



CO. LONGFORD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

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Co Longford PPN: linking community groups with Longford County Council and other decision making bodies.

Have a say in the development of your County for now and future generations!!



Longford Public Participation Network (PPN) E-bulletin May 2017

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1. [NEWS FROM LONGFORD PPN](#)

Public Participation Network update:

Meetings held/ planned:

- Second County Plenary Meeting held Longford Library 27.03.17
- PPN Secretariat Meeting 26.03.17 / 03.05.17
- Salesforce Training 17th May. PPN Worker to attend
- Disability Network meeting to be held. Waiting for National Disability Federation worker to be in place for Longford
- Ballymahon, Granard, Longford Municipal District Meetings provisionally booked 7th, 12th and 13th June.

Training:

PR Training will be delivered to PPN members by Edel Hackett, Persuasion Republic 10.05.17 in the EDI Centre 6.30pm – 9pm.

Approx. 80 staff attended PPN training on 27th and 28th March 2017. Training was delivered by Social Justice Ireland and the PPN Development Officer. Thanks to all who attended.

Community Representative Vacancy:

The County Longford PPN is currently seeking nominations for a community representative on to the **Board of Longford Community Resources clg (LCRL)** - Community representatives going forward for this position must have a focus on Culture and Heritage issues.

If your community group is interested in culture and/or heritage then please join the PPN LCRL Linkage Group by contacting the PPN office. Deadline for submitting nominations is **Monday 18th May 2017.**

Invitations will be circulated/posted to all member groups tomorrow so please notify all your members.



General:

The PPN Facebook page is [Co Longford Public Participation Network](https://www.facebook.com/LongfordPPN). @longfordppn
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@longford-coco.ie and we will post it on your behalf. *Don't forget to "Like" and "Share" our page!!*

Follow us on Twitter @LongfordPPN

If there are any community group's who are not yet registered with the County Longford PPN you can 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 March / April:

Longford Writers Group: Invites you to one of their up and running events, **the Artist's and Author's evening** in Longford library, Monday April 24th. The first one of these events was held last November and was such a success that they are now holding another one. The idea of the evening is to combine original artwork submitted by locals who have never exhibited before, along with poetry and prose from the writers group and also music by new emerging singer's /musicians.

If you require further information or would like to join this creative exciting group please contact Maggi at mags.mckenna5@hotmail.com or phone 0879445463.

Longford Voices United Gospel Choir: if there is an event any community group/organisation would like the Gospel choir to attend please contact Bride Gobl musical director on 0872101376 and we will be happy to come along , sing and bring along lots of fun and cheer!!

Longford County Choir will perform a concert on 28th May in St Mel's Cathedral at 7.30 pm with guest Soloists, tickets €10, family with children €20. The Theme will be Longford Connections France and Argentina and will feature the music of the French composer Gabriel Faure and the Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. The towns of Longford, Ballymahon and Drumlish/Ballinamuck have been twinned with French towns for many years. There was a large emigration to Argentina from South Longford and adjacent parts of Westmeath in the 19th and 20th centuries and there is still a strong affiliation with Argentina in these areas.

Ballymahon Day Care

Flora Mini Marathon: A group of staff and volunteers are participating in the Women's' Mini Marathon as a fundraiser for the centre on 5th June. Weekly training sessions have been on-going since January. Sponsorship cards are out in circulation presently and your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Breda Greaves Manager of the centre if anybody would like to support on 09064 384457



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Flower Arranging: Every Tuesday a tutor from LWETB attends the centre from 11am to 12.30pm.

Art & Craft classes: On Wednesdays, a tutor also from LWETB delivers classes from 11am to 12.30pm

Exercise Classes: On Thursdays, a fitness instructor holds an exercise class from 11.30 to 12.30pm

Meals: Lunch is served daily from 12.30pm to [1.00pm](#) €6 per person

Day Trip: On 4th July, a day trip has been organised to Galway. The cost for the bus is €10, there are a few spaces left if anyone is interested, please contact Breda Greaves on 09264 38445 to arrange.

Longford Women's Link April 2017: Stay up to date with all events and activities at LWL by liking our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/longfordwomenslink

Longford's Finest Truck Run: LWL would like to express its sincere thanks to the committee of Longford's Finest Truck Run for choosing LWL as one of its three charities for the 2017 event along with Tom's Walking Wish and Make-A-Wish Ireland. The Festival weekend took place from April 28-30 and a full update will be provided in the May eBulletin.

Longford Women's Manifesto Group: Longford Women's Manifesto Group meet regularly at LWL. If you have an interest in how decisions are made in your local community and would like to be involved in this dynamic group please email tarafarrell@lwl.ie for more details. All meeting dates are on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Womens-Manifesto/> so just like to stay updated.

LWL Willow Traders Furniture and Clothing Shop— seeking volunteers: Longford Women's Link new furniture and clothing social enterprise is open from Monday to Saturday 10am-5.30pm. We are currently seeking volunteers for a variety of roles - sales, merchandising, sorting through clothing donations, furniture removals etc. Training will be provided and regular volunteer hours are available. If you're interested please email managerwillowtraders@lwl.ie or phone **Dee on 085 252 1701** for an application form. Garda Vetting will be required for all volunteers. See our Facebook page for regular updates (LWL Willow Traders – NewToYou)

Catkins Mobile Childcare Solutions now recruiting! Catkins Mobile Childcare Solutions at LWL is now recruiting for childcare staff. You must hold a QQI Level 5 or 6 qualification, a clean driving licence and access to transport. Interviews will be held in May 2017. Please phone Marissa on 085 800 7253 or email csp.manager@lwl.ie for further information. Garda Vetting will be required.



