



Public Participation Network **Limerick**

About Limerick PPN

Limerick PPN is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups/organisations, working together for a better Limerick through public participation in local democratic structures. Visit [our website](#) for more information



PPN membership now stands at 190 members

LPPN

Limerick PPN membership continues to grow and you can check out all our members [on the Membership directory](#) on the LPPN website. Register to join Limerick PPN at the following link: [Registration form](#)

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Local Updates

Please see link below regarding the ongoing development of our Strategic Plan. This Survey will help inform the priorities of PPN Limerick for the next 5 years and we are hoping to have as many responses as possible to ensure that we have a consensus for our ongoing direction.

If you have any questions or ideals that will not fit onto this format you can submit directly to us at ppn@limerick.ie

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RMKRZY5>


PPN SPC and Secretariat Elections

Nominations for five SPC Representative Roles and two Secretariat Roles (One Environmental Pillar and one Social Inclusion Pillar Seat) close today (16th June). There are two seats available on the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, two on the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC and one Seat available on the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC.

The closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms will be the 16th of June. Further information, details and documentation can be found here

<https://www.limerickppn.ie/limerick-ppn-election-resources/>

Email ppn@limerick.ie if you have any questions.

 PPN Limerick Elections June 2023			
Vacancies	Community/Voluntary Pillar	Environment/Conservation Pillar	Social Inclusion Pillar
PPN Limerick Secretariat		1 Vacant Seat	1 Vacant Seat
Climate Action Biodiversity & Environment		2 Vacant Seats	
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning			1 Vacant Seat
Community, Leisure & Culture	1 Vacant Seat		1 Vacant Seat

Good Governance Awards have now opened for entries.

Any nonprofit organisation in Ireland, whether a charity, Company Limited by Guarantee, sports club or social enterprise, can enter its annual report and financial statements into the Awards for free and it will receive individual feedback to help improve future annual reports.

The awards are open for entries until September 13th.

Annual Reports can be submitted at <https://goodgovernanceawards.ie/submit-entry/>

Opportunities

Register Now! Exploring Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use

Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD will address the conference and formally launch NESC Report No.162

Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use.

The agriculture and land use sector can increasingly be a part of the solution to addressing the climate change and biodiversity crises. This requires that the environmental challenge is addressed together with the intersecting economic and social challenges facing the sector.

Bringing together a wide range of stakeholders across the agriculture, land use, climate and environmental sectors, the event will explore the key themes and recommendations of the report. The central question the event will address is how to achieve a just transition in the agriculture and land use sector.

Based upon the analysis and recommendations in the NESC report No.162, the event will explore how the transition in agriculture and land use can be opportunities led, including diversifying incomes, supporting rural regeneration and leveraging innovative sources of finance. It will also explore how effort and costs can be equitably shared and inclusive processes for governing transition. It will draw on stakeholders' perspectives on the key next steps for ensuring a transition that supports social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Please feel free to share this invite with any colleagues that may be interested in attending.

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/exploring-just-transition-in-agriculture-and-land-use-tickets-640450433487?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=d918cb56ba&m

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Social Economy Enterprise Module



The module will provide students with: a thorough understanding of what constitutes the social economy enterprise sector, the challenges the sector faces, the contribution it can make in addressing a range of societal issues and the supports required and provided to strengthen the sector's development (A detailed prospectus will be provided)

Course Delivery: The module will be delivered via a combination of online and onsite lectures in TU Dublin, Bolton Street. It will balance theory and practice and provide students with an understanding of the skills required to develop and sustain vibrant social economy enterprises.

Course duration: Starting in October 2023, the module will conclude in May 2024.

Who should Apply: Staff and volunteers of social economy enterprises, staff of local development companies and relevant state agencies.

Assessment: Each student will be required to complete an individual assignment and participate in a group project.

Accreditation: Students who successfully complete the module will gain 10 ECT credits. These can go towards obtaining a certificate social economy enterprise development and MSc in local development and innovation.

Entry Requirements: An honours Bachelor Degree in any relevant discipline is required. However eligible candidates may be interviewed where work/career experience is being considered in lieu of academic qualifications.

Fee: €850



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Community Engagement



FABULOUS FACILITATION

Facilitators **Martina Shanahan and Mary Hughes**

Date: Monday 26th June 2023
Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: Room 8A109, TUS, Moylish, Limerick V94EC5T

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The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Union.

On the back of the success of a Fabulous Facilitation workshop as part of Lifelong Learning Week, Fabulous Facilitation returns. Facilitated by Martina Shanahan and Mary Hughes we have designed this workshop for those running groups, for community education providers and community and voluntary services. Due to requests by the community and voluntary sector we are now running the fabulous facilitation course again on June 26th at the TUS campus.

