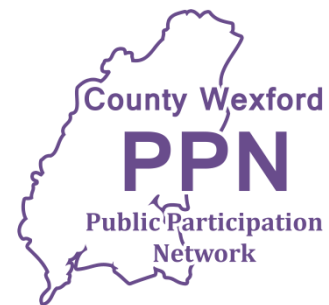


Member Information Bulletin

October 2017 Digest

A summary of the information sent to members during October



Supports

1. **TreesForWexford** 2017 Scheme is now open giving Voluntary Community Groups, Residents Associations or Schools the opportunity to apply for free trees. Applications close on **20th October** and you apply online at <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/environment/biodiversity-community-and-schools/trees-for-wexford-campaign-2017>
2. Attention **Text Alert Scheme** operators - The Text Alert **Rebate Scheme** continues for a further year. Groups should submit an application to Muintir na Tíre before **30 November 2017**. Further information at <http://muintir.ie/text-alert-rebates/>
3. **Local Youth clubs/groups** are invited to apply for one-off funding up to a maximum €5,000 - closing date 12 noon on **Friday 20th October**. See WWETB website for full details <http://waterfordwexford.etb.ie/youthwork/local-youth-club-grants/local-youth-club-grants/>
4. See **attached map and details** from Wexford County Council have of the 14 areas in Wexford to receive funding through the government's **Town and Village Renewal Scheme**.
5. 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.. While the application closing date is 31st January 2018 the next two weeks are important as there **are pre-application information sessions** taking place across the country. Full details here <https://www.pobal.ie/FundingProgrammes/Ability%20Programme/Pages/Ability%20Programme.aspx>
6. ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives. They have three main pillars of focus: Suicide Prevention, Homelessness, & Education Access and Support. There are quarterly deadlines with the next one being **13 November 2017**. **Check out the website for more details** <https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>
7. **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 1st December 2017 and more information available here <https://www.hospitalaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Training & Capacity Building

8. We have three free sessions for members next week – use the links to register or get in touch
 - **Garda Vetting Information** –10th October 6.30-8.30 Bosheen, New Ross - <https://goo.gl/forms/2rEPLnXkD5Fyce682>
 - **Budget 2018 – Impacts on the Community & Voluntary Sector** – 13th October 10-11, Webinar, Wexford <https://goo.gl/forms/mCScI3bDrWnFgxtI2>
 - **Getting Ready for GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)** –14th October 10-1, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy <https://goo.gl/forms/D19AAhPluiPEXQDd2>
9. The **Climate Change & Environment Advisory Guide** was created by Wexford Local Development (WLD) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assist LEADER applicants identify and implement models of best practice. It is intended to help you ensure you are getting the best overall value out of your project and the best chances of a successful application. The information can be used as guidance on items to consider when incorporating the cross-cutting 'Climate Change' and 'Environment' objectives into any LEADER application and can be found on their website at <http://www.wld.ie/publications-resources> or get in touch with them for a hard copy.
10. **Collaboration for CHANGE!** : citizen participation in the design and delivery of public services and spaces is and event taking place **Wednesday 1st November**, 10am-1pm, dlr Lexicon, Haigh Terrace, Dun Laoghaire. Details of the event are attached.

11. The EPA will be live webcasting their next Dublin lecture, **Communicating Climate Change – Why So Difficult?** by **Professor Chris Rapley, CBE** on the 26th October from 18.45. Full details here <http://www.epa.ie/climate/communicatingclimatescience/climatechangelectureseriesandpresentations/>
12. The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs launched the revised Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children on 2nd October 2017, and announced the commencement of remaining sections of the Children First Act 2015 from 11th December 2017. The **Guidance on developing a Child Safeguarding Statement** to support compliance with Children First Act 2015 was also published and may be of relevance to some members.
13. **Wexford Local Development** have a workshop coming up on **Safeguarding the Vulnerable Adult** which takes place in Enniscorthy on **2nd November** – Give them a call or check out the website <http://www.wld.ie/event/safeguarding-the-vulnerable-adult-workshop/>
14. A reminder about the **Disability Awareness for PPN Members** taking place tonight in **Gorey – Tuesday 24th October 7-9pm, Loch Garman Arms Hotel** The Disability Federation of Ireland will provide an information session which will be of relevance to all PPN members – highlighting practical ways in which PPN Member groups can include people with disabilities.
15. **Good Governance – Board Roles & Responsibilities - Friday 27^h October 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/qtu35oniir56a4vw1>
16. **Free Digital Skills Courses** available through **CTEC** – see attached poster for details.
17. If you missed our **GDPR training** recently the new website by the **Data Protection Commissioner** may help you to get to grips with the **General Data Protection Regulation** coming into effect on 25th May 2018. The one minute video helps explain what it is in plain English! You can find it here <http://gdprandyou.ie/>

Representation

18. Our PPN reps are attending to the **Joint Policing Committee** next Monday 9th October. Please get in touch with your Reps if you would like any items raised. If you are wondering what happened at the last meeting you can check out the Reps Reports here http://wexfordppn.ie/?page_id=109
19. **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 still have an interim vacancy, until March 2018, for a **Social Inclusion Rep** and **Environment Rep**. If your group falls into one of these categories then you would be eligible to come onboard. Get in touch if this is something of interest to you or some of your members.
20. Our PPN reps are attending to the **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting** next Monday 16th October. Please get in touch with your Reps if you would like any items raised. If you are wondering what happened at the last meeting you can check out the Reps Reports here http://wexfordppn.ie/?page_id=109
21. Our PPN Reps on the **Economic Development & Enterprise SPC** have prepared a letter that they have asked us to send to members. Please see attached the letter entitled **'The Forgotten Region'**

