



August 2018 Newsletter

Laos Public Participation Network



Meet a Member Organisation

Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation Europe (NIDOE)

NIDOE promotes welfare of the Nigerian community in Laois. It is a platform to promote Nigerians social inclusion and advocate networking in the local community.

On Saturday 4th August NIDOE will host a Family Fun Day in St. Mary Hall from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. ALL WELCOME.



Each month our newsletter will feature a member organisation. If you would like your organisation to be included please forward details to ppn@laosccco.ie

Laos PPN Newspaper Supplement

Laos PPN are putting together a 16 page supplement/magazine to appear in a local newspaper in October.

If your groups would like to feature in this supplement/magazine, please send me in a piece about your group and lots of pictures.

The piece should be no more than 200 words and it can describe what your group does, how you started and where you are now and what works well for you.

This is a great opportunity for groups to get noticed and for people to see the great work you all do.

If you have any queries drop me a email or give me a call.

Please send your submissions to ppn@laosccco.ie or post to Laos Public Participation Network, JFL Avenue, Lytton Square, Portlaoise, Co. Laois by Friday 31st August, 2018

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

LAOIS 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

<https://www.laospn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Community-Awards-Nomination-Forms-2018.doc>

Insert Community Awards Nomination Form 2018 here

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.

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

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

Community Development Section,
Laos County Council on (057) 86 64150 or by email at dc@laosccco.ie

Closing Date is Friday 24th August 2018 by 5pm

RECENT EVENTS

"Poster Free Zone" Debate

At a recent debate held by Laos PPN the majority of member organisations present have voted in favour of the county being the first in Ireland to become poster free zone inside the 50km speed limits of all its towns and villages.

The vote was held at a meeting hosted by Laos Public Participation Network (PPN) last week where 29 different community groups turned out to hear a debate on the topic and vote. Each community group that was represented at the meeting had one vote. Following a result of 75% of those present voted in favour of a poster free zone.

Laos PPN will now make a submission to the Laos Draft Litter Management Plan 2018-2023 proposing that all towns and villages of Laois within the 50km speed limit are a "Poster Free Zone".

A copy of the draft plan is available for public inspection for a period of eight weeks from 5th June to 3rd August 2018 during normal opening hours at the offices of Laos County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise and downloaded during that time from www.laos.ie.

The plan is open to all member organisations/individuals to make Comments / observations with respect to the proposed plan and should be made in writing to:

Mr. Donal Brennan
Director of Services
Environment Section
Laos County Council
Áras an Chontae
Portlaoise
Co Laois

Or email: environmentadmin@laosccco.ie

Closing date for submissions is 4pm on Friday 10th August 2018.



GRANTS

Community Enhancement Programme 2018

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The Programme will support projects that would improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban and rural 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.

An Application Form and Application Guidelines are now available from:
Laois LCDC, c/o Laois County Council,
Community Development Section,
Áras an Chaité,
JFL Avenue,
Portlaoise,
Co Laois.

Tel. 057 86 6400/4150 or email dce@laoiscoo.ie

Application Form

<https://www.laoisppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Community-Enhancement-Application-Form2018-1.docx>

LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Economic Development in Rural Areas

This calls for proposals falls under the Economic Development: Rural Towns Theme of the Rural Development (LEADER) Programme

The Local Development Strategy seeks to enhance and sustain our towns and village centres and their function as focal points for their rural hinterland. Under this objective, Laois LCDC now calls for expressions of interest from local rural towns and villages for projects that have arisen out of the development of a plan for their own future sustainable economic development.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Youth Facilities/Training Facilities/Training Programmes.

This calls for proposals falls under the Social Inclusion Theme of the Rural Development (LEADER) Programme. It is recognised both at National and EU level that the youth unemployment rate across the European Union is unacceptably high particularly amongst more socially excluded groups. While the Social Inclusion Action Programme (SICAP) works with a cohort of disadvantaged urban youth there is a gap in the service provision for rural young people

For further information and to download an Expression of Interest form please go to the Laois Partnership website: www.laoispartnership.ie or contact:

Laois Partnership Company,
Ground Floor, Block 2,
County Hall,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

Tel: 057 8661900
Email: info@laoispartnership.ie

Closing date for completed expressions of interest is Friday 10th August 2018

Coca Cola Thank You Fund 2018

<https://www.coca-cola.ie/thank-you-fund>

€100,000 of support for youth projects.Four specif projects

1. Bridging the divide between education and the workplace.
2. Fostering diversity and inclusion
3. Empowering young people to become the leaders of the future
4. Helping them to take innovative approach to sustainability in local communities.

National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2018

<https://lottery.ie/good-causes-awards-how-to-enter>

This is the first year for these awards and is open to any community project who has received National Lottery part funded schemes from the years 2014, 2015 and 2016. Judging will be based on how funds were used to have the most impact. There are six categories: Sport, Arts & Culture, Heritage, Youth and Community.

Cash for Clubs - Play or Park

<https://playorpark.ie/cash-for-clubs/clubs>

Register a club and collect tokens when you purchase fuel at Topaz (Circle K) and be in with a chance to win Cash for Clubs. Grand prize €10,000 and lots of runner up prizes. Commenced on 4th July and running until 19th August 2018.

Dormant Accounts Fund 2017 Action Plan: Call for Applications

Pobal, on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, invite applications for funding from eligible organisations under the following Dormant Accounts Fund (DAF) Measures.

Measure 1: Social Enterprise

Measure 2: Training and Support for Family Carers

Details about the measures, the online application process, and how to register to attend a pre-application support meeting in Tullamore on Tuesday 31st July are available at <http://www.pobal.ie>

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm on Friday 31st August 2018.

Mental Health Engagement - Be Part of your Local Forum



Laois Local Forum

Venue: Triogue Centre, Bridge Street, Portlaoise.

Times: 8:00pm - 7:45pm (No booking required)

Dates: Thursday 26th July 2018 & Thursday 23rd August 2018.

Contact 087-3761952 mhengage.mdm@hse.ie

Date for your Diary



Information Session for Over 50's

Date: Tuesday 25th September
Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm
Venue: Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise

This is a FREE event and open to all. We will have stands providing information about the Fair Deal Scheme, financial services, health & wellbeing and many more. Refreshments will be available on the day.

Laois PPH Plenary.

Date: Wednesday 3rd October 2018
Time: TBC
Venue: Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise.



Contact Us



Why not give us a call.

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Make an appointment

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or, check out our web site

<https://laoisppn.ie>