

Kildare PPN eBulletin



Funding Opportunities

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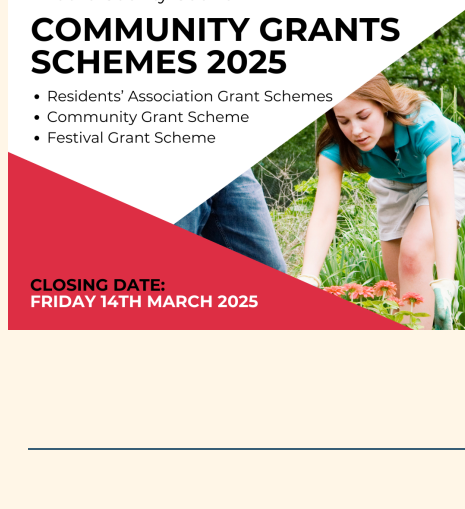
Kildare County Council Community Grant schemes are now open for applications.

- Community Grant Scheme*
- Festival Grant Scheme*
- Residents' Association Grants

Closing date: 14th March 2025.

**Please note sports clubs and resident's associations can not apply for the community grant and festival grant.*

[Find out more](#)



Local Enhancement Programme

Kildare County Council, through Kildare LCDC is now open for applications for the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP).

The LEP 2025 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. €233,001 is available through LEP through two separate application processes:

€198,096 to support Capital and Equipment. This includes funding towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment e.g. tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, training equipment etc. **The maximum application amount is €10,000.**

€34,905 to support Running Costs. This includes energy costs, heating costs, refuse charges, rental/lease costs, audit and accountancy fees, insurance costs, website maintenance. **The maximum application amount is €1,000.**

The priority of the LEP funding available in Kildare is to aid:

Community Groups/Organisations and Centres located in areas of disadvantage and/or with a clear remit to provide services to the most socially excluded in particular: Community Centres/Facilities, Parish Halls and Family Resource Centres

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 5.00 pm on Friday 28th February 2025

[Application Form for Capital/Equipment](#)

[Application Form for Running Costs](#)



Creative Communities: Information Session

Kildare Library & Arts Service will host a number of Information Sessions this January/February about the Creative Communities programme in County Kildare, including details for how to apply for the Kildare Creative Ireland Bursary Award in 2025.

Creative Communities is delivered through Kildare County Council as part of the Creative Ireland initiative, an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme that inspires and transforms people, places and communities through creativity.

- Saturday 26th January, 10:30am at Maynooth Community Library
- Tuesday 28th January, 7am at Celbridge Community Library
- Wednesday 29th January, 10am at Kildare Town Library
- Wednesday 29th January, 6:30pm at Naas Library & Cultural Centre
- Friday 31st January, 10:30am at Newbridge Community Library
- Tuesday 4th February, 6:30pm at Athy Community Library



Kildare Arts Service Grants

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](#)



2025 Collaboration and Innovation Fund

The Collaboration and Innovation Fund is a great opportunity to fund projects and activities that support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs.

Organisations that work in the public, not-for-profit, community and voluntary sector can apply for the Collaboration and Innovation Fund. Individuals and private sector organisations cannot apply for the Fund.

In 2025, the total funding available in the Collaboration and Innovation Fund is €1 million.

Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 7 February 2025.

[Find out more](#)



National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Peatlands & Natura Community Engagement Scheme 2025

The Scheme aims to encourage communities, local organisations and other interested parties to become involved in the enhancement of their natural surrounding areas and to raise awareness.

[Find out more](#)

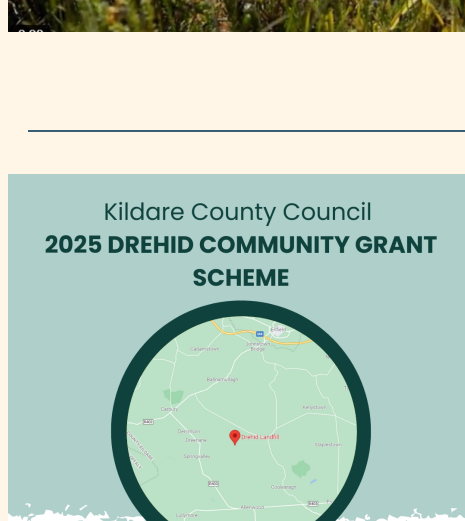


Drehid Community Grant Scheme

Applications for funding from community organisations for environmental, recreational and community projects which will mitigate the impact of the Drehid landfill facility on the local community are now open.

