

**Public Participation  
Network Kildare**



## Funding Opportunities



### Community Recognition Fund

€50 million in funding announced under the Community Recognition Fund with €830,007 allocated to Kildare

The Community Recognition Fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

[Read press release in full](#)



### ESB Energy For Generations Fund

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees €1m per year disbursed to charities on the island of Ireland working primarily in social inclusion (access to education and employment). In addition, the fund also supports charities working in the area of homelessness.

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

[Find out more](#)



### Funding opportunities under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Kildare County Council is seeking expressions of interest for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The Department of Rural and Community Development recently announced funding for local authorities to support the development of projects designed to breathe new life into rural communities. As part of the scheme, Kildare County Council can make two applications, with up to €50,000 available for each project.

[Find out more](#)



### National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2024 Now Inviting Applications

The National Lottery are seeking entries to this year's Good Causes Awards. The competition will culminate with a National Final awards ceremony to take place on 12 October 2024 in Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare. Each of the 35 National Finalists will also receive a cheque of €1,000 to celebrate them reaching this stage of the competition.

[Find out more](#)

## Collaboration and Innovation Fund



The purpose of the Collaboration and Innovation Fund is to pay for collaborative and innovative projects that support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy and digital literacy needs.

€1 million is available to fund local projects in any county in Ireland. €0.25 million is available to fund national projects that have a wider, national scope.

Organisations that work in the public, not-for-profit, community and voluntary sector can apply for the Collaboration and Innovation Fund. You need a minimum of two organisations working in partnership to apply for the Fund.

[Find out more](#)

### More funding opportunities:

- [Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024](#)
- [Arts Council of Ireland Funding](#)
- [International Protection Integration Fund 2024](#)
- [RTÉ Toy Show Appeal 2024](#)
- [PwC Ireland Resilient Communities Fund](#)
- [Rethink Ireland - The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund](#)



### Kildare PPN Let's Talk...Conflict Resolution

This is the second module in the Let's Talk series. While volunteering with a community group / organisation it extremely rewarding and positive, conflict can sometimes be inevitable. The important thing is how that conflict is dealt with. This session will discuss potential challenges that committees can be faced with and discuss potential approaches to ensure a positive outcome. This will be an interactive session with attendees, where there will be an open discussion and peer to peer support.

[Book your space](#)



### Kildare PPN Let's Talk...Community Leadership

**Let's Talk... Community Leadership** is the final module in the series of informal training sessions that will give our member groups an opportunity to build their capacity, expand their knowledge, and learn from other community and voluntary groups in Kildare. This session explores how to lead groups and organisations. The session will engage participants in open discussion on how individuals take charge and bring about positive change in their communities.

[Book your space](#)



### Kildare PPN Canva Training (Intermediate)

Do you feel like you have mastered the basics of Canva and would like to learn about some of the more intricate features Canva has to offer?

During this 2-hour online session we will focus on looking at some of the more advanced features of Canva, including:

- Creating a video and adding Music and Caption with photos
- Using AI features in Magic Media
- Exploring advanced editing features
- Learning about transitions and Audio
- Using Apps for Video creation and editing.

[Register here](#)



## National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA)



The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) is organising a free webinar for the **community and voluntary sector**. The webinar will provide a 1-hour introduction to literacy, numeracy and digital literacy in Ireland, covering:

- What is literacy;
- the impact of struggling with reading, writing, everyday numbers or digital tasks;
- Using a literacy friendly approach;
- Your experience of responding to adults with literacy, numeracy and digital needs;
- Tips for how to support people sensitively; and
- Using plain English.

[Introduction to literacy 25 April, 10am – 11am – Register now](#)



### Barrow Blueway Walking Tours *Rathangan Ramble*

**Date:** 23rd of March 2024

**Location:** Meet at Tannery Park at 11:00am

For more information, contact: [bbwt@countykildarelp.ie](mailto:bbwt@countykildarelp.ie)



### Registrations for Street Feast 2024 open

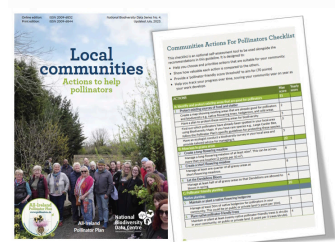
On May 25th and 26th, Street Feast are inviting people and communities across Ireland to come together for a day of free, fun neighbourly lunches. Get together with your neighbours to share food and enjoy some conversation and camaraderie this summer. It doesn't matter if you live in an apartment or house, all you need is a space to bring people together.

Register now to get planning your Street Feast. Here you can apply for your free Street Feast party pack, complete with bunting, posters, invites and a brilliant DIY guide!

[Full details](#)



### New Pollinator Plan guidelines for Local Communities



The National Biodiversity Data Centre have released an update of 'Local Communities: Actions to Help Pollinators'. This free guideline provides simple, evidence-based recommendations for community groups on how to help pollinators and biodiversity. The guidelines are now also available in Irish, thanks to funding from the Tidy Towns Local Authority Pollinator Award steering group.

Building on the recommendations in the previous guidelines, the new guidelines include up to date advice on what pollinators need and how to support them based on the latest scientific evidence. Communities can choose from 24 actions across themes such as meadows, nesting habitat, and pesticide elimination. The guideline also includes a new voluntary scoring system to help communities track their progress.

[Download here](#)

### Call for Expressions of Interest for 2024-2025 SDG Champions Programme



Just under two weeks to go to apply for the 2024-2025 SDG Champions Programme! The call for Expressions of Interest is still open, until 5pm Monday 1 April.

The SDG Champions Programme was developed to raise public awareness of the SDGs and to demonstrate, through the examples provided by the SDG Champions, that everyone in society can make a contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. If you know any eligible groups, organisations or companies, spread the word! If you think your organisation has what it takes, apply now!



[Find out more](#)



### Resources for Non-Profits

Are you looking for templates for your non-profit organisation? Carmichael have put together over 60 FREE resources and templates on our website, including:

- useful templates,
- governance checklists and
- 'how to guides'

[Full details](#)

### Kildare Volunteer Centre are hiring a Volunteer Development Officer



Are you passionate about creating welcoming communities? The Volunteering Development Officer's principle role is to facilitate greater social integration and engagement in the local community for recently arrived displaced people in Kildare through volunteering.

Applications close at 5pm on April 2nd.

For more information, please reach out to David by email at [David@volunteerkildare.ie](mailto:David@volunteerkildare.ie)

[Full details](#)



### Public consultation on Shared Mobility Hubs

The Minister for Transport has opened a public consultation as a first step towards the development of Shared Mobility Hubs. These are hubs where a range of shared travel options – including, for example, shared bikes, electric bikes or e-cars – come together and can be accessed in one place by people who need them. They are often located close to other public travel hubs such as train or bus stations.

[Find out more](#)

### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029



Kildare County Council is preparing a new Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2025-2029. This plan will cover the functional area of Kildare County Council. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Council intends to carry out an assessment of the existing and projected accommodation needs.

Any person or organisation who wishes to make a submission in respect of the new Traveller Accommodation Programme is invited to do so.

[Find out more](#)

### Public Consultations:

- [Consultation on Ireland's Draft National Energy and Climate Plan](#)
- [Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland](#)
- [Public Consultation on Climate Action Plan 2024](#)

Please circulate to members in your group/organisation

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