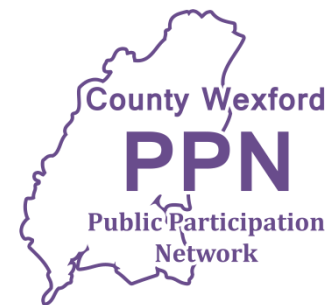


Member Information Bulletin

December 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during December



Training & Capacity Building

1. Our final course for 2017 is **Garda Vetting Information** which takes place in **Gorey Library on Thursday 14th December 6.30-8.30**. This course will be given by Carlow Volunteer Centre. Book your place here <https://goo.gl/forms/fTbRIBoT1bkDmJY72> or get in touch to reserve a place.
2. Community Finance Ireland were in touch to let you know about the country's first **Social Enterprise Toolkit**, which Community Finance (Ireland) have jointly commissioned. You can download it for free here socialenterprisetoolkit.ie

Supports & Funding Opportunities

3. The **Better Energy Community** programme assists energy efficiency community projects through capital funding, partnerships, and technical support. Applications close **26th January 2018** and more information is available at <https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/> The SEAI are also calling on Community Groups to join a 'Sustainable Energy Communities' Network. See attached SEC Flyer for details.

Consultation – Have Your Say

4. Do you know someone in **Riverchapel, Courtown or Ballymoney** who finds it hard to get to Gorey to connect with early morning transport services to Dublin? If so Local Link Wexford want to hear about it - Get in touch with [Local Link Wexford](http://LocalLinkWexford.com) or complete this short survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Z9VJMT . Based on feedback if there is a demand **Local Link Wexford** can look into provision of a service
5. Have your say on the **New Public Library Strategy 2018-2022**. Responses can be made electronically, emailed to libstrategyreview@drccd.gov.ie or printed down and posted. A response template is available at your local library or here <http://drccd.gov.ie/librarystrategy/> . The closing date is Feb 1 2017.
6. Do you own a **private well** or are you part of a **private Group (ground)Water Scheme/** If so a group of researchers in UL, DIT, and TCD are working on a new project looking at effects of flooding on drinking groundwater quality, and human health in Ireland. They are looking for your input on their survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q95FX2F> (it takes less than 10 minutes). Also as part of this project, any participant that experiences flooding near their groundwater supply this winter can if they choose, have their well water assessed and tested FREE of charge. More information available on their Facebook and Twitter @IrishWellSurvey
7. REMINDER - the online consultation on **future of the social enterprise sector** in Ireland remains open until next Friday December 15th @5pm. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IrelandSEP>
8. The **HSE are re-designing their website** and want your thoughts. Be in with a chance to win a €100 One4All voucher for your contribution: <https://www.research.net/r/HSE-FB>
9. Wexford County Council has asked us to let you know that the **Draft Polling Scheme 2018**, dividing the County into Polling Districts and appointing a polling place for each polling district, is now on display in Council offices. They hope to also have the Draft Scheme available on their website shortly or you can purchase a copy from them directly. The Council will consider written submissions in relation to the Draft Scheme, received by **5pm on 31st January 2018** – to County Secretary, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford.
10. **Our Communities, the National Framework Policy on Local and Community Development** - Have your say on the **Implementation Plan** which sets out key priorities and approaches to supporting community development and local development over the coming years. Event taking place

in Dublin on Wednesday **17th January** <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/conversation-about-the-national-local-community-development-policy-tickets-41236704092?aff=es2>

11. Have your say on the **draft report** from Ireland on **the International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination**. A public consultation meeting is expected to be held in Dublin in early 2018 but no date yet. However you can provide a submission up to **31st January** - details here http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/International_Convention_on_the_Elimination_of_All_forms_of_Racial_Discrimination
12. Are you concerned about **Fake News and Online Disinformation**? The European Commission is current conducting a public consultation which runs to **23rd February**. Details here https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-fake-news-and-online-disinformation_en

Funding Award Information

13. Details of the fourteen community groups from across the county that have been successful in their **LEADER applications** to fund the development of local facilities are now available <http://www.wld.ie/over-e800000-leader-funding-awarded-to-community-groups/> The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), where Wexford PPN have six PPN Representatives.
14. Details of Wexford allocations for the **2017 Sports Capital Programme** are now available, with 64 organisations in Wexford receiving funding ranging from €1,000 to €106,000. Full listings of awards available here <http://www.dttas.ie/press-releases/2017/press-release-%E2%82%AC56m-allocated-sports-projects>
15. **Wexford Agricultural Shows** set to benefit from up to €7,000 from the Government in an effort to support these important rural community events. Good news for Adamstown Show, Bannow & Rathangan Show, & Gorey Agricultural Show. See full details here <http://dracd.gov.ie/about/news-centre/press-releases/e800000-govt-investment-will-provide-huge-boost-for-120-agricultural-shows-around-the-country-minister-ring/>

Other

16. FDYS are having their **Christmas Market** in FDYS Island Road, Enniscorthy with lots of activities. Don't forget to go along and if anyone is available to volunteer for a couple of hours, especially to help with Santa, please contact John Paul on 085 805 3978
17. Wexford Library is the location for a **Human Library next Thursday 14th Dec 6-8.30** where you can get the opportunity to chat with those from Syria and Iraq over a cuppa. See attached poster for details.
18. To mark **International Migrants Day 2017**, Duras Luimni hope you can join them for **Winterfest** at St. Joseph's Centre on Saturday December 16th from 3-6pm – see attached poster for details.
19. Did you know to keep up with international standards there are now new lists of **what can go into your recycling bins** – check it out here <http://recyclinglistireland.ie/>
20. **Wexford Garda Youth Awards** are aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 21 who will be recognised for their positive work and contributions. Do you know a young person that has contributed to their community, or excelled in sports, or overcome a serious illness or personal difficulty? Do you know a young person that gives their own time to help others? or makes their community or school a better place? If so nominate them today. Closing date for nominations is **31st January 2018** and application forms can be downloaded here <http://www.garda.ie/.../Garda%20Youth%20Awards%20Wexford%2020...>
21. **Free Parking** available in towns across County Wexford this week – full details on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CoWexfordPPN/> (and sure give us a 'like' when you are over there!)