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PPN Newsletter Sept 2021 (Part 2) Funding News



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

Our Rural Future : LEADER Food Initiative

€5 million fund aimed at artisan, micro and small food businesses

Funding will help artisan, micro and small food businesses to respond to challenges posed by Brexit and COVID-19

LEADER programme a key plank of 'Our Rural Future'

Small food businesses are being encouraged to apply for funding under the LEADER Food Initiative – a €5 million investment aimed at assisting businesses to deal with the challenges posed by Brexit and COVID-19.

Contact details for all Local Action Groups and their Implementing Partners (Local Development Companies) can be located [here](#):

LEADER 'Our Rural Future' funding – over €2.4 million allocated to Longford Transitional LEADER programme for the period 2021-2022.

- Local Groups can apply for funding immediately
- A total of €70 million to support rural communities and enterprises
- Funding allocations for 29 Local Action Groups announced
- Ground-Up approach of LEADER a key plank of Our Rural Future

More information on how and where to apply is [here](#)



Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from Social Enterprises for funding towards small scale capital projects.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms and supporting documentation is by email to lcdd@longfordcoco.ie no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

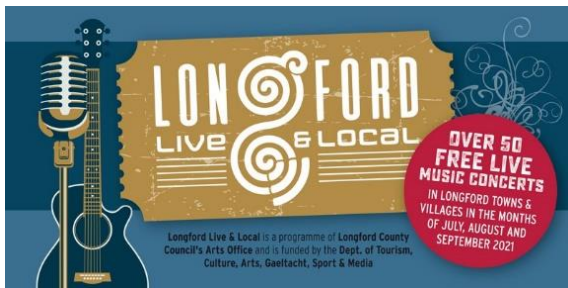
For Application Forms and Q&As document for LCDCs please see webpage [Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021](#)

What's On



Longford
Tourism

Link to **September Events Guide**: [RFD3186246.indd \(longford.ie\)](https://www.longford.ie/en/events/longford-live-local-outdoor-music-programme1.html)



Live outdoor music events to take place around county – more information at the link below

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Bike Week 12th - 18th September

Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling and Bike Week 2021 kicks off on **Sunday September 12th** and ends on **Saturday September 18th**

Longford Sports Partnership are hosting a variety of events throughout the week.

Sunday 12th September- Royal Canal Family Cycle

Please see Eventbrite for more details and to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../royal-canal-family-cycle...>

Tuesday 14th September- Bikers Lunch

Lunch time cycle for employees on the Royal Canal Greenway in Longford Town

Please see Eventbrite for more details and to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../bikers-lunch-tickets...>

12th September - Royal Canal Family Cycle

14th September - Cycle to Work Day & Bikers Lunch

18th September - Royal Canal Greenway Guided Cycle Tour
Clondra - Killashee (15km return)
Clondra - Kenagh (50km return)

Transition Year Greenway Cycle and School's Safe Cycling promotion ongoing throughout the week

For more info on these events visit [longfordsports.ie](https://www.longfordsports.ie)



Saturday 18th September- Royal Canal Greenway Guided Cycle Tour

Starting at 12:00pm from Clondra Harbour, a guided cycle along the Royal Canal Greenway. Two options. (13K – Clondra to Killashee and back) or (30K – Clondra to Kenagh and Back). Refreshments available at the turn points and finish.

Please see Eventbrite for more details and to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../royal-canal-greenway-guided...>

Bikes and helmets available for all events (limited number)

For more information please visit

<https://www.longfordsports.ie/.../lat.../bike-week-2021.html>

Local News and Services

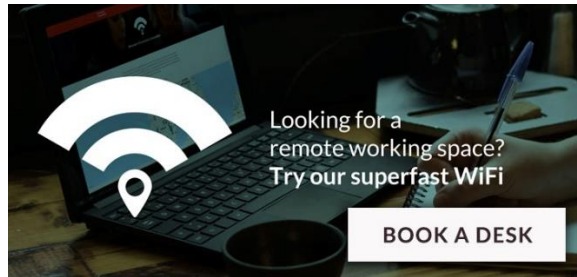


Longford Connected Communities (Broadband Connection Points)

Longford Connected Communities



Connected Communities is the national communications name for the Broadband Connection Points (or BCPs) initiative. For more information on where to find your nearest BCP point visit Longford County Council's website webpage on BCPs [here](#)



Longford Community Call Helpline
Collection and delivery of food, medicine, other essential items.
Social isolation support.
Garda related issues.
Other medical or health needs.

