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PPN Newsletter October 2017 Week 42

PPN NEWS

Backstage Theatre

Backstage Theatre Group Presents

A Personal Affair by Paul G Wildman
Directed by Gus Hanley

Love In A Glass Jar by Nancy Harris
Directed by Ollie Kenny

Relief by William Campbell
Directed by Pat Joe McLoughlin

Backstage Theatre Longford October 20th/21st 2017. 8p.m.

All tickets €10 www.backstage.ie 043 3347888

Transformative College in Longford

You are cordially invited to attend an informal meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a Transformative College in Longford. This initiative based on the recovery model, which nurtures peer-to-peer support at its core.

Date: 26th October

Time: 11 am

Venue: The Court Yard Café Longford

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The Transformative College

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Brain Injury Ireland

The BRI Longford monthly group support meeting will take place this Thursday 19th October (7-9pm) at the EDI Centre, 11A2 Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford. facilitated by Declan.

TEXT BRI To DONATE €2

100% of your donation to Brí across most network operators.

Some operators apply VAT which means a minimum of €1.63

will go to **Brí: Service Provider LIKECHARITY** Helpline 076605278

John Healy

C/O St Catherines Community Centre,

Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8

01 482 4802

Ballymahon Day Care Centre

We had a four-day break to Killarney staying in Gleneagle hotel, taking a tour of Ring of Kerry, Sneem, Tralee, Muckross House gardens and farm. On the way home we stopped off In Adare and visited the Heritage centre and stopped again in Portloise for dinner in the Heritage hotel.

We were given a donation of €5000 from Kepak in September which is going to the redecorating of the interior part of the building and the painting of the building outside.

Also, we have secured a grant of €5500 from the national lottery funds and this went to the installation of automatic doors in the centre which is very beneficial to our clients.

We have been approved of a grant of €500 from Longford County Council towards the daily running of the centre.

The staff and board are organising a music gala night on 24th November in Cooney's hotel all monies going towards the ever-growing centre.

Presently we have 60 clients availing of the centre, since we reopened in September we have gained 8 new members.

Daily activities consist of art/craft, exercise classes delivered by Longford Sports Partnership, various guest speakers weekly.

The volunteer centre plays a huge role regarding helping to recruit suitable volunteers to assist in the centre.

Longford County Childcare Committee (LCCC)



News from Longford County Council - Capital funding to existing visitor attractions to upgrade and enhance their interpretation

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Dear Tourism Partner,

We are delighted to announce the launch of *Ireland's Ancient East Grants Scheme for Storytelling Interpretation 2017*.

In April 2017, Fáilte Ireland published '[A Toolkit for Storytelling Interpretation](#)' which is designed to assist attraction managers and other stakeholders create memorable, story-driven experiences for visitors which are aligned to the brand promise.

Research conducted by Fáilte Ireland has clearly demonstrated that the quality of the experience at our visitor attractions is critical to the success of Ireland's Ancient East. This new capital grants Scheme has been designed to work in conjunction with the Toolkit and can provide capital funding to **existing visitor attractions** to upgrade and enhance their interpretation. The maximum grant available under the Scheme is €200,000.

For more information on the Scheme, and to download a copy of the Guidelines, please [click here](#).

Two briefing sessions are planned to provide further information on the Scheme.

These sessions will outline:

- **The aims and objectives of the Scheme**
- **Eligibility**
- **How to apply**
- **Q&A**

If you are interested in attending please register by selecting one of the sessions below:

Tuesday, 24th October, 2017 -Johnstown Estate Hotel, Enfield: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Register Here!

Wednesday, 25th October, 2017 -Tower Hotel, Waterford: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Register Here!

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National PPN Conference

Clayton Hotel, Sligo, Thursday 19th October 2017

Conference Programme

| Timeframe | Content | Speaker |
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| 10.00 - 10.30 | Registration Tea / Coffee | |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Welcome | Vanessa Clarke, Secretariat Member |
| | Welcome Address | David Tuffy, A/Chairperson of Sligo PPN Secretariat |
| 10.45 - 11.00 | Opening Address | Sean Kyne T.D., Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development |
| 11.00 - 11.15 | Where are we now - What next? | Jason Kearney, Principal Officer, Dept Rural & Community Development |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | Focusing on the Toolkit for Statement of Wellbeing | Michael Ewing, National Environmental Pillar |
| 11.45 - 12.15 | 6 Workshops | 1. Environment & Justice 2. Social & Community Development 3. Economy & Resources 4. Participation, Democracy & Good Governance 5. Health 6. Value, Culture & Meaning |
| 12.15 - 12.45 | Feedback from Workshops | Michael Ewing / Jason Kearney |
| 12.45 - 1.45 | LUNCH | |
| Session 2 | | |
| 1.45 - 2.15 | Why Local Communities must be Active and Inclusive | John Lonergan |
| 2.15 - 2.45 | The Journey to 2017 & Beyond | Dr. Sean Healy / Sara Bourke, Social Justice Ireland |
| 2.45 - 3.00 | PPN - Model of Best Practice | Jamie Moore, Fingal PPN |
| 3.00 - 3.30 | Open Forum / Q & A | Panel |
| 3.30 - 3.40 | Close | Dorothy Clarke Deputy Chief Executive, Sligo County Council |

Regional PPN Roadshows

Social Justice Ireland are hosting networking and training events for Secretariats, PPN representatives and staff in November and early December, and we cordially invite you and your PPN colleagues to join us.

