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1. NEWS FROM LONGFORD PPN

Public Participation Network update:

Meetings held/ planned:

- PPN Rep training 29.06.16
- Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) signing meeting with Longford County Council and the PPN Secretariat 01.07.16



Signing of the MoU



- PPN Secretariat Meeting held 01.07.16
- Financial subgroup meeting held 14.07.16
- PPN workplan/planning meeting – Secretariat Wed 20.07.16

New membership:

The County Longford PPN would like to welcome Colmcille Area Development Group, Arthritis Ireland- Longford Branch, Longford Active Retirement Group, Cartrun Breac Residents Association, The Hillside Club, Ballinamuck Enhancement, The Innyside Singers, Drumlish Chess Club, Ballinalee Community Group, Colehill Community Group, Goldsmith Country Ltd, Taghshinny Development Group, Ardagh Moydow Active Age Group, Edgeworthstown Traders Association and St. Christopher's Service Ltd as our newest PPN members and we look forward to working with you all in the future.

We also welcome Ardnacassa Residents Association, Kiltycreevagh School 90 yr reunion committee, Mac Eoin Commemoration Committee, Ardagh Clock Tower Committee and Ratharney Association as our newest participatory members

General:

The PPN Facebook page is [Longford Public Participation Network](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Longford-Public-Participation-Network/1583548325216241?). Please copy and paste the following URL below if you cannot get direct access from link above:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Longford-Public-Participation-Network/1583548325216241?>

If your group has any information they would like posted please contact us on Facebook where we will share your information or if you are not on Facebook e-mail ppn@longfordcoco.ie and we will post it on your behalf. *Don't forget to "Like" and "Share" our page!!*

If there are any community group's you know who are not yet registered with the Longford PPN they are invited to do so by downloading the form at www.longfordcoco.ie , e-mail ppn@longfordcoco.ie or contact Siobhán at 087 261 5583

2. WHAT'S ON IN YOUR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT?

New for the month of July:

Convent House Day Care Centre, Ballymahon: are holding an open day on 21st July. Everyone welcome! The centre will be closed from 29th July until 30th August. We are heading to Midleton Park Hotel from 5th September to 8th September. Our annual church gate collection will be on Sat 17th and Sunday 18th September.

Bridgeways Family Resource Centre, Ballymahon: Summer fun at The Dean Egan with Longford Youth Services this week and Arts & Crafts, flower planting games and movie making next week. Also a sing workshop for children aged 8+ July 19th @4.30pm – 5.30pm. Indoor market & family fun run Sat 23rd July. For more information please call 085 8668062



East meets West: East meets West has now finished for the summer but will return on Thursday, 8th of September at 11am. New members are always welcome. Children are welcome to accompany their mother or carer. All women from all backgrounds and nationalities are welcome. For more information please ring/text Felicia in LCRL on 087 9478650.

Springlawn Parent & Toddler Group: This group has now finished for the summer and will return on Tuesday, 13th of September at 10am until 11.30am in 59 Springlawn (the After School Building).

Rooskey Heritage Festival: 22nd – 24th July. Big Red Barn 8pm Festival Blessing. Opening of RHF by Festival Rose – Katie King. 9pm Dancing through the years, 11pm toll late Music by Rackhouse Pilfer, 4 Degrees to name but a few. Admission €10. Saturday / Sunday – Community Centre 12pm – 6pm – Artisan Food & Craft Stalls, Art Displays, Bouncing Castles/slides, Pet Farm & Reptile display, pony rides, The Big Blue Bus, face painting. Heritage Wall display, Zorb balls, kayaking/Canoeing/Boat Trips. Street Entertainment, busking competition, juggler and much more.

Heritage & History: A public talk on pre-famine history of Drumlish will take place on 17th August in Drumlish Library at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

St. Mels Musical Society: AGM to be held in John Browns, Thurs 28th July @8.30pm

Co. Longford Historical Society: annual parish outing will be to Ballinalee on Thurs 21st July. Local historian will lead the walk through the village which will take in important sites including The Granary, Bullys Acre, Rose Cottage and two churches. Walk commences @7pm at the Holy Trinity Church. Refreshments served after at The Stags Head.

Longford Branch Library: The next meeting of Longford Branch Library Book club will take place on Monday 18th July at 7pm. The book up for discussion is 'Mornings in Jenin' by Susan Abulhawa.

Community Summer Outing, Abbeylara: A fun day in Westport is planned for 30th July and all in the community are invited to come along. For further details contact Lus na Greine.

Arva Agricultural Show, Sunday 24th July: Livestock, home industries section, baking, vegetable, photography, dog, poultry, tug of war are some of the categories the whole family can enjoy.

