



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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[PPN Newsletter October 2021 \(Part 1\)](#)



[“The Community Foundation for Ireland’s Covid-19 fund is open for applications.](#) The aim of this fund is to ensure Ireland recovers better than the pre-pandemic status quo. Isolation and the impact on health and wellbeing is affecting people of all ages, so through the Overcoming Isolation grant round The Community Foundation will support social prescribing initiatives in outdoor spaces and online. This will encourage peer support, a sense of community and improved mental wellbeing.

Grants of up to **€3,000** will be available for community development organisations for projects that encourage communities to overcome the isolation of the last 18 months through programmes, and developing online platforms and outdoor spaces. **Deadline for applications 4.30pm Thurs 7th October.**

Please [click here](#) for the full criteria and online application form. Applications sent in via email will not be accepted.

FAQs and more information can be found on our website [here](#).”

The Community Foundation for Ireland

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Visit our website: www.communityfoundation.ie

[What's On](#)

Longford Local Environmental Network

To mark the launch of the Longford Local Environmental Network

Francesca Pawelczyk, Environmental Rep, PPN Secretariat and Longford PPN invite you to a virtual screening of the film [2040](#)

“Damon embarked on a global journey to meet innovators and changemakers in the areas of economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability.

Drawing on their expertise, he sought to identify the best solutions, available to us now, that would help improve the health of our planet and the societies that operate within it”

The film will be available to view for free on the **9th and 10th of October**

Register by email: LongfordLEN@gmail.com

or hgorman@longfordcoco.ie

A virtual launch of the Longford Local Environmental Network will be held on **Tuesday the 12th of October at 19:00 (7pm)**

Guest speakers for the event:

Longford Mayor, Councillor **Uruemu Adejinmi**

Longford County Council Climate Action Officer, **Bernard Shea**

Irish Environmental Network Development Officer, **Catherine O'Toole**

Longford PPN Development Officer, **Siobhán Cronogue**

The aims of the Longford LEN are to create a space for people to connect and discuss environmental concerns;

share (local area) knowledge and information; host and promote events;

develop and provide support for projects;

and help make the Public Participation Network Well-being Visions a reality



Link to October **Events Guide** [Week 4th October 2021 - Longford.ie](http://www.longfordcoco.ie)

Local News and Service



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

WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS/TRAINING



Social Economy Enterprise Development Module facilitated by TUD - this programme is delivered by a combination of online and onsite lectures at TUD Bolton Street - starts Oct '21 concludes May 2022 - information and app form attached



We've added four new sessions to The Storytelling Series.

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

Glencree Intercultural & Refugee Programme Bulletin 30.09.2021

New Initiatives & Reports:

1. **The Immigrant Council** have launched a new initiative in which they have worked with six migrant women who have received specialised training and will conduct outreach activities within their communities and act as the first point of contact for migrant women who are victims of domestic abuse. These community navigators aims to bridge the gap between victims and the available supports, which may not be readily accessible due to lack of awareness or cultural barriers. You can learn more about this initiative [here](#) and [contact](#) them if you want to know more
2. **The Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission** have published 'Developing a National Action Plan Against Racism', their recommendations for Ireland's National Action Plan Against Racism. Monitoring and enforcement, including the use of sanctions are among the measures set out by the Commission. They also advise what needs to be done in areas such as policing, education, media, politics, employment and healthcare, making over 130 recommendations for State action. You can read the submission [here](#)
3. **NASC'S Our Lives Our Future** project have released a short video entitled 'I Dream' by young people and Supporting Young People from Migrant or Asylum Seeking Backgrounds, an Access to Education resource [booklet](#) for foster parents, social workers, teachers and anyone other professionals working with young people. The resource has accessible information on both the immigration/protection systems and their bearing on access to education
4. **Doras** have published a [report](#) 'Getting Right to Work'. This research report addresses access to employment and decent work for international protection applicants in Ireland informed by personal experiences
5. **Fieldfisher** and **Development Perspectives** developed a podcast series entitled 'Amplifying Voices'. Six asylum seekers and refugees who wish to share their perspectives on the journeys that have brought them to Ireland took part in workshops introducing them to storytelling and basic podcasting skills of recording and editing before recording their own podcasts. These stories share resilience, determination and hope. You can listen [here](#)

Upcoming Events:

6. **An Cosán and Trinity College Dublin** are holding a series of excellent [Health Talks](#) beginning this Thursday 30th of September. Covering Covid19, Confidence, Happiness, Cancer Diagnoses & Intellectual Disabilities, there is something here for everyone. Please see attached PDF entitled 2021-22 APCC Lecture Series with links to register for each talk on each page.
7. **The Wheel** are holding an series of [online sessions](#) beginning this Friday, 1st of October as part of the 'Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) Project entitled '[Dialogue on the Future of Europe: Migrant Communities](#)' with three sessions as outlined below. You can register [here](#)
 - Migrant Communities with New Communities Partnership - 1 October, 11am to 12.30pm
 - Gender Equality with National Women's Council - 8 October , 11am to 12.30pm
 - Disability Inclusion with Disability Federation of Ireland - 15 October, 11am to 12.30pm.
8. **South Dublin County Council** are seeking local talent, ages 10 years + to take part in their event '[Virtual Celebration – Social Inclusion through the Performing Arts](#)' which will air online on Sunday, 21st of November. See attached poster, nomination and privacy statement for more information. You can apply by completing the attached nomination form (in folder entitled 'Virtual Celebration . . .') and returning it to socialinclusionunit@sdblincoco.ie by Friday 8th of October 2021
9. **The African Professional Network of Ireland** in association with **HubSpot** are holding an online event entitled '[Push Forward: Driving your Career Progression](#)' TODAY, September 30th from 6.30 pm on Zoom. The panel of Speakers include Jane Edgerton (Keynote Speaker) - Head of Sales Middle East & Africa at Facebook, Flavia Colombo - Sales Director at HubSpot, Nills Justine - Senior Sales Director France at Indeed and Daphne Lopes - Senior Manager, Customer Success at HubSpot. This engaging event will provide inspiration, motivation and career progression advice and tips. You can register [here](#)

Upcoming Courses/Regular Events:

10. **Southside Partnership** have launched their September to December 2021 [programme of events and courses](#) for women living in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. You can see details in the Programme attached. You can email rafika.kelly@sspship.ie to find out more and register
11. **Migrants4Migrants** based in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown invite you to their [free drop-in café](#) every first Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 12pm beginning from October 5th. This voluntary group of women from various countries and diverse cultures are offering a social café style information morning for newcomers to the area. The café meets at Furry Hill Community Centre and you can contact rafika.kelly@sspship.ie or call 087 7203665 for more information
12. **Helium Arts**, the National Helium Arts, the national children's arts and health organisation are launching a new [national art programme](#) for teenagers living with a long-term health condition, delivered remotely and free of charge. Artist Yvonne Cullinan will deliver a six-day programme on and offline exploring the theme of 'Fiction Through Image' through a range of visual arts processes including; photography and collage, illustration and bricolage, mapping and colour and animation. More information in email and poster attached to this email. To sign up, please contact Helium Arts' Family Liaison at hello@helium.ie or 086 838 9240

13. **The National Youth Council of Ireland** are providing One World Week training workshops from September through to December. These will be aimed at young people and youth workers, and will facilitate discussions around the theme of "Global Identity: Collective Actions." You can find more information [here](#) or contact Leo Gilmartin at leo@nyci.ie with any questions

14. The **6th European Migration Forum** meeting will take place online on the 27th and 28th of October 2021, having been previously cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The topic of this year's edition is From pandemic to recovery: challenges and best practices in migration management. The forum is a platform for dialogue between civil society and the European institutions on issues relating to migration, asylum and the integration of third-country nationals (TCNs), and is run by the European Commission (EC) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). You can learn more and register [here](#)

Recruitment:

15. **Recruit Refugees** continue the great work by bringing Musgrave onboard as a company engaging with people in need of international protection who are job-seeking. They are hiring country wide and want to hear from your networks. Recruit Refugees are also sharing three engineer positions based in Co. Cork and nationwide. Please see Supervalu, Centra and Engineer positions posters attached and contact kerry@recruitrefugee.ie for more information

Research & Consultations:

16. **Maynooth University** are researching how community groups and civil voluntary organisations can strategise against the growing far-right in Ireland. As part of the research, the team is conducting an online survey with organisations and groups to gather data on any experiences and perceptions related to the far-right and sexism, racism, homophobia & transphobia in Ireland. The survey closes in mid-October and they are seeking any member of the organisation to fill it out. The information sheet is attached here and digital consent form is included in the online survey which can be accessed [here](#)

17. **The Irish Prison Service** is carrying out a public consultation as part of a review of the Prison Rules, 2007. You can make a submission to the consultation until 5pm TODAY, 30th of September. The Rules set out the minimum rules and regulations on all aspects of life in prisons in Ireland. Details on making a submission are [here](#) on the Department of Justice website. Please see more details in email attached from Irish Penal Reform Trust

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Upcycle Challenge 2021

€6,000 worth of prizes to be won

The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new. By creating unique pieces and submitting them to the competition, the lucky winners will be in with a chance to share €6,000 in prize money across a range of different categories.

The Upcycle Challenge helps to highlight how easily and creatively reuse can be applied to everyday life. Ireland is consuming at a rate that is unsustainable and by keeping items in circulation for longer, it will help to reduce the environmental burden on our planet. By embracing the circular economy we can extend the life of objects that we buy and use. **The competition is open for applications on mywaste.ie between Monday 5th July 2021 and Friday 15th October 2021.** To successfully showcase the creation of the upcycled item, the participants must include before and after pictures along with some information about the inspiration behind the finished product. Winners will be announced at the Upcycle Challenge Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Thursday 18th November 2021. Prizes are sponsored by the Regional Waste Management Offices and the Environmental Protection Agency.



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New Website to Search all local Government Jobs

In conjunction with the Local Authority sector, the Local Government Management Agency have developed a new website to advertise and promote employment opportunities in the Local Government sector - www.localgovernmentjobs.ie. All local authority jobs, including national and sectoral vacancies, will be advertised on localgovernmentjobs.ie. Longford County Council will advertise external vacancies on this website going forward.