



## County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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## **PPN Newsletter January 2022 (Part 1)**

### **FUNDING NEWS**



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil  
an Longfoirt  
Longford Local Community Development  
Committee

### **Community Activities Fund (CAF) under the Community Enhancement Programme**

*Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites online applications for grants towards running costs, to carry out necessary repairs & improvements to their facilities or to purchase equipment under the Community Activities Fund.*

*Closing date for receipt of online application forms and uploaded supporting documentation is no later than 4pm on Wednesday 16 February 2022.*

*For Online Application Form, Terms & Conditions and Guidelines please see our webpage [LCDC Community Activities Fund](#)*

*Community Groups are advised to familiarise themselves with these well in advance of the closing date and to commence their online application as soon as possible.*

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### **Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Participative Events Fund 2022**



Longford Tourism are currently seeking applications for the Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival & Participative Events Fund 2022. This programme is aimed at supporting festivals and events, held up to 31st

December 2022, which drive both domestic and international tourism helping to increase economic activity within the community. 🎵🎨

The objective of the scheme is to support community and voluntary groups who are organising a diverse range of projects and events. In addition, the festival or event must take place in County Longford, be a minimum of 2 days in duration and aim to attract international visitors. Closing date for applications is Thursday, 3rd February 2022.

Click here to download application form & guidelines ➡:

<https://www.longford.ie/en/news/festival-funding-2022.html>

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Fáilte Ireland's new **Strategic Tourism Transport Business Continuity Scheme** is now open. The scheme will support tourism transport operators including Coach Tourism Operators, Tourism Chauffeur, Limousine Services, Tourism Vehicle Rental & Escorted Private Tours.

There is also a Inbound Agents Tourism Business Continuity Scheme which will support Inbound Tour Operators, Destination Management Companies & Professional Conference Organisers who sell Ireland's tourism product overseas. Check eligibility & apply today: <https://www.failteireland.ie/tourism-business-continuity..>  
<https://twitter.com/Failte.../status/1480911039529168896...>



An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage

## Community Peatlands initiatives to benefit from €500k scheme

Community projects on bogs and peatlands all over the country are being encouraged to apply for up to half a million euro in community engagement funding from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

This is a competitive scheme administered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with a total fund of €500,000 available in 2022 - the largest allocation of funding to date, and double the allocation of 2021.

The scheme seeks to encourage local peatland communities, local groups, local schools and interested parties to engage in the conservation and revitalisation of raised and blanket bogs, particularly protected bogs, and fens and to promote public engagement with and awareness of our natural heritage and environment.

Applications are now invited for a diverse range of peatland initiatives with a community benefit from events, education programmes, conservation management plans, restoration measures, feasibility studies, public amenity and recreational projects to invasive species and fire control measures. Applicants with an interest in local history and awareness of the importance of peatlands are being encouraged to apply. It is also hoped that schools will apply for funding. Last year, an Offaly School received €20,000 to reinstate a boardwalk on a local raised bog.

Further information [here](#)



## Community Climate Action programme

Pobal has been engaged by the DECC to administer a €5m grant scheme under their Climate Action fund. The scheme is called the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP). Details will be available on the Pobal website and the application portal will open from Monday morning 15<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The purpose of this funding is to facilitate eligible organisations to collaboratively develop supports, tools, know-how and approaches to assist local communities take climate action.

The strand focus is on climate education, capacity building and learning by doing – moving beyond ‘raising awareness’ to build the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to respond to challenges of climate change at a community level.

There is a preference for projects which have a relevant partnership approach and have a demonstration component or pilot phase (for those up to €500,000, especially) to validate their supports.

It is necessary for successful proposals to demonstrate inclusivity in design and practice, so that no one is left behind. The following are eligible to apply if operating at national or regional level

Not-for-profit organisations  
Non-Government Organisations  
Community and Voluntary or Charitable organisations  
Social Enterprises  
Universities, Third Level Institutions or Education  
Libraries

For further information visit: <https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-climate-action-programme-climate-education-capacity-building-and-learning-by-doing-strand-2/>

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## Press Release: €1.4m still available through Electric Ireland COVID-19 hardship fund



A €2 million COVID hardship fund is available to help people pay energy bills through a partnership between St Vincent de Paul and MABS - The Money Advice and Budgeting Service.

