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PPN Newsletter August 2021 (Part 1)

Funding News



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

Our Rural Future: Ministers Humphreys, McConalogue and Hackett announce final call for applications to the LEADER Food Initiative

€5 million fund aimed at artisan, micro and small food businesses

Funding will help artisan, micro and small food businesses to respond to challenges posed by Brexit and COVID-19

LEADER programme a key plank of 'Our Rural Future'

Small food businesses are being encouraged to apply for funding under the LEADER Food Initiative – a €5 million investment aimed at assisting businesses to deal with the challenges posed by Brexit and COVID-19.

The final call for applications was made by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue and Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity, Pippa Hackett.

The funding will help artisan, micro and small food businesses to respond to challenges posed by Brexit and COVID-19, while also supporting diversification in agriculture.

In December 2020, Ministers Humphreys, McConalogue and Hackett announced the extension of the LEADER Food Initiative into 2021.

As part of that announcement, the maximum rate of aid available to projects involving economic activity was increased from 50% to 75% for project applications received on or after 1st April 2021.

Announcing the final call for applications, all three Ministers urged small food businesses to submit their applications.

Contact details for all Local Action Groups and their Implementing Partners (Local Development Companies) can be located [here](#):

LEADER 'Our Rural Future' funding – over €2.4 million allocated to Longford

- Local Groups can apply for funding immediately
- A total of €70 million to support rural communities and enterprises
- Funding allocations for 29 Local Action Groups announced
- Ground-Up approach of LEADER a key plank of Our Rural Future

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D., has today (9th April 2021) announced the details of the allocation of the €70 million **Transitional LEADER programme** for the period 2021-2022.

- €65 million is being allocated to support locally-led rural development projects across the 29 Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- €3 million is being allocated to support the LEADER Cooperation measure which encourages rural areas to work together on collaborative projects
- €2 million will be allocated to prepare for the next LEADER Programme

Minister Humphreys has also today published the funding allocations being provided to each of the 29 Local Action Groups (LAGs).

More information on how and where to apply is [here](#)



Community Involvement Schemes 2022-2023

Terms and Conditions and Application form [here](#)

Closing Date : 20th August 2021

Minister Humphreys Announces €800,000 Social Enterprise Start-up Fund - Programme to provide tailored supports to Start-up Social Enterprises

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD, announced the launch of the €800,000 Social Enterprise Start-up Fund on 15th July 2021.

The Fund will support social enterprises with small grants to help them expand their businesses and create jobs.

It is specifically aimed at early stage social enterprises which have a clear ambition to impact a critical social issue.

Full details of the Social Enterprise Start-up Fund are available at:

www.rethinkireland.ie

What's On



HERITAGE WEEK 2021 -14th to 23rd August

National Heritage Week is taking place this year from the 14th to the 23rd of August. We have a blend of online events, presentations and – COVID restrictions allowing – live in-person events taking place in the county. We are inviting individuals and groups to participate. We would especially welcome online events, either Zoom or Microsoft Teams talks, or short video presentations that we can schedule online during Heritage Week. We had a fantastic response to our online programme last year, which allowed our local heritage to be even more accessible to a local, national, and even international audience. If you have a video idea, please get in touch as video and editing assistance is available.

<https://www.heritageweek.ie/>

Protect Our Past campaign

A new campaign entitled *Protect Our Past*, urging visitors to heritage sites to be mindful of their actions over the summer. The focus of the campaign is to raise awareness of the value, importance and sensitivity of Ireland's built heritage and to convey some key messages around visitor behaviour at monuments.

The campaign is a joint initiative of the Office of Public Works and the National Monuments Service (DHLGH). A short guide has been produced for visitors (available here:

https://issuu.com/obair/docs/protecting_our_past)

There are over 145,000 recorded archaeological monuments around the country in private and public ownership, with latest research suggesting evidence of human activity in Ireland well over 10,000 years ago. Examples of archaeological monument types in Ireland include megalithic tombs, stone circles, standing stones, rock art, ecclesiastical enclosures, churches, graveyards, ringforts, souterrains, crannógs and castles.