Kiltycreevagh National School Re-Union: kicks off Friday August 12th in '98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck where past pupils will have a chance to greet each other before the launch of a special commemorative book. The weekend will continue with a Boxty morning, a trip down memory lane, a historical tour, Mass and a banquet. Sunday there will be music and a sing a long in Dillions. For more info email: kittycreev@gmail.com

Lus na Greine, annual Family Day Out: takes place Tuesday 2nd August to Dublin Zoo. This is a great low cost day and is always over subscribed so book your place early. A waiting list may apply.

Sale of Bric a Brac & Sausage Sizzle: Lus Na Greine: takes place in the Community Garden Fri 29th July @: 11am. All welcome to come along for a bargain while meeting your neighbours and friends for a chat over a cuppa and a hot dog.



Little Rascals Preschool: now taking bookings for September. Limited availability. Further information from Fidelma on 087 9643139

Mullinalaghta Summer Camp: will take place at Mullinalaghta football pitch 8-12th August, 10.30am – 2.30pm for 4-7yr olds. The Senior camp is for 8 -12 year olds from the 15th – 19 August. For more info contact Deidre Mc Govern on 086 0770425, Amanda Matthews on 087 9125158 or Lisa Mooney on 087 3631013

Abbeylara Summer Camp: takes place at St Bernard's National School Mon 8 – 12 August for 7 – 12yr olds from 9.30am – 2.30pm. For more info contact Colm Smyth on 086 0793768 or William Crawford on 087 9223899

Social Dancing: Fri 29th July, Abbeylara. Dancing to Frank Feery

Art Group, Granard: currently exhibiting their art at Granard library. Well worth a visit

Longford Womens Link: Church gate collection around the County 23rd and 24th July

Marys Meals: A fundraising walk from Dublin to Knock passing through Longford on Mon August 15th to raise funds towards providing food project to over a million children across the globe.

3. **LOCAL NEWS & SERVICES:**

Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS)

Foróige are looking for volunteers, adults aged 18 years and over in County Longford to sign up to our 'BigBrotherBigSister' programme. If you could lend one to two hours of your time per week, to hang out with and provide positive support to a teenager, they would in turn benefit from the friendship and trust you will build together. More information is available at <http://www.foroige.ie/our-work/big-brother-big-sister> or call Mary Gaughan project officer on 086 047 1420 - email mary.gaughan@foroige.ie for further information on the programme, the application and vetting process.

Longford County Childcare Manager welcomes the early years capital funding programme for 14 services in County Longford totalling €98,894.04

Longford County Childcare Committee would like to congratulate the 14 early years services throughout County Longford that were successful in being granted funding under the early years capital programme through the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. Early Years services were able to apply for funding toward provision of a new room, minor alterations and play equipment to facilitate an increase in childcare place to enable children to access their Free preschool year. 14 community and private services received a grant towards the expansion of their service to cater for more children in September 2016.

Eimear Carron, Manager of Longford County Childcare Committee, comments that this development is greatly welcomed.

Ms Carron said 'Longford CCC were delighted to have been the local support to childcare service in preparing and submitting their online application. This funding will support building the much need-



ed additional childcare places in the county to support the triple intake of children to their Free Pre-school Year which is a universal provision for all children. While this funding does not address all of the funding needs of services, to have 40% of all of our services in the county receive some support is welcomed'

Longford Volunteer Centre (LCRL):

Please view our full list of Volunteering Opportunities on www.volunteerlongford.ie

Garda Vetting

Longford Volunteer Centre provides a Garda Vetting service to community and voluntary organisations. If your organisation needs volunteers to be vetted in accordance with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 we can give you information on the implications of the Act for your organisation and process Garda Vetting applications on your behalf. For further information please contact Terri Doherty, Liaison Person, Garda Vetting Services on 087 2915367.

Longford Sports Partnership activities:

Walking Group

Longford Sports Partnership / Get Ireland Walking

Join our walking group, starting
 Thursday, 21st July @ 10.30 a.m.
 in the Mall, Longford Town.

Longford Sports Partnership
 043-3349402.
 Email: info@longfordsport.ie
 Facebook: [longfordsportpartnership](https://www.facebook.com/longfordsportpartnership)
 Web: www.longfordsports.ie

Get Ireland Walking
 Walk for Health | Walk for Fun | Walk for Life

GREEN GYMS
 for adults over 55

The Mall – Longford Town
 Wednesday, 27th July 2016 @ 12 noon

6 week programme.
 A qualified instructor will be on hand to provide expert advice on how to stay fit and healthy using the beautiful outdoors **free of charge**

If interested please call
Longford Sports Partnership
 on 043 33 49402 or email
dreilly@longfordcoco.ie

Make A Bee Waterer And Help Hydrate Our Pollinators

Imagine how hard just one bee works in a single day. Bees tend to at least 2,000 flowers daily, with tiny wings beating 10,000 times per minute, carrying pollen, and dramatically assisting our food supply.