The fund was set up by Electric Ireland earlier this year to help their customers who were struggling to meet payments for their energy bills. More information on LCC website [here](#)



## JAM ‘Just a Minute’ Campaign

Transport for Ireland along with Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland, Iarnród Éireann, TFI Local Link and Luas are continuing our journey to become JAM Card friendly. The Jam Card will assist customers using the public transport system and make their experience as stress-free as possible.

**What is JAM Card and who is it for?** JAM Card allows people with a communication barrier tell others they need ‘Just A Minute’ discreetly and easily.

Find out more about NOW Group at [www.nowgroup.org](http://www.nowgroup.org) and JAM Card© at [www.jamcard.org](http://www.jamcard.org).

### Where can I get one?

There are several different methods to get a JAM Card.

JAM Cards are available for collection from the following transport hubs i.e. Irish Rail Stations, Dublin Bus Head Office, Local Link Offices.

[You can also request one directly from NOW Group by visiting the JAM Card website and filling out the request form.](#) Or if you would prefer there is a JAM Card App available for Android and iOS. The App allows you to choose your message option and find other JAM friendly businesses.

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## Age Action's Care and Repair 'Can we Help'? Initiative

Age Action's Care and Repair does small DIY jobs, free of charge, for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence.

If you are a professional working with older people who would benefit from this service, you can download a referral form from [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

For all queries about this service please contact:

Age Action national line: 0818 911 109  
Age Action in Dublin: 01 4756989  
Age Action in Cork: 021 2067399  
Age Action in Galway: 091 527831  
Email: [careandrepair@ageaction.ie](mailto:careandrepair@ageaction.ie)

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## Local News and Services



**Music Generation  
Longford  
an Longfoirt**

Granard Community Library are delighted to announce that we are working with Music Generation Longford and now have Musical Instruments to rent. For more information please call into us or contact us on 043 668 6164 or email [granardlibrary@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:granardlibrary@longfordcoco.ie).

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### **Job Vacancy EDI Centre Clg. (Which is funded by the Department of Social Protection) wishes to recruit a Community Employment (CE) Scheme Supervisor on a full-time basis.**

The duties of the post will include the co-ordination of services of the centre – planning day to day running of the project which comprises support of staff, managing the accounting/administration requirements of the Scheme in line with Financial and Operation Guidelines issued by the Dept. of Social Protection.

Full details on requirements for the position and how to apply at <https://edilongford.ie/875-2/>

Advert attached - closing date 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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- The **Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027** came into effect on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It is available to view on the internet via the following link [Longford County Development Plan 2021 -2027 - LongfordCoCo](#)
  - **Longford County Council leads on rural working hubs** [here](#)
  - **Explore new skills with free Skillshare online courses at your nearest Digital Hub (BCP) information** [here](#)
  - **New Courses at a BCP Point in Moydow or Mullinalaghta**  
Register your interest: Christine 087 6450530, Martina 087 7406705, Mary 087 6424316

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## *“Longford County Council welcomes investment of €1.4 million in Granard €1.11 million RRDF funding announced for “Granard Destination Town” project*

*Longford County Council is delighted to welcome the announcement that almost €1.4 million (€1,394,250) is to be invested into the heart of Granard.*

*The funding allocation of €1.11 million (€1,115,400), announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD under the Our Rural Future policy, will be supplemented by a further €278,850 from Longford County Council for the Granard Destination Town project.*

*The allocation is part of €21.5 million being made available under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) to 27 landmark regeneration projects in town centres nationwide.”*

Further information on Longford County Council’s website [here](#)

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### **NATIONAL NEWS**



**An Roinn Comhshaoil,  
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide**  
Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications

## **Territorial Just Transition Fund**

The EU Just Transition Fund (EU JTF) is a newly established fund under the framework of EU cohesion policy and is being rolled out in all EU Member States. The Fund is governed by the EU Just Transition Fund Regulation (Regulation 2021/1056) and the EU Common Provisions Regulation (Regulation 2021/1060), which set out common rules for all EU cohesion policy funds. These regulations were adopted in June 2021.

