



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)


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PPN News May 2018



The Maria Edgeworth Literary Festival, May 11-13th

You are warmly invited to a weekend of celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of Maria Edgeworth's birth (see flyer in email attached).



In particular, you are invited to the premier of a one-woman show titled

'Maria in Mind'

This work has been specially commissioned to celebrate the anniversary and will take place in

**The Manor Church, Edgeworthstown
Friday, May 11th, 8pm.**

Admission: €5



Training Opportunities

Longford Community Resources clg. **Longford Volunteer Centre** is running training for community and voluntary organisations that need to **Garda Vet volunteers/staff**. Topics covered will include:

- Legal requirements for vetting – who needs to be vetted
- How to register with Longford Volunteer Centre for vetting
- How to complete forms and use the online system
- Avoiding common mistakes

Training will take place in 6 Earl Street at 6 pm on Monday 14th May 2017.

Training is free. If you are interested in the training but are not available on the 14th contact us anyway and we can notify you of future dates. To book your place contact Terri Doherty 087 2915367 (Mon-Thurs) or email terri@volunteerlongford.ie.



SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING, MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS,

FOR COMMUNITY CLUBS & VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

DAY SEMINAR

Enterprise & Tech Centre , Longford , Monday May 21st

9.30am Introductions

9.45am Ideas & Understanding of Public Relations/ Marketing / Social Media Marketing

10.15am The Constraints of Voluntary Groups – some work arounds

10.30am Social Media Marketing – An Overview of what platforms or things people get their info from.

11.00am Social Media Marketing – who is using what? A Facebook Page, an Instagram Account, a Blog, a Whatsapp Group, a Twitter Account, - how to make and maintain your own or your groups platforms.

12.00pm Traditional Marketing – Advertising, Radio, Local Market Conditions etc.

12.50pm Lunch

1.25pm Design – Flyers – Posters – what works , what does not

2.00pm Public Relations Pointers – Press Releases – Radio Prompts

2.45pm Photography – Dos and Don'ts

3.25pm Wrap up & Final Questions and Answers

3.45pm Close

Funding Opportunity

Comhairle Chontae Longfoirt

Longford County Council

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 has recently been launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring TD. For 2018, there will be €15 million available in funding for rural towns and villages for projects nationally.

Applications from towns and villages can range from €20,000 to a maximum of €100,000. Funding of up to €200,000 will also be considered for a limited number of projects which can deliver exceptionally strong economic benefits to a town and its outlying areas. Selection of projects under the Scheme will be by means of a competitive process. Final project selection will be made by the Department of Rural and Community Development on the basis of applications submitted by the Local Authorities.

Longford County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from town/village groups who may have a suitable project for consideration under the Scheme. All Expressions of Interest will be assessed based on the priorities as contained in the Scheme Outline.

It is proposed to hold an **Information Session on the above Scheme in Longford on Wednesday 16th May 2018**. Interested parties are requested to confirm their attendance and forward any advance queries to **Ms. Sonia Flynn on (043) 3343482** or by email to **tvts@longfordcoco.ie** no later than **4pm on Friday 11th May 2018**.

All interested town/village groups who wish to submit an Expression of Interest should return completed forms and details to the Regeneration Unit, Planning Department, Longford County Council, Great Water Street, Longford N39 NH56 no later than **4pm on Friday 25th May 2018**.

Full details of the Scheme together with the Expression of Interest can be found at www.longfordcoco.ie/Services/Planning/Town-Village-Renewal/ . Also attached.

REMINDER Well-being Statement Ballymahon MD 10.05.18

Let's Develop our Vision for Community Wellbeing in Ballymahon Municipal District, Co. Longford



The Longford Public Participation Network (PPN) is bringing together social inclusion, environment and community development groups in our community to develop Wellbeing Statements.

These Wellbeing Statements set out our shared vision for the Ballymahon Municipal District. They will then be used to guide PPN representatives in influencing local policy.

Please come along and represent your group's views on how our community can be made as good as it can be into the future.

When & Where

Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7pm, Ballymahon Library, Ballymahon, County Longford

**For more information and to book a place:
Contact Siobhán
Email PublicParticipationNetwork@longfordcoco.ie
Tel. 087 261 5583**



ECO CONFERENCE

You are Invited

Hearing The Cry of The Earth

Guest Speakers:

Fr. Sean Mc Donagh – Laudato Si

Dr. Cara Augustenburg – The Damaged Planet

Dr. Lorna Gold – What We Can Still Change

Venue

Bush Hotel, Carrick- on- Shannon, Co. Leitrim Saturday, 26 May, 2018

9.30 – 4.00

Tea, Coffee and Lunch provided

No Charge – but booking essential

To Book Text : Name and Parish to 083 460 8546 or elizabethmcnamee123@outlook.com

Before 18 May *Spread the word...Invite your friends*

Sponsors: Sisters of Mercy

A purple rectangular banner with white and red text. At the top left, it says "Age & Opportunity" in red. The main title "Bealtaine Festival" is in large white font. Below it, in smaller white font, is "Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age". At the bottom, in white font, is "Theme 2018: 'Be Our Guest'" with a red underline.

