

Kildare PPN eBulletin

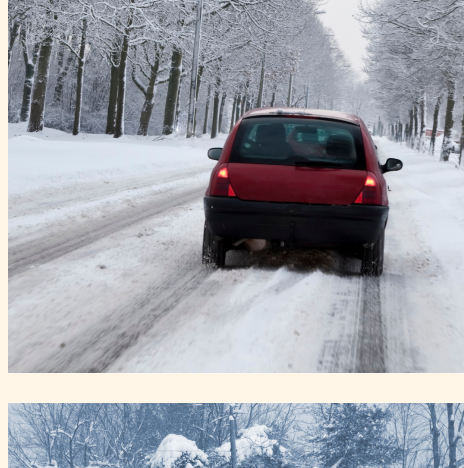
Happy New Year

We wish all our members a wonderful start to 2025 and look forward to working together in the year ahead.

As we navigate this chilly weather, we've included some useful cold weather resources in this eBulletin to help you stay safe and warm during the cold snap. This eBulletin also features funding opportunities and other information which may be useful for our member groups.



Cold Weather Resources



Road Safety on icy roads

- Check Your Tyres:** Ensure they have at least 3mm tread and are properly inflated for better grip.
- Clear Your View:** De-ice and de-mist all windows and mirrors before driving—carry a scraper and de-icer.
- Use Your Lights:** Turn on dipped headlights to improve visibility and make yourself seen.
- Drive Slowly:** Reduce your speed and use gentle, smooth movements when steering, braking, and accelerating.
- Increase Distance:** Leave a greater gap between you and the vehicle ahead—at least 10 times longer than usual.
- Avoid Sudden Moves:** Don't slam brakes or accelerate harshly to prevent skidding; use the highest gear possible.
- Beware of Black Ice:** Watch for shiny patches on the road, especially in shaded areas or near walls.
- Use ABS Correctly:** If your car has ABS, press and hold the brake pedal firmly while steering around obstacles.
- Stick to Gritted Roads:** Plan your route to stay on treated roads when possible.
- Carry Essentials:** Keep a blanket, torch, phone charger, and emergency kit in your car just in case.



Supporting Older People



ALONE are asking older people across the country to look for support they may need and for others be aware of older people in their communities who may be challenged, or more isolated because of the cold snap.

"We are urging the public to tap into that great community spirit that we have, check in with the older people in your community and make sure they have all they need to stay warm. Look in on them, let them see a friendly face, offer to do the shopping if you can, and direct any older person who needs our support to ALONE on 0818 222 024 or at www.alone.ie.

If you're concerned about an older person in your community, don't assume someone else has checked in or offered help. Don't leave it to others, make the call or knock on the door and let's get everyone through this safely". Seán Moynihan, CEO at ALONE

Useful Contact Numbers



- ESB Networks - 1800 372 999
- Gas Networks Ireland - 1800 20 50 50
- Irish Water - 1800 278 278
- Kildare County Council - Out of hours - 1800 500 444
- Homeless Out of hours services operated by Peter McVerry Trust on behalf of Kildare County Council - 1800 804 307 (Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 5pm)
- Emergency Services - 999



Met Éireann's weather forecasts

Met Éireann's weather forecasts and warnings are available on met.ie and on the Met Éireann App, where you can search for detailed 7-day forecasts for over 1,200 named locations around Ireland and optionally get a geo-located forecast for your location. The Rainfall Radar is also available there - zoom in to see the latest rainfall in a local area.

Follow [@meteireann](https://twitter.com/meteireann) on social media for regular weather and warning updates.



Road Safety Authority Resources

The RSA have a number of helpful leaflets and booklets for road users in severe weather:

- Top 10 Tips Driving in snow and ice
- Top 10 Safety tips to avoid slips and falls in ice or snow
- Top 10 Safety tips for driving during thaw
- Top 10 Safety tips for floods and wet and windy conditions
- Acting responsibly in snow and ice
- Advice for pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists in snow and ice
- Severe weather advice for road users

[Download booklets here](#)



KCC Salting Routes for 2025

With freezing temperatures forecast until Friday morning, make sure you are aware of what roads in Kildare are salted.

