



## Funding Opportunities



### Community Biodiversity Grants Community Foundation of Ireland

This fund has been devised to enhance biodiversity in communities throughout the country by combining the expertise of qualified ecologists with the skills, experience and enthusiasm of local community groups. There are currently two grant rounds open to applications:

- Developing Community Biodiversity Action Plan and Projects (CBAPPs)
- Implementing recommendations from a previous CBAPP

[Full Details...](#)



### The Arts Council Funding

#### Festivals Investment Scheme -

The festival Investment scheme is open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals taking place between July and December 2023.

#### Art 2023 – Participation Award

This award is for professional artists and arts organisations to collaborate with communities across Ireland to create ambitious works of impact.

#### iIDÁNA

iIDÁNA is designed to enhance the TG4 schedule by supporting the making of ambitious and cinematic long-form documentaries on the arts in Irish.

### More funding opportunities:

- [Sport for People and Planet - a new approach on sustainability through sport in Europe](#)
- [Grassroots Sports Programmes and Infrastructure Innovation](#)
- [Social Enterprise Step Up Fund 2023-2024](#)
- [LIFE Funding](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Leadership - New Landscape, New Perspectives



The workshop is designed to engage participants in a process of discussion, self-reflection and self – awareness in their role as community leaders. Whilst at the same time, building capacity to lead their organisation/group successfully forward by being pro-active as opposed to reactive.

The focus of the workshop centres around:

- Acknowledging a changing community landscape
- Recognising current community needs
- Adapting plans for maximum impact
- Sustaining positive energy

[Find out more](#)



## ‘Let's Unpack' - Conflict Management

The focus of this conflict management workshop centres around:

- Understanding conflict
- The potential causes and consequences on (i) the person and (ii) the organisation
- Informal and formal processes in responding to situations (considering participant contexts)
- Personal responsibility
- The role of good governance in prevention and management.

[Find out more](#)



## Writing Effective Submissions

This session will provide a brief introduction to social analysis, give you tips on how to make an effective submission, sourcing relevant data sources to support your submission and learn how to network and work collaboratively on issues.

[Find out more](#)

## Sustainable Gardening for Community Groups



We will be running a one day Sustainable Gardening course for our member organisations in collaboration with Kildare County Council.

**The course is delivered by horticulturist and environmentalist Aoife Munn and will take place on Tuesday 25th of October from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Naas Mens Shed.**

This course is suitable for community groups who want to garden for biodiversity including Tidy Towns groups, Resident's Associations, Green schools coordinators, community gardens and any community groups that want to improve their area for biodiversity and reduce their impact on the planet.

[Find out more](#)

## Using the SDG's for Action

This online workshop will explore the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and their incorporation into Local Government policy and planning. It will give attendees the opportunity to connect the SDG's, globally



and locally, to actions that benefit, support and protect the environment and communities for a sustainable future.

Training delivered by Saolta.

[Find out more](#)

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### No Planet B Club Short Film



No Planet B Club, a youth environmental Club in Naas have made a short film promoting the Proposed National Peatlands Park for the Midlands.  
[Click here to watch video](#)  
You can also sign their petition [here](#) in support of a Peatlands Park for the midlands.

### Enhanced Community Centre Fund highlight of €390 million Rural Development Budget for 2023



An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

- €20 million in funding to be provided for targeted scheme for new build community centres as well as upgrades and improvements to existing centres
- further €20 million to assist small community groups with €10 million of this targeted at energy costs
- €200 million for Key Rural Development schemes such as Town and Village Renewal, LEADER and the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund

[Find out more](#)



- [Maynooth and Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2024 - 2030](#)
- [Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029](#)
- [P82022-18 Proposed Residential infill Scheme at Newtown House, Leixlip, Co. Kildare](#)
- [Part 8 - Proposed new Fire Station in Maynooth - Planning Reference P82022.13](#)
- [TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROADS & SERVICES - estates in Athgarvan, Celbridge, Clane, Kildare Town, Naas & Newbridge](#)
- [Part 8 - Proposed Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme - Planning Reference P82022.17](#)
- [Public consultation on the “Roadmap for Social Inclusion: Mid-Term Review”](#)

- [Public Consultation on Ireland’s 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan](#)
- [Public Consultation on Digital Public Services](#)

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