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COCA-COLA DOUBLES FUNDING FOR THANK YOU FUND

Further information below - Grant applications can be made via

www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou until 19 October

**The Community Foundation of Ireland grants hub
further info at**

<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants>

Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme 2020-2021

<https://www.npws.ie/peatlands-and-turf-cutting/peatlands-community-engagement-scheme-funding-2020-2021>

COCA-COLA DOUBLES FUNDING FOR THANK YOU FUND AND EXTENDS APPLICATION DATE

Coca-Cola doubles funding available through Coca-Cola Thank You Fund to €100K and extends application date.

Additional funding provided following strong response from youth groups

Grant applications can be made via www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou until 19 October

Coca-Cola has announced today that it is increasing the funding available through the 2020 Coca-Cola Thank You Fund to €100,000. The deadline for applications has also been extended until 19 October. This year the Fund is focused on supporting youth-orientated nonprofit groups across the island of Ireland most impacted by COVID-19.

The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund launched in August with a commitment of investing €50,000 to support community groups working directly with young people most at risk – to help build their resilience, meet the education gaps that exist and tackle the mental health challenges they're facing today and will continue to face over the coming weeks, months and even years.

Since then the company has been overwhelmed with the response to the Fund and the numbers of applications received to date. Due to the level of demand and the escalating

pressures facing young people and community groups across Ireland, Coca-Cola has increased this year's Coca-Cola Thank You Fund from €50,000 to €100,000.

Applications for funding can be made via www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou until midnight on Monday, 19 October.

LASTEST NEWS

Volunteer Ireland Awards



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awards

The deadline for the Volunteer Ireland Awards has just been extended to Friday 9th October! So many people have given their time to help their communities this year, why not nominate them for a national award? Everyone gets a thank you card! <https://bit.ly/2YbdOwJ>

Town and Village Renewal Scheme Round 2 Accelerated Measure 2020

Heather Humphreys, Minister for Rural and Community Development has announced details of the projects that have been approved for funding under the second round of the enhanced Town and Village Renewal Scheme that supports towns and villages to respond and adapt to COVID-19. The focus of the funding is on measures and interventions that help towns and villages to adapt to social distancing requirements and to provide safe environments that encourage people into towns and villages to shop and socialise. Longford County Council Regeneration department are happy to announce that the following towns and villages have received funding

<https://www.longfordcoco.ie/your-council/news/town-and-village-renewal-scheme-round-2-accelerated-measure-2020.html>

Survey - Drumlish Community Association Committee and Drumlish Ballinamuck Town Team are working together to produce a plan to Refurbish, Regenerate and Repurpose the existing Community Centre. This plan envisages both the physical extension of the building and a significant increase to the facilities and services provided through the centre. Both Groups are seeking feedback by way of a short survey to help and guide us in the development our final plan. The following is a link to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DrumRegen20>

Department of Rural and Community Development announce third tranche of COVID-19 Stability Funding. A full list of successful applicants under Tranche three is available [here](#).

Foróige are in urgent need of Adult Volunteers to assist in our work with young people throughout the county of Longford this year. Please [Register HERE to Express an Interest in Volunteering](#)

The Attic raffle for a garden modular pod worth 20k (Prize or Cash) : raffle tickets available (€20 each) online at <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/40663/win-a-garden-office-pod-worth-%E2%82%AC2000000> or you can purchase tickets at the Attic House reception.

The Nation Upcycle Challenge is being run by the Regional Waste Management Office in partnership with the EPA. Further info at <https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge20/>

Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) - County Longford – further info on <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a2932-broadband-connection-points/>

The Royal Irish Academy's Social Sciences Committee has launched a youth photography call (18- to 25-year olds) for an online exhibition – info on <https://www.ria.ie/news/humanities-and-social-sciences-committees-social-sciences-committee/snap-life-through-lens>

Create Ireland - Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary: Collaborative Arts and Human Rights. The closing date for applications to this bursary is the 9th November 2020. Full details, guidelines and application forms can be found [on our website](#).



Dear People of Longford,

We in Foróige are in urgent need of Adult Volunteers to assist in our work with young people throughout the county of Longford this year. The COVID 19 Pandemic has really hit communities hard this year, particularly our young people. Not being able to socialise, meet friends, or even go to school has really taken its toll on a lot of young people.

