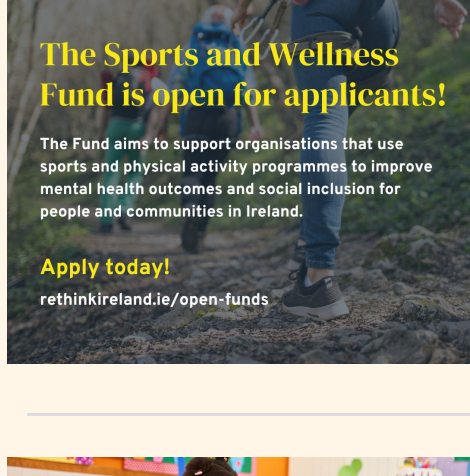




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Funding Opportunities



Rethink Ireland - Sports and Wellness Fund 2024

The Sports and Wellness Fund aims to support social innovations that use sports and physical activity programmes to have a demonstrable impact on improving mental health outcomes and social inclusion for people and communities in Ireland.

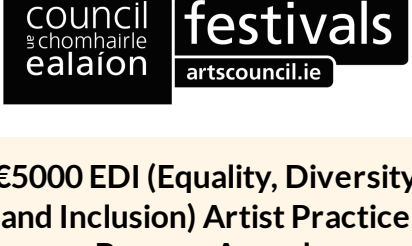
[Full details](#)



Childminding Development Grants for 2024

The Childminding Development Grant provides up to €1,000 to assist childminders who are providing a childminding service in their own homes. The Grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service through the purchase of toys, childcare equipment, safety equipment, equipment to support inclusion etc.

[Full Details](#)



€5000 EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Artist Practice Bursary Award

Kildare County Council Arts Office welcomes applications from professional artists across all artforms at any stage of their career, for a new EDI Artist Practice Bursary (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) supported by The Arts Council. This award (€5,000) is available to artists specifically from under-represented backgrounds and communities, including those based on gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller Community and socio-economic status.

[Full Details](#)



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 (RO); 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](#)

Training

'Let's Talk About Suicide' NEW suicide prevention training

launched

'Let's Talk About Suicide' is the HSE's new, free online suicide prevention training programme.

This new programme helps people to develop their skills to keep others safe from suicide. It helps participants to identify people who are at risk, confidently speak about the topic of suicide, and connects them with resources which can help them stay safe. The programme will also provide participants with a sense of hope and reassurance that suicide prevention is possible.

On average, the programme will take 60 minutes to complete, but participants can work at their own pace so may take longer.

[Let's Talk Suicide Training](#)



[Let's Talk Suicide Training](#)

Free Advocacy and Political Communications Training from ICCL for PPN Networks

Over the past few months, ICCL in conjunction with St. Stephen's Green Trust have been offering training on political advocacy and communications through our **Rochtain programme**. The programme has so far provided three rounds of training to over 150 organisations across the country. In addition we have delivered several 1-1 trainings on the political system and how groups can hone their messages to improve their impact on policy.

They are now moving into the next phase of the project. Over the next few months, they want to take this training on the road and work with smaller community and grassroots organisations to help them build their advocacy capacity and understanding of the political system.

To this end, they are conducting a short **needs assessment survey** for community and voluntary groups in order to assess the areas of interest for training, and where in the country they should offer this training.

The training has been generously funded by St. Stephen's Green Trust so is offered free of charge to community and voluntary organisations.

[Take Survey](#)

Irish Walled Towns Network: Sustainable Festivals and Events Training

This training will take place on 10 June in Kildare Town from 10:00 – 16:30, facilitated by Native Events & will include:

- Sustainability Basics for Events – Understanding the importance of sustainability in the context of small-scale festivals and events
- Carbon Footprinting and Reduction – Tools and techniques to measure and reduce the carbon footprint of events
- Circular Economy Principles – Incorporating circular economy practices into event planning and execution
- Practical Case Studies – Lessons learned from successful sustainable event implementations, including our own Youghal Medieval Festival
- Action Planning – Developing personalised action plans for participants' upcoming events

[Find out more](#)



Upcoming Events

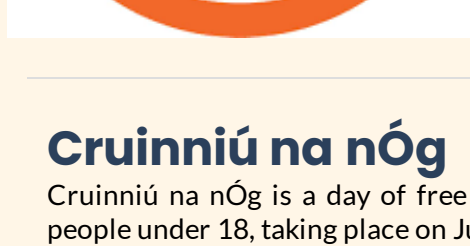


June Fest Newbridge

June Fest is a celebration of community in the town of Newbridge, County Kildare. Performances and exhibitions will be held in venues across the town including the town hall, Newbridge Silverware, the Library, the Riverbank Arts Centre, Judge Roy Beans among many others.

For a full list of events taking place, [click here](#).

