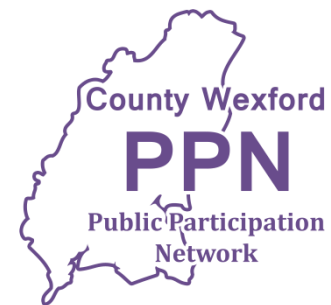


# Member Information Bulletin

## September 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during September

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### Grants & Funding Information

1. **Ulster Bank Skills & Opportunity Fund** is now open. Grants of up to €35,000 available. Check out the website for more information <http://skillsandopportunitiesfund.ulsterbank.com/> Deadline is **22nd September** for next round.
2. The **Go for Life Grant Scheme** application form - for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People is now available to download. Check out the website for details <http://ageandopportunity.ie/what-we-do/physical-activity-sport/go-for-life-grant-scheme> Closing date Friday **29th September**.
3. The **Writers in Schools** scheme part-funds visits by writers and storytellers to primary and post-primary schools. Available with a range of artists including poets, novelists, storytellers, teen fiction writers, children's writers and screenwriters. Check out <http://www.poetryireland.ie/education/writers-in-schools/> for more details.
4. Funding available with **The St Andrews Prize for the Environment** whose purpose is to find and reward those who come forward with original and practical ideas for coping with specific environmental problems. Closing date **29th September**. Full details at [www.thestandrewsprize.com/how-to-enter](http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/how-to-enter)
5. **EPA Event Support Grant** – This grant provides funding to support workshops, seminars & other events. Funding is provided only for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis. Further details at <http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventssupport/#.VWzK089Viko>
6. **The Arts Council** announces a single round of the **Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS)** for festivals taking place in 2018 – applications open tomorrow and will close on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Check out <http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Festivals-Investment-Scheme/> for more information.
7. **DWF Foundation** provides supports to registered charities which support their pillars of Homelessness, Health & Wellbeing, Employability and Education. Rolling deadline for applications with the next one 31<sup>st</sup> October. More details at [https://uk.dwf.law/sitecore/content/DWF/Home/About-Us/DWF-Foundation?sc\\_lang=en](https://uk.dwf.law/sitecore/content/DWF/Home/About-Us/DWF-Foundation?sc_lang=en)

### Capacity Building & Training Opportunities

8. **Free Music/Event Production Course** during October Midterm -Participants must be between the ages of 15-18 yoa. Playing a music instrument or singing is not a strict requirement, as they cover all areas of event production, sound, filming, stage management etc. Check out the details on our facebook page or contact The Orchard Recording Studio - [info@orchardrecording.ie](mailto:info@orchardrecording.ie) or 0879523253. Please share to those who may be interested.
9. Training opportunities available at **Kilmuckridge Community and Family Resource Enterprise** in association with **WWETB Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board** – see attached COTS poster for details and share to those who may be interested.
10. **CTEC (Community Training & Education Centre) Open Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norse Gate House in St Peter's Square. See poster with details. Please share to all who may be interested.
11. **Youth Mental Health Training** on Sept 27th in Kilcannon Garden Centre, Enniscorthy. This one day interactive workshop for people who work or volunteer with young people, was developed by Jigsaw [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie) and the HSE. For more information contact Olive Fanning, Health Promotion & Improvement, Health & Well Being Division, HSE. Tel: 059 9143630 – poster attached
12. **Arts & Disability - Panel Discussion** surrounding art access & support for people with disabilities. Free event at 12 in The Tholsel New Ross on Friday 8th September as part of the Kennedy Summer School in association with Wexford Arts Centre and County Wexford Arts Department. Details on our facebook page also.