We have been inundated with requests from young people to join clubs in and around the county of Longford, however, we are unable to meet the high demand due to the lack of Adult Volunteers.

We are launching a campaign to recruit and train as many adult volunteers as possible this year to work with us in the Attic House (Longford) and around the County such as Edgeworthstown, Ballymahon, Granard, Dromard, Drumlish, Legan, Lanesboro, Newtowncashel, Keenagh, Abbeylara and anywhere a need arises.

Can you help?

Please [Register HERE to Express an Interest in Volunteering](#)

A MESSAGE FROM THE ATTIC HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

"We are raffling a garden modular pod worth 20k (Prize or Cash) to raise much-needed funds to sustain the Attic House for the next 24 months (image attached below). Due to the COVID Pandemic, we are unable to run our annual fundraisers such as Discos and HYPE Festival in 2020. I hope you can support this worthy cause by purchasing a raffle ticket (€20 each) online at <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/40663/win-a-garden-office-pod-worth-%E2%82%AC2000000> or you can purchase from me in person. I hope you are lucky and thank you so much for taking the time to support this worthy cause"

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND EPA

Nation Upcycle Challenge

I just wanted to bring to your attention the Nation Upcycle Challenge, which is being run by the Regional Waste Management Office in partnership with the EPA.

This is the fourth year the competition has run and each year it has grown significantly and so have the number of prizes being awarded. This year we have created numerous categories from individuals to groups and I ask that you might be able to share the competition with your network.

It's very easy to complete the online application and we have a short instruction on what entrants need to do to qualify. Everything you need to know can be found at <https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge20/> but if you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Regards,

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Broadband Connection Points (BCPs)

The Department of Rural and Community Development in partnership with local authority Broadband Officers (BBOs) and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE), has identified approximately 300 sites around the country to act as Broadband Connection Points (BCPs).

In advance of homes and businesses receiving future-proofed broadband directly to their door, a network of Broadband Connection Points will provide vital high-speed broadband access at locations within the amber area of the National Broadband plan.

Broadband Connection Points (or BCPs) are public locations which have been selected to receive 150Mb high-speed broadband connectivity in the first year (2020) of the National Broadband Plan.

BCP locations at schools are for educational access only, all other BCP's will provide free public access for high-speed broadband connectivity. People living in the general area will then be able to access this broadband for their necessary requirements.

This project is well underway and NBI have surveyed all BCP locations in Longford. The first of these will open in Longford in the next month or two.

BCPs in Longford: (Schools identified as BCPs are for educational access only)

N39X838	Moyne Latin School
N39XD43	Mullinalaghta Community Center
N39YT78	Aughine Community Centre
N39N8K5	Abbeysrule Airport
N39XT18	Corlea Heritage Center
N39Y392	Colmcille GAA
	Ballymore Shamrocks GAA
N39K729	Carrickedmond GAA
N39EX99	Fermoyle National School
N39KN92	Bunlahy National School

If you require any further information please contact Longford's Broadband Officer Ms. Christine Collins on 087-6450530 or email ccollins@longfordcoco.ie

Create Ireland: Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary: Collaborative Arts and Human Rights

Create is delighted to announce the second Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary Award 2020: **Collaborative Arts and Human Rights**, in partnership with the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. This bursary aims to support individual professional artists working in collaborative socially engaged arts practice. The Bursary is funded by the Arts Council's Artist in the Community Scheme, managed by Create.

The purpose of the award is to support and nurture professional arts practice; it is specifically aimed at an artist with a track record of working collaboratively with communities of place or interest in the context of human rights. The bursary of €10,000 provides the selected artist with time and resources to carry out research and to reflect and engage with and reflect on their practice. More particularly, it allows the artist to consider key questions associated with human rights using collaborative methodologies.

It is expected that the successful applicant will share the learning arising from the bursary with the wider Human Rights and collaborative arts sector. Create will work in partnership with the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, providing an information session and on the selection process. **The closing date for applications to this bursary is the 9th November 2020.** Full details, guidelines and application forms can be found [on our website](#).