Longford County Childcare: School Aged Capital Funding - open to childcare services and schools. Closing date May 5th 2017. For further information, please contact Longford County Childcare Committee on 043 3342505 or visit www.pobal.ie

The Springlawn Resource Centre:

Volunteers: we are always happy looking for residents from the area to lend a hand with keeping up the appearance of the estate and the flower beds now that spring is on its way. If you have some spare time and like planting we can help with this as we have a polytunnel which can be used. For more information on this contact Mary on 087/3749950

The Weekly Read: Springlawn Community Resource Centre Welcomes you to a free read of the Longford Leader each Thursday morning. You can have a quick read over the job section or news section and see if there is something that catches your eye, or just have a friendly chat about what is going on in our town. Everyone is welcome. Thursday morning 10am to 1pm

Seed sharing: Would you like to do some seed sharing here in Springlawn Resource Centre. We all like to have a variety of flowers in our garden so if you have too much of one and not enough of the other here is the place to come. The Resource Centre has a polytunnel if you want to plant your own seedlings now is your chance to watch them grow. Seed sharing can be lots of fun to do with the neighbours. **For more information contact Mary on 087/3749950**

Looking for work: We search for Local jobs each week online. A printout of local vacancies is available on our notice board each week. If you require help with applying for any of the jobs we will be happy to help
More information on or call 087/3749950

Rath Mhuire Resource Centre - Fundraiser: Tickets re raffle in regard to our prize of a one week break, in a two bedroom apartment in Medjugorje (available during the month of October 2017) together with other prizes, are available at Rath Mhuire Centre We are very grateful to our donors and sponsors for this marvellous prize and grateful for your support. All funds go to our work in the local community.

Alzheimer's Tea Morning: We will be hosting our Annual Tea Morning in Rath Mhuire Centre on Thursday 4th May 10- 1pm in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. All monies raised locally are used for local services. We would be delighted for your support for this very worthy cause.

Moatsiders Active Retirement Group: Our next meeting date is on Thursday 13th April at 2.30 in Rath Mhuire Centre. We will be starting Mindfulness Classes and all are welcome.

Rath Mhuire Men's Social Club: Our next meeting date is Tuesday 9th May at 12.30 in Rath Mhuire Centre, and we will be continuing our Woodwork projects. Good Food and good company guaranteed!



Granard Writers: We are planning a trip for our next meeting (to inspire all of us!), details of same and time to be confirmed in the coming weeks. We promote creative writing in a relaxed and informal setting and always welcome new participants and voices.

Granard Area Historical Society: The group are starting a range of very interesting projects and will also be planning a number of historical trips in the coming months, details re these will be in the coming newsletters and Leader Notes.

Conversational Irish: A number of people have expressed interest in starting this and we will be arranging an evening/morning session in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested, please let us know.

Dolmen Centre – Aughnacliffe:

Dolmen Failte Active Retirement Group: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 2nd @ 2pm and we will be starting our Arts & Crafts project.

Dolmen Daycare Services: Next meeting dates will be on Wednesday 3rd, 17th & 31st May at noon in the Dolmen Centre. A home cooked meal and a range of activities are part of our Day-care Services and everyone is warmly welcomed.

North Longford Men: Meeting dates for May are Friday- 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at noon in the Dolmen Centre

We always give a very warm welcome to new members who would like to participate in any of the groups or activities, for any information on any of the above, contact Jackie or Lucy @ 043-6686309. Transport available for both Centres

Backstage Theatre Group present

Two One Act plays.

“Till the Petals Fall” by Harry Glass will be directed by Pat Joe McLoughlin.

Set in a centre for women victims of domestic violence. A moving and emotive piece where the women discuss their experiences and share opinions in a no holds barred manner.

“The Basement”, is a comedy by a local author Kitty Rodgers and will be the directorial debut for Gráinne Milner.

Mr Burke, head of Department has gotten into trouble with the media. It is up to Rita, Sharon and Toby to write a press release that will get him out of trouble. Jimmy the caretaker holds it all together.

Tickets are available from Backstage Theatre box office www.backstage.ie 0433347888

Creative Ardagh: The King at the Back of the Hill Anthology. We have been asked to extend the deadline! **New deadline is now Friday, 19th May 2017.** We are looking for art, photography, poetry, fiction and factual writings inspired by King Maine, Son of Niall of the Nine



Hostages, St. Patrick and Longford, Liam De Paor and the archaeological digs in Ardagh, Adel Coleman and her revisit to the dig at The Back of the Hill. Sure, we all knew there was a King at the Back of the Hill, didn't we!! For further information please contact Ann and Annette on creativeardagh@gmail.com

Lus Na Greine FRC, Granard: Computer Coding for young people (8-12 years)

Next 6-week course begins Saturday 6th May - BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

TO BOOK: Text/call Eamonn on 0851292282 or email midlandscoding@gmail.com

Learn fundamental programming concepts

Build interactive games and animations

Class time: 10:00 to 11:00 @ Lus Na Greine

Class size is limited to 8 children – €50.00 per child.

Fun with Art: For children aged 5 to 12

30€ for 5 weeks, Saturdays at 11-12. We do cooking and some experiments as well!!!

