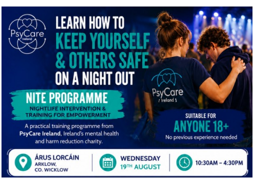
This year's winners included Wildacres Nature Reserve (Co. Wicklow), which received the Biodiversity & Rewilding Award for transforming farmland into a thriving wildlife reserve through habitat restoration and ecological education.

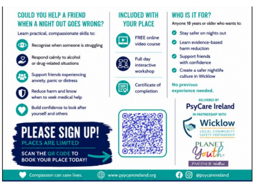
The overall Outstanding Nature Protector Award was presented to The Hare's Corner / Burrenbeo Trust for its work supporting landowners, schools and communities to create habitats and restore biodiversity across Ireland.

Congratulations to all winners, finalists and everyone working to protect and restore Ireland's natural environment.

Full Press Release

NITE Programme Training for young people in Wicklow - FREE


PsyCare Ireland
LEARN HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF & OTHERS SAFE ON A NIGHT OUT
NITE PROGRAMME
NIGHTLIFE INTERVENTION & TRAINING FOR EMPOWERMENT
A practical training programme from PsyCare Ireland, Ireland's mental health and harm reduction charity.
SUITABLE FOR ANYONE 18+
No previous experience needed
ÁRUS LORCÁIN ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST
10:30AM – 4:30PM


COULD YOU HELP A FRIEND WHEN A NIGHT OUT GOES WRONG?
Learn practical, compassionate skills to:
Recognise when someone is struggling
Respond calmly to alcohol or drug-related situations
Support friends experiencing anxiety, panic or distress
Reduce harm and know when to seek medical help
Build confidence to look after yourself and others
INCLUDED WITH YOUR PLACE
FREE online video course
Full day interactive workshop
Certificate of completion
WHO IS IT FOR?
Anyone 18 years or older who wants to:
Stay safer on nights out
Learn evidence-based harm reduction
Support friends with confidence
Create a safer nightlife culture in Wicklow
No previous experience needed.
PLEASE SIGN UP!
PLACES ARE LIMITED
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
DELIVERED BY PsyCare Ireland
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Wicklow LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
PLANET Youth PARTNER Wicklow
Compassion can save lives.
www.psycareireland.org
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Living Well programmes schedule for this autumn

Living Well is a free, group self-management programme for adults 18 years and older with long-term or chronic health conditions.

The Living Well programme supports you to help develop the skills and confidence to help you to self-manage and to live well with your long-term health condition.

Click HERE to access the Autumn Schedule

Congratulations to all involved in ShuttleKnit

ShuttleKnit have been named one of the **The Ireland Funds** Heart of the Community recipients in June of 2026. This important grant award will help ShuttleKnit to continue to grow and evolve their Traveller Heritage Brand that is currently celebrating its 25th year in operation.

Visit the ShuttleKnit Website HERE.

Find out more & Access the Report

Wicklow Traveller Play Area Developments Highlighted in Dormant Accounts Fund Annual Report 2025

Minister of State Jerry Buttimer TD has published the Dormant Accounts Fund Annual Report 2025, highlighting how over €43 million was invested during 2025 to address economic, social and educational disadvantage and to support people with disabilities.

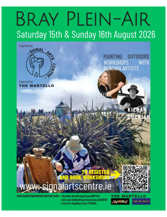
The report details funding for 57 measures across 11 Government Departments, supporting children and young people, marginalised groups, carers, victims of crime, people experiencing homelessness, prisoners, the unemployed, and people with disabilities.

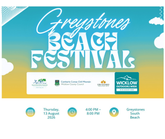
A featured case study in this year's report highlights the Wicklow Traveller Play Area Developments, where Dormant Accounts funding supported the delivery of two new playgrounds in a group housing scheme in Kilcoole and a halting site in Arklow. The playgrounds now serve 14 family units across both sites and have quickly become an important feature of daily life for the children living there.

The Wicklow project is one of two case studies included in the report, demonstrating the positive impact that Dormant Accounts Fund measures are having in communities across Ireland by promoting inclusion, supporting families and creating lasting benefits for future generations.

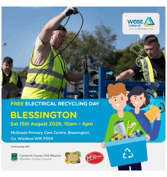
The publication of the Annual Report reinforces the important role the Dormant Accounts Fund continues to play in strengthening communities and supporting those most in need.