Ireland is set to receive up to €84.5 million from the EU Just Transition Fund over the programme period of 2021-2027. The Fund must be complemented with national resources and in Ireland the national co-funding rate will be between 30% to 50%. There are also specific rules in relation to the timing of expenditure and on eligible costs that may be supported by the Fund.

The Just Transition Fund is designed to assist communities across Europe to meet the challenges of the green transition, in line with the objective of achieving EU climate neutrality by 2050 in an effective and fair manner – ensuring that nobody is left behind.

Member States must therefore concentrate the proposed investments in their territorial just transition plans on specific regions or parts of regions and justify the selection of those regions based on the economic and social impacts resulting from the transition, in particular with regard to job losses.

The wider Midlands region has been proposed as the territory for investment under the draft Territorial Just Transition Plan. This region comprises East Galway, North Tipperary, Longford, Laois, Offaly, Westmeath, West Kildare and Roscommon.

Territorial Just Transition Plans must address a number of areas, including:

- outlining the national climate transition process;
- identifying the most negatively affected territory and the economic, social and territorial impact of the transition;
- identifying the development needs and objectives of that territory by 2030 consistent with other national, regional or territorial strategies and plans;
- setting out the types of investments envisaged; and
- outlining the proposed governance mechanisms for the implementation of the EU JTF.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has overall policy responsibility for the EU Just Transition Fund in Ireland. The Department will be supported by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA), which will be the Managing Authority – a requirement of the EU funds management system.

The Managing Authority is a key function within the overall architecture for the delivery of the funds and the EMRA will play a critical role in the development and ongoing management of Ireland's JTF Programme for the forthcoming programme period, as prescribed by the EU Common Provisions Regulation. Other bodies may be selected by the Government to deliver specific elements of the territorial plan and programme.

How can I give my views?

#### **Online Survey**

You can complete an [online survey](#) to share your views on the transition process and draft Territorial Plan. This survey will be open until **midnight 14 February 2022**

We are unable to accept survey responses sent by post, but if you would prefer to make a submission directly to the Department, you may do so by emailing [EUJTF@decc.gov.ie](mailto:EUJTF@decc.gov.ie) by the closing date.

If you have any technical issues in relation to completing the survey, please contact [info@mco.ie](mailto:info@mco.ie).

You can also email us at [EUJTF@decc.gov.ie](mailto:EUJTF@decc.gov.ie) to request a PDF version of the survey.

#### **Online Workshops**

We will hold two online workshops in January 2022 that will allow for more in-depth discussions on your priorities for the EU Just Transition Fund.

[Register for the first workshop](#) 18 January 2022 (10am -12pm)

[Register for the second workshop](#) 25 January 2022 (6.30pm - 8.30pm)

**A third online workshop specifically dedicated to young people aged 16 – 24 living, working or studying in the region is also being organised directly with national youth representative organisations. If you are aged 16 – 24 and would like to attend a workshop but are not linked to a youth organisation, please email [info@mco.ie](mailto:info@mco.ie)**

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## **R.S.V.P. Campaign**

"R.S.V.P. is the new Government campaign that aims to empower people to assess the risk involved in different activities by providing practical information and guidance.

R.S.V.P. encourages people to be risk aware, to think before they meet others, and to ask themselves the right questions about Risk, Symptoms, Venue and People.

Questions such as:

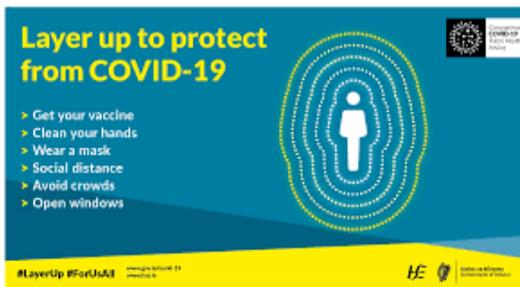
Risk. What's the risk? Am I vaccinated? Have I received my booster?

Symptoms. Am I currently showing symptoms of COVID-19?

Venue. Are they following the guidelines? Will I be wearing a mask?

People. How many people am I meeting? How many households are coming together?

