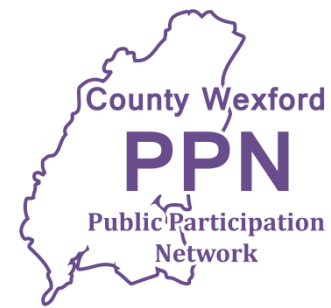


# Member Information Bulletin

## November 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during November

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### Training & Capacity Building

1. **Charity Regulation Round-Up** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 10-11am, **Webinar from The Wheel showing at Wexford County Hall** Please get in touch by phone or email to reserve your place or sign up here <https://goo.gl/forms/3NziEmjXmtJuAflc2>
2. **Basic First Aid – Wexford - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10am -4pm, Wexford County Hall** This one day course from **Wexford Civil Defence** Please get in touch by phone or email to reserve your place or sign up here <https://goo.gl/forms/kB48Uc8hrVgYjSgv2>
3. **Introduction to Volunteer Management Essentials** - Enniscorthy - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm, Templeshannon Community Centre, Enniscorthy. Please get in touch by phone or email to reserve your place or sign up here <https://goo.gl/forms/ocBoNWmNa3f1U8og2>
4. Our final course for 2017 is **Garda Vetting Information** which takes place in **Gorey Library on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
5. The **Charities Regulator** has launched a new **online learning tool** for charity trustees. Share to someone who is a trustee. <http://bit.ly/CharRegElearn>
6. The **EU LIFE Seminar**, taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> December in Athlone, aims to promote the LIFE Programme and how Irish projects have contributed to the protection and sustainability of the Irish environment. The seminar is free but booking is required. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/eu-life-information-seminar-tickets-39768720313>

### Supports & Funding Opportunities

7. You may remember we told you in October about the successful 2017 **Town and Village Renewal Projects** totalling €1,157,525 across 14 areas in Co Wexford (see attached map). Well now is the time to start thinking about possible opportunities for your area in 2018. Wexford County Council are holding **information meetings in each district** over the next couple of weeks to prepare Community Action Groups to be in a position to make a competitive application if any such funding is made available in 2018. Attached are details of these meeting times and dates.
8. The **Ability Programme** will support **young people with disabilities** (15-29 years of age) to improve their employability through a range of person-centred supports.. The application closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. **Local Link Wexford** have been in touch to let you know that if you are organising transport to education in line with this grant get in touch with them directly as they can arrange the actual transport for you. Full details of the Ability Programme are available here <https://www.pobal.ie/FundingProgrammes/Ability%20Programme/Pages/Ability%20Programme.aspx>
9. The **Resilient Communities Fund** is a partnership between Social Innovation Fund Ireland and Tomar Trust to find and back innovative projects that strengthen community resilience and have an economic, social and environmental impact. The fund is open until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and further details are available here <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/resilientcommunities/>
10. Clann Credo has a designated **Community Climate Action Loan Fund** of **€10 million** for local projects that support people taking climate action, like investing in energy efficient solutions that contribute to sustainable, positive change in local communities. Check it out here <http://www.clanncredo.ie/news-clann-credo-announces-euro10m-community-action-loan-fund-170>
11. REMINDER - **The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity** - Donations are made to hospitals, hospices and medically associated charities for research and care and to individuals whose health problems have caused severe financial stress. Applicants must be registered charities. The deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and more information available here <https://www.hospitalaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant>

12. Please see below this email details of a scheme called **NeighbourWood Scheme**, a package aimed at developing amenity woodlands for local access and enjoyment, which is now available to assist local authorities and other landowners, both public and private to create 'close to home' woodlands. There is also more detailed information attached, and contact details for application or more information.
13. A further €7.4 million in funding for Local Authorities under the **Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)** was announced yesterday to support the improvement of non-public rural roads in 2017. This brings to €17.4 million, the amount invested by the Government in **non-public rural lanes, boreens and access roads** this year. The allocation for Wexford is €134,493. Full details <http://drcd.gov.ie/about/news-centre/press-releases/minister-ring-allocates-additional-e7-4-million-for-hugely-popular-lis-scheme-to-improve-non-public-rural-roads/>

## Representation

14. Sean Quirke, Community & Voluntary Rep has resigned from the Secretariat due to personal commitments. We would like to thank Sean for his time and commitment to Wexford PPN. Attached is an up to date **contact list** for our Secretariat Members and PPN Reps.
15. Our PPN Reps are attending to the **Economic Development & Enterprise SPC** meeting next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please get in touch with your Reps if you would like any items raised.
16. The **Transportation & Water Services SPC** meeting takes place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This meeting is a tour of the New Ross Bypass. Please get in touch with your Reps if you would like any items raised.
17. **Could you help Wexford PPN** by being part of the **Secretariat**? – The purpose of the Secretariat is to monitor and co-ordinate PPN activities between Plenary meetings. We have interim vacancies, until March 2018, for a **Social Inclusion Rep**, an **Environment Rep**, and a **Community & Voluntary Rep**. Get in touch if this is something of interest to you or some of your members.
18. PPN Rep **Ann Walsh** has provided a report from the last **Housing, Community, & Environment SPC**. Check it out on our website <http://wexfordppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Housing-Community-EnvironmentSPC-Report-Nov-2017-Ann-Walsh.pdf>

