



Lónra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail **Maigh Eo** Public Participation Network **Mayo**

AUTUMN 2024 NEWSLETTER



Autumn is Here!

Autumn has arrived - the kids are back to school, the days are getting shorter and the air chillier, but here at the Mayo PPN, we're as active as ever! Member organisations are hosting an exciting array of events, classes, and other activities all across the County; new funding schemes are available; and the Mayo County Council welcomes new and returning Councillors following this summer's local elections.

Lets hear what's happening in your Community

Have you or your community an event or activity coming up?

Avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN. It's simple - email mayoppn@mayococo.ie and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote to our 1,100 plus community groups.

You tell us and we'll tell the Community!

MAYO PPN - NEWS



Mayo PPN launches new "Community Spotlight" to recognise the important work of our member groups.

Our new weekly feature - Mayo PPN Community Spotlight - gives groups like yours the opportunity to showcase the important work you are doing in your community and encourage others to get involved.

If your group would like to be featured on the Community Spotlight, please email a brief description of your organisation, what you do, where you are located, a recent event/activity you hosted, and up to 3 photos or a short mobile phone video to mayoppn@mayococo.ie.

To join the Mayo PPN, go to: <https://mayoppn.ie/>



European Volunteering Capital 2026 Competition

Ballina has been announced as a candidate for the title of European Volunteering Capital 2026 by the Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) based in Brussels. Ballina is one of just three European municipalities shortlisted for this prestigious title, alongside Maia in Portugal and Rzeszów in Poland. Mayo PPN is delighted to be a part of this effort.

More: <https://www.mayo.ie/news/Ballina-Volunteering>

The Ballina EVCapital 2026 Candidate certificate was received on 26 July 2024 on behalf of @mayo.ie by Aingéal O'Donoghue Permanent Representative of Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU in Brussels.

Discover more about the EV Capital Competition and the other EV Capital 2026 Candidates here:

<https://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/ev-capital-2026>



Mayo PPN in partnership with Midwest Radio - Ours to Protect

Mayo PPN continues to work in collaboration with Midwest Radio who are currently running a series called 'Ours To Protect'. It involves a weekly 7-minute feature on the Tommy Marren show promoting a project or initiative that relates to Climate Action in Mayo.

Check Mayo PPN Website to listen back <https://mayoppn.ie/ours-to-protect-climate-conversations/>



Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map

The Interactive Map showcases community groups' location and list each groups services and amenities. It will list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. eg: marquee, stage, utensils etc. The interactive map is displayed on the PPN website, <https://mayoppn.ie/resources/interactive-map/>

Is your community group listed on the map? It just takes two minutes to submit your details. Follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MxLwsqshshX>



COMMUNITY EVENTS IN MAYO



Ballina Fringe Festival

October 4th - 13th

Ballina Fringe Festival is an annual multi-disciplinary and open access arts festival with a focus on community involvement and bringing Irish and international artists to a Ballina and North Mayo audience. The Festival encompasses Visual Art, Theatre, Dance, Contemporary emerging Irish music, pop up events with a special emphasis on the festival's annual Street Art Programme, commissioning professional artists to create eclectic artworks in unexpected corners of the town, alongside and working with community groups.

For more information, visit: [Home - Ballina Fringe Festival](#)



15th DIVIPASSION International Short Film Festival

Celebrating 15 years in 2024, the DiViPassion International Short Film Festival, traditionally hosted in Athis-Mons, Paris, France, moves to a new location this Autumn – Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland. This annual festival has welcomed filmmakers from a variety of countries, and has established links with Athis-Mons's twin towns such as Ballina (Ireland), Rothenburg (Germany), and Sinaia (Romania). This year, it will take place in Ballina on Saturday, 12 October during the Ballina Fringe Festival at Ballina Arts Centre.

The festival is open to all non-professional production. Filmmakers can be individuals, legal entities or organizations. In particular, the event endeavours to support youth production, whether as filmmakers or actors.

Deadline for submissions: 15th September 2024

Full details can be found on <https://filmfreeway.com/divipassion>



Discover Ireland's Historical Treasures at the Jackie Clarke Collection

Step into a world of Irish history at the Jackie Clarke Collection, the most significant private compilation of Irish historical artefacts now in public hands. Visit the Jackie Clarke Collection and embark on a journey through Ireland's past. Whether you're a history buff or simply seeking a unique adventure, the museum promises an unforgettable experience.