Sound exhausting? Bees get thirsty, and they need safe water sources. The problem is water is not always available.

Bees need very shallow water to drink from. However, shallow water evaporates quickly. Birdbaths are not the best option as bees tend to drown if the water is not be shallow enough. As for river and lakes, bees risk their lives trying to get water in the presence of fishes, frogs, and other wildlife, not to mention the risk of being swept away in water currents.

To help hydrate our little pollinators, set up a water feeder by filling a pie pan with marbles and then water. The marbles give the bees a spot to land so that they don't drown when they come to drink. No more drowned bees!



4. THE GATHERING IRELAND (where to go and what to experience around the Country this Summer !)

Waterford Spraoi International Street (Arts Festival)

Waterford Spraoi International Street Arts Festival transforms the heart of Ireland's oldest city into a giant stage featuring a vibrant programme of street arts and spectacle performers from around the world.

Date: 29 July 2016 to 31 July 2016

Location: Waterford City, Co. Waterford

Telephone: +353(0)51841808

Click here for **more details**

Masters of Tradition (Traditional Culture Festivals)

Masters of Tradition celebrates Irish traditional music in its purest form with concerts in the intimate venues of St Brendan's Church and Bantry House. Artistic Director is the renowned fiddler Martin Hayes.

Date: 17 August 2016 To 21 August 2016

Location: Bantry, Co. Cork

Telephone: +353(0)2752788

Click here for **more details**

Puck Fair (Festival)

Always celebrated on the same dates every year, Puck is a community based homecoming festival and one of the oldest horse fairs celebrated in Ireland.



Three key elements draw huge national and international interest. Firstly, a wild mountain goat is publicly crowned King of Puck Fair. Secondly, the Horse Fair sees hundreds trade and sell horses in a manner that has hardly changed in four centuries and, finally, the festival includes a programme of free, family orientated entertainment and a selection of over 200 stalls.

Date: 10 - 12 August 2016

Venue: Killorglin, Co. Kerry

Duncannon Sand Sculpting Festival Children's Festivals

Family fun festival for all ages with lots of free activities on the beach along with spectacular professional sand sculptures, fireworks, music and street entertainment. Dates to be confirmed - For more details, see festival website.

Date: 05 August 2016 To 07 August 2016

Location: Duncannon, Co. Wexford

Telephone: +353(0)51389216

Click here for **more details**

Jumping In The City

Jumping In The City brings a Rio Carnival atmosphere to Shelbourne Park to coincide with the opening ceremony of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Date: 05 August 2016

Location: Dublin City, Co. Dublin

Telephone: +353(0)45854517

Click here for **more details**

Athlone River & Food Festival Food Festivals

Festival showcasing the very best local restaurants and food producers throughout the Midlands. Centred around the River Shannon with a variety of river activities.

Date: 08 September 2016 To 10 September 2016

Location: Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Click here for **more details**

5. [National News](#)

Government should spend €1bn fiscal space on infrastructure

18th July 2016 – Social Justice Ireland

Government should spend €1bn fiscal space on infrastructure to improve productivity and competitiveness in Budget 2017. This would be a far better use of resources than giving tax cuts as incentives



to attract 'Brexit refugees' from the City of London to Dublin. Investment is crucial to addressing Ireland's infrastructure deficits and to delivering a vibrant, productive, competitive and sustainable economy and a just society. [Investment is the cornerstone of our policy briefing Budget Choices 2017.](#)

Productivity and competitiveness should improve the living standards of everyone in society. Key to improving our performance in these areas is investment in infrastructure and services.

Investing €400m of the fiscal space to deliver broadband to rural areas will have a much better impact on productivity and competitiveness than tax cuts. It will create jobs, support rural entrepreneurs and local business and rejuvenate rural towns and. It will also demonstrate Government's commitment to rural Ireland and to ensuring a more balanced spread of job creation.

The social housing crisis is a further example of the need to prioritise investment in infrastructure and we propose that Government allocate €600m of the fiscal space to social housing in Budget 2017. We also set out proposals for Government to access substantial additional resources for social housing within the fiscal rules.

Investment in social housing and broadband will have a positive impact on social inclusion, quality of life and living standards as well as improving Ireland's productivity and competitiveness.

Main proposals:

Investment Packages

- Additional €600m to support the Social Housing Strategy, with new 'Off Balance Sheet' proposal to get access to low cost finance to build additional social housing.
- A rural and regional investment of €710m for Broadband, Rural Transport and a Rural Enterprise Scheme.
- €327m investment in Health to support Primary Care Teams, with additional measures to support older people, Disability and to tackle Obesity.
- €350m investment in Education including Adult Literacy, after school care and early childhood education.
- A Social Welfare package including an increase of €6.50 per week in Social Welfare Payments and a Cost of Disability Allowance.

