



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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Two new funds from Social Innovation Fund Ireland

Social Innovation Fund Ireland are calling for applications to two funds aimed at organisations empowering children & young people through education and positive mental health.

Applications are open until May 17th 2019.

Children & Youth Mental Health Fund

This fund is open to innovative mental health initiatives offering preventive programmes or interventions for children and young people with mental health challenges and difficulties.

To find out more about the Youth Mental Health Fund click [here](#).

Children & Youth Education Fund

This fund is open to organisations aiming to improve access to higher and further education for students (including the full primary school cycle and up to the age of 25) affected by disability or disadvantage.

To find out more about the Youth Education Fund click [here](#).

Padraic Colum International Gathering

We hope you are looking forward to this year's Padraic Colum International Gathering (May 17th-18th) as much as we are! Details of the programme will be announced shortly, but in the interim, we are inviting you to don your creative thinking hats and try your hand at this year's Adult Poetry Competition. There is no entry fee and details of the competition are attached, as is this year's theme, 'An Old Woman of the Roads'.

Prizes for this year's Adult Poetry Competition are: 1st prize €250, 2nd prize €75 and 3rd prize €50. Winners will be announced at our Padraic Colum Commemorative Concert on Friday, May 17th – all welcome!

We've also posted this information online at our website: <http://www.longfordlibrary.ie/creative-ireland-longford/padraic-colum-gathering/gathering-2019/poetry-competitions-2019.html>

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,

The Creative Ireland Longford team.

CS @ Foroige TechSpace Training

There will be a **CS @ Foróige TechSpace training in the Attic House from 10pm-4pm on Tuesday 26th March**. It will enable youth workers and volunteers the skills and knowledge to facilitate Computer Science Programme with Young People. The training will look at the following areas:

Scratch - an educational programming language

Google CS First - an online curriculum for Scratch

CS Unplugged - fun computer science activities without using computers

Please remember that you don't have to be a tech expert to run these programmes. The training will provide you the knowledge and the experience to run CS with young people in a fun innovative way.

If you are interested in the training or any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone (086) 8507371. Please confirm your place by **Friday 15th of March**. Places are limited. The training will be free of cost and lunch will be provided.

Kind Regards,

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Extra night of the production “The Beauty Queen of Leenane”



Backstage Theatre Group

The Beauty Queen Of Leenane
By Martin McDonagh Directed by Ollie Kenny



Tom Lyons, Eileen Murphy, Christine O'Brien & James Quinn

February 14th—16th 2019 Backstage Theatre Longford
Box Office 043 3347888 www.backstage.ie
€15/€12 8.pm.