Opening hours:- Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, - Free Admission

Email:- clarkecollection@mayococo.ie Website:- www.clarkecollection.ie

Telephone:- 096 73508 Address:- Pearse Street, Ballina, Co Mayo F26 A368



Claremorris Culture Night 2024

Friday 20 September 2024

Culture Night begins with family-orientated events and workshops. Food - from our multicultural community is a POTLUCK which will be served up @ 7pm (NB. A Potluck Means YOU! Bring Some Food To Share from your culture to share with the Community)

There will be live acts in the evening with breaks between and a mix of world music by DJ Conan ending at midnight.

The Town Hall Theatre, Claremorris. 5.30 pm - Midnight

Booking for Workshops is required. Book at Claremorris Library or email dmctigue@mayococo.ie for *Dungeons & Dragons Workshop* - Max 6 participants; Workshop takes place in Claremorris Library @ 5.30pm - 7pm

Book at <https://townhall.ie/> for *Family Yoga* - Max. 10 Adults & 10 Children. Workshop takes place in Town Hall Studio @ 5.30pm - 7pm

Access information. The event is suitable for people with mobility issues, with accessible toilets. Parking is available within 200m of the venue, with team members on hand to assist people in navigating the building, Be advised there will be loud music and bright lights with audience participation.



Westport Festival of Chamber Music 2024

September 5th - 8th

Established in 2013, the Westport Festival of Chamber Music is a boutique festival presenting the best in Chamber Music performed by the finest of musicians from Ireland and around the world.

Organisers of the event are delighted to present their [2024 artists](#) and [programme](#). Also, take a look at their [promotional video](#).

For more information, visit: Westport Festival of Chamber Music 2024: Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th September 2023 (westportchambermusic.ie).



Mayo Mayhem

September 27th - 29th, rollover October 4th - 6th

Mayo Mayhem is Ireland's No 1 Windsurfing Wave sailing competition. Organisers like to think that Mayo Mayhem is the most fun and welcoming windsurfing competition in the world, which just also happens to have epic conditions.

It was set up with the aim of giving windsurfers a great reason to meet up and have some fun while pushing their windsurfing limits.

Mayo Mayhem is based on Achill Island with the option to compete on any one of Mayo's finest beaches. With such a variety of location to choose from there is a strong possibility of competing on both Port and Starboard tack, side on to super clean side off down the line wave sailing. The conditions range from light float and ride to epic Red Bull Storm Chase conditions.

For more information, and to register for the event, visit: [Mayo Mayhem - windsurfing competition](https://www.mayomayhem.ie)



Sláintecare Healthy Communities Amateur Photo Competition 2024

Deadline for receipt of completed entries is 4:00pm on Friday 27th of September 2024

THEME: What my healthy community means to me

Why not take out your camera and capture the fabulous scenery all around us and get be in with a chance to win some cash!

Sláintecare Healthy Communities are asking people to submit a photography of some scenery or activities in the Erris and Achill areas that epitomises 'Health' in the broadest sense---It could be the setting sun, the turquoise water, children playing on the beach, a family working together in the bog, landscape beauty, people chatting, animals grazing, etc.

This competition has two categories, under 18 and adult. For the under 18 category, entrants must be aged 17 or younger at the time of the closing date. Proof of age may be requested. **The competition is open to amateur photographers only.**

The winning entries and a selection of other photographs may be published in the 2025 Mayo Sláintecare Healthy Communities Calendar and for promotional use as needed by the HSE.

The winner in each category (under 18 and adult) will each receive One4All vouchers.

1st Prize €200, 2nd Prize €100, 3rd Prize €50, 4th Prize €50, 5th Prize €50

Entry forms, along with competition rules and entry requirements can be obtained by emailing HealthandWellbeing.CHO2@hse.ie



Living Well Programme


The Living Well Programme for people living with long-term health conditions is now up and running for Autumn 2024. This free programme aims to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops.

