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Mayo Public Participation Network Newsletter

Mayo PPN - Your Voice - Your Community



- **Covid Helpline:** with the introduction of Level 5, the helpline now operates from 9am to 5pm seven days a week and is based in the Community Section, Mayo House, Moneen. The Covid Community Response Forum is working hard to meet the potential needs of vulnerable groups coming into the winter. Mayo PPN would like to thank the community as a whole for all the hard work they do around the county and hope you are all keeping well during these difficult times. <https://youtu.be/LMvSCK-Nit4>

Mayo PPN

WOULD YOU OR A PERSON FROM YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP - BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBER LIKE TO JOIN THE PPN SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE?

- Mayo Public Participation Network have vacancies currently available on the Secretariat and Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

If you interested in having your community's voice heard, then nominate or be nominated for one of Mayo PPN's vacant seats.

This is an opportunity for you to work collaboratively with stakeholders towards a shared vision that will enhance the quality of County Mayo.

Only members from the Mayo Public Participation Network can nominate or be nominated for these seats and only one vote per group/organisation.

Please see nomination forms which were issued to each Member group on 25th January 2021.

Closing date: Thursday 11th February 2021

Info by email to: mayoppn@mayococo.ie

www.mayoppn@mayococo.ie

*** MAYO PPN ANNOUNCES ITS 1000th GROUP TO REGISTER WITH THE PPN***

- **Is your Community Group registered with Mayo PPN? Its FREE to join. www.mayoppn.ie**
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MAYO PPN PLENARY & INFORMATION MEETING

Mayo PPN Virtual County Plenary Information Meeting was held on Wednesday December 9th 2020. **Anne McCarthy, Head of Community Section, Mayo Co Council** gave a comprehensive update on the Covid 19 Community Forum. On behalf of Mayo County Council, she wished to formally acknowledge the fantastic work of the PPN and especially this year of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Communities of Mayo have stepped up, collaborated, contributed and surpassed everything that was asked of them. She added Mayo PPN is now so successful, it's almost unimaginable what we would do if we didn't have one. She thanked the PPN team, the Secretariat Committee and community groups for their hard work and commitment.

David Reddington, Broadband Officer, Mayo Co Council gave a comprehensive and informative presentation on the broadband connection points in Mayo.

These facilities - which include GAA clubs, schools, community centres and other public facilities – will provide free access to high speed internet in the rollout area this year. These will pave the way for rural communities in the IA to receive the benefits of broadband, from mobile working, e-learning and mobile banking, to digital tourism.

The PPN 2021 Workplan and Budget were presented to the members present and circulated to the PPN Plenary.

Daragh Owens, Secretariat Committee announced and congratulated the 1000th group to register with Mayo PPN - **DOOHOMA ENHANCEMENT GROUP**. The group will receive a 3-minute professional video of their group's activities.

PPN Resource Worker, Mary Costello gave a presentation on the events and activities undertaken by the PPN in 2020.

PPN Representatives on Committees

The PPN have 18 representatives on the SPC, LCDC & JPC committees.

MAYO PPN COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Mayo PPN acknowledge and value the community-based volunteer response taking place due to Covid 19 and felt the need to capture the fantastic activities undertaken by community groups across County Mayo. The project was called MAYO PPN COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19. Six Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN were interviewed and videoed and this made up a two-part documentary which filmed community groups across every part of the county and covered Covid related activities in rural areas. Please follow the link to video

<https://youtu.be/LMvSCK-Nit4>

- **COVID 19 INFORMATION LEAFLET**

Mayo's Community Response Forum in collaboration with Mayo Public Participation Network, has produced a Community Information Leaflet to assist the public accessing useful services, helplines etc. The leaflet contains useful contact details for local health services, information services, helplines and advice around Covid. The leaflet is a bilingual document and is also available in four other languages, i.e. French, Polish, Arabic and Portuguese (Brazilian). You can view the leaflet online at: <https://cutt.ly/TkfQoHz>

Mayo PPN Training Programmes

Mayo PPN provide space for community groups to grow and develop through the suite of training programmes delivered virtually throughout 2020. Training included: Social Media, Writing Successful Funding Applications, How to Build a Website without a budget, The Charities Regulator-Governance Code. How to use ZOOM for meetings, Back to Business for Community Groups-Covid re-opening, etc.

Mayo PPN Issues Form

Mayo PPN has representation across various County Council Committees.

We have representation on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee and five of the six Strategic Policy Committees of Mayo County Council. To see list of reps please visit <https://mayoppn.ie/about-mayo-ppn/ppn-representation/>

Mayo PPN have developed an online 'Issues Form' on the Mayo PPN website. You in the community will be receiving notification when the meetings are scheduled and will be asked to submit any **collective issues or concerns** to your representatives via the online issues form. We would like to hear from you in the community on **COLLECTIVE ISSUES OR CONCERNS** you feel should be brought to the attention of the committee by your representative. Please see <https://mayoppn.ie/community-issues/>



The start of a new week is a good time to plan out the coming days

Make sure to include time for

- daily physical activity
- healthy meals
- nature
- checking in with friends
- relaxation

To find out more visit: [https://www.mayo.ie/.../programmes-\(1\)/keep-well-campaign](https://www.mayo.ie/.../programmes-(1)/keep-well-campaign)

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION VIRTUAL 5K

**** Calling all Mayo Residents *****

You can now sign up for the virtual 5k with Operation Transformation. See our website for more information

<https://www.mayo.ie/.../operation-transformation-virtual...>

[#keepwell](#) [#beactive](#) [Operation Transformation](#)



Training Course In Remote Work

Grow Remote has already provided training to those who are unemployed to over 200 people. In response to the latest lock down measures, the course is opening for applications for a fully funded, online course in remote work.

