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EU funding opportunities in justice and fundamental rights

Please be informed about the **new EU funding opportunities** available which may be of interest, via the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme, whereby the European Commission supports actions in the area of justice and fundamental rights.

There are 8 [calls for proposals](#) published on the Funding & tender opportunities portal:

- capacity-building in the area of **rights of the child**
- improve the awareness on **EU citizenship rights** and inclusion of mobile EU citizens and to support co-ordination among national authorities competent in electoral
- prevent and **combat all forms of violence** against children, young people and women
- promote the effective implementation of the principle of **non-discrimination**
- limited/restricted to **National Roma Platforms**
- to prevent and **combat racism**, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance and to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online
- limited/restricted to **national Data Protection Authorities** on reaching out to stakeholders on the data protection legislation
- **closing gender gaps** over the life-course

The **total budget available is of EUR 37 million**, for around 100 projects. The Commission will fund maximum 80% of the total cost of a project.

What? Actions shall consist of: mutual learning and exchange of good practises; awareness-raising and media campaigns; training activities; analytical activities, such as studies, researches, surveys and evaluations.

Who? Organisations, including public authorities and NGOs, are invited to present projects' proposals in order to receive EU financial support.

When? Apply online as of January 2020, with deadline on 1, 15 or 29 April 2020 depending on the call for proposals.

For any question you may have write to: EC-REC-CALLS@ec.europa.eu

Garda Youth Awards

The Roscommon-Longford Garda Division, in association with Roscommon and Longford County Councils, are delighted to hold the 2nd Roscommon-Longford Garda Youth Awards.

The awards celebrate outstanding young people between the ages of 13 and 21 years. Roscommon-Longford Gardai, along with Roscommon and Longford County Councils, recognise that a lot of good work is being done by young people in every community throughout both counties which should be rewarded.

Awards will be considered for nominated young people who by their presence, make their communities a better place to live. There will be four (4) winners of the Roscommon-Longford Garda Youth Awards for 2020:

- Individual – where a young person has made a positive contribution to their community making it a better place to live.
- Group – where 2 or more made a positive contribution to their community making it a better place to live.
- Special Achievement – where a young person has overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds and whose commitment deserves recognition.
- Community Safety – where a young person or persons, through a crime prevention or safety initiative / innovation, have made their community a safer place to live in.

A judging panel will decide upon a nominee in each category and their nomination form will then be forwarded to represent the Roscommon-Longford Garda Division for consideration for the National Garda Youth Awards in April, 2020. The Roscommon-Longford Garda Youth Awards will be presented at a ceremony in March – at a venue and on a date to be confirmed.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could circulate the attached nomination form and media consent form to relevant persons/organisations/groups under your responsibility, where applicable.

It is asked that all forms be submitted in **typed** form as members of the judging panel had some difficulties reading hand-written forms last year.

Nomination forms and media consent forms should be emailed to Roscommon.GardaYouthAwards@Garda.ie or posted to Garda Angela Mullooly, Strokestown Garda Station, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon F42 EY27 before **Friday, 31st January, 2020.**

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Angela at the above email address or on 071-9633002 or 087-7955098.

[Consultation on National Volunteering Strategy \(Deadline: 31 Jan\)](#)

The Department of Rural and Community Development has been working with an Advisory Group to produce Ireland's first National Volunteering Strategy. A **Draft National Volunteering Strategy** is now open for consultation. You may wish to share this important update with relevant colleagues in your organisation.

All community and voluntary organisations involve volunteers in some way, either as board members/trustees or supporting services and campaigns. It is therefore important that you take the opportunity to review and input into the development of the strategy.

The closing date for submissions to the Department is **Friday, 31 January 2020**. You can send your submission by email to: volunteer@dracd.gov.ie or by post to: Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes Unit, Department of Rural and Community Development, Trinity Point, 10-11 Leinster Street South, Dublin 2, D02 EF85.

The Wheel will be making a submission to shape the Draft Strategy further, and we have many thoughts already on matters that need further consideration and attention. If you do not wish to make your own submission to the consultation, please let me invite you to send any observations directly to me to shape The Wheel's formal submission. Please forward any observations you may have to by Monday, 27 January 2020.

With best wishes,

Lily

Lily Power
Policy Officer, The Wheel

[News & Opportunities for Irish Nonprofits](#)

General Election 2020: Stronger Communities, Stronger Ireland

On 8 February, you will have the opportunity to help elect a government that will shape a vision for Ireland that is fair and inclusive, and which values the the central role which charities, community and voluntary organisations, and social enterprises have to play in making this a reality.

We are pleased to be launching our [**Stronger Communities, Stronger Ireland**](#) General Election 2020 campaign, which makes four asks of every candidate running for office in General Election 2020.

[Find out more](#)

Applications Open for Law Society's Certificate in Charity Law

You may be aware of the changing legal landscape for charities in Ireland. In recent years, the establishment of the Charities Regulator, increasing regulatory and funding requirements and developments in terms of funding and competitive tendering have all posed challenges to charities and voluntary organisations of all sizes.

Knowing and understanding the law around charity and voluntary work is essential to good management structures. That is why the Law Society of Ireland's Diploma Centre, in collaboration with The Wheel, is offering its [**Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Practice**](#) this 28 February 2020.

[Find out more](#)

Community Notices

[Group Facilitation Skills course commencing Jan 2020](#)

[Free ESC Conference: Explore European Youth Volunteering - Dublin, 27 Feb](#)

[Trauma Informed Practice - 2 day workshop - 27/28 Feb](#)

[Open Plain English Training with NALA](#)

Reminders:

- Creative Ireland Funding Applications for 2020 must be completed and returned no later than Friday 31st January at 4pm. Application form attached.
- Healthy Ireland Round 3 Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme Applications must be made to the Longford LCDC by 4pm on Thursday 30th January 2020

- Community Grant Support Scheme 2020 - The closing date for applications is 28th February 2020.