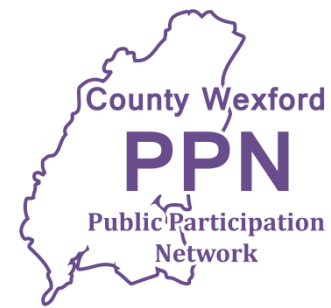


Member Information Bulletin

August 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during August



Grants & Funding Information

1. Reminder - **The Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2017** aims to encourage leadership and excellence with a view to creating a deeper culture of human rights and equality in Ireland. It will support eligible activities that relate to one or both of the themes of: A. Intercultural Understanding and Diversity; B. Supporting the Implementation of the Public Sector Duty. Applications are now open - The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday **6th of September 2017 at 5.00pm**. Further details at <https://www.ihrec.ie/our-work/human-rights-and-equality-grants-scheme-2017/>
2. A new funding call has been announced by **Inland Fisheries Ireland** for **angling projects and conservation initiatives**. The funding call, which consists of three separate funding streams, will help ensure that Ireland's fish stocks and angling infrastructure are protected and enhanced into the future. Projects which will be supported include: Habitat enhancement, Bank side / shorelines access projects, Instream angling access projects, Angling equipment, Marketing and promotional projects for angling, Funding for undertaking feasibility studies / fisheries development plans, Match funding for larger projects to be funded from other sources that contribute to achieving the objectives of the National Strategy for Angling Development. While the closing date Friday, 13th of October 2017 there are **Regional Information Workshops taking place next week**. See <http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Angling-Information/funding-for-fisheries-projects.html> for details.
3. The **St Stephen's Green Trust** autumn grant programme is now open and will fund work supporting **Traveller Men, Criminal Justice and Vulnerable Migrants**. The Trust operates a two-step process, the first of which is to fill out an Expression of Interest form should be emailed to the Trust by **Thurs 21 Sept 2017**. For more information see http://www.ssgt.ie/traveller_mencriminal_justicevulnerable_migrants.html
4. 2017 ICB (**International Charity Bazaar**) funding application is now open. Opportunity for Irish Registered Charities to achieve funding of up to €8,000 for projects in 2018. Apply online by visiting <https://icbdublin.com/> All applications must be received by **August 31st 2017**. For further information, please contact info@icbdublin.com or visit the website.
5. The **EU LIFE Programme** provides funding opportunities for the support of **Environment, Nature Conservation and Climate Action** projects throughout the EU. Applications are encouraged from public and private organisations seeking co-funding for projects. Check out <http://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/life-programme/Pages/Call-for-Proposals-2017.aspx> to find out more. Closing dates in early September
6. The NDA (National Disability Authority) **Research Promotion Scheme (Community Integration) 2017** is now open for applications. The focus of research topics under the current scheme is '**The effective promotion and support of community integration of people with disabilities**'. In addition to Research & Academic organisations, proposals/applications are invited from representatives of user/advocacy groups or service providers. NDA encourages proposals prepared by partner agencies/ organisations/ institutions who wish to work in collaboration. Further details available at <http://nda.ie> Closing date for receipt of applications is: **12 noon on 29 September 2017**. If you have any queries please email [Kate McCabe \(kmmccabe@nda.ie\)](mailto:kmmccabe@nda.ie).

Capacity Building & Training Opportunities

7. Does your group have any specific **training needs for Autumn 2017**? Following the success of our Summer Training Schedule Wexford PPN are looking to expand the capacity building opportunities to members during Autumn 2017. To **register your interest** in possible courses and to **provide suggestions** for training topics please use this link <https://goo.gl/forms/ohMXpNiOnxYyNBA63> or get in touch. Please complete by **Friday 1st September**.