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The Government has updated the public health advice posters. **Layer Up** is a cross-Government campaign which encourages us to layer up on the behaviours to protect from Covid-19 by getting vaccinated, wearing face masks, washing/sanitising our hands frequently, keeping our distance, meet up outdoors where possible, and ensuring indoor spaces are well ventilated. A series of posters are available free to download at [gov.ie/LayerUp](https://gov.ie/LayerUp).

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## Glencree Intercultural & Refugee Bulletin 14.01.2022

### Events:

1. **Doras, Dignity Partnership, and New Horizon** invite you to attend the online launch of SaorEd, a new platform that provides free access to education and training courses for people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in Ireland. Initial SaorEd offerings will include English language courses, information technology (IT) skills, healthcare, and career preparation courses. The courses will be mostly in English, with some in Arabic. SaorEd is built on the Kiron online learning platform which has been designed specifically for refugees and underserved communities. Speakers at the launch event will include Tikambechi Mwalughali who is currently living in Direct Provision, a representative of Kiron, and Enda O'Neill, Head of UNHCR Ireland. You can register for your place [here](#), with the event taking place TODAY, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 12 noon.
2. **Africa Solidarity Centre Ireland, African Parents Network Ireland and African Professional Network** are hosting part 1 of a series entitled Africans in Politics. Moderated by Vire Komolafe, Founder of African Parents and Lassane Ouedraogo, Chairperson of African Centre and featuring speakers Mayor Uruemu Adejinmi, Councillor Yemi Adenuga and Councillor Kelechi KJ Onwumereh. You can join this zoom discussion on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm by joining with meeting ID: 832 2433 7050 and passcode: 825016.
3. **AkiDWA** are holding a community discussion about raising our children between cultures 'It takes a village to raise a child: Developing an intercultural parenting training'. Held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm on Zoom, you can register [here](#).
4. **AkiDWA** are holding a second event on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of February from 2.30 to 4pm entitled 'What Next? Tackling Female Genital Mutilation After Covid' to mark International Day for Zero Tolerance of FGM. You can register [here](#).
5. **European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland** are holding an online meeting regarding the Future of Europe priorities. Meeting on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11am, the meeting featuring Senator Alice-Mary Higgins, one of the four Oireachta members selected to take part in the Plenary sessions of the Conference, will discuss the Network's Position Paper, highlighting seven key priorities for ensuring the EU plays a strong role in tackling the root causes of poverty, inequality and leaves no-one behind. You can learn more and register for the event [here](#).
6. The **Irish School of Ecumenics** are hosting an online webinar entitled 'The Irish Peace Process: A Civic Conversatio on Lessons for 2022'. Taking place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at 5pm and featuring speakers Katy Hayward, Professor of Political Sociology, Queen's University Belfast, Alex Wimberly, Leader, Corrymeela Community, Alan Waite, Senior Manager, RCITY Youth Project, North/West Belfast, Barbara Walshe, Chair, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and Geraldine Smyth, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Religion, Trinity College Dublin; formerly Head of Irish School of Ecumenics, you can learn more and register [here](#).

7. **Gallery of Modern Art Waterford in conjunction with the Theatre Ryal Waterford** are hosting a series of online talks as part of their Breaking Borders Exhibition, curated by Valeria Ceregini. You can learn more and register for the talks [here](#) and in the screenshot attached (links).

### Courses:

8. **Insight Collaborative** are seeking legal, humanitarian and education experts to help pilot their new education module 'Criminalization of Humanitarian Action'. The pilot will run for three weeks beginning Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and ending on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January. The estimated time requirement will be maximum 20 hours to complete all 13 steps and provide feedback. You can register [here](#). They will also run a second pilot at the same time seeking mental health professionals, humanitarians and educational experts to participate in a program on Moral Injury and Humanitarianism. You can register for this [here](#).
9. **Development Perspectives** are recruiting for their Sustainable Development Goals Advocate Training in late January. Seeking change-makers in communities who are looking for opportunities to develop knowledge and skills, recruits can join Ireland's network of Active Citizens and create long lasting change within communities whilst also contributing to achieving the Global Goal. The Training offers 26 active citizens the chance to take part in this innovative project. You can learn more [here](#) and contact [mog@developmentperspectives.ie](mailto:mog@developmentperspectives.ie) for more information.