Courses are delivered once a week, over a 6-week period in a friendly and supportive setting. Upcoming dates in Mayo:
 Ballycroy: September 5th - October 10th, Thursdays from 10:30am - 1:00pm
 Ballycastle: October 18th - November 22nd, Fridays from 10:30am - 1:00pm

To book your place, contact Liam Gildea at 086 014 2675 or lgildea@southmayo.com
 For more information about the programme, visit: [Living Well programme - HSE.ie](https://www.livingwell.ie)

Living Well

A programme for adults with long-term health conditions





Living Well is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic health condition. It takes place over six weekly workshops (6 x 2.5 hours) – either online or in-person. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition.

You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. You will also meet other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences.

Upcoming Living Well Programmes

Venue	Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
Ballycroy, Co Mayo	Thursdays	5 th September 2024	10 th October 2024	10.30 am – 1 pm
Ballycastle, Co Mayo	Fridays	18 th October 2024	22 nd November 2024	10.30 am – 1 pm


To book your place contact

Name: Liam Gildea
 Phone: 086 014 2675
 Email: lgildea@southmayo.com
www.hse.ie/LivingWell




*Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain and depression.







Living Well is an SMRC Evidence Based Self-Management Programme originally developed at Stanford University.

Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support (Buddy) Training

Is there a mental health peer-supporter in your club or association?

Cycle Against Suicide offer mental health peer-support training to all volunteers in clubs and associations in a drive to encourage one of them to take on this vital role for their club or association and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

This free training in Mental Health Peer-Support creates a compassionate network within a club and a community. The training transcends traditional boundaries, breaking down the stigma associated with mental health discussions. The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern.

Course: Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support (Buddy) Training
 Details: <http://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become.../>
 Cost: *Free of charge. No funding needed.
 Delivery: Online via Zoom

Time: 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Dates: September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct

To Register: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

or online at <http://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become.../>

*free to volunteers in a community club or association or who are associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing.



Autumn Exhibitions at The Ballinglen Arts Foundation

Bridget Flannery: A Retrospective. The Ballinglen Gallery, Main Street, Ballycastle, F26 RX61

Opening event: September 7th, 5-7pm, continues until October 31st, 2024.

Please join us to celebrate Bridget's work and remember her creative spirit.

Patita Bourke Nicholson - Paintings of Memory and Imagination. The Ballinglen Museum of Art, Main Street, Ballycastle, F26 RX61

Open from 7th September 2024 - 7th February 2025. Opening event and catalogue launch: October 5th, 5-7pm.

Retrospective Exhibition of paintings by Patita Bourke Nicholson of Enniscoe House, Mayo.

This exhibition has been funded by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



Claremorris Town Hall Theatre Wants You!

Are you a band or solo artist looking for a gig? Claremorris Town Hall Theatre wants to hear from you. They're looking for both new and established live music talent of ALL GENRES to take to their stage.

Drop an email to info@townhall.ie with a little about your act and a few links to your work, audio or video.



Succession Planning: A Guide for Community Archives & Heritage Groups

A new publication was launched on Thursday 25 July at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life. **Succession Planning: A Guide for Community Archives and Heritage Groups** is a resource developed by the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN).

The Guide looks at ways volunteer groups can address some of the challenges that can influence their future success.

iCAN is a National Museum of Ireland initiative delivered in partnership with the Heritage Council, participating Local Authorities and community groups across Ireland.
Download the Succession Planning Guide [here](#)



North Mayo Heritage Centre Artisan Market

Don't miss North Mayo Heritage Centre's last market of the summer season, taking place on Saturday, 14th September from 11am - 4pm.

Lets make this a spectacular event!

Their new shop is now open, so why not have a browse.

Enquiries regarding stalls may be directed (by email) to nmhcommunity@gmail.com
Alternatively drop them a DM or 096 31809.

Eircode: F26 FR94
Free parking



14 SEPT 2024

Artisan Markets

 Date: 14 Sept 2024

 Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

The North Mayo Heritage Centre hosts markets each month showcasing the wonderful variety of local, handmade and natural Food and Crafts from across County Mayo and beyond.