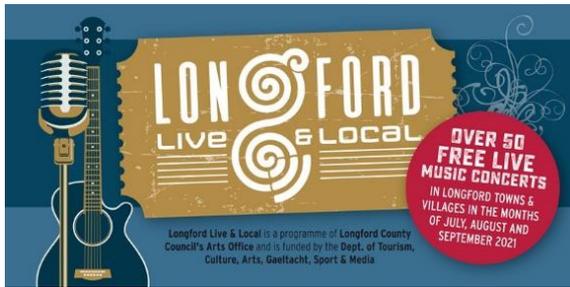
As people enjoy a summer exploring Ireland, the two Departments are encouraging people to visit the many varied heritage sites that Ireland boasts but to be especially mindful of how fragile, vulnerable, and irreplaceable our heritage sites can be. Recent evidence of graffiti and anti-social behaviour at several of Ireland's most significant monuments - some of which are ancient burial sites - has illustrated the need for more respectful behaviour. Some archaeological sites are suffering damage that threatens the preservation of archaeological remains. Small fires and ground disturbance, for example, which may be carried out with no ill intention, can destroy or seriously damage these monuments

Over the coming weeks the Department and OPW will be sharing on respective social media channels a series of animated videos to highlight the impact that inappropriate behaviour can have on sites. They hope that raising awareness of the value of these sites will lead to an even wider appreciation and understanding of their significance and help in their protection. These will have the hashtag #ProtectOurPast.

#ProtectOurPast campaign information is available on www.gov.ie/opw/. with further information available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/news/4ceab-protecting-our-past/>



Please see link to **August Events Guide**: [here](#). Link to a video launched to promote the Royal Canal Greenway in Longford <https://www.longford.ie/en/visit/trails/royal-canal-greenway/>



Over 50 live outdoor music events to take place around county – more information at the link below

<https://www.longford.ie/en/events/longford-live-local-outdoor-music-programme1.html>

Local News and Services

Souvenir audio player launched for Longford Town Walking Trail



Longford County Council is delighted to announce the launch of a new multilingual souvenir audio player to complement the Longford Town Walking Trail. Cathaoirleach of Longford County Council Cllr Peggy Nolan officiated at the launch which took place on Thursday last, 15 July.

The 2km trail, established in 2018, covers 20 locations around Longford town starting off at the Market Square and taking visitors on a historic and sensory experience around the town, ending at the Convent of Mercy. A short video showcasing the walking trail and its new audio guide is available on the Longford Tourism YouTube Channel.

Souvenir audio players are available to buy from Longford Tourism for €5 alongside a map and brochure for the trail. These will also be available from Longford Branch Library in line with COVID-19 public health guidelines.

For information on things to do in County Longford, visit www.longford.ie and find out all you need to know about accommodation, food and drink, activities, events and more. You'll also find ready-made itineraries listed to help visitors plan ahead. Follow Longford Tourism on Social Media for further great ideas and activities. The local monthly events guide is also available on www.longford.ie.

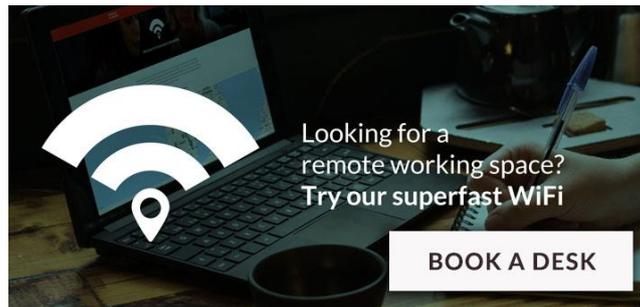


Longford Connected Communities (Broadband Connection Points)

Longford Connected Communities



Connected Communities is the national communications name for the Broadband Connection Points (or BCPs) initiative. For more information on where to find your nearest BCP point visit Longford County Council's website webpage on BCPs [here](#)



New Irish Language Learning Resources in the Library

A new selection of Irish books specifically written for adult learners of Irish have recently been purchased by the library. Also available a FREE Language course via the Library website. Click on "Online Library and Electronic Resources" followed by "Language Courses" gives the adult learner access to interactive and engaging courses in over 120 different languages including Irish. These courses are suitable for beginners and lower intermediate levels. **Email:** library@longfordcoco.ie

A short video on the **National Childcare Scheme** below. This video may be helpful to parents accessing childcare supports for the first time.