Contact [Lus Na Greine](#) or [Ewa Pajeroska](#) 0870677619

Grow Positive Mental Health: The group meet every Tuesday evening in Lus na Greine @ 8pm. This is a great forum to boost your mental and physical well-being in a relaxed, confidential and empathetic environment. Call 043 66 60944 for further details.

Women's Mini Marathon: Help us raise fund by walking, running or sponsoring. All support appreciated

3. LOCAL NEWS & SERVICES:

Community Lotto could be coming your way!!!!



Outtake Community Media is looking into setting up a community Lotto for Co. Longford.

All community groups that sign up and sell tickets would share in the profits from the Lotto. While the tickets (envelopes) can be bought by anybody they can only be sold by or on behalf of a registered PPN Community Group insuring that the profits go back into our local community.



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We have created a short survey (link below) in order to gauge a response to the Idea and would love if you would take 2 minutes to answer the questions and give any thoughts you may have on the idea.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H26YYST>

If you're not in you can't win, if you don't have your say it may never come your way so complete the survey PPN Groups!!!

Longford Volunteer Centre:

National Volunteering Week will take place from **15th to 21st May 2017**. The focus of this year's campaign is to showcase the benefits that volunteering can have on a person's health and wellbeing. Volunteers often say that while people think that volunteers are helping them, it's often them who help the volunteers.

During National Volunteering Week, Longford Volunteer Centre will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 18th May at 10.30 am until 12.30 pm when anyone can drop in to our office at 6 Earl Street, Longford and learn more about volunteering with no obligation.

If you've thought about volunteering but never taken the plunge, this is the perfect time to learn how you can get involved. If that time does not suit, we will be in the Shopping Centre from 12.30 pm to 2 pm on the same day.



Volunteer Opportunities



[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

Upcoming Events for Volunteer Managers

Garda Vetting Information Session - 15th May 7pm-8pm - EDI Centre, Longford. To book a place- please contact Terri 087 2915637 or email: Terri@volunteerlongford.ie

Workshop for Volunteer Managers "**Dealing with Difficult Situations**"- **17th May 1.30pm-4.30pm. EDI Centre, Longford.** Please contact Angela to book your place - 087 7594770 or email: Angela@volunteerlongford.ie

National Volunteering Week 15th -21st May 2017



Longford Volunteer Centre will be hosting an **Open Morning, 18th May 11am-12.30pm** at 6 Earl Street, Longford. If you would like to find out more about volunteering, please call in and have a chat with us.

We all be hosting an **information Stand in Longford Shopping Centre 18th April from 12noon-2.30pm**, if you would like to drop by to talk to us.

Volunteering Opportunities

(Please click on the blue link for further information and to apply for the role)

Volunteers required for [Special Olympics Connaught](#) National Annual Collection Day, **May 5th in Longford Town**

Volunteers required for [The Longford Friends of The Children of Chernobyl](#) bag pack in **Dunnes Stores Longford** on Saturday **6th May 2017 from 10-6**

[Happy Heart Volunteers](#) required to sell heart pins on **12th May** to raise funds for **Irish Heart Foundation**

Table Quiz in **Spiral Tree Bar**, Main St, Longford on **Friday 26th May** in aid of **Irish Heart Foundation**

VOLUNTEER



Committee Members required for [Bridgeways Family Resource Centre](#), Ballymahon, Longford

[Volunteer Receptionist/ Administrator](#) required for **Bridgeways Family Resource Centre, Ballymahon, Longford.**

Volunteer Retail Assistant required for **Revamp Store** in the EDI Centre, Athlone Road, Longford

[Volunteer Gardener](#) and [DIY Volunteer](#) required for Community House, **Springlawn RCDG**

[Volunteer Retail Assistants](#) required for **LWL Willow Traders** - New to You, Longford Town



The Attic House: It's that time of year again, **ELIMINATOR CHALLENGE.**

All funds raised go towards the running costs of the Attic House This year the event is on June 17th in the Rugby Club. Anyone interested in putting in a team please contact Ruth on 087 2626806 for a pack. This is the 4th year to run this event. It has grown from strength to strength each year. The target this year is 30 teams so take on the challenge and sign up today



THE ATTIC HOUSE
TEEN PROJECT
ELIMINATOR CHALLENGE

Date: 17th June, 2017
Location: Rugby Club
Time: Registration 6.30pm • Commences 7.00pm

No. of teams: 30
Team size: 10 per team €50 sponsorship per person
Participants have to be 18+ yrs

What it is:

- An action packed team challenge designed for maximum fun.
- Each team gets it's own identity tag and a quirky team name, if not already chosen!
- The teams then compete in different fun filled games.
- The games are a mixture of team and relay races, all played against the clock.
- All games are challenging but great fun.

Afterwards
Burger & Chips served to each participant
Disco & Presentation To The Winning Team

The winning team walks away with
€1000

ELIMINATOR 2017

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ATTIC HOUSE TEEN PROJECT
CONTACT: RUTH MCGARRY QUINN ON 087 2626806



4. [National News](#)

National Heritage Week 2017



Event Registration is now open for National Heritage Week 2017.

Registration for the printed event guide will close on **31 May**. The printed event guide is distributed across Ireland to OPW sites, museums, libraries, local authorities, selected hotels and tourist offices.

Heritage Week 2017 will take place from 19-27 August and we're making 2017 the year we help more people learn about and enjoy Ireland's nature. If you can, try to incorporate the theme into your event.

See below for ideas on how you can get involved in Heritage Week 2017.