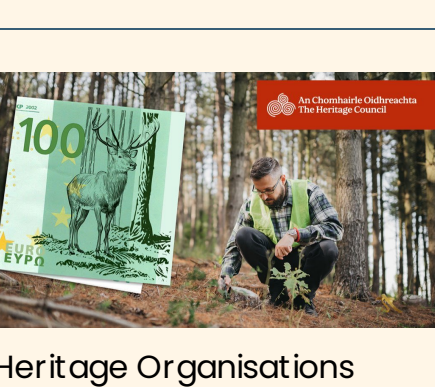
March 14th 2025 at 5pm

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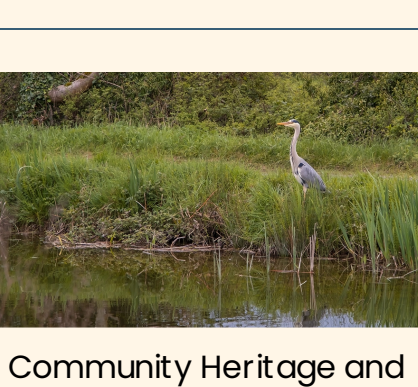
Arts Council of Ireland Funding

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Heritage Organisations Support Fund

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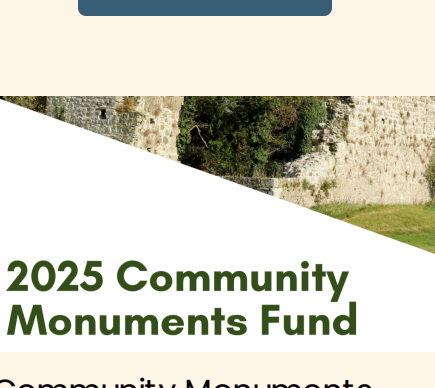
Community Heritage and Biodiversity Grant Scheme 2025

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TEXACO Support for Sport Fund

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Community Monuments Fund

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Training Links Programme

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Africa Day - Expressions of Interest

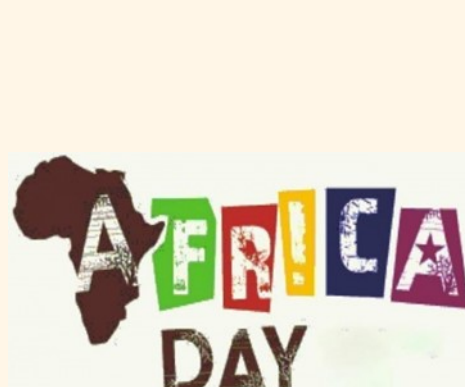
Kildare County Council in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs are planning to celebrate Africa Day on the **25th of May 2025**.

Applications are now open to any interested groups/organisations wishing to host an Africa Day celebration/event/initiative. This event should take place as close as possible to Africa Day 2025, and ideally no later than ten days either side of Saturday, 25th of May, 2025.

The closing dates for receipt of all applications is **Monday 19th February 2025**

Please email one of the following for an application form.

vdavaney@kildarecoco.ie or phone **0871852797**
eedgeworth@kildarecoco.ie or phone **0870324324**



Upcoming Training / Events



Kildare PPN Training Calendar

We're thrilled to launch our 2025 Training Calendar, packed with free, practical, and interactive modules designed to support our member groups. Whether you're seeking funding opportunities, want to understand good governance, or want to learn how to design visuals, there's something for everyone. To book a spot on any of the training modules below, visit the [training page](#) on the Kildare PPN website to see what's coming up and to book your space.

[Training Calendar](#)



Free Live Online Training: Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide

Our Mental Health Peer Support Training is a chance for community members and volunteers to make a real difference in the community. This transformative programme equips participants with the skills to provide understanding, encouragement, and support to those facing mental health challenges.

[Find out more](#)



Registrations for National Spring Clean 2025 are now open

Taking part in the National Spring Clean is very straight forward. Organize for a clean up of your local area, to take place any time during April, and register your event online, by phone, fax or post. To register online click on the 'Sign up' icon below. Once you have registered you will receive a FREE clean-up kit from An Taisce.

[Find out more](#)



Free World Cancer Day Webinar

'Your cancer prevention questions answered'

The Irish Cancer Prevention Network will host a live webinar for World Cancer Day.

Date: Tuesday 4 February **Time:** 12pm to 1:15pm

The webinar will feature expert speakers presenting on tobacco eating, skin protection: melanoma, alcohol, vaping and healthy products and their relationship to cancer risk.

If you cannot attend the live webinar, a recording of the event will be sent to all those who register.

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Public Consultations

Consultation on Uisce Eireann's Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region is now live



The Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region is a generational project and is the first major 'new source' water infrastructure in the region in the last 60 years. It will provide a safe, secure, and sustainable water supply essential for supporting our growing population and economy, including the demand for housing. It is a project that will also enable us to adapt to the effects of climate change by diversifying our water supply sources.

[Full details](#)