Some More Local Events on around the County


BRAY PLEIN-AIR
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August 2026
Organised by: SIGNAL ARTS CENTRE
Supported by: THE MARTELLO
PAINTING OUTDOORS WORKSHOPS WITH RENOWN ARTISTS
LAURA CRONIN
KIERAN GUCKIAN
TO REGISTER AND BOOK WORKSHOPS
www.signalartscentre.ie
THE MARTELLO



Keep an eye on our Social Media and other local pages for details of more events.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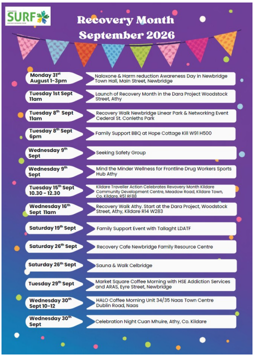
FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAY
BLESSINGTON
Sat 15th August 2026, 10am – 4pm
McGreals Primary Care Centre, Blessington, Co. Wicklow W91 F5X4
In Partnership With
Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin Wicklow County Council
McGreals

Supporting Families impacted by Substance Use in Kildare and West Wicklow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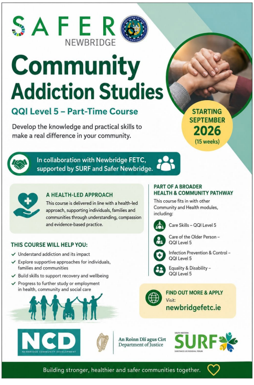
Recovery Month September 2026

Monday 31st August 1-3pm	Naloxone & Harm reduction Awareness Day in Newbridge Town Hall, Main Street, Newbridge
Tuesday 1st Sept 11am	Launch of Recovery Month in the Dara Project Woodstock Street, Athy
Tuesday 8th Sept 11am	Recovery Walk Newbridge Linear Park & Networking Event Cederal St. Conleths Park
Tuesday 8th Sept 6pm	Family Support BBQ at Hope Cottage Kill W91 H500
Wednesday 9th Sept	Seeking Safety Group
Wednesday 9th Sept	Mind the Minder Wellness for Frontline Drug Workers Sports Hub Athy
Tuesday 15th Sept 10.30 - 12.30	Kildare Traveller Action Celebrates Revovery Month Kildare Community Development Centre, Meadow Road, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, R51 RF88
Wednesday 16th Sept 11am	Recovery Walk Athy. Start at the Dara Project, Woodstock Street, Athy, Kildare R14 W283
Saturday 19th Sept	Family Support Event with Tallaght LDATF
Saturday 26th Sept	Recovery Cafe Newbridge Family Resource Centre
Saturday 26th Sept	Sauna & Walk Celbridge
Tuesday 29th Sept	Market Square Coffee Morning with HSE Addiction Services and ARAS, Eyre Street, Newbridge
Wednesday 30th Sept 10-12	HALO Coffee Morning Unit 34/35 Naas Town Centre Dublin Road, Naas
Wednesday 30th Sept	Celebration Night Cuan Mhuire, Athy, Co. Kildare


SAFER
NEWBRIDGE

Community Addiction Studies

QQI Level 5 – Part-Time Course

Develop the knowledge and practical skills to make a real difference in your community.

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026 (15 weeks)

In collaboration with Newbridge FETC, supported by SURF and Safer Newbridge.

A HEALTH-LED APPROACH
This course is delivered in line with a health-led approach, supporting individuals, families and communities through understanding, compassion and evidence-based practice.

THIS COURSE WILL HELP YOU:

- ✓ Understand addiction and its impact
- ✓ Explore supportive approaches for individuals, families and communities
- ✓ Build skills to support recovery and wellbeing
- ✓ Progress to further study or employment in health, community and social care

PART OF A BROADER HEALTH & COMMUNITY PATHWAY
This course fits in with other Community and Health modules, including:

- Care Skills – QQI Level 5
- Care of the Older Person – QQI Level 5
- Infection Prevention & Control – QQI Level 5
- Equality & Disability – QQI Level 5

FIND OUT MORE & APPLY
Visit:
newbridgefetc.ie

NCD NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice
SURF

Building stronger, healthier and safer communities together.

WASP MEN'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Addiction doesn't just impact the individual; it affects the entire family. Our support groups provide a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental space to connect with others who understand.

Hope Cottage
Main Street, Kill
Co. Kildare,
W91H500

Every Wednesday
7pm-9pm

Contact Cathy
0874307866

- ✓ 1-1 Support
- ✓ Keyworking
- ✓ Counselling

SURF HOPE COTTAGE

WASP WOMEN'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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SURF HOPE COTTAGE

previously listed ...

Living & Learning Course

A 7-week programme to support your wellbeing in a friendly, supportive environment

September - November 2026

What we'll cover

Register your interest

Scan the QR code or use the link below.

Register

Living & Learning Course - Register Your Interest

Kildare and Wicklow ETB, in partnership with MABS, Citizens Information and Adult Literacy for Life, is inviting expressions of interest for its Living & Learning Course, a free 7-week programme running from September to November 2026.