Please contact [@Martina Shanahan](mailto:mshanahan@Paulpartnership.ie) to book your place.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We know that your child is starting school in September. To celebrate this, and to help them navigate this new experience, the Minister for Children has asked us to put together a gift of a bag of books just for them.

The stories in the books are about starting school, being happy in yourself, and making friends, and they're waiting for them in a very special place: your local library.

A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag, and we hope that your little one will make use of it. To help them join the library, parents will be asked to sign a consent form and to show valid ID.

Library membership is free for everyone. You may wish to renew a library card for yourself or other children in your family, or join for the first time. Your ID will also be necessary in this case.

We hope that this small gift will lead your child to a lifelong love of books and reading, a love you will get to share with them.

We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you all enjoy the books,

Your local library



Dear Children,

We know that you are starting school in September. To celebrate this, the Minister for Children has asked us to put together a gift of a bag of books just for you.

The stories in the books are about starting school, being happy in yourself, and making friends, and they're waiting for you in a very special place: your local library.

A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag. We hope that you will join the library and come and fill up your book bag with borrowed books whenever you can.

You can also come and hang out and read some books in the library with your parents or guardians if you have some free time.

We hope that this gift of books will lead you to a lifelong link with your library and a love of books and reading.

We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you enjoy the books,

Your local library





Age Friendly

Wexford County Council are hosting the National Awards event for 2023 on 30th November in Clayton Whites Hotel, Co. Wexford.

The primary aim of these awards is to recognise and reward achievement in age friendly initiatives around Ireland. We are calling for organisations, individuals/members of the public, agencies and communities to submit applications on projects or programmes that they consider to be age friendly. To this end we would encourage you to submit at least one entry for a project / initiative in your area that you feel should be considered for recognition at the Awards. We also ask that you promote the awards through your Local Authority and your PPN's.

As with previous years, eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes, have been chosen as they have a meaningful impact on the lives of older people in Ireland – Age Friendly Transport, Active & Healthy Ageing, Business Innovation, Safety & Security, Communication, Community Innovation, Environment, Housing.

You will find a link below to the application form plus a link to further information on our website, can I ask you to please help us to share this information and encourage projects to enter the Awards.

*****Closing date for applications: Friday, 30th June 2023*****

To apply please click on the link below:

<https://agefriendlyireland.ie/category/national-age-friendly-recognition-awards/application-form/>

For more information please visit our website, click the link below:

<https://agefriendlyireland.ie/category/national-age-friendly-recognition-awards/how-to-apply-for-the-awards/>

Progressing the Play Agenda

The first in a series of PlayBoard NI engagements within the Republic of Ireland focusing on enhancing play opportunities.

Date: Thursday 22 June 2023

Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Location: Online

Play is the main occupation of childhood (from birth through to the older years), providing children with opportunities to develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as developing lifelong skills such as creativity, imagination, self-confidence, self-esteem, and resilience. Every child, regardless of their background or community in which they live, has a right to play.

This Information Session begins a series of engagements planned throughout 2023 within the Republic of Ireland which aim to explore how we can collectively enhance play opportunities - through play advocacy, policy and strategy development, strategic connections, networking, training, and play delivery across a variety of environments and arenas.

Focusing on PlayBoard's strategic work in the Republic of Ireland, this first session will showcase a number of approaches aimed at supporting the development of quality play opportunities for children and young people.

Who should attend?

This session will be of interest to a range of key stakeholders including government departments, councils, CYPSC, County Childcare Committees, community groups, school age childcare practitioners, sports bodies, schools, youth and play providers, and library and museum staff.

Book your free place

at: <https://pbprogressingplayagenda220623.eventbrite.com>

Consultations/Surveys

Climate Action needs to come from the community and PPNs and their member groups are ideal for guiding, supporting and leading local climate action.

***Is your group or PPN actively involved in Climate Action?
Would your PPN or group like to get involved in Climate
Action in the future? Do you have plans for this?***

***Do you want to know more about what's involved in Climate Action and
ways your PPN or group might take part?***

***? Do you want to be involved helping PPNs to work
effectively on Climate Action?***

*We know that Climate Change is already a problem **now** we need to understand
how PPNs can work effectively on **Local Climate Action**.*

We want to hear from you!!

PPNs and their member groups have an opportunity now to tell government what climate action we can achieve and ask for their support!

The Joint Oireachtas Committee wants to hear about climate action PPN and their member groups are involved in, or would like to do in future, and what can be done to support this to happen.

You can input in 2 ways.

Complete this [Quick Survey](#)– even if your PPN or group has no experience of climate action.

Put in an expression of interest [HERE](#) to take part in a PPN workshop on Saturday 1st July in Dublin to put together a report to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the potential for PPNs and their members to make climate action happen!