8. There are many **Heritage Week** events happening this week that could be of interest to members. For example, Information Sessions & Demo on online cultural resources: Meitheal Dúchas.ie & Meitheal Logainm.ie, with DCU taking place in the libraries across the county on Thursday and Friday. Check out your local library for details. To search for other events check out <http://www.heritageweek.ie/>
9. **Access 2000** have provided details of the **WWETB Experience Success Training Programme** for 18 to 35year olds. It is full time Mon – Fri, takes place in Westgate Training Centre, and will commence on September 18th 2017 to end of June 2018. Attached is the application form, a list of modules, and a poster with further information. Please share to all who may be interested.
10. The **Carmichael Centre** has a good **online library of resources** which could be of benefit to PPN members. Check out this resource at <http://www.carmichaelcentre.ie/online-library>
11. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**:Six things to consider if you are a community, voluntary or charitable organisation – Check out the attached infographic courtesy of Carmichael Centre. If you are interested in finding out more about GDPR don't forget to register your interest in the Autumn Training needs form (link above)
12. **Sports Active Wexford** are facilitating a **Disability Inclusion Training** opportunity on 3rd September in Oylegate. Poster attached for further details.
13. **Free Driver Theory Practice** opportunity in Campile from **Wexford Local Development** –details from WLD or on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WexfordLocalDevelopment/photos/a.137801732939607.31204.137798416273272/1410027649050336/?type=3&theater>
14. **Safe Pass Training** available from **Wexford Local Development**. See their website or get in touch with WLD to check eligibility <http://www.wld.ie/safe-pass-training-available-in-wexford-enniscorthy-new-ross-and-gorey/>

Consultation -Have Your Say

15. Reminder - Do you have a relative who needs home care services? Or do you work with people who need them? If so you may want to take part in a new consultation to help inform the **development of a new statutory scheme and system of regulation for home care services**. Closing date for submissions: 6pm, Thursday 31 August 2017. More information here <http://health.gov.ie/blog/noticeboard/consultation-on-home-care-services/>
16. Reminder - **public consultation** entitled '**Our Public Service 2020**' currently underway. They want to hear the views of the public on the general direction and the 20 actions they propose to implement across the Public Service by 2020. The consultation will run for seven weeks, until **September 4th, 2017**. See attached document with further details.
17. The HSE has announced an **Autism Spectrum Disorder Review** and are looking for your submissions by **12th September 2017** on 1. Effectiveness of existing services, & 2. Models of good practice. Further details at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/media/pressrel/HSE-announces-Autism-Spectrum-Disorder-Review.html>
18. Consultation seeking views on **measures to tackle the gender pay gap in Ireland**. Interested parties are invited to give their views on the factors creating the gender pay gap, actions needed, and whether they can contribute to implementing these actions. Submissions are requested by 5pm on Wednesday **4 October 2017**
19. Opt-out system of consent for **organ donation** moves a step closer. Here is the link to have your say on **Human Tissue Bill**. Closing date - Monday, 9th October 2017 - <http://health.gov.ie/consultations/>

Other

20. Interesting opportunity for **current or new tourist attractions** to feature in a new TG4 Television Series. The programme are looking for current undiscovered tourist attractions or attractions currently in development and available for Summer 2018. They are looking for unique and different projects – could yours qualify? If so read the details below and get in touch with the contacts from Adare Productions to find out more.