Consultation – Have Your Say

22. Did you attend **Culture Night?** They are looking for your feedback <https://culturenight.ie/survey/>
23. A draft of **Ireland 2040 – Our Plan** is now available and open for consultation. This stage of the consultation offers you the opportunity to respond to the draft framework, share your views on what it says about Ireland's future and shape the final Plan. Submissions on the draft of Ireland 2040 – Our Plan are now invited until **until 12 Noon on Friday November 3rd**. You can find out more here <http://npf.ie/share-your-views/>
24. As a further part of the consultation - **Wexford Library** is participating in a community-centred consultation project, entitled **Our Place - Our Story**, which will form part of the public consultation process for the draft **Ireland 2040 – Our Plan, National Planning Framework**. The event takes place on **Thursday 12 October 11:00am to 1:00pm and is being facilitated by Michael Fortune**. **Contact Tel:**

053 9196760 to book your place. The output of these consultation sessions will be interpreted by local creatives, skilled in the written word and their poems, short stories etc will complement the formal public consultation of the draft referenced above.

25. **The Heritage Council** are looking for help in **shaping their Strategic Plan 2018-2022**– check it out and have your say here <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/news/news-features/heritage-council-strategic-plan-2018-22-we-need-your-help>
26. **Public consultation** on the status, treatment and use of **the National Anthem** with a closing date of **2nd November 2017**. More details here http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/oireachtasbusiness/committees_list/public-consultation-seanad/
27. **Reminder** - Public meeting tonight @7 for those who are interested in the **development of Ferns**. This public meeting and workshop is to focus on **Ferns Village Renewal** – see attached poster for full details.
28. **Charities Regulator Seeks Public Opinion On Governance Of Charities**. Public meetings taking place: CORK – Wednesday 1 November, 7-9pm, GALWAY – Monday 6 November, 7-9pm., DUBLIN – Tuesday 21 November, 7-9pm. See their website for details and means of submission outside of these meetings <http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/en/cra/pages/wp16000075>
29. **Bealtaine Gathering** – Wexford Library – **6th November, 2-4pm**. Bealtaine is the festival that celebrates the arts and creativity throughout our lives and as we age. Ahead of another exciting festival in 2018 Bealtaine are organising national meetings with partners, colleagues and friends in centres around the country. Attendance is FREE and open to all. More details available at www.bealtaine.ie

Other

30. Check out our new **Animated Video** which aims to help in understanding the PPN – you can view this on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CoWexfordPPN/>
31. Reminder - PPN Members, **Wexford Comhairle na nÓg**, presents their play '**Stigma**' on **6th 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.
32. **Fire Safety Week** is 2nd - 8th October. Check out www.firesafetyweek.ie
33. The **Charities Regulator** added a couple of new guidance documents to their page including **fundraising guidance** – check them out here <http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/en/cra/pages/guidance>
34. **Cracking the College Code** - Wexford Local Development is hosting a free event for students and their families interested in finding out more about the college experience. It's on 25th October at 7pm in the Talbot Hotel, for more information check their website or give them a call. Please share to those who may be interested.
35. It has been announced that Wexford is to receive €1,157,525, across 14 areas, through the government's **Town and Village Renewal Scheme**. For full details check out <http://drcd.gov.ie/subheader1/town-village-renewal-scheme/>
36. **Free Mattress disposal** on Saturday 14th at Holmestown Waste Management Facility – see attached for details.
37. **Sports Active Wexford** are launching their Strategic Plan 2017-2021 at County Hall on **Friday 20th October**. They have asked that we extend the **invite to PPN Members** - see attached. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
38. **Invitation** to the opening of **BARE ROOT** A group exhibition presenting eleven artists whose work explores rural environments and the points where nature and the man-made intersect. at Wexford County Council Buildings, Carricklawn on **Friday 20th October at 6.00pm** All welcome, refreshments and food served.
39. Over the coming months, Wexford County Council have advised they will be implementing "**Operation Spota Dubh**", an anti-dumping initiative which targets litter and waste black-spots throughout Co. Wexford. www.wexfordcoco.ie/news/2017/10/09/operation-spota-dubh-to-target-illegal-dumping

40. Find out more about **County Wexford nominees** for the 2017 IPB **Pride of Place** competition
<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/news/2017/09/26/county-wexford-nominees-for-the-2017-ipb-pride-of-place-competition>
41. **FDYS Enniscorthy** are organising a **Community Christmas Market** as a fundraiser for vital improvements within their community building and they are **looking for stall holders**. See attached the Info Sheet which has contacts for more information and the application form.
42. **Wexford Mental Health** are hosting an Art, Craft, Sculpture and Photography Exhibition over the weekends of Wexford Opera Festival. It launched last Friday and it was hugely successful. They have amazing pieces from 85 Exhibitors on display in their Training and Information Centres – details in the attached poster.
43. **Photo competition** closing tomorrow 25th October - The National Rural Network (NRN) is inviting entries for a **national biodiversity photo competition**. The aim of the competition is raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity in rural areas and on farms. See attached poster for details.
44. Save the Date – we've been advised **Street Feast 2018** will fall on Sunday 10th June 2018.