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Laois PPN Environmental Event

Laois PPN held an Environmental Event on Thursday 24th October in the Parish Centre in Portlaoise. This well attended event saw VOICE Ireland give an insightful and informative presentation about REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.



LAOIS COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY *Awards*



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Michael Dowling Laois PPN Secretariat Member

IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE MICHAEL (MICK) DOWLING. MICK WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF LAOIS PPN, ESPECIALLY WITH THAT CHEEKY SMILE AND GLINT OF DEVILMENT IN HIS EYES. MAY MICK REST IN PEACE.





Vision for Community Wellbeing

Laois Public Participation Network

WHAT DO WE NEED FOR THE WELLBEING OF THE
COMMUNITY OF LAOIS?

THAT IS THE QUESTION BEING POSED BY LAOIS PPN, AND
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL THE GROUPS AND
ORGANISATIONS IN LAOIS. DEVELOPING A VISION FOR
COMMUNITY WELLBEING MEANS THINKING ABOUT WHAT
WE HAVE AND WHAT WE NEED TO HELP LAOIS TO BE
AS GREAT AS IT CAN BE FOR US AND FOR THE MANY
GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOW ON FROM OURS.

**TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
PORTLAOISE PARISH CENTRE
FROM 7PM**

Sign up by e-mailing ppn@laoiscoco.ie or call
057-8685661.



Meet Our New JPC Reps

We recently held an election for seats on the JPC (Joint Policing Committee). We are delighted to introduce our new reps.



Bobby Delaney
Mountmellick
Neighbourhood Watch



Sara Geraldine Rasool
ICCI Al Rahman
Youth



Thomas M Jones
Heath GAA Club

Annual General Meeting



County Laois Joint Policing Committee – Annual Public Meeting



**A public meeting of Laois County
Joint Policing Committee will be
held in the Council Chamber, Áras
an Chontae, Portlaoise on
Monday, 18th November 2019 at
3.30pm**

**County Laois Joint Policing
Committee Public Notice**

MEET OUR NEW SPC REPS

We have just completed the election for seats on our SPC's (Strategic Policy Committees). Congratulations to our new representatives.



PJ Phelan
Community Rep
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri,
Portlaoise
Enterprise, Economic
Development & Tourism SPC



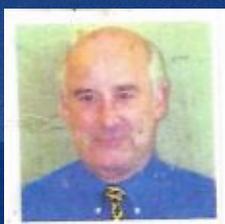
Bobby Delaney
Environmental Rep
Mountmellick Environmental Group
Climate Action & Community SPC



Ruth Sullivan
Community Rep
Portlaoise Tidy Towns
Climate Action & Community
SPC



Michael Gorman
Social Inclusion Rep
Down Syndrome Ireland "Laois
Branch"
Climate Action & Community SPC



Michael J Cobbe
Social Inclusion Rep
Killenard Community Centre
Housing Regeneration &
Planning SPC



Sheelagh Coyle
Environmental Rep
Mountmellick Environmental
Group
Housing Regeneration &
Planning SPC



Environment Section
Laois County Council



National Tidy Towns Results 2019

The National Tidy Towns results were announced on Monday the 30th September 2019. Congratulations to all those involved. Local towns and villages feature among the National winners as follows:

- Gold Medal: Abbeyfeix & Stradbally
- Silver Medal: Portlaoise
- Endeavour Award: Ballinakill



County Awards went to Abbeyfeix (1st), Castletown (2nd) and Ballacolla (3rd)

There was the added bonus of two more awards being achieved this year in Laois

Supervalu School Award
Midlands & East Region—Portlaoise Educate Together

Supervalu Inclusive Communities Award
National Award Winner—Abbeyfeix Tidy Towns

Well done to each of the Committees, individuals and volunteers involved, who make an invaluable contribution to the enhancement of our County.

Individual Reports are available at: www.tidytowns.ie

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

NATIONAL TIDY TOWN RESULTS	2017	2018	2019	Mark Diff ('18-19)
Abbeyfeix	327	334	342	8
Attanagh	264	269	274	5
Ballinakill		205	220	15
Ballacolla	318	321	326	5
Ballybrittas				0
Ballylinan				0
Borris-in-Ossory	286	290	295	5
Camross		273		0
Castletown	319	323	329	6
Clonaslee	316		320	4
Clough	287	296	306	10
Coolrain				0
Cullohill	287	298	308	10
Durrow	309	318	324	6
Emo	311	315	319	4
Errill		291	294	3
Killasmeestia	286	291	296	5
Killenard	293	301	308	7
Luggacurren				0
Mountmellick	279	290	294	4
Mountrath	275			3
Pike of Rushall	233	241	244	3
Portarlinton				0
Portlaoise	304	309	316	7
Raheen				0
Rathdowney	224	228	232	6
Ratheniska				0
Rosenallis				0
Shanahoe				0
Spink	256	262	265	3
Stradbally	299	303	307	4
Trimahoe				0

www.laois.ie

Laois Tidy Towns is also on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laois-Tidy-Towns>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LaoisTidyTowns1>





Get involved in local Mental Health Services



Let's Talk... Mental Health Services in Laois

Open to: People who have experience with Mental Health Services, Family Members, Carers, Supporters

Venue: Portlaoise Parish Centre
Stradbally Rd, Portlaoise,
Co. Laois, R32 FH67

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.45 pm

Dates: Thursday 24th October 2019
Thursday 28th November 2019

Refreshments will be provided

For more information contact Duana McArdle
Mental Health Engagement: mhengage.mlm@hse.ie

(No booking required) Tel: 0873761552



Be active in improving your local HSE Mental Health Services.