Tax reform

- Make tax credits refundable in Budget 2017 in order to make work pay for the 'working poor'.
- Increase the PAYE credit by €6.50 per week to benefit all workers.
- Standard rate all discretionary tax expenditures and pension contributions.
- Introduce a minimum effective corporate tax rate of 6%.

[The briefing is available to download here.](#)



Providing independent, representative advocacy services for people with disabilities

The National Advocacy Service (NAS) was set up to provide independent, representative advocacy services for people with disabilities. It is supported by the Citizens Information Board.

The National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities can be contacted on the **national number 076 107 3000**.

The service has four regional teams who provide a service to people with all types of disability across the country. Each team has a regional manager, a senior advocate, an administrator and between five and eight advocates.

People with disabilities may get in touch with the advocacy service directly or they may be referred to it by family, friends or services. Disability service-providers may seek an advocacy service for people who use their services.

The National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities

National Manager: Maria Walls maria.walls@advocacy.ie

National Administrator: Nicola Osthus Nicola.osthus@advocacy.ie

Covering Midlands & North East Region. Westmeath, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Cavan, Longford, Laois/Offaly and Kildare.

Regional Manager: Louise Loughlin louise.loughlin@advocacy.ie

Regional Administrator: Mandy Price mandy.price@advocacy.ie

Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Simon Coveney, T.D., announced the allocation of €9 million to assist local authorities in taking in charge 356 developments (accounting for over 17,000 households). In addition to the €9 m allocation almost €4.5m of funding will be sourced by local authorities through bonds and other sources.

Speaking today, the Minister stated that, “the dramatic boom and bust that our residential construction sector experienced over the last 15 – 20 years has left considerable issues for households in developments that would previously have been taken in charge in the normal way. There has been significant progress in tackling these most acute cases, providing for the completion of the majority of unfinished developments. Through the funding I am providing to local authorities we can now map a path towards all residential developments being taken in charge by local authorities. Residents can be confident that the housing developments they live in will be properly finished out and maintained into the future.



This work on taking in charge should also be seen in the context of the Government’s forthcoming Action Plan for Housing and the funding provided through local authorities to support the provision of new infrastructure to support the development of high quality homes for all.”

The funding is being provided under the Minister’s new National Taking in Charge Initiative (NTICI) to accelerate current applications within the taking in charge process relating to around 1,500 developments.

The funding will also assist in developing new and more efficient approaches to the taking in charge process. Prior to the construction boom and subsequent crash, local authorities usually would either take an estate in charge (including roads, footpaths, water services etc) or could be requested by residents to do so once a residential estate was complete. However, where work had not been completed to satisfactory standards, there were sometimes delays in the taking in charge (TIC) process as enforcement proceedings including the calling in of bonds can be complex.

The initiative has been guided by the results of a survey of housing developments not taken in charge that was carried out by the Department in December 2015 ([and available on the Department’s website](#)). This survey showed that at that point in time there were 5,655 completed housing developments nationally which were not taken in charge by local authorities, 1,500 of which had applications for TIC submitted to the relevant local authority.

Proposals under the NTICI from the local authorities were evaluated by a Steering Group, composed of representatives from the Department, Irish Water and the EPA, who considered the eligibility and selection criteria under three measures namely:

- Measure 1: Housing Estates not containing Developer Provided Water Services.
- Measure 2: Housing Estates served by Developer Provided Infrastructure.
- Measure 3: Technical Assistance Funding.

See provisional initial funding per development for Longford below:

Estate Name	Town	No. of dwellings within development	Provisional funding per development	Bond Monies claimed/ Received available
Bracklin Park	Edgeworthstown	58	€15,000	€105,000



Cartrun Breac	Longford	91	€15,000	
Chapel Lane	Edgeworthstown	30	€15,000	€0
Clos Naomh Pa-draig	Ballinamuck	20	€13,000	€0
Clough Dillions	Kenagh	43	€11,000	€161,000
Higginstown Woods	Granard	22	€15,000	€70,000
Loughan Hill	Drumlish	17	€15,000	€57,000
Melview Glen	Longford	25	€9,000	€0
Mill Oaks	Drumlish	49	€12,500	€0
Oaklands	Longford	88	€15,000	€0
Radharc Na Muileann	Lanesboro	14	€13,000	
The Laurels	Longford	30	€15,000	€0



12 estates		487 dwellings	€163,500	€393,200
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Minister Coveney affirms key role of voluntary and cooperative housing sector in delivering social housing supports (July 2016)

Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Simon Coveney, T.D. underlined the Government’s strong commitment to working in partnership with external stakeholders in solving Ireland’s housing crisis by allocating funding for 2016 of €384,000 for the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) and €286,000 for Threshold to assist with their advice, training and other housing support services.