National Childcare Scheme YouTube video [here](#)

Eligibility for ECCE.

The programme is available to all children from the September after the child has turned 2 years and 8 months. Link to the calculator <https://longfordchildcare.ie/.../ecce.../ecce-calculator/>

Longford's 'Green Keep It Clean Campaign' If any individuals or households would like to take part in the "Longford's Green Keep It Clean" initiative, they're invited to contact their local Tidy Towns group. Any questions or queries can be referred to Gary Brady Environmental Awareness Officer on 043 33 43451 or via email to gbrady@longfordcoco.ie. Press Release [here](#)

Some of the services provided below:

- Awareness and Training Programmes
- Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service
- Local and National Supports and Services
- Information/Signposting Posters, Leaflets and other resources:

Contact: The Health Centre, St. Joseph's Campus, Dublin Rd., Longford Tel: 086 380 1152 Email: eddie.ward@hse.ie



Longford Community Call Helpline: 043 3344255 or Freephone 1800 300 122

Keep Well Campaign: Further details on all activities and initiatives at county level will be made available on the Council's website www.longfordcoco.ie

WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS



Exploring Scientific Evidence & Science in the Media

Dr. Craig Slattery UCD | Dr. Isabela Aparicio RCSI | Dr. Stephen Murphy TCD

Thursday, August 19th, 10am - 1pm
Fully Online, Free Event
Open to All

Sign Up Now

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You are invited to the first of our FREE Online Public Forums next week, exploring Scientific Evidence and Science in the Media. This event is the first in a four part series of public forums exploring a range of topics including science, medicine, health, vaccines, food and alcohol. Our first forum will feature Dr. Craig Slattery (UCD), Dr. Isabela Aparicio (RCSI) and Dr. Stephen Murphy (TCD) discussing scientific evidence, science in the media, misinformation and conspiracy theories. This is your chance to discuss these issues and have your voice heard.

Use the link below to register or email outreach@midlandsscience.ie for more information.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuf-6urD4oE9H7g0PeEKoyrNR2TAVPfc0I?fbclid=IwAR1_LaWPPExy_Qqs1YM2nTDyxMj0yVMovrsk_GjzilsY_m5KJBq54K04HcA

Free Video Workshops for Nonprofits

The 2021 Charity Impact Awards are launching soon. Sign up for our free video storytelling course to help your entry shine!

We know that making a video can be intimidating, especially if you have limited time, budget, or experience.

That's why we've brought in **Glen Mulcahy, founder of Titanium Media and former Head of Innovation with RTÉ**, to teach you how to tell your story on film — without spending a fortune (or anything at all).

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



**GLEN
MULCAHY**

The former head of Innovation with RTÉ, Glen has inspired and driven the growth of mobile journalism within RTÉ's newsroom and across other European broadcasters.

Glen has trained over 5,000 journalists in the US, Europe and the Middle East, across television, radio, print and online. He is the founder of Titanium Media and MojoFest, an annual international conference which explores professional mobile content creation.

Session 1: An Introduction to Video on a Budget - **now closed**

15 July 2021, 4pm to 5pm

This session introduces mobile video storytelling, showing just how much of an impact it can make.

We'll look at case studies from a wide variety of industries, and explain how you can build the skills to tell incredible stories using a device you already have in your pocket!

After this session, you must complete a short assignment over the summer to attend Sessions 2 and 3.

Session 2: Filming Interviews and Sequences

31 August 2021, 10am to 12:30pm

In this workshop we will explore tried and tested techniques for shooting a compelling video.

We will explore the secret of the 5-shot sequence and how it is the foundation of visual storytelling. Using examples and case studies, we will deconstruct some TV reports to explore how sequences and interviews were used in the construction of a narrative.

This workshop will include a practical shoot exercise, and a short video assignment to be completed before the final session.