Kildare County Council currently operate 10 routes within its Winter Maintenance Programme, treating approximately 705 km of Local, Regional & National Secondary Road network in the county.

[View Salting Route](#)



Heating Your Home in Winter

Seal Drafts: Use weatherstripping, caulking, or insulation to prevent heat loss through gaps and walls.

Use Curtains and Draught Excluders: Trap heat by closing curtains at night and blocking drafts with excluders for windows and doors.

Layer Up: Wear warm clothing, use blankets, and add rugs to cold floors.

Heating Maintenance: Service your furnace or boiler annually and replace filters regularly.

Space Heaters: Heat only used rooms, keep them on flat surfaces, and never leave them unattended.

Cook More: Use your oven or stovetop for meals to add extra warmth.

Energy-Efficient Upgrades: Consider double-glazed windows, thermal blinds, or a heat pump.

Close Unused Rooms: Shut doors to focus heat in occupied areas.



Keeping Warm in Winter

Advise from the HSE on keeping warm in winter:

- dress in layers - a few light layers will keep you warmer than 1 heavy layer
- wear thermal underwear
- keep active indoors by walking around or try some indoor exercises
- hot drinks can also help you keep warm - have them during the day and before bed
- eat at least 1 hot meal a day to help you stay warm

Funding Opportunities

Kildare Arts Service Grants 2025

Kildare Arts Service have announced a number of grant opportunities for 2025 including:



- Arts Act Grant Scheme
- Artistic Entrepreneur Bursary Award, in partnership with Kildare Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
- Arts in Education Residency Bursary Award
- Arts, Health & Wellbeing Award
- Culture Night 2025 Commission Award
- Dennis O'Driscoll Literary Bursary Awards for emerging and established writers
- Drama League of Ireland Summer School Bursary Award
- Emerging Artist Solo Exhibition Award, in partnership with Riverbank Arts Centre
- Executive Coaching for Creative Professionals Bursary Award
- First Fortnight Award, in partnership with First Fortnight Festival
- Local Publishing Award
- Platform4 Recording Studio Bursary Award
- Research and Thinking Award
- Short Grass Film - Bursary (€1,500) Award
- Short Grass Film - Commission (€12,500) Award
- Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency
- Youth Arts Residency Bursary Award

[Full details](#)



Arts Council of Ireland Funding

The Arts Council of Ireland have a number of funding opportunities opening in January. Arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for funding.

[Find out more](#)



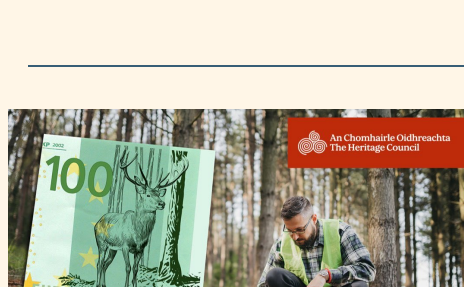
(Opening Soon) Emigrant Support Programme

Working through hundreds of organisations across the world, the Emigrant Support Programme focuses primarily on two areas:

- support for the vulnerable and underrepresented
- nurturing Ireland's cultural heritage abroad among the diaspora.

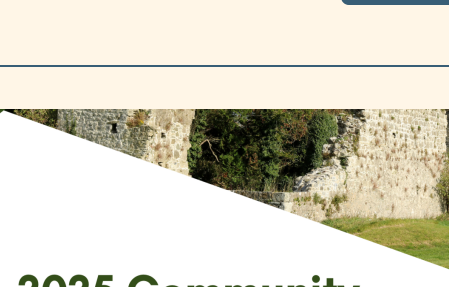
Grant round 2025/2026 will open on the 29th of January 2025.