Minister Coveney said, “I am very happy to provide this support in 2016 for both the ICSH and Threshold. I will soon be announcing the Action Plan for Housing which sets out a central role for approved housing bodies (AHBs) in terms of future social housing provision. In order for the sector to step up to this role, it needs to change and develop in terms of increased scale and capacity and to operate within a regulated environment. The ICSH will play a central role in working with the Department to manage this change and facilitate this development. The funding I am providing to will ensure that it can continue to deliver its range of services to a wide spectrum of people in an area that is central to national housing policy – creating a viable rented sector which balances the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. Threshold’s housing advice services play a key role in assisting vulnerable tenants and this funding will provide much needed support for its activities.”

6. [EU NEWS](#)

6 out of 10 persons in cultural employment have tertiary education

Almost half of artists and writers are self-employed

In 2014, according to Eurostat estimations, 6 million persons were employed in the cultural field in the **European Union (EU)**, or slightly less than 3 % of the total number of persons employed. 6 out of 10 persons in cultural employment had tertiary education.

Of the almost 2 million artists and writers in the EU, nearly half (49%) were self-employed, a share much higher than that reported for total employment (15%).

Today, **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**, issues a publication on culture statistics. Its seven chapters provide information on the situation and main trends in employment, busi-



ness, international trade, participation and consumption patterns in the field of culture. This News Release focuses on one domain presented in the publication: cultural employment.

Highest share of cultural employment in Luxembourg, lowest in Romania

At Member State level, the highest shares of cultural employment were observed in **Luxembourg** (5.2%) and **Sweden** (4.1%), followed by **Finland** and the **Netherlands** (3.9% each) as well as **Denmark** (3.8%). At the opposite end of the scale, the lowest share was observed in **Romania** (1.1%), followed by **Slovakia** (2.0%), **Bulgaria** (2.1%), **Portugal** (2.2%), **Greece** (2.3%) and **Cyprus** (2.4%).

Share of women in cultural employment generally higher than in total employment

On average in the **EU**, women represented just below half (47%) of persons employed in the cultural field, just above the share of women in total employment. In most Member States the share of women in cultural employment was higher than the share of women in total employment, in particular in the Baltic Member States **Latvia**, **Estonia** and **Lithuania**, followed by **Bulgaria**, **Poland**, **Croatia** and **Romania**. In seven Member States there was a lower share of women in cultural employment than in total employment: **Austria**, the **United Kingdom**, **Cyprus**, **Malta**, **France**, **Spain** and the **Netherlands**.

More persons with tertiary education in cultural employment than in total employment

In all Member States the share of persons with tertiary education was much higher in cultural employment than in total employment. The percentage point difference was highest in **Luxembourg**, **Spain**, **Lithuania**, **Poland** and **Germany** and lowest in **Malta**, **Sweden**, **Ireland** and **Denmark**. At **EU** level 60% of persons in cultural employment had tertiary education, a share almost double that in total employment.

EU Migration chief visits Dublin

The Director General for Migration and Home Affairs at the European Commission, Matthias Ruete, was in Dublin this week where he spoke to the IIEA about the European Agenda on Migration. He said: "There is no one-country solution to flows of refugees or to irregular migration. We need to move away from a system which allows for and even encourages uncontrolled and irregular migration flows to a fairer system, providing safe pathways to the EU for people in need of protection." Europol reports that desperate people are paying three times as much as before to smugglers. The EU needs to break this business model

Ireland's small and medium-sized enterprises are ranked best in the EU for innovation, according to an EU Commission scoreboard out today. Ireland is also characterised as a "Strong" innovator, the second highest category out of four (leader/ strong/ moderate / modest).

Irish SMEs came out top out of 28 Member States because of their strong record of in-house innovation, the fast growth of jobs in the Irish innovation sector and the high growth in knowledge intensive industries.



The Commission said: "Ireland is the leader for innovation in small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) - followed by Germany, Luxembourg, France, and Austria. These countries are characterised by high shares of SMEs involved in innovation activities: they introduce more innovative products and generate more new jobs in fast-growing young companies."

These results come from the Commission's annual "innovation Scoreboard" released 07/07/16.

The main findings of the three reports published today are:

Sweden is once more the EU innovation leader, followed by Denmark, Finland, Germany and the Netherlands.

In selected areas of innovation, the EU leaders are: Sweden – human resources and quality of academic research; Finland – financial framework conditions; Germany – private investment in innovation; Belgium – innovation networks and collaboration; and **Ireland** – innovation in small and medium-sized companies.

