



Kildare PPN eBulletin

Funding Opportunities

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund



The AIB Community €1 Million Fund enables customers, the public and our employees to support the local charities that mean most to them, within their region.

Charities are nominated in six regions: Connacht; Munster; Ulster (ROI); Leinster; Greater Dublin; and Northern Ireland & Great Britain. The amounts awarded in the **public-nominated fund** are either €4,000 or €28,000.

[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](#)



Music Network Music Capital Scheme 2024 Inviting Applications

Applications are now open for the Music Network Music Capital Scheme 2024. The Music Capital Scheme, which is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, provides funding for the purchase of musical instruments to individual professional musicians and non-professional groups across the country. Deadline: 25 June 2024.

[Full Details](#)



One World Week Seed Fund

NYCI are delighted to announce that the **One World Week Seed Fund** in association with Irish Aid is open now and will be accepting applications. The fund is an exciting opportunity to explore an aspect of our global world, and to make local-global connections in your work.

[Full details](#)



Community Education Autumn Funding

KWETB Community Education are accepting applications for Autumn 2024 from community groups and organisations in County Kildare. Community Education courses include:

If you have an idea or particular interest for your group not mentioned above please email community@kildare.kwetb.ie or call us 045 881863 to discuss.

FUNDING DEADLINE 5pm Friday 24th May 2024

There will be an Online Funding Workshop Wed 15th May 2024 @ 10am. To join workshop and/or request a funding application call/email **045 881863** community@kildare.kwetb.ie



Seed Grants for Arts in Residential Care 2024

Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) invites artists and healthcare professionals to submit proposals for our **2024 Seed Grant programme** for creative exploration and responses to grief and loss in residential care settings and nursing homes.

Awards are in the region of €2,000 per successful applicant. We will offer up to six awards – one per HSE health region. Applicants must demonstrate that collaboration with a residential care setting / nursing home has been agreed.

[Full Details](#)



Rise Community Fund Supported by NBI

The RISE Community Fund supported by National Broadband Ireland and Granahan McCourt is aimed at addressing the rural digital divide and will award 5 monthly grants of €1,000 each to empower local businesses, community groups, farms and social enterprises to enhance their digital strategy. The Fund offers an immediate financial injection into your local community, boosting the digital ecosystem.

[Full Details](#)



Festival Investment Scheme

The Festivals Investment scheme is open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals taking place between January and June 2025.

Closing date: **30 May 2024**

[Full details](#)

Upcoming Events



Kildare Biodiversity Week

Friday 17th May – Sunday 26th May 2024

Kildare Biodiversity Week has been organised to develop awareness of the importance of biodiversity and to better understand its value to the local, national and international communities. Kildare Biodiversity Week is part of a European initiative to encourage people to take an interest in their local Biodiversity. The people of Kildare are invited to get out into Kildare's Biodiversity, to visit Kildare wild spots, lakes, rivers, bogs, woodlands or to simply enjoy the biodiversity of their back garden.

[View full list of events](#)

Street Feast 2024

On 25th/26th May 2024, there will be over 1,000 Street Feasts taking place all over the country.

Street Feast is a not-for-profit, all-for-fun, al fresco get together with the people who live around you. It is very simple; quick to organise; and inexpensive, as everyone invited is encouraged to bring a dish. When an individual or group registers for Street Feast, they are sent out a Street Feast starter pack and/or give them access to a comprehensive, user-friendly set of online resources.



[Find out more / Register](#)



National Bike Week

Bike Week has begun and will run until the 19th of May.

Some events taking place include:

- MAYNOOTH MEN'S SHED CYCLE
- MONASTEREVIN LEISURE CYCLE
- THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 HISTORY OF IRISH CYCLING EXHIBITION
- MAYNOOTH 'MOTHERLAND' FILM EVENT
- ATHY LEISURE CYCLE

[Full list of events](#)

Lunch & Learn: Experiencing Grief as a Volunteer

22nd of May at 1pm – 2pm with the Irish Hospice Foundation

[Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)

Volunteers can encounter and experience grief as part of their work, arising from their role caring for others. This is referred to as "Professional Grief." For National Volunteers Week, we're hosting this webinar for volunteers to give them an overview of the grieving experience, including the impact of personal and professional loss, and tips for coping with loss.



Recent News

Participation Nation Outdoor Fund Launched



A new sport investment fund has been launched, the 'Participation Nation Outdoor Fund', for the purchase and installation of permanent sport equipment that can be placed on public land for community use

The Funding is available for investment in barrier-free outdoor sport infrastructure, focused at increasing participation in local community settings

[Read Press Release in full](#)

€723,086 in Funding for Sports Equipment Announced

€723,086 in funding has been allocated to clubs across Kildare for the provision of sports equipment under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme. 30 sports groups were successful in their applications for various types of equipment which will be of practical benefit to multiple sports organisations, their members and athletes across Kildare.

[View Allocations](#)



Minister Humphreys announces New Free Travel Scheme Extension is now open for applications



Up to 32,000 people expected to benefit from this measure in 2024

Minister Humphreys encourages people to apply now via gov.ie/freetravel

Minister Humphreys announces applications are now open for the New Free Travel Scheme Extension. From 29th July, the Free Travel Scheme is being extended to people who have never been medically fit to drive due to a disability, and to drivers who have a licence and are medically certified as not fit to drive for a period of 12 months or longer.

[Read Press Release in full](#)

Public Consultations

Monasterevin Local Area Plan

[Full Details](#)

National Cycle Network (NCN) Road Space Re-Allocation Pilot (R448) Moone to Timolin

[Full Details](#)

EirGrid Update on Kildare Meath Grid Upgrade Project

[Full Details](#)

