



Kildare PPN eBulletin

PPN Updates

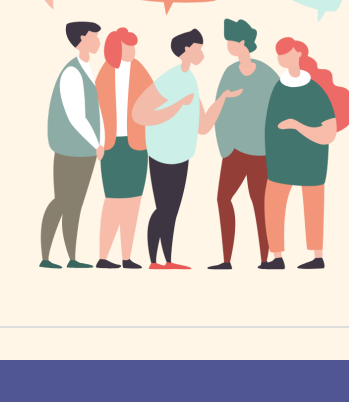
Kildare Public Participation Network extends heartfelt gratitude to PPN Representatives for their dedication in representing the voice of the community on Kildare County Council Committees.

As Kildare County Council prepares for the upcoming 2024 local elections, Kildare Public Participation Network (PPN) wish to extend our deepest gratitude to all twenty-two (22) dedicated representatives from the PPN who have served on six Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), the Joint Policing Committee, the Kildare Heritage Forum and the Dredge Liaison Committee since 2019.

Their invaluable contributions have been instrumental in acting as the voice of the community on these committees. Since 2019, the PPN representatives have brought a wealth of knowledge, dedication, and community insight to these committees. Their involvement has been vital in addressing a wide range of issues, from environmental sustainability and economic development to social inclusion and infrastructure planning. The nine committees, namely:

1. Economic Development, Enterprise, and Planning SPC, 2. Transportation, Safety, and Emergency Services SPC, 3. Housing SPC, 4. Environment Services and Water SPC, 5. Local Community and Cultural Development SPC, 6. Climate Action SPC, 7. Joint Policing Committee (JPC), 8. The Heritage Forum, 9. The Dredge Liaison Committee.

In the coming months we will be running elections within our network to elect our representatives for the coming term (2024 – 2029) For further information, please contact: Grainne Fleming Coordinator, Kildare Public Participation Network at gflaming@kildareppn.ie.



LCDC Linkage Group Meeting

The next LCDC Linkage Group meeting will take place on **Wednesday the 19th of June** at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Please register below to receive the Zoom link.

[Register](#)

Funding Opportunities

Climate Innovation Fund 2024

Do you have an innovative idea that will help to solve our climate & biodiversity crisis?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Grants of up to €25,000 are available for projects (max 10 500hrs)

Applications open until Sunday 7th July

Submit <https://submit.kildareccoco.ie>

Or scan below to apply

Climate Innovation Fund

The aim of this fund is to foster innovative climate solutions in Kildare. Specifically, the fund is aimed at community groups, SMEs, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, early-career researchers, education institutions and individual citizens active in Kildare. A total fund of €25,000 is available per Municipal District to support climate innovation projects. The minimum funding request will be €5,000 and the maximum request will be €25,000.

Please note, applications will be open for submissions will be open until **Sunday 8th July** on Kildare's Submit portal. An online information session will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 12th of June**. To attend this event, just email dwyar@kildareccoco.ie.

If you have any questions regarding the fund, please email climateactionoffice@kildareccoco.ie or visit the Climate Action Office's [webpage](#)

[Full details](#)

RETHINK IRELAND

The Sports and Wellness Fund is open for applicants!

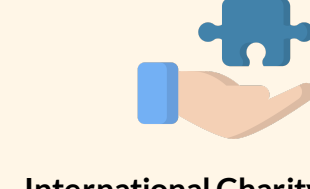
The Fund aims to support organisations that use sports and physical activity programmes to improve mental health outcomes and social inclusion for people and communities in Ireland.

Apply today!
rethinkireland.ie/open-funds

Rethink Ireland - Sports and Wellness Fund 2024

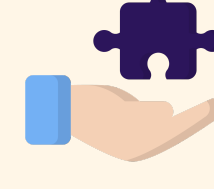
The Sports and Wellness Fund aims to support social innovations that use sports and physical activity programmes to have a demonstrable impact on improving mental health outcomes and social inclusion for people and communities in Ireland.

[Full Details](#)



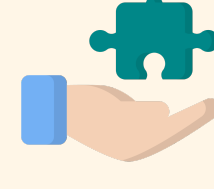
International Charity Bazaar Fund

[Full Details](#)



Rise Community Fund

[Full Details](#)



AIB Community €1 Million Fund

[Full Details](#)

Upcoming Events

FREE Summer Camps with Helium Arts

Do you know a young person living with a lifelong health condition who could benefit from making social connections through creativity?

Helium Arts

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH CREATIVITY

FREE Creative Workshops for Ages 8-18 Living with Lifelong Physical Health Conditions

Helium Arts is a children's charity committed to improving the well-being of children and young people in Ireland, aged 6-18, who are living with **lifelong physical health conditions**.

They offer free creative workshops, both in communities and online, led by professional artists. These workshops provide safe and accessible spaces where children navigating health conditions can come together. They use creativity to inspire these children to feel more confident. By empowering them with tools such as friendship, community and new skills, Helium Arts helps these children to become more prepared and capable of overcoming adversity.

