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Public Participation Network Mayo

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Mayo PPN work in partnership with Mayo County Council
It is the main link through which the local authority connects with community groups in County Mayo.
If you need to circulate advertisements, public consultations or anything of public interest, please forward to: **mayoppn@mayococo.ie** and it can be circulated to over 1,200 member groups in the County.

MAYO PPN - NEWS

Mayo PPN Community Wellbeing Vision Statement for County Mayo
The first step in developing the plan was to identify what the collective Vision and priorities are for the county. Community Wellbeing is seen as a good measure to show how well we are doing in County Mayo. Mayo PPN held consultation Wellbeing Workshop in each of the Municipal Districts to seek the views on how we can make MAYO the best possible place to ... LIVE, WORK, and INVEST. The workshops highlighted the 'assets' and aspects that community wish to preserve and protect for current and future generations and to seek the public's views on what they consider to be important priorities based on, but not exclusive to:
Economy and Resources – Economic Development, Enterprise and Job Creation
Social and Community Development
Environment and Sustainability
Health (Physical and Mental)
Values Culture & Meaning
Participation Democracy and Good Governance
The Mayo PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement will be launched later this year.
Further information available on:**mayoppn.ie/developing-mayo-ppn-vision**

Mayo PPN Suite of Training Courses for Community Groups
Mayo PPN Suite of training courses are currently underway. This is free training for Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN. Courses are online and in big demand with large numbers in attendance with over 300 participants availing of the training so far.
Further training courses and workshops are continually rolled out.
Training Includes: Writing Grant Application Forms, Managing Social Media, Facebook, Instagram, Leadership for Community Groups, what is a Company Limited by Guarantee, Boards roles & Responsibilities, Code of Governance for community groups, Writing a Press Release, etc.
Keep an eye on **Mayo PPN/Latest News** for more information.

Community Support Fund 2022/2023 - under the Community Enhancement Programme
This scheme is an online application process.
Mayo PPN came on board and hosted two online workshops to guide groups through the process of submitting an online application for the Community Support Fund. A total of 140 groups registered for the training workshops.
 PPN Video on completing the Community Support Fund
Mayo PPN have created a video with a step by step guide on completing the Community Support Fund. Follow the link: **https://mayoppn.ie/community-support-fund-2022-2023/**

Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map
The PPN Interactive map has been redesigned is and is **available here to view.**
This map map will showcase community groups' location and list each groups services and amenities. It will also list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. The Interactive map is displayed on the PPN website. This will be a live map and groups are invited to submit their details, with information continuously updated on the interactive map.
 If you have not already done so please submit your details via the link: **Interactive Map Form**

PPN Social Media and Community Activity
Mayo PPN invites all community groups to submit their groups events and activities to **mayoppn@mayococo.ie**
Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote via our social media platforms.

Community Events in Mayo

Ballyhaunis Abbey - Grow your own veg' workshop 1 on Saturday March 25: yes, we are happy to announce that the first in a series of four workshops on how to grow your own vegetables (and fruit) will be held on March 25th (09:30-14:00) at the Community Garden with the informative and good-humoured Martin Connor of ABC Gardening. This course was very successful last year and led to the creation of a lovely group, growing vegetables indoors and outdoors at the Community Garden. Please book your place on the workshop by calling 087 9777899. The Community Garden is managed by the gardening subcommittee of the Abbey Partnership.

Balla Bingo is looking at the possibility of running a bus on Sunday nights to Balla Community Centre for bingo players in the following areas: Knock, Brickens, Claremorris and potentially surrounding areas. The feasibility of this bus will depend on regular numbers attending bingo in Balla every Sunday night. If you are interested in this transport, please contact them on 0949365846.

Ballina Costume Company Easter Craft Camps for Children - they will run two camps - Camp 1: Monday April 3rd to Thursday April 6th (no camp Good Friday) and Camp 2 - (no camp bank holiday Monday) Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April. €80 per child. Venue Sean Duffy Centre, Ballina. Times: 9.30 to 3pm. We provide all materials. Phone us: 096 72154 email: **info@ballinacostumecompany.ie**

Co. Mayo Wind Farm plans submitted SSE Renewables has partnered with FuturEnergy Ireland, which is backed by Coillte and the ESB, to develop plans for a 21-turbine wind farm in the townland of Sheskin, Co. Mayo. Permission for the €100m project has been sought from An Bord Pleanála. Once operational, the wind farm is expected to generate enough electricity to supply around 83,000 homes, and a community benefit fund will be created to support local activities over the first 15 years of its lifespan.

