



## County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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## PPN Newsletter August 2020 (Part 1)

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Contact 087 9137186 or email [deirdre.madden@nl.ni](mailto:deirdre.madden@nl.ni)

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## Survey reminder

### Lanesborough/Ballyleague MD members

Please help in shaping the forthcoming Economic and Enterprise Development Strategy for Lanesborough/ Ballyleague: Participate in the Community Survey by **28<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**. Further information below:

#### Development of an Economic and Enterprise Development Strategy for Lanesborough/Ballyleague: Community Survey

Future Analytics Consulting Ltd (FAC) has been appointed by Longford and Roscommon County Councils to prepare an Economic and Enterprise Development Strategy (EEDS) for Lanesborough/Ballyleague. The Strategy will develop and deliver an effective short, medium and long-term path to enterprise and job creation in the area, building on existing and planned investment and innovation initiatives.

Lanesborough/Ballyleague is currently undergoing the Just Transition process with the forthcoming closure of the Lough Ree Power Station. The development of this Strategy must be wholly cognisant of this process and will be informed by the significant work undertaken by the local community in recent years. This includes the extensive work which has fed into the preparation and publication of the Lanesborough/ Ballyleague Local Action Plan 2018. The Strategy must also be shaped to address the current economic context and the implications of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

In line with this, the project team seek to develop a comprehensive understanding of specific community needs and to gather feedback on core priority areas. Your participation in this community survey will inform and guide the development of this Strategy and the key actions and outcomes arising from it. It is anticipated that this Strategy will be utilised by Longford and Roscommon County Councils in tailoring and advancing specific actions which will facilitate enterprise and economic development in a plan-led manner, with a focus on revitalising the villages and accommodating economic growth in the short-term.

**Please participate here by the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020:**

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

**All responses to this survey are anonymous**, with the findings retained only for the purpose of informing the development of this project, unless otherwise agreed by the respondent.

If you would like to discuss the project or survey in greater detail please contact Aoife Doyle at [aoife.doyle@futureanalytics.ie](mailto:aoife.doyle@futureanalytics.ie).

Many thanks in advance for your participation.

Link to Longford County Council Website <https://bit.ly/2PzTbFK>

## Survey reminder

### Granard MD members

Please participate in the Granard Community Survey Regeneration Strategy for Granard by **30<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**. Further information on the survey below:

#### **GRANARD COMMUNITY SURVEY**

#### **REGENERATION STRATEGY FOR GRANARD**

Nicholas de Jong Associates & Future Analytics Consulting Ltd have been appointed by Longford County Council to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Granard Town. The Strategy aims to develop and deliver an effective short, medium and long term path to enterprise and job creation in the area, building on existing and planned investment and innovation initiatives.

In line with this, the project team seek to develop a comprehensive understanding of specific community needs and to gather feedback on key issues and opportunities. Your participation in this survey will inform and guide the development of the Strategy and the key actions and outcomes arising from it. We look forward to receiving your response.

If you would like to discuss the project or survey in greater detail please contact Killian O'Sullivan at [killian.osullivan@futureanalytics.ie](mailto:killian.osullivan@futureanalytics.ie)

Please complete the survey by Sunday, 30th of August 2020

Link to Survey:

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

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## FUNDING REMINDERS

**CLÁR funding for C&V groups - meals on wheels, mobility and cancer care transport - Closing Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

CLÁR provides funding for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered significant levels of population decline. The supports provided through CLÁR have been tailored this year to help rural communities to respond to the new COVID-19 environment.

Measure 3 of the programme will be of particular interest to groups providing meals on wheels services, mobility services and cancer care transport:

- Community organisations providing meals on wheels and other community services will be supported to purchase kitchen or food delivery equipment. They can also access funds for any adaptations that may be necessary to their

existing vehicles as a result of new public health guidelines. This measure will assist these organisations that provide vital services which support people to live in their own homes while also playing a role in combating rural isolation.

- We will also separately continue to fund vehicles for those vital voluntary organisations that provide free transport for people with mobility issues and for those attending cancer treatments.

