



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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PPN Newsletter November 2021 (Part 1)

PPN County Plenary Meeting

You are cordially invited to the online **County Plenary Meeting, Wednesday, November 17th @ 7pm - 8.30pm.**

We are delighted to announce guest speakers:

Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive, Longford County Council who will speak about the County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 and let us know all the exciting plans for Longford over the coming years.

Fr. Sean Healy, Social Justice Ireland who will speak about the successes and challenges of PPN's and what he believes our future holds. Sean led the working group who recommended the establishment of PPN's in late 2013.

To ensure we stick to the meeting time schedule If you have any questions for either speaker please submit to me by 5pm Friday November 12th

I will also give an update on the PPN workplan 2021 and of course we will close the meeting with our Spin the Wheel raffle.

More information will follow but for now please save the date and circulate to all your groups members. It promises to be a very interesting meeting!!!!

Funding News

Longford County Council Sports Bursary – The County Council have allocated the sum of €5,000 towards this bursary. The purpose of the award is to facilitate achievement by aspiring individual performers who have the ability and potential to bring recognition and success at National and International level. **Closing 10th Nov @ 4pm.** More information and how to apply [here](#)

Rethink Ireland Rural Recovery Fund Rethink Ireland are delighted to announce the opening of applications for the Rural Recovery Fund which may be of interest to you and your group members.

This one year fund was created with support from [Google.org](https://www.google.org) and The Department of Rural and Community Development under the Dormant Accounts Fund. The fund aims to support innovative not-for-profit organisations that are working to increase their impact in supporting rural communities to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and build resilience for future challenges. The fund will support services and groups to build capacity and knowledge as well as increasing their impact in their communities and across rural Ireland.

The Fund will focus on projects which rise to the challenge of;

- Re-skilling/upskilling/diversifying the labour force,

- Economic and social inclusion of marginalised communities,
- Job creation in rural areas (including supporting social enterprises to grow their operations)
- Equal access to education for rural communities,
- Digital inclusion for all, (closing the digital divide).

Up to **5** awardees will receive a package of supports worth a maximum of €90,000 each in total. This will include:

1. **Cash grants** of up to a maximum of €80,000
2. A place on a 6-month **Rethink Ireland Accelerator Programme:**
3. **Non-financial supports worth** €10,000 tailored to the specific needs of each project

Who can apply?

We invite applications from

- organisations that have a not-for-profit legal form, eg: A company limited by guarantee /A co-operative /Charity /other not for profit legal forms
- Projects must be based in a **rural setting** or aim to significantly **improve their impact in rural areas**
- The applicant must not be a public body. Collaborations with public bodies, where the main applicant(s) are community or third sector projects, can be considered for funding

Applications are open from Thursday 21st Oct 2021 until 5pm Friday 19th November 2021

All queries relating to the fund should be sent to ruralrecovery@rethinkireland.ie [Full details here](#)

Longford Live and Local Small Grant Scheme As part of Longford Local and Live there is now an opportunity to apply for a small grant. **Closing date is 12th November.** Please see details below.

What is the purpose of *the Longford Live & Local grant*?

The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to organisers in developing cultural activities and events in the period from November to December 2021 that support the objectives of the Longford Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-22

What Fund amounts are available?

Grant amounts will typically be between €500 and €2000, although Longford County Council reserves the right to award grants below or exceeding those amounts in exceptional circumstances.

Criteria

The following must be demonstrated:

The nature and proposed outcome of the event, in alignment to the strategic objectives of *Creative Ireland Longford*, along with the cost of the proposed project.

Longford County Council, as a member of the Local Community Development Committee, is committed to the values of dignity, autonomy, democracy, inclusion, and social justice and their associated value objectives as set out in the Equality and Human Rights Statement of the Local Community Development Committee (available at www.longfordcoco.ie). Applications will be assessed on how they achieve these values.

Longford County Council will not be in control of the locations where works/events take place, therefore it will be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2013 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations, (where applicable), are implemented. Additional legislative requirements which may apply to the place of work will also need to be considered by the committee.

An Event Management Plan may be required. If this is required, the organiser(s) should appoint an Event Controller to prepare the plan and manage the event.

