

## Public Participation Network Kildare



## Funding Opportunities

### Fundingpoint April - May Edition

Fundingpoint Local Access Digest  
Apr - May 2024



FundingPoint - Funding for community and voluntary / non profits (April - May edition)

Kildare LCDC have engaged The Wheel to provide a bimonthly publication for Kildare which will include EU, national, philanthropic and local funding information for community and voluntary groups in Kildare.

[Download here](#)

### Community Recognition Fund



The aim of the Fund is to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

The scheme details set out that only areas which have high levels of new arrivals will be deemed eligible for this scheme. In Kildare, some of the areas with the highest numbers of people from Ukraine and from other countries are Newbridge, Monasterevin, Celbridge, Leixlip, Athy, Naas, Clane and Maynooth.

[Find out more](#)



### NPWS Grants for Small Recording Projects 2024

The primary aim of these grants is to support and encourage the current network of naturalists recording in Ireland and to develop the next generation of specialist recorders. Grants are aimed at volunteer, unpaid recorders, or groups, societies and associations of recorders who have limited/no access to financial supports for their work.

[Find out more](#)



### Local Authority Waters Programme Catchment Support Fund

The Local Authority Waters Programme Catchment Support Fund of €500,000 is NOW OPEN for applications!

The fund aims to build the capacity of non- governmental organisations working in the area of water quality in Ireland by providing funding towards their core costs.

[Find out more](#)



### Communities Integration Fund

This fund will see €500,000 made available to local community-based projects nationwide to support the integration of migrants

Grants of up to €5,000 will be awarded to successful organisations to support integration initiatives.

[Find out more](#)



## Recent News

### Kildare County Council launches Pride of Place 2024 applications



Kildare County Council invites expressions of interest from local community groups who wish to be nominated to the 2024 IPB Pride of Place Competition in association with Co-Operation Ireland.

Pride of Place is an annual all-island competition run in conjunction with local authorities and aims to recognise improvements made by local communities to create civic pride in their area.

[Find out more](#)



### Kildare Volunteer Centre Volunteer Awards

Kildare Volunteer Centre are delighted to announce that nominations are now open for our annual Volunteer awards. This is a chance to recognise the invaluable contribution volunteers throughout Kildare make to their communities and local charities. If you know somebody who is a passionate volunteer and would like to see them honoured for their contribution you can nominate them by completing the form [here](#)



### SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition

The national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition is an annual competition organised by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government with the support of the main sponsor SuperValu and many other agencies.

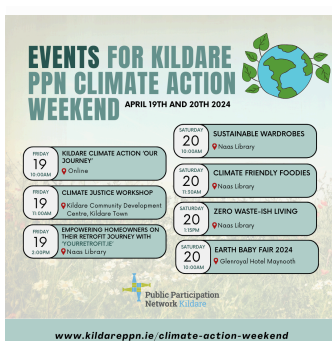
[Find out more](#)

#### More recent news:

- [ALONE 2023 Annual Report](#)
- [Minister Ryan launches new Climate and Engagement Campaign – a first of its kind globally](#)
- [Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €1 million investment for Agricultural Shows in 2024](#)
- [Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €4.1 million to develop and upgrade over 150 outdoor recreation projects](#)



## Kildare PPN News



### Kildare PPN Climate Action Weekend

Kildare PPN Climate Action Weekend takes place on Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th of April.

[View Line up](#)



### Kildare PPN Let's Talk...Community Leadership

**Let's Talk.... Community Leadership** is the final module in the series of informal training sessions that will give our member groups an opportunity to build their capacity, expand their knowledge, and learn from other community and voluntary groups in Kildare.

This session explores how to lead groups and organisations. The session will engage participants in open discussion on how individuals take charge and bring about positive change in their communities.

[Book your space](#)



## Training

**HEADSUP KILDARE**  
supporting U and your mental health  
**11-week Evidence-based Programme**  
coming to Clane GAA, Clane  
May 2024

Get support from others in a safe non-judgmental space

Make Connections and set new goals

Book early as places are limited

Grow your Confidence and Resilience

Learn new skills to help cope with every day life

Know that you are not alone

If you are over 18, want to learn to build your mental fitness, boost your confidence and take action to get back on track, then HEADSUP Kildare is the programme for you!

If you would like to know more, contact:  
Deirdre 085 1068305  
Deirdre@countykildarelp.ie  
or  
Lorna 085 8421547  
Lorna@countykildarelp.ie

www.headsup.ie

### HEADSUP Kildare 11-week programme, Clane

HEADSUP Kildare is delighted to announce that we will be running an 11-week evidence-based programme for men in Clane in May 2024.

#### Who is the programme for?

- Men who struggling with mental distress.
- Men who are looking to learn new skills to cope with everyday life.
- Men who are feeling isolated/alone and are not sure how to reconnect with themselves or others.
- Men who have lost their mojo for life.