The fastest growing innovators are Latvia, Malta, Lithuania, the Netherlands and the UK.

Regional innovative hubs exist also in moderate innovator countries: Piemonte and Friuli-Venezia Giulia in Italy, País Vasco in Spain and Bratislavský kraj in Slovakia.

Overall, the key driver of becoming an innovation leader is to adopt a balanced innovation system which combines an appropriate level of public and private investment, effective innovation partnerships among companies and with academia, as well as a strong educational basis and excellent research. The economic impact of innovation needs to manifest itself in terms of sales and exports of innovative products as well as in employment.

Specialisation in Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) increases regional innovation performance, in particular in advanced materials, industrial biotechnology, photonics, and advanced manufacturing technologies.

Over the next two years the EU's innovation performance is expected to improve. A majority of companies plan to maintain or increase the level of investment in innovation over the next year. Businesses in Romania, Malta and Ireland are the most likely to increase their investment in innovation next year.

7. [UPCOMING TRAINING/WORKSHOPS](#)

[REMINDER: QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Training Longford September 2016 – For further info call 057 9322920](#)



COURSES ON OFFER

Care Skills
 Care Support
 Work Experience
 Communications
 Safety and Health at Work
 Occupational First Aid
 Care of the Older Person
 Palliative Care
 Nursing Theory and Practice

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Home care worker for Family Carers Ireland,
 Care assistants in hospitals
 Personal assistant
 Healthcare assistants in nursing homes



Adult Learning Centre, Granard

Tourism Skills Course: Due to start in September at the Adult Learning Centre, Granard. This is funded by the LWETB and is free to those in receipt of DSP payment or those with less than Upper Secondary School Level education. For further information contact Therese on 043 66 86211 or email granardalc@lwetb.ie

8. FUNDING

Topaz Energy Group Limited Cash For Clubs

CASH FOR CLUBS TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Cash for Clubs Promotion (“Cash for Clubs”) is run in ROI by Topaz Energy Group Limited, Topaz House, Beech Hill, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4, and in NI by Topaz Energy Limited, 5 Airport Road, Belfast, BT3 9EU, Tel: +353 (0) 1 202 8888 (ROI) & 0800 107 7720 (NI) (“Topaz”)– at participating Topaz & Esso locations.

To participate in Cash for Clubs you will need to be a registered Play or Park member. Membership of Play or Park is subject to the Terms & Conditions of the scheme which can be found at www.playorpark.ie / www.playorpark.co.uk

Contact the Topaz customer service centre on 1850 320 320 (ROI) or 0800 107 7720 (NI) if you have any issues or queries. Participation in the Cash for Clubs promotion constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

Cash for Clubs:

1. Cash for Clubs will commence on Monday 16th May 2016 and will run for 12 weeks until Sunday 7th August 2016. See www.topaz.ie/General/site-locator.aspx and filter by ‘Play or Park’ for a list of participating outlets or alternatively send a self-addressed envelope to Topaz Energy Group Limited, Topaz House, Beech Hill, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4 (ROI) or Topaz Energy Limited, 5 Airport Road, Belfast, BT3 9EU (NI) for the attention of the Topaz Loyalty Manager or call the customer care line on 1850 320 320 (ROI) or 0800 1077 720 (NI).

Registering a Club:

2. If you would like your Club to participate in Cash for Clubs you must register the Club online at www.playorpark.ie / www.playorpark.co.uk. Club details will be published on our website so that



other Play or Park members can collect on behalf of the Club. To enter the draw a Club needs to have been awarded 2,000 Cash for Clubs Tokens.

Collecting Tokens:

3. To collect Cash for Clubs Tokens you must present your Play or Park game tag upon making a fuel transaction at participating Topaz and Esso stations. You will earn one Token for every €30/£20 you spend on fuel at participating sites (you will continue to earn Play or Park Points at the standard rate on all transactions). The maximum number of Tokens that you can earn in any one transaction is 3. The number of Tokens you have earned will be printed on the bottom of your receipt. Play or Park members can also earn Cash for Clubs Tokens on Home Heat transactions.

Assigning your Tokens to a Club:

4. You will continue to collect Tokens until you specify what Club you want to assign your Tokens to.

You can assign your Tokens to a Club online at www.playorpark.ie or www.playorpark.co.uk or by completing an application form in-store. Once we have received notification of your preferred Club we will assign any Tokens accumulated up to the date of notification and every Token thereafter to that Club.

If you wish to change the Club you are assigning Tokens to during the promotion you must contact the Topaz customer service centre on 1850 320 320 (ROI) or 0800 1077720 (NI). It is not possible to reassign any Tokens already submitted.