[View full list of events](#)



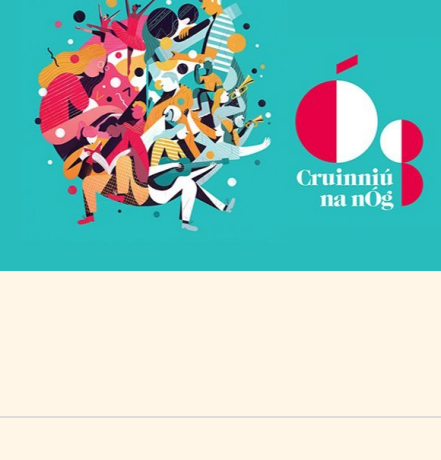
Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is a day of free creativity for children and young people under 18, taking place on June 15th.

The day a wonderful opportunity for the young people of Ireland to try a new creative activity, make new friends and connect with one another.

There are a whole host of events taking place throughout Kildare which you can view below.

[View Events](#)



Maynooth Picnic in the Park

Maynooth Community Council Picnic in the Park takes place on Sunday the 16th June in partnership with Kildare County Council. There will be food stalls, ice cream, face-painting, sports for kids, arts and drama and games. Community groups will have their stalls for you to chat with them about all the wonderful and diverse activities in our town.

Date: the 16th of June **Time:** 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Location: Harbour Field

Just Transition Conference

Join Connecting Communities with Peatlands to explore the lessons learned from Just Transition & celebrate the impact of the project.

Kildare speakers include – Paula O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer, Kildare County Council), Laurence Fullam (Creative Rathangan Meitheal) and Ciaran Duggan (Carbury Bog Trust).

[Find out more](#)



Athy West Urban Street Fest

Our Shared Plate is organising a Street Feast for all Athy West Urban residents on the green in front of the Community House in Town Park.

Athy West Urban Street Feast is a great opportunity to get together with your neighbours, family, children and friends, to eat together, have chats and join in some fun activities on the green.

Date: Friday 7th of June 2024 **3:00pm – 6:00pm**



EU Sparks for Climate Hackathon

Citizens and researchers across Europe join forces to develop new solutions for climate.

To participate, you just need to be curious and ready to develop technological and social innovation solutions for climate challenges!

Register before the next cut-off date on the **27 May** and participate in the competition!

[Find out more](#)



Community News

€163,842.45 in funding announced for 54 local projects in Co. Kildare under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024



Announcing the successful projects for Co. Kildare today, Minister Humphreys said:

"The Local Enhancement Programme is about giving a helping hand to our local groups and clubs, who are the building blocks of Irish community life."

"I want to congratulate the successful applicants and to thank them for the vital work they do in providing services in their local communities"

[List of successful projects](#)

BirdWatch Ireland launch Kildare Barn Owl Survey

BirdWatch Ireland in collaboration with Kildare County Council are undertaking a survey of Barn Owls in Kildare this summer and they are asking the public and landowners to report information on Barn Owls to help direct their survey efforts.

Have you seen a Barn Owl, know of a Barn Owl nest site or have installed a Barn Owl nest box in Kildare? If so, then Birdwatch Ireland would love to hear from you! To report this information to BirdWatch Ireland, please click on the link below.

[Barn Owl Survey](#)



SuperValu Tidy Towns - Waters and Communities Special Awards 2024

The Waters and Communities Special Award is open for applications via an online portal Waters and Communities Award – Tidy Towns Competition 2024 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office. The closing date is Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

This year, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how they have promoted their local 'Wild Waters' – a local stream, river, estuary, canal, lake etc.

Tidy Towns groups can demonstrate a range of community initiatives along their local waterbodies such as protecting natural river riparian corridors, reducing or eliminating grassland herbicide usage, protecting wetlands, organising litter picks, conservation activities related to biodiversity and heritage, awareness raising activities such as aquatic citizen science events, promotion of angling and water-based activities, and other activities which generate water stewardship.

[Find out more](#)



Pledge Your Garden for Pollinators

So many homeowners are beginning to see their gardens more wildlife-friendly in a new light. They want to make their gardens more wildlife-friendly and contribute small patches of pollinator-friendly habitats to our landscape. In order to celebrate this, and to encourage more gardeners to follow suit, we are asking you to 'pledge your garden for pollinators', so that we can track the creation of these pollinator-friendly pitspots dotted across the island.

Have you pledged your garden for pollinators? It's so easy to do – just take simple actions to help pollinators and put your garden on the pollinator map. For advice and a free brochure on how you can help the bees and butterflies on your patch and pledge your garden, see [pollinators.ie](#).

[Find out more](#)



Volunteering opportunity with Kildare Small Jobs

County Kildare LEADER Partnership are looking for volunteers to assist in the Kildare Small Jobs Scheme (for over 65s) or other deserving cases.

People with a flair for DIY or gardening will be preferred. For further details please contact Christy on 086-1363998 or christopher@countykildare.ie.



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