## Consultation – Have Your Say

19. **Wexford County Council** is currently undertaking a project to improve **Customer Services**. To help inform the project, they would love to know from recent customers, how they found the experience. You can complete the survey here <http://survey.euro.confirmit.com/wix/4/p1861429764.aspx> until the end of November. Those who complete the survey will be entered into a draw – details in the link also.
20. A reminder to members that you can still have your say on the **Charity Regulators Public Consultation on Charity Governance** until 6<sup>th</sup> December. There is an online survey link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZ83P2F> or written submissions can be sent by email to: [governancepanel@charitiesregulator.ie](mailto:governancepanel@charitiesregulator.ie) or post it to: Consultative Panel on Governance of Charitable Organisations, 3 Georges Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1, D01 X5X0.
21. **My Voice Matters: National Consultation on Mental Health Services** is currently underway and will remain open until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Further details are available at <https://www.mentalhealthreform.ie/national-consultation-2017/> where there is a survey for service users and for family, friends & carers. This information will help Mental Health Reform identify gaps in mental health services and, in turn, campaign for improvements.
22. Please see attached an Invitation to **Youth Worker Forum: Next Steps on the Road to a Tobacco Free Generation** which we have received. Timing is tight as this takes place in Dublin on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> with deadline for registration tomorrow.
23. The Dept of Rural & Community Development are conducting research with the purpose of supporting the development of an **Irish Social Enterprise Policy**. Anyone involved or with an interest in social enterprise can submit their views and suggestions online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IrelandSEP> This consultation is open until **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

24. Have your say on the **Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy** up until **Friday 26th January**. More details on Wexford County Council website <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/planning/development-plans-and-local-area-plans/regional-spatial-and-economic-strategy>
25. The Dept of Rural & Community Development are currently conducting a **Review of LCDCs (Local Community Development Committees)** and have asked us to send the attached letter to members. After feedback on the short timeframe given they have now extended the deadline to **Friday 15 Dec**.

#### Other

26. **WexSci Science Showcase** promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in County Wexford on FRIDAY 17th November, 9.45am – 4.30pm in Wexford County Council, Co. Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford. Join them for the WexSci Official Opening 10.45am – 11.30am. Take part in the SPECIAL EVENT for families, adults, young people and children of all ages at 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Not to be missed! Free to attend. All Welcome. Further details 053-9196569 or email [libraryhq@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:libraryhq@wexfordcoco.ie)
27. **Seniors Alert Scheme Information Meeting** in Carlow on 22nd November - The information event is to provide details of changes to the recently launched Seniors Alert Scheme that will have benefits for participants and community groups who support the scheme. Further information at <https://www.pobal.ie> or with link on our facebook page. Please share to those who may be interested
28. A reminder to those in Gorey about **FREEDOMFIT** - an opportunity for Local Sports Clubs and Community Groups in North Wexford. An information meeting is taking place in Gorey on 22nd November. See attached Sports & Community Club Invite for full details.
29. Enniscorthy Red Cross are offering **FREE Defibrillator/AED checks in Enniscorthy town and surrounding** areas. Details attached. Please spread the word.
30. Big Switch On of **Gorey Christmas Lights** takes place on Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm. See attached poster for full details
31. Bank of Ireland have sent an invitation (see attached) to their **Enterprise Town Roadshow launch event** next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 6.00pm in Rivers Edge, Bunclody.
32. See below, an email with details of **Pride, Pals and Perspectives Celebration**- 9 December 2017. Bursary opportunities available for attendance or exhibition.
33. See below, an email from **VOICE Irelands** about the new **Recycling Ambassador Programme** aiming to help the public with their home recycling bins by offering free interactive workshops across the Southern region, run by our Ambassador team. Get in touch with Tad directly if this is something of interest to your group or community.
34. Do you know someone who should be nominated for a '**People of the Year Award**'? If so make sure to nominate them before the closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 <http://www.peopleoftheyear.com/>
35. **Free Entry to Recycling Centres** on 18th December for Recycling & Recoverable Wastes - see details attached or on our facebook page
36. Attached is the **Wexford Winterland Programme** for your information.
37. South West Wexford FRC are running a **Winter Wellness Programme for Parents** - Places are FREE but limited availability for morning and evening courses This course will be delivered by a qualified Health and Wellness Coach on Wednesday morning 10-2 and evening 6-10 for 6 weeks beginning on Wednesday 29th November. Contact SWWFRC to register.
38. **Wexford County Council's Art Collection** is managed by the Arts Department in and consists of almost 200 pieces of purchased, donated and loaned works. They are **offering tours to groups** who may be interested in viewing the collection/exhibitions. If you are interested in bringing a group or would like further information, please contact Lisa Fortune on 053 9196369 or email [lisa.fortune@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:lisa.fortune@wexfordcoco.ie). There is also a free tour of the '**Bare Root**' **Exhibition** currently at County Hall - Friday 1st Dec @4pm – booking required with Arts Department for this also.
39. Have you seen the new website [www.wexfordfilmlocations.ie](http://www.wexfordfilmlocations.ie) ? Wexford County Council in partnership with Creative Ireland went live with this website earlier this month. The aim of the website is to promote the county as a great place for location filming and ultimately help to attract more film investment into the county. It's worth a look to remind yourself of the beauty of our county.