Laois / Offaly Local Forum Meeting

Open to: People who use Adult HSE Mental Health Services, Family Members, Carers or Supporters

Venue: Offaly Local Development Company,
Millennium House, Main St, Tullamore
R35 Y7P2

Time: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Dates: Thursday 31st October 2019
Thursday 28th November 2019



For more information contact
Mental Health Engagement: (No booking
required) mhengage.mlm@hse.ie
Tel: 0873761552





CREATE AND DUBLIN FRINGE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCE 2019 ARTIST IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME BURSARY

Create, in partnership with Dublin Fringe Festival, are delighted to announce that the 2019 Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary Award takes the focus of Collaborative Arts and Theatre.

The objective of the Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme Bursary Award, offered once a year, is to support individual professional artists whose practice centres on collaboration with individuals or groups (non-arts professionals). The AIC Bursary Award 2019: Collaborative Arts and Theatre aims to support individual professional artists working in collaborative socially engaged forms of theatre practice.

The purpose of the award is to support and nurture professional arts practice; it is specifically aimed at an artist with a track record of working collaboratively with communities of place or interest. The bursary of €10,000 provides the selected artist with time and resources to carry out research and to reflect and engage with and reflect on their practice. More particularly, it allows the artist to consider key questions associated collaborative methodologies in theatre practice.

The closing date for applications to this bursary is the 11th November 2019, at 5pm. Read more about the bursary award on our website.

We are also delighted to offer an information session for artists in relation to the 2019 AIC Bursary Award, this year themed on Collaborative Arts and Theatre. In this information session Áine Crowley, Programme Manager, Arts and Engagement, will outline the Bursary, answering any questions you might have about making an application. She will be joined by Ruth McGowan, Director of Dublin Fringe Festival. The focus of discussion will frame the collaborative arts and theatre context, the application process and how a Bursary could help facilitate and support experiment, research and professional development. Artist Cathy Coughlan, previous Bursary recipient (Collaborative Arts and Dance), will speak to her experience and the role the Bursary played in the development of her practice.

This event is offered free of charge, but booking is essential.

Dublin Fringe Festival is home to brave ideas, bold performing arts and adventurous audiences. Each year we present a curated, multi-disciplinary festival focusing on new and innovative approaches to the arts. Dublin Fringe Festival is a year-round organisation; we support the development and presentation of new work by Irish and International artists of vision, nurturing artistic ambition and excellence across a range of art forms. An active curator, Dublin Fringe Festival provides an environment in which participating artists challenge, subvert and invigorate their disciplines and practice. Dublin Fringe Festival provides a context for work and demands audience engagement and dialogue. We champion voices that defy the mainstream. The scale and environment of the festival broadens arts participation, playing a vital role in the fabric of Dublin's cultural life. FRINGE LAB provides year-round practical and artistic support, responding to the needs of both developing and established artists, technicians, producers and practitioners. FRINGE LAB is both a space and a platform of activities for training and learning. FRINGE LAB rehearsal studios, private office space and drop in facilities, used by over 200 companies for 6,000+ hours in the last year.

Create is the national development agency for collaborative arts. Our work initiates cross-sectoral national and international partnerships which support artists and communities to co-create work of depth, ambition and excellence. Our mission is to lead the development of collaborative arts practice by enabling artists and communities to create exceptional art together.

As a resource organisation we offer supports for artists working in social and community contexts. These include professional development, mentoring, project development support, commissioning and project opportunities as well as research and training. We also manage the Artist in the Community Scheme for the Arts Council. Create believes that by working together, artists and communities can purposefully explore how collaborative arts engage in distinct, relevant and powerful ways with the urgent social, cultural and political issues of our times.



WELCOME TO PORTARLINGTON

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL EVENING TO
WELCOME THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AT THE EAST
END HOTEL



DATE

25TH
FRIDAY

2019
OCTOBER

LIGHT REFRESHMENT
PROVIDED

**TIME 6:30pm -
8:30pm**
FREE FAMILY EVENT

HOSTED BY:

**LAOIS AFRICA
SUPPORT
GROUP
IRL(LASG)**

**VENUE: PORTARLINGTON
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ENTERTAINMENT!!
MUSIC! POEM! DANCE!**

LEAVES

FESTIVAL OF WRITING & MUSIC

5-10th
November 2019

Celebrating
Writing
and Music
in Laois

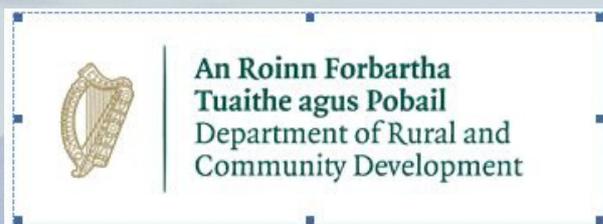


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Minister Ring announces Small Capital Grants Scheme for Social Enterprises

€1 million fund will support over 100 Social Enterprises throughout the country

Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, today (Tuesday, 23 October) announced a €1 million Small Capital Grants Scheme for social enterprises throughout Ireland.

