



## County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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## PPN Newsletter Sept 2020 (Part 1)

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**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/>

**Agenda** for September 2020 Longford County Council Meeting - see attached newsletter

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**The Royal Irish Academy's [Social Sciences Committee](#)** has launched a youth photography call (18- to 25-year olds) for an online exhibition - see attached newsletter

**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](#).

The National Learning Network – **Freshstart Level 3 Employability Skills** course  
Contact 087 9137186 or email [deirdre.madden@nl.nie](mailto:deirdre.madden@nl.nie)

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## NATIONAL INTEGRATION FUND 2020

**Minister McEntee launches National Integration Fund 2020 to promote integration of migrants into Irish society**

**The closing date for applications is 12pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.**

- €749,600 per year over a maximum of three years will be available to support migrant integration projects. There is €2.2m in total funding being committed over a three year period.
- Selected projects will help to combat racism and xenophobia
- Fund will support communities to promote the integration of migrants and their children

The National Integration Fund 2020 is open for applications from both public and private bodies. Funding will be given for projects that:

- Increase mutual understanding between local communities and immigrants;
- Combat racism and xenophobia;
- Undertake research on interculturalism and / or integration;
- Help immigrants improve their language skills so they can access employment and / or integrate into their local communities;
- Promote the integration into Irish society of vulnerable or socially-excluded immigrants;
- Introduce immigrants to the political system and encourage them to vote;
- Provide training to public and private sector organisations on equality and integration;
- Provide information and support for immigrants to help them access services;
- Provide information and support for immigrants in regard to immigration and citizenship;
- Promote integration in schools;
- Promote integration in the youth sector;
- Promote integration in the workplace; or
- Promote the involvement of immigrants in sport, volunteering and cultural activities.

### **How to apply:**

Applicants can access a detailed guidance document and complete an online application form at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/NIF2020>

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## New Funding – Community Enhancement Programme 2020

**Closing Date: 12 noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### Fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from community groups for funding under the Department of Rural & Community Development for the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2020 fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings.

The Department has launched a new fund, under the CEP, which will provide capital grants towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings, adaptations or equipment needed as a result of COVID-19 may also be included. Similar expenditure on other community facilities will also be considered.

[CEP 2020 Grant Details](#)

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### CLÁR FUNDING SHCEME (MEASURE 3(a): Meals on Wheels) - Press Release

With regard to the CLÁR funding scheme detailed in our previous email (Measure 3(a): Meals on Wheels and linked service), this Department is pleased to advise that an adjustment has been made to the scheme outline. Eligibility has been extended to provide for funding to Meals on Wheels services that do not operate from a CLÁR area but provide a service to people based in CLÁR areas. It will be necessary for applicants to demonstrate that over 50% of their normal clientele using the service reside within CLÁR DED's. A listing of eligible CLÁR DED's is available on the Department's website and from [CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie](mailto:CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie).

This information was previously issued only to PPNs located in CLÁR areas, but is now relevant to all PPNs due to the expansion of the eligibility criteria.

**Please note that the closing date for Measure 3(a) has been extended to 11 September 2020.**

Further information is available on the Department's website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/> All queries related to the scheme should be addressed to [CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie](mailto:CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie).

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## **Launch of Expressions of Interest to establish a Disability Participation and Consultation Network**

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 11am on Monday, 14 September 2020.**

The Department of Justice and Equality is establishing a new Disability Participation and Consultation Network and invites expressions of interest from organisations who wish to participate in this initiative.

The Network will provide a channel for involving persons with disabilities more meaningfully in the development of policy and legislation, in line with the requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

### **Launch of Expressions of Interest to establish a Disability Participation and Consultation Network**

- The newly established Disability Participation and Consultation Network will enable persons with a disability to be involved in the development of policy and legislation.
- Funding is available for an organisation representing persons with disabilities to administer the network as an Organising Member.
- Separate funding is also available for up to four Disabled Persons Organisations to provide training and support to persons with disabilities to be involved in the network.
- The network will also be open to individuals and groups (non-grant funded) who will take part in network and ensure that as many persons with disabilities, in all situations can input into its work. Details of how to these members can apply will be announced at the end of August.
- Consultation on Ireland's Initial State Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with a Disability (UNCRPD) is an immediate task for the Network.

