



## Kildare PPN eBulletin

### Funding Opportunities

#### CFI Biodiversity Fund

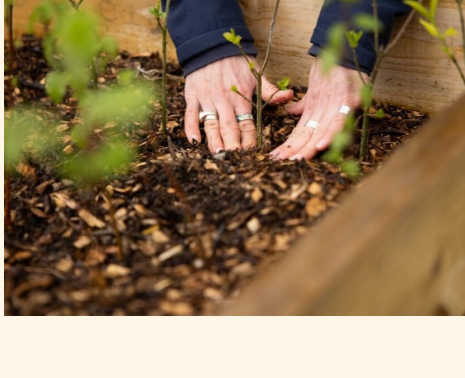
There are two strands to this year's grant round:

We are inviting community groups to apply for a grant to engage an ecologist and develop a Community Biodiversity Action Plan (CBAP) for their local area. Please find more information in our Criteria document [here](#).

We are inviting any organisation who has a CBAP to apply for funding to implement recommendations contained in it. Please find more information in our Criteria document [here](#).

This grant round closes on **Friday 25th October at 4pm**.

[Find out more](#)



#### Grant Aid for Festival (Tourism)

LEADER Programme 2023-2027 are pleased to announce a call to all Community Groups and Organisations in Co. Kildare, to submit an Expression of Interest in relation to Grant Aid for a festival related to Tourism in Co. Kildare.

Grant aid is available through the LEADER programme to cover a range of costs associated with running a festival including: furniture, storage space, publicity and website design.

Maximum rate of grant aid is 75%. Minimum Grant = €5,000 - Maximum Grant = €30,000

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Monday 18th November at 5.00pm.

All Expressions of Interest to be submitted to [leader@countykildare.ie](mailto:leader@countykildare.ie)

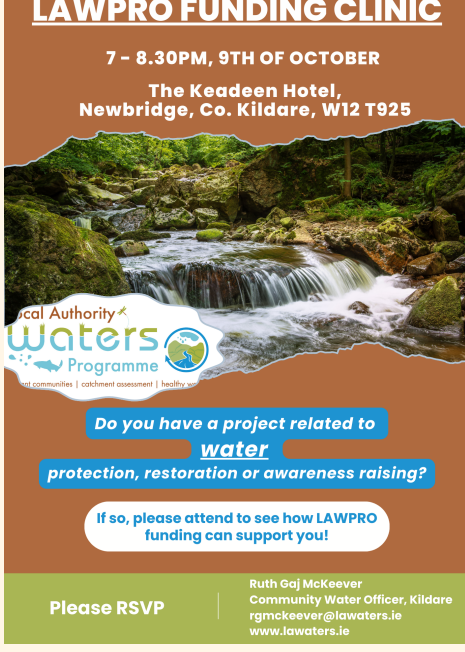
[Expression of Interest Form](#)



#### The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund

The eight-month Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 3.0 is now open for applications from change-making non-profit organisations focused on supporting people with disabilities, with a key focus on neurodiverse people to participate fully and equally in all aspects of life. This includes social, cultural, arts and sports participation, as well as dismantling barriers, promoting understanding and competence, and leveraging innovative strategies to address the evolving needs of the disability community.

[Find out more](#)



#### LAWPRO Funding Clinic

The Community Water Development Fund (CWFDF) is a grants scheme to enable community driven projects that will help improve water protection, restoration or awareness raising.

If you are interested in applying, Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) will be running a funding clinic in the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge.

**DATE:** 9th of October

**TIME:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

If you are interested in attending, please email Ruth at [rgmckeever@lawwaters.ie](mailto:rgmckeever@lawwaters.ie)

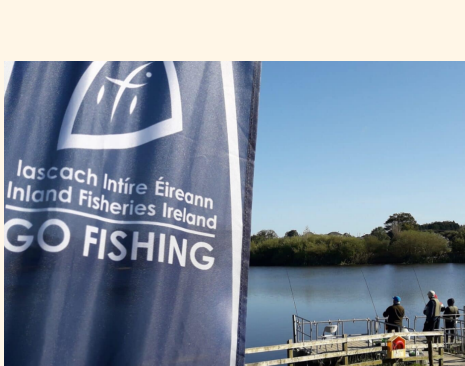
#### Go Fishing Fund 2024

Inland Fisheries Ireland is offering €250,000 of funding to groups that help disadvantaged or disabled people. This scheme has been made possible by the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The aim of the funding is to introduce people to the recreational benefits of fishing and safety awareness in the outdoor environment. The scheme will also aid in advising eligible applicant organisations on the fragile ecosystems that support biodiversity, and the natural processes involved in healthy and sustainable habitats for fish.

