

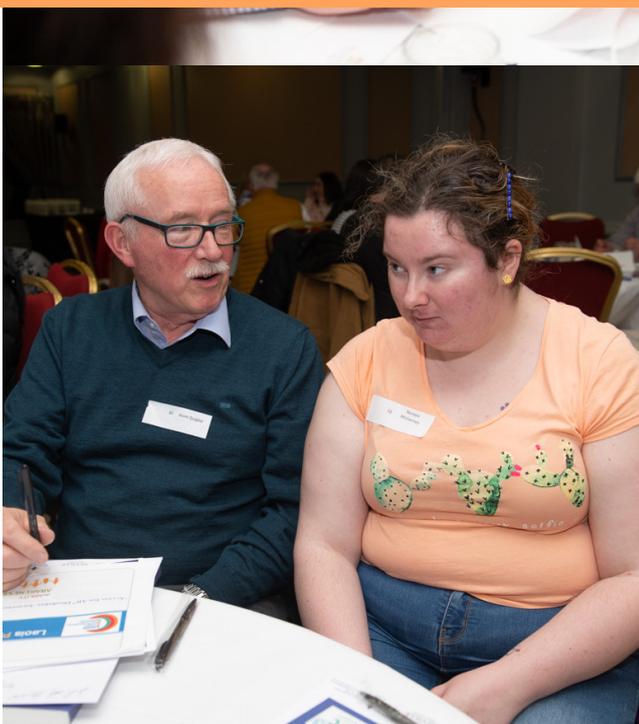


LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

April 2019 Newsletter



"ACCESS FOR ALL" DISABILITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP DRAFT REPORT



Laois PPN are delighted to have prepared a draft report as a result of our "Access for All" report held on Wednesday 13th February in the Midlands Park Hotel Portlaoise.

The workshop itself was attended by over 60 individuals from across the disability sector in Laois representing over 20 group and individuals with physical, intellectual, sensory and mental health issues.

It is envisaged that a representative structure for people with disabilities within the county be developed

A launch date for the Full Report will be announced in the coming weeks.



FUNDING & RESOURCES WORKSHOP

On Monday 25th March Laois PPN held their annual Funding & Resources Workshop for Community Groups in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Once again this event proved very successful with over 180 individual attending and 30 stands at the event representing the FAI, Leinster Council, Laois County Council, Laois Today, Deep River Rock just to name a few.

"HANDS FOR LIFE" CPR

Laois PPN in conjunction with the Irish Heart Foundation are delighted to host the "Hands for Life" CPR training in Laois.

105 PPN members from across the county will be trained in the basic of CPR.

If your club would like to host a FREE "Hands for Life" event please contact:

Orla O'Connor - The Irish Heart Foundation ooconnor@irishheart.ie

<https://irishheart.ie/courses/hands-for-life/>



MONTHLY SECRETARIAT MEETINGS

Did you know that the Secretariat of Laois PPN meets on a monthly basis?

The calendar of our monthly meetings are available on our website along with copies of all minutes. Why not visit our website and have a look.

<https://www.laoisppn.ie/information/>

If you would like any item added to the agenda of our monthly meetings please e-mail ppn@laoiscoco.ie or call 057-8665661



LAOIS 2019 CREATIVE IRELAND GRANT FUND

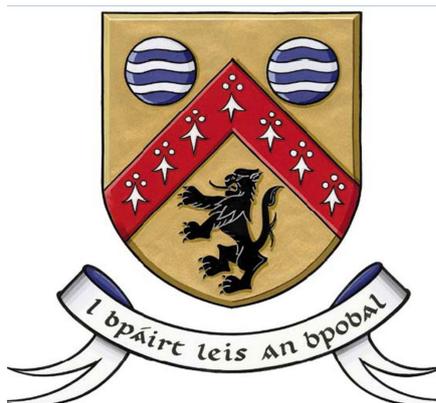
Laois County Council announce a grant scheme as part of the Creative Ireland Programme 2019. The scheme will provide financial support to local and community groups, artistic and creative practitioners, event organisers and those involved in creative activities and projects, to encourage cultural participation throughout Laois.

The level of grant assistance for any one project will range from €500-€3000.

Open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. All applications received will be assessed based on an agreed selection criteria. The closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 11th April 2019.

Details and application forms attached or available from: The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. T: 057 8664033 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie W: www.laois.ie.

<https://www.laoisppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Laois-2019-Creative-Ireland-Grants-Application-Fom.pdf>



FINAL REMINDER - Concert 30th March - Spink Comhaltas - Ticket details

All proceeds of this concert will go to MS Laois and the overall concert is being held in memory of Tom Bonham.

Ticket sales have been very strong. There will be a small number of tickets sold at the door on the evening, but we recommend that you book yours in advance to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be bought in Abbeyleix at the Manor Hotel, Anita's Hair Salon, Heritage House Abbeyleix, or by reservation to this email. Tickets are €15 each with a concession for students.