Designed to support wellbeing in a friendly and supportive environment, the course will cover topics including building confidence, budgeting and knowing your rights, emotional wellbeing and healthy eating, connecting with others and staying active, and volunteering and community involvement.

The programme offers participants an opportunity to develop practical skills, improve wellbeing and strengthen connections within their local community.

National News

Learn with NALA

Find out more

FREE courses on Learn with the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA)

Any adult can do a FREE courses on Learn with the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) to brush up on:

- Computers
- Maths
- Reading
- Writing
- Personal Development and much more!

Learners can start at any time and go at their own pace.

ReadSpeaker is available in all courses. This is a tool that can read out the words on the screen.

New Conversations with Leaders
Men Learning Together for Positive Change
APPLY NOW
Develop
Engage
Champion
Contact Us
Men's Development Network

Find out more

New Conversations with Leaders Training Applications Now Open Applications are open until the 16th August

Men's Development Network is inviting applications for New Conversations with Leaders, a free six-month leadership programme for men who are active in their communities, or who want to become more involved.

The programme offers a unique opportunity to explore leadership, personal development, equality and community action through residential weekends, webinars and peer learning in a supportive and inclusive environment.

2026 Cycle of Hope
Mizen to Malin Challenge
5th -12th September 2026
Hop on your bike & join us for World Suicide Prevention Day
Register Now
WWW.CYCLEAGAINSTSUICIDE.COM

Find out more

Cycle of Hope: Mizen to Malin Challenge 2026

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September, Cycle Against Suicide is inviting people across Ireland to take part in the Cycle of Hope: Mizen to Malin Challenge, taking place from 6–11 September.

This year's World Suicide Prevention Day theme, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide," encourages everyone to replace stigma with compassion, silence with understanding, and isolation with connection. By fostering open conversations and encouraging help-seeking, communities can offer hope to those who may be struggling.

Whether participants choose to cycle for one day, several days, or the entire journey from Mizen Head to Malin Head, they will be joining a powerful movement that raises awareness, supports those impacted by suicide, and promotes positive mental health.

Find out more & Register your Event

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week 2026 Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th September

Communities, organisations, schools and businesses are encouraged to take part in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week 2026, taking place from 19th to 27th September as part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW).

SDG Week is an opportunity to showcase local initiatives that support the Sustainable Development Goals and inspire positive action across communities. If you're planning an event, now is the time to register and be part of this nationwide celebration of sustainability.

Calling all Community Groups & Clubs in Co. Wicklow
FILL THE WHEEL & MAP THE GOALS

The SDGs - From Local to Global

Explore how local actions contribute to the SDGs using the Wicklow County Council SDG Mapping Tool: https://www.wicklow.ie/.../Sustainable-Development-Goals

For information and resources, visit the Wicklow PPN Train & Support page: https://countywicklowppn.ie/train-support/

Ireland's Energy Insights: From National Trends to Community Action

Register

SEAI Webinar: Ireland's Energy Insights - From National Trends to Community Action on Thursday 17th September at 1:15 pm

The session will explore Ireland's national energy trends, including emissions, energy use and renewable energy, before highlighting how local communities are driving climate action through Local Authority Climate Action Plans, Decarbonisation Zones and Sustainable Energy Communities.

The webinar will demonstrate how understanding energy data can support informed decision-making and empower communities to play an active role in Ireland's transition to a low-carbon future.

A valuable opportunity to gain practical insights into Ireland's energy journey and the important role communities play in achieving a more sustainable future.

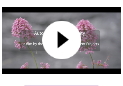
Find out more

New Participation Charter: strengthening the voice of older people in Ireland

Age Action and the Irish Senior Citizens Parliament have launched a new Participation Charter, supported by Community Foundation Ireland, to promote meaningful, accessible and sustained participation by older people in decisions that affect their lives, communities and society.

Informed by 764 responses to a national consultation, the Charter sets out ten practical principles to help organisations, public bodies, services and communities strengthen how they involve older people in consultation, policy development and decision-making.

The Charter supports organisations to ensure older people’s lived experience is recognised as valuable evidence, participation is inclusive, and opportunities for involvement lead to meaningful outcomes.



More about CDP

Exploring Community Work in Action

The Community Development Projects (CDP) Network has developed a new short film, “Autonomous Community Work in Action”, created collaboratively with ten Community Development Projects.

The film shines a light on community work through the voices and experiences of communities themselves, exploring key principles including participation, collective action and building power for positive change.

Rather than focusing on individual projects, the film highlights the shared values and critical issues at the heart of autonomous community work, providing an insight into the important work taking place in communities across the country.

The CDP Network invites community organisations and practitioners to take a few minutes to view and share the film as a valuable resource to support and strengthen community work practice.

NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION PORTAL DAY 2026

Find out more

Arts in Education National Day in TU Dublin on Saturday 7th November

Call for Presentations & Workshops Closing Date: Wednesday 16th September

This year's theme: **The Future is Creative:** ***Why arts and creativity in education matter more than ever.***

The committee are inviting artists, creative practitioners, teachers, educators, academics and arts in education professionals to share presentations or workshops. They are particularly interested in projects and practices that explore:

- Arts in education in the age of AI and emerging technologies
- Arts based approaches to connect with nature, climate action and sustainability

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND

Read Full Article

Bridging the Digital Divide: Ensuring No One Is Left Behind in Ireland's Digital Future

The Digital Shift - article from Social Justice Ireland

Despite significant progress, gaps in connectivity persist, particularly in rural parts of Ireland. Limited or poor broadband access continues to contribute to the digital divide, which can exacerbate educational and #economic inequalities. Addressing these disparities remains a key challenge as society becomes increasingly dependent on digital technologies. #Internet connectivity in Ireland reached 95 per cent in 2025, with fixed broadband remaining the dominant form of access, available in 87 per cent of households. Encouragingly, the urban-rural connectivity gap is narrowing. While 97 per cent of households in Dublin have fixed broadband access, the figure for the rest of the country has risen to 93 per cent.

An Rialálaí Carthanas
Charities Regulator

Charities Regulator Annual Report 2025

Have you ever wondered about the number of registered charities in each county across Ireland? You can read more about the sector in the Charities Regulators annual report.

Access the Report

IEN
Irish Environmental Network

Sharing IEN's August Newsletter

Click HERE to access their Connecting Nationwide August Newsletter. Which includes details of the upcoming West Wicklow Environmental River Dipping Event and much more.

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New Pollinator Guide for Community Gardens Launched

How to Manage Community Gardens for Pollinators

Community Gardens Ireland

National Biodiversity Data Centre

Community Gardens Ireland launched its new Pollinator Guide for Community Gardens, developed in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre and launched at Greystones & Kilcoole Community Garden, Co. Wicklow.

The project began three years ago following discussions on pesticide use in community gardens and allotments. Since then, both organisations have worked closely together, with valuable input from Community Gardens Ireland committee members, to produce a practical guide promoting pollinator-friendly gardening.

The guide outlines best practice for community gardens, including eliminating pesticide use, creating habitats for wildlife, and providing features such as ponds, bird boxes and bat boxes to support biodiversity.

It is hoped that the guide will inspire more pollinator-friendly community gardens across the island of Ireland and help protect native species for future generations.

Access the Guide and much more via either button opposite.

ECO-Sustainability Award Programme

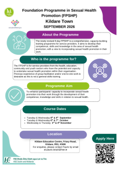
Find out more & Register

The ECO-UNESCO ECO-Sustainability Award Programme supports community groups and organisations to embed sustainability into their everyday activities.

Through a practical framework, the programme helps organisations promote sustainable development while working towards recognised sustainability awards. As part of the programme, information sessions are available to help organisations explore how the framework can support their sustainability journey and connect with a growing network committed to positive environmental action.

Please note there is a small cost (€50) for groups to get involved.

Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion


Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion (FPSHP)
Kildare Town
SEPTEMBER 2026
About the Programme
Who is the programme for?
Programme Aim
Course Dates
Location
Apply Here

Find out more

Applications are now open for the Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion (FPSHP), a free 6-day training programme for professionals working across health, community, education and youth sectors.

The programme aims to support participants in building the skills, knowledge and confidence to integrate sexual health promotion into their work.

The training will take place in Kildare Town over the months of September, October and November 2026. Places are limited and early application is encouraged

Know Your Rights

Useful updates from Citizens Information for individuals, volunteers and community organisations

We're delighted to partner with Citizens Information to bring you **Know Your Rights**, a feature that will highlight practical information and advice on issues affecting individuals, families, volunteers and community organisations.

Citizens Information provides free, confidential and independent information and advice to help people understand their rights, access available supports and make informed decisions.

In this edition, we've included updates on a range of topical subjects including: ticket touting; public holidays; and the Fair Deal Scheme.

Ticket Touting

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fair Deal Scheme

Updates from Citizens Information

Contact your local Citizens Information Centre:

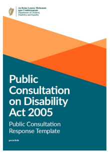
Access CIC Website

Bray CIC: 0818 07 6780
Email Bray CIC at bray@citinfo.ie
Arklow CIC: 0818 07 6750
Email Arklow CIC at arklow@citinfo.ie

You can also get information and advice from: **The Citizens Information Phone Service:** Call 0818 07 4000. Open Monday to Friday from 9am - 8pm

Consultations

Disability Act 2025
Closing Date: Wednesday 9th September at 5pm


Public Consultation on Disability Act 2005
Public Consultation Response Template

Have your Say

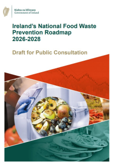
The Minister for Children, Disability & Equality has launched a public consultation to inform the review of the Disability Act 2005.