Session 3: Editing, Audio, Graphics, and Subtitles

7 September 2021, 10am to 12:30pm

In this final workshop we will take the assignment material created after Session 2 and use it to build an edited story.

To finish, we will add graphics, branding, and subtitles.

The training is completely free, but as spaces are very limited we ask that you consider the following before signing up:

- Attendees are asked to commit to all three sessions: this is a course of training rather than a series of standalone workshops.
- Your organisation should be planning to enter the Charity Impact Awards in September. This will involve completing a written application and submitting a video about your organisation's work. Full details will be available later in the summer at charityimpactawards.ie.
- The workshops require you to have access to a smartphone that can record video. You will be asked to download several free apps for the editing process.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

SIGN UP HERE

charityimpactawards.ie



Community Health & Wellbeing Podcasts

given by the Health Promotion Officer, Mental Health (Midlands)

Conversations vary and range from family-related issues to Men's health to the impact of domestic violence on children. Longford Talks are part of a collection of Mental Health & Wellbeing podcasts created for the Midlands.

To access Longford Talks, please use any of the following links: <https://lclrl.ie/longford-talks/> Alternatively, you can access them on Spotify by searching 'Longford Talks' on the App.

NATIONAL NEWS

Glencree Intercultural & Refugee Programme Bulletin

Job and Other Opportunities:

1. **National Youth Council Ireland** are accepting applications to the [United Nations Youth Delegate Programme 2021 – 2022](#). This programme is an amazing opportunity that will see two young people aged 18-25 join Ireland's delegation to the United Nations, and give voice to issues concerning young people in Ireland and around the globe. The deadline is this Friday, August 13th at 5pm and details are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/uecjf4u9>

2. **Voluntary Service International** is hiring a new Programmes Coordinator. Deadline is Monday 16th of August and more information is available here: <https://www.wheel.ie/notices/become-certified-story-exchange-facilitator-10-bursaries-available-teachers-and>
3. **An Cosán** are hiring for a number of positions including: Administrator, Executive Administrator, Digital Literacy Trainer, Finance Officer, HR Administrator, IT Project Manager and Coordinator for our Young Women's Education Programme. The deadline for applications is August 26th and more information on how to apply is here <https://www.ancosan.ie/work-with-us/>
4. **Mother Tongues Festival** are seeking a curator with great ideas and plenty of energy to create a one day programme for the Festival on Saturday 26th of February 2022. They are looking for people who are interested in showcasing any form of creative expression including music, literature, storytelling, traditional arts and crafts and performances of any kind. The deadline is September 24th and more information is available here: https://mothertonguesfestival.com/2022-2/?mc_cid=25fdf29a9e&mc_eid=73fc7c5dda
5. **Young Irish Filmmakers** in Kilkenny are seeking a full-time, 48 week contract, LTI Assistant Coordinator (Digital Media). Closing date for applications is this Friday 13th of August @ 12pm. More details here: <https://www.activelink.ie/vacancies/education-training/83583-young-irish-film-makers-assistant-coordinator-local-training-initiative-digital-media>

Reports and Consultations:

6. **Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation** published our 2020 Annual Report & Financial Statements last month. The report details our work and impact and pages 12 and 13 in particular detail the work of our Intercultural & Refugee Programme. You can view the report and download a PDF copy here: <https://www.glencree.ie/homepage-highlight/glencree-annual-report-financial-statements-2020/>
7. **Front Line Defenders** are launching their groundbreaking report on Sex Workers Rights Defenders on 12th of August live on Facebook and YouTube. Speakers include: United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, comedian Margaret Cho, journalist Melissa Gira Grant, human rights defenders Kay Thi Win (Asian Pacific Network of Sex Workers), Ceyenne Doroshow (Gays & Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society and Wenty Ismail (Tanzania), Front Line Defenders Executive Director Andrew Anderson, and the report's researcher and author, Erin Kilbride. More information and how to join here: <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/statement-report/event-launching-first-global-report-sex-worker-rights-defenders-risk>
8. **The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications** has launched an online public consultation for the development of a new National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To participate in the consultation, visit: <https://climateconversations.citizenspace.com/decc/sdg-national-implementation-plan-consultation> . A document with the questions being asked in the consultation is attached here so that you can consider your responses offline before completing the survey.
9. **The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission** is inviting submissions to inform the development of its next Strategy Statement 2022 – 2024. You are invited to do this by completing our submission template provided in Irish and English (attached). Completed templates can be sent to consultation@ihrec.ie . Please note that the closing date for submissions is Monday 16 August 2021. They would like to hear the views of a diversity of people, groups and organisations who are interested in, and/or working to address discrimination, and promote and protect human rights and equality in Ireland. Your contribution will help inform their priorities and the approach they should take over the coming years to promote and protect human rights and equality in Ireland.

