



Kildare PPN eBulletin

Let's Talk Series



We were delighted to launch our "Let's Talk Series" on April 10th, an informal training/peer to peer discussions-based programme focusing on a different topics including Governance, Conflict Resolution and Community Leadership. The objective of this programme was to give member organisations an opportunity to increase knowledge, network and problem solve with peers. All three sessions were engaging and very positive feedback was received. Following consultation with attendees we look forward to a follow up series later in the year. If you have any feedback or would like to suggest some topics for the next 'Let's Talk' Series, please let us know [here](#).

[Let's Talk Suggestions](#)

Kildare PPN Climate Action Weekend: Here's How it went

By Rachel Kavanagh *Climate Ambassador with An Taisce and student journalist*

If you missed the climate action events last weekend, here's a run-down of what happened.

Kildare Public Participation Network host the Climate Action Weekend annually to "try and highlight climate action within the County and spread the word and messages that need to be spread."

The action-packed weekend kicked off on Zoom with Paula O'Rourke, the Climate Action Co-Ordinator with Kildare County Council, discussing Kildare County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The interactive zoom session was very informative and detailed, giving participants time to ask O'Rourke questions about the plan at the end.....[Extract]

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Navigating Canvassing: A Member Resource for Candidate Engagement

As we approach the forthcoming local and European elections scheduled for June, it is imperative that we, as the Kildare Public Participation Network, continue to uphold our non-political stance while supporting our members in making informed decisions that resonate with their values and aspirations for their communities.

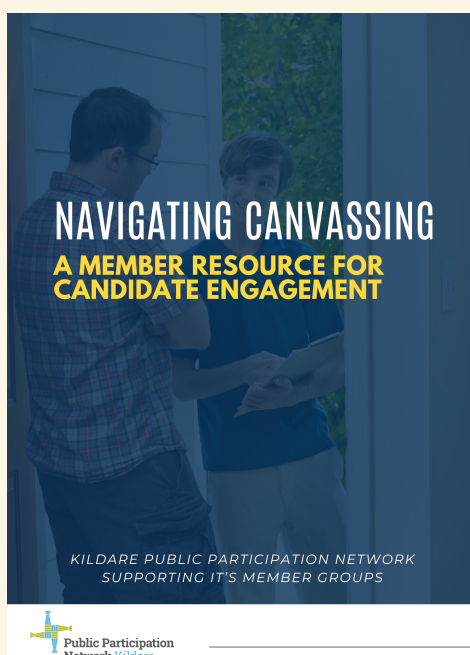
Throughout 2023, we embarked on a significant consultation initiative aimed at crafting a comprehensive Wellbeing Statement for our county. These consultations, conducted across all Municipal districts, garnered extensive participation from our members and stakeholders alike. The invaluable insights gathered from these engagements have since informed various strategic endeavours, notably contributing to the formulation of the draft Local Economic and Community Plan.

Building upon the wealth of information gathered, we have meticulously collated findings to develop a set of potential questions. These questions are intended to serve as a resource for our members as they engage with candidates during the upcoming canvassing period.

We believe that by arming ourselves with pertinent inquiries rooted in the collective aspirations of our communities, we can facilitate constructive dialogue and contribute meaningfully to the electoral process.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to our shared mission of fostering thriving and resilient communities.

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Funding Opportunities

Kildare Sports Partnership Grant Scheme 2024



This 2024 Grant Scheme aims to support new and existing clubs, coaches and volunteers to develop greater participation among target groups as reflected in the Kildare Sports Partnership Strategy.

Applications are now invited for initiatives that will increase participation in sport and physical activity, with an emphasis on the following areas:

- Women in Sport
- People with Disabilities
- Training & Education
- Coaching & Training Aids

Closing date for applications: Friday May 3rd, 2024 at 5:00pm

[Full details](#)



Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

Grants between €8,000 – €15,000 will be available to support community-based projects that are focused on empowering young people through programmes of learning and sustainable development.

[Full Details](#)



Community Recognition Fund 2024

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.

[Full Details](#)



Funding Point (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.

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Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) 2024



Assessment of applications, for funding of between €600,000 and €30m, will take into account population size, sustainability, reducing administrative overheads and ensuring that similar access is provided to accommodate access by men and women to LSSIF-funded facilities.

- The scheme will have a particular focus on National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) and Local Authorities.
- New swimming pool projects will also be considered.
- All project proposals will be subject to appropriate economic analysis.
- While this programme is aimed primarily at the NGBs and Local Authorities it is also open to other bodies, philanthropic funders, clubs and voluntary organisations to apply but such applications would necessarily have to be made and prioritised by a Local Authority and/or an NGB.

Closing date for applications: 1st July 2024 at 3pm

[Full details](#)

Upcoming Events / Recent News

Hello How Are You campaign

Hello, How Are You? is a campaign by Mental Health Ireland about connection and meaningful conversations surrounding mental health. Individuals, communities, workplaces, friends, and families to join us in saying 'Hello' and asking 'How Are You?' in a genuine and meaningful way.

Here's how you and can be part of the Hello, How Are You? day:

- Plan and [register your event](#) on our website: your event will be showcased on our [interactive map](#) for increased visibility. Plus, explore our [resource page](#) to download event posters and toolkits to facilitate your event planning process.
- Stay informed: Keep an eye open on our [training and information sessions calendar](#), for upcoming dates and opportunities, including a self-paced eLearning Training Module.
- Explore our [website](#) to find more about the impact of our previous campaigns, browse through event photos and read the results of last year's Mental Health survey on the importance of connection.



Heads Up Clane

HEADSUP Kildare will be running their next 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.

What do the men get from doing the programme?

- Skills to help monitor and manage their mental health.
- Life skills, such as goal setting.
- A ready-made support group of men.
- A sense of purpose for the duration of the programme.
- Exploration of what is meaningful to and for them.
- An opportunity to share and learn from other men who are just like them.
- Upon completion of the programme access to a biweekly online Peer Support Group.

Registering to Vote

The deadline to register to vote and update your details for voting in the local elections in June is Monday the 20th of May 2024

Voting gives you an opportunity to be part of decision-making that affects your life and the future of our country. If you don't vote, others will make the decisions for you.

To be able to have your say on important issues by voting, you must be on the electoral register.

It is very easy to register to vote or to check that your details are accurate and up to date. You can do this by visiting: www.checktheregister.ie

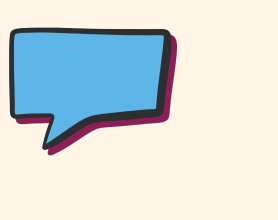


Public Consultations



Monasterevin Local Area Plan

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Shared Mobility Hubs Issues Paper

[Full Details](#)



Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland

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