



## UPCOMING EVENTS



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### Online Information Session for the Community Centres Investment Fund

The Department of Rural and Community Development will be holding 2 online information sessions to provide you with guidance on the application process.

- Wednesday 18th May 2:30 – 4pm
- Wednesday 1st June 2:30 – 4pm

[Register to Attend Here](#)

### Africa Day



Africa Day will be held on **Wednesday 25th May** with events taking place around the world to showcase the continent's beauty, unity and success.

Kildare County Council will host three free community events to mark this important occasion, featuring traditional food, DJ entertainment, arts and crafts and more.

The events have been planned in conjunction with County Kildare LEADER Partnership and local event committees and are supported by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Event details are as follows:

📍 Monasterevin Community Centre: Saturday 21/05/2022 from 1 pm to 4 pm

📍 Maynooth Education Campus: Wednesday 25/05/2022 from 5 pm to 9 pm

📍 Athy Recreational Community Hall: Friday 27/05/2022 from 5 pm to 10.30 pm

Attendance is free with no pre-registration required. You are cordially invited to join the celebrations.

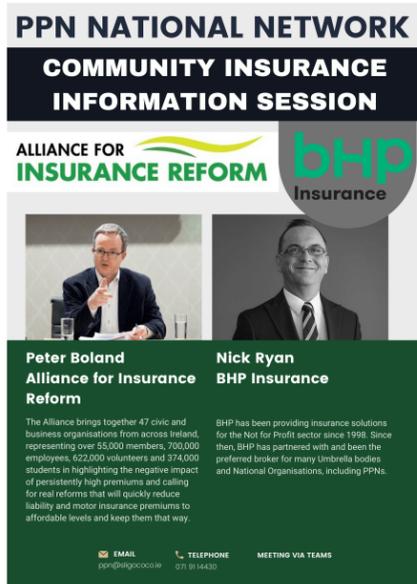
### Biodiversity Week



Kildare Biodiversity Week 2022 will take place from **Sat 14th May to Sun 22nd May**. National Biodiversity Week is all about connecting people with nature. It's about communicating the importance of biodiversity and motivating people to play their part in protecting it.

[View Calendar of Events in Kildare](#)

## Community Insurance Information Session



**PPN NATIONAL NETWORK**  
**COMMUNITY INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSION**

**ALLIANCE FOR INSURANCE REFORM** **bhp Insurance**

**Peter Boland**  
Alliance for Insurance Reform

**Nick Ryan**  
BHP Insurance

The Alliance brings together 47 civic and business organisations from across Ireland, representing over 45,000 members, 700,000 employees, 622,000 volunteers and 374,000 students in highlighting the negative impact of persistently high premiums and calling for real reforms that will quickly reduce liability and motor insurance premiums to affordable levels and keep them that way.

BHP has been providing insurance solutions for the Not for Profit sector since 1998. Since then, BHP has partnered with and been the preferred broker for many Umbrella bodies and National Organisations, including PPNs.

EMAIL: [ppn@sligococo.ie](mailto:ppn@sligococo.ie) TELEPHONE: 071 914430 MEETING VIA TEAMS

As a network, PPNs across the country know that insurance is still a hugely prohibitive issue for the growth and continued progression of our member groups and the important work they are doing in our communities. As a network, the PPNs are hosting an information session on **Tuesday 17th May at 7pm** which we hope will give you some up to date information on how lobbying at national level is trying to improve the situation for the sector, as well as give you advice as to how you might be able to get a better deal for your own group.

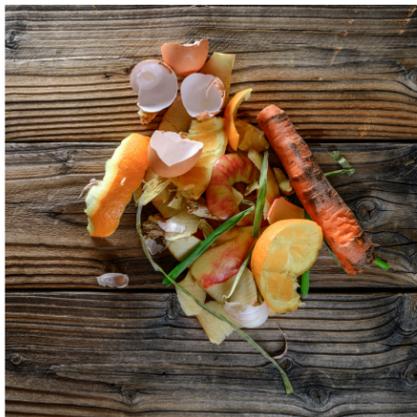
The session will feature 2 key speakers;

Peter Boland from the Alliance for Insurance Reform will present an update on trends in insurance costs, key reforms and will attempt to give an insight into the future for policyholders in a volatile environment.

Nick Ryan from BHP will be outlining key public and employee liability issues for the community sector, advising how groups can avail of better insurance quotes and answering specific questions relating to community group needs.

For anyone who would like a specific insurance question answered, please email your query to [ppn@sligococo.ie](mailto:ppn@sligococo.ie)

[Click here to join meeting.](#)



## EPA National StopFoodWaste campaign May 2022

For May, the focus is on 'knowing what you need before you shop'. We are giving people simple tips around checking your cupboards, fridge and freezer to find out what you have and what has run out then making a plan before you go shopping so you only buy what you need and reduce your food waste.

[Learn more](#)



## Funding Opportunities



## Climate Innovation Fund 2022

The aim of this fund is to foster innovative climate solutions in the county of Kildare. Specifically, the fund is aimed at community groups, SMEs, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, early-career researchers, education institutions and individual citizens active in Kildare. A total funding pot of €25,000 is available per Municipal District to support climate innovation projects. The minimum funding request will be €5,000 and the maximum request will be €25,000.

[Full details](#)

## More Funding Opportunities:

- [Paypal Giving Fund](#)
- [Community Centres Investment Fund](#)
- [AXA Parks Fund](#)

- [Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme](#)
- [Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund](#)



## Community Initiatives



### Biodiversity Training for Residential Estates

#### Gardening for Biodiversity Training for Residents Associations

Kildare County Council are hosting free **online** biodiversity training for interested resident groups across the county. The training will introduce biodiversity, why it is important, and explore practical actions that you can do to make your estate better for wildlife and residents.

**When:** Sessions start at 7pm (1.5hrs length)

- Kildare / Newbridge MD: Thursday 2nd June
- Celbridge MD: Tuesday 7th June
- Clane / Maynooth MD: Tuesday 14th June
- Athy MD: Thursday 16th June
- Naas MD: Tuesday 21st June.

[Register Here](#)



#### Electoral Register Information Booklets

In order to be able to vote at an election or referendum, a person's name must be entered on the register of electors for the locality in which the elector ordinarily resides. Kildare County Council have provided us with a number of Electoral Register Information Booklets in **Polish, French, Romanian** and **Lithuanian**. If you would like a copy posted out to you, please provide your address through the following form [here](#).



## Public Consultations

- [Public Consultation on a National Strategy on Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Public consultation on electric vehicle infrastructure opens](#)
- [Public Consultation on National Cycle Network](#)
- [Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029](#)

Please circulate to members in your group/organisation

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