[Register Your Event Now](#)

Wild Child Day

Wednesday 23rd August is Wild Child Day and is dedicated to wild children everywhere. We encourage you to organise special events for young people on this day.

[Heritage Council research](#) shows that the changing nature of children's lives is a major concern and that the child-nature connection is under serious threat. At the same time, there are significant benefits, including to health and well-being, to contact with the outdoors and the environment.

Build a bug hotel, go on a nature selfie hunt or host a teddy bear's picnic in the woods, there's endless ways to get kids out discovering nature!



Water Heritage Day

Sunday 27 August, the last day of Heritage Week, will celebrate our most precious natural resource, water, in all its forms from sea to rivers, lakes to garden ponds in partnership with the [Local Authority Waters and Communities Office](#).

The wildlife along our waterways and shores provides inspiration for young and old alike, just think of a time you saw a trout rising from a river, a heron still like a statue waiting to strike, or dolphins travelling across a harbour. Communities the length and breadth of the country have a deep-rooted connection to the water environment, and local traditions, stories and songs help to preserve this heritage.

Plan a riverside wildlife walk, organise a canal clean-up or explore our coasts on a boat tour.

Water Heritage Event Ideas

Who is your Audience?

Think about your audience when planning your event.

Talk with other Heritage Week event organisers near you to ensure your events do not clash. Consider other local and national events that may impact your audience e.g. large sports events, concerts etc.

Is your event accessible? Think about holding an event especially for wheelchair users, a sign language tour or a tour in a different language.

Mid-week daytime events may appeal to retired people, parents and children or tourists. Why not schedule a lunchtime event for office workers?

Useful Resources when planning an event

- [Planning Your Event Essentials](#)
PDF (525.74 KB)
- [Planning Your Heritage Week Event](#)
PDF (186.58 KB)
- [Researching Your Event](#)
PDF (1.03 MB)



- [Creative Family Events](#)
PDF (1.43 MB)
- [Creative Programming To Attract More Audiences](#)
PDF (1021.95 KB)
- [Celebrating Irelands Wildlife From Michael C Jacob](#)
PDF (1.89 MB)
- [Creative Event Planning From Irish Workhouse Centre](#)
PDF (1.23 MB)
- [Creative Event Ideas From Global Action Plan Ireland](#)
PDF (901.98 KB)
- [Community Engagement From Matt Farrell Edgeworthstown](#)
PDF (1.08 MB)
- [Online Resources For Planning Your Heritage Week Event](#)
PDF (205.4 KB)
- [Guidelines For Taking Images](#)
PDF (554.7 KB)
- [Health And Safety Guidelines](#)
PDF (65.51 KB)
- [Event Insurance](#)
PDF (31.09 KB)
- [Event Planning Tips](#)
PDF (43.61 KB)
- [Finding Volunteers](#)
PDF (43.43 KB)
- [Heritage Week Child Protection](#)
PDF (68.79 KB)
- [Heritage Week 2017 Next Steps And Key Dates](#)
PDF (1.55 MB)



Irish Deaf Society Issues Reminders of Steps for Dealing with Bogus Collectors

Charities lose out on much needed funds as bogus collectors trawl the country

The Irish Deaf Society (IDS) have seen an increase in 2017 in the number of reported collections on behalf of the Deaf Community by bogus collectors.

The Garda have instructed IDS on what procedures that they must follow when they receive notification of bogus collections taking place.

1. The person witnessing the collection must report it directly to the Garda.
2. As much information as possible, description, detail, time etc.
3. Report the incident to the (IDS) so they can then follow it up.
4. The IDS do *not* do door to door collections.
5. The IDS ask for your own safety that you do not approach these collectors, leave this to the Garda.

www.irishdeafociety.ie

The Wheel's 2017 Board Elections Now Open

Are you interested in playing a role in how 'big-picture-cross-sector' issues such as the reputation of the community, voluntary & charity sector; the effectiveness of outcomes in such organisations in Ireland; charity regulation; how the relationship between the sector and the State; and good practice standards are shaped and considered?

Deadline for nominations: Tues 23 May @ 12 noon

If so, then stepping forward to potentially take on a leadership role on the Board of Directors of The Wheel, which will have an impact across the whole sector, could be for you.

Three new board members will be elected at The Wheel's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 27 June 2017. These three new board members will consist of:

- 2 x new board members elected from amongst our Full Membership
- 1 x new board member elected from amongst our Individual Membership.

This might be your chance - or the chance for someone you know - to help affect the policies and direction of a nationally significant charity. We invite all eligible parties drawn from the two above categories to consider making a nomination today.

[Further information / nomination forms available here >>](#)



Please note County Longford Public Participation Network are full members of the Wheel so would be happy to put forward any of our members for the Board vacancies.

5. EU NEWS

Irish support for Development Aid among highest in the EU

A special Eurobarometer survey on "Development, Cooperation and Aid" reveals that Ireland (96%, up 5 percentage points on a **2012** survey) has the fourth highest share of people who say it is important to help people in developing countries after Sweden (98%), Cyprus and Luxembourg (both 97%) and the third highest share (62%) who think it's very important to do so. In all European countries, a majority of people think it is important to help those in developing countries with the EU average being 89%.