They would particularly like to hear from disabled people, their families and carers, their representative groups, and Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs).

In order to ensure that this process is as accessible as possible there are multiple methods of sharing your views to inform this consultation process.

The Disability Act 2005 is a wide-ranging piece of legislation which strives to improve the quality of life for disabled people, but it has not been updated in any significant manner since its enactment over 20 years ago.

Ireland's National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2026–2028
Closing Date: Friday 4th September


Ireland's National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2026-2028
Draft for Public Consultation

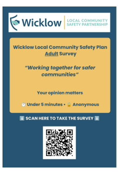
Have your Say

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment is inviting communities, organisations and individuals to take part in the public consultation on the National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2026–2028.

The Roadmap sets out actions to help reduce food waste in Ireland, supporting more sustainable practices while addressing the environmental, social and economic impacts of wasted food. The consultation is seeking views on the proposed priorities and actions that will help shape Ireland's approach to food waste prevention over the coming years.

Everyone with an interest in sustainability, food systems and community action is encouraged to have their say.

Local Community Safety Public Consultations
Closing Date: Monday 31st August at 5pm


Wicklow LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
Wicklow Local Community Safety Plan Adult Survey
"Working together for safer communities"
Your opinion matters
Under 5 minutes • Anonymous
SCAN HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Have your Say

Help shape the future of community safety in Wicklow

Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership is inviting all adults to take part in their Community Safety Survey.

Your views will play a key role in developing our Community Safety Plan, helping make Wicklow a safer place for everyone.

You can let your voice be heard

- via the survey - link opposite
- in writing to: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 H026
- by email to communitysafety@wicklowcoco.ie
- through the submissions box on the Wicklow County Council Website

Draft National Strategy for Improving Community Safety
Closing Date: Friday 11th September

National Strategy for Improving Community Safety

Have your Say

The Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration is inviting people and organisations to share their feedback on the Draft National Strategy for Improving Community Safety.

The draft strategy has been developed to establish a coordinated approach to community safety, recognising that creating safer communities requires collaboration between public services, local communities and a range of partners. The strategy has been informed by consultation and engagement with communities and stakeholders, and feedback is now being sought on the draft proposals.

Individuals, community groups and organisations are encouraged to review the draft strategy and share their views to help shape the final strategy for improving community safety across Ireland.

Social Enterprises Invited to Shape Future Climate Funding

UCC Taighde Éireann Research Ireland
Financing the Green Transition: Assessing the Role and Scalability of All Irish Social Enterprises for Climate Action

Find out More & Have your Say

Social enterprises across Ireland are being encouraged to take part in the first national study examining how the sector finances environmental and climate activities, and what supports are needed for the future.

Funded by the Research Ireland New Foundations Award (Strand 15) and supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development, the 15-minute confidential survey will help inform future government policy, funding and supports for social enterprises.

By taking part, organisations can highlight the barriers they face and ensure their experiences help shape future funding approaches.

CROSSROADS National LGBTQ+ Study

Have your Say

LGBTQ+ adults across Ireland are encouraged to take part in CROSSROADS, the first national study examining the impact of rising hate, organised anti-LGBTQ+ activity, misinformation and far-right hostility on LGBTQ+ communities in Ireland.

The anonymous survey explores experiences of safety, discrimination, community support, public life, housing, workplaces and services, while also giving participants the opportunity to shape recommendations for government, public bodies and civil society.

Researchers are particularly encouraging participation from trans and gender-diverse people, LGBTQ+ migrants, people from minority ethnic communities, those living outside larger cities, and others whose voices may be underrepresented.

The survey is open to LGBTQ+ adults (18+) living in the Republic of Ireland, takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous and confidential.

Community Feedback Helps Shape Future Coastal Rail Infrastructure Plans

Clár Cosanta Bhonneagar Iarnród an Chósta Thoir
East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects

Access the Feedback & Updates

Iarnród Éireann has published the Post-Consultation Findings Report for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Protection Project, acknowledging the valuable feedback received from communities and stakeholders during the public consultation process.

The consultation, which ran from 15 September to 13 October 2025, provided an important opportunity for people to share their views, and it is positive to see the contributions received being recognised and reflected in the next phases of the project.

The report outlines the feedback received and how community input has helped inform the ongoing development of the project, including sections from Merrion Gates to Seapoint Beach, White Rock Beach to South Killiney, Bray Head to Greystones North Beach, Kilcoole to Newcastle, and Newcastle to Wicklow Murrough.

