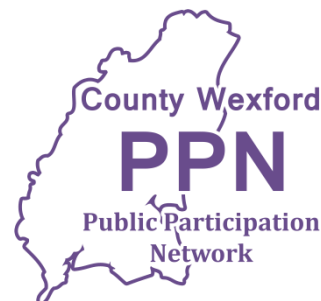


Member Information Bulletin

May 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during May




Grants & Funding Information

1. **Creative Ireland Grants** now available in conjunction with Wexford County Council. This fund, offering grants of €500- €2,500, is open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications must be received by **26th May 2017**.
2. Wexford County Council **Local Authority Housing Estate Award Scheme** is now open, with a closing date of **31st May 2017**. Prizes per District and overall. Check out <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/alerts/housing-estate-award-scheme-2017?language=en>
3. Not funding but did you know - the Arts Department at Wexford County Council offer a **limited free print service** for non-profit arts organisations. Details here <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/arts-and-culture/grants-supports-and-opportunities/print-service>
4. Orchard Recording & The Arts Department at Wexford County Council have announced that a **Recording Development Bursary** - see attached for details and share with any bands, artists, or singer-songwriters living in Wexford.
5. Reminder - **Town & Village Renewal Scheme closing date** for receipt of expressions of interest is 5.00pm on Friday the 19th May 2017. Check out <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/community/supports-grants-and-awards/town-and-village-renewal-scheme> for further details.
6. Wexford County Council have now added an on-line application facility for the '**Community Facilities Capital Scheme**', Check out the website for further details <https://wxcoco.wufoo.eu/forms/community-facilities-capital-scheme-grants-2017/>. This scheme has grants of up to €1,000 available. Closing date for applications is 30th June 2017
7. Twice yearly, the **Arts Council** offers grants to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The **Artist in the Community Scheme** (AIC) is managed by Create. For information on the AIC scheme and how to apply contact Katherine Atkinson phone 01-4736600 or Email support@create-ireland.ie Website www.create-ireland.ie Next deadline 26th June.
8. Details of the **Rural Water Programme – Grants Available** have been provided below by Wexford County Council. Grants are available for Group Water Schemes, Group Sewerage Scheme, and individual well grants. Further details attached
9. **Arts and Culture Capital Scheme 2016 – 2018** - Funding available for Not for Profit organisations with an Arts & Culture remit - providing capital grants up to €20,000, & up to 70% of the total eligible costs. Closing date **12.00 on 16 June 2017**. <http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie/arts/creative-arts/grants-and-funding/>
10. **Young Irish Film Maker Scholarship** opportunity - The Irish Film Board are funding 5 scholarship placements for the National Youth Film School 2017, a 10 day residential film camp in Kilkenny. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsHKX8_Qvw28iND0XqD8CI3G0TpWNVhQG1J71VITm1-iCd1A/viewform?c=0&w=1 Closing date for applications Friday **June 1st 2017 at 5pm**
11. **2017 Access for All - Gardens, Parks and Community Spaces Competition** - The challenge is to design an accessible element or a series of accessible elements that can be constructed to make the garden, park and community space a more inclusive and accessible space for all the community. See <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/alerts/2017-access-for-all-gardens-parks-and-community-spaces-competition>. Entries to be submitted by **12 noon, Thursday, 29th June 2017** to: The Access Officer, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford
12. Funding now available under the **Physical Activity Promotion Scheme** with **Sports Active Wexford**. Max funding of €300 per club/organisation. Closing date 4pm, **Thursday 15th June 2017**. See Sports Active website for details http://sportsactivewexford.ie/?page_id=69
13. Do you have a project or initiative that could help to increase awareness of environmental issues locally, or that could help your community to become more sustainable? If so, you could access some funding under **Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017**. Closing date **23rd June**.

Full details <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/community/supports-grants-and-awards/local-agenda-21-environmental-partnership-fund>

14. **Planting Grants** from Wexford County Council, up to a maximum of €300, are available to voluntary groups for planting projects in public areas. The grant is to help cover the costs of trees, shrubs, top soil and landscaping materials etc required for the project. Closing **date 9th June**. Full details at <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/environment/biodiversity-community-and-schools/planting-grants-for-voluntary-groups>.
15. A reminder about the **'Energising Communities'** event being run by Wexford Local Development in Enniscorthy in **31st May**. This event promises to provide information on **supports and grant aid**. See details on the attached poster and for more information please get in touch with Billy Murphy in the WLD Enniscorthy Office on 053 9155864 or billy@wld.ie

