



Kildare PPN eBulletin

Thank You



Social Inclusion Week - Thank You

On behalf of Kildare PPN and County Kildare Leader Partnership, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making Social Inclusion Week 2024 such a remarkable success. The energy, enthusiasm, and dedication shown by each organisation and steering group member were truly inspiring.

Your commitment ensured that this week was not only vibrant and engaging but also genuinely inclusive. Together, we created a space where diverse voices could be heard, new connections were formed, and the value of community was celebrated. It was your efforts that brought to life a meaningful programme of events, highlighting the importance of inclusion and ensuring that everyone felt welcome.

We are deeply grateful for your contributions, and we look forward to continuing this important work with you in the future.

Warm regards,
Grainne Fleming

Funding Opportunities



Community Water Development Fund Grant

LAWPRO's Community Water Development Fund 2025 is now open for applications.

The Community Water Development Fund (CWDF) is a grants scheme to enable community driven projects that will help improve water quality.

[Find out more](#)



SFI - SDG Challenge

Funding is available for collaborative research teams based in eligible research institutions in Ireland and partner countries. Successful teams will be awarded up to €300k and will work through a series of phases to develop their idea. An overall prize award of €1M will be available to the team that demonstrates the highest potential for transformative impact.

[Find out more](#)



Climate Actions Work Fund

The fund is designed as a unique, small-scale, flexible fund that can help community groups spread the word about what they are doing or what they might be planning to do. With a starting pot of €1 million to be distributed over this year and into next, it is intended to support the vital activities that are often not funded.

Closing date for applications: 4th October 2024

[Find out more](#)

Upcoming Events



National Allotments and Community Gardens Week

Community Gardens Ireland are running this event to raise awareness of allotments and community gardens, to highlight how important they are and to detail the huge benefits of community gardening for communities, individuals, biodiversity and the local environment.

The 2024 theme is **Healthy Soil** and we hope as many allotments, community gardens, school gardens, tidy towns and local growers in Ireland can get involved to celebrate how important community growing spaces are.

[Find out more](#)



Hedgerow Conference:

Hedgerows Winning Biodiversity & Climate Battles

Date: Friday 4th October 2024
Time: 10-4.30 pm.
Venue: Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Talks on hedgerow wildlife, carbon sequestration, surveying, translocation, and hedgerow management. Plus, plenty of opportunities to ask questions and chat over refreshments and lunch.

[Find out more](#)



Kildare Dad's Fest - Leixlip and Athy

Kildare Dad's Fest is about celebrating Dads across Co. Kildare and the important part they play in the lives of their children & families!

There are 2 locations for Dads Fest this year:

Sun 6th Oct - Leixlip - 11am to 3pm in Leixlip Youth & Community Centre, Captain's Hill, W23 TBW5

Sat 19th Oct - Athy - 11am to 3pm in Athy Town Football Club, Aldridge Park, Townparks, R14 ET78

Lots of free activities will take place during the day - some are ticketed while lots others are drop in on the day events. Information stands will be there with information available from the various service providers and free refreshments will be served.

[Find out more](#)

World Mental Health Day Events



FREE Beginners DIY Workshop

Join CKLP's Beginners DIY Workshop starting on Wednesday 16th October at the Kildare Community Development Centre, for a fun and practical 6-week series.

Every Wednesday from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Each week will cover hands-on skills to tackle everyday home tasks from tiling to replacing door handles to hanging a shelf.

Whether you're new to DIY or just want to sharpen your skills, this workshop is for you!

Contact Anthony - [086 461 5548](tel:0864615548) or anthony@countykildare.ie to register

Recent News



Sport Capital Funding Allocations

€230 million in funding announced for sports clubs and facilities under the Community Sports Facilities Fund with **€8,311,590** in funding allocated to sports clubs in Kildare.

[View allocations](#)



Hedgerow Photo Competition

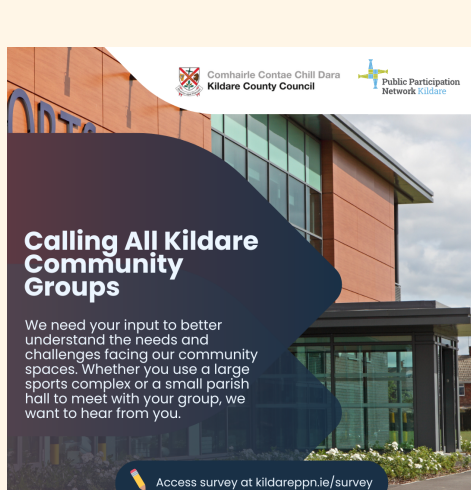
Do you have a smartphone? Hedgerow Ireland are running a free-to-enter hedgerow-themed photography competition with cash-prizes on offer.

Hedgerow Ireland will be accepting submissions in a photo that highlights some aspect of our late summer/autumn hedgerows. This could be of a length of hedgerow showing off its shape and overall appearance, or a photo of a plant, bird, mammal, insect, or some other feature which illustrates hedgerow wildlife.

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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 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

[Take Survey](#)