Projects worth between €2,000 and €5,000 will be awarded funding through the Go Fishing Fund.

[Find out more](#)



#### Climate Actions Work Fund

**DEADLINE EXTENSION**

Community Foundation Ireland have agreed a 1-week extension **provided groups/applicants register on the CFI portal and begin their application by 4pm today.**

[Apply](#)



#### Call for proposals to optimise short food supply chains

The maximum amount of grant aid available under the call is €150,000 per project. There are five different themes to the call, namely:

- developing premium markets closer to home;
- encouraging collaboration among stakeholders;
- supporting small food producers;
- encouraging farmers markets and
- the development of community gardens.

[Find out more](#)



### Upcoming Events



#### Healthy Food Made Easy

**Dates:** Starting Monday 21st of October, finishes Monday the 25th of November

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Location:** Brownstown Hall, Curragh, R56 TP99

Healthy Soups for the winter, healthy meals for the family all FREE and covered in a five-week course

Contact Anthony on [anthony@countykildare.ie](mailto:anthony@countykildare.ie) or Call [086-461 5548](tel:086-4615548) to book in



#### Imagining Ireland

**Location:** The Old Schoolhouse, Rathangan, Co Kildare R51 ET25

**Date:** Saturday Oct 12th, 10 - 1pm

Although the Easter Rising is sometimes referred to as the 'Poet's Revolution', with three poets - Pearse, McDonagh, and Plunkett - signing the Proclamation, they were not the only ones to have 'dreams of Ireland'. The years leading up to 1916 were a period of intense cultural activity where poets, writers, and painters, imagined and re-imagined what an independent Ireland would look like.

Places are limited, to book - Email [Rathangan2024@gmail.com](mailto:Rathangan2024@gmail.com)



#### Allenwood Community Garden

Calling all garden lovers, nature enthusiasts and anyone interested in building a greener community!

We are excited to invite you to public meeting to discuss the establishment of a community garden in Allenwood.

**Date:** Saturday 12th of October from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Location:** ACDAL, Station Road, Allenwood, W91 F141

Please register at [reception@acdal.ie](mailto:reception@acdal.ie) by close of business on October the 9th to secure your place.



#### Connect to Five Ways to Wellbeing

**Mental Health Ireland is offering the Connect to Five Ways to Wellbeing webinar everyday in October for Mental Health Month.**

Register here for the Five Ways to Wellbeing webinar: [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Webinar Dates:** Daily throughout October

**Session Format:** 45-minute webinar

**Cost:** Free



#### Making an impact in local policy creation: Introduction to Strategic Policy Committees

Each County Council uses Strategic Policy Committees to review, create and inform policy decisions in their County. You can get involved and take part directly to make an impact for your community!

Learn more about the potential of the Strategic Policy Committees and how they work, hear examples of community driven policy from across Ireland, find out how you can get involved and what supports exist to help you in this role. Join us for this introductory webinar!

[Register here](#)



### Recent News

#### Suicide or Survive: Free Online Supporters Programme

SOS is offering places on the next Supporters Programme. This 8-hour programme will be held over 2 sessions -

Wednesday 6th November from 9.30am to 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th November from 9.30am to 1.30pm

SOS recognises and understands that supporting someone who may be struggling with their mental health can be challenging. For this reason, we have developed an innovative programme for people supporting family members, friends, neighbours, people in their community and others who may be struggling with their mental health. It is the first of its kind in Ireland.

[Find out more](#)

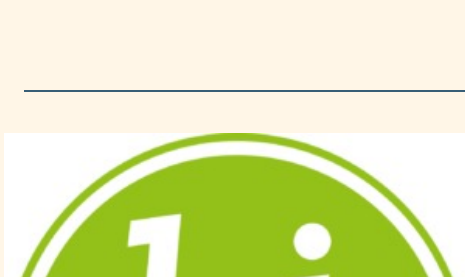


#### Job Opportunity: Healthy Ireland Coordinator

Kildare County Council are currently accepting applications for the position of Healthy Ireland Coordinator.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 17th October 4:00 p.m.

[Find out more](#)



### Public Consultations

#### Survey on Community Centres and Meeting Locations in Kildare

Kildare County Council and Kildare Public Participation Network are conducting a survey on Community Centres and meeting spaces across County Kildare.

We need your input to better understand the needs and challenges facing our community spaces. Whether you use a large sports complex or a small parish hall to meet with your group, we want to hear from you.

By participating in this survey, your input will help inform the development of plans and policies that will support the well-being of County Kildare residents, making Kildare a nicer place to live now and into the future

**Closing date: 10th October 2024**

[Take Survey](#)

