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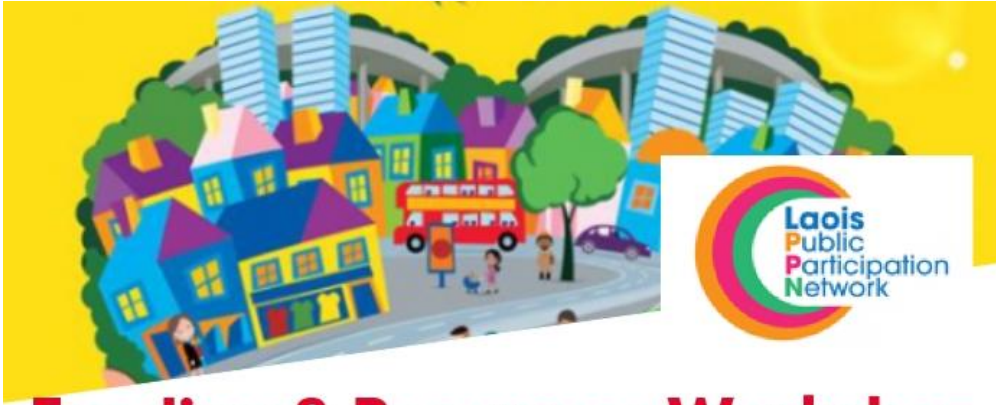


Welcome to our new Member Organisation

Laos PPN would like to welcome all new member organisation who joined the network in the last few weeks/months.

If you would like Laos PPN to feature your group in next months newsletter please send a short bio and some pictures to: ppn@laoiscoco.ie

Upcoming Events



Funding & Resources Workshop for Community Groups **2019**

LAOIS PPN INVITES YOU

To our Funding & Resources
Workshop for all Community
Groups in Laois.

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Date: Monday 25th March

**Venue: Midlands Park Hotel,
Portlaoise.**

Light Food and Refreshments will be served

Contact Suzanne on

057-8665661

ppn@laoiscoco.ie

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Come see what you can avail of:

* GRANTS

* TRAINING

* RECOURCES ETC

& meet like minded groups

Register On-Line

www.irishheart.ie

FREE
Hands for Life
CPR
TRAINING



Let's
Learn How
to Save Life



Thursday, April 4th
The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise

Session 1: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Session 2: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Session 3: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

How to use the booking system:

Go to the Irish Heart Foundation website www.irishheart.ie and complete the following steps to register:

1. Please go to the CRP section on the website and click on Hands for Life.
2. Register by entering in your contact details and agreeing to terms and conditions.
3. Once registered, press start to locate a course in your area.
4. There are three sessions per location, so please choose a time that suits you/your group.
5. A number of seats can be booked by each person per course.
6. The person who booked the course will receive a confirmation e-mail

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact : Suzanne O'Connor, Laois PPN

Phone: 057-8665661 / 086-7782551.

Email: ppn@laoiscoco.ie

No assessment/certification.
All participants must be over 18 years of age.

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LAOIS SCHOOL OF
MUSIC
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

FUNDRAISER TABLE QUIZ

What's going on?

On Thursday 28th March at 7pm we're holding a fundraising Quiz Night to raise much needed funds for our Youth Orchestra.

It's €40 to enter a table of 4 and there are fabulous prizes to win!

We will also hold our Super Raffle on the night, tickets available from Laois Music Centre (€5 per strip).



Where is it?

O'Laughlin's Hotel
(Function Room)
Main Street
Portlaoise



Who can come?

All Welcome, the more the merrier!

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!! (Donations Welcome)

National Tree Week



National Tree Week
31st March - 7th April 2019.

Who can apply:

* Residents Associations

- * Tidy Towns Committees
- * Schools
- * Other Local Development Groups

Laois County Council in conjunction with the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte intends to allocate sapling trees to community groups throughout the county.

If your committee wishes to participate in the event please contact Maeve Flynn, Horticulturist on 057-8664166 or email mflynn@laoiscoco.ie

The number of saplings is limited so it is important that you register your group

National Community Day 4th - 6th May 2019.



What's it all about?

Last September, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr Michael Ring, TD, announced the launch of a National Community Day which is due to be held for the first time over the May Bank Holiday Weekend, 2019.

Laois Local Community Development Committee are asking local communities to come up with proposals for events in their areas to take place over the May Bank Holiday Weekend (4-6 May) 2019. The success of this initiative lies in local communities coming together to plan events that will work best for their area. Events will be very much driven by communities. This celebration belongs to everyone. These could include themes around sport, history, baking, anything that will help neighbours to come together. It could be as simple as neighbours coming together for a cup of tea and a chat. Community groups are encouraged to consider events held through the medium of Irish.