Call 043 3344255 or Freephone 1800 300 122
Email covidsupport@longfordcoco.ie
from 9am until 5pm, 7 days a week

KEEP WELL IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Longford Community Call Helpline: 043 3344255 or Freephone 1800 300 122

Keep Well Campaign: Further details on all activities and initiatives at county level will be made available on the Council's website www.longfordcoco.ie

WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS

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Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.

THE STORYTELLING SERIES
FREE COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING FOR THE CHARITY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

AUTUMN/WINTER 2021

The Storytelling Series is a FREE communications training featuring top trainers across journalism, social media, content production and PR. The programme, which will run online, aims to upskill our sector in telling our story and communicating our value and impact.

We have our first six sessions in place - with a new social media course, just added – **to register for each session, visit the links below and sign up for FREE through Zoom webinar:**

First Six Sessions of The Storytelling Series

1. [Pitching to Press: How to Get your Story Out There](#) with Claire Brennan (BBC, Irish Daily Mirror, Donegal Post) | Weds, 22 September, 11.00am - 12.30pm
2. [Making Videos: Basics of Scripting & Filming](#) with Jack Deacon (spunout.ie) | Weds, 29 September, 11.00am - 12.30pm
3. [Making Videos: Basics of Film Editing](#) with Tommy Flavin and Kevin O'Regan (The Reelists) | Thurs, 30 September, 11am – 12.30pm
4. **NEWLY ADDED:** [Getting Confident on Social Media](#) with Adam Monks (Honey + Buzz, TU Dublin) | Weds, 6 October, 11am – 12.30pm
5. [Easy Graphic Design with Canva](#) with Ronny Hermosa (Canva, Fair Trade Connection) | Weds, 13 October, 10.30am - 12noon
6. [How to Be a Spokesperson for your Organisation](#) with Eleanor Kelly (UCD Innovation Academy, Open Society Foundations) | Weds, 20 October, 11am – 12.30pm.

The Storytelling Series is a crucial element of the upcoming national public awareness campaign for the charity and community sector. If we want our campaign to really have momentum and change attitudes about our sector, we need to get confident in telling our stories and sharing the valuable work we do.

The Storytelling Series is for anyone who works or volunteers in the sector who wants practical tips and tools for effective communications. The series is supported by Community Foundation Ireland and the RTÉ Comic Relief Fund.

*Warm regards,
The Wheel*

IMMA ÁRÁS NUA-EALÁINE
NA HEIREANN
IRISH MUSEUM OF
MODERN ART



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

You are invited to 'Talking Art Online'

The Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), in collaboration with the Department of Rural and Community Development, wishes to connect with groups or individuals in rural areas to participate in the free Programme of 'Talking Art Online' for adults.

This free programme aims to provide people with poor or no internet connection with the opportunity to take part in online artistic and cultural programmes through the free connectivity offered at their local Broadband Connection Point (BCP).

This free programme will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday September 15th, 22nd, 29th from 11am-12pm

Each session is unique. Participants wishing to take part must attend the session from a BCP.

To find a BCP near you visit <https://myconnectedcommunity.ie>

To book your place please contact Catherine.abbott@imma.ie indicating your preferred session and the BCP you will be attending from. For more information about other IMMA programmes, please visit <https://imma.ie>

Glencree Intercultural & Refugee Programme Bulletin 31.08.2021

Events:

1. **Business in the Community Ireland's** programme EPIC is seeking referrals for our new online EPIC Programme trainings running in August and September. EPIC is open to asylum seekers and refugees living anywhere in Ireland and who are looking for work. 6 weeks free online, inclusive group training covering CV & interview preparation, personalised career counselling & support with job applications, workshops delivered by