21. The **Good Governance Awards** is an initiative that recognises and encourages adherence to good governance practice by Community, Voluntary & Charitable organisations in Ireland. Now in its second year, applications are being accepted for 2017 – with a closing date of **15th September 2017**. Check out <https://goodgovernanceawards.ie/> for more details.
22. **Local Link Wexford** have been in touch to remind members that **FREE travel for anyone up to 19 years of age** on our Local Link Services continues until August 27th. Book your seat with Local Link on 053 9196276.
23. Do you know about **EuroVelo 1- Atlantic Coast Route**? Find out more about the 120km Wexford section in the wonderful Promo Video from Wexford County Council. <https://youtu.be/MS0SCPJkljg>
24. In July we told you about an opportunity to become a 'Citizen Scientist'. On Sunday 27th August, as part of **Water Heritage Day 2017**, there is a **Citizen Science Streams event** taking place from 10.30-13.30 at National Heritage Park, Wexford where those who became citizen scientists will introduce their streams along with other water related discussion. This free public Water Heritage Day event is sponsored by Wexford Co Council and LAWCO. See attached for further details and information about how to register to attend.
25. **Wexford Mental Health Association** are delighted to announce that they are hosting **an exhibition to showcase the wonderful creative talent from the people of County Wexford** over the weekends of Wexford Opera Festival. If you are an amateur artist, poet, photographer or have a talent for sculpture, they would love to hear from you in respect of showcasing and celebrating your work to the public. Application forms can be downloaded from their website: <http://wexfordmentalhealthassociation.ie/creativity-counts-arts-exhibition/> For further information, please contact Wexford Mental Health Association on 053 9140610 Monday to Friday 9.30- 1.30PM or email Wexfordmha@mentalhealthireland.ie
26. **Training Room available to rent** in Henrietta Street at very competitive rates. All community group are welcome to avail of this if they wish. For further details, please contact Theresa on 053 9140610 Monday to Friday 9.30AM to 1.30PM or email wexfordmha@mentalhealthireland.ie.
27. Have you seen our new website? Let us know what you think. www.wexfordppn.ie
28. **Volunteers** required for 2-3 hours weekly at **Wexford Hospital**, to help make hospital a happier place for children. Information evening on Thursday 7th September - See attached information or check out the post on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CoWexfordPPN/photos/a.192878337861022.1073741828.192874211194768/280266775788844/?type=3&theater>
29. **#EndOverdose** The South East Family Support Network is marking **International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31**. See the attached poster and press release for more information
30. **Volunteers** needed in the Wexford district for a new **Befriending Service**, which offers companionship to older people through calls and visits. See poster for details of how to become a Befriender. If you know of someone in the area who could benefit from the service then get in touch also. Please share to those who may be interested.
31. **Zeminar 2017** takes place in the RDS **Oct 10th-12th** – this may be of interest to those aged between 15 and 20, and their parents, teachers, mentors and coaches. In Oct 2016 at the inaugural event they hosted the largest and most inclusive youth gathering ever seen in Ireland. See below for details of the 2017 event and links for more information.
32. This year **Youth Work Ireland's Consensus Conference** will focus on the theme of **equality**, and will bring together young people, staff, volunteers, experts and policy makers in an interactive, and exhibition style conference, with plenary, Ted talk, and information stands. The conference takes place at Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin on **Saturday 21st October, 2017 10am-4pm** For further information and to book check out <http://www.youthworkireland.ie/conference>
33. The **Volunteer Ireland Awards** aims to shine a light on the remarkable work of volunteers around the country by celebrating them on a national level. Nominations are now open until midnight **Friday 6th October 2017**. Further details here <http://www.volunteer.ie/events/vi-awards/>

34. Access 2000 in Wexford town are organising a **Coffee Morning** at 10.00 a.m. in Green Street on Tuesday, **September 12th**. The objective of this Coffee Morning is to invite **women** to a fun morning to get to know other women and decide on what courses they would like to participate for the Autumn.
35. Bord na Mona's hunt for the nation's #SustainabilityHeroes closes tomorrow. Check out the details here <http://www.bordnamona.ie/company/news/articles/search-irelands-sustainability-heroes/> and submit an entry here <https://www.facebook.com/BordnaMonalreland/videos/144607906126332/>

Save the Date – Upcoming PPN Events

36. South Dublin PPN are hosting a Housing Conference, Dublin - Monday 2nd October
37. Wexford PPN County Membership Meeting, Enniscorthy - Tuesday 3rd October
38. PPN National Conference, Sligo – Thursday 19th October