5. Use of your game tag following a change in the Cash for Clubs promotion will be deemed acceptance of that change. We may terminate you or your Club's participation in Cash for Clubs at any time and if so, any Tokens submitted may be forfeit. In each case, Topaz will not be liable for any resulting loss or damage.

6. No monetary value to the participant attaches to the Tokens earned.

7. No purchase necessary (NPN) for Northern Ireland residents: NI residents may receive a Token without the need for purchase by availing of the following method: Participants can send a Cash for Clubs request to the following address: "Cash for Clubs" Promotion, Payback Loyalty Systems, Roselawn House, National Technology Park, Limerick. Participants will be required to provide their full name, Play or Park game tag number, postal address including postcode together with proof of residency (utility bill), and an email address or telephone number together with their registered Club name and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. One Token will be added to the specified Play or Park account and the participant will be notified of this change. NPN Tokens will be limited to 5 per member per week during the promotional period.

Playing Cash for Clubs:

8. Upon submission of 2000 Cash for Clubs Tokens your Club will be entered in a draw for a chance to win the prizes set out below.



1 Club will win the Grand Prize of €10,000;
10 Clubs will win €5,000;
140 Clubs will win €1,000.

NI cash prize amounts will be awarded in sterling. Amounts will be converted from Euro to Sterling at the ECB Daily Average rate on date of relevant draw.

Draws will be held and prizes awarded as per the following schedule:

Grand Prize Draw: 22nd Aug 2016

Prizes:

1 x €10,000

4 x €5,000

Second Prize Draw: 29th Aug 2016

Prizes:

3 x €5,000

Third Prize Draw: 5th Sept 2016

Prizes:

3 x €5,000

15 x €1,000

The balance of the prize fund in individual prize amounts of €1,000 will be awarded to qualifying Clubs in weekly prize draws to be held in accordance with the terms of our lottery licence.

Non-winning entries will be re-entered in a subsequent draw.

Consolation prizes: Each qualifying club who is unsuccessful in the prize fund draws will receive a consolation prize of €250.

Winner of the Grand Prize Draw will be announced on the Topaz Facebook page after 5pm on 22nd Aug 2016. Winners of subsequent draws will be announced after 5pm on the date following the draw via the Topaz Facebook page. Topaz reserves the right to alter or amend the draw schedule or to introduce further draws as it sees fit. All draws in the Cash for Clubs promotion are conditional on the requisite number of Clubs meeting the qualifying criteria.

Topaz accepts no responsibility for late, incomplete, incorrectly submitted, corrupted or misdirected entries, claims or correspondence whether due to error, omission, alteration, tampering, deletion, theft, destruction, transmission interruption, communications failure or otherwise.

All Clubs nominated for registration will be subject to the approval of Topaz. Topaz reserves the right to refuse to register a club for the Cash for Clubs promotion should a particular club or cause be deemed unsuitable or at odds with Topaz's objective to promote active community engagement, healthy social interaction and a healthy lifestyle. Topaz's decision will be final in this regard and no discussion will be entered into.

General:

9. Topaz will not be liable for any unauthorised use of a participant's Play or Park game tag or use of a participant's Tokens in any circumstances, including loss or theft.



10. If a winning entry is deemed not to comply with these conditions of entry, or a prize-winning Club cannot be contacted within seven days, that entry will be discarded and a new winner of the prize will be randomly selected.

11. Award of the Cash for Clubs prizes will be conditional on the prize-winning Club members participating in a photo call following the draw. Clubs must, at Topaz's request and free of charge, participate in all reasonable promotional activity (such as publicity, photography, film) surrounding the winning of the prize. Prize-winners consent to Topaz using their name, locality and image in promotional material. Winners will be selected at random by computer from a pool of eligible entries. The independent adjudicators' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

12. If for any reason any aspect of Cash for Clubs is not capable of operating as planned, Topaz may in its sole discretion cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the promotion, or invalidate any affected entries.

13. This promotion is run in ROI by Topaz pursuant to a lottery licence granted to The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, a registered charity of Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare by the Dublin District Court.

Topaz may withdraw, cancel or change these Terms and Conditions at any time.

Data Protection:

14. See www.topaz.ie/General/privacy-policy.aspx for Topaz's privacy policy.

15. By opting to receive other communication from Topaz, you consent to Topaz retaining your information, including details of purchases, and using that information to inform you of offers and services which may be of interest to you.

16. Topaz may disclose entrants' personal information to its external data controllers and businesses that process Cash for Clubs for the purpose of conducting this Loyalty Game or communicating with entrants.

17. We are obliged to disclose details of successful participants to our charity partner The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation so that The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation may comply with its statutory obligations in respect of the lottery licence.