The project/event must be completed before 31st December 2021.

How do I apply?

Please complete the attached application form fully, giving as much detail as possible with regard to the project/event. PDF or Word is preferred.

Email to jmurphy@longfordcoco.ie with "Longford Live & Local Fund 2021" and the name of the project in the subject line. The closing date for applications is **12th November 2021**.



Seed Grants - Deadline for Applications FURTHER Extended to **Friday 12th November 2021 at 5pm**

Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) offer Seed Grants to communities / individuals wishing to creatively process or memorialise loss. In order to allow people to adapt to Covid-19 regulations the deadline for this year's applications has been extended to **Friday 12th November 2021 at 5.00pm**.

IHF offer up to 26 Seed Grants to support communities and individuals across the country with self-directed creative explorations of dying, death, grief, bereavement, and loss. **Grants are a maximum of €1,000 each.**

IHF Seed Grant Programme 2021-2022

Supported by the Creative Ireland programme, IHF sets out to inspire and support the work of groups, organisations, and individuals who wish to mark in some tangible way their response to the universal realities of dying, death, and bereavement, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seed Grants support groups, organisations, and individuals exploring creative ways to do this. They might use the grant to help start new local art projects, or support existing projects to gain momentum - this may involve artists, crafts people, or digital coders. Alternatively, it may be a group or an individual who has a good idea. Priority will be given to creative initiatives that take innovative approaches to reflection and remembrance.

During the pandemic, and with the support of the Creative Ireland Programme, IHF began an Arts and Creative Engagement initiative. With all citizens affected by loss, normal patterns of grieving disrupted and care staff fraught, the programme offered a way for people to make meaning in a difficult time. [Watch a short film of projects supported previously here.](#)

Application Process

Full details and a digital application form can be found on the [IHF website](#). Alternatively, you can download and print an application form via the IHF web site and post it to: Elizabeth Hutcheson, Seed Grants, Irish Hospice Foundation, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2.

Key Dates

- **Thursday October 28th at noon:** Online application briefing and clinic (including Q&A). Zoom link on website. No need to register.
- **Friday November 12th at 5pm:** Extended closing date for all applications.
- **Tuesday November 23rd:** Successful awardees announced. All applicants will be notified this week.
- **Developed to April 30th 2022:** Successful projects must be completed by this date.

About Irish Hospice Foundation

IHF are the national agency focused on death, dying, grief, and loss. They work with a vision of Ireland where “every death matters” delivering education, training, and awareness programmes alongside systemic and social change strategies and policy campaigns. Their ambition is to reduce the impact of carelessness where it leads to suffering.

Over 35 years IHF has become embedded across the delivery of care in Ireland. IHF works with multiple HSE Departments, the NGO sector, and community sector. IHF’s many Friendly Hospitals with Ireland’s acute hospital service, Compassionate End of Life with the residential care sector, Nurses for Night-Care delivering care in the community directly to families, and the Bereavement Network aligning the voluntary sectors support.

Contacts

IHF Arts and Cultural Engagement team:

Dominic Campbell: Dominic.Campbell@hospicefoundation.ie

Elizabeth Hutcheson: Elizabeth.Hutcheson@hospicefoundation.ie

Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9.00am – 5.30pm

Seed Grants 2022 for art projects sponsored by Creative Ireland is now open for applications.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Local News and Services

EDI CENTRE, LONGFORD - VACANCY FOR A PROJECT SUPERVISOR

See link: <https://edilongford.ie/759-2/>



- Longford County Council leads on rural working hubs [here](#)
- Explore new skills with free Skillshare online courses at your nearest Digital Hub (BCP) information [here](#)

• Please check the Register to ensure your details are correct. Claims for additions, deletions etc at the following link

[Draft Register of Electors available for inspection](#)

- Find out how to attend upcoming Council meetings below

[Upcoming County Council & Municipal District meetings](#)

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Broadband Connection Points

Register your interest:
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Keep Well Campaign: Further details on Longford County Council's website www.longfordcoco.ie

What's On



New Intergenerational Community Archive project launching in County Longford is seeking volunteers to help facilitate the project in their area!

