

Public Participation Network Kildare



Seasonal Updates

KCC Pay Parking Christmas Arrangements



Athy

There will be free parking in Athy from 8:30am on Friday 1st of December 2023 to 6:30pm on Friday 29th December 2023

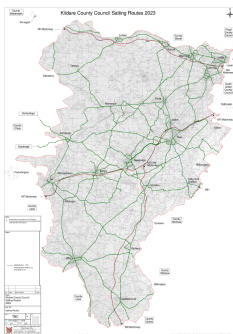
Naas

There will be free parking in all Kildare County Council car parks from 9:30am on Friday 1st of December to 5:30pm on Saturday the 30th of December. Car parks include:

- New Row car park,
- Fair Green car park,
- Abbey Street car park,
- Hedermans car park

Kildare Town / Newbridge / Maynooth / Celbridge and Leixlip

No suspension of Pay Parking. Normal parking enforcement will continue over the Christmas Period



2023 Salting Routes in County Kildare

With the weather getting colder, make sure your familiarise yourself with the routes in Kildare that receive routine salting in winter

[Map of Kildare County Council 2023 Salting Routes](#)

Kildare Small Jobs Christmas Vouchers



Kildare Small Jobs have gift vouchers available to purchase. A great gift idea for family/friends/neighbours over the age of 65.

It costs €65 for 5 x Callouts which can be used for services including: Small gardening jobs – Weeding, Cutting grass, Potting plants, Other small outdoor jobs, Repairs to fences, Small paint touch ups, Attaching Locks, Changing Battery Alarms

Call 086-0607346 or email ksj@countykildarelp.ie for more information.

Kildare Christmas Tree Recycling



Christmas trees can be brought for shredding as mulch to the following locations from Wednesday, 3 – Sunday, 21 January 2024.

- Athy - Meeting Lane carpark
- Celbridge - Interchange yard
- Clane - GAA club
- Maynooth - Council Depot (beside Fire Station)
- Monasterevin - Moore Abbey carpark
- Naas – Fairgreen
- Newbridge - Council Nursery (accessible heading towards Naas - follow signs)



Recent News

KCC Free Period Product Initiative



Kildare County Council's Community section has recently launched an initiative that will see free sanitary products and dispensers made available in Kildare County Council operated community centres, making period products more accessible within our communities helping combat period poverty.

Carmel Cashin, Senior Community Worker in KCC said 'Period poverty is a real issue in Ireland and we are delighted to have secured funding to roll out this initiative to make sanitary products more accessible in our communities helping combat period poverty. We are delighted to pilot the use of eco-friendly sanitary products which are being supplied by Cork based business 'We Are Riley' whose products are made with 100% certified organic cotton and contain no harmful chemicals or toxins."

This initiative was funded under the 'Period Poverty scheme - Health and Wellbeing Programme - Department of Health

Lexington Student Exchange Programme returns for 2024



County Kildare has been twinned with Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A. since 1984. Lexington is a charming city of about 300,000 population. One of the most successful aspects of Kildare's twinning with Lexington has been the annual student exchange, which affords Kildare students the opportunity to spend time in Lexington and to welcome a student into their home in return.

Kildare County Council's successful student exchange programme will take place again in 2024, and we are now inviting parents/guardians of interested students to apply. To start the application process visit <https://submit.link/29R>

The closing date for applications is **Friday 12th January 2024**.

The exchange takes place during the summer holidays with students, from the age of 16, from several schools around Kildare taking part each year.

In 2024, it is proposed that 10 Kildare students will travel to Lexington on 28th June, accompanied by an adult chaperone and return on 8th July 2024. The U.S. students will arrive in Kildare on 12th July and depart on 22nd July 2024.

For more information email;
kildarestudentexchange@kildarecoco.ie



No Planet B Club Short Film

No Planet B' new short film on 'What if teenagers ran the Government'

[View short film here.](#)



Kildare PPN News



Vision for Community Wellbeing

Throughout 2023 we held workshops in each of the 5 Municipal districts along with online consultations asking communities to identify the key issues that member groups in Kildare consider to be important to their communities and to be "The best that it can be for this and future generations"

[Download the Community Wellbeing Vision for Kildare](#)

Funding Opportunities

Fundingpoint Local Access Digest
Dec 2023 - Jan 2024

 Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council

 **LCDC**
Local Community Development Council

 **the wheel**
Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.

December FundingPoint Edition for Kildare

Kildare LCDC have engaged The Wheel to provide a bimonthly publication for Kildare which will include EU, national, philanthropic and local funding information for community and voluntary groups in Kildare.

[Download December edition of FundingPoint](#)

Community Climate Action Programme Grant
Now open for applications!
Deadline Wednesday 6th March 2024 5pm

NEW FUNDING PROGRAMME AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

WHAT IS IT?

- 100% project funding available to support the people of Kildare to build low carbon communities.
- Expression of interest style application form.
- Competitive fund.
- Successful projects must be completed within 18 months.
- Open to community groups that are not for profit.
- For example: Sports Clubs, Community Centres, Tidy Towns, Youth Clubs, Biodiversity Groups, Climate Action groups, Women's Sheds, Men's Sheds etc.
- Accessed through local Community Climate Action Officer.



SCAN OR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND LINK TO APPLICATION FORM

Contact Community Climate Action Officer Victoria Kavanagh with your Email and phone
L 087 4732846
CommunityClimate@kildarecouncil.ie

FUNDING AVAILABLE
€400,000 has been allocated to Kildare County Council

- 10% of funding is available for small scale projects (€500 - €10,000)
- 40% of funding is available for medium scale projects (€10,000 - €50,000)
- 50% of funding is available for large scale projects (€50,000 - €100,000)



Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Kildare County Council delighted to be able to open Strand 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme for applications today, Wednesday 13th December at 9:00am.

This fund aims to align community projects with Ireland's Climate targets and it will support groups to reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. There are 5 themes under the fund:

Theme 1: Community and Energy
Theme 2: Travel
Theme 3: Food and waste
Theme 4: Shopping and recycling
Theme 5: Local climate & Environmental Action

Projects can address one, all or some of the five themes and once opened, community groups will have 12 weeks to get their expression of interests in before the closing date of **Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 5:00pm**

[Full details](#)

2023 Parent Peer Support fund



The Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, has launched the 2024 Parent Peer Support fund. The fund is open to organisations working with parents and/or children and young people to facilitate the development and support of parent peer support groups.

Beneficiaries of the initial round of Parent Peer Support funding included organisations working with parents of LGBTI+ children, parents of children with a disability and parents of children who have recently migrated to Ireland.

This year, a total of €75,000 will be made available to 37 organisations with each successful applicant receiving €2000 to provide and promote parent peer support group activities across the country.

[Find out more](#)

More funding opportunities:

- [Community Monuments Fund 2024](#)
- [Waterways Ireland Community Grant Scheme](#)
- [Texaco Support for Sport Fund](#)

 **Upcoming Events**



Farm Walk: Agriculture In The Nature Restoration Law

When: 10-1pm on Saturday 16th December
Where: Cooltrim South, Co. Kildare – near Donadea Forest Park. Eircode will be shared with registered attendees.

[Find out more](#)



Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Regulations 2007-2018

The aim of the consultation is to gather stakeholder feedback on the draft AIE Regulations.

[Find out more](#)

More public Consultations:

- [Public Consultation on Further Regulation of Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products](#)
- [Public Consultation for a new National Social Enterprise Policy](#)
- [Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Access to Information on the Environment \(AIE\) Regulations 2007-2018](#)
- [Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland](#)

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