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[Invitation to meet Presidential Candidates this Wednesday, 10th October](#)

You are invited to attend the **Presidential Election Hustings** this Wednesday, 10 October in Dublin between 2pm and 4.30pm.

This will be an excellent opportunity to hear the candidates' views on the key issues for the community, voluntary and charity sector. There will also be an opportunity to interact with the candidates during a Q&A session.

We have invited all the presidential candidates to attend, and at the time of writing, the following candidates (in alphabetical order) have confirmed their attendance:

- Gavin Duffy
- Joan Freeman
- Liadh Ní Riada

As a representative organisation, we consider it important that our members have a chance to engage directly with the presidential candidates, and hear the candidates' vision for the Presidency and the role of the community and voluntary sector in Ireland today.

Set against a backdrop of Brexit and the legacy of recession, as well as great changes to the previously accepted social order in Ireland and a daunting series of challenges facing the charity sector itself, this Wednesday afternoon promises to be a highly engaging and stimulating gathering for our sector.

The hustings takes place this Wednesday, 10 October 2018, from 2-4.30pm at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.

Attendance is free, but registration is required.

Register now to secure your place (note places are limited).

I hope to see you on Wednesday!

Dead of Night Festival 2018 – 31st October @7pm in the Market Square.

On Halloween evening, the dark streets of Longford will come alive with a riot of colour, music and noise as the 13th annual 'Dead of Night' festival swings into action. Featuring a giant spider man leading a carnival parade winding its way through the town. The festival is free and will cater for up to 5,000 people.

There will be a fantastic selection of super-sized inflatable's to the rear of the Market Square.

Street entertainers and DJ Ronan will entertain the whole community.

There will be free stalls to play games with in the front of the square.

The Halloween evening festival is the final part of the bigger 'Dead of Night' project coordinated by Longford County Council, supported by The HSE, An Garda Siochana, Longford Volunteer Centre, Tidy towns and local primary schools in order to create a supportive environment, underpinned by a strong emphasis on prevention and safety promotion, within which Halloween can be celebrated safely by the entire community.

The vision underpinning the 'Dead of Night' is that by creating a safe, supportive and community oriented environment at Halloween, the issues of antisocial behavior can be successfully managed and their impact reduced.

Halloween safety workshops delivered throughout County Longford to 1,500 young people in primary schools

200 young people from 6 national schools are participating in a series of Halloween lantern making workshops. They will march with these lanterns as part of the Dead of the Night Halloween parade on October 31st 2018.



