



Kildare PPN eBulletin

Recent News

Nominations Now Open for Kildare PPN Representative Seats



Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Do you want to have a say in shaping local policies?

We are seeking nominations from our member groups for Representative positions on the Kildare County Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

Kildare PPN supports community groups by helping ensure your voices are considered in local decision-making. As a PPN Representative, you'll play an important role in connecting community groups with Kildare County Council.

[Find out more](#)

Kildare - Lexington Student Exchange



County Kildare has been twinned with Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A., since 1984. Lexington is a charming city with a population of about 300,000. One of the most successful aspects of Kildare's twinning with Lexington has been the annual student exchange, which affords Kildare students the opportunity to spend time in Lexington and to welcome a student into their home in return.

Kildare County Council's successful student exchange programme will take place again in 2025, and we are now inviting parents/guardians of interested students to apply. To start the application process, visit: <https://submitlink/?LUX>.

The closing date for applications is **Friday, 6 December 2024**.

[Find out more](#)

Funding Opportunities



Brigid Spirit of Kildare
Brigid Spirit of Kildare Festival Community and Creative Grant Scheme 2025

[Full Details](#)



Community Water Development Fund

[Full Details](#)



FundingPoint October - November

[Full Details](#)

Upcoming Events

Kildare PPN Plenary Meeting



Kildare PPN invite all our member groups to our final Plenary Meeting of 2024

Date: Wednesday 13th of November 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Venue: The Falcon Suite, Osprey Business Centre, Naas

To view the full agenda for the evening and to register your attendance below.

[Register here](#)

Training



Sports Inclusion & Disability Awareness

Are you interested in learning more about inclusion in sport and physical activity for people with disabilities?

Join Kildare Sports Partnership online on Wednesday, November 6th at 6pm for an informative Sports Inclusion & Disability Awareness Workshop, certified by Active Disability Ireland.

Registration is free and can be accessed via the button below or through contacting Fiach at fandrews@kildarecoco.ie.

[Register here](#)



Community Education Funding Spring

KWETB are now accepting applications for Spring 2025 from Community Groups and Organisations in County Kildare. Community Education Core Courses include:

- Personal Wellbeing - Community Resilience - Digital Skills - Community Art and Creativity - Learning Outdoors - Learning about our Place - Social and Community Awareness - Home Finance - Citizen Engagement - Women's Studies - Climate Action - Intercultural Awareness

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 15 November 2024

Online Funding Workshop Wed 6th November at 10:00am. To join workshop and/or request a funding application call/email **045 881863** community@kildare.kwetb.ie



HEADS UP Kildare

HEADSUP Kildare are delighted to announce that we will be running a 6-week evidence-based skills programme for men in Kilcock in November 2024.

Who is the programme for?

- Men who are 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.

For more information on our programme, contact Deirdre 085 1068305 or Lorna 085 8421347 to register your interest.



SustainABILITY Awareness

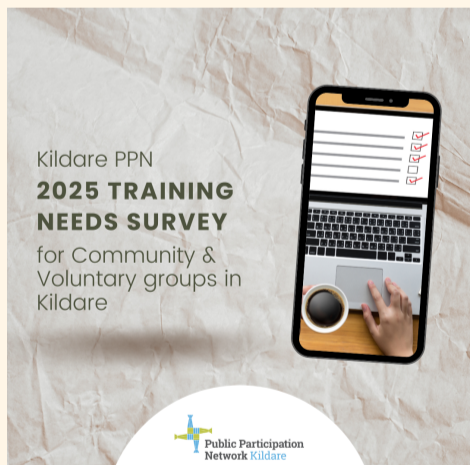
The overall aim of this programme is to raise awareness of how human activities impact the environment and to inspire learners to adopt sustainable practices. It focuses on key areas such as climate change, resource conservation, waste management, and social equity, highlighting how individual actions can support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to a more sustainable future. The programme will be offered in the language of English, As Gaeilge, Polish and Ukrainian.

This course is delivered on-line and will take 2 hours to complete. You can start the course on a day and a time that suits you.

[Find out more](#)

Public Consultations

2025 PPN Training Needs Survey



We are now seeking your input for our Training Needs Analysis to shape the upcoming training calendar for Kildare Public Participation Network in **2025**.

Your feedback is vital in ensuring we provide the right skills and resources to support our member groups.

Please take a couple of minutes to fill out our survey to help us tailor our training calendar to meet our member groups needs.

[Training Needs Survey](#)

Review of Kildare Landscape Character Assessment



Kildare County Council are looking for YOUR opinion on the landscapes that make County Kildare unique. Whether it's the iconic Curragh plains, the canals and rivers or the Bog of Allen your insights matter! Keep in mind, they are also interested in learning about everyday landscapes, not just special or well-known places.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes.

[Share your opinion](#)

Kildare Active and Passive Recreation Needs Survey



Kildare County Council is gathering input to enhance recreational facilities in towns and villages across the county. Clubs and organizations in sports and recreation are invited to complete a survey about their membership, activities, and facility needs to help shape three key strategies: the Active Recreational Infrastructure Strategy, Outdoor Recreation Plan, and Local Sports Plan. Your input is essential to address current and future needs.

[Take Survey](#)

Variation of Kilcullen Settlement Plan



Kildare County Council is updating the Kilcullen Settlement Plan as part of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. This update will guide the future growth and development of Kilcullen.

View the Proposed Plan:

Online from October 22nd - November 20th or At Kildare County Council offices & Kilcullen Library

Public Info Event:

Tuesday, November 5th, 4-7pm at Kilcullen Town Hall.

Submit Feedback: Share your views by 4pm on November 20th. Your input will be considered before finalizing the plan.

[Find out more](#)

Public Knowledge of the folklore of the River Barrow, Earth Charter or Concepts of Future Ancestor



The Blueway Art Project has received the Climate Innovation Fund for a three-part initiative to inspire sustainable behavior change in the area. This pilot project includes *Future Ancestor*, an event on November 2nd, two repair cafes in Narraghamore and Athy, and a sustainable materials guide for local groups. To help this project grow into a full festival celebrating local waterways and heritage, the team is gathering feedback. Please support their efforts by completing a short survey to help them make Future Ancestor Athy bigger and better next year.

[Take Survey](#)

