



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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2018 Sports Capital Programme Workshops

Workshops on how to make an application under the 2018 Sports Capital Programme.

The workshops will be given by staff in the Sports Capital section and will cover common pitfalls, a page by page guide to the application form and a questions and answers session.

The deadline for making an application is 5pm on Friday 19th October.

Organisation must be registered on www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie by 5pm Friday 5th October

To get the maximum benefit from the event please read the [guide](#) beforehand

Book your place on eventbrite - max 2 seats per organisation

DUBLIN - Cusack Stand, Croke Park, 7-9pm, Monday 1 October

GALWAY - Institute for Lifecourse and Society, NUI Galway, 7-9pm, Monday 1 October

WATERFORD - WIT Arena, 7-9pm, Tuesday 2 October

LONGFORD - Longford Rugby Club, 7-9pm, Tuesday 2 October

DONEGAL - The Abbey Hotel Donegal, 7-9pm, Wednesday 3 October

KERRY - Institute of Technology Tralee, 7-9pm, Friday 5th October

Climate Change Conversations Invite

A Climate Change conference will take place in Carrick-on-Shannon on **Saturday October 6th from 09.30 until 16.00**. This event is being organised by The Sisters of Mercy in the Galilee Community (www.galilee.ie). **Minister Denis Naughton** DCCA will deliver the opening address.

Speakers include Professor John Fitzgerald, Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Committee; Jim Scheer, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; Dr Simon O Rafferty, Environmental Protection Agency; Kate Ruddock, Friends of the Earth and SEAI Board member; Dr Lorna Gold, Trócaire; Gary Tyrrell, An Taisce Climate Ambassador Programme; Mel Gavin IT Sligo; and local climate ambassadors Seamus Dunbar from the North Leitrim Sustainable Energy Community, Francesca Franzetti the Leitrim Cool Planet Champion, and Dr Micheal Morkan who will describe his own personal experiences with a low carbon transition.

Topics discussed on the day will include: What is Climate Change? Mitigation and Adaptation Measures in Ireland; Delivering on Ireland's Low Carbon Transition - Progress and Challenges; Climate Transitions; How a Circular Economy Supports the Low Carbon Transition; and many more.

There will be electric cars available on the day for test driving; grant information from SEAI for homeowners, and other renewable energy companies exhibiting PV and biomass products.

It is FREE to register ([Click here](#)) and lunch is kindly sponsored by the Western Development Commission through the LECO (Local Energy Communities) Project.

Consultation day on forthcoming Ballyminion Masterplan

The Longford County Council Regeneration Team are hosting a public consultation day on the forthcoming Ballyminion Masterplan, in **Longford Town Library** on **Monday 1st October 2018 from 10.30am – 7.30pm**. This is an opportunity for everyone to come along, meet the regeneration team and give their views on what would make Ballyminion a better place to live, work or invest.



Ballyminion Masterplan

Longford County Council are preparing a Masterplan for the Ballyminion Area. This first step in the process is to hear your opinion - what you think would make this a better place to live, work or invest?

Ballyminion is one of eight areas within Longford town that were identified as part of the Town Plan that, if developed in the right way, would have an important positive impact on the town as a whole. The input of those who live in the area is the starting point in creating a vision for the future that the plan can achieve through dedicated projects to secure the required funding.



There are plans in place that deal with the development of the Country, the County and the Town. These set rules for how areas are developed to make sure that the services are in place to allow this development while protecting residential amenity, environmental quality, value for money and promoting the economy.



These plans have been made at different levels, national, regional, county and town, to make sure that they fit together, so as the areas that each plan covers gets smaller, more details are needed on things like - will development in this area affect national traffic movements? How much development is suitable and what type? How can development be energy efficient and reduce the need to travel?

The aim of this Masterplan is to promote the right development in the right places and to make sure that the communities in the area benefit from available funding streams to get the services and amenities that they need for a high quality of life.

This is the first step in starting the conversation on the development of the area. All your responses will be taken into consideration in putting together a draft document that will then be used for further discussion. Longford County Council will hold a series of meetings with the community for this purpose over the coming months.



[The Digital Future for Irish non-profits.](#)

Future Waves: Digital Trends for Nonprofits is a unique event showcasing the impact of **digital trends** on the Irish community & voluntary sector, bringing together **international speakers** and **experts** on **communications, fundraising** and **tech** from across the sector and beyond.

This full-day event will feature engaging panel discussions, case-studies & a thought-provoking keynote address by **Denisa Casement, International Fundraising Consultant** (former Head of Fundraising at Merchants Quay Ireland).

There will also be ample time for you to network with your peers as well as our expert speakers.

Meet Our Speakers

Future Waves: Details

When: Tuesday 16 October (8.45am – 4.00pm)

Where: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8

Cost: €99 for Members of The Wheel (€150 for non-members)

Registration is now open!

Longford Business Expo this weekend.

The Local Enterprise Office in association with Longford Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Business Expo in the Riverside Shopping Centre on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September. The event will have up to 100 local businesses and agencies exhibiting for the two days and will include a business to business networking forum on Friday morning and a Retail centered event on the Saturday morning. We are delighted to have Bobby Kerr as a keynote speaker on Friday morning, along with Tom Parlon, Director General of the Construction Federation and Mark Christal, Manager of Enterprise Ireland's Regions speaking at the event. The Saturday Retail event will highlight local fashion talents along with international designer Heidi Higgins.

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