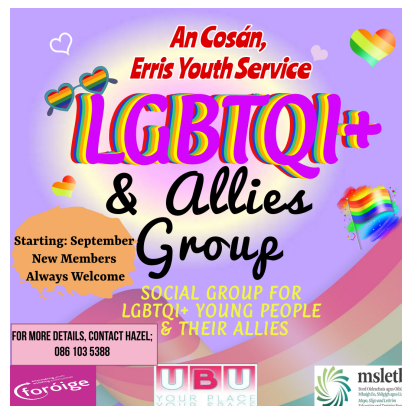
LGBTQI+ & Friends Group

An Cosán, Erris Youth Service LGBTQI+ & Friends Group

Starting Back in September

New Members ALWAYS Welcome

Day & Time: Text Hazel on; 086 103 5388 for Further Details



Slow Trad Session

Come join Linenhall Arts for their brand new Slow Trad Session led by Castlebar-based traditional accordion player Eamonn Abberton!

Kicking off on Mon 16 Sept, these bi-weekly sessions run from 7 to 8.30pm and are suitable for near-beginner and intermediate players. Players start as slowly as necessary so that everyone can join in, and maybe gradually get faster.

Sessions are free but they invite people to pay what they can.

For more information about this and other upcoming events at the Linenhall Arts Centre, visit:

<https://www.thelinenhall.com/whats-on/all>



Cois Tine Night

Kilmovee Heritage presents this month's Cois Tine Night
Mon 9 September at 8.30pm at the Kilmovee Community Centre

Free Admission - all are welcome!



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Community Food Initiative At Home Funding 2024

Safefood is inviting organisations who are not currently involved in the CFI to apply for funding to deliver an online project that meets the criteria of the CFI at Home Programme.

The Community Food Initiative (CFI) is a programme that aims to positively influence the eating habits of families with children across the Island of Ireland.

Interested organisations can apply for funding up to a maximum of €2,000 or £1,720 to deliver a project in their local area. Please contact SECAD Partnership for details on how to apply for the funding at sconroy@secad.ie

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but as all activities must be finished by 1st November 2024, it is important that applications are submitted as soon as possible.



Youth Services Grant Scheme (YSGS) Pilot 2024-2025

Following review of the Youth Services Grant Scheme (YSGS), the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is now seeking applications for YSGS funding from eligible organisations that have not previously received funding under the YSGS from DCEDIY.

Guidance Note, YSGS Pilot Application Process for New Applicants: <https://assets.gov.ie/302177/653e659d-33e3-4d7b-b831-c38f097f3dd0.pdf>

Application Form, YSGS Pilot Application Process for New Applicants: <https://assets.gov.ie/302178/005a839b-ce8e-4f5b-a96f-f35c508be146.docx>

Applications must be submitted by email to YSGS@equality.gov.ie by 6pm on 16 September 2024.



LGBTI+ Youth Fund 2024 Accepting Applications

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is inviting applications from organisations who work with young people to apply for funding under the LGBTI+ Youth Fund 2024.

A total of up to €400,000 is being made available in grants to applicants to the fund, with the term of the grant running from October 2024 to December 2025.

Deadline for applications: 16th September

Full details <https://www.gov.ie/.../publi.../77de3-lgbiti-youth-fund-2024/>



Sports and Wellness Fund 2024

The Sports and Wellness Fund aims to support social innovations that use sports and physical activity programmes to have a demonstrable impact on improving mental health outcomes and social inclusion for people and communities in Ireland.

To apply, your organisation needs to have a legal non-profit form, have been operating for at least 1 year and be able to secure philanthropic funding commitments totalling at least €100,000 (€50,000 per annum).

Find more information about the fund and apply today at <https://rethinkireland.ie/curr.../sportsandwellnessfund2024/>

Applications must be received by 6th September at 1pm



Funding For Animal Welfare Organisations 2024

Applications are invited from animal welfare organisations who wish to be considered for Ex Gratia funding under the allocation for Animal Welfare within Mayo County Council for 2024.

The closing date for completed application forms is 4.00 p.m. Friday, 20th September, 2024.

For further information and to apply for funding: <https://www.mayo.ie/news/Ex-Gratia-Animal-Funding-2024>



Oweninny Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund 2024

Mayo County Council invites online applications from qualifying groups for funding, under the Oweninny Windfarm Community Benefit Fund 2024: Category 1 & Category 2 – large-scale capital projects, and Category 3 - small

scale capital projects, within Target Area, within Target Area.

A qualifying mandatory criterion applies, including membership of the PPN and located within the Target Area (Map of Target Area) is available here: <https://www.mayo.ie/en-ie/your-council/services/community-and-integrated-development/funding-grants/oweninny-community-benefit-fund/map-of-target-area>

Application Form / Supporting Documents / Target Area Map, are available to download here: <https://consult.mayo.ie/en/applications>.