Those who took part are encouraged to review the findings report to see how their contributions have helped shape the project.

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Climate Action Plan
Closing Date: Monday 17th August

Climate Action Plan 2025

Find out More & Have your Say

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment has launched a public consultation on the next update to Ireland's Climate Action Plan.

The consultation invites members of the public, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders to share their views on the climate priorities, policies and actions that should be included in the updated plan.

Feedback received will help inform the next Climate Action Plan, which will focus on accelerating progress towards Ireland's climate targets while supporting a climate-resilient and biodiversity-rich future.

Insurance Survey for Charities & Community Groups

ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE REFORM
Insurance Survey 2026
Charity, Community & Voluntary Sector

Have your Say

Is Your Organisation Feeling the Impact of Rising Insurance Costs?

Community and voluntary organisations are encouraged to take part in the Alliance for Insurance Reform's annual insurance survey.

With rising insurance premiums continuing to place pressure on charities and community groups, the survey provides vital evidence to help inform government, policymakers and the media about the challenges organisations are facing.

It takes less than a minute to complete, requires no specific financial information, and helps strengthen the case for further action to reduce insurance costs across the sector.

Childminding Ireland National Survey for Parents

Have your Say

Childminding Ireland has launched a National Survey for parents who currently use a childminder. The findings will provide important evidence to inform discussions with Government and policymakers on the introduction of mandatory childminding regulations due in September 2027.

The survey takes approximately six minutes to complete, is completely anonymous, and is open to parents currently using a childminder. As decisions are being made about the future of childminding in Ireland, it is essential that parents' experiences and perspectives are included.

Research in Ireland Barometer 2026

Find out more & Have your Say

Community groups, voluntary organisations and local stakeholders are being encouraged to support the Research in Ireland Barometer 2026, a national initiative exploring how people across Ireland experience and relate to research in their everyday lives.

Open to anyone aged 16+ living in Ireland, the survey aims to ensure research policy and funding better reflect people's lived experiences, priorities and needs. Particular emphasis is being placed on hearing from voices that are not usually represented in conversations about research.

The survey will remain open for three months, with findings helping to shape community focus groups taking place nationwide over the summer and informing how research engages with society in the future.

Barriers to Accessing Bank Accounts for Small Community Groups
Closing Date: Saturday 31st October

Have your Say

Social Justice Ireland is an independent think tank and justice advocacy organisation that advances the lives of people and communities through providing independent social analysis and effective policy development to create a sustainable future for every member of society and for society as a whole.

They are conducting a short survey to better understand how Community Groups access basic financial services, and where gaps may exist. As Community Groups need a dedicated bank account in order to receive grants and funding, by sharing your perspective, you'll contribute to research that aims to improve access to basic financial products for community groups. The survey is quick, anonymous, and open to everyone.

Wicklow County Council Consultation Hub
Let your Voice be Heard on local Plans and Schemes

Consultation Hub

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

Open Consultations - Let your Voice be Heard

Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership, Closing Date for Submissions, 5pm Monday, 31st August 2026

Part XI / Part 8 Ballyguile Housing, closing date for submissions: 12 Noon Friday 28th August 2026

Declaration of Public Roads 2026 - Section 11 Roads Act, 1993 - Closing Date 4th of September 2026

Identification of Bathing Waters 2026, closing date 25th September 2026

Government of Ireland Public Consultations

Consultation Portal

There are a number of public consultations currently open that provide an important opportunity for individuals and groups to Have your Say & Let your Voice be Heard

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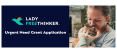
Funding Opportunities

Animal Care & Rescue
Closing Date: Saturday 9th August



Find out more & Apply

The Urgent Need Fund from Lady Freethinker is for organisations that are planning or currently working on projects to rescue or care for animals or raise awareness to improve the way animals are treated. This may include rescue missions, medical care, food, or housing. Organisations from anywhere in the world are eligible to apply for grants of up to $10,000 USD each. Please note that actual amounts awarded may vary.

United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Fund
Closing Date: Friday 14th August at 5pm

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY
17 OCTOBER

Find out more & Apply

Funding is now available to support community and voluntary organisations to mark the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October 2026.

The Department of Social Protection is inviting eligible groups working with people experiencing poverty to apply for support for awareness-raising activities. Funded projects may include initiatives involving children, people with disabilities, women's groups, minority groups and communities at local or national level.

A wide range of activities will be considered, including artistic and cultural events, exhibitions, public talks and community workshops. This year's funding also recognises Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the importance of social inclusion in strengthening the quality of life for people across Ireland.

