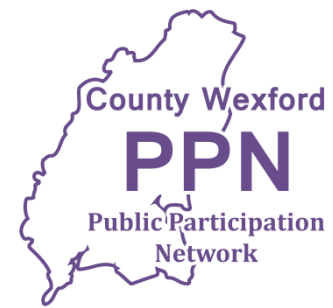


Member Information Bulletin

July 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during July



Grants & Funding Information

1. The **U.S. Embassy in Ireland** has a **Small Grants Program** which provides support for projects proposed by Irish non-profit, cultural, educational & civil society organizations that aim to promote mutual understanding & shared values; strengthen U.S.-Ireland ties, and foster people-to-people exchange between the United States and Ireland. Proposals are reviewed with rolling deadlines with the **next deadline 1st August 2017**. Check out <https://ie.usembassy.gov/education-culture/grants-program/>
2. Do you have a good idea for a **youth arts project** in your youth group but require the funding to work with an artist? Applications are now invited for the **Artist and Youth Work Residency Scheme** programme for projects commencing in September 2017. The scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland on behalf of the Arts Council and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs by whom it is jointly funded. The closing date for applications is **3pm, 28th July 2017** More details at <http://www.youtharts.ie/content/artist-youth-work-scheme>
3. **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/>

Capacity Building & Training Opportunities

4. Following the email last week we have now filled the four **free Mental Health First Aid** course places offered to Wexford PPN by **Community Minds**. #membershipbenefits
5. Our **free Garda Vetting Information training session** taking place tomorrow in Coolcotts Community Centre, Wexford town - **Tuesday 11th July 6.30-8.30pm**. We still have a couple of places available and so send me an email or give me a call (053-9196553) to reserve a place.
6. Next week Wexford PPN is offering '**Accounts for Your Community Group**'. in Bosheen Community Centre, New Ross, **Tuesday 18th July 7-8.30pm** Register here or get in touch to book.
7. On Saturday 22nd July Wexford PPN is offering an '**Introduction to the Governance Code**' training session, given by the Carmichael Centre. This free session will take place **10am – 1pm on Saturday 22nd July, at Templeshannon Community Centre, The Shannon, Enniscorthy**. Please **reserve your place** using the online form or get in touch.
8. Wexford PPNs **Summer Schedule of free training** continues this week. The next session is **Facebook for Your Organisation** which takes place tomorrow morning (Tuesday 25th) 10-12 in Enniscorthy. To book one of the final spaces remaining give us a call or sign up online
9. The **August Schedule** of Wexford PPN Training includes:
 - **Accounts for your Community Group**, Wednesday 16th August, 7-8.30pm, St Martins GAA, Piercestown. Book here or get in touch
 - **Garda Vetting Information**, Wednesday 23rd August 7-9pm, Templeshannon Community Centre, Enniscorthy. Book here or get in touch.
10. The first round of applications for the new **BA programme in Community, Youth and Family Studies** (level 8, honours, part-time) from NUIG to take place on **August 8th 2017** <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/adult-and-continuing-education-courses/community-youth-family-studies.html> Closing date for applications is September 8th 2017, but they advise early application as places are limited. See brochure attached and web page link shown.
11. **Charities Regulator** has launched the first in a series of **guidance documents**. These first documents are aimed at encouraging and facilitating the better administration and management of charities. The

documents address the issues of guidance for trustees and internal financial controls guidelines for charities. Further guidance documents will be published by the Charities Regulator by the end of 2017, along with resources to support charities in managing their organisations effectively.
<http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/en/cra/pages/guidance>

Consultation -Have Your Say

12. **Wexford County Council** is now seeking to restore the prominence of the **The Market House** building as a focal point on **Gorey's Main Street** and to further develop its relationship with the commercial life and public realm of the town. Submissions are invited via an on-line survey available at www.wexfordcoco.ie/markethousesurvey with closing date of **Friday, 7th July, 2017**.
13. **Public consultation** on the **strategy for future development of Greenways** currently inviting submissions - closing date 14 July. <http://www.smartertravel.ie/content/greenways>
14. In advance of a full consultation, we have been asked if PPN Members could assist in an **early consultation on the development of the new strategy for public libraries 2018-2022**. Please see below the email request to members and details of where to feedback. Attached is the background document and the Strategy Draft Outline.
15. 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. The Minister of State at the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Patrick O'Donovan T.D has launched a **public consultation** entitled '**Our Public Service 2020**' 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 until **September 4th, 2017**
17. Plans for **Bunclody Market Square Town Enhancement Works** will be on display at Millrace Hotel, on **Tuesday 25th July 6.00-7.00pm** and at **Bunclody Library from 26th - 28th July**. Please share to all who may be interested.
18. County Councils must designate official bathing areas in their area every year so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. To help them with this process, Wexford County Council is now asking people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing **designated bathing waters** designations or to designate new ones. Closing date for submissions is **8th August 2017**. Check out the website for more information <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/news/2017/07/06/help-us-to-identify-bathing-waters-in-county-wexford>
19. Wexford PPN Support Officer is part of a network of workers from PPNs across the country - known as the NPPNWN. This group have come together to prepare a submission to the **Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018: Implementation Review**. The submission - a view from the NPPNWN on Commitment 2: Public Participation Networks can be seen at <https://consult.ogpireland.ie/en/submission/CVQ-263>.
20. Have you had a recent experience with **Wexford County Council**? They are looking for those with recent experience to **complete a survey**. <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/council-and-democracy/customer-care-and-complaints/customer-satisfaction-survey>
21. **Inclusion Ireland**, who are an umbrella group for individuals and organisations in the **intellectual disability sector**, are looking for your views on Budget 2018. Check out the link. <http://ow.ly/9zyZ30dIjEo>
22. The third topic the **Citizens' Assembly** is considering "How the State can make Ireland a leader in tackling climate change" They are looking for PPN Member groups to consider this and to **make submissions by 11th August 2017** See the email below for further details and submission links and address.

