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Happy New Year

Kildare PPN would like to wish our members a very Happy New Year.



Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024

Kildare County Council is inviting applications for the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023 from individuals, groups and organisations who are carrying out local heritage projects. The objective of the scheme is to support innovative approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promote active engagement with heritage and its appreciation by the public.

Funding of up to €1500 is available for individual projects and activities eligible for funding under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme across the areas of heritage management, gathering heritage data, and raising awareness of heritage.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th March 2023, 4.00pm.

[Full details](#)



Creative Ireland, Arts Grants, Commissions and Bursary Award opportunities for 2024

Kildare County Council has published details of 18 separate grants, commissions and bursary award opportunities to support the development and presentation of creative and artistic projects in the county in 2024. Applications will be accepted from individual artists and creatives, arts collectives, community groups, youth groups and schools.

Full details of each of the grants and application forms can be accessed [here](#)

Deadline 12pm, Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Fit for Life Awards



Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote lifelong fitness and health.

Deadline 15th February 2024

[Find out more](#)



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](#)



Community Monuments Fund

The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- enable conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change;
- encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation.

[Full details](#)



Ireland's new Deposit Return Scheme

Ireland will soon be introducing a Deposit Return Scheme. In February 2024, when you buy a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that features the Re-turn logo, you pay a deposit in addition to the price of the drink. When you return your empty, undamaged container to any retail outlet, you get your deposit back.

The drinks containers included in the Scheme are PET plastic bottles and aluminium and steel cans between 150mls and 3 litres. A deposit of 15c will apply to containers from 150ml to 500ml inclusive and a deposit of 25c for containers over 500mls to 3 litres inclusive.

[Find out more](#)



Kildare PPN News



New Kildare PPN Representatives on the Kildare LCDC

We would like to welcome our two most recent Representatives who will represent Kildare PPN on the Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC):

- Michael Kenny - Community and Voluntary Seat
- Liz Denieffe - Environmental Seat



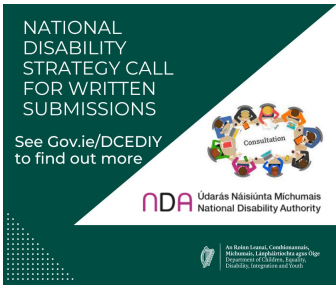


Brigid 1500 2024 programme of events

Brigid 1500 is a programme of events to celebrate and commemorate St. Brigid the woman, the life and the legacy, in a broad, rich way.

The Brigid 1500 programme comprises a series of events and initiatives including festivals, concerts, talks, art commissions, illuminations, pilgrimages, and craft workshops as well as a schools programme to cement St. Brigid's lasting legacy.

[View the 2024 Brigid 1500 Event Listings](#)

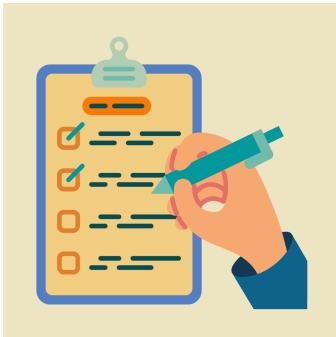


National Disability Strategy

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) are leading the development of a new National Disability Strategy. DCEDIY have requested the National Disability Authority to lead on certain elements of the consultation.

The consultation consists of a number of strands including online thematic focus groups, a national questionnaire and town hall style in person meetings. There will be more information in the coming weeks. There is also an option to make a video submission.

Please answer the questions in the [National Disability Survey Written Submission Template](#) and submit to nda-events@nda.ie by Friday, 12 January 2024.



North Kildare Sport Club Survey

North Kildare Sport Club, a multi-sport club located between Kilcock and Maynooth are developing a new modern sporting and community facility. As part of this, 2into3, Consultants for the non-profit sector are doing a community needs analysis for their Community Centres Investment Fund application. The areas of Kilcock and Maynooth are lacking modern new built community facilities and this survey would be very useful in supporting their application for funding.

[Take survey](#)

More public Consultations:

- [Public Consultation on a Design Guide for Long-Term Residential Care Settings for Older People](#)
- [Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020 – 2023 \(as extended\)](#)
- [Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland](#)

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