Wicklow County Council Arts Office Strategic Projects Award Scheme
Closing Date: Friday 21st August at 4pm

Find out more & Apply

Wicklow Arts Office invites submissions to this annual funding stream, which is open to artists, national resource organisations, individual curators, and / or artist collectives.

Applications should focus on nurturing practice, enhancing connectivity, generating new perspectives and cultivating new voices within County Wicklow.

All awards are subject to budget allocation. The maximum award for selected individual projects under Stream A is €15,000 and for Stream B €10,000.

Integration Fund
Closing Date: Wednesday 2nd September at 12 noon

INTEGRATION FUND 2026

Find out more & Apply

The Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration has launched the Integration Fund 2026, providing funding to not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that promote the integration of migrants across Ireland.

The fund aims to support initiatives that encourage inclusion, participation, intercultural understanding, and stronger connections between migrants and local communities. Three funding streams are available, supporting both larger projects focused on International Protection Applicants and smaller community-based initiatives benefiting migrant communities more broadly.

Arts and Disability Connect Funding
Closing Date: Tuesday 29th September

Find out more & Apply

Arts & Disability Ireland's Arts and Disability Connect funding scheme provides support for artists with disabilities to develop their creative practice and pursue new opportunities within the arts sector.

The scheme includes a range of funding opportunities, including Mentoring, Training, New Work, and Research and Reflection awards, designed to support artists in developing their work, accessing professional development opportunities and connecting with arts organisations and arts professionals.

Arts and Disability Connect aims to support artists with disabilities to be ambitious in their creative practice, build their skills and explore new artistic possibilities within an inclusive and supportive environment.

Built Heritage Schemes
Closing Date:
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Thatched Buildings (HTB): 4.00pm, Friday 30th October
Historic Structures Fund (HSF): 4.00pm, Friday 27th November

Find out more & Apply

Applications are now open for the Built Heritage Grant Schemes 2027, administered by Wicklow County Council on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The funding schemes support the conservation, repair and protection of historic buildings and structures across County Wicklow and include:

- Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) – supporting small-scale, labour-intensive conservation and repair works to protected structures, buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas, vernacular buildings, including thatched properties, and historic shopfronts.
- Historic Structures Fund (HSF) – supporting larger-scale conservation projects that safeguard historic structures, extend their lifespan and deliver public or community benefit.
- Historic Thatched Buildings (HTB) Stream – providing dedicated funding for the conservation and protection of traditional thatched buildings.

Arts Council Funding Opportunity
Closing Dates: Various Dates

Find out more & Apply

Arts organisations & creatives are encouraged to explore the range of funding opportunities available through the Arts Council.

Applications are now open for Strategic Funding, which supports key arts organisations to strengthen their sustainability and capacity to deliver high-quality arts experiences, services, events and activities for audiences across Ireland.

Strategic Funding is open to formally constituted organisations (CLGs and DACs) that meet the eligibility criteria, including having previously received Arts Council funding.

Discover EU Funding Opportunities with Access Europe

Find out more & Apply

Access Europe provides a valuable resource for organisations, communities and individuals interested in exploring EU funding opportunities.

The Access Europe website brings together information on a wide range of EU funding schemes, helping users discover available programmes, understand eligibility requirements and find opportunities that can support their projects and ambitions.

From arts and culture to community development, research, inclusion and beyond, Access Europe offers guidance and information to help people navigate the many funding opportunities available.

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ESB Energy for Generations Fund
Closing Date: Monday 24th August
(opening for applications from the 10th August)

Find out more & Apply

Charities working in the areas of social inclusion, access to education, access to employment, and homelessness can apply to the fund.

Social Inclusion: Access to Education
The ESB Energy for Generations Fund funds services and projects working to promote access to education and have a particular interest in projects that support the following:

- Early years and primary education projects focusing on supporting transition into education and specialist literacy and numeracy skills development initiatives.
- Post-Primary level proposals supporting science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM).
- Adult education supporting competency development and return-to-education programmes aimed at those long-term out of work.
- Inclusive education initiatives that promote sustainability.

Social Inclusion: Access to Employment

- They fund projects that focus on supporting inclusive access to employment initiatives committing to an increasingly diverse workforce and agile culture of inclusion and belonging in line with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) commitment.
- Projects promoting an inclusive community supporting efforts and activities aimed at helping marginalised members of society obtain work. Thereby growing a diverse and inclusive workforce of the future, opening doors for excluded groups in our communities, which consistent with our DEI commitment.

Homelessness
They also fund services and projects benefiting homeless people and those at risk of homelessness. The Fund welcomes projects particularly relating to sustainability as well as projects orientated towards social inclusion namely access to education and access to employment initiatives.

Tuath Climate Action Fund
Closing Date: Wednesday 26th August

Find out more & Apply

Applications are now open for the Tuath Climate Action Fund 2026, offering grants of €500 to €5,000 to support resident-led projects that promote sustainability and climate action.

