

Public Participation Network Kildare



Funding Opportunities



Community Climate Action Fund

Kildare County Council is very excited to open the Community Climate Action Programme fund in December 2023. This grant programme will support Kildare communities to build low carbon communities and engage in climate action projects.

This funding will be available to support and engage community groups to develop projects that tackle climate action, sustainability and biodiversity.

There will be 3 tiers of the funding available. Co. Kildare has been allocated €897,000 for projects that range from small, medium and large scale.

- 10% of the funding is available for small projects between €2,000 and €20,000.
- 40% of the funding is available for medium scale projects between €21,000 and €50,000.
- 50% of the funding is available for large projects between €51,000 and €100,000.

Once the fund opens applicants will have 12 weeks to get their applications submitted.

Examples of some potential projects include:

- Community gardens
- Dispersed Orchards
- Pocket Forests
- Encouraging Active Travel
- Food Waste Projects
- Retrofitting Community Buildings
- Rewilding & Biodiversity projects
- Repair cafes & swap shops

There will be several drop-in information sessions held in libraries across Kildare over the coming weeks. Please see the attached poster for dates and more information relating to the funding themes.

If you have a potential project, questions or ideas that might be applicable, please contact Community Climate Action Officer Victoria Kavanagh on 0874759946 or email ykavanagh@kildarecoco.ie



Waterways Ireland Community Grant Scheme

Waterways Ireland is delighted to announce the launch of its 2024 *Heritage and Biodiversity in the Community Grants Scheme* in support of the Waterways Ireland Heritage and Biodiversity Plan.

A fund of **€20,000** has been allocated to assist community based heritage and biodiversity projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage and Biodiversity Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Grand Canal and Royal Canal. Applications will be considered from communities, individuals and organisations seeking assistance for projects related to inland waterways' heritage and biodiversity. This can include data collection & research, good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects, etc. and support fresh approaches and initiatives that promote active engagement with heritage and biodiversity.

[Find out more](#)

More funding opportunities:

- [Texaco Support for Sport Fund](#)
- [Kildare Funding Point](#)
- [LAWPRO Community Water Development Fund](#)
- [EU Just Transition Fund](#)



Upcoming Events

Birdwatch Ireland - Irish Garden Bird Survey



The Irish Garden Bird survey starts on the week beginning Monday 27th November 2023 and it's open to everyone to take part! Between December and February each year, Birdwatch Ireland ask members of the public to keep note of the highest number of each bird species visiting their garden every week. We also ask for information on the size of the garden being surveyed, the kinds of food, if any, being offered to the birds, and so on. Taking part is fun, easy and an ideal way to get to know your garden birds better.

[Find out more](#)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities



International Day of Persons with Disabilities takes place on Sunday the 3rd of December 2023. People across Kildare are encouraged to get involved and mark the event by donning the colour purple!

To mark IDPD23 and Kildare Disability Week, County Kildare Access Network have lots of events/ activities planned including the launch of the book "Johnny Magory and the Mystery of the Missing Puppies", written by Emma Jane Leeson and funded by CKAN, KCC and the Arts Council. The book is based on 7 children from Kildare, 5 of whom are disabled and their quest to find the missing assistance puppies. The book was inspired by Maynooth Access Groups 'Our World' toy assistance puppies and the story features our inclusive toys. The book will be fully accessible and be available in Braille and there will be a video version in ISL. Copies of the book will be distributed to all public libraries in the country and all primary schools in Kildare free of charge. More details to follow.



Training



active disability Ireland

Training

Sport Inclusion and Disability Awareness

Date:	Wednesday 22nd November
Time:	6:00 – 7:30pm
Venue:	Online via Zoom
Email:	fandrews@kildarecoco.ie

Sport Inclusion and Disability Awareness Training

Kildare Sports Partnership is hosting a FREE Sports Inclusion & Disability Awareness Training workshop.

When: Wednesday 27th September 2023

Where: Online via Zoom **Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

Who is this course for: Individuals with an interest in increasing their awareness in sport and physical activity for people with disabilities

[Register Here](#)



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

YOUR VOICE IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION & SPRING FUNDING 2024

Thursday, Nov 23rd, 10am-12.30pm
Naas FET Centre, Jigginstown, W91 FT54

Has your group identified a need that you want to learn more about with your group? What are the issues of our time that we need to address. All ideas welcome.