Training & Capacity Building


16. **Sage Support & Advocacy Service** would like to make you aware of a workshop on the **Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015** which may be of interest to you, a family member or as a professional supporting people with disabilities. The event on the ADM (Capacity) Act 2015 will take place on **Friday 12th May 2017** from **3.00pm – 5.00pm** in County Wexford Community Workshop, Bellefield, Enniscorthy. See attached ADMA letter for further details & for registration details.
17. **Smartphone Classes at Wexford Library** - Join a class in the library provided by Vodafone. **Fortnightly on Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am** Call in to Vodafone, opp. AIB to book your place
18. **Wexford Local Development** are holding a **network workshop** for local community groups working with **children and young people** to network and share ideas. The event is Wednesday 17th May 7-9.30pm at the Athenaeum Enniscorthy. Further details on our facebook page. 
19. The **National Volunteer Management Conference** takes place on Tuesday May 3^{0th} in Sligo. Tickets & details here <http://www.volunteer.ie/events/national-volunteer-management-conference-2017/>
20. Donal Traynor of **Community Finance Ireland** sent through a recording of a webinar undertaken recently & based on the theme of **Community Shops**, featuring Packie Kelly of Teach na Daoine in Monaghan, and Mary Fogarty of the Loughmore Tea Rooms in Tipperary. This may provide inspiration for some members. Link to webinar <http://dcu.adobeconnect.com/p7m3793o911/>
21. We sent all Wexford PPN members an email last week about providing a number of **free training sessions** to members. Don't forget to register your interest in proposed courses by **Thursday 25th May** using this link <https://goo.gl/forms/Fy9sMDkAGV4LOC9P2> or by getting in touch. Courses would be **free** and places would be limited to **one person per group** for these initial training sessions.
22. **CTEC** have been in touch to let you know about **some courses - FREE** to any women NOT in employment and NOT in receipt of social welfare payment. Ideal for a stay at home Mam, someone on a carer's allowance, lone parent etc or someone whose husband or partner is self-employed. See attached poster for details & contact information (PEIL Poster).


Consultation

23. The government is developing a new **National Action Plan for Social Inclusion** and the Social Inclusion Forum and the initial regional workshops, with details in the attached flyer, will form part of the consultation. The Social Inclusion Forum takes place on 25th May in The Aviva, Dublin. Full details are available at <http://communityworkireland.ie/social-inclusion-forum-2017/>
24. A reminder of the upcoming **public consultation** on the **draft River Basin Management Plan** is coming to County Wexford. Please see attached for details and dates of meetings being held around County Wexford in May. If you are interested in **water quality, angling, heritage, biodiversity, amenity use or issues affecting your local waterways** then this is an opportunity to share your knowledge and stories and to have your say.
25. In May 2017 Wexford County Council is preparing a new **Arts Strategy** to guide and direct the work of the Arts Office and the Council's investment in Arts **2017-2022**. Currently they are holding public consultation to inform this Strategy. See below of how to get involved either in the focus groups or with the online survey.

26. For those in the Gorey area – there is a coffee morning taking place in the Taravie Hotel in Courtown on **Tuesday 30th May @11am**. The purpose of the coffee morning is to create awareness of the **Courtown/Riverchapel Local Policing Fora** and its various members and create introductions with local groups and individuals that can assist with the work of the Fora
27. No exactly consultation - but a way of keeping up to date with what is going on within Wexford County Council. The **Chief Executive's Report** is a **monthly document** that will keep you up to date. It is available online on their website.
28. We have been contacted by **Friends of the Irish Environment** asking us to make you aware of a **survey** they are conducting. This questionnaire is designed to assess the impact of the 2009 Charities Act on **environmental and heritage organisations** in Ireland. Link here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QBT-Hk47CYuVtM9MdbhQFvSk1Nb3kusrRpShsGgc5Ew/viewform?edit_requested=true