The survey also found that:

- A large majority of Irish people (78% - third highest in the EU after Cyprus and Malta) agree that tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU. In all but 2 EU countries, 50% or more people shared this view with the EU average being 68%. In fact 29% of Irish people would like to see increased financial assistance from the EU and its member states to developing countries while 56% of Irish people want spending to continue as it is currently.
- A smaller majority of Irish respondents (56%, 4th highest in the EU) agree that tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of their national government. Respondents in Spain (62%), Sweden (59%) and the United Kingdom (58%) were the most likely to agree while those in Estonia (17%), Bulgaria (22%) and Latvia (25%) are the least likely to do so. The EU average was 51%.
- Almost 9 in 10 Irish people (89% and third highest in the EU) agree tackling poverty in developing countries is in the EU's own interest, e.g. by creating trade opportunities or better access to energy and raw materials). And 86% (up 8 pp on 2015) of Irish respondents say tackling poverty in developing countries is a moral obligation for the EU, fourth highest in the EU where the average is 78%.
- Irish people (76%) are second most likely after Sweden (87%) to agree that as individuals they can play a role in tackling poverty in developing countries. The EU average is just over half at 54%.
- Irish people are **seventh most likely to say at 66% that they are personally involved in helping developing countries**. Those in Sweden (82%), Luxembourg (81%) and Finland (76%) are the most likely to be personally involved in some way. The EU average is 46%.
- Almost **half of Irish people (43%, 7th highest in the EU) give money to organisations** which is well above the EU average of 27% but well below Sweden (62%), the Netherlands (61%) and Malta (57%) in top place.



- A further 24% of Irish people make ethical choices when they shop, just above the EU average of 22% but well below countries in top place like those in Sweden (58%), Luxembourg (49%), Finland and Belgium (both 41%).
- 12% of Irish people give directly to projects and 13% volunteer, well above the respective EU averages of 7% and 8% but below the top performing countries.

Knowing Your EU Rights



As a national of Ireland or any other EU country – you are automatically also an **EU citizen**.

As such, you can benefit from many important [rights under EU law](#), in particular the right to move freely around Europe to live, work, study or even retire.

And if you are **travelling outside the EU** and your country has no diplomatic representation there, you can go to the [embassy or consulate of any other EU country](#) and receive assistance and protection.

[Help & advice for EU nationals moving within Europe](#)

Frequently Asked Questions on Your Rights

[Frequently Asked Questions about accessing medical treatment in other countries in Europe](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Mobility in the EU](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Working in the EU](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Pension Rights in the EU](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Bus, Ferry and Rail Travel](#)



6. UPCOMING TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

Education & Training at Longford Women's Link

Manual Handling and Patient Moving

Date: Tuesday May 16th

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: €85 per student (€40 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place - full fees to be paid prior to the start of class).

QQI Level 3 - Word Processing

The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to use a word processing application to create a limited range of appropriately structured and accurate documents in a supervised environment.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays from May 9th to June 8th 2017

Times: 7-10pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: €240

You may qualify for funding - please contact Pamela at 043 3341511 for further information

QQI Level 4 - Retail Skills

Dates: September 2017

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: This programme is part-funded. Childcare and Transport will be provided for a nominal fee. It is anticipated that this programme will run during morning hours.

LWL is now taking applications for this course as part of the Ulster Bank Skills and Opportunities Programme. Interested students should contact Karen Reilly, Programme Mentor at mentor@lwl.ie or on 043 3341511

QQI Level 6 - Child Development

This programme module is part of the overall level 6 major award in Early Childhood Care and Education (6M2007), developed under the new Common Awards System. Students should have completed QQI/FETAC Level 5 in childcare or equivalent.

Dates: Starting Tuesday 23 May 2017, Tuesday and Thursday nights (final class Thursday July 20th)

Times: 7-10pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: €270 (€100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place – full fees to be paid by May 16th).

You may qualify for funding, please contact Pamela on 043 3341511 for further information



Please contact Pamela Latimer, Education & Training Manager on 043 3341511 or email pamelalatimer@lwl.ie for further information on any of the above courses or to be added to our mailing list.

Would you like a career in Childcare?

LWL is the lead sponsor of the DSP Community Employment Childcare Scheme in County Longford. If you think you might be eligible then please give Kathleen, Siobhan or Kerrie a call on 043 3341511.

Participation is free and you will achieve a QQI Level 5 Childcare qualification which will enable you to obtain employment in a childcare facility or progress into further education in related areas.

Participation time on the programme is 19.5 hours per week and persons are eligible to remain on this programme for a period of 3 years.

Eligibility criteria:

- 21 years of age or over and are in receipt of a social welfare/ DSP payments for 1 year or more.
OR
- 18 years or over in receipt of disability-related payments

If you have Refugee Status or are a member of the Traveller Community and are aged 18 or over you may also be eligible.

If you qualify under the criteria but do not wish to take up the option yourself, there are certain conditions under which you can do a spousal swap.



EDI CENTRE

The EDI Centre provides a range of supports and services to unemployed and underemployed individuals and assisting them in returning to employment, upskilling or returning to education, while also providing information on employment rights, entitlements, training and education with access to computer suites.

The Centre supports and services are as follows:

JOB SEEKING SKILLS PROGRAMME:

Every Thursday from 10 am to 1pm. or by appointment at the EDI Centre
Support include

- **Drafting CV's and Job Applications**
- **Interview Skills**



- **Career Advice**
- **Training Opportunities**

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT:

Please contact the EDI Centre to secure a place on any of the list programmes below, courses will run depending on demand.

MANUAL HANDLING TRAINING: Date to be Confirmed cost €50.00

SAFE PASS: Training continues (date to be confirmed) Cost is €100 with Tea/Coffee and Scone provided.

OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID

Starting 7th / 8th / 10th 2017 in the EDI Centre, Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford, Tea/Coffee & Scone provided. Cost: €200

FIRST AID REFRESHER:

Names are now been taken for one day Refresher first aid course- midweek / Saturday
Eligibility: - having completed Occupational First aid training within the previous two years.
Cost €80.00

HEALTHCARE SUPPORT COURSEs - Due to demand and excellent employment opportunities

Care Skill – Commencing May 3rd,
Care of Older person – Commencing May 4th
Health & Safety at work (health sector) commence late June
Elder abuse (half day training), Infectious Control

PATIENT MOVEMENT AND HANDLING:

Taking place in the EDI Centre Mid-June cost €90.00

Digital Skills FREE Training

Starts May 8th (10 hours in total) ran over 5 x 2 hours sessions

Train the Trainer Level 6

Commencing late May – cost €595.00

IHF Heart saver – PHECC CFR Instructor Course

Taking place June 6th / 7th - cost €595.00

Home Repair and Maintenance QQI Level 4

Enhance knowledge and skills, when completing a range of home repairs. Plumbing, painting, plasterboard, bonding, tiling, grouting, use of various tools & equipment



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This course will run Thursday & Fridays over 3 weeks

Funding may be available for people in receipt of certain social welfare payments for any of the above listed programmes

Call in to your local Intreo/DSP office or ring (043) 33 40000 to check your eligibility

or

For further information please contact

EDI Centre Longford on (043) 33-47515 / enquiries@edilongford.ie

Local Training Initiatives

Catering and Life Skills QQI level 4

The **Catering and Life Skills** office at the **EDI centre** are now recruiting for the 2017/18 Catering and Life Skills Programme

This an **ETB Local Training Initiative** for unemployed people and is

The Programme is a full time 40 Week course and includes 9 Modules -

Short Order Cooking
Personal Effectiveness
Meal Service
Customer Service
Kitchen Skills

Communications
Work Experience
Handling Food Hygienically
Information Technology

Interested candidates may contact the Catering and Life Skills Co Coordinator and check their eligibility for funding with the local Intreo Office

Catering and Life Skills Office – Elizabeth/ Mandy 043 33 48084 or 043 33 47515

Intreo Office – Longford 043 33 40000

Pre-Apprenticeship in Engineering – QQI level 4

This an **ETB Local Training Initiative** for unemployed people

The Programme is a full time 40 Week course and includes 8 Modules

- Milling & Turning
- Technical Drawing
- Workplace Safety
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Information Technology
- Team Working



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Applications are not being taken for this course commencing September 2017

For further details Contact Tony Padraig 043 3347515

Revamp 3R Furniture Store is non-profit furniture recycling and reuse project.



It offers quality used and restored furniture at affordable price, New stock arriving daily. A large selection of good quality used furniture and a wide range of restoration work for sale. **Revamp accepts most furniture items that are in good condition and are suitable for reuse and restoration. In regard to items that can or cannot be accepted please contact the store at 043 33 48876**

For further information on any of the above please contact EDI Centre 11 A2 Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford. 043 3347515 or email enquiries@edilongford.ie

Website: www.edilongford.ie

Longford Sports Partnership:

SAFEGUARDING 1 CHILD PROTECTION *BASIC* *AWARENESS TRAINING*



18TH MAY 2017 – LIMITED SPACES

All volunteers, coaches, children's officers and designated liaison persons (DLP) involved in any capacity with children in sport must first complete the 3-hour Child Welfare and Protection Basic Awareness Course. This course educates participants on the implementation of best practice in protecting the welfare of children involved in sport.

Certification is awarded by Sport Ireland on completion of this workshop. Participants must attend the full 3-hour session and should be over 18 years of age.

Registration fee of €15

Registration online at www.eventbrite.ie





Governance & Charity Regulation - a 2-day Survival Guide: Dublin - 23 & 24 May 2017

Training provider: [The Wheel](#)

Date / time:

23 May 2017 - 9:15am - 24 May 2017 - 3:30pm

Venue: The Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Location: Dublin

Price details: Full 2-day programme - 85 Euro for Members of The Wheel / 130 Euro Non-members. More options below.



An intensive 2-day training opportunity for Irish charities determined to excel in good governance, income diversification, complying with charity regulation and understanding the requirements of transparency at all times.

It is possible to attend each session individually or the full 2-day programme ([click here to see registration detail below](#)).

Select from the price options at the bottom of page and click 'Add to Cart'.

Course details:

These are difficult days for Irish charities. With increased scrutiny of the way in which we govern ourselves, the onus is now clearly on us to ensure that we are all adhering to existing charity regulation and the highest possible standards of good governance and transparency.

This intensive 2-day practical workshop has been carefully developed to address these precise needs with:

- A clear and achievable pathway towards successful compliance with all facets of **charity regulation** (including an entire day given over to **good governance**);
- A thorough understanding of **income diversification** and how to make services **financially sustainable**;
- How to adhere to best practice in terms of **transparency**, as well demonstrating **impacts and outcomes**.



The workshop (an updated delivery of our *Ready for Regulation* 2-day workshop) will be split into 2 days as outlined below:

DAY 1 – Governance from the Ground Up (Regulation)

The second day of the workshop will be devoted entirely to the theme of good governance and is divided into:

Session 1: Intro to Governance

The morning will commence with a thorough introduction to governance – what it is, why it matters and what practicalities you must consider in order to ensure that your organisation is ready to being a journey to good governance.

