



## July 2018 - Newsletter



### Meet a Member Organisation

#### Voice of Migrant Ireland

Aims are to promote all the good about the migrant community of Ireland and promote positive mental health for those migrants who are still under the Direct Provision System, and in particular, mothers, to help them attend language classes, courses and other programs that might be of help to them.



Each month our newsletter will feature a member organisation. If you would like to be included in next month's edition please forward text and pictures to [info@laosppn.ie](mailto:info@laosppn.ie)

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Would like to invite all members groups to attend a "Poster FREE Zone" debate.

When: **Wednesday 18th July**  
Where: **The Millstone Barn, Abbeyliss Road, Furlongate**  
Time: **8:00pm**

Two guest speakers will debate on the night, one in favour of making Laos a Post Free Zone and the other against. After this a vote will take place as to whether Laos PPN will make a submission to the Draft Law Management Plan 2018-2020 (currently on display).

Please note that only registered groups can vote with each group having 1 vote only.

### Age Friendly Information Evening

Laos PPN are delighted to host its annual 'Age Friendly' Information Evening to coincide with Positive Ageing Week. This year we will have a great variety of informational stands with refreshments and a guest speaker on the day.



When: **Tuesday 25th Sept**  
Where: **Midlands Park Hotel**  
Time: **2:00pm to 4:30pm**

This is a **FREE** event.

### COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS 2018

Laos County Council in participation with Laos Public Participation Network wishes to celebrate the major contribution made by Community/Voluntary Organisations in County Laois.

Nomination Forms are available in the following Categories

- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Healthy & Active Community
- Children & Youth
- Environment
- Social Inclusion
- Age Friendly
- Unsung Hero

You can also make an individual nomination for an Unsung Hero Award for outstanding contribution by one person to community/voluntary life in their local area and/or the wider community in Co. Laois.

Nomination forms and further information on terms & conditions are also available by contacting:

Community Development Section,  
Laos County Council,  
(057) 86 64150 or by email at [info@laosppn.ie](mailto:info@laosppn.ie)

Closing Date is Friday 24th August 2018 by 5pm

<https://www.laosppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Community-Awards-Nomination-Forms-2018.doc>

<https://www.laosppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Unsung-Hero-Nomination-Form-2018.doc>



## FUNDING



### COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2018

Applications are invited by Laois Local Community Development Committee under the Dept of Rural and Community Development's Community Enhancement Programme 2018.

The Programme will support projects that would improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas providing tangible supports. The funding will relate to capital projects only and should demonstrate added value. Match-funding is not a requirement for approval.

Deadline for receipt of completed applications is **Monday 30th July 2018 at 5.00pm.**

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

An Application Form and Application Guidelines are now available from:

Laois LDC,  
c/o Laois County Council,  
Community Development Section,  
Ara an Chaisne,  
JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co Laois.

Tel. 057 86 64060/4150 or email [cdc@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:cdc@laoiscoco.ie)

Application and Guidelines Available on:  
<http://www.laois.ie/departments/community/166/>

## INFORMATION BOARD



### Laois County Council Mattress Amnesty! Free Mattress Recycling

Bring your old mattress to one of the following locations on the specified dates and we will recycle it for free!

**Rathdowney** - Brand Central Carpark on June 20th from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

**Graiguecullen** - Lenestre Co-op Marts Carpark (Carlow Mart), Ballykillin, Killishin Road - July 7th from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Domestic Customers Only, Max 5 dry mattresses per customer!

Meet and Code is a new project which aims to introduce children and young people aged eight to 24 to the world of technology and coding. The Meet and Code project is funding digital and coding events of all kinds during the EU Code Week (6-21 October 2018). These events are designed to show young people how much fun coding can be.



There are 25 grants of €500 each available to host such events.

To apply for these grants you must:

- 1. Be a registered charity.
- 2. Your event must take place during the EU Code Week (6-21 October 2018).
- 3. Your event must revolve around the theme of programming (coding, robotics, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) etc).
- 4. Your event must engage with at least 20 children and/or young people aged between eight and 24.
- 5. Your Meet and Code event must be free to attend.

How to apply:

Applying is easy, just follow these four steps:

1. Register your organisation on the Meet and Code website
2. Submit your planned event
3. Wait for your application to be approved and receive your grant
4. Host your event.

Applications are now open via the Meet and Code website

## DIAL TO STOP DRUGS

This year, the poster promoting the campaign has been designed by the winner of the poster category of the 'Let's Talk About Drugs' National Media Awards 2018. These awards are aimed at primary and secondary school students, college students and inspiring members of the media to stimulate debate around the drugs issue in Irish communities.

Anybody with information on drug dealing in their area can call the Freephone Crimestoppers number on 1800 23 00 23. Callers do not need to leave their name or address. Calls are answered by Garda who are trained to take information from anonymous callers in such a way as it can be useful in an investigation. The posters will be distributed to all local and regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces who are requested to promote the campaign at a local level. Information on the campaign can also be found on [www.crimestoppers.ie](http://www.crimestoppers.ie)



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Note as space is limited articles will be chosen on a random basis.