Other

29. Please find attached an invitation to a **Tidy Towns evening** in County Hall, Carricklawn on Tuesday 9th May. RSVP: Cliona Connolly, cliona.connolly@wexfordcoco.ie 053 9196475 by Friday 5th May, 2017
30. Ms. Hannah Culkin has been appointed as the **Co. Wexford Refugee Resettlement worker**. She is based at Co. Hall, Wexford & has asked us to send you details of **how you can get involved in the refugee resettlement programme** in Co. Wexford. Attached is a volunteer application form & details. Her number is 0894966540 for any queries. The form can be emailed to h.culkin@dorasluimni.org or posted to Hannah Culkin, Doras Luimni, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn. This is the first step, followed by informal interview, Garda vetting, reference checks & training.
31. Lynda Stacey has been in touch to let us know she is the new Money Advice Co-ordinator at **Wexford MABS**. Clinics are held in Wexford Town, New Ross and Enniscorthy . Lynda's contact details are phone; 0761 072 780 or email Lynda_stacey@mabs.ie
32. **2017 Senior Citizen & Family Carer Guidebook** now available. This guide is produced by Home Instead & includes information on Allowances & Entitlements, Nutrition, Fitness & Wellbeing, Technology, Support Services in the Community, Safe at Home, Preventing Hospitalisations & Legal Information. Download it from here http://www.homeinstead.ie/docs/default-source/Brochures/senior-citizen_senior-carer_web.pdf?sfvrsn=0 or To receive a hard copy in the post, email info@homeinstead.ie or call 1890 989 755.
33. Event Registration is now open for **National Heritage Week 2017** - Registration for the printed event guide will close on **31 May**. <http://www.heritageweek.ie/whats-on/submission-form/>
34. **Active Retired South East Region**, will be holding a **Marigold Health and Well Being day** on **31st May** in the Tower Hotel Waterford. This will be a fun day with so much going on, with speakers, fun Choirs, Line dancing many stands. This is the 4th year of the Marigold and was started to encourage older people to get involved , to enjoy health and fitness , also to find out more about the benefits of belonging to an active Retirement group. Please see poster attached.
35. **Gentle chair based yoga** takes place on Tuesday mornings in **Bosheen Community Centre** in New Ross. See the attached yoga poster & contact Katie for further details.
36. Sports Active Wexford & Irish Wheelchair Association have a '**Come and Try Session' for children with a physical disability** to try a range of sports. The event takes place at Astro Active in Enniscorthy on **Wednesday 17th May 7-8.30pm**. Full details on our facebook page  or get in touch.
37. **Hill Street Community Garden** in Wexford is continuing to develop the remaining beds in the community garden will soon be ready for filling and planting. The approach is to allocate one bed per group and that group takes responsibility for the planting and maintenance of their own particular bed. If your group is interested please contact **Madeleine Quirke, Wexford Chamber** 053 9122226, madeleine.quirke@wexfordchamber.ie They would like to encourage everybody involved to come along on the LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH between 2 – 5 for a monthly Meitheal when people can socialise, enjoy a cup of tea and exchange ideas and plants!! For May this will be this Friday, 26th May.
38. The **Wexford Documentary Film festival** is currently looking for submissions from filmmakers and artists - The 2017 theme for the 'Documentary Films ' category is 'Community' .

39. **Biodiversity Week 2017** runs from 19th - 28th May. A local event that might be of interest is Hook Head, with Jim Hurley of South Wexford Coast Promotions Tuesday, 23rd May 2017 - 7:00pm. Full details at <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/events/hook-head-with-jim-hurley-of-south-wexford-coast-promotions> For other events check out the facebook page [National Biodiversity Week 2017](#).
40. A **Sponsored 5km/10km Walk/Run** in aid of **St Louis Day Care Centre**, Ramsgrange will be held in JFK Memorial Park & Arboretum on **Monday 5th June 2017 at 10.30 am**. The walk is to raise funds towards the replacement of their mini bus. Any queries please contact 051 389509. Full details on www.facebook.com/SeniorCitizensConcern or details of the event are also shared on our  page.
41. **Local Link Wexford** have a new website – check it out here www.localinkwexford.ie
42. Have you heard about the **New 5-Year Strategy For Development Of Public Playgrounds In Wexford?** See the press release here <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/news/2017/05/08/new-5-year-strategy-for-development-of-public-playgrounds-in-wexford>
43. The **New Ross Singers** are putting on a concert in Duncannon on **May 31st at 8 pm** in aid of the Fethard-on-sea lifeboat fund – Tickets €10. See attached poster for details.
44. **Clean Coasts Week is 2nd - 11th June 2017**. Register your beach clean and get your free clean up pack at <http://cleancoasts.org/our-initiatives/clean-coasts-week/#register>

Upcoming Meetings

45. **Social Justice Ireland**, in association with Wexford PPN, are holding a Seminar & Discussion entitled '**Building a Better & more Equal Ireland**' at 7.30 on **Thursday 8th June, at Wexford Arts Centre**. Details of the event and how to book are provided in the attached poster. Please feel free to share with those who you feel may be interested – this is an open meeting with all welcome.
46. '**Save the Date**' for a meeting of those interested in **Social Inclusion**, hosted by Wexford PPN. We are currently finalising details but the event is scheduled for Enniscorthy on **Tuesday 20th June, 7pm** – full details next week. This meeting will be open to all with an interest in Social Inclusion in Wexford.