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PPN Newsletter July 2019

Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation & Enterprise Development



Calling innovators, business professionals and entrepreneurs!

Trinity College Dublin in association with **Springboard** and **Local Enterprise Office Longford**, are hosting a one-year part time **Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation & Enterprise Development** delivered in Longford starting in September 2019

Course Fee: €300

Information Evening

Longford Golf Club on Tuesday 30th July 6.30pm-7.30pm

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/trinity-college-longford-tickets-66307297913>)

Full course details for **Longford** available at:

<https://springboardcourses.ie/details/7437>

Apply through **Springboard** at:

<https://springboardcourses.ie/login>



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European Solidarity Corps EU Funding - Workshop, 13 August, Athlone

European Solidarity Corps Quality Label Workshop

Youth Work Ireland Midlands
Golden Island
Athlone
13 May 2019

10am - 3pm

The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people aged 18 -30 to volunteer, engage in a traineeship or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe.

European Solidarity Corps participants embrace the values of solidarity, respect for human dignity and human rights, and believe in the promotion of a fair and equal society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality prevail.

To start this process and to engage with the programme, all organisations must be awarded a Quality Label for the European Solidarity Corps. Funding can then be applied for by organisations that hold the ethos of solidarity, respect and equality and that can support young people aged 18-30 to volunteer, or to engage in a traineeship or to take a job in organisations that connect with the mission and principles of the programme.

This workshop will give more information on possibilities within the programme, the strands and funding available, what is expected in order to gain a quality label, how to apply and complete the application form.

To register your interest to attend on **13th August** at **Youth Work Ireland Midlands, Golden Island, Athlone** please follow the Eventbrite link and complete the registration by 9th August.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/european-solidarity-corps-quality-label-workshop-athlone-tickets-63964996025>

[The Community Foundation for Ireland-Sustainable Communities](#)

The Community Foundation for Ireland would like to keep you up to date with the new developments regarding their **Environment and Nature Fund 2019**.

This year we committed to further supporting our Environment and Nature Fund and with match-funding from the Environmental Protection Agency **EPA** and we have established a fund of **€100,000** to focus on creating **Sustainable Communities through the Circular Economy and Sustainable Consumption and Waste**. We are inviting community groups to apply for one of three grants, who are interested in or already working towards these elements of sustainability through implementing local actions focused on national 'Circular Economy' priorities.

You can find **full criteria and the online application** form [here](#). The grants scheme has been devised to reduce consumption and waste in communities throughout the country by supporting the experience and enthusiasm of local community groups.

[Social Justice Ireland Weekly Digest](#)

Budget 2020 must take heed of deficits in Ireland's education system

Investment in education at all levels and throughout the life cycle can deliver a more equal society and prepare citizens to participate in a democracy. Social Justice Ireland has proposed a €429m education package for Budget 2020 that includes investment in areas such as adult literacy, DEIS, skills development, and community education. [Read More.](#)

Time for a Site Value Tax to replace Ireland's LPT

A Site Value Tax would be a fairer and more efficient way to generate additional government revenue than the current Local Property Tax, and it would also incentivise better use of land at a time when Ireland faces a significant housing and accommodation crisis. [Read More.](#)

Social Justice Ireland welcomes the launch of the National Social Enterprise Policy

Social Justice Ireland welcomed the launch by Minister Michael Ring, Minister for Rural and Community Development, of the National Social Enterprise Policy yesterday (18th July 2019). We, with others in the Community and Voluntary Pillar, have advocated for the introduction of such a Policy for a long time and we look forward to working with the Department of Rural and Community Development and other stakeholders on its implementation. [Read More.](#)

[The 2019 Charity Impact Awards are Launching Soon](#)



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now is the time to start preparing your entry

The aim of the Charity Impact Awards is to celebrate the positive impact community, voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises are making in people's lives across the length and breadth of Ireland.

You may be interested in entering the [Charity Impact Award for Medium Organisations](#) (registered charities with paid staff and an annual turnover less than €1 million). Or check out the other [categories here](#).

Summer is a great time to start preparing your entry (including your 2-minute video).

You can get started by [downloading the mock application form](#). This will help you to start planning your story. You can then copy and paste your prepared application answers into the live form when the Awards opens for applications on 2 September.

What We're Looking For

We want you to tell the public all about why your organisation was set up and what makes you **special**. We want to hear about the **people you help** and the **change you make to your community**.

Remember, your story will be viewed by thousands of members of the public - this is your time to shine. *It's all about inspiring Ireland and winning new supporters to your cause.*

Your Video

Try your hand at film-making over the summer months and create your impact video to go with your application form. Remember videos must be no longer than 2 minutes and hosted on YouTube or Vimeo.

For inspiration on how to make an impact video, check out our [blog on visual storytelling here.](#)

The 2019 Charity Impact Awards will be open for entries from 2 September - 2 October.

Ireland is waiting to discover your story...

www.charityimpactawards.ie