18. If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is found to be void, unlawful or unenforceable for any reason, that portion shall be deemed severable from these Terms and Conditions. This shall not otherwise affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

19. You have the right to request a copy of your data currently held by us, and to rectify or remove personal details, by writing to Topaz Loyalty Manager, Topaz House, Beech Hill, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4 or contacting the Customer Service Centre on 1850 320 320 (ROI) or 0800 107 7720 (NI).



<p>Application deadline 14 July 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Arts participation bursary award</u> The award supports professional individual artists working in the area of arts participation to develop their arts practice.</p>	<p>Maximum award €10,000 Accepting applications</p>
<p>Application deadline 05 September 2016 17:00</p>	<p><u>Artist and youth work residency scheme</u> The artist and youth work residency scheme is designed to promote innovative partnerships between youth groups, artists and (where relevant) arts organisations. This scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) on behalf of the Arts Council and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.</p>	<p>Maximum award €5,000 Accepting applications</p>
<p>Application deadline Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Travel and Training award</u> Please note maximum amount awarded differs between art forms. There are three strands to this award: Travel and Training Outbound; Travel and Training Inbound; Creative Europe (Culture sub-programme) Travel Award.</p>	<p>Maximum award €3,000 Accepting applications</p>
<p>Application deadline Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Visual artists in prisons scheme</u> The scheme allows artists to work with prisoners in prison/ detention centres for a period of 10 days and complements an existing arts and education programme in the Education Units within the prison system.</p>	<p>Maximum award €2,400 Accepting applications</p>
<p>Application deadline Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Writers in prisons scheme</u> The scheme offers writers the opportunity to work with prisoners in prison/detention centres and complements an existing arts and education programme in the Education Units within the prison system.</p>	<p>Maximum award €1,000 Accepting applications</p>
<p>Application deadline Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Writers in schools scheme</u> The Writers in Schools Scheme part-funds visits by writers and storytellers to schools throughout the island of Ireland.</p>	<p>Maximum award €200 Accepting applications</p>



<p>Application deadline 8 September 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Annual funding</u></p> <p>The purpose of annual funding is to provide stable and secure funding to certain arts organisations (on an annual basis). Applicants may request a contribution towards both operating and artistic programming costs.</p>	<p>Maximum award Unlimited Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 8 September 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Annual programming grant</u></p> <p>The purpose of the annual programming grant is to assist applicants with the costs of their artistic programme. The scheme is not intended to provide support for ongoing operating/administrative costs.</p>	<p>Maximum award Unlimited Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Dance project award</u></p> <p>This award supports projects in the field of dance commencing on or after 1 January 2017</p>	<p>Maximum award €50,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 15 September 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Local authority grant</u></p> <p>The purpose of the Local Authority Grant is to support the ongoing programme and strategic actions of the local authority arts services in developing the arts locally. This funding scheme is open to local authority arts services only.</p>	<p>Maximum award Unlimited Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Music project award</u></p> <p>This award supports projects in the field of music commencing on or after 1 January 2017</p>	<p>Maximum award €30,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>



<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Opera project award</u> The award is intended to support the making and presentation of opera productions commencing on or after 1 Januar 2017, in line with the Arts Councils published policy for opera.</p>	<p>Maximum award €70,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Theatre project award</u> This award supports projects in the field of theatre commencing on or after 1 January 2017.</p>	<p>Maximum award €150,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Traditional arts project award</u> This award supports projects in the field of traditional arts commencing on or after 1 January 2017.</p>	<p>Maximum award €60,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>
<p>Application deadline 18 August 2016 17:30</p>	<p><u>Visual arts project award</u> This award supports projects and initiatives in the field of visual arts commencing on or after 1 January 2017. Please note that there will only be one round of the Project Award in Visual Arts in 2017. This means that the upcoming deadline of 18 August 2016 will be the only available award for visual arts projects taking place in 2017. Please note that any application made under this round must commence by November 2017 at the latest.</p>	<p>Maximum award €40,000 Opens 19 July 2016</p>

Upcoming Funding Opportunity:

[The Older Persons’ Fund](#) Round 4 will open for applications on the 9th August and close on the 23rd September 2016. This year we have the following two categories in which organisations can apply for a grant under:

- 1. Inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles** – Grants of up to €7,500 will be available to organisations working towards inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles
- 2. Supporting older peoples’ voices at local & national level** – Grants of up to €7,500 will be available to organisations working towards supporting older peoples’ engagement in advocacy.



Full criteria and application details will be available on The Community Foundation of Ireland website from the 9th August

Is your group holding an event or has your group news you would like to share with the wider Longford Community?

Then why not promote it in this Ebulletin?

Just email, post or call to us (contact info above)

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