(Participants will be selected to ensure a range of groups, colleges, PPNs & climate action are included.)

ICCL is reaching out today to let you know that our “Freedom to Advocate” survey **has re-opened for inputs**. We were blown away by the response to the survey but many people who wished to take part were unable at the time.

To this end, we have taken the decision to re-open the survey for inputs **until Friday June 16th**.

If you didn't get the chance to take part the first time, we'd love to hear from you. <https://www.surveyhero.com/c/xrhbfefx>

Limerick City & County Council have appointed Repucon to undertake a year long assessment of Limerick Greenway measuring impact on the local community as well as understanding the profile of visitors travelling to use it. As part of this Repucon are looking to get the feedback from the local community. This feedback will be used by Limerick City and County Council to improve the Greenway as a community amenity. Please access the survey via the link below. Please also circulate to others. If you have any queries, please contact LCCC at greenway@limerick.ie 061 557538.

<https://RepuconConsulting.welcomesyourfeedback.net/um734j>

Training/Webinars/Events

Invitation to workshops from International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP).

I want to extend our invitation to you for a series of captivating and thought-provoking workshops organized by the IACCP. These workshops present a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge, enhance your skills, and connect with experts in the field of cross-cultural psychology. We believe these workshops will be of great value to your organization's work with diverse populations and migrants.

The workshops are scheduled to take place from Monday, July 31 to Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and will feature esteemed facilitators from institutions around the world.

Here is a glimpse of the workshops:

“The Cost Of Caring - Caring for the carers” - The consequences of supporting and caring and how to take care of ourselves

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Manoela Lucena, One Housing & CoCreate Humanity, and Leticia Scheidt, University of Limerick

Developing Intercultural Competence: Strategies for University Students, Educators and Administrators

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Diana M. Lizarazo Pereira; Anastasiia Zubareva and Aigerim Balkhashbayeva, University of Limerick

A Social Identity Model of Trauma and Resilience

Monday, July 31, 10:00 - 13:00

Facilitators: Prof. Orla Muldoon, Dr. Sarah Jay and Dr. Aisling O'Donnell, University of Limerick

All that we share: The Tell your own story (TYOS) project working to improve diversity in the media

Monday, July 31, 14:00 - 17:00

Facilitators: Dr. Maria Rieder, Gail Flanagan, Dr. Anita Barmettler, Robyn Cunneen, and Hadjer Bensadek, University of Limerick

Social Psychology of Climate Conflicts: How to Mediate and Resolve Climate Conflicts in Different Cultural Contexts?

Monday, July 31, 14:00 - 17:00

Facilitators: Dr Gulnaz Anjum and Nora C. G. Benningstad, University of Oslo

Ukraine: who, where and why? Cultural sensitivity in working with Ukrainian refugees

Monday, July 31, 14:00-17:00

Facilitators: Prof. Dr. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, and Dr. Anca Murescu and Liliyana Mbeve, University of Limerick

The importance of intercultural competence when fighting for social justice in the media.

Tuesday, August 1, 9:00 - 12:00

Facilitators: Mamobo Ogoro, University of Limerick, and Beatriz Gómez Moreno, GORM

To register for these workshops, please visit our registration page

at: <https://iaccp2023.com/pre-congress-events/>

We highly recommend early registration, as spaces are limited.



Diversity is good for business, for innovation, for education, for communities and society in general. This campaign invites everyone in Limerick to join us on World Refugee Day, June 20th, to help celebrate diversity in Limerick. Our learning resources are available to help the people of Limerick listen, learn, and have a conversation about diversity and racism.

Official Limerick United Against Racism campaign launch:

Date: Monday 20th of June

Time: 4pm

Location: Entrance to the City Hall, Merchants Quay

Duration: 15-20 Min

Compassionate Community

Compassionate Culture Network
Impact Fund for Munster

We all face loss at some point in our lives. Places and pets, family and friends.

We invite you to join us for some open and creative chats about loss,
gently exploring how compassion connects.
Sharing deadly conversations.



Every Tuesday from June 6th, 11 am - 1 pm
Citizen Innovation Lab, Sarsfield Street, Limerick, V94 DW21

So what is it?

It's a drop-in cuppa! There'll be things to doodle or fidget with. There'll be some creative explorations and prompts. You can talk. You can not talk. You can listen and be listened too.

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hospicefoundation.ie/arts

Useful Resources

All those planning to go to sea on any craft are urged to always wear a suitable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or Lifejacket and to carry marine VHF equipment as the primary means of distress and safety communication. In addition, the carriage of an EPIRB and/or PLB as a secondary means of distress alerting is strongly advised. Mobile telephones should NOT be considered as a suitable substitute.

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