The Community Time Machine initiative is an age-friendly cross-generational community archive project designed to connect young people with their older neighbours through a series of facilitated interviews, art projects and photography. It is a simple and fun way to have a positive impact and strengthen your community connections.

Neighbourhood Network is delighted to be launching this initiative in County Longford this autumn in partnership with The Creative Ireland Programme, Age Friendly Ireland, Longford County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Community members across County Longford are now invited to come on board as organisers for this exciting project. The role of community organisers is to gather 5-6 young people, aged 12 – 18, to interview senior members of their community over the phone. The interviews give both participants a valuable opportunity to learn from each other and connect with their community.

Each group that takes part will be given €100 towards a charity/group of their choice and a time capsule to store their project in. A professional portrait photographer will visit each of the seniors involved in the project to take their portraits. The seniors will then receive their printed photos and all of the participants will have their work displayed on the national time machine gallery website.

The Community Time Machine is a great way to get to know more about your community and its history, create something unique and develop community connections. The result is an inspiring collection of insights into the hearts and souls that make up communities all over the county.

If this sounds like a project you would like to see come to life in your area, visit <https://timemachine.neighbourhoodnetwork.ie/> to get involved! We would also love to hear from any youth groups, schools or clubs who might be interested in taking part.

About Neighbourhood Network: visit

www.neighbourhoodnetwork.ie

For more information contact;

CEO of Neighbourhood Network Sam Bishop samuel@neighbourhoodnetwork.ie

Communications Coordinator of Neighbourhood Network, Áine Lawless aine@neighbourhoodnetwork.ie Full press release [here](#)

[WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS/TRAINING](#)

How to build your own website Building a website that is compelling, secure and informative - *not to mention affordable* - is easier said than done. And yet, with the right approach and know-how, it is easily within your reach.

Register now for our [How to Build Your Own Website](#) workshop (1 Dec - 11.30am to 12.30pm) if you are eager to take control of your nonprofit's online narrative.

Believe it or not, you're not going to need any specific technical skills to get the most out of this workshop. Our facilitator, Keith Bradshaw, a seasoned commercially-focused creative brand and marketing growth strategist with 15 years of industry experience, will be taking you the entire process of building a new website, including:

- Web design basics
- Content generation ideas
- Affordable technology for non-tech users
- Finalising and launching your website.

As part of the session, Keith will be giving you a Squarespace live demo (Squarespace is a highly affordable 'drag and drop' online website builder, geared towards complete beginners), to demonstrate how even the slickest design and presentation is achievable.

You'll leave this event with a ton of practical tips and tools for getting your new website underway.

This is a free training event and all are invited to attend.

Secure your spot now - register below today.

[Register for how to build your own website here](#)

This event is part of the Storytelling Series, part of the We Act campaign to raise public awareness and appreciation for our sector.

It is supported by Community Foundation Ireland and the RTÉ Comic Relief Fund.

Learn more here:

www.weact.ie



We've added new sessions!

The Storytelling Series is **FREE communications training with experts in the fields of journalism, social media, content production and PR.** Part of the

upcoming We Act campaign, the programme of webinars aims to upskill staff and volunteers in telling the story of our organisations and communicating our value and impact.

See the programme below – more sessions will be added soon. To register for each session, visit the links below and sign up for FREE through Zoom webinar:

The Storytelling Series

****NEWLY ADDED**** [Getting Confident on Social Media](#) with Adam Monks (TU Dublin, Honey + Buzz) | Weds, 6 October, 11am - 12.30pm

[Easy Graphic Design with Canva](#) with Ronny Hermosa (Canva, Fair Trade Connection) | Weds, 13 October, 10.30am - 12noon

[How to Be a Spokesperson for your Organisation](#) with Eleanor Kelly (UCD Innovation Academy, Open Society Foundations) | Weds, 20 October, 11am – 12.30pm.