Doors open at 8pm and the concert starts at 8.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of Spink Comhaltas,

Lawrence Vesey
Chairman



OPEN CALL: PANEL OF FACILITATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMME

Laois County Council Arts Service is seeking to create a panel of Creative facilitators to support the delivery of our creative arts programme 2019/2020. Open to artists, creative practitioners and teachers with a deep understanding of creativity and its potential to transform the lives of children and young people. Open to creative professions such as artists, musicians, film makers, videographers, designers, street artists, circus artists, dance artists, graphic novelists, and craftspeople. Whether from the arts, culture, heritage, creative industries, education, science or other sectors, they challenge, support and sustain new practice in the field of the arts, culture and creative learning.

Facilitators selected for the panel may be chosen to deliver art and craft workshops, specialist talks, historical presentations, storytelling, music events and other tailored events to children, adults and specialist groups on an adhoc basis.

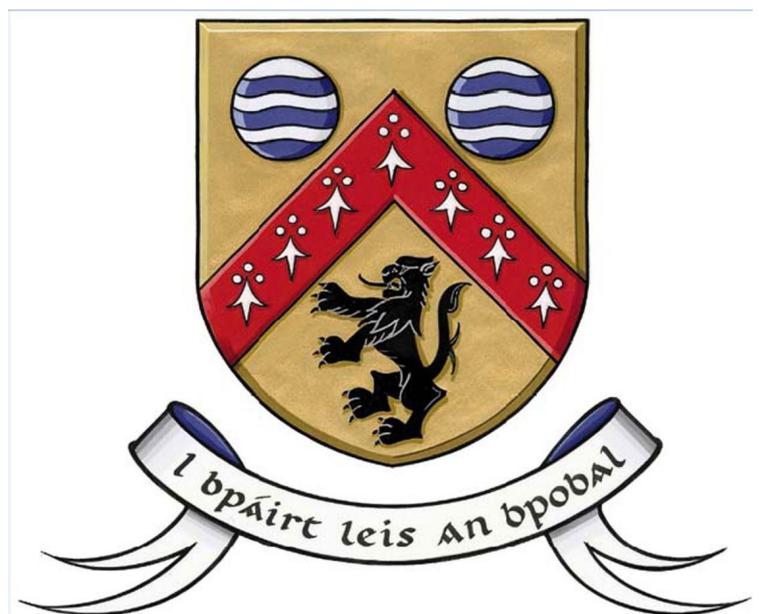
Once CVs are collected and a panel devised; panelists will be requested to forward event proposals for programmes such as; The Laois Arthouse Programme, Laois Bealtaine Festival, The Summer Arts Programme, The Creative Ireland Programme, National Drawing Day, and Laois Culture Night.

This opportunity is open to facilitators who have experience in: arts and crafts activities for children, various fine art discipline workshops for adults, workshops for children and performance.

To be considered for the panel, please email the following:

1. A current facilitators CV with contact details
2. A brief biography including your experience in facilitation
3. Rates
4. 2 x references relating to facilitation (a maximum of 4 images may be submitted)

E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie on or before Friday 12th April.





Coimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta
an Duine agus Comhionannas
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2019 Opens for Applications

Organisations across Ireland who work on issues of human rights and equality are being invited to apply to the Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2019.

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission will award small grants of up to €6,000 and general grants of up to €20,000 to support activities in Ireland that advance economic and social rights and equality in relation to the prioritised areas of:

- *Housing/Accommodation;
- *Health,
- *Decent work.

The strict deadline for receipt of applications is Monday 15th April at 5pm.

To promote awareness of this national grants programme, the Commission will be hosting four regional events with local partners through March starting in Limerick (13th March), then onto Galway (14th March) and Carlow (20th March) before concluding in Dublin (21st March).

Full details of the grant scheme are available on the Commission's website: www.ihrec.ie/our-work/human-rights-and-equality-grants-scheme/



World Health Day is 7 April 2019

World Health Day focuses on promoting the physical and mental health and wellbeing of all. There are plenty of ways to keep yourself in good shape, including:

Look after your body – you only have one! Quit smoking, watch your alcohol intake, take regular exercise, and eat a healthy diet.

Regularly get a good night's sleep.

Boost your happiness levels by working on your relationships at work and at home.

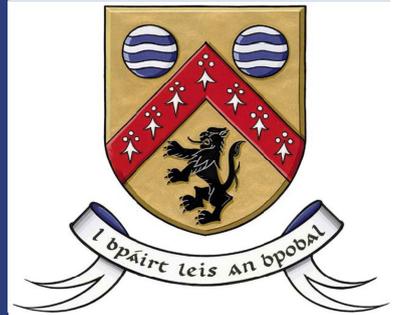
Build stress resilience, and strive for a good work-life balance.

Learn what's normal for your mind and body. Talk to your GP immediately if you have any concerns, no matter how minor they may seem.