13. **Disability Federation of Ireland** have sent details of meeting taking place in Dublin on 27<sup>th</sup> September with the purpose to provide a space to identify common purpose, share ideas, network, and learn - for groups with a disability focus and people with disabilities. See attached poster (Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – Workshop) booking essential – please get in touch to book by 14<sup>th</sup> September or give them a call if you have any queries.
14. As part of our ongoing Representative Development, Wexford PPN has engaged Social Justice Ireland to provide this course '**How to be an Effective PPN Rep**'. This three hour course is aimed at both existing elected PPN Reps & those who may be thinking of standing for election as a PPN Rep. The course will take place at County Hall on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2-5pm**, with lunch beforehand in the canteen. If you, or any of your members, would like to attend **please sign up using this link** <https://goo.gl/forms/uWKnFJPrCXjPArS53> or get in touch
15. **The Aware Life Skills Group Programme** is a CBT-based programme to learn practical tips to manage feelings of anxiety, stress or depression & to help you to deal with life's challenges. The programme consists of six 90 minute modules, one evening per week for six consecutive weeks. Starting next week the course takes place on **Tuesday evenings, at Talbot Hotel**, Wexford. For more information and to apply check out <https://ti.to/Aware/life-skills-group-programme-september-2017> Please share to those who may be interested.
16. NUIG have been in touch to let us know that the application closing date has been extended for the new **BA programme in Community, Youth and Family Studies** (level 8, honours, part-time) Full details are available here <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/adult-and-continuing-education-courses/community-youth-family-studies.html> - Location of regional workshops will be dependent on demand and applicant locations.
17. **Computer skills classes** commencing on Thursday 21 September in Gorey Library still has some spaces available. For more information please contact the Library on 053 9421481
18. **An Cosan VCC (Virtual Community College)** have a new set of Introductory courses starting towards the end of the month in addition to a 'Learning to Learn' course. Details available online at <http://ancosanvcc.com> , email [info@ancosanvcc.com](mailto:info@ancosanvcc.com) or phone 01 5341847
19. Details of **South Dublin County PPN Housing Conference** taking place on **2nd October** now available at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/housing-conference-tickets-37873065358> The primary aim of this conference is to highlight and seek solutions to the national housing and homelessness crisis as it relates to availability and affordability of housing.
20. The Autumn **Catchments Newsletter** is now out, you can [download it on www.catchments.ie](http://www.catchments.ie) This issue looks at how local communities all around Ireland are becoming more involved in looking after their catchments, the story the science is telling us about our water, the role of fresh waters, forests, bogs and wetlands, how to tackle invasive species, how climate change could bring us together, and lots more...
21. **Environment Ireland Conference 2017** takes place in Croke Park on **Thursday 28th September**. The conference is organised in association with the EPA and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment. You can find out more details and register at [www.environmentireland.ie](http://www.environmentireland.ie) or by calling 01-6613755
22. **Social Farming open day** at Ballinamona, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, Co Wexford on Friday **29th September** 2017 from 10am to 1pm. All are welcome to the open day. For further information, contact John Evoy, Regional Development Officer @ 087 2311061 or check out <http://www.wld.ie/social-farming-in-wexford-open-day-friday-29th-september/>

## Awards & Recognition

23. New Ross members – have you entered the **Community & Social Enterprise Award** in the #NewRossBizAwards from New Ross & District Chamber? There is still time with applications closing on 29th September <http://newrosschamber.ie/new-ross-district-business-community-awards-2017/>
24. The EU **Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards** honours the most outstanding heritage achievements from all over Europe. There are four categories with the deadline for applications 1<sup>st</sup> October. More information at [www.europeanheritageawards.eu/apply/](http://www.europeanheritageawards.eu/apply/)
25. The Wheel have launched the **Charity Impact Awards** with a Community Impact Award, Charity Trustee of the Year, & Community Hero Award. Nominations are open now and close on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Find out more about on [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie) or [www.charityimpactawards.ie](http://www.charityimpactawards.ie)
26. Reminder - 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/>

## Consultation -Have Your Say

27. Parents/Guardians - Do you remember getting a green **Books4Babies** pack from your Public Health Nurse at your baby's 7-9 month developmental check? They are now evaluating this with a 20 minute focus group on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, at Wexford Library at 11.15am**. Booking recommended. Tel: 053 9196760 to book your place.
28. The **Department of Rural and Community Development**, which PPNs now come under, is currently preparing its first **Statement of Strategy** to cover the period 2017-2020, and are inviting interested parties to submit their views on its shape and content. Further details available at <http://drcd.gov.ie/about/statement-of-strategy-2017-2020/> Closing date for receipt of submissions is **Monday, 2 October 2017**.
29. **Social Justice Ireland** conducted a range of regional PPN meetings in Spring 2017. They have compiled a report on same attached here. And are looking for feedback to see how they can improve for the future. See full details and the survey link at the end of this email.
30. Donegal County Council, as part of the LADDER Project, is holding a 2 day event to review and discuss **Community Engagement with the Sustainable Development Goals**. The event takes place at Royal Marine Hotel on **25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Full details and booking information at the end of this email.
31. **Public Consultation** on the Review of the **Protected Disclosures Act 2014** details at <http://www.per.gov.ie/en/public-consultation-on-the-review-of-the-protected-disclosures-act-2014/> The Protected Disclosures Act 2014, provides detailed and comprehensive statutory protections for workers in both the public and private sectors against penalisation by their employers in circumstances where they have raised concerns about potential serious wrongdoing in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act. Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.
32. The **HSE** is working to build a better health service for everyone in Ireland. To improve the health service, they need to know what patients and service users expect from it – to know what matters most to you. In **Your Voice Matters** – a short survey – they ask you to tell your story (experience) about using the services. Check it out here <https://www.hse.ie/yourvoicematters/>
33. Reminder - 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**
34. Reminder - 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