The fund will support initiatives such as community gardens, biodiversity projects, climate awareness activities, sustainable transport and other ideas that help create greener, more resilient communities.

Residents and community groups are encouraged to apply and bring forward projects that will make a positive environmental impact in their local area.

Huawei Solar Sports Scheme
Closing Date: Friday 31st August

Find out more & Apply

Sports clubs and organisations across Ireland are being encouraged to apply for the Huawei Solar Sports Scheme, which will award five grants of €10,000 each to support grassroots sport and community development. The scheme aims to invest in projects that strengthen local clubs, promote participation and deliver long-term benefits for communities.

Funding can support sporting activities, facilities, equipment, development programmes and other sport-related initiatives.

Leinster GAA Club Grant
Closing Date: Friday 4th September

Find out more

Clubs across Leinster are encouraged to apply for the Leinster GAA Club Grant, supporting a range of key infrastructure projects including pitch development, LED floodlights, dressing rooms, disability access facilities, gym structures and more.

Funding is available for eligible projects with minimum expenditure requirements, with grants covering up to 5% of net project costs (excluding land purchase conditions).

Clubs are reminded that trustee/property transfer requirements must be in progress or completed, with proof required as part of the process.

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Good Governance Awards
Recognising excellence in nonprofit annual reports
Enter Now!
Open for entries
www.goodgovernanceawards.ie

Find out more

Good Governance Awards
Closing Date: Thursday 10th September

Win training up to the value of €240 by entering the Good Governance Awards

Writing an annual report and financial statements can be time-consuming for any nonprofit, but it can be especially difficult for smaller organisations. As a special encouragement for nonprofits with an annual income of less than €100,000 (Entry Category 1) to enter their annual report and financial statements into the Good Governance Awards, each category 1 entrant will receive one free place on one of Carmichael's Scheduled Training Courses (excluding National Training Fund Courses). Each Category 1 finalist will receive 2 additional training places. Carmichael's training covers topics such as Board Roles & Responsibilities, Charities Governance Code, Introduction to Strategic Planning, Companies Act & Charities Act and Understanding & Influencing the Oireachtas.

#BEACTIVE
EU SPORT AWARDS

Find out more

BeActive EU Sport Awards
Closing Date: Thursday 17th September

Applications are now open for the BeActive EU Sport Awards 2026, which recognise organisations and individuals using sport and physical activity to make a positive impact in their communities.

Awards are available across five categories:

- Across Generations - recognising initiatives that bring people of all ages together through sport.
- Inclusion - celebrating projects that promote social inclusion, equality and diversity through sport.
- Peace - recognising initiatives that use sport to build understanding, cooperation and peaceful communities.
- Physical Activity - rewarding projects that encourage active lifestyles and improve health and wellbeing.
- Volunteering - celebrating the outstanding contribution of volunteers and volunteer-led sports initiatives.

Outdoor Recreation

Find out more

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
Measure 1 & Project Development applications close 25th September
Measure 2 & 3 applications close 15th December

Local authorities, local development companies, community groups and stakeholders involved in outdoor recreation are being encouraged to explore the newly launched 2026–2027 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

The scheme will provide €20 million to support the development, upgrade, maintenance, and promotion of outdoor recreation infrastructure in rural areas, with targeted supports for Gaeltacht and island communities.

Funding is available for projects ranging from small-scale repairs and promotion to large strategic trail and amenity developments. Groups with project ideas are encouraged to engage with their local authority or local development company.

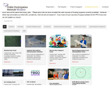
Find out more & Apply

LAWPRO Small Grants and Events Scheme
Closing Date: Friday 18th December

This grants scheme is for community groups to apply for small scale initiatives and events outside of LAWPRO's targeted open calls. It covers events such as World Wetland Day, Biodiversity Week, Science Week, etc. It may also be used for small awareness raising initiatives such as surveys and plans, citizen science, hosting a meeting, workshops, litter pick, publications, biodiversity signage, or other such small scale initiatives.

Applications must have a water quality or water awareness focus.

Please do not use this application form to apply for events to be hosted during Heritage Week (August 15th to 23rd 2026). A separate application process for Heritage Week grants will be advertised at a later date and well in advance of Heritage Week 2026.



Visit our website

Wicklow PPN Funding & Events Calendar

Remember to check out the Funding Calendar on our Website for details of funding opportunities.

You'll also find some support resources on making funding applications on our Website.

Best of luck with your funding applications!

Thanks for reading and please share with others in your community group.

We hope you picked up some useful information for your group.

Copies of all our News Updates are available in pdf format on the **PPN News Page** on our Website.

Remember if you have any questions or would like more information, please do contact us.

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