Other

23. **Information session on college loans** by [Wexford Credit Union](#) taking place in **Wexford Library** on **18th & 20th July**. Check out Wexford Library for details and to book - Tel: 053 9196760
24. Did you know **Wexford Library now has a 3D printer** – Go along and see the amazing 3D printer in action! Free and available to all. Ideal for school visits and S.T.E.A.M. related activities.
25. **Social Justice Ireland** are holding a meeting on **17th July @11am in Dublin** to discuss Government choices for **Budget 2018** and what would lead to a fairer, more just society. Full details here
26. **'Yoga with Katie'** currently offers both chair and regular Yoga in **Bosheen Community Centre**. Chair yoga is a very gentle relaxing class. Suitable for all ages, anyone with mobility problems, injuries or maybe you just want to relax from head to toe. To find out more about Bosheen classes or to see if Katie could offer a class in your community get in touch - 087- 1320606 or katiedugganbiz@gmail.com
27. The **Charities Regulator** have launched a new facebook page. It might be worth giving them a 'like' to stay in touch <https://www.facebook.com/CharitiesRegulator/> and if you haven't done so already please 'like' our page also <https://www.facebook.com/CoWexfordPPN/>
28. **Celebrate Water during Heritage Week 2017** – with Water Heritage Day 27th Aug 2017. For more information see <http://www.heritageweek.ie/n.../water-heritage-day-event-ideas> and attached poster.
29. **Sports Active Wexford 'Fun in the Sun' for 7-14 year olds** running in various locations across the county from 8th - 16th August. Pre-register now. See attached poster or facebook page for details.
30. Do you know about **lobbying**? Check out the information video here <https://www.lobbying.ie/help-resources/information-videos/lobbyingie-information-video/>
31. **Wexford County Council** has been in touch to see if PPN Members are interested in becoming a **'citizen scientist'**. See Mairead Shore's email with full details and how to get in touch.
32. PPN members **Ballycanew-Ballyoughter Community Development Association** are looking for new members. Information meeting on **Tuesday 18th** – see attached poster for details.
33. PPN Member **Southend FRC** have also been in touch to let you know about their **Heritage Week Event**, taking place on **24th August**. The event is a **Maritime History of Maudlintown Walking tour**. See attached for details. Any queries to Southend FRC 053- 9126027
34. **CTEC**, Wexford have been in touch to let members know about **courses scheduled for September**. Have a look at the attached listing.
35. **Wexford Citizen Information** have a mobile unit travelling around Wexford during July. Dates and venues in the attached
36. One of our PPN members, who has returned to college studying Applied Social Studies as a mature student, is **looking for a placement** in an organisation which will enhance her learning experience and enable her to engage employment in the area of **social care** at the end of her studies. She is particularly interested in working with the Travelling Community or the LGBT Community but is open to any opportunity member groups may have. Should this be something you could facilitate please get in touch with Wexford PPN and we can link you with this member.
37. **Celebrating Traveller Ethnicity** - Wexford Local Development warmly welcomes you to join them at an open celebration event on **Tuesday, July 25th 2017**, where together with Wexford Travellers they will celebrate the formal recognition of Travellers as an ethnic minority in Ireland.
38. On July 14th 2017, Minister of State for Disability Finian Mc Grath launched a new **National Disability Inclusion Strategy to span 2017 to 2021**. The Strategy – including an easy to read version – are available here <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/WP17000244>
39. You are invited to the official re-opening of the **Enniscorthy Promenade Playground** on Friday 4th August at 6pm. See attached for full details.
40. **Kilmuckridge Community & Family Resource Centre** has been in touch to let you know about a **Local Training Initiative Programme** they are running in September. This is funded by the WWETB and will be facilitated in Kilmuckridge – see attached COTS Flyer for information & spread the word to those who may be interested.