



# 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](mailto:ppn@limerick.ie)


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

### PPN Elections.

Nominations closed Friday 16th of June. We received 3 nominations, one for the CABE SPC and 2 for Community, Leisure and Culture (Community/ Voluntary) seat.

One of the nominees withdrew her nomination after the closing date. With one nominee for each seat the candidates are deemed elected.

There were no nominations for the 2 Secretariat, 1 Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning and the other Climate Action Biodiversity & Environment and Community, Leisure & Culture seats.

 <b>PPN Limerick Election Results June 2023</b>			
Vacancies	Community/Voluntary	Environmental/Conservation	Social Inclusion pillar
PPN Limerick Secretariat		No Nominations	No Nominations
Climate Action Biodiversity & Environment	Marian Hurley Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre*	No Nominations	
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning			No Nominations
Community, Leisure & Culture	Colm Breen Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre* **		No Nominations
<b>*To be ratified by Limerick City and County Council</b> <b>**The second nominee for Community/ Voluntary Seat on Community, Leisure and Culture SPC withdrew her nomination following the closing date.</b>			

## 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



## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023

### Project Development Measure

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) supports the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and the necessary repair, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas. The Scheme is funded under “Our Rural Future”, Ireland’s Rural Development Policy 2021-2025, which specifically prioritises the growing outdoor activity tourism sector as part of a long-term vision for a vibrant and sustainable rural Ireland.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) form relates to the Project Development Measure – Development Costs for Strategic Large Scale Projects – Grant up to €50,000. e.g. detailed design, preparation for the planning and/or procurement, appropriate assessment screening etc. A maximum of two EOIs can be shortlisted for onward submission to the

Department of Rural and Community Development. The closing date for EOI submission is 12 noon on Friday 14th July

Please see link for more information

<https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme-2023-measure-1-expression-interest-form>

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## **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](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

## 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.

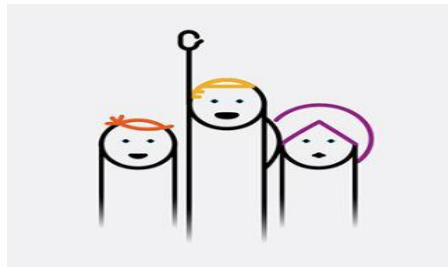
A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag. We hope that you will join the library and come and fill up your book bag with borrowed books whenever you can.

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*



## Consultations/Surveys



The Festivals and Events Department we are running a survey on Christmas in Limerick. The survey is currently set up to run until the 31st July.

Link to Survey; <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/christmas-limerick-survey-2023>

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**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 Very Quick Survey

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCwW4aplqzcg9nL3hhdsZQA\\_PRxNEmOLX2MJONJ56XdQm\\_4Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCwW4aplqzcg9nL3hhdsZQA_PRxNEmOLX2MJONJ56XdQm_4Q/viewform) – even if your PPN or group has no experience of climate action.

Put in an expression of interest [<click 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.)*

### **Assessment of Limerick Greenway**

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](mailto:greenway@limerick.ie)/ 061 557538.

<https://RepuconConsulting.welcomesyourfeedback.net/um734i>

## **Training/Webinars/Events**

**Retrofitting Ireland** LIVE EVENT

*Building resilience into Irish homes*

**DATE**  
Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

**TIME**  
10am - 12.15pm

**LOCATION**  
University of Limerick

**HOSTED BY** **Seán KELLY** MEP

**SAVE THE DATE**

**epp** group in the european parliament

**FINE GAEL**

We have been asked to share the below details of the following event that may be of interest "Retrofitting Ireland: Building resilience into Irish homes", in partnership with Allied Irish Bank (AIB).



The event will take place on **Friday the 28th of July from 10:30am - 12.15pm** (tea and coffee served before and after the event) in the University of Limerick, Ireland. A welcome coffee will be offered from 10am, with the event starting at 10:30am. The event will also be **web streamed live on YouTube**.

The event will consist of opening addresses and a panel discussion that will focus on both the practical challenges for Irish consumers in renovating their homes and buildings and upcoming policy changes in the sector and their implications. High level speakers will include the following;

- Allied Irish Bank (AIB) - speaker tbc
- Hubert Fitzpatrick, Director General of Construction Industry Federation
- Ciaran Byrne, Director of National Retrofit at SEAI
- Julien TAMI: Policy Officer - National renovation strategies, funding and international cooperation on buildings policy at the European Commission.
- Niall O Connor, Managing Director of Kingspan Insulation Ireland
- Kieran O'Donnell - Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Ireland currently has around 1.7 million occupied homes. Housing a population of over five million, these homes consume about a quarter of the energy used in Ireland, as well as being responsible for 29% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. According to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Irish homes account for more emissions than the industrial sector. The average floor area of Irish homes is larger than in other EU member states and the emissions attributable to our homes in Ireland are about 58% more than the average EU home.

There is a strong potential for sustainable home renovations in Ireland due to the relatively carbon intensive housing stock, strong government climate and energy goals and support for renovation, and many single-family dwellings facilitating easier decision-making. Ireland has a strong decarbonisation target for the residential sector, with the ambition to retrofit almost 30% of the residential housing stock (500.000 homes) and install over 400.000 heat pumps.

To register for the event please click the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/retrofitting-ireland-building-resilience-into-irish-homes-tickets-653958666977?aff=oddtcreator>

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## **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 Minescu 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.



## 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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