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Thanks to all who took part in the Wellbeing Consultations in the 3 Municipal Districts. The raw drafts of the Ballymahon and Longford Wellbeing consultation will be circulated shortly.

Please see below the link for the on-line consultation. Please encourage any of your members who were unable to attend on the night to have their voice heard by completing the online form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/B49hjXo0Pup4PxLN2>

This on-line consultation will close on **30th May 2018**

The Granard draft Wellbeing Vision Statement will also be circulated for review in the coming days. We will be asking all Granard MD Groups for final feedback on the draft vision.

Consultations (Disability)

The Rehab Group have set up a national 'Access to Transport' survey. It looks at issues such as access to public transport, the cost of public transport and other transport issues.

People with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the survey to identify what the main transport access issues are and campaign to get transport conditions for people with disabilities improved.

You'll find a link to the survey here:

<https://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/services-requests/37009>

Healthy Ireland Longford Consultation



Healthy Longford Action Plan

Longford County Council on behalf of Longford Local Community Development Committee is preparing the **Healthy Longford Plan 2018-2021**. Healthy Ireland is the Government Framework to Improve Health and Wellbeing for everyone.

The Longford Healthy Plan will identify local needs and priorities for the general population and those who experience health inequalities and will reference actions and themes contained in the Healthy Ireland Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 (available on Healthylreland.ie).

To prepare for the Plan, Co. Longford LCDC welcomes the views of all on the following key themes: -

1. Physical Activity
2. Healthy Weight
3. Tobacco Free
4. Sexual Health
5. Prevention and Reduction of Alcohol/Substance Harm
6. Wellbeing

This is your opportunity to input into the plan and you can do so through on-line survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HV6B6S> or written submissions can be forwarded to Ms. Karena Connolly, Community Development Department, Longford County Council, Áras an Chontae, Great Water St., Longford or email klennon@longfordcoco.ie **before 4pm on Thursday, 24th May, 2018.**

Regional Gathering

Our climate. Our future. Your voice.

Join us for our first regional gathering to explore how we, as a nation, can work together to take action on climate change.

Have your say on what you think are the major climate issues facing Ireland, share ideas on how we can work together to raise awareness, unlock opportunities, build resilience, and inspire action.

This is the first in a series of regional and local meetings to be held across Ireland. It is a Government of Ireland initiative through the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, along with the Environmental Protection Agency, in engaging people in collaborative action.

Event details

This is a free ticketed workshop event and we're keen to involve a wide range of groups and individuals from across Roscommon, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Longford and Offaly.

When: 11am – 4pm, Saturday 23rd June 2018

Where: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Speakers at the event will include:

- Minister of Communications, Climate Action & Environment, **Denis Naughten TD** will present on national policy and Ireland's response to the climate challenge.
- Senior lecturer at Maynooth University, **Conor Murphy** will discuss the science behind climate change.
- Senior researcher at University College Cork, **Margaret Desmond** will discuss how you may experience and adapt to climate change.

The workshop will engage people in:

- **Inspiring a shared purpose:** Through better understanding of the big issues and identifying some key principles on what a better future could look like.
- **Exchanging ideas:** Harnessing what exists and connecting the dots to unlock opportunities for action that individuals, public, private and community sectors can collaborate upon.
- **Shaping the process:** For future regional and local events under the National Dialogue on Climate Action, exploring how to engage and mobilise people in the process.

We're keen to involve a wide range of groups and citizens from the counties listed above, so to register your interest please complete [this form](#) by **31 May 2018**.

We hope to include everyone who has registered and will contact you shortly on the email address provided to ask you to confirm your place. Please note that due to venue capacity and our interest in ensuring a diversity of voices from across the region, we may not be able to accommodate all expressions of interest.



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Register your interest for the first **Regional Gathering On Climate Action**. This is free event in Athlone on June 23rd

Events

An Táin Festival

A Celebration of Magic, Myth & Mystery

Sunday 20th May 2018
Longford Town from 11.00am

Longford Tourism AN LONGFORD

A Fun Day of Activities for all the Family

All Activities Are Free

Childrens Workshops: Temperance Hall @ 11am and 12.30pm

Gordon Farrell Art Exhibition: Paraic Ward Old Pharmacy 12 – 6pm

Tribal Drumming Circle: Temperance Hall @2.00pm

Ancient Music Ireland – Family Event: Temperance Hall @3.45pm

Reclaiming Our Stories - Sharon Blackie: Seasons above Market Bar @4pm

Tribal Song Circle: Seasons above Market Bar @5.15pm

Storytelling Circle: Seasons above Market Bar @6pm

The Childrens Workshops, Tribal Drumming and Tribal Song Circle need to be booked in advance at antainlongford@gmail.com

This years Táin March starts at 2.30pm from Longford Connolly Barracks to Market Square. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Wear a costume ! You may win a prize !

Full details for all activities is available on the event page at www.brileith.ie Find us on Facebook: @brileithcafe

Funding Information Sessions



Information Sessions on Funding Opportunities for Community Groups 2018

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Longford County Council are hosting information sessions on funding streams and grants available to community groups in 2018.

The session will cover the types of grants available, how to select the most relevant scheme and advice on making the application and the required documentation to submit.

Funding Streams covered include Town & Village Renewal Scheme, LEADER, Community Facilities Scheme, Tidy Towns, Outdoor Recreation Scheme, Sports Partnership grants, Arts, Creative Ireland and Healthy Ireland Fund. An update on the National Broadband Plan will also be given on the evening.

A session will be held in each Municipal District

Venue	Date	Time
Ballymahon Library	Tuesday 22nd May 2018	7pm
Longford Library	Wednesday 23rd May 2018	7pm
Granard Library	Thursday 24th May 2018	7pm

The sessions will conclude at approx. 8pm with light refreshments. All interested community groups are welcome to attend. To register your interest in attending, please email: lcdd@longfordcoco.ie or call the Community Development Section on 043 334 3472

Training Opportunities

*Longford Community Resources Clg
are pleased to announce that*
AOIFE Festival and Events Training
will take place on
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd May 2018
from 6.00pm - 9.30pm

in the **EDI Centre, Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford.**
This training is free of charge and any group that is looking

at organising either a festival or event during 2018-2019 should consider attending this invaluable events training.

Attendance is required for any group intent on applying for funding under the RDP2014-2020 Programme.

For further information on this training course, or to reserve a place on this course, please contact leader1420@lcrli.ie or the **LEADER Team on 043 3345555** **Booking is essential as places are limited**

QQI- Level 6 - Childhood Social Legal & Health Studies 6N1945

This programme module aims to equip the learner with the knowledge skill and competence in the social and legislative environment of ECCE and to enable each learner to devise, implement and evaluation policies and procedures that support the health and wellbeing of children in the provision and delivery of service, when working autonomously in an ECCE setting.

This programme module is part of an overall QQI Level 6 Major award Early Childhood Care and Education (6M2007).

Requirements: Students should have completed a FETAC/QQI Level 5 or equivalent in childcare.

Dates: 5 June 2018 – Tuesday and Thursday nights – 7pm to 10pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: €280

A €100 euro non refundable deposit is required to secure a place on this course.

Full fees to be paid by Tuesday 22 May 2018.

A minimum of 80% attendance is required for this course.

You may qualify for funding, please contact 043 3341511 for further information.

Tea/Coffee provided.

If you have any further queries or require a booking form, please contact -

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