Age & Opportunity
Bealtaine Festival
Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age
Theme 2018: "Be Our Guest"

Longford Bealtaine Festival 2018 Programme of Events

Welcome to the Longford Bealtaine Festival 2018 (May 1st – 31st). We ask you to please support all local events. They are free, unless otherwise stated. Please contact us at Longford Library (email: mreynolds@longfordcoco.ie / tel: 043-3341124) if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you out and about!

Kitty Hughes

Des Skelly

Longford County Library

Older Person's Council

Older Person's Network

Tel: 043-3341124

LONGFORD TOWN: May 1st – 31st: 'Spring Into Summer' Art Exhibition at Longford Branch Library. An exhibition of beautiful and original paintings by Dan Flynn, an artist living in County Longford.

ABBEYLARA: Thursday, May 3rd: Bealtaine Opening and Tea Dance in Abbeylara Parish Centre. 5pm. Hosted by Abbeylara ARA. €5 entry fee with free door draw. Booking essential through your club or directly with Denis Fahy on 087-2510072.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN: Friday, May 4th: Edgeworthstown Tea Dance 12– 1.30pm. in ‘The Green’ Edgeworthstown. Hosted by the local ARA. All welcome. Contact Des Skelly to book your place on 087-2951756.

LONGFORD TOWN: Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th: From Under the Bed (Drama) in Backstage Theatre. 8pm By Seamus O’Rourke. www.backstage.ie or call 043-3347888. €16-€18.

ARDAGH: Sunday, May 6th and May 20th: Bealtaine Family Event at Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre. 12pm to 2pm. Limited numbers so booking is essential. Workshop for creating costumes for An Táin and storytelling. Book: 086-3027602.

DRUMLISH: Wed, May 9th: An afternoon of story and song with Monaduff Active Retirement. All welcome to Drumlish Library. 12-2pm. Tel: 043-3324760

BALLYMAHON: Wed, May 9th: Launch of Crime Prevention Ambassador Programme in Ballymahon Library. Longford Community Police will be in attendance. 2-4pm. Tel: 043-3341124.

BOORA BOG WALK. Thursday, May 10th 11am-3pm.

GRANARD: Thursday, May 10th: Céilí in Granard Library. 11.30am Be our guest with the Moatsiders, Dolmen Club, and Lus na Gréine. To book contact Rosemary / Helen in Granard Library 043-6686164.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN: Saturday, May 12th: Workshops with writer Brian Leyden and poet, Vona Groake. €20. 11am – 1pm. Book: 043-6671801 - part of Edgeworthstown Literary Festival (May 11-13th).

TULLYNALLY: Sunday May 13th: Meet at Tullynally Castle (part of Edgeworthstown Literary Festival) 1pm for a guided tour of the castle with talk by Valerie Pakenham and explore the gardens. €14.

LONGFORD TOWN: Tuesday May 15th to Wednesday May 16th: Autumn Royal (drama) at Backstage Theatre. 8pm. By Kevin Barry, writer of City of Bohane. Visit: www.backstage.ie or call 043-3347888. €16-€18.

LONGFORD TOWN: Friday May 18th: Voices Literary Series (2) at Backstage Theatre. 8pm. Writers Elaine Feeney and Lisa McInerney in conversation with broadcaster, Sinead Gleeson. www.backstage.ie or call 043-3347888. €10-€12.

LANESBORO: Monday, May 21st: Afternoon with Lanesboro Poets and Musicians. 4.15pm at Lanesboro Library. **Special guest: author of The Cow Book, John Connell.** Tel: 043-3321291. All welcome.

LANESBORO: Monday May 21st: Mindfulness with psychologist, Paul Marsden. 7pm. Experience the calm and relaxation of Mindfulness at **Lanesboro Library.** All welcome. Book: 043-3321291.

DRUMLISH: Monday, May 21st: Old Sayings from North Longford with historian Séan Ó Súilleabháin. Drumlish Men's Sheds, 7.30pm. Tel: 043-3341124

BALLYMAHON: Wed, May 23rd: A morning of poetry with local poet, Rose Moran RSM. Recitation of your favourite poems and some of her own work at Ballymahon Library. 11am – 12.30pm. Tel: 043-3341124.

GRANARD: Wed, May 23rd: Old Sayings from North Longford with historian Séan Ó Súilleabháin. Granard Library. 12pm. Tel: 043-6686164.

LONGFORD TOWN: Thursday, May 31st: Bealtaine Closing Tea Dance. 2pm in Longford Arms Hotel. Hosted by Longford Community Gardaí. Contact Longford Library (043-3341124) to book.