Email [lorna@countykildarelp.ie](mailto:lorna@countykildarelp.ie) / [deirdre@countykildarelp.ie](mailto:deirdre@countykildarelp.ie)



## Upcoming Events

### Information Sessions - Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Grants for Community & Business

**EU JUST TRANSITION FUND**  
REGENERATIVE TOURISM & PLACEMAKING SCHEME FOR IRELAND'S MIDLANDS 2023-2026

Kildare County Council will host Information Sessions on the EU JTF Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme, outlining the supports available under the Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises).

7th May 2024  
Westgrove Hotel, Clane, Co. Kildare  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

9th May 2024  
Teach Darrma, Castledermot  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Note: The eligible areas for this scheme are Clane/Maynooth and Athy MID. However, it also welcomes enquiries from interested parties in other parts of Co. Kildare and will provide information on alternative supports available through the local Enterprise Office.

Please register your attendance with your local EU Just Transition Tourism Activator Helen Mulhall [hmulhall@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:hmulhall@kildarecoco.ie)

Helen Mulhall will be hosting two local events to share information on the EU Just Transition Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026.

There is a current call for Expressions of Interest for tourism and hospitality projects under the Fáilte Ireland Investment Grant Aid for Private and Community SMEs in early May. This scheme is open to both business and community applicants in the Municipal Districts of Clane/Maynooth, and Athy.

Full details of the scheme are available on the Fáilte Ireland website [here](#) along with [webinars](#) giving an overview of the programme.

If there are any enquiries, people can contact me directly by email [hmulhall@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:hmulhall@kildarecoco.ie).

**Staintecare Healthy Communities**

**Health Awareness Week – Athy April 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
Contact AnnMarie -0861363865 or scan QR Code all events are FREE

Date	Time	Event
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 1pm	Casual 6k Cycle. Meeting Point-Athy Sports Hub- R14E243 Bike & Refreshments provided- Contact Majella 0860123550
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30-12:15	Healthy Food Made Easy Taster Session Staintecare Healthy Communities Hub R14XY60
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	3pm-5pm	Children's Healthy Snacks Cookery Workshop - SHC Hub R14XY60
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	8pm-9pm	Alcoholics Anonymous AA Open Meeting Information Night Athy Family Resource Centre R14XY60
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-11:30am	Positive Psychology Workshop - SHC Hub- R14XY60
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	12pm-1pm	Nutrition for Life Workshop Cathal Geaney investigates attitudes & behaviour change required to support a healthy diet. Athy Family Resource Centre- R14NN96
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9pm	Athy Men's Shed Darts Night- R14F661. Contact Brendan 0853416666
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-11:30am	Parent Self Care Workshop-Athy Library R14DK33
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am-2pm	Irish Heart Foundation-Health Checks- Athy Library R14DK33
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12:30pm	Walk & Talk with Cliff Reid. Meeting Point-Athy Youth Café R14PVO2 - Refreshments provided.
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm-4:30pm	Dementia Talk & Social Café - SHC Hub R14XY60
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Acupuncture Workshop. SHC Hub R14XY60
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-11:30am	Cancer Awareness Talk- Irish Cancer Society – Athy Library R14DK33 Edwina Deegan – HSE Health Promotion Officer – Information Stand on Stop Smoking services in Athy
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-3:30pm	Fitsticks + Staintecare Healthy Communities Info Session- Arch Community Hall Athy R14EW20- Contact Patricia- 0868470232
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Mabs- Budgetary advice Talk – Athy Library R14DK33
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-11am	Staintecare Healthy Communities Information drop in morning. R14XY60 – Refreshments Provided.
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	Suicide or Survive SOS Workshop- Church of Ireland Hall R14HX26 Contact Maria Healy- 0879974155
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12:30	Scooch +Healthy Snacks Workshop- Athy Gaa Grounds R14WN92

### Maynooth University's Festival of Food Sovereignty

**Maynooth University's Festival of Food Sovereignty**

Partnering for Change

0930-1345, 12th April, 2024  
Rocque Lab, Rhetoric House

Join Maynooth University's festival of Food Sovereignty to learn how we can work together to create positive change in our food system.

**When:** Friday, April 12, 2024 - 09:30 to 13:45

**Where:** Rocque Lab, Rhetoric House, South Campus Maynooth University

[Full Details](#)

#### More upcoming events:

- [Barrow Blueway Walk Tour - 17th April](#)
- [Information Event, Bishopsland Community Centre - 26th April](#)



- [Know Your Community Event, Suncroft Community Centre - 17th April](#)



## Public Consultations

### Monasterevin Local Area Plan 2025-2031

Notice of Pre-Draft Public Consultation for Proposed Monasterevin Local Area Plan 2025-2031 that sets out the land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

#### Pre-draft Public Drop-in Event

Take the opportunity to meet the Planning Team preparing the Monasterevin Local Area Plan 2025-2031.

**Date:** Thursday 16th May 2024

**Time:** 4pm – 8pm

**Venue:** Monasterevin Council Hall

[Find out more](#)

### Public Consultations:

- [Public Consultation: Shared Mobility Hubs Issues Paper](#)
- [Public Consultation on Strategy for World Heritage in Ireland 2024 – 2034](#)
- [Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland](#)

Please circulate to members in your group/organisation

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