Further details of the Network, including details of how to apply for these roles are available on the Department of Justice and Equality website at:

[http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol\\_Organising\\_Member\\_Disability\\_Participation\\_and\\_Consultation\\_Network](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Eol_Organising_Member_Disability_Participation_and_Consultation_Network)

A separate process will be announced at the end of August for organisations, groups or suitably qualified individuals with disabilities who wish to join the network.

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## Dept. Rural and Community Dev Press Release

### Ministers Humphreys, Donnelly and O'Brien announce third tranche of COVID-19 Stability Funding

- **€11 million support package to benefit 209 organisations**
- **Funding aimed at providing immediate assistance to community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises**
- **Cash injections for organisations that provide critical services to those most vulnerable in society**

Some 209 organisations across the country are to benefit from €11 million worth of funding under the Covid-19 Stability Fund.

The funding was announced today by Minister for Social Protection, Rural and Community Development and the Islands, Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

The funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund is designed to support community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises that are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once-off cash injections of between €2,000 and €200,000 are being awarded to qualifying organisations that provide critical services to those most vulnerable in society.

This will help with short term cash flow issues caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

This includes organisations from both phase 1 and 2 (unincorporated charities) of the fund and is on top of two previous tranches of the funding announced in June and July 2020 that benefitted 276 organisations amounting to €14.1m in funding.

These organisations provide services in a diverse range of areas including disability services, health and wellbeing services, community supports, active retirement and elder care services as well as a range of social services and supports for disadvantaged individuals and communities.

Some of the successful applicants today include:

- Society of the St Vincent De Paul Ireland €200,000
- St Lukes Charity & Northridge House Education & Business Centre €192,733
- Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre €87,932
- Sligo Centre for Independent Living €53,240

- Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triuigh Teoranta €34,270
- Community Radio Castlebar €27,689

**Speaking this morning, Minister Humphreys said:**

“I am delighted to join with my colleagues, Ministers Donnelly and O’Brien, to announce a further tranche of funding – totalling €11 million – under the COVID 19 Stability Fund. I am very aware of the valuable contribution of the Community and Voluntary sector in general. This is particularly the case as Ireland navigates its way through this pandemic.

“I hope that this funding will help to support these organisations to continue to provide their valuable services to the people most in need and support individuals and communities as we work our way through the impact of the pandemic.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and community workers across the country who are providing their services in difficult circumstances ensuring that all our citizens are supported through this very difficult time and I look forward to the day when I can thank you in person.”

**Minister Donnelly said:**

“I am pleased to announce this latest tranche of funding under the COVID 19 Stability Fund together with my colleagues, Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien.

“Community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises play a vital role in our society, and their volunteers and workers are incredibly dedicated. Many of them have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to support and help people across Ireland and this funding will help them to continue in this work. Along with my colleagues in the Department of Health, Minister Butler, Minister Feighan and Minister Rabbitte, I welcome these additional resources which will help these organisations to continue their valuable work.”

**Joe O’Brien TD, Minister for State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities added:**

“I would like to add to what my colleagues Ministers Humphreys and Donnelly have said and express my gratitude to all of the organisations around the country that are helping our most marginalised and disadvantaged.

“Their work is critical as we try and manage our way through this pandemic and the impact of it. I hope this funding will provide some level of support to allow organisations to continue to provide their valuable services and supports to individuals and communities all over the country.”

Due to the considerable interest in the COVID-19 Stability Fund and in order to ensure that funding is released as quickly as possible, applicants are being considered in smaller groupings and the funding being announced today is the third tranche. There remains a small number of organisations that have applied for funding where further checks are ongoing. Additional tranches will be announced shortly.

A full list of successful applicants under Tranche three is available [here](#).



**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?** Do you know of anyone that would be ideal as a volunteer youth worker in the local community? **Please forward this email to everyone in your network and help us spread the word.**

Please [Register HERE to Express an Interest in Volunteering](#) and one of our team will be in contact with you. Watch our promotional video [HERE](#)

Thank you for assisting us locally

Foroige Futures Team

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE ATTIC HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hi everyone

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and you had a great summer. Please see information below on behalf of the Attic House Management Committee with a chance for you to win a garden modular pod worth 20k (Prize or Cash)

"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"

Best of luck.