You must create an account on <https://consult.mayo.ie/> - (click on the Register button on the top right hand side of <https://consult.mayo.ie/>), in order to access the application process.

Closing Date for submission of applications through the online portal is: Tuesday, 24 September, 2024, at 4pm.



New Campaign Helps Mayo Businesses Go Green And Save Time, Money & Energy

A new campaign has been launched by Local Enterprise Office Mayo to help small businesses become more sustainable and to show them the substantial benefits of this.

The “Going Green, It’s All In A Day’s Work” campaign will show how easy it is for a business to make small changes to deliver a significant impact. There are two specific supports available to all small businesses (up to 50 employees) in any sector that can set them on their green journey, the Green for Business audit and the Energy Efficiency Grant.

Businesses are encouraged to take two minutes to register themselves on www.AllInADaysWork.ie/Green and their Local Enterprise Office will take it from there.



MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS



Mayo County Council Corporate Plan 2024 - 2029: Public Consultation

Mayo County Council has commenced a public consultation for the development of a new Corporate Plan for the period 2024 - 2029.

The Corporate Plan sets out the vision and strategic direction for *Mayo County Council* over the next five years. In preparation for the plan, Mayo County Council would like to invite members of the public to give your feedback by completing an online survey, sharing your views on your vision for the strategic development of Mayo County Council.

The online survey is available here <https://consult.mayo.ie/en/content/mayo-county-council-corporate-plan-2024-2029-public-consultation>

A copy of the current corporate plan 2019-2024 can also be found at www.mayo.ie/corporateplan

A community workshop will be held on Wednesday the 18th of September from 7 - 8:30pm:
Castlebar Regional Training Centre
Saleen, Milebush, Castlebar
F23 TH29

You may also email your views to corporatedev@mayococo.ie



Renewable Energy Strategy for Mayo

Mayo County Council has commenced the review of the Mayo Renewable Strategy 2011-2020 and the preparation of a new Renewable Energy Strategy for the county.

The Strategy will set out a vision for the future Renewable Energy Development of Mayo and contain objectives to achieve the vision.

An important aim will be to ensure a balance between facilitating the development of the county whilst protecting the environment for future generations. The Plan will give guidance on where future developments should be located in the county, along with guidance on other matters such as layout and design of developments.

Please take a few moments to complete the following survey. Your responses will remain confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of developing the Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo.

The consultation period is open between Friday 26th July 2024 until 5pm on Friday 6th September 2024 until 5pm.

Click link to fill out survey – [Pre-Draft Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy Survey](#)



Mayo County Council Awards €2 Million In Grants Payments To Successful Applicants Of The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Mayo County Council is delighted to announce that it has paid out €2 million in grant payments to successful households of the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment grant. This significant milestone comes at the second-year anniversary of the grant, which was established to provide a pathway to home ownership for applicants.

The €2 million in grant payments have been paid across 41 individual households. This figure represents 41 homes that would have been vacant and in some cases derelict which now because of the grant are completely refurbished and back in residential use.

Tom Gilligan, Director of Services in Mayo County Council said: “*The grants and schemes that our Vacant Homes Office administer have real potential to change the landscape of our towns and rural communities. The grants support property owners to bring back much needed vacant and derelict properties into residential use.*”

The Vacant Home Office is available to offer advice and assistance to any property owner considering bringing a property back into residential use, a member of the public can get in touch by contacting: vacanthomes@mayococo.ie



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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

Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €3 million to enhance visitor experience at Forest Parks across Ireland

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, has announced funding of €3 million to develop and upgrade visitor and recreational amenities at Coillte Forest Parks across Ireland.

The investment is part of a strategic partnership between the Department of Rural and Community Development and Coillte to maintain and manage existing trails in Coillte forests, and to develop new recreation opportunities.

Full details of the €3m funding being allocated to projects for 2024 are available [Funding Details](#). Minister Humphreys also launched the report of the 2023 programme of investment which sets out the projects and outcomes from the investment provided to Coillte in 2023. This report can be found [here](#).



Trading for Impact: National Social Enterprise Policy 2024-2027

Trading for Impact: National Social Enterprise Policy 2024 -2027 was launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD on July 24 2024.

