



## County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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### PPN Newsletter January 2025

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## The Heritage Council: 2025 Traditional Farm buildings Scheme and OTHER RELATED STRUCTURES open for applications

The 2025 Traditional Farm Buildings grant scheme is open for applications.

Full details here: <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/traditional-farm-buildings-grant-scheme>

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **5pm Monday 10th March 2025**.

Just to note that in 2025 The Heritage Council particularly encourage applications for the repair of **traditional farming structures other than buildings**. To support this effort, it is intended that €500,000 be specifically allocated this year for the repair of these other related farm structures such as walls, gate pillars and gates, walled orchards, cobbled yards and masonry dungsteads. They have always been eligible but we want to make this clear.

A farmer does not have to apply for a building (although traditional farm buildings are of course still eligible).

[The Heritage Council] will host a short **information webinar** for applicants interested in applying on **Thursday 6th February 2025 at 12pm**.

## Healthy Ireland Funding



Local groups and community organisations!

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Healthy Longford

Apply for the Healthy Ireland Fund (Longford) Expression of Interest 2025

Grants up to €3,000

Closes Friday, 14 February

Riailtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

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pobal government supporting communities

Healthy Longford is delighted to announce Healthy Ireland funding for 2025 with support of Pobal & Department of Health.

We are now accepting **online Expressions of Interest** from groups and organisations that have ideas for innovative community health & well-being projects for their local area. Find attached the Guidance/Terms and Conditions and the Frequently Asked Questions.

Healthy Longford is in a position to fund community projects who can deliver programs/events under following outcomes:

- a) Increase in % of adults & children meeting physical activity guidelines (*Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk*)
- b) Increase in individual's level of positive mental health as per Energy and Vitality Index All. (well-being outcome factor area)

### Grants Available

- Grants up to €3,000

How does this fund work?



This is a two-phase application. First, an Expression of Interest (EOIs) must first be submitted before the closing date of **Friday 14 February 2025 at 4pm**. All EOI's will then be reviewed and only eligible EOIs will be invited to the second stage of submitting a full application form. This application form will contain more specific details about the project, along with quotations for the elements to be funded, and other supporting documentation.

**Before submitting your EOI you should:**

- Familiarise yourself with the Healthy Longford Fund Application Guidance and Terms and Conditions
- Have your Tax Reference Number.
- Be registered with [Longford Public Participation Network](#)

**When will the fund close for EOIs?**

- EOIs must be submitted by Friday 14 February 2025.
- Incomplete EOIs cannot be assessed for inclusion in stage 2 (full application).
- Late applications will not be accepted.

Please find linked Expression of Interest form: [Healthy Ireland funding \(Longford\)- Expression of Interest 2025](#)

Please contact Healthy Ireland any questions you may have on this expression; thank you for your time.

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## Ballinalee Players- Upcoming Play

The Ballinalee players had planned an upcoming play on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February in Thomas Ashe Hall, Ballinalee.

However, due to ongoing power and water issues, the play is postponed until 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April.

For those who may have already purchased tickets:

- Tickets for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. are valid for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Tickets for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. are valid for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Tickets for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. are valid for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

See poster below for details:



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# “Stop it Nurse” by Sam Cree

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Permission of DLI



**POSTPONED**  
DUE TO WEATHER

Fri  
Sat  
February

Doors: 7:30pm  
Show: 8:00pm

Sunday 9th  
February

Doors: 6:30pm  
Show: 7:00pm



Thomas Ashe Hall,  
Ballinalee  
N39Y932

**Tickets: €15**

Any queries  
contact 0861693563

**Booking ESSENTIAL**  
on Eventbrite

## Eating for Heart Health

The next talk 'Eating for Heart Health' with Community Food and Nutrition Worker Sinead Costello will be on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Book at [www.longfordlibrary.ie](http://www.longfordlibrary.ie), phone 043 33 40727 or at library desk.



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# *Eating for Heart Health*

with Community Food  
and Nutrition Worker  
Sinéad Costello

Join Sinéad for a talk about  
understanding your diet and  
learn what steps you can take  
to keep your heart healthy.

Longford Library  
Tuesday,  
February 25th at 11am

To book your place visit  
[www.longfordlibrary.ie](http://www.longfordlibrary.ie)

## Storm Eowyn Emergency Response Hubs

Please see link below for information on Emergency response hubs in the Longford area:

<https://www.longfordcoco.ie/your-council/news/storm-eowyn.html>

## PPN Training Opportunities – Committee Skills and Digital Skill Training

Longford PPN Secretariat approved the PPN Training Plan 2025 and budget yesterday for the following :

### **Committee Skills Training:**

PPN members have requested that Committee Skills training be a priority for 2025. We will be delivering this in Q1. We are now asking that all interested groups let us know :

- How many group members will be attending and who?
- Which Municipal District suits you best to attend?
- Whether day or evening training is your preferred option?

Based on the information received, we can then decide on location and time. It's important to point out that this training is of great benefit to existing committee members as a refresher and also newly registered groups.

### **Digital Skills Training:**

Longford County Council IT Section are rolling out digital skills training based on PPN member needs. Christine Collins, Broadband Officer, wants this training to be very informal where trainers will come out to your area (nearest town hall, community center, Family Resource Center, Rathmhuire & Dolmen Centre's, EDI, Longford Women's Link etc. and train you on your own phone, tablet or laptop.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn digital skills in a relaxed environment. Can you please let us know:

- What your digital needs are for example; using your device to access emails, take photo's, use the internet, search for something of interest, access online banking, access a particular website, access on-line portals for grants, upload receipts and other required documentation for grants on you own device or any other support that may be of benefit to you personally or to your group.
- Which of the above listed locations would suit you?



- How many members will attend and who?
- Whether day or evening training is your preferred option?

Once we know what your needs are and based on the numbers, we will then be able to organize and roll out this training in conjunction with Longford County Council IT section.

Please email your interest and answers to the questions above to [aleavy@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:aleavy@longfordcoco.ie) before 7<sup>th</sup> February

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