Grants & Funding Opportunities:

10. **South Dublin County Council** have received 30,000 euro under the small grants scheme and are inviting applications 2000 to 5000 euro for the Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme 2020 – 2021. The deadline is August 31st 2021 and all moneys must be spent by December 31st 2021. A press release is attached here and more information and application form available here: <https://sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/healthy-ireland-grants/>

Other:

11. **Translate Ireland** have worked with the **Department of Justice** to produce and launch video messages on the following topics in six languages (Portuguese, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, Russian and Spanish); Registering to Remain in Ireland if living in Dublin, Registering and renewing your permission to remain in

Ireland (for those living in Dublin), A guide to terms and phrases used by the immigration authorities in Ireland. Translate Ireland have informalised the scripts as much as possible and ensure the video messages are warm, respectful and culturally relevant. All video messages are presented by native speakers of these languages now living in Ireland. They are requesting we share these videos as widely as possible and all links are in the email attached and on <https://translateireland.ie/>.

Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Glencree, Co Wicklow, A98 D635, P: +353 86 1626475



Launch of Upcycle Challenge 2021

€6,000 worth of prizes to be won

The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new. By creating unique pieces and submitting them to the competition, the lucky winners will be in with a chance to share €6,000 in prize money across a range of different categories.

The Upcycle Challenge helps to highlight how easily and creatively reuse can be applied to everyday life. Ireland is consuming at a rate that is unsustainable and by keeping items in circulation for longer, it will help to reduce the environmental burden on our planet. By embracing the circular economy we can extend the life of objects that we buy and use.

The Upcycle Challenge was launched by the Minister of State with Responsibility for the Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth TD. Minister Smyth TD stated "I am delighted to officially launch the Upcycle Challenge 2021. The Upcycle Challenge is an opportunity for people to tap into their creativity and to take on the challenge of making something unique. There is a wealth of materials already in circulation in our homes, second-hand shops and many resale websites. Taking these existing items and upcycling them allows us to make something truly unique. Projects like this demonstrate the value of the circular economy in meeting climate action ambitions and provide an opportunity for us all to be part of the solution."

Philippa King, Southern Region Waste Management Office Coordinator stated, "The Upcycle Challenge is in its fifth year, and it just keeps getting better. Each year I am astounded by the level of creativity and ingenuity from the applicants. I particularly enjoy seeing the journey that they took to create the finished product. We have secured some great prizes for this competition and it is open to applicants from all over Ireland. I am looking forward to seeing this year's submissions and being inspired once again by the upcycling talent that is in all of us."

The competition is open for applications on mywaste.ie between Monday 5th July 2021 and Friday 15th October 2021. To successfully showcase the creation of the upcycled item, the participants must include before and after pictures along with some information about the inspiration behind the finished product. Winners will be announced at the Upcycle Challenge Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Thursday 18th November 2021. Prizes are sponsored by the Regional Waste Management Offices and the Environmental Protection Agency.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

New Website to Search all local Government Jobs

In conjunction with the Local Authority sector, the Local Government Management Agency have developed a new website to advertise and promote employment opportunities in the Local Government sector - www.localgovernmentjobs.ie.

The new website officially launches today to coincide with #YourCouncilDay.

All local authority jobs, including national and sectoral vacancies, will be advertised on localgovernmentjobs.ie.

In addition to our other platforms, Longford County Council will advertise external vacancies on this website going forward.

