



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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Waterways Ireland Heritage Grant Scheme 2018

Community Grant Scheme 2019

Waterways Ireland is delighted to announce the launch of its 2019 *Heritage in the Community* Grants Scheme in support of the [Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020](#).

A fund of **€20,000** has been allocated to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, Shannon Navigation, Shannon-Erne Waterway and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).

Applications will be considered from communities, individuals and organisations seeking assistance for projects related to inland waterways' heritage. This can include data collection & research, good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects, etc. and support fresh approaches and initiatives that promote active engagement with heritage.

[Download the application form](#)

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **January 31st 2019** (by email or post).

Important information (please refer to Application Form and Eligibility Criteria for further details):

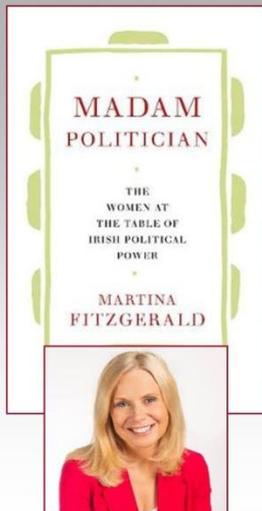
- All decisions relating to the assessment of grant applications will be based on the degree to which they compliment the strategic aims and actions from the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020.
- The Application Form and Guidelines should be reviewed for clear information on project eligibility.
- Any grant-aided project not completed within the specified timeframe will be subject to clawback of awarded monies.
- Only one grant per organisation is permitted. Grants up to €1,500 / £1,200 are available.
- Successful grant recipients may receive a partial upfront payment (up to 50%) but this will be reviewed on a case by case needs assessment i.e. where projects can be successfully initiated without grant aid, the full amount will be payable upon successful completion of the project.
- This Grant Scheme has an appeals process.

Please feel free to contact Cormac McCarthy on +353 (0)61-922149, +353 (0)87-2787463 or at cormac.mccarthy@waterwaysireland.org for any queries relating to the grants scheme.

Please Note: The closing date is the 30th January 2019, but I would recommend beginning the process of seeking supporting reports and quotations where necessary now, in order to have as strong an application as possible.

From Máiréad Ní Chonghaile, Heritage Officer, Longford County Council, (043) 3340731/ 086 8133205

INVITATION: RTE's Martina Fitzgerald book launch, 'Madam Politician' Longford Library, Nov 19th, 7.30pm.



Longford Women's Link and Longford County Library

Warmly welcome you to the County Longford launch of:

'Madam Politician'

The Women at the Table of Irish Political Power; challenges and triumphs

By

Martina Fitzgerald

Political Correspondent with RTÉ News

Venue: Longford Library

Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 7.30pm.

RSVP: (regrets only):

Email: library@longfordcoco.ie / tel: 043-3341124



"Light Up Longford"



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Come and join SANTA to "Light Up Longford" for Christmas

Market Square, Friday, November 30th at 6:30pm.

DJ Ronan

Goodies for the kids and market stalls for the adults.

SANTA will have photographs taken with all of the kids.



INVITATION: Premier Lakelands Food Hub Information Evening

The Premier Lakelands Food Hub committee is launching an innovative new project to stimulate potential and existing small food producers in the region.

The first of two information evenings with an experienced Food Business Specialist, will take place on **Monday 26th November at 8pm** in St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, Co. Longford.

The information evenings are free to attend and everyone with an interest in promoting food in the region is welcome. We are particularly interested in meeting local food producers, food distributors, producer groups, food retailers and other stakeholders in the food sector operating in the region.

The information will launch a new project, which is looking at the potential for developing a food hub in Longford. We need your input to help define what is needed in terms of food production units, distribution and warehousing, where it might be located, and what other support services it should offer.

For more details please contact

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BEC 2019 Workshops

3 CEA hosts free, no obligation workshops for business owners, community groups and more

- Information on Grants schemes covering up to 80% of energy upgrade costs

SME's and business owners, community groups and housing associations across Counties Longford, Laois, Westmeath & Offaly who are anxious to save energy costs, lower carbon emissions and increase the comfort of their buildings are encouraged to attend a free, no obligation information session with the trusted energy and retrofit experts for the region. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) has a number of grant schemes for energy upgrades, with up to 80 per cent of the costs covered – this information session will make it easy for you to understand what's out there and available to you.

The award-winning, 3 Counties Energy Agency (3CEA), in partnership with Midlands Energy Agency, is hosting the free information event at **7pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2018, at Kilbeggan Parish Hall, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath**. The not-for-profit energy experts are running a number of information sessions for the domestic and non-domestic markets, the public sector, commercial businesses and SMEs as well as community and not-for-profit groups and associations over the coming weeks.

The energy experts will take delegates through details of the various support schemes on offer, and discuss how to achieve the best results, even on the tightest budget. They will detail how they can completely project-manage such works from start to finish, if required, to include pre application audits, submitting the grant application, procuring the works to ensure best value for money & quality of project for both business and community projects, right through to compete sign off.

Details of the generous Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) supports for the various sectors and measures will be unveiled, 3CEA's Senior Energy Engineer, Alexandra Hamilton, says. Some apply to domestic homes, others to group housing schemes or community associations, while more are best applied to business and properties that require a complete overhaul.

"The grants available range from 35% - 80% for domestic works, depending on programme and measures being completed, to 30% funding for public sector, commercial and SME works and up to 50% for community or not-for-profit groups. We will take people through the various SEAI schemes and help them choose the one that best suits their needs," she said.

Kilbeggan Church, where the meeting will be hosted, is undergoing major renovations, which include a number of energy efficiency upgrades aimed at making the church warmer and more comfortable and reduce the energy bills. Upgrades include roof and wall insulation, lighting upgrade and new windows and doors, and is receiving 50% grant from SEAI. This is part of a larger renovation and re-design of the church. The energy works were all completed with support from SEAI's Better Energy Community grants programme, led by the Midlands Energy Agency, and project managed by 3CEA.

This event is perfect for anyone who is looking to complete any type of energy works in 2019, including insulation works, lighting, heating, windows, heat pumps, PV or any other measure where energy is saved.

- For more, log on to www.3CEA.ie