35. **Palliative Care Week**, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September, aims to raise awareness of the difference palliative care can make to patients, carers and families throughout the island of Ireland. Check out <http://www.thepalliativehub.com/> for more information.
36. **Gorey Christmas Festival 2017** - An open meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** to discuss plans and all are welcome. Meeting takes place at Loch Garman Arms at 6pm. See attached for further details
37. **Clean Coasts Big Beach Clean weekend** will take place on the **15 - 17 September**. Register now for your free clean up kit at <http://cleancoasts.org/our-initiatives/big-beach-clean/>
38. **Wexford Local Development** have published their 2016 annual report. A read through give an indication of the types of supports offered – particularly pages 20-26 which focuses on Communities. The report is available to download from their website <http://www.wld.ie/wld-2016-annual-report-published/> or get in touch for a hard copy.
39. **Free Student Cooking Demo** for **Enniscorthy Credit Union** members, by celebrity chef Phelim Byrne at Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy on 19th September at 7pm. Booking essential, by 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please share to those who may be interested.
40. **National Social Monitor** published by **Social Justice Ireland** with reference to PPNs on pages 13 & 14. Download it here <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/national-social-monitor-2017> or get in touch for hard copy.
41. **Positive Ageing Week** takes place 25<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October. There will be events taking place across County Wexford – including many events from our members such as Access 2000 coffee morning on September 27, 2017 - 10:30, and an Open Day in St Louis Daycare in Ramsgrange. Check out <https://www.ageaction.ie/events> to search for all Wexford events.
42. **Gorey Library** also have a Positive Ageing Week Event which may be of interest – **One Pot Wonders!** – a cookery demonstration with Margaret Corcoran on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm – booking essential, 053-9421481
43. **Junior Multi-Sports club** for young people, 5-18yrs, with **physical disabilities** starting weekly from September 6th and every Wednesday after, from 6-7pm in Astro Active Enniscorthy. Friends and siblings also welcome! Cost of €5 per child, but no more than €10 per family. Please spread the word.
44. A Fundraising walk in aid of the **Templeshannon Community & Childcare Centre** is being held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm**. This sponsored walk is being held in order to raise much needed funds and the up keep of the Childcare Facility and the Community Centre. See attached for further details.
45. PPN Members, **Wexford Comhairle na nÓg**, presents their play '**Stigma**' on the **6<sup>th</sup> October 2017** in Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, These amazing young people have designed and directed their own play based on their experiences around accessing counselling services. They hope to raise awareness on the stigma attached to accessing and attending counselling appointments in a school setting. The play kicks off at 7pm with light refreshments served afterwards. Admission is free so please come along and join them on the night.
46. WE the People #Act4SDGs - Global Day of Action on **25th September 2017** to mark the second anniversary of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs). See link for more details... <http://mailchi.mp/5b22eeba2dba/the-second-anniversary-of-the-sdgs-is-coming?e=e6000715f9>
47. The **Pobal Deprivation Index** has just been published with interactive maps which show how affluent or deprived every small area in Ireland is. Check it out for Wexford <https://www.pobal.ie/.../Launch%20of%202016%20Pobal%20HP%20De...>
48. **Wexford Waling Trails Festival** takes place **29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Check out their facebook page for details.
49. **Wexford Lions Club** have been in touch to let you know about the annual **Lions Club Young Ambassador Youth Award**. See details at the end of this email and application form attached.
50. **#UpcycleChallenge17** offers cash prizes of €1,000. Further details at <http://www.freetradeireland.ie/The-Upcycle-Challenge-2017.h...> and on the attached poster. Closing date 16<sup>th</sup> October

51. **'The Best of Wexford from head to Toe'** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct in Clayton Whites Hotel, with proceeds in aid of **Wexford Rape Crisis Centre** . Cookery demo by Kevin Dundon along with 30 plus stands of Wexford in crafts, jewellery, make-up, fashion. Bubbles on arrival with live music and fashion tips from fashion blogger Denise Brophy ([holychic.ie](http://holychic.ie)). Tickets only €10 and are available from reception at Clayton Whites Hotel.
52. **Wexford Mental Health Association** is organising the **Expressions Competition** again this year. The competition will focus on the theme of 'Positive mental health is.....' and applications will be open to all young people between 15 and 18 years old across County Wexford. Full details at <http://wexfordmentalhealthassociation.ie/expressions-competition/>
53. **St Louis Day Care Centre** , Ramsgrange, Co. Wexford are holding their annual **Open Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017** from 10 am to 2pm. On the day they will have representatives and information on their services in St Louis Day Care Centre and also representatives and information on community based services. All are welcome to attend. Any queries contact 051 389509
54. PPN Members, **Windmill Therapeutic Training Unit** Ltd, have a **meeting space available in Wexford town** to rent weekdays after five and all weekend. See attached poster for details and contacts.
55. The **Chief Executive Report for September** is now available on **Wexford County Council website** which provides an overview of activity. It is available at <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/council-and-democracy/council-plans-publications-and-reports/chief-executives-monthly-reports>
56. Wexford has been announced as one of **Music Generations nine new areas** of Ireland that will receive philanthropic funding from U2 and The Ireland Funds to create increased access to music tuition for children and young people in their local area. Planning for the Music Generation Wexford set-up process will commence over the coming months, with programming expected to get underway later in 2018. Read more about Music Generation here <http://www.musicgeneration.ie/about/>