Max of 2 people per group, please register with Lisa at 045 881863
communityedkildare@kwetb.ie

Funding Applications can be completed on line at
<https://communityeducationkwetb.ie/funding-expression-of-interest/>

FUNDING DEADLINE is December 1st 2024.

To request a funding application by post call/email Lisa at 045 881863
communityedkildare@kwetb.ie

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 SOLAS learning works
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KWETB Community Education Spring 2024 Funding Workshop

Group Leader Workshop.

When: Thursday 23rd November

Where: Naas FET Centre, Jigginstown, Naas W91 FT54

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PPN Stakeholder Training



The online only self-paced training videos programme for PPN stakeholders has been developed with SJI. Registrations for the online only training is now open. Social Justice Ireland is providing this training on behalf of the Department.

The online only training covers the following:

- An Introduction to the PPNs (2 Modules)
- Local Government Budgets
- PPNs and Local Government
- Effective Participation in Consultations
- Effective Facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts

This is online only and is intended for self-directed learning at the learner's own pace. Social Justice Ireland will provide some support via the webform on each Module page. There are no scheduled classes as part of this training.

[Register here](#)



IBP Pride of Place Winners Maynooth Access Group



A massive congratulations to Maynooth Access Group for winning first place in the **Creative Places** Category at the 2023 IBP Pride of Place Awards for their "Our World" initiative, 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. 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.

Another congratulations to Ballymore Eustace Community Development Association and Newbridge Women's Shed who were nominated by Kildare County Council for their remarkable contributions to improving their local community in the Age Friendly and Wellbeing category.

New Outdoor Gym Opens in Celbridge



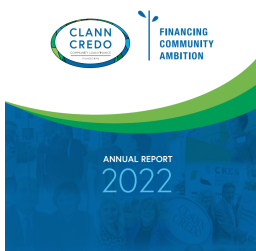
Located at Celbridge Abbey Car Park, the gym features a combination of outdoor exercise equipment and calisthenics which allows for free exercise using your own body weight. The range of equipment includes, rower, cross trainer, leg press, dip bars and exercise bars which facilitates a range of exercise for all ages and abilities.

The new outdoor gym in Celbridge not only provides free access to regular physical activity, which is important for physical health. It is hoped that other social integration, accessibility, and many other benefits will be felt from this important community space.

Kildare County Council Notice of Annual Budget



Kildare County Council have prepared the draft budget for the financial year ending 31 December 2024 and will be considered by Kildare County Council at the budget meeting to be held on **Monday, 20 November 2023**. A copy of the draft budget is available at the following link: [Draft Budget Summary 2024](#)



Clann Credo Community Loan Finance, Annual Report

The Clann Credo Annual Report is out, containing information about their performance and several case studies to give you the human and community stories behind the numbers. [View annual report here](#)

The social finance offered by Clann Credo is designed for community groups and comprises term loans and bridging loans. Your organisation may need a bridging loan to enable you to avail of grant aid offered by a public body or you may require a term loan to deliver your project or service where grant aid is not available or does not meet the full cost of the project.

Community groups up and down the country have secured social finance from Clann Credo. But Clann Credo is much more than a source of finance – they understand the stops and starts of managing community projects. It is their understanding of community development and volunteerism that positions them as a trusted community finance partner for over 600 community borrowers.

Clann Credo is a registered charity with a national remit. They have staff ready to assist your community group - it's never too early to talk to Clann Credo about your community's project. For more information check out the Clann Credo website www.clanncred.ie or contact them – info@clanncred.ie / 01 400 2100.



Public Consultations

- [Section 38 - Traffic Calming Safety Improvement Scheme at Eadestown, Naas, Co.Kildare](#)

- [Newbridge Local Area Plan Pre-draft consultation](#)
- [Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland](#)
- [Public Consultation to inform a national strategy for migrant integration](#)

Please circulate to members in your group/organisation

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