



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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PPN Newsletter May 2019 Part 2

Reminder - PPN Biodiversity Workshops

Please register for your preferred workshop time, not many places left.

County Longford PPN are organising **Biodiversity Workshops on Tuesday May 28th in Longford Women's Link, Willow House, Ardnacassa Avenue, Longford.**

We are holding a daytime and evening workshop to accommodate as many members as possible.

Please register your interest in your preferred workshop time:

3.30pm - 5 pm

or

7pm - 8.30pm

by emailing ppn@longfordcoco.ie or longfordppn@yahoo.com

Billy Flynn, Environmental Specialist and National Tidy Town Adjudicator will deliver both workshops. This is a great opportunity for PPN Members so please register as early as possible.

Can I ask all Tidy Towns groups to ensure that the CE worker assigned to your TT attends also.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Helping Hands – Information sessions for community groups on improving grant applications

The Helping Hands initiative is a series of events providing information to community groups on how to submit good applications for grant funding.

The events are being run by the Department of Rural & Community Development, Pobal, the Local Authority, the Irish Local Development Network, and the Local Development Company/Companies. Other organisations, state agencies and Departments may also be there on the day to provide information.

The events aim to provide hints and tips on how to make a better application and how to identify local supports that community groups can draw upon. This is a series of practical sessions focused directly on the least successful groups that have had no success or limited success previously (in terms of their ability to draw-down funding) but all are welcome to attend.

Details on the event for the East Region are in the below table. Please click in the table to register.

Region	Date	Venue
East Region	28th May	St Mary's Youth & Community Centre, Tullamore, Co Offaly. Click here .

[Taking Control Workshop](#)

Taking Control WORKSHOP

Meeting Lifes' hurdles head on



**TAKING CONTROL IS ABOUT YOU
AND YOUR RESOURCES**

10am to 4pm (Lunch provided)

Thursday 6th June 2019

*Longford Community Resources Clg,
Templemichael, N39 RH22*

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Email: enquiries@lcr1.ie



This project has been developed by Shine and is supported by HSE Midlands

Free Parkour Activity Session

Please book via the below eventbrite link.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parkour-programme-launch-activity-session-tickets-60458430794>

Free Parkour Activity session at Programme Launch

Saturday 1st June 2019 at 12 noon
in The Attic House Teen project, Ballinalee road, Longford.
Book via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parkour-programme-launch-activity-session-tickets-60458430794>

To find out more contact
Longford Sports Partnership on
0433343493 or email sports@longfordcoco.ie



Closing date extended for Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme 2019

FYI - The closing date for receipt of applications for the Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme has been extended to **4pm Friday 31 May**.

Please direct all queries to Peatlands Management at peatlandsmanagement@ahg.gov.ie

The Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme, established by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, T.D., seeks to encourage local peatland communities, local groups, local schools and individuals to engage with her Department in relation to the conservation and revitalisation of raised bog Special Areas of Conservation, Natural Heritage Areas and other raised bog areas and to promote public engagement with and awareness of our natural heritage.

The Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme will support in 2019 a diverse range of initiatives from events, education programmes, conservation management plans, public amenity and recreational measures to invasive species and fire control measures **near/within raised bog Special Areas of Conservation/Natural Heritage Areas or other raised bog areas** and which will encourage communities to enhance their natural surrounding areas and raise awareness of environmental issues and concerns.

Details of the Terms and Conditions of the Scheme and Application Form needed to apply are available via the links below:

- [Terms and Conditions and Application Form for the Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme \(PDF version\)](#)
- [Application Form A \(Microsoft Word version\)](#)
- [Circular 13/2014 Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds](#)
- [Circular 13/13 The Public Spending Code](#)

Please note that the submission of an application form does not guarantee funding from the Department. A Departmental Panel will assess all eligible applications for funding received by 4pm, Friday 31 May, 2019 and will recommend projects for funding to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for her approval.

UPDATE 22 May 2019: The closing date for applications has been extended to 4pm Friday 31 May 2019.

