



Public Participation Network Kildare



Funding Opportunities

Creative Youth Nurture Fund



The Creative Youth Nurture Fund to support organisations that can reach specific groups of young people that are seldom heard. This relates to children and young people that are: Living with physical or intellectual disabilities, Refugees and asylum-seekers, Living with mental health issues, LGBTI+; Traveller and Roma, etc.

This €500,000 fund will support 8-10 youth-led initiatives over a period of 18-24 months and will empower children and young people between the ages of 6-24 to nurture their creative passions and ignite their creative potential.

[Find out more...](#)

The Ireland Against Racism funding call



€1 million is being made available to applicant groups operating at national, regional and local level to support the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism. The overall objective of this fund is to provide funding for national and regional projects, as well as local initiatives, that aim to combat racism and foster racial equality and community cohesion. The grant scheme is open to applications from existing non-government organisations and community organisations that have a specific focus on anti-racism initiatives

[Full details](#)

MNÁ NA HÉIREANN, WOMEN OF IRELAND EMPOWERMENT FUND 2023 – 2026



The Fund's goal is to promote access to employment and/or education programmes for 850+ migrant women OR women experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in Ireland. Furthermore, the Fund aims to empower 260+ of these women into employment.

The Fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to the value of €175,500 for up to 4 to 5 projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

[Full details](#)



Upcoming Events



Kildare County Council announces events for National Bike Week 2023

Events taking place from the 13th to 21st May 2023

Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling including the opportunity for physical exercise, enjoying our local heritage and contributing towards sustainable transport.

Kildare County Council in collaboration with the National Transport Authority have organized a variety of events to be held throughout County Kildare during Bike Week 2023.

[View full list of events](#)



Kildare Biodiversity Week

Kildare Biodiversity Week 2023 will take place from Friday 19th May to Sunday 28th May beginning with a Bumble Bee Identification Walk in Castletown, an Urban Biodiversity Foraging Walk and Talk in Kildare Town and a Tour of Naas's Nature by Bike on Friday 19th May. Kildare Biodiversity Week is a great opportunity for people to get out and find out more about nature and Wildlife in Kildare. It's about communicating the importance of biodiversity and motivating people to play their part in protecting it.

[Find out more...](#)



Africa Day

Kildare County Council would like to invite you to our Africa Day 2023 celebration events , the theme in Kildare this year is *Strength in Diversity*. There will be 3 events taking place in **Maynooth, Monasterevin and Athy** during the month of May. Please see the poster attached for dates/times and locations.

Africa Day is an annual worldwide celebration of the people, cultures and potential of this wonderful continent, it is a chance for people to come together and celebrate the diversity of Africa.

Lá Sláinte Bhríde



Lá Sláinte Bhríde is a Free Community Event to take place at the Curragh Racecourse Sunday 21st May 2023. There will be something for all the family with a host of free entertainment and activities. Enjoy puppet and magic shows, try an arts and crafts workshop, or have fun with one of the many activities you will find in the family fun village and sports zone.

There will also be a guided heritage walk, while listening to stories about Ballymany Stud, The Military Cemetery, Donnolly's Hollow, the Curragh Camp Water Tower, Gibbets Rath and Herbert Lodge, narrated by local historian Mr Reggie Darling. The Curragh is where legend says St. Brigid spread her cloak, renowned historian, Mario Corrigan, will deliver a presentation 'The St. Brigid Story', speaking about the life and times of St. Brigid and her association with County Kildare.

[Find out more...](#)

Naas Bealtaine Festival



Naas Bealtaine Festival takes place on Sunday, the 14th of May in Naas Town Centre from 11:00am to 9:30pm and will feature entertainment for all the family including:

- Live music
- Food stalls
- Craft stalls
- Entertainment for children
- and parades and displays.

Marie Keating foundation for cancer awareness 25th anniversary



The public are invited to come along to listen and learn cancer and awareness that affects every family in some way. This is the 25th anniversary since the foundation of the Marie Keating foundation (MKF) for cancer awareness. The guest speaker will be Melanie Strickland from the MKF who has worked in the USA and Ireland in the field of oncology in hands on and research. Melanie will be in the LYCC in Leixlip to speak and guide all male and female present using vocal, audio and visual display as part of the event.

Venue: LYCC, captains hill, Leixlip, Kildare.

Date: Wednesday May 17th 2023. **Time:** 11am to 1pm.

Free Entry: Tea and Coffee.

Promoted by the Cill Dara Intercultural Network in collaboration with the Marie Keating Foundation for cancer awareness.



Recent News



Culture Night Expressions of Interest sought

Kildare County Council confirm that [Culture Night](#) will take place on Friday 22nd September 2023 from 4pm till late and is currently seeking expressions of interest to participate. If you are a Kildare-based artist, performer, organisation or community group, we are keen to hear your proposals for this evening of celebration. Applications from new participants who are representative of all Kildare’s communities are particularly welcome. Join in with the thousands of groups and individuals who participate in Culture Night the length and breadth of the county!

[Full details](#)



EU Just Transition Fund' investment of €169 million in Midlands region officially launched

The €169 million fund will support communities most negatively affected by the move away from fossil fuels and the cessation of commercial peat extraction. These 'Designated Territories' include the Athy and Clane-Maynooth MD in Co. Kildare),

[Full details](#)



Strategy for Rural Development and LEADER in Co. Kildare 2023-2027 survey

The purpose of the consultation is to promote the active participation of the local community in identifying the challenges and opportunities for the local area and reflect on the themes and subthemes of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme. Share your views on how we can work together to build stronger, better connected, more resilient and prosperous rural communities.

[Take Survey](#)

Public Liability Insurance Research

The Department of Rural and Community Development, has engaged BDO to conduct research which seeks to examine current trends within the public liability insurance market and the impact of these trends on organisations across the community and voluntary sector.

As part of the research, BDO has prepared the attached survey, which it is anticipated can help inform the research.

Many of you will have taken part in a previous survey, conducted in 2019, which sought to examine the impact of insurance on community group operation. It is expected that this new research can help identify if there has been any improvements or dis-improvements in the situation since 2019 and to consider the impact, if any of any recent insurance reform measures.

A version of this survey has been distributed by the Wheel to its members. You may have received and completed a survey, and if this is the case, we greatly appreciate your input and participation. For those of you who have not received or completed the survey, we would really appreciate it if you were able to complete the following survey.

It should be noted that all information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will only be presented in aggregated format. Individual respondents will not be identified or referenced in the report or findings of the research.

Any queries or questions in relation to the survey or research should be directed to Austin Hickey, Director, BDO on 01 4700352 or by email ahickey@bdo.ie”

[Take Survey Here](#)

Open public consultations with Kildare County Council:

- [Part 8 Leixlip Playground and Carpark Ref no: P82023.03](#)
- [TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROADS & SERVICES - estates in Lexilip](#)
- [Temporary Road Closure- Notice of Intention - TriAthy Triathlon](#)

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