****NEWLY ADDED**** [How to Take Great Photos on your Phone](#) with Brendan O'Sé (award-winning photographer) | Weds, 10 November, 11am - 1pm

****NEWLY ADDED**** [The Art of Contemporary Storytelling Panel](#), facilitated by Louise Bruton (Irish Times, Irish Independent) | Weds, 17 November, 11am – 12.30pm

****NEWLY ADDED**** [Engagement Strategy for Facebook and Instagram](#) with Jean O'Brien (Digital Charity Lab) | Weds, 24 November, 11am – 12.30pm

The Storytelling Series is a key strand of We Act, the upcoming national public awareness campaign for the charity and community sector. If we the campaign to have momentum and change attitudes about our sector, we need to elevate our stories and champion the valuable work we do.

The Storytelling Series is for anyone who works or volunteers in the sector who wants practical tips and tools for effective communications. The series is supported by Community Foundation Ireland and the RTÉ Comic Relief Fund.

*Warm regards,
The Wheel*

NATIONAL NEWS



**An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail**
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Well-being Framework - Launch of Public Conversation

The Well-being Framework for Ireland is the result of a Programme for Government commitment to develop a set of quality of life measures to create a holistic view of how Irish society is faring. In July of

this year, the Government published the **First Report on a Well-being Framework for Ireland**. It captures phase one of the work on developing a national framework and sets out the guiding vision and ambitions. It includes an initial conceptual framework and supporting dashboard of indicators, which will evolve and improve over time. It was supported by initial consultation via NESC, who compiled a complementary Consultation Report.

A wider public conversation on Ireland's Wellbeing Framework has been launched as part of the second phase of this work. The Government wants to create awareness and gain feedback to improve the Framework and ensure it is reflective of the issues that matter most to the Irish people. We are eager to spread the word and hear from people right across Irish society.

Citizens, stakeholders, policy makers and researchers can get involved by:

- Visiting the [Well-being Web Portal](#) and becoming familiar with the Framework;
- Telling us what well-being means to you and what your priorities are by taking our [short survey](#); and
- Exploring the supporting interactive [CSO Well-being Information Hub](#)

Q&A Responses and Video Recording Link from AILG-OPR-Elected Members Training Webinar - Friday, 24th of Sept 2021

Q&A responses and video recording link from “On and Offshore Renewables” Webinar - Friday, 24th of Sept 2021

The Q&A responses and video recording link are now available from our tenth webinar “On and Offshore Renewables” which was held on Friday, 24th of September.

Presentations and Video recording link:

<https://www.opr.ie/elected-members-training/webinar-sept-2021/>

The Q&A responses can now be accessed on our website by clicking [HERE](#)

Launch of Climate Conversation Report



**An Roinn Comhshaoil,
Aeráide agus Cumarsáide**
Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications

Earlier this year we contacted you regarding the ‘In-Depth Climate Conversations’ and you kindly assisted us in recruiting members of your PPN to take part. The report has now been

completed and we would like to invite you, the participants and your members to the launch of the final report on November 10th at 6.30pm. The launch is being hosted on Zoom and you can use the link below to access the event. If anyone is unable to attend on the day, the event is being recorded and we will make the link available following the launch.

Event: Department of Environment, Climate and Communications Zoom webinar.

When: Nov 10, 2021 06:30 PM Dublin

Topic: Climate Conversations Webinar

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G_LOw1xtQOWfqPKLyIDU5A

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



An Roinn Caiteachais
Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe
Department of Public
Expenditure and Reform



Seeking input in creating Ireland's next Open Government national action plan

Partner with us in creating Ireland's next **Open Government national action plan**, to make government more transparent, accountable with greater civic participation. The Minister for State, Ossian Smyth has formally launched [via social media](#) the Open Government public calls for representatives of Civil Society and submissions.

To find out more about Open Government, what is happening in Ireland and the Open Government Partnership process, check out <https://bit.ly/OpenGovIE>.

Good news - Ireland is in the running for an international [Open Government Partnership impact award](#). Our entry is 'Ireland's Citizens' Assembly and our deliberative democracy journey'. Top winners will be recognised on 15-17 December 2021 at the Open Government Partnership Global Summit (online).



