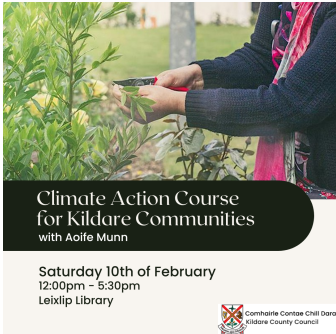


Public Participation Network Kildare



Training



Climate Action Course

Kildare County Council Biodiversity Office is delighted to announce this FREE Climate Action Course, run by horticulturist and environmentalist, Aoife Munn, which will cover:

- Looking at the climate action grants
- Planting for climate change
- Food Security & Growing your own
- Dealing with rainwater locally
- Creating a more circular economy
- Waste Reduction
- Composting and much more...

The course will be run on **Saturday 10th of February from 12 to 5.30pm in Leixlip library.**

This course is suitable for adults who want to improve their area for biodiversity, reduce the effects of climate change and help build a more sustainable community. It is particularly of interest to Tidy Towns Groups, (Wo)Men's Shed Groups and Environmental Groups but is also open to individuals who would like to make a difference. A light lunch will be provided.

There will be information on the now open **Community Climate Action Programme Fund** for those who wish to submit an application. The Fund aims to support Community groups to take climate action in their local areas.

Please note that all information you provide will be shared with Aoife Munn and Kildare County Council for the purposes of administering and running the course.

[Find out more / Book your space](#)



ALONE's Community Impact Network (CIN) provides the opportunity to be part of a collaborative national network that supports organisations working with older people across Ireland. In 2023, the Community Impact Network worked directly with over 200 organisations through the delivery of training, support and resources.

ALONE are delighted to release their Training Schedule for Q1 which include training on key areas such as Safeguarding, boundaries, Dementia, Cancer, Mental Health, and Grief & Bereavement.

[Full details](#)



National Tree Week 2024

1,000 Saplings Available for Community Groups



National Tree Week this year will run from Sunday 3rd March to Sunday 10th March 2024 (inclusive)

Kildare County Council will have 1,000 saplings available to community groups for National Tree Week. They are hoping to establish a number of mini woodlands, so they are looking for groups that can commit to planting 200 saplings and that have permission from the landowner.

The species list won't be available until nearer the time but it will likely comprise a mix of native and suitable non-native saplings.

If your group is interested, please contact Dara Wyer, Environment Awareness officer, KCC, tel.: 045- 980588, environawareness@kildarecoco.ie by Friday February 23rd.



Upcoming Events

World Wetlands Day 2024



Take Action for wetlands with the Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Peatlands contain 90% water and offer our communities many services from flood mitigation, a haven for biodiversity, carbon storage and recreation. Celebrating World Wetlands Day 2nd February; come along and join us for a morning of action for wetlands. Scrub encroachment at the edges of bogs both limits water accessing the surface and shades the bog surface limiting growth of bog plants. Come help with scrub clearance, details below.

What: Take action for wetlands with the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, by helping to remove scrub from the boundary of Lodge Bog.
When: 10am Friday, February 2nd 2024 Where: Bog of Allen Nature Centre
To register: email bogs@ipcc.ie Please note: Strong footwear such as wellies, and warm clothes are recommended. The IPCC team will provide equipment.



Talk and launch of “County Kildare’s Wonderful Wetlands” Booklet with Dr. Elaine McGoff

To mark UN World Wetlands Day 2024, Kildare County Council (KCC) have invited Dr. Elaine McGoff, national wetlands specialist, to present on the importance of wetlands, current trends in their status, and ways that we can protect our precious freshwater systems. A new KCC-commissioned booklet entitled “County Kildare’s Wonderful Wetlands”, edited by Dr. Peter Foss and Bridget McLoughlin, will also be formally launched at the event.
What: World Wetlands Day Talk
When: 18:30 Friday, Feb 2nd 2024
Where: McAuley Place, Naas
To register, email: biodiversity@kildarecoco.ie

Brigid 1500 Wellbeing workshops for Women

Would you like a day to yourself, to focus on your health & wellbeing?
Why not come along to our FREE
1 Day Wellbeing for Women course
In this practical 1 day programme we look at self care, understanding your thoughts, exploring emotions, mindfulness and building your resilience



Tuesday, 6th February 2024
Kildare Community Development Centre
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 15th February 2024
Leixlip Library
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The day will focus on self-care, understanding thoughts, exploring emotions, mindfulness, and building resilience. It's a day of empowerment for women!

For more details and to reserve your spot, contact: Lorna at 085-2845871 or lorna@countykildarelp.ie.