The event is a celebration of the great spirit of community that exists across the country and an effort to help people who share communities, to come together, get to know each other and deepen the sense of community in their area. The event is a chance for people to foster a sense of helping each other by coming together, not just on that day, but all year round. It's the chance for everyone to get know all members of their community, to reconnect with neighbours and have a celebration together that is open, inclusive and local.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups, organisations and residents' groups within County Laois. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 6th March 2019.

For an application form and guidelines please contact Community Development Section, Laois County Council, by email at dce@laoiscoco.ie or phone 057 8664169.

Tá treoirínte agus foirmeacha iarratais le fáil ó Alt Forbartha Pobail, Comhairle Chontae Laoise ag dce@laoiscoco.ie nó 057 8664169



Clean Up Laois Week

Clean up Laois Week will take place from the 8th to 12th of April 2019. It is run in conjunction with An Taisce's – National Spring Clean, and our local sponsor is AES.

Clean up packs will be available to registered groups from Wednesday 3rd April 2019, stocks will be served on a first come first served basis.

Registration form can be downloaded here:
<http://www.laois.ie/departments/environment/community-initiatives/clean-up-laois-week/>

Funding Opportunities / Grants

Chairman's Award for good environmental practice on the farm



This is a new initiative of Cllr John King, Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council, which may be of interest to you or some of your families or friends in the farming sector.

This is the first year that Laois County Council has held such an agricultural competition to recognize farmers for the excellent work and good environmental practices that they carry out on a daily basis on their farms. The competition is open to all managers / owners / workers / farmers of farms based in Co. Laois. The farm must be located in Co. Laois. :

Application Process:

- Only applications completed on the relevant form will be accepted.
- Applications will be accepted from 1st February 2019 to 7th March 2019, either by post or by email to environmentadmin@laoiscoco.ie.
- Photographs should be submitted in support of the application, (max of 6).
- Applications will be judged and shortlisted in March by an independent judging panel, based on submissions received, followed by short visit to the farm for the finalists on or around 20th March 2019.
- Winners will be invited to attend Laois County Council meeting on 29th April 2019 for announcement of final placements and prize giving.

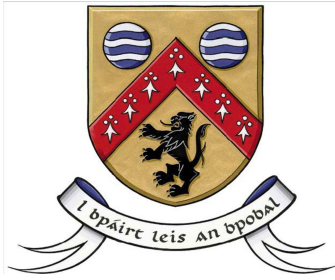
Prize fund:

First prize: €1,500 and trophy and Runner up prize of €500.

Enquiries:

Any questions / queries on the above may be directed through the contact details below.
Ann Carroll 057-8674318
Derval O'Rourke 057-8674327

E-mail environmentadmin@laoiscoco.ie



Community Grant Scheme

Applications are now open for the Community Grant scheme. This grant provides grant aid to Residents Associations, Community Groups and other groups/committees who are engaged in community amenity works in their own areas.

Each year applicants are invited for amenity projects such as landscaping, purchase or equipment of strimmers, lawnmowers etc. The maximum grant available is determined by the number of complete and valid applications received.

Full details can be obtained from:

<https://laois.ie/departments/environment/community-initiatives/environment-grants/#1>

Laois PPN Elections 2019.

Laois Public Participation Network intends to conduct elections from among its membership for the following positions which will become vacant.

SECRETARIAT VACANCIES

Borris-in-Ossary/Mountmellick MD

Area Secretariat x 1 Seat,
Community/Voluntary Pillar x 1 Seat,
Environmental Pillar x 1 Seat,
Social Inclusion Pillar x 1 Seat

Graiguecullen/Portarlinton MD

Area Secretariat x 1 Seat,
Community/Voluntary Pillar x 1 Seat,
Environmental Pillar x 1 Seat,
Social Inclusion Pillar x 1 Seat

Portlaoise MD

Area Secretariat x 1 Seat,
Community/Voluntary Pillar x 1 Seat,
Environmental Pillar x 1 Seat,

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- Laois Policing Committee x 4 Seats
- Economic Development , Enterprise & Planning SPC x 1 Seat
- Community, Social, Cultural & Heritage SPC x 2 Seats
- Transportation, Environment & Emergency Services SPC x 1 Seat
- Housing SPC x 2 Seats

- Laois LCDC x 5 Seats
(filled from the Social Inclusion, Community/Voluntary & Environmental Pillars, at least one representation from each pillar)
- Laois Heritage Forum x 3 Seats
- Laois Tourism x 1 Seat
- Laois Sports Partnership x 2 Seats
- Locallink x 1 Seat
- Laois Partnership x 3 Seats
- Laois County Childcare Committee x 2 Seats
- Laois County Council Placenames Committee x 1 Seat

Laois PPN will seek nominations from its member groups for candidates for each of the above roles.

For further details or to express your interest please contact:

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