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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.

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

PRESS RELEASE

MapAlerter – New Digital Communication Tool

FREE Service for Citizens

Longford County Council recognises the value of providing relevant and timely information to the citizens of Longford and we are delighted to officially launch a free citizen alert system called MapAlerter. The MapAlerter system is a free service for citizens who want to receive important service alerts from LCC by SMS/text message, email, social media. MapAlerter will also issue the alerts through the free smartphone app for Android and iPhone. This service has already been rolled out successfully in 17 other local authorities.

MapAlerter will streamline all alerts relating to LCC service disruptions e.g. road closures, floods, severe weather, water outages, planning and updates on National Broadband Ireland fibre rollout. Citizens can subscribe online to MapAlerter <https://www.mapalerter.ie/signup> or contact LCC at 043 3343508 and we will post out a form for you to complete.

During registration citizens will provide their Eircode or location so that alerts are only sent to affected citizens. You will only ever receive alerts for issues that affect you. The system has the functionality that allows you to register two locations; home and work. So, when LCC issues an alert for a given location MapAlerter checks to see who is affected. If you live within an affected area you will receive an alert from a range of channels such as SMS, Email, Social Media and smartphone app. If you are not within the alert area you won't receive an alert.

Ms. Christine Collins Broadband Officer and Ms. Marguerite Donohoe GIS Officer have worked with the developer of [MapAlerter.com](https://www.mapalerter.com) Mr. Brendan Cunningham to enhance the system further to incorporate National Broadband Ireland alerts in relation to their fibre rollout. This new National Broadband feature is now available to all 17 other local Authorities currently using MapAlerter.

Councillor Paul Ross, Cathaoirleach, Longford County Council has welcomed the introduction of the new communication system stating "MapAlerter will help us communicate better with our citizens. I would encourage all our citizens to register at <https://www.mapalerter.ie/signup>. This is a free service for the citizen that is provided by Longford County Council. This means that there are no registration costs and there are no charges to receive SMS or Emails".

A message from Age & Opportunity



Bealtaine Gathering – 20th and 21st October 2020 Networking event for groups re creative events

The Bealtaine Gathering is happening next week online, **Tues 20th and Weds 21st of October (10am - 12.30 each day).**

This would be of interest to members who organise creative events or events with older people in mind. As we all know it is increasingly difficult to plan events in the current landscape and so we hope these sessions will support groups in thinking about new and innovative ways of working next year. As part of the event, there will be information on running events online and outside, as well as inspirational talks from people working in this field internationally.

Tuesday 20th October

- *Creative Ageing in the time of Corona* - Susan Perlstein, USA
- *Advocacy for the sector* – Dr. Victoria Tandy, OBE, UK

Wednesday 21st October

- *A Tumultuous Year - 3 Arts & Ageing organisations respond*
- *The Welcoming Project* – communities come together through working on an intercultural arts project.
- *Making Art outdoors...what you should know & approaches to running projects and events remotely (online/phone/post).*

FIND OUT MORE:

<http://bealtaine.ie/news/show/the-bealtaine-gathering-2020-now-open-for-booking>

BOOK HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-bealtaine-gathering-2020-online-tickets-123029649995>

Longford Social Enterprise Training & Mentoring - Information &
Expression of Interest – Closing Date 23rd October 2020



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This Social Enterprise Training & Mentoring Programme offers workshop training for social enterprises & mentoring clinics tailored to address the specific needs of individual Social Enterprises.



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It is expected that these Social Enterprise Workshops will be delivered during Nov-Dec 2020 but will be extended as may be deemed necessary due to Covid-19 regulations.

Workshop 1 - The History, Role, Benefits & Impact of Social Enterprises in the delivery of local services and community supports.

Workshop 2 - Business and Financial Planning to include Funding, Revenue Generation and Scaling Up Opportunities for Social Enterprises

Workshop 3 - Marketing & Social Media Strategies for Social Enterprises

Workshop 4 - Leadership, Governance & Management, HR & Employment Law for Social Enterprises.

Workshop 5 - Volunteer Recruitment, Risk Management, Data Protection and Protection of Assets

The training sessions will be organised at a Longford Town Venue in accordance with HSE guidelines on social distancing.

Please complete & return the attached Expression of Interest Form (below) by 23rd October to Project Coordinator - John Higgins - jhpublicaffairs@gmail.com

JH Public Affairs will be in contact with you to inform you about the Workshops and to support you in consolidating your Social Enterprise.

See attached EOI form

WOMENS GROUPS

LWL have asked that we let you know about the next round of the SHESchool programme ON Introduction to Politics

Wednesday 14th October, 7pm. Active Citizenship and Political Language. What is active citizenship? What does left and right mean and are people mobilising under either banner within or beyond what we accept to be active citizenship?

Wednesday 21st October, 7pm. Local Government. What is the purpose, structure, and function of a Council? What is the relationship between elected councillors and those who work in the Council? What are the opportunities for active citizens to be involved in decision making?

Wednesday 28th October, 7pm. Councillors. What does the job consist of, and what's the pay like? Why are there so few women? Are many councillors feminists?

Link for registration

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sheschool-introduction-to-politics-registration-123316636379>

Latest News Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 – Third Round of Approved Projects

On 12 October 2020 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced details of the projects that have been approved for funding under the third round of the enhanced Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 that supports towns and villages to respond and adapt to COVID-19. This funding will enable towns and villages to implement immediate measures that will encourage people into towns and villages to shop and socialise, while adhering to public health guidelines. The funding is facilitated through the Government's July Stimulus package. This funding includes 38 large towns with populations in excess of 10,000 which have not previously been funded through the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and we are delighted that Longford town has been awarded €40,000 as part of this funding.

Longford County Council Regeneration department are happy to announce that a total of €116,790 has been awarded to the county under round three of the Scheme for the following towns and villages. This follows on from €104,040 awarded on 3 August 2020 under round one and €86,843 awarded on 11 September 2020 under round two of the Towns & Villages Scheme 2020.

Town/Village	Project details	Grant funding approved
Tier 5 Villages	Provision of seating and cycle stands across various locations as follows: Abbeyshrule, Ardagh, Aughnaccliffe, Ballinamuck, Clondra, Drumlish, Keenagh, Legan, Newtownforbes, Abbeyshrule, Ardagh, Aughnaccliffe, Ballinamuck, Clondra, Drumlish, Keenagh, Legan, Newtownforbes	€40,000.00

Ballinalee	Provision of lighting & seating along newly developed forest walk	€25,000.00
Newtowncashel	Provision of outdoor seating, tables & planting	€11,790.00
Longford	The enhancement of Breadan's Lane within Longford Town, including new lighting to make the area more usable for the traders and increase connectivity within the town	€40,000.00

Further information on Round 3 at <https://www.longfordcoco.ie/services/regeneration/>

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. Closing Date: **30th October 2020**
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/>

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	Abbeyshrule 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