The session will also introduce the updated and revised Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations. Beginning with an outline of the structure of the Code, you'll be provided with ample food for thought as we break for lunch.

Session 2: Governance Code In-depth

The remainder of the day will be given over to the practical 'nuts and bolts' of applying the Governance Code, beginning with a walk-through of the Code itself. You'll also gain a thorough understanding of the 5 Principles of the Code, how to go about the process of beginning your journey towards compliance and also how the Code fits into the overall context of charity regulation in Ireland.

Day 2 – Regulation. Resources. Recognition.

Session 1: Regulation

The day will begin with a detailed overview of existing Charity Regulatory Frameworks - namely The Charities Act 2009, The Lobbying Act 2015 and The Companies Act 2014.

You'll be learning about the compliance requirements that are expected of your charity, including the registration process for the Charities Regulatory Authority and the potential relevance of the Lobbying Act 2015 to your activities.

Session 2: Resources

You cannot deliver your mission in the community unless you can make your organisation financially sustainable.

This session will be covering the key components necessary to build a financially sustainable organisation, including:

- Sourcing grants
- Generating earned income
- Securing contracts.

Session 3: Recognition

The third session of the day will focus on recognition. Irish charities are doing a great job and it's imperative that we communicate this properly:



- **Impacts and Outcomes:** understanding outcomes-based work and how to measure your impact and demonstrate your effectiveness.
- **Transparency:** learn about the practical steps you can take (e.g. publishing your accounts online) to ensure your non-profit is operating with maximum transparency.
- **Communications Tools:** we'll wrap up the day with some practical pointers towards resources, tools and applications that you can employ – often for free – to help your organisation communicate the important work that you do in the community.

Who Should Attend:

Anyone working in, or on, the governing body of a community and voluntary organisation with responsibility for ensuring that good governance is an integral part of their (and any) successful organisation e.g. a management committee, a board of directors.

How to Register:

Registration on the day from 9.15am.

If you have any problems accessing the venue, please phone The Wheel main office on 01-4548727.

Note: lunch will be provided to all attendees, along with tea / coffee breaks that will provide ample opportunity to network and connect with your fellow attendees from across the sector.

7. FUNDING

HSE National Lottery Grants

The HSE has been allocated National Lottery Funding for distribution to community based groups and voluntary organisations under the Respite Care Grant Scheme and the National Lottery Grant Scheme. Groups and organisations involved in the provision of Health and Personal Social Services can apply for once off funding of between €500 and €10,000 for suitable projects.

Completed Application Forms must be returned to the local Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) Find the location of your local CHO office [here](#)

Please ensure that your application is submitted to the correct CHO, as submission to the wrong CHO may result in your application not being processed.

Closing Date for Applications – 17:00 on Friday 26th May 2017

[Lottery Application Form 2017.doc \(size 119.3 KB\)](#)

[Lottery Application Form 2017.pdf \(size 181 KB\)](#)

Applicants will be advised as to the outcome of their application no later than Thursday 31.08.2017

Please note the following will apply in the case of all applications received:



- Applications will be accepted from organisations both within the Community Healthcare (CHO) Area and those who geographically lie outside of CHO but provide services to clients residing in CHO.
- Successful Applicants will be required to complete a Grant Aid Agreement with the HSE and be compliant with minimum Financial and Governance requirements.
- Applications that have major on-going revenue implications which includes the employment of staff, capital funding and running will not be considered
- Applications must be for once off projects that can be completed within the year of application (excluding respite)
- Applications for projects which are already covered by HSE Funding through and SLA/Grant Aid Agreement or otherwise will not be considered
- There will be an upper limit (to be decided based on number of valid applications received) of funding awarded to an individual organisation. Where multiple applications are received by an individual organisation that same upper limit will apply. Therefore, it is recommended that an organisation intending to submit multiple applications should consider this upper limit and prioritise on that basis.
- It is envisaged that generally individual grant allocations will be in the range of €500.00 - €10,000.00 approximately.
- An upper limit of €10,000 for applications relating to Transport Initiatives will apply
- Enquiries regarding Lottery Applications for organisations working in the area of Child and Family Services or where Lottery Applications were previously funded should be directed to TUSLA - info@tusla.ie

Community Health Care Organisation for County Longford

Laois/Offaly & Longford Westmeath

Mr Jimmy Todd,
Community Development Service,
Health Service Executive,
Health Centre,
Arden Road,
Tullamore,
Co Offaly
Tel; 057 9359622
Email: jimmy.todd@hse.ie

ESB and Corporate Responsibility

As a leading Irish organisation with deep roots in the community dating back to 1927, we are committed to playing a role in addressing some of the key social issues facing Ireland today.

Corporate Responsibility (CR) is at the heart of this vision. Through our Energy for Generations Fund, we have three main pillars of focus:

- Suicide Prevention
- Homelessness
- Education Access and Support



ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives.

Each year the Fund awards €1m in direct funding through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively in the future.

The remainder is allocated across a range of initiatives including support for Electric Aid, wind farm community funds, fuel poverty programmes and support for staff volunteering.

Aim of the Energy for Generations Fund

Our aim with the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our investment by taking a more strategic approach to effect change. Funding is only part of the jigsaw – we also want to leverage the skills and knowledge we have within the company to bring about more sustainable and positive outcomes.

Support for Staff Volunteering

The Energy for Generations Fund provides support to ESB staff who volunteer within their own communities. Staff who volunteer at least 20 hours of their own time per year will be invited to apply for funding of up to €250 for their chosen registered charity.

Many of our staff are involved in volunteering activities in their spare time, but we have never had any formal structure to support or encourage this in the past. Through this funding, our aim is to demonstrate our support for the work our staff do within their own communities.

Closing dates:

Q2 - 2 June

Q3 - 4 September

Q4 - 13 November

Click on the links below and all your questions will be answered.



[How does the Energy for Generations Fund work?](#)

[What are the quarterly closing dates?](#)

[When did the Fund start?](#)

[How do I apply for Funding?](#)

[Energy for Generations Fund - Application Form \(DOCX | 111.06 KB\)](#)

[How much is in the Fund?](#)

[What will ESB fund within the areas of focus?](#)

[What is the average funding amount awarded?](#)

[Will the Fund be equally divided among the three areas of need?](#)

[How often can I apply?](#)

[Can I talk to someone about my application?](#)

[How will applications be appraised?](#)

[Can I find out why my application didn't succeed?](#)

[Can we apply to this Fund to top up another contribution for a project?](#)

[Can we get funding if we are not a registered charity?](#)

[Do we have to give bank details?](#)

[Does it matter if we are only starting up as a group?](#)

EPA - Event Support Grants

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

[Scheme Details](#)

Status: Open

Grant Range: Up to €1,000, Up to €5,000

Funding Source: Statutory

Cash Type: Revenue

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

Normally the amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is provided only for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.



The event should showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

In terms of audience/participants, the event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. Local Authorities, EPA, DECLG, Industry).

How to Apply

Applications should be made online via SmartSimple, the EPA's grant application and project management portal

- Funding is available as a rolling call with four submission deadlines each year (31st December; 31st March; 30th June; 30th September).
- Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

- Background and Work Programme (20 marks)
- Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)
- Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)
- Environmental Policy (20 marks)

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the deadline date. Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and with regard to the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

[Full details are available on the EPA website.](#)

(See also the [Grassroots Workshop Support Scheme](#) via above link)

Contact Details

Funder: [Environmental Protection Agency](#)

Address1:

PO Box 3000

Johnstown Castle Estate

County:

Co. Wexford

Email:

administrator@esaiweb.org

Website:

<http://www.epa.ie>

Telephone:

053-9160600



U.S. Embassy in Ireland - Grants Program

This initiative provides support for projects proposed by Irish non-profit, cultural, educational and civil society organizations that aim to promote mutual understanding and shared values; strengthen U.S.-Ireland ties, and foster people-to-people exchange between the United States and Ireland.

[Scheme Details](#)

Status: Open

Funding Source: International

Cash Type: Revenue

Exclusions:

Activities that are not typically funded include, but are not limited to:

- Paying to complete activities begun with other funds;
- Projects that are inherently political in nature or that contain the appearance of partisanship/support to individual or single party electoral campaigns;
- International travel, unless specifically justified within the project;
- Political party activities; and,
- Projects that support specific religious activities.

The U.S. Embassy in Ireland is pleased to announce an open competition for awards through the Mission's Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program. This initiative provides support for projects proposed by Irish non-profit, cultural, educational and civil society organizations that aim to promote mutual understanding and shared values; strengthen U.S.-Ireland ties, and foster people-to-people exchange between the United States and Ireland.

We invite Irish non-profit organizations to submit innovative educational and cultural programming proposals. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ireland is particularly interested in projects that engage and empower youth and diverse Irish audiences, safeguard the democratic ideals of freedom of expression and tolerance, strengthen social entrepreneurship, address environmental sustainability, and support people-to-people exchange between Ireland and the United States. All programs must have an American element to be considered for funding. Programming outside of Dublin will be considered favorably.

In deciding which projects to support, the Embassy will give consideration to the full range and diversity of Irish organizations. The Public Affairs Section encourages geographically and demographically diverse audiences in Ireland. Preference will be given to Irish individuals and institutions with a proven track record of executing high quality educational events and programs. New grantees will be generally given priority over previous grantees. Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate the long-term sustainability of the project and that include some form of cost-sharing with the partner institution(s).

Eligibility

Particular areas of interest for programming include:

- Investing in young leaders and youth initiatives;
- Supporting peace, reconciliation and cross-border dialogue;



- Promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls globally;
- Responding to the challenge of global climate change and sustainable development;
- Promoting tolerance, diversity and multiculturalism; and
- Promoting economic opportunity through social entrepreneurship.

The U.S. Embassy will award multiple grants through the year with a rolling review of proposals. The U.S. Embassy seeks to give as many grants as are feasible. Project proposals in the \$500-3,000 range will be favored. The total number and amount of awards is dependent on funding. Applications that demonstrate cost-sharing will be regarded favorably. Below is a sample list, though not exhaustive, of the types of projects the U.S. Embassy has prioritized in the past:

- Bringing an American artist, social entrepreneur, educator, scientist, or other innovative expert to Ireland for participation in a conference, festival, school function, seminar or training program.
- Funding for a conference, festival, or event fitting within the funding priorities.
- Youth initiative to generate solutions to pressing social challenges.

How to Apply

[Visit the Embassy website for full information and details.](#)

Contact Details

Funder: [U.S. Embassy in Ireland](#)

Address1: 42 Elgin Road

Town: Ballsbridge

County: Co. Dublin

Website: <https://ie.usembassy.gov/education-culture/gra...>

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

Then why not promote it in this eBulletin?

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

For inclusion in the June 2017 edition of the PPN eBulletin

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