65 Roses Day is our National Fundraising Day for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. It is our largest fundraising campaign of the year and money raised is essential to fund supports and services needed now more than ever by people with Cystic Fibrosis in Ireland.
 Why not set up a 65 Roses challenge in your company to support 65 Roses Day and to improve your general fitness and well-being? A 65 Roses challenge can be any challenge with a 65 theme e.g. a 6.5k walk / run, a 65k cycle, or a 65,000 steps challenge, etc.
You don't have to do it alone! Why not invite your office colleagues to take on the challenge with you as a team? Don't forget to share your challenge photos with #65RosesDay2023 and tag @cf_ireland on Instagram and Twitter! To sign up to take on a 65 Roses challenge, follow the link below or email **fundraising@cfireland.ie**

Mayo Day 2023 is on the horizon on Saturday, 29th April. Balla Community Resource Development (CRD) - in conjunction with Balla Tidy Towns and the broader community - invites you, your colleagues, students, co-workers, friends and family to partake in our environmental event "Go Green & Red for Balla".
This entails a clean-up of Balla village with particular attention to the Community Garden, Woodlands area, green area next to the church and MUGA playground. We will also provide tree and flower seeds for school students to plant under the guidance of Ecologist, Karina Dingerkus, from Giorria Environmental Services who is currently assisting Balla CRD with producing and implementing a Biodiversity Action Plan for the community.
You are welcome to join us from 10am until 1pm on Saturday, 29th April meeting initially at the Community Garden. Be sure to wear your high-vis bib or jacket on the day and your Mayo jerseys, hats, flags and headbands!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CREATIVE IRELAND FUNDING 2023 Mayo County Council, in association with Creative Ireland, is inviting applications for funding under two programmes:
Cruinniú na nÓg Day June 10th Mayo County Council is seeking proposals for projects to take place on Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of creativity for children and young people on June 10th. Closing date March 18th 2022.
Please ensure that you read the criterial for the programmes and are eligible before submitting an application. For applications forms and further information go to **https://www.mayo.ie/libraryhews** or email: **avaughan@mayococo.ie**

The Community Support Fund 2022 (CSF) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Please see the following link for a press release **here.**
This programme will support not-for-profit community or voluntary groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with: **Current Costs, Non-pay running costs**: Electricity, refuse, heat costs etc, **Non-pay operating costs**: Rental / lease costs and Insurance bills etc, **Capital costs** Necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, purchase
Equipment such as tables, chairs, tools, signage, laptops, printer,Lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment. **Full details here**

Mayo County Council Community Section News

Environmental Awareness team with registrations now open for **#SpringClean23**, our Environmental Awareness team are inviting communities who may need clean up supplies to support their spring clean event to get in touch. Contact on 094 9064000 or email **environment@mayococo.ie**

The Draft Castlebar Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2023-2029 is now open for public consultation. View the Plan and make a submission on or before the 11th April 2023 at **https://consult.mayo.ie/.../draft-castlebar-town-environs...**

County Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy You can take part in the pre-draft consultation process by: completing the online survey at **www.mayo.ie/heritage/Biodiversity-Strategy** by **8th March 2023.** More information: **https://mayo.ie/news/Heritage-Strategy-Consultation-2023**

Check the Register at **http://checktheregister.ie** - the easy way to secure your say. The electoral registration process has changed and you can now use this site to: Register to vote, confirm or update your details, download forms.

Mayo Sports Partnership has teamed up with **Mayo Volunteer Centre** to host a number of FREE volunteer support workshops and training sessions over the coming months to help volunteers, clubs, groups and community organisations maximise their volunteer programme across a number of key areas. More Information here: **https://www.mayo.ie/en-ie/mayo-sports/courses**

News from the Department of Rural & Community Development

2023 Sustainable Development Goals Junior Art Competition
Following on from the success of the 2022 SDG Junior Art competition - which provided the beautiful artwork for the **National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals 2022-2024** - a new 2023 SDG Junior Art competition is being announced. The winning piece of art will be used for the cover of the Voluntary National Review and a selection of the art will be used throughout the report and on social media.
All under 18's are invited to take part and submit their art work based on: what the Sustainable Development Goals mean to you or what Leaving No One Behind means to you
Additional information on the art competition and some background information on the Sustainable Development Goals and *Leaving No One* Behind can be found **here.**

Minister Joe O'Brien launches new Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making. Read in full **here.**

Minister Joe O'Brien urges community groups to join Public Participation Networks as national awareness campaign launched. Read in full **here.**

Our Rural Future - Minister Humphreys and Minister Joe O'Brien launch the €50 million Community Recognition Fund. Read in full **here.**

MEMBERSHIP OF MAYO PPN

Who Can Become a Member of Mayo PPN ?
Click **here** for further information on the benefits of joining and membership criteria.

Let's hear your groups news/activities/events!
Mayo PPN will circulate your groups events and activities on their social media platforms.
If your group has something of interest to the County - let us know!
email **mayoppn@mayococo.ie** or call 094 90 64358.

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