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January 2019 Edition



## Meet a Member Organisation

### **Borris in Ossory Community Development Association/Tidy Towns**

Borris-in-Ossory Community Development Association (CDA)/Tidy Towns has had an active presence in the village for over 20 years. The group is made up of volunteers and a committee, elected at our AGM every year who meet at least once per month. Our main activities are overseeing the upkeep of public spaces in Borris-in-Ossory such as Main Street, green spaces, flowerbeds, hanging baskets and the cutting of grass in housing estates. We are also responsible for managing a number of Community Employment (CE) participants in the village who carry out this work on a daily basis.

The other role of BIO CDA is co-ordinating the overall development of local community and voluntary projects in the village. In 2017 we decided that our group would apply for funding from Laois Partnership under the Leader/RDP programme. The first step in the process is the development of a '5 year plan' for the village. A sub-committee was formed to carry out a needs assessment of residents in the village and we organised a number of public meetings on this issue. We also appointed a consultant to draw up a 5 year plan and he recently started work in the village.

A combination of regular meetings, teamwork, dropping leaflets to keep residents informed and co-operation between different community and voluntary groups in the village are just some of the reasons why we have been successful in 2018 and we are hoping to improve on this success in 2019. This would not be possible without the hard work and tireless efforts of the many volunteers in Borris-in-Ossory who give up their time to undertake this valuable work on behalf of the community.

**If you would like your member organisation featured in next months edition please forward a small bio and pictures to:  
Suzanne O'Connor, Laois PPN, Lyster Square, Portlaoise.**

[ppn@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ppn@laoiscoco.ie)



## Upcoming Events

# "Access for All" Disability Community Awareness Workshop

Date for Diary 13th February 2019.

“Access for all – Disability / Community Awareness”

The Laois Public Participation Network in collaboration with The Disability Federation of Ireland will be hosting a Consultation workshop entitled “Access for all – Disability / Community Awareness”

**Where: Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise**

**When: Wednesday 13th February 2019.**

**Time: 7.00pm**

This consultation workshop is targeted at various sectors of the community to highlight, document and give an awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face within our society.

As stated in The Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 “Work with key organisations to build a representative structure within the Disability Sector in Laois. Facilitate their participation in decision making structures which inform social and economic policies and practice impacting on the sector”

The Laois Public Participation Network is delighted to be the lead in such a practical and positive workshop and we look forward to seeing you on the 13/02/2019

**Due to the roundtable format and structure of the afternoon workshop  
Registration is essential**

**Full details to follow – Suzanne O’Connor, PPN Coordinator  
057-8665661 / 086-7782551 or [ppn@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ppn@laoiscoco.ie)**

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**SafeTALK**



# SAFETALK

## 'SUICIDE ALERTNESS PROGRAMME'

### LAOIS PPN & THE HSE

Would like to offer member organisations the opportunity to host the FREE SAFETALK programme in their club, organisation or community.

SafeTALK is a 3 1/2 hour 'suicide alertness' programme that prepares participants to identify and engage with persons who may be having thoughts of suicide. Participants learn how to provide practical help by using the steps of TALK (Tell, Ask, Listen and Keepsafe) and also gain information on the supports and resources available locally, regionally and nationally.

Minimum number of participant required is 15 ,  
Maximum number of participants 24.

**This is a FREE event.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**SUZANNE O'CONNOR - LAOIS PPN**

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## Hands Only CPR

- Adult CPR
- Making a 911 call
- Key Indicators to commence CPR
- Hands Only CPR
- Chocking
- Review of child CPR
- Awareness of how to use a AED



**FREE**   
**Hands For Life**  
**CPR**  
**Programme**

Let's  
Learn How  
to Save Life



**Expression of Interest**

**"Raise awareness and quality of CPR"**

The course will run in three sessions with 30 people required per session. Each session is only 1 hour in duration with no assesment.

We intend to run the event in late March pending on interest.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:**

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# Community Water Development Fund 2019

The Local Authority Waters Programme are pleased to announce the launch of an open call for applications to a Community Water Development Fund 2019. Closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Community Water Development Fund aims to support communities in progressing water related projects and initiatives, delivering benefits locally whilst also helping to meet the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland and the wider EU Water Framework Directive. This fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to assist in the protection and management of water quality, both locally and in the wider catchment. This can include the development of a catchment partnership or River/Lake Trust, and delivery of local projects to protect and improve water quality in a local waterbody. This fund will enable communities to get more involved in the management of their local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for present and future generations. The fund is administered by the Local Authority Waters Programme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Types of projects considered will include:

- Capital projects such as restoration/habitat conservation/natural flood mitigation measures.
- Projects that promote public awareness/education and events such as biodiversity days, surveys, training workshops, surveys and plans, etc.
- General amenity such as beach clean, improving amenity areas, bird watching facilities, etc.

Grants awarded will range from up to €5,000; up to €10,000 and up to €25,000. The fund is capped at €180,000 for 2019.

Application Form and Guidance Notes in respect of the Community Water Development Fund 2019 are available to download at <http://www.watersandcommunities.ie> or by contacting the Waters and Communities Office at 0761 06 5260 or [info@lawaters.ie](mailto:info@lawaters.ie).

## Date for your Diary

Please keep the date of Saturday 30th March free in your diary. On that evening, there will be a charity fund-raising concert in the Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix.

This will be an evening of music, song and entertainment presented by Spink Comhaltas and friends, including the Abbeyleix/Ballyroan Choir.

With the permission of the Bonham family, the concert will be a fund-raising concert for Multiple Sclerosis Laois. This concert is being held in the memory of the late Tom Bonham, and all proceeds from the evening will go towards MS Laois.

We can promise you an evening of exceptional entertainment, with the proceeds going to a very worthy cause.

More details of this concert will follow in due course.

We hope you can support us in this event.  
On behalf of Spink Comhaltas,  
Lawrence Vesey  
Chairman

## Contact Us

**Laois Public Participation Network,  
Lyster Square,  
Portlaoise,  
Co. Laois.**

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