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Our Rural Future Fora

The Department of Rural and Community Development is holding a series of Rural Ideas Fora in the coming weeks. The series of three online events will focus on specific themes within Our Rural Future, the national rural development policy published earlier this year, and will be an opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities that impact on rural communities and economies. Attendees will learn more about ongoing work relating to key objectives contained in the policy, and hear from a panel of key stakeholders.

Registration for these events is available via Eventbrite at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/departement-of-rural-and-community-development-20051109089>

The three events scheduled are as follows:

- 18 October – 11am-1pm:** Remote Working - An Opportunity for Rural Ireland
 - 27 October – 11am-1pm:** Transitioning to Climate-Neutral Society
 - 10 November – 11am-1pm:** Revitalising Towns and Villages
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Age Friendly Ireland Announces International Webinar Series

WATCH IT BACK | A SPOTLIGHT ON AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND | POLICY TO PRACTICE | WEBINAR 1 - AGE FRIENDLY HOUSING

Just in case you missed it 'Age Friendly Housing' - Webinar 1 of our International Webinar Series is now available to watch back here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_QVa-sc-A&t=1s



Age Friendly
IRELAND

Age Friendly Ireland
announces **International
Webinar Series**

streaming Live from the **Solstice Arts Centre**

2 nd Nov 2021	Housing
14 th Dec 2021	Community Support and Health Services
11 th Jan 2022	Social Participation
8 th Feb 2022	Respect & Social Inclusion
8 th Mar 2022	Communication & Information
12 th Apr 2022	Transportation
10 th May 2022	Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
14 th June 2022	Civic Participation and Employment



WHO Global Network
for Age-friendly Cities
and Communities



We'd like to invite you to join us online on the afternoon of Tuesday, 30 November (2 - 4pm) for our **Network & Engage** online gathering, where we'll be providing you with a tasty blend of practical training and peer networking.

Register your **FREE** spot [here](#) now, or read on for more details...

Created to address the specific needs of organisations with five or less staff - including those that are entirely volunteer-run - the focus for this particular event will be on **skills development**.

We'll be joined by our Skills Development Team members, who will share their experience and upcoming opportunities, with particular reference to our Training Links Programme, which funds training networks, and the pilot Foundations for Sector Three initiative. We will also draw on recent research to highlight the importance of upgrading your current skill-set for the myriad tasks and duties we all must expect these days.

Not forgetting networking...

And, of course, we'll be facilitating networking during this session, where you will be able to connect with your peers from across the sector in small virtual groups. (It matters now, perhaps more than ever!)

We're pleased to say that all of the above is 100% free to you.

Registration is, however, required. Get it done in seconds right [here](#).

See you on 30 November!

The Wheel

Glencree Intercultural & Refugee Programme Bulletin 01.11.2021

One-off Events:

1. In celebration of Black History Month 2021, the **DCU Equality, Diversity and Inclusion unit in collaboration with the DCU Centre of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion**, hosted a virtual event titled 'Celebrating Black Excellence – Linda Keitasha in conversation with Mr. Bashir Otukoya, Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Government'. Through the sharing of Bashir's personal anecdotes and lived experiences, this conversation celebrated black excellence by exploring what black history month means in the Irish context, the valuable contributions the black community makes in our workplaces and some of the barriers faced by the black community in employment. Also touching on allyship in overcoming these challenges, progress in combatting racism in Ireland and aspirations for a truly inclusive workplace by looking to the future, the recording of the event can be watched back [here](#)
2. **Southside Partnership** are hosting a Leadership Pathways for in the Community Women Conference on Thursday, November 11th from 10 am to 1pm. As part of the Work4Change series starting in 2022, this conference will explore leadership projects and pathways available in the community. Featuring panellists Ursula McKenna, Dr. Michelle Maher, Simone Sav and Dr. Aurelia Ciblis, you can see more information and register [here](#). For more information, see poster attached and/or contact Rafika.kelly@spspship.ie
3. **FLAC Promoting Access to Justice** is holding an online guest lecture with Justice Edwin Cameron, formerly of South Africa's Highest Constitutional Court on Friday the 12th of November from 9 am to 10am. An academic, jurist, author and recently retired Constitutional Court judge, Justice Edwin Cameron was appointed as a judge in 1994 by President Mandela. His role in securing the inclusion of sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination, advocacy for persons with HIV/Aids and background as a human rights lawyer has helped develop South African law to truly reflect the fundamental values of the Constitution. You can register [here](#), see images attached and/or contact 01 887 3600 for more information.
4. **European Migration Network (EMN) Ireland and Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)** are hosting a webinar: 'Immigration detention and alternatives: Ireland and the EU' on Wednesday 24th of November 2021 from 2pm – 3.30pm. This event will provide an overview of the legal framework and use of immigration detention and is situated in a broader EU context. Speakers will discuss the extent to which detention is used in international protection and returns procedures in Ireland; the types of alternatives available; key fundamental rights and safeguards; and how Ireland compares to other EU Member States. New EMN Ireland research, Detention and Alternatives to Detention in International Protection and Returns Procedures in Ireland, will be launched during this webinar. You can learn more and register [here](#)
5. **Garter Lane Arts Centre Waterford** are hosting Sarah Corbett, founder of Craftivist Collective for a free, online event. *"If there's time for the loud, there's also time for the quiet. If there's time for the fast, there's also a need for the slow. In everyone's heart is a desire to change things for the better – it is essential that there is an activists toolkit that is as diverse as humanity"*. Craftivist Collective has helped change laws, policies, hearts and minds around the world through their slower, quieter and more intimate form of activism rooted in neuroscience and positive psychology. The event will explore the benefits of using craft to engage deeply in social change issues, alone or with others, encouraging powerholders to proceed carefully through bespoke gifts, creating small, provocative street art on and offline and building critical friendships between craftivists and decision-makers. This event will explain the theory and practice of gentle craftivism, case studies, testimonies and time for questions. You can register for this event [here](#)

Programmes/Ongoing Events:

6. **Smock Alley Theatre** are holding The Baptiste Programme for Black Irish writers and writers of colour interested in writing for the stage. A paid and mentored script development opportunity, named after 18th Century Black Irish singer Rachel Baptiste, the programme is a combination of dramaturgy workshops, mentor seminars and facilitated meetings. It culminates in a reading of the new scripts with a professional cast and director. The programme launched in 2021 and is now seeking expressions of interest from interested artists for 2022, with programme sessions in a combination of in-person, Dublin based and online events. If interested please apply [here](#) and include a copy of your CV or a bio along with an answer to the following question: Why do you feel this programme will help you at this point in your practice? Deadline for applications is 6pm TODAY Friday 5th of November.
7. **All Together in Dignity (ATD) Ireland** launched their exhibition 'Socio-Economic Discrimination: Through the Creative Lens' in October. 'Lockdown Liberties' was a writing group carried out remotely, over messenger and zoom, resulting in heartfelt poetry, written and spoken word from eight authors alongside contributions from others including President Michael D. Higgins and Senator Lynn Ruane. Alongside a more extensive book, a film was also created to show the authors reciting or rapping their poetry in places of significance in Dublin that they had chosen. You can watch the video [here](#), email dann@atdireland.ie or call 089 4401523 for more information.
8. **Mother tongues and Rua Red** are holding the second series of the Cultural Mediators Workshops in Rua Red, poster attached. This series will consist of 5 free art workshops starting on 17th November, 11am - 12:45pm. Visual artist Nasrin Golden will lead creative workshops around the themes of Rua Red's current exhibition The Map, a collaboration by Alice Maher and Rachel Fallon, and We Are the Map, text and sound installation by Sinéad Gleeson and Stephen Shannon. All materials will be provided. To find out more and register for free, click [here](#).
9. **Southside Partnership Womens Programme** are holding five weeks of at-home yoga and six weeks of water colour painting workshops at Furry Hill Community Centre beginning on the 2nd and 12th of November respectively. Please see two posters attached for more details and contact Rafika Kelly, Rafika.kelly@spsphip.ie with any questions and to register interest. Please note water colour painting costs 20 euro for six weeks or 5 euro per drop in session.
10. Beginning on October 25th at 6pm, **Gorm Media** are presenting 'This is "Them"', an online series that sees through the lens of five different backgrounds in Ireland. Running until November 22nd, this innovative approach to digital media explores 16 Gen Zs and Millennials aged 18 – 35 answering the questions you've always wanted to ask. Shot in the Belltable Hub in Limerick City, the series debunks stereotypes, answers your awkward questions and adds nuance to the experiences of young Autistic Women, Muslim Women, People with Mixed-Heritages, Black People and Queer Men. You can watch the videos as they are released (first out already!) [here](#)
11. **Film in Limerick, Gorm Media and Screen Skills Ireland** are seeking applications for their Diverse Screen: Passport to Production Course. A structured course designed to equip new entrants with the tools to take up their first position as trainee crew members in the film, tv and media industry, it aims to drive wider representation in the creative industry and is looking to attract new entrants from culturally diverse and underrepresented groups. Providing a broad overview of all the departments, the course can be applied for [here](#). Taking place Friday 25th to Sunday 28th of November and Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of December, this course is not to be missed. Deadline for applications is November 8th at 11.59pm. You can learn more about Diverse Screen [here](#)
12. The **Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth** have opened registration for Fairer Futures: The What Works Festival of Learning 2021. The Festival runs from Monday November 15th until Wednesday November 24th with four online events on the theme of disadvantage, its impact on children and families, and key initiatives which are addressing disadvantage in Ireland and internationally. The