The scheme, which is funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund, will provide grants of between €2,000 and €15,000 for equipment, repairs or refurbishments which will enable social enterprises to improve their service. The scheme is an initiative under the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2018-2022, which the Minister published in July, and will be administered through the Local Development Companies.

Announcing the scheme, Minister Ring said:

“One of the main objectives of the National Social Enterprise Policy, which I launched in July, is to grow and strengthen social enterprises. The new small capital grants scheme which I am announcing today will support over 100 social enterprises through funding of €1 million from the Dormant Accounts Fund. It will provide grants of between €2,000 and €15,000 to enable social enterprises to make small equipment purchases, or to carry out refurbishments to their premises to help them to improve their service delivery.

“The scheme will be of particular interest to smaller or start-up social enterprises which do not necessarily have the capacity to compete for larger grants.”

The Minister continued:

“I am pleased that the Local Development Companies have agreed to partner with my Department to deliver this scheme. The Local Development Companies provide grassroots support to social enterprises all around the country and are well placed to administer the fund.

“Today’s announcement follows on from a call for proposals for Training and Mentoring of social enterprises which I launched recently, and is another important step in the implementation of the National Social Enterprise Policy.

“My Department will continue to work closely with all stakeholders in the delivery of all of the commitments in the Policy over its life span, up to 2022.”

Full details of the Small Capital Grants Scheme for Social Enterprises, including Applications Forms and Guidelines, as well as a list of Local Development Companies and their contact details, are available on the Department’s website, www.gov.ie/drcd.

Looking for a way to keep the kids entertained over the Mid-Term Break?

Next Friday the 1st of November Laois Farmers Market is providing a host of children's entertainment in Peppers Lane, Portlaoise!

From 11.30am to 1.30pm there will be a Magician/Balloon Artist, a Face Painter and music provided by Comhaltas Portlaoise.

Why not drop by and enjoy the magic while grabbing a tasty treat!



Laois



FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

Friday 1st November

From 9.00am - 2.00pm Peppers Lane

Whats On

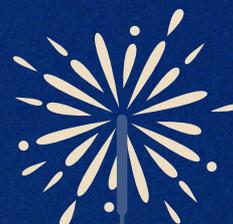
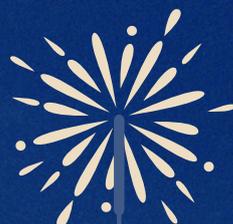
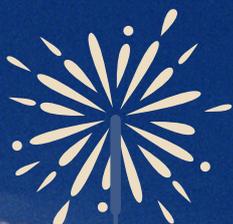


🎵 Live Music from Comhaltas

🎨 Face Painting 11.30am -1.30pm

🎩 Kids Magic 11.30am -1.30pm

🎈 Balloon Art 11.30am -1.30pm





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

Thursday, 24 October 2019

Minister Ring provides €600,000 to support over 100 Agricultural Shows around the country

Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, has today (Thursday, 24 October 2019) announced funding of €600,000 for Agricultural Shows around the country. This allocation will fund approximately 120 shows due to take place in 2020.

Each qualifying show will receive a payment of approximately €5,000 to support these important events in rural communities. The investment is being administered through the Irish Shows Association (ISA) and the recipients are all members of that Association. It is intended that the funding will help the Agricultural Shows to meet the financial challenge associated with delivering their events.

In making the announcement Minister Ring said:

“Agricultural shows are a great celebration of rural Ireland and they are an integral part of our culture. The shows provide a welcome boost for local economies and attract visitors to enjoy our rural towns and villages at their best.

“This is an investment in rural communities and in the rural economy. I know that this funding will provide a huge boost to the agricultural shows that are such an integral part of our rural culture. They are a showcase for local communities and for all that is good about rural Ireland.

“The funding I am allocating will be a huge boost for these shows and it is a fitting recognition of the valuable contribution they make to the economies and communities of rural Ireland. The €600,000 I am providing for the shows builds on funding of €1.4 million which I have provided to the Agricultural Shows over the last two years.

“The Agricultural Shows are a much cherished fixture in the rural calendar. I have seen the impact of the funding at the many shows I have visited this summer. The shows have something for everyone. It’s not all about livestock; there is entertainment, competitions, craft fairs, cookery and other demonstrations and competitions.”

The Minister continued:

“The commitment of local volunteers makes it possible for these shows to take place year on year. I’m delighted to be able to acknowledge the hard work, commitment and dedication that goes into every show and I’m pleased that the Irish Shows Association has once again agreed to work with my Department to administer the funding.

“These shows are a real celebration of local heritage. I’m delighted to be supporting this opportunity to celebrate and shine a spotlight on the best that local people and their communities have to offer visitors from near and far.”





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