[Full details](#)



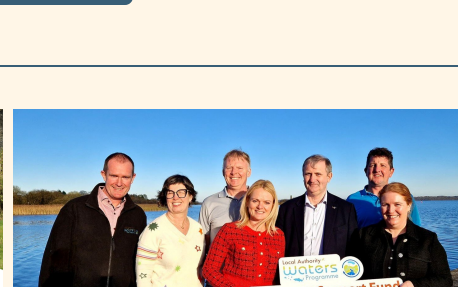
Heritage Council's Heritage Organisation Support Fund

[Full details](#)



Community Monuments Fund

[Full details](#)



LAWPRO Catchment Support Fund

[Full details](#)

Recent News



Kildare County Council Community Centres

Are you a community group looking for the perfect space for your next event? Kildare County Council have a number of community centres that may meet your needs, available for booking.

- [Allenwood Community Centre](#)
- [Anne Street Community House](#)
- [Ashgrove Community Cabin](#)
- [Athy Community House](#)
- [Athy Youth Café](#)
- [Bishopsland Community Centre](#)
- [Carbury Community Centre](#)
- [Castleten Community Centre](#)
- [Kilcock Community Centre](#)
- [Loughmoma Community Centre](#)
- [Maynooth Community Space](#)
- [Meeting House Ballinacorney](#)
- [Monasterevin Council Hall](#)
- [Monreard Community Centre](#)



Kildare Allotment and Community Garden Strategy 2024 - 2030

Kildare County Council is excited to publish its first Allotment and Community Garden Strategy - which aims to develop a pilot programme of allotment and community garden projects to be delivered across the county over the next six years.

Kildare's Allotment & Community Garden Strategy sets out a programme for the incremental delivery of pilot projects, with at least one proposed in each Municipal District. To meet the identified demand, Kildare County Council will focus on five pilot project locations over the period 2024-2030.

[Download here](#)

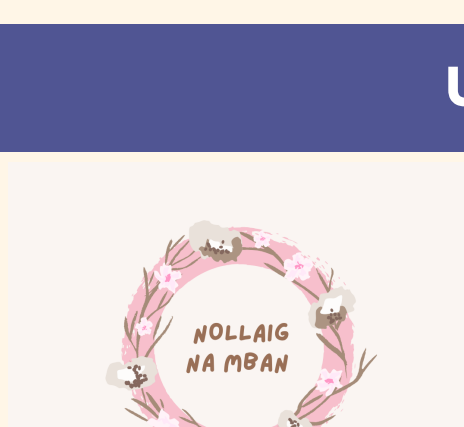


Curragh Plains Conservation Management Plan

Kildare County Council, in collaboration with the Department of Defense, is very pleased to announce the publication of the Curragh Plains Conservation Management Plan and Curragh Plains Interpretation, Branding and Wayfinding Strategy.

[Download Plan](#)

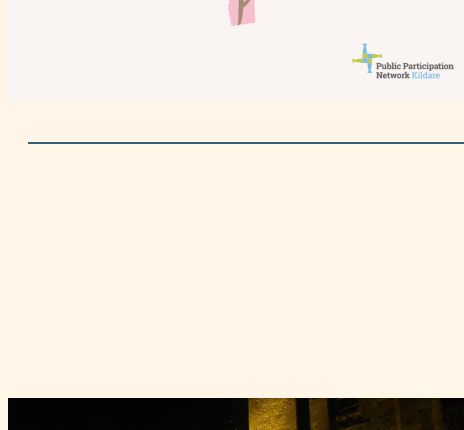
Upcoming Events



Happy Nollaig na mBan

Today (January 6th) marks Nollaig na mBan (Little Christmas / Women's Christmas) a day to celebrate the invaluable work of women in our society and to acknowledge the strong inspirational women in our communities both past and present.

St Brigid's Celebration will return as Brigid 2025, Spirit of Kildare



After the resounding success of the Brigid 1500 programme last year, which brought nearly 80,000 visitors to Kildare, we were delighted to hear that the festival will return for 2025.

Brigid 2025, Spirit of Kildare was launched on 13th November at the Nease Library & Cultural Centre, with special guests Mary Coughlan & Megan O'Neill.

The festival will take place from 24th January - 3rd February and will commemorate St Brigid through the theme "Her Spirit, Our Story".

Artists confirmed to take part across the festival include Mary Coughlan, Orla Gartland, Una Healy, Iamonnello, Lisa O'Neill, and Megan O'Neill with many more to be announced.

[Find out more](#)