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



CLAR FUNDING 2019

CLÁR 2019 MEASURE 2 - CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PLAY AREA PROJECTS

Laois County Council is seeking expressions of interest in respect of community/school play area projects under the terms of the CLÁR Scheme recently launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development, and which the Council could consider for submission to the Department. CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage.

The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.

This Call for Expressions of Interest relates solely to Measure 2: Enhancement of existing and/or the development of new school/community play areas (including MUGAs).

Please refer to the 2019 Scheme Outline for more detailed information. The Scheme Outline and full details and the Expression of Interest template are available on www.laois.ie

Any application must adhere to the following requirements that:

- The project must be located in a designated CLÁR area to be able to be considered. Maps and lists of the CLÁR areas in County Laois are available on www.laois.ie
- A play area/Multi Use Games Area to be located on school grounds must be open and available for use by the general public after school hours.

How to express an interest?

Please submit your proposal by 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 13th April 2019, either by post to: CLÁR Scheme Measure 2 2019, Sport & Leisure Section Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae Portlaoise, Co Laois, or by e-mail to: sports@laoiscoco.ie

Your submission must be submitted using the Expression of Interest template – see attached. All expressions of interest will be assessed by the Council and proposals can be selected for County Laois, including those put forward by the Council itself, for development into detailed applications to the Department. It is the Department who will make the final decision on selection and approval of projects to be funded.



THE ANN MCGEENEY TRUST FUND - OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

In recognition of Ann's life and work her family, friends and work associates agreed to establish the Ann McGeeney Charitable Trust.

Funding will be available to individuals and local community organisations that are planned and run for the benefit of communities in Northern Ireland and ROI, including cross border initiatives. In addition International initiatives may be eligible, providing they are in keeping with the purposes of the fund.

The Fund welcomes applications from individuals, community and voluntary groups that address the following areas:

Integration of ethnic minorities into communities with special emphasis on women within these communities. Women working on peace building within and across communities Women working to strengthen and build communities

The Foundation will not fund organisations or activities which promote causes that are contrary to our purposes. Causes and activities that are contrary to our purposes include, but may not be limited to, those outlined in our investment policy. We will not therefore fund organisations or activities which we determine are linked to the promotion of armaments, alcohol, human rights abuses, tobacco or pornography.

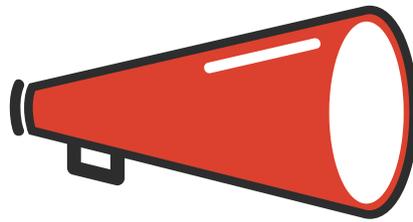
In addition the Ann McGeeney Fund will not support:

- *Holidays or trips outside Ireland
- *Salaries
- *Running costs of large organisations
- *Promotion of religion
- *Applications from statutory organisations
- *Activities or initiatives which should be statutory obligations
- *Political parties
- *Contributions to capital project

Grants will not normally exceed
£1,000/€1,000

The Fund will be managed on behalf of the Ann McGeeney Trust Fund by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland and applications can be accessed through the Foundation's website www.communityfoundationni.org
The fund will open for applications on 11th March 2019 and close at 1:00pm on 8th April 2019.

For further information and to find out if your group or project is eligible, please contact the Grants Team on
028 9024 5927



MOUNTRATH PUBLIC MEETING

Do you want to have your voice heard
in the development of Mountrath.

Laois Public Participation Network are
hosting a Public Meeting

on

Thursday 11th April,

at 7:00pm,

in Mountrath Community School.

All are Welcome, this is a FREE event.
Registration Required.

To register contact:

Laois PPN on 057-8665661 / 086-7782551

or e-mail ppn@laoiscoco.ie



CLONDARRIG COMMUNITY FARM OPEN DAY

You are invited you to join us at Clondarrig Community Farm, Ballyfin, Portlaoise on the afternoon of Easter Monday 22nd April at 2 pm for our "Open Day".

On this afternoon we will share with you our vision for Clondarrig and the opportunities Clondarrig hopes to offer the local community.

Our project will be of particular interest to people who;

- *are personally interested in self-reliance, sustainability, regenerative agriculture and community inter-dependence.
- *are concerned about the direction and implications of where we are headed in relation to the environment, and the role humans play
- *have a desire to play a proactive role in doing something different through membership and community engagement .
- *are already engaging in community and alternative/traditional low impact fields aligned with our vision
- *are personally interested in the re-education of children and adults in the field of self-reliance, sustainability and regenerative agriculture.

*feel aligned to our project, would like to support or be involved but are not sure how

For an overview of the vision for Clondarrig Community Farm which will give you an insight into what we hope to develop over the coming years with the support and involvement of local community please go to www.clondarrig.com/about

We have a limited amount of spaces at our open day so we'd be grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible if you will be in the position to attend by returning this invite with your details attached. We will then forward you further details and directions closer to the date. Thank you.

Kind Regards from the crew at,
Clondarrig Community Farm



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Would you like to make any recommendations on events that Laois PPN could run, or would you like to promote your upcoming events or even feature in next month's edition. If so feel free to contact us .

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