Further details are available by contacting:

Peatlands Management Unit,
Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,
Newtown Road,
Wexford
Y35 AP90

Phone: (053) 9117361 / (053) 9117384

Email: peatlandsmanagement@chg.gov.ie

Community Enhancement Programme 2019



Community Enhancement Programme 2019

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from community groups for funding under the above funding Programme.

Grants are for small scale capital works and may range from €1,000 and €10,000. Application forms and guidelines are available from Longford LCDC, Longford County Council, Aras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford, telephone (043) 3343472, email lcdd@longfordcoco.ie or on Longford County Council's website: www.longfordcoco.ie

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **5pm on Thursday 30th May 2019.**

Here is the Link to the Council website for the Community Enhancement Programme 2019.

<http://www.longfordcoco.ie/longfordcoco/services/economic-community-development/community-development/community-enhancement-programme-2019/>

For assistance, please contact the Community Development team on 043 334 3472

Tourism and Hospitality Research in Ireland Conference (THRIC) AIT, 17th and 18th of June

Athlone Institute of Technology will be hosting the 15th annual Tourism and Hospitality Research in Ireland Conference (THRIC) on the 17th and 18th of June this year.

The central aim of the conference is to present academic research relating to Irish tourism and to draw parallels and learn from abroad. We have a wonderful line up of speakers this year, including:

Keynote Speakers:

- Minister Kevin Boxer Moran, TD – opening the conference;
- Professor Caroline Scales, Head of Tourism, University of Surrey, who will present research on tourism policy;
- Professor Richard Sharpley, University of Central Lancashire, who will present on a research project conducted in Japan;
- Mr Mark McGovern and Mr Paddy Matthews, Fáilte Ireland directors of the *Hidden Heartlands* destination brand;
- Mr Pat McDonagh, *Supermacs* and *Só Hotels* founder and owner.

Industry Discussion Keynote panel:

- Ms Aileesh Carew – EPIC Museum and former General Manager of Ballyfin Demense, one of the world's best hotels;
- Mr Matthieu Mioche – HOSCO – a global hospitality career company which has 40,000 live jobs at any time;
- Ms Jacinta Green – Só Hotel Group, the new hotel group based in Midlands and West;
- Ms Fiona Candon – owner of First Western Tourism Consultants and a graduate of HTL.

We will also have:

- 30 academic papers presented in various tracks, in 15-20 min slots
- Poster presentations
- Photography competition
- Bank of Ireland sponsoring the best research paper with a cash prize
- Failte Ireland providing overall sponsorship to the conference
- Lunch on both days in our training restaurant, with an evening function, jazz band and BBQ with local foods and drinks
- Evening entertainment will be provided by one of our graduate students, Aidan Murphy, a magician who has performed for the Taoiseach, Google and the IRFU, among others. <http://aidanmurphymagic.com/>

We welcome representatives from across the Midlands region and beyond.

Further information about the conference can be found at: <https://www.thric2019.ie/> and registration is available at <https://www.thric2019.ie/registration>.

Garvey's Yard Art Studios by Engage Longford



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Engage are accepting ongoing applications for our recently completed artists studios located just off Main St. at Garveys Yard in Longford Town centre.

There are 4 studios in total, all with great natural light, energy efficient light and heating, high speed broadband, 24hr access, free parking and refuse collection.

Monthly rent includes utilities and rental opportunities may vary from 3-12 months duration. Costs are €130 per mth. for first floor 9' x 15' studio, and €180 per mth. for ground floor 15' x 15' studios (which also have an additional outdoor covered workspace of 10' x 10')

Applications including C.V , letter of interest outlining intended use and up to 10 images of recent work (submitted as 1 PDF document) can be sent to: engagelongford@gmail.com

Artists are encouraged to outline any engagement element that they wish to offer while on the studio opportunity, this might include participating in a peer to peer conversation with other artists, or a presentation to students or the public on work and ideas or a community collaboration project.