The purpose of the policy is to help cultivate and sustain strong and impactful social enterprises in Ireland to enrich the social, environmental, and economic well-being of people living in our communities. The policy represents a strong commitment by Government to social enterprises and a recognition of their value and potential.

The policy outlines five key objectives:

1. Building Awareness of Social Enterprise
2. Growing and Sustaining Social Enterprise
3. Supporting the Green Transition
4. National and International Engagement
5. Impact Measurement

57 concrete actions are defined under these objectives, which will be implemented between 2024 to 2027. A Stakeholder Engagement Group will be established to provide oversight for the policy, and annual reports will be published on its implementation.

The policy document can be found here: [Trading for Impact National Social Enterprise Policy 2024 - 2027](#)



Barriers to Involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPNs)

An Exploration of the Barriers to Involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPNs).

S3 Solutions consultancy have been commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to carry out a piece of research to explore any barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks (PPN).

They are keen to explore the demographic characteristics of groups and individuals involved in all 31 PPNs in Ireland and in doing so, investigate the diversity of participation.

Where appropriate, they want to explore the barriers and challenges for diverse groups in actively participating in PPNs.

They will primarily use consultation to carry out the research. However, they are also conducting an initial exploratory survey, which you can access at the link below:

[Barriers to Involvement in Public Participation Networks](#)

Deadline to complete the survey is Thursday the 19th of September.



European Sustainable Development Week

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is delighted to announce that Ireland's third SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this year from **20 to 29 September**, forming part of the wider [European Sustainable Development Week \(ESDW\)](#), which this year, will run from **18 September – 8 October**. Last year, ESDW saw over 5,000 events taking place across 28 countries, with almost 200 events held across Ireland.

Anyone who wants to take a concrete action to support the implementation of the [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) of the United Nations is encouraged to get involved. Initiatives, foundations, schools, kindergartens, universities, churches, companies, social institutions, environmental and development associations, municipalities, public utilities, authorities, offices and ministries, but also private persons who would like to start an action in their personal environment are all welcome to register an event.

For more information, and to register your event, visit: [ESDW \(esdn.eu\)](https://esdw.esdn.eu)



Minister Humphreys announces €2.6m to support Town Centre First Projects

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced funding of €2.6 million to support the development of a wide range of Town Centre First projects. This funding will assist local authorities in creating a pipeline of significant, well-developed projects in local towns across Ireland. A total of 53 projects will be supported with up to €50,000 of funding per project.

This funding will support pre-development works for projects and support costs including detailed design, planning, procurement, professional fees, assessments and other development costs. The full list of the projects supported under the Project Development Measure of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024 Town Centre First Project Development Measure 2024 is linked to on the Mayo PPN website: <https://mayoppn.ie/minister-humphreys-announces-e2-6m-to-support-town-centre-first-projects/>

Further information on Town Centre First can be found [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.

PPNs Celebrate 10 Years

The Public Participation Network project was established under The Local Government Act 2014 and from 2016 to now has grown from 11,962 groups to 19,950 in 2023, echoing our local growth. This is a monumental representation of community activity in our state and has been led by PPNs in providing empowerment and voice at a local level.

We at **Mayo PPN** thank all those groups, agencies and individuals who have supported us across the ten years and, looking forward, we encourage you and others to join us in continuing the journey to greater inclusion, empowerment and representation of community interests through your PPN.

PPNs are independent umbrella organisations that work in partnership with County Councils. Mayo PPN aims to enable community organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system, and to allow for a diversity of voices and interests.

Let's hear your groups news/activities/events!

Mayo PPN will circulate your group's 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.

Stay in Touch with Mayo PPN

There are many ways to keep in touch and up to date. Follow Mayo PPN on Social Media for current news and updates.

Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/MayoPPN>)

Instagram: ([Mayo PPN \(@mayoppn2022\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#))

X (Twitter): (<https://twitter.com/mayoppnetwork>)

Don't forget to tag us in your news items!

Please share this newsletter with the members of your community groups, as it is important that everyone is kept up to date and well informed.

Mayo PPN – Supporting You – Supporting Your Community

Mary Costello – PPN Coordinator

Sarah Rawlings - PPN Administrator

On behalf of the PPN Secretariat Committee

www.mayoppn.ie

Click [here](#) for further information on the benefits of joining and membership criteria.

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