The sessions help candidates get the basics in remote work as a skill, hear from remote employers, and access a nationwide community of remote workers.

There are currently over 200 locationless jobs open for applications which can be accessed through the Grow [Remote job's board](#).

'[Remote Work Ready](#)' is designed for unemployed and underemployed people hoping to transition to a remote working role and is fully funded.

The programme is 100% online, available nationally and runs for between 7-14 weeks in duration. Anybody interested in applying can find all the information [at this link](#)

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, Monday, January 18th announced almost €3.2 million in funding for 173 projects under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

The scheme provides funding for the development, promotion and maintenance of outdoor amenities such as trails, walkways, cycleways and blueways.

Mayo Projects awarded funding today include:

Achill- Combine the Dooagh 4km looped trail and the 10km Deserted Village Trail.

Belmullet- Erris Head – improves to the trailhead.

Castlebar – Breaffy Woods Loop Walk – supply and install boardwalks.

Claremorris – Clare Lake Land of the Giants – replacement of 2 foot bridges.

Clogher – Clogher Walking Hub – develop 2 high quality loop walk.

Social Enterprise Development Fund

Apply by March 5th to **Rethink Ireland's Social Enterprise Development Fund 2021**. The €3.2 million Fund, being delivered from 2018 – 2022, was created in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund and aims to find and back social enterprises that add to the social and economic fabric of their community by way of social impact.

Social enterprises are organisations whose mission is to have a positive effect on society. Social enterprises are at the heart of facing the greatest social challenges in Ireland. They are professional and experienced, and use business skills and clever thinking to bridge the gaps in our society. The money they make from their work is used to grow what they do so that they can reach all the people in society who need their help. <https://cutt.ly/5kjfxJZ>

Next Friday, February 12th 2021, at 11am, they will be holding a **free webinar** to provide an overview of the Fund. We will cover what applicants can expect if they apply, share tips on how to write great applications and hear from past Awardees - Please register in advance at <https://cutt.ly/0kjfPA3>

We are also hosting two virtual 'drop-in' Application Clinics on [Friday 19th February at 1pm](#) and [Friday 26th February at 1pm](#).



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2021 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has on 24 December 2020, announced funding of €1 million to help TidyTowns groups to prepare for the 2021 SuperValu TidyTowns competition.

This allocation will provide up to €1,000 for every eligible TidyTowns group in the country.

The funding announced by the Minister is in addition to €1.4 million allocated to these groups at the end of last year.

In total, there are 987 eligible TidyTowns groups registered across the country. All eligible groups will be contacted in the coming weeks with details of how to apply for the extra funding.

See launch video here: <https://youtu.be/ZQm-cZ1NDao>

Live Transcribe App

This app might be of use if working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Live Transcribe is an app that simultaneously translate and transcribe speech in real time. Live Transcriber is for the Deaf or HoH person to use. It gives the user control over their environment. With Live Transcribe for both Android and iOS, users wouldn't need to lip-read or be left out of the conversation.

More information on the link below.

<https://www.android.com/accessibility/live-transcribe/>

Mayo County Library now Online

Spending time on a hobby or doing something creative can help you to switch off and [#KeepWell](#) during this lockdown.

Mayo County Library have over 500 free online courses for you to choose from, so you are sure to find something that you enjoy.

For more info - <https://www.mayo.ie/library/online-library/courses>

Mayo says No to racism



During 2020 the Mayo says No to Racism Group was established to deliver actions promoting difference, diversity and equality. <https://cutt.ly/7kfElus>

Perhaps we can take inspiration from the words of John Hume when he said

“Difference is the essence of humanity. Difference enriches humanity” “and by spilling our sweat not our blood we can build together, and brake down the barriers of centuries.” [#mayosaysnotoracism](https://cutt.ly/mayosaysnotoracism)

Mental Health & Family Caring: Supporting the Supporters

A great new resource available from Mental Health Ireland, the Mental Health & Family Caring: Supporting the Supporters booklet. This was co-produced by MHI, people with lived experience, family carers and Family Carers Ireland.

The booklet is available on the website resource section here: <https://cutt.ly/lkfE1aW>

Mayo County Council COVID Helpline

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council

Coronavirus
COVID-19

Community Response Contact Information

Phone: (094) 9064660 (9am-5pm)

E-Mail: covidsupport@mayococo.ie

Stay Safe

With new restrictions in place, please remember that our Community Support Helpline is here to assist.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch by phone or email.

The Covid Helpline hours are will operate from 9am to 5pm – 7 days a week.

Phone: (094) 9064660

Email: covidsupport@mayococo.ie

Mayo Digital Strategy - Citizen Survey

Tell us about your news/activities/events

Mayo PPN will promote your groups news/activities/events on our various social media channels and monthly newsletter.

Please email mayoppn@mayococo.ie

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