Supported conditions include **diabetes, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, allergies, heart conditions, asthma, spina bifida, juvenile arthritis, rare or complex conditions and many more.**

[Find out more](#)

Kildare Social Inclusion Week

We are excited to announce that County Kildare Social Inclusion Week 2024 will take place from Monday the 23rd of September to Friday the 27th of September, and we are inviting community groups and organisations around Kildare to participate by hosting an event.

Kildare Social Inclusion Week

23rd - 27th September 2024

If your group/organisation would like to run an event for Social Inclusion Week and be included in the event programme, please [register your event here](#).

[Find out more](#)

National Heritage Week 2024

Heritage Week 2024 takes place **17th – 25th August 2024**.

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National Heritage Week 2024 invites you to explore the connections, routes and networks that link our communities.

This year with the huge interest in digital heritage projects, the Heritage Council invites individuals, communities and organisations to develop Heritage Week in-person events and/or digital projects.

[Find out more](#)

DINNER IN 2050: THE FUTURE OF IRISH FOOD

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Join us in Naas Library and Cultural Centre for a very special screening of DINNER IN 2050: THE FUTURE OF IRISH FOOD. FOLLOWING THE SCREENING, THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FILMMAKERS AND OUR LOCAL FARMERS AND SEAN PHEARSA, OF THE DUBLINERS, FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL FILM-MAKED SOCIETIES.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2.30PM

NAAS SATURDAY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS HERE: WWW.KILDARECCOCO.COM/EVENTS/NAASLIBRARY/2024/

[Book here](#)

Kildare Reads

In association with the Irish Writers Centre

Book your free tickets here: <https://www.kildarecommunitylibrary.com/>

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Recent News

Kildare Pride in your Place Competition 2024

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This annual competition acknowledges the efforts and work of local authority residents and residents' associations in Kildare who develop their communities, maintain individual gardens and public open spaces. This important work, which is often done on a voluntary basis, creates a real sense of community engagement and local pride.

Nominations for the Kildare Pride in your Place awards should be submitted online via the following links by **Friday 14th June 2024**, for the following categories:

[Best Kept Garden](#)

[Youth Participation](#)

[Pride in your Place](#)

Queries are directed to Senior Community Worker, Carmel Cashin at (087) 7212966 or ccashin@kildareccoco.ie.

National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards

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Age Friendly Ireland are now open for applications to the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024.

There are eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes:

Transport, Active & Healthy Ageing, Business Innovation, Safety & Security, Communications, Environment, Community Innovation, Housing

Age Friendly Ireland are seeking innovative projects from across this range of areas that have real impact on the lives of older people and have the potential to be showcased and replicated. Initiatives are welcomed at both local and national level.

[Find out more](#)

Freephone number in place for Vision Impaired voters for Local Elections

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A Freephone telephone number has been set up for vision impaired voters in respect of the upcoming Local Elections on 7th June. The Freephone number is 1800 111 000.

By dialling the freephone number, voters can hear details of candidates in each Electoral Area who are running for the Local Elections for Kildare County Council. Individuals may select to hear the names of candidates for each of the Electoral Areas in the order in which they appear on the ballot paper.

[Find out more](#)

Maynooth University Part-time Certificate in Directing Open for Applications

The Certificate in Directing for Theatre is currently accepting applications for the October 2024 programme. It is a very popular course, run part-time in Maynooth campus every second Saturday. It is a practical, on-the-floor training course, introducing students to a variety of tips and techniques to enhance their directing skills.

Students need to be 21. During the course they are required to direct a play for their local drama group, or their youth theatre, or as part of a Fringe or Community Festival, or with the Drama Society in their college or university, or with professional actor(s) in their local arts centre. It can be with one actor or many, and it need not be publicly staged if producing the play is too difficult or if a student does not belong to a community theatre group – it can be done privately. The play is recorded (only for assessment purposes). This is the main assignment for the course.

[Full details](#)

Public Consultations

National Consultation on Climate Conversations launches

JOIN THE CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

This year's Climate Conversations have started!

People across the country are invited to have their say on how we can all play our part in securing our sustainable future. Share your ideas on climate solutions that are fair for everyone.

To take part and have your say, visit the [Climate Conversations](#) portal to share your views on our collective goals, what has been achieved, and what more could be done to support communities on climate action.

[Find out more](#)

Second National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy Public Consultation

[Full Details](#)

Night Time Economy Accessibility Survey

[Full Details](#)

Proposed development on a site with access off Connagh Road, south of Melitta Road in the townland of Coolaghknock Glebe, Kildare

[Full Details](#)

National Cycle Network Road Space Re-allocation Pilot Moone to Timolin

[Full Details](#)

St Brigid's Primary School, Kildare Town, Safe Routes to School Scheme

[Full Details](#)

Residential Zoned Land Tax - Zoning Request Consultation

[Full Details](#)