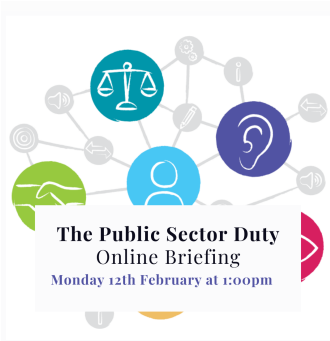
Mother Earth: A Food Happening

This event features some of Ireland's most important real-food heroes. It's a food symposium with some great speakers, workshops and demos focusing on sustainability and food quality. It's on **Saturday 27 January at The Wonderful Barn, Leixlip.**

There'll also be basket weaving, buskers, face-painting, food demonstrations, an imagining of what Brigid would have eaten and a lot more.

Hot Press have given Kildare PPN members a 10% discount for the event by using the code **MOTHER** at checkout.

[Find out more / Book here](#)



Online information session on the Public Sector Duty

We will be hosting an online lunchtime briefing on the Public Sector Duty in Kildare on Monday the 12th of February at 1:00pm.

The briefing will be delivered by Aiden Llyod who is currently working with Kildare County Council on the implementation of the Public Sector Duty Act.

[Find out more / register here.](#)



Free Drop-in Energy Clinic
Saturday 10th of February in Newbridge Library
The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland are running free drop-in sessions in Local Libraries where people can get advice on saving money by reducing energy bills or hearing how to get grants for energy upgrades. In Kildare the energy clinic will be help in Newbridge Library on Saturday the 10th of February between 10:00am and 1:00pm

[Find out more](#)




Register for An Taisce National Spring Clean




National Spring Clean is one of Ireland’s most popular anti-litter initiative. Taking place during the whole month of April and now in its 25th year, the campaign encourages every sector of society to actively participate and take responsibility for litter, by actually conducting clean ups in their own local environment. National Spring Clean traditionally takes place throughout the month of April.

Taking part in the National Spring Clean is very straight forward. Organise for a clean up of your local area, to take place any time during April, and register your event [here](#).

[Find out more](#)



Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan
2023–2030




New National Biodiversity Action Plan Launched

- Ireland’s 4th NBAP aims to protect and restore nature across the country
- It is the first biodiversity plan to be backed by legislation, with legal requirements for public bodies
- Actions include expanding National Parks, tackling invasive species, strengthening efforts on wildlife crime and working with communities
- Key recommendations from the Citizen’s Assembly on Biodiversity Loss are also addressed.

Its 194 actions include commitments to:

- expand and enhance our network of National Parks,
- further strengthen action on wildlife crime,
- deliver on obligations to conserve our most precious habitats and species,
- strategically target efforts on invasive species,
- develop a national Nature Restoration Plan,
- increase collaboration on nature-friendly farming,
- review nature governance across the State, and
- explore the ways in which the rights of nature can be formally recognised.

[Download National Biodiversity Plan](#)



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

Minister O’ Brien to introduce Charities (Amendment) Bill to Dáil Éireann

- Greater transparency for the public in relation to finances and operations of registered charities
- Enhanced legal framework to enable the Charities Regulator to carry out its functions
- Measures proportionate to the size and operation of charities
- “Advancement of human rights” a new charitable purpose

[Find out more](#)



BNI Charity Seat

BNI is a business networking group that meets weekly with the ethos of givers gain – if I get work for you, you in turn will seek opportunities for me. BNI Global has long been a supporter of charities and has a charitable foundation in operation, however on a more local level each chapter has a charity seat which is funded by BNI Global. This seat allows charities to sit in the room weekly and explain to the group of local businesses what they do and learn more about how they operate.

Within our region annually an awards night is run the proceeds of which is divided between our charity partners and last November each charity partner in Ireland East & South approx. €4,700 from the charity night. The commitment is – attend weekly meeting – Empire Naas is Friday mornings. Have 121’s with members of the chapter and be an active member of the group.

Anyone interested in visiting a meeting with no obligations to join but a great chance to network with the group please contact me on 086 8178087 / breda@salutemadvice.com



The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund

The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund aims to build the capacity of social innovations with proven impact and a desire to scale. This Fund has been set up to support previous Rethink Ireland awardees who have encountered a temporary core funding gap and are seeking support to revisit their business model and improve their financial sustainability.

[Find out more](#)

More funding opportunities:

- [Kildare County Council Community Grant Schemes](#)
- [HSE National Lottery Grants](#)
- [Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme](#)
- [KCC Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024](#)
- [EU Just Transition Fund \(EU JTF\): Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme](#)
- [Creative Ireland, Arts Grants, Commissions and Bursary Award opportunities for 2024](#)
- [Community Climate Action Programme Fund](#)
- [Fit for Life Awards](#)
- [Community Monuments Fund](#)
- [Open Call for Cruinniú na nÓg 2024 Commission Awards](#)



Public Consultations:

- [Public Consultation on the Proposed Public Realm Improvement Works to Market Square, Kildare Town](#)
- [Castletown House and Estate Public Survey](#)
- [Kildare Library Service - Public Survey](#)
- [Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020 – 2023 \(as extended\)](#)
- [Part 8 - Proposed Sallins Grand Canal Greenway Link](#)

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