Festival is part of What Works, an initiative from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Join MC Áine Kerr along with contributors including Minister Roderic O’Gorman, Professor Kate Pickett (University of York), Olivier Thévenon (OECD Centre for Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity), Professor Mark Brown (National Digital Learning Centre at DCU), and Massimiliano Mascherini (Eurofound). Events are free but booking is essential. Book [here](#)

Funding:

- 13. The Department of Justice** is inviting [applications for funding for the provision of services supporting victims](#) in the Criminal Justice System 2022. Applications are welcome from registered charities, voluntary community groups and other bodies which provide or have proposals for the provision of support services/assistance for victims of crime generally, including provision of support, information and advice on the rights of victims, and court and other accompaniment. The objective is to ensure that these services are available to all victims who need them, to a consistently high standard and throughout the State. Joint applications between two or more groups are welcome. For details on how to apply please contact fundsadmin-victims-crime@justice.ie and all application forms must be returned by 5pm on 29th of November 2021.

Of Interest:

- 14.** The Integration Officer of the Community and Social Development Unit of **Dublin City Council** are seeking to [map ethnic minority organisations](#), including organisations with a strong focus on minority support and community leaders based in the Dublin City Council area. Please share this [survey](#) with organisations and community leaders who can contribute and contact kensika1@hotmail.com with any questions.
- 15. Translate Ireland Multilingual Video Messaging Ltd.** Have released [new videos](#) in over 40 languages with doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. Working to ensure these multilingual videos are respectful, not overly formal and culturally appropriate, the team have released videos on Covid19 for Pregnant women (new), guidance and restrictions updates, vaccines for all including those living in Direct Provision, safety for those working in Food processing, Tracker App, Back to School during Covid as well as other topics such as cervical check screening, mental health, the flu vaccine and immigration visa info. The team are currently working with Women’s Aid in relation to videos on domestic abuse. There are 120 video messages to come in early 2022. This [video](#) explains how share and we encourage you to do so widely with your networks and communities.
- 16.** On October 28th, the **Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail** announced [changes to employment permit system for workers from outside the European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#). The main changes include: Most construction sector jobs now eligible for a General Employment Permit, Quota to be removed for HGV driver work permits, 350 General Employment Permits for hospitality managers, Social Workers to be eligible for Critical Skills Employment Permit, Dispensing Opticians to be eligible for General Employment Permit, New General Employment Permit quotas for 1,000 Horticulture Operatives, 500 Meat Deboners, 1500 Meat Processing operatives and 100 Dairy Farm Assistants. More information [here](#)
- 17.** The **Minister for Health** [announced](#) changes to the policy regarding [access to postgraduate medical training programmes for non-EU citizens](#) looking to progress their careers. The previous policy framework - overseen by the Irish Medical Council - did not allow for the career progression of doctors who had foreign qualifications. Following a review of the policy by the Department of Health, the Minister now intends to amend it to include all Stamp 4 Visa Holders. Previously, following a campaign in 2020, the Minister introduced some changes to the policy framework which were criticised by campaigners as insufficient. That prompted migrant doctors to put greater pressure on the government, including with public declarations by medical staff wishing to relocate to other countries. As the Irish health system highly relies on migrant staff, losing any more of them would be dangerous for the Irish health system.
- 18.** The **MAX Diversity Film Festival (MAXDFF)** is a space for both amateur and professional [filmmakers to showcase their stories and experiences of migration](#). The finalist films are available to watch online [here](#),