The meetings will concentrate on needs identified by previous attendees. By participating you will be able to

- **Network and share experiences** with other PPNs with a focus on working effectively with the Local Authority and its committees
- Get an update on **national developments** relevant to PPNs
- Understand how the **Local Authority Budget** works, how to analyse it, how to influence it and how to use it constructively as a PPN representative or member.
- Get ideas and suggestions to move your PPN to the next level

To register go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Winter_2017_PPN

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Regional Networking Meetings

10:30am-3:45pm,

Sat 4th November, **Carlow Town**

Sat 11th November, **Limerick City** (Patrickswell side)

Sat 2nd December **Longford Town**

Jan 2018 to be confirmed, **Dublin City**

Training Opportunities

Longford Women's Link: Special Needs Assisting 5N1786 - QQI - Level 5

The purpose of this programme module is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence in the practices and principles underpinning the role of a Special Needs Assistant to enable the learner to work effectively under direction in a special needs assisting capacity.

Class Dates: Monday Classes: 7pm to 10m, Saturday class 9.30am to 4pm.

Monday Dates: 15 Jan, 22 Jan, 29 Jan, 5 Feb, 12 Feb, 19 Feb, 26 Feb, 5 March.

Saturday Dates: 27 Jan, 10 Feb, 24 Feb. 10 March

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: €340

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

Full fees to be paid by Monday 8 January 2018.

Work Experience is a requirement in this programme module.

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.

Fire Warden Course

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2017

Time: Afternoon class: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link

Cost: 35 euro per person.

There is a maximum of 20 students in a class.

A €20 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place on this course. Full course fees should be paid prior to the start of course.

If you have any further queries or require a booking form for either of the above courses, please contact -

Pamela Latimer – Education and Training - Business Development Manager

Email: pamelalatimer@lwl.ie

Tel: 043 33 415 11

Longford Volunteer Centre: Volunteer Leadership Training

Date: 26th Oct and 2nd November 2017

Time & Venue: 2pm-5.30pm in the EDI Centre, Longford Town.

It is for Volunteer Managers, and covers everything from the recruitment, management and retention of volunteers.

Who is Volunteer Leadership Training for?

Have you thought about involving volunteers in your organisation or would you like to learn how to manage your existing volunteers more effectively?

Whether you involve 1 or 1000 volunteers, this training will help you to attract and select suitable volunteers and provide a positive experience for all.

Our staff are professionally trained to deliver the Volunteer Ireland National Volunteer Leadership Training programme.

Who Should Attend?

- Groups and organisations (large and small) currently involving volunteers or those thinking of involving volunteers
- Individuals (paid or unpaid) working directly with volunteers or who are managing volunteers in some capacity
- Anyone looking to gain an in depth understanding of best practice in volunteer management.

Please confirm your attendance.

Angela

087 7594770

VTOS Programme Longford

The VTOS programme in Longford offers full time education courses at QQI Level 5 to eligible participants. The criteria is that a person has to be over 21 and 6mths in receipt of a qualifying payment. This full-time course leads to a QQI level 5 qualification in either Business Administration, Information Processing or General Studies. There is provision for childcare (CETS) and travel for potential students.

Interested participants can contact our Information Officer, John Doherty on 0858086825 or the course coordinator Maeve Madden on 087 2050589.



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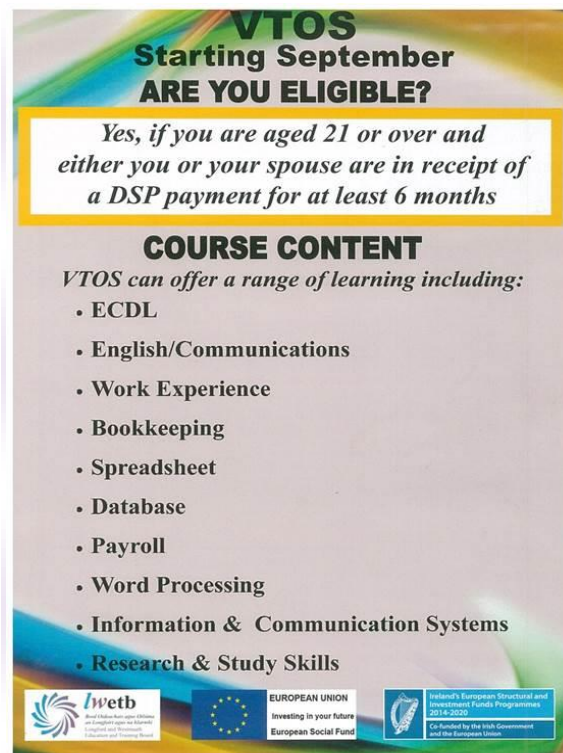
**Are you unemployed?
Would you like to receive
FREE training?**

VTOS

- You can receive a QQI Level 5 award in **Computers and Business**, **ECDL** and **City & Guilds** qualifications
- The course, materials and examinations are all **FREE!**
- Funding towards **childcare** under the CETS scheme
- For eligibility and course details see overleaf

For further information contact:
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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Yes, if you are aged 21 or over and either you or your spouse are in receipt of a DSP payment for at least 6 months

COURSE CONTENT
VTOS can offer a range of learning including:

- ECDL
- English/Communications
- Work Experience
- Bookkeeping
- Spreadsheet
- Database
- Payroll
- Word Processing
- Information & Communication Systems
- Research & Study Skills

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