





Funding Opportunities

Social Transport Fund



The Social Transport Fund is aimed at assisting individuals and groups with once off transport needs. The Social Inclusion Fund will provide a minimum of 25% and a maximum of 75% funding towards trips which must take place between July and December 2022. This round of funding will be made available through an application process to the following target groups:

Older Persons, Disadvantaged Children & Families, Disadvantaged Young People, Emerging Needs Group, Lone Parents, Low Income Workers/ Households, New Communities, People living in Disadvantaged Communities, People with Disabilities, Roma, Travellers, The Disengaged from the Labour Market, Unemployed.

Full Details...



New Voucher Scheme for Remote Working Hubs

At least 10,000 hot desk working days will be provided free of charge over the course of the Scheme, which is aimed at both existing hub users, as well as those accessing hub facilities for the first time. Initially, the first phase sees three vouchers being credited to the accounts of all registered ConnectedHubs.ie users, with each voucher redeemable for a day's hot-desk working in participating hubs.

Full Details...

KCC Education Bursary Scheme



Kildare County Council Education Bursary Schemes are open for applications.

The Bursaries available are as follows.

The William G Carroll Bursary for Community - This bursary is mainly for, but not exclusively for students undertaking courses in the area of Community Development.

The Kildare Education Bursary for people with disabilities- This bursary is for anyone living with a disability studying any third level course.

The Kildare County Council Memorial Bursary for DEIS school students- This bursary is for any third level student who previously attended a DEIS school.

Full Details...

- Coca Cola Thank You Fund
- Community Centres Investment Fund



UPCOMING EVENTS



National Heritage Week 2022

Heritage Week 2022 takes place 13th-21st August 2021. National Heritage Week, an initiative by the Heritage Council, celebrates all things heritage. It brings together communities, families, organisations, cultural institutions, academics and enthusiasts, to build awareness about the value of heritage and support its conservation.

Learn more...



Maynooth Access Group - Toy Library

Maynooth Access Group's "Our World" initiative, is a sustainable lending/learning resource, aimed at children. It consists of a collection of toys with disabilities, as well as child-centred and age-appropriate books, posters and puzzles highlighting various disabilities that can be accessed and utilised free of charge by preschools, schools and community groups. Contact Maynooth Access Group at maynoothaccessgroup@gmail.com for information on this.

Borrowing from the resource promotes disability access and is also a planet-positive choice. The toys and books used in the "Our World" programme have been purposefully selected to promote discussion around disability and to provide the optimum learning opportunities for each child, while encouraging fun and imaginative playtime. "We, at Maynooth Access Group, believe that our lending resource can help to teach children acceptance, normalise difference and promote better understanding of the difficulties faced by disabled people in our community on a daily basis." Maynooth Access Group will be holding an Our World Disability Awareness exhibition and information stand, where the toy resource will be on display to the public from 10am until 1pm in Maynooth Library on Saturday the 16th of July. Everyone welcome.



Recent News

Kildare County Council installs its first 'Changing Places' Facility

Kildare County Council has opened a fully accessible 'Changing Places' facility for people with complex disabilities. Located on floor 0 in the Council Offices in Devoy Park, Naas, the facility includes many features and additional equipment making it more



accessible than the standard accessible toilets we are all familiar with.

Read Press Release in Full...



Kildare PPN News



Launch of Kildare PPN 2021 Annual Report

We were delighted to launch our 2021 Annual Report on Wednesday evening in North Kildare Sports Club, highlighting the work achieved by our network throughout the year of 2021.

Download Kildare PPN 2021 Annual Report



Kildare PPN Clane - Maynooth MD Meeting

Our first in-person MD meeting of 2022 took place in Kilcock on Wednesday 29th June. This was a great opportunity for member organisations to meet with the MD representative Naomi Scott Hayward and to network with other groups in the area.

It was well attended with several member organisations promoting their programmes. We would like to thank Mairead McHale from Maynooth Autism Friendly Town and Emer Conway Kildare SEC Mentor who both spoke on the night.



Department of Rural & Community Development Structural Review of the Public Participation Network – Report

Review of the Public Participation Network

The review of Public Participation Network structures, commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development, was conducted by Mazars. It evaluated current structures to identify any challenges as well as opportunities for further strengthening and enhancing Participation Networks.

Download Report



Public Consultations

2022 Climate Conversations

You are invited to be part of this **Climate Conversation 2022** and to share your views on the government's climate action and how it can support you to take climate action in your own life. Your views will support us in developing the 2022 Climate Action Plan.

Take Questionnaire...



- <u>Proposed Interim Cycle Scheme: R148 Station Road, Leixlip (Intel</u>roundabout to Leixlip Garda Station)
- <u>Proposed Residential Development at the former Ambassador Hotel site, Greenhills, Kill, Co. Kildare.</u>
- KCC Storage Facility at Military Road Industrial Park, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
- Public consultation on a Referendum on Housing in Ireland
- Strategy for the public library service
- Public Consultation on Review of the National Adaptation Framework

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