Kind regards,

Ruth Mc Garry Quinn

Chairperson of the Attic House

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### 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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Please see below for information purposes the agenda for September 2020 County Council Meeting:

### **CLAR**

Prayer before meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following meetings of Longford County Council-
  - (a) Annual Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020
  - (b) July Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020- copies enclosed.
2. Matters arising from Minutes.
3. Declaration of Interest by Members.
4. To note Chief Executive Report - to follow.
5. To note adopted Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - enclosed.
6. **Finance and Regeneration.**
  - (a) To note adopted Minutes of meeting of Governance Strategic Policy Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - enclosed.
  - (b) To consider the Local Property Tax Variation in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012.
  - (c) To fix dates for the following Meetings -
    - (i) Municipal District Meetings to consider draft Budgetary Plan for 2021.
    - (ii) Longford County Council Finance Committee meeting to consider 2021 Budget.
    - (iii) Longford County Council Statutory meeting to consider 2021 Budget.

- (d) Consideration of the disposal of site at the IDA Business Park, Ballinalee Road, Longford in accordance with the terms of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 issued on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
- (e) Approval to the appointment of Ms. Brid Mimmagh to Longford County Council Audit Committee to replace Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi.
- (f) Notices of Motions, submitted by Councillors, as listed hereunder

Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

“I call on the Council to initiate a Participatory Budgeting (PB) Exercise for the people of Longford County. PB is a process in which the public can participate directly in the allocation of local public finances wherein residents develop project proposals for their local area and vote on shortlisted proposals in order to select winning projects to be implemented in the area.

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) piloted the first ever PB process in Ireland in 2017 (branded “€300k – Have Your Say”). SDCC allocated €300,000 to the PB process and selected one of 6 local electoral areas in South Dublin County by lot in which to pilot the project. The area selected was the Lucan electoral area, which also includes Palmerston and Adamstown.”

**7. Community, Corporate and Enterprise.**

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- (a) To note adopted Minutes of meeting of Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - enclosed.
- (b) Approval to the appointment of Sectoral Representative to the following Strategic Policy Committee –
  - Governance SPC - Karie Murray.
- (c) Approval to the appointment of the following members to Longford Community Development Committee (LCDC) –
  - (i) Mr. Bartle D’Arcy, nominee of the Co. Longford Tourism Committee to replace Mr. Seadna Ryan.
  - (ii) Mr. Emmet Duffy, nominee of the Farming Pillar/ Irish Farmers’ Association to replace Mr. Sean Hannon.
- (d) Preparation of Register of Electors 2021/2022.
- (e) Date for October meeting of the Council.

**8. Strategic Infrastructure and Climate Change.**

- (a) To note Planning Applications received since last meeting of the Council.

- (b) (i) To note adopted Minutes of meeting of Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 - enclosed.
- (ii) To note adopted Minutes of meeting of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 - enclosed.
- (c) Date for Committee Meeting of Longford County Council to consider Pre-Draft County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.
- (d) Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paraic Brady.

“I call on Longford County Council’s Roads Section to provide speed restrictions and traffic calming measures in all the small towns and villages in the County.”

## 9. General.

### (a) Notices of Motions, submitted by Councillors, as listed hereunder

#### Councillor Mark Casey.

“That Longford County Council calls on the Government to deliver on a 2008 Labour Court ruling to provide pension entitlement to supervisors on Community Employment schemes in the state. The Government’s inaction on the 2008 decision is totally undermining the Labour Court and causing undue hardship to supervisors that made no alternative arrangements on foot of this historical Court decision.”

#### Councillor Gerry Warnock.

“I am calling on Longford County Council and Longford Joint Policing Committee to write to the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Public Expenditure to make provisions where monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime legislation be redirected from central coffers to a local fund where local groups involved in addiction services, youth activities and community initiatives can avail of much needed revenue options to help them in their work to counter the negative impact of criminality on the local stage.”

#### Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi.

“For Longford County Council to call on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.”

## 10. Training -

Consideration of Report from Corporate Policy Group.

## 11. Votes of sympathy.

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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](mailto:ccollins@longfordcoco.ie)

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## 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](#).

### **Keelin Murray**

Communications and Publishing Manager

Please note that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Create team are working as usual from home, observing government advice. Team members are available by phone (usual phone number 01 473 6600) and email during office hours. Please visit our website for updates to our programming and supports during this time.

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## **Freshstart Level 3 Employability Skills**

Level 3 course in Employability Skills which includes Communications, Word Processing, Digital Media, Nutrition and Healthy Options, Functional Maths, Personal Effectiveness and Work Experience. All courses are free and the under 25's may be eligible for a training bonus. Contact 087 9137186 or email [deirdre.madden@nln.ie](mailto:deirdre.madden@nln.ie).

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