### Vacancies and Tenders:

10. **Nasc the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre**, is recruiting a Community Sponsorship Officer to assist in the expansion of the Community Sponsorship Programme in the following counties: Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Laois. You can learn more here and apply by TODAY, 5pm.
11. **Ballymun Community Law Centre** is a small charity in the heart of Ballymun providing legal services to the community, seeking a full-time Development Officer to join the team. You can learn more [here](#) and apply by TODAY, 5pm.
12. **Mental Health Reform Ireland** is hiring a full-time (37 hours a week) Communications and Membership Officer. You can learn more [here](#) and apply by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
13. **Mulrines Smoothies, Juices & Sauces** are seeking general operatives in Ballybofey, Donegal and are interested in hearing from asylum seekers and others in the area. If you know any jobseekers in the area, please share the attached document which shares information on the role and how to apply. Please note email for CV with detailed description of experience is [EMcNulty@mulrines.ie](mailto:EMcNulty@mulrines.ie).
14. **Islam Ireland** are hiring a part-time caretaker from January 2022. Applicants must be available to work weekend hours and the work is specific to the Community Welfare Department & Area. You can submit your application to Department Head [Summayah@islamireland.ie](mailto:Summayah@islamireland.ie)
15. **Waterford Integration Services & LCDC** are hiring a part-time Integration Strategy Project Coordinator. Responsible for leading on, initiating and achieving agreed strategic, collaborative actions prioritised within the strategy, the successful candidate will work with collaborative partners and migrant communities to achieve outcomes to support an inclusive environment in Waterford. You can learn more [here](#) and apply by 4pm on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.
16. **The Arts Council** are seeking a consultant who is passionate about Equality, Diversity and Inclusion to conduct a review and evaluation of its 2019 EHRD policy and its implementation to date. You can find out more here and apply by 12pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, using reference number 205375. You can learn more [here](#).

17. **Youth Advocates Ireland (YAP)** are looking for male and female advocates to work in Dublin, Kildare and West Wicklow. Welcoming all applicants with relevant life experience through raising your own family, volunteering and without qualifications, YAP will provide training and experience. A registered charity that provides a needs-led, family support service, the Advocate will provide a one-to-one service to Young People and Families for up to 15 hours per week (14.71 PER HOUR). Learn more [here](#). For North Dublin City & County see [here](#). Deadline to apply is 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

### Opportunities:

18. **Rua Red** contemporary arts space in Tallaght, are seeking submissions of interest from artists and collectives working or living in Ireland. The Café wall exhibitions will be limited to one month per artist/collective beginning in February 2022. This is an ideal opportunity to exhibit your work in a bustling, community space with the option of putting your work up for sale. More information [here](#).
19. **Muslim Sisters of Éire** are launching a children's poetry competition for World Hijab Day 2022. The theme is celebrating the hijab and winners will be announced on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries must be child's own work, in any format, unassisted by others. The poems must relate to the theme, not include the participants name on the poem itself and should be submitted by the deadline January 20<sup>th</sup>. Entries can be emailed to [muslimsisterofeire@gmail.com](mailto:muslimsisterofeire@gmail.com) with POETRY COMPETITION in the subject line and the name, age and address in the email itself. Five categories; 5 – 7 years, 8 – 10 years, 11 – 13 years, 14 – 16 years and 17 – 18 years will apply.
20. **Dublin Rape Crisis Centre** is seeking female and male volunteers to undertake training for out-of-hours Telephone Counsellors on the National 24-Hour Helpline and support and liaison volunteers to victims/survivors in the aftermath of rape or sexual assault at the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin. See more information [here](#).

### Of Interest:

21. The Regularisation Scheme, as announced by the **Department of Justice** in December, is due to open this month. You can see more details in the PowerPoint slides attached from Dep. Of Justice.
22. **Covid19 Info For All** are seeking recommendations from migrant advocacy and support groups in Ireland as to how the HSE can communicate more effectively and appropriately with migrant communities during the pandemic and beyond. 'Covid19 Info For All' is an informal recommendation-gathering initiative which is asking groups across the country for recommendations. If you have any suggestions you can respond to the short questionnaire attached by THIS evening, January 14<sup>th</sup>. You can contact [Covid19infoforall@gmail.com](mailto:Covid19infoforall@gmail.com) with any questions.

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