with the audience having the last word in selecting the winners (voting now closed) until the award ceremony TODAY 5 November 2021, 3:00 pm CET. At the award ceremony on 5 November, the winners will share the stories of migration and diversity which inspired their films and a more in-depth debate with the film festival winners and organisers will take place on 15 December to explore how storytelling can encourage a more inclusive and welcoming society.

19. **New Horizons, Dignity Partnership and Doras** will soon launch SaorEd, a new online education platform for international protection applicants, refugees and underserved communities in Ireland. SaorEd will provide free access to a range of entry-level and advanced courses, most of which will be offered in English, with some in Arabic. Navigation interfaces will be available in Arabic and Farsi. Initial courses provided on SaorEd include: Introduction to the English language, Intermediate English for university, English for Arabic speakers, Advanced English for the workplace, Basic digital skills in English & Arabic, Intermediate IT skills, Web design with HTML, CSS and Javascript. SaorEd will be launched in the coming weeks so keep an eye on social media and follow SaorEd on Twitter @saor_ed, Facebook @SaorEdu and Instagram @saor.ed. For more information, email saoredinfo@gmail.com
20. On 10th November, Ireland's human rights record will be reviewed by the **United Nations** as part of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This serves as an alternative report to that provided by the State, aiming to help hold the State to account. Among other concerns, Direct Provision, international protection, racism, hate crime, gender-based violence and human trafficking will be part of their review. You can learn more about UPR Ireland [here](#) and watch live on 10th of November [here](#)
21. **Sisi** in conjunction with **Trinity Research** have launched a survey "Silence in the courtroom, silence in the street?" An exploratory study of women's experiences of the Irish Family Law System in parental separation and divorce." This research is the first of its kind in Ireland and is an evidence based way to have women's voices heard anonymously. This study seeks to capture the unique perspectives of mothers who have experience of the Irish family law process in parental separation and divorce. It aims to explore mothers' experiences before, during, and after the formal family law proceedings. You can share and/or take part in the survey [here](#)

Vacancies:

22. **Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)** are seeking a part-time Clerical Officer to provide administrative support to all departments. Located in Central Hotel Chambers, Dame Court, Dublin 2, this role is a year long contract with 21 hours a week. The Clerical Officer will be responsible for providing administration assistance to teams within the organisation predominantly the housing, corporate services and to the Management Team. The role consists of general office administration, managing office equipment contracts, providing admin and IT support to other departments and coordinating the maintenance for our tenants from receiving the call to allocating the jobs to our maintenance contractors. Please send a letter of application outlining your suitability for this role and your C.V. to hr@hail.ie by 5pm on Friday the 5th November 2021. You can learn more [here](#)
23. **Irish Social Enterprise Network (ISEN)** are seeking an EU Projects Researcher for the Net-Works Project. The 'Net-Works' Project is an Erasmus+ Key Action 3 funded programme, focused on social inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education and training. More information can be found [here](#). The other participating countries are Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia, North Macedonia, Romania & Serbia. The role involves helping to establish new national or regional networks of adult education providers and facilitate their involvement in European cooperation. ISEN is hiring an EU Project Officer on a two-year contract (25 months) to undertake the required research to contribute to the Net Works project. A fixed term project due to end by November 2023, a maximum of 171 days at 289 euro per day are required. Applicants are invited to apply by email to info@socent.ie by 5pm on November 12th. You can see more information [here](#)

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