For further details and application forms, [click here](#). Please note that eligibility for this Measure will be based on the 'catchment area' being served by the vehicles. Information on eligible catchment areas can be found [here](#). A press release for the scheme can be found [here](#).

Applications should be submitted directly to the Department at [CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie](mailto:CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie) by the **28th August 2020**.

The Department may not be in a position to follow up regarding missing documentation or incomplete application forms. Incomplete application forms may not be considered.

Any queries should be sent to [CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie](mailto:CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie).

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## Department of Justice and Equality

### 2020 LGBTI+ Community Services Funding Call

Launched as part of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy, this funding aims to promote inclusion, protect rights and to improve quality of life and wellbeing for LGBTI+ people in Ireland. Further information is available in the press release on the Department of Justice and Equality website.

There are two streams of funding, and applications must be submitted electronically.

- Scheme A: Supporting Community Services **(deadline 31 August 2020)**

The application form and comprehensive guidance note is available on [https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LGBTI\\_Scheme\\_A](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LGBTI_Scheme_A)

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## **Longford Sports Partnership COVID 19 Club Small Grant Scheme**

**All applications must be returned by 5pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

### **Longford Sports Partnership COVID 19 Club Small Grant Scheme Guidelines**

The COVID-19 club small grant scheme is part of a programme from the Government of Ireland, implemented through Sport Ireland and its network of Local Sports Partnerships to support the sports sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme is designed to support clubs, which do not have the finances to implement COVID-19 related hygiene and social distancing protocols. As the total fund available is limited, clubs which already have the finances to implement COVID-19 protocols should not apply. Clubs must ensure that, where available, they prioritise the application for funding support via their National Governing Body or relevant representative body. Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources.

This grant can cover costs associated with the reopening of sports clubs. The club grant scheme is designed and intended to support return to sporting activities only such as

- COVID 19 Related Costs for Hygiene Consumables (E.g. Hand sanitizer, soap, face masks, gloves etc.)
- COVID 19 Related Infrastructure Costs (E.g. Plexiglass screens, wall mounted dispensers, signage)
- COVID 19 Related venue/equipment cleaning costs
- Increased venue hire costs to comply with social distancing
- COVID 19 Related Volunteer Training Costs
- COVID 19 Related Staff Training Costs
- Additional Registration/ Event Management Costs (E.g. admin or IT costs to manage self declarations)

This funding cannot be used to support COVID-19 costs related to hospitality services such as bars or restaurants within sports facilities or commercial sector such as gyms, bootcamps etc.. The COVID 19 Club Small Grants can be used to support COVID 19 related expenditure dating from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 onwards (Date of publication of Government roadmap to recovery).

The scheme will be based on identified needs. Longford Sports Partnership and Sport Ireland and will work together to ensure that the investment is distributed fairly. Every effort will be made to ensure that the wider sports community benefits from this scheme.

There is a €1,500 limit per club on this grant scheme however applications will be means tested and only clubs with the most need will be eligible for the full amount. Clubs should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

## Terms and Conditions

- Only one application can be submitted per club
- Applications must be submitted to the LSP in the county in which your club is based.
- The form must be filled out in one attempt, there is no facility to save the form and return to it at a later date.
- Maximum of €1500 per club
- The club grant scheme is intended to support return to sporting activities only expenditure dating from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 onwards.
- Funding cannot be received from other organisations for items included in your application
- Clubs must have a copy of their Constitution or Club Rules;
- Affiliated member of the Public Participation Network and your NGB
- Be registered / update your club details with Longford Sports Partnership on a yearly basis
- Successful applicants must recognise the support of Longford Sports Partnership and Sport Ireland in publicity surrounding their project;
- Successful clubs must have Safeguarding done;
- The deadline for receipt of applications is **5pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.**
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted
- Any club/organisation funded under this scheme will be asked to submit an evaluation report form to LSP and may be asked to supply documentary evidence
- If you are unsure on any of the above or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0433343493 or [sports@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:sports@longfordcoco.ie).

The application form should be completed online at :  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cNPpmZ0qvkGijTf-kvcBuh1yovML1rJGjjFbJ1rSBgdUMUY5UEk0WFRTUFRXRjRJMJDND0s0NjJFQy4u>

Paper forms are also available on request

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## NATIONAL INTEGRATION FUND 2020

### Minister McEntee launches National Integration Fund 2020 to promote integration of migrants into Irish society

**The closing date for applications is 12pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.**

- €749,600 per year over a maximum of three years will be available to support migrant integration projects. There is €2.2m in total funding being committed over a three year period.
- Selected projects will help to combat racism and xenophobia
- Fund will support communities to promote the integration of migrants and their children

The National Integration Fund 2020, announced today by the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, will see €749,600 per year over a maximum of three years being made available for projects that help migrants integrate into Irish society.

The National Integration Fund 2020 is open for applications from both public and private bodies. Funding will be given for projects that:

- Increase mutual understanding between local communities and immigrants;
- Combat racism and xenophobia;
- Undertake research on interculturalism and / or integration;
- Help immigrants improve their language skills so they can access employment and / or integrate into their local communities;
- Promote the integration into Irish society of vulnerable or socially-excluded immigrants;
- Introduce immigrants to the political system and encourage them to vote;
- Provide training to public and private sector organisations on equality and integration;
- Provide information and support for immigrants to help them access services;
- Provide information and support for immigrants in regard to immigration and citizenship;
- Promote integration in schools;
- Promote integration in the youth sector;
- Promote integration in the workplace; or
- Promote the involvement of immigrants in sport, volunteering and cultural activities.

#### **How to apply:**

Applicants can access a detailed guidance document and complete an online application form at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/NIF2020>

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## **New Funding – Community Enhancement Programme 2020**

**Closing Date: 12 noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **Fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings**

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from community groups for funding under the Department of Rural & Community Development for the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2020 fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings.

The Department has launched a new fund, under the CEP, which will provide capital grants towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings, adaptations or equipment needed as a result of COVID-19 may also be included. Similar expenditure on other community facilities will also be considered.

[CEP 2020 Grant Details](#)

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## **Launch of Expressions of Interest to establish a Disability Participation and Consultation Network**

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 11am on Monday, 14 September 2020.**

The Department of Justice and Equality is establishing a new Disability Participation and Consultation Network, and invites expressions of interest from organisations who wish to participate in this initiative.

The Network will provide a channel for involving persons with disabilities more meaningfully in the development of policy and legislation, in line with the requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

Further details of the Network are available in the press release below and on the Department of Justice and Equality website at:

[http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol\\_Organising\\_Member\\_Disability\\_Participation\\_and\\_Consultation\\_Network](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol_Organising_Member_Disability_Participation_and_Consultation_Network)

### **Launch of Expressions of Interest to establish a Disability Participation and Consultation Network**

- The newly established Disability Participation and Consultation Network will enable persons with a disability to be involved in the development of policy and legislation.
- Funding is available for an organisation representing persons with disabilities to administer the network as an Organising Member.
- Separate funding is also available for up to four Disabled Persons Organisations to provide training and support to persons with disabilities to be involved in the network.
- The network will also be open to individuals and groups (non-grant funded) who will take part in network and ensure that as many persons with disabilities, in all situations can input into its work. Details of how to these members can apply will be announced at the end of August.
- Consultation on Ireland's Initial State Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with a Disability (UNCRPD) is an immediate task for the Network.

Further details of the Network, including details of how to apply for these roles are available on the Department of Justice and Equality website at:

[http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol\\_Organising\\_Member\\_Disability\\_Participation\\_and\\_Consultation\\_Network](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol_Organising_Member_Disability_Participation_and_Consultation_Network)

A separate process will be announced at the end of August for organisations, groups or suitably qualified individuals with disabilities who wish to join the network.

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## Freshstart Level 3 Employability Skills

We are now recruiting for our new Level 3 course in Employability Skills which includes Communications, Word Processing, Digital Media, Nutrition and Healthy Options, Functional Maths, Personal Effectiveness and Work Experience. The course will be a mixture of in-centre and on-line learning and each student will have their individual plan to help them progress through the year.

All our courses are free and the under 25's may be eligible for a training bonus. Contact 087 9137186 or email [deirdre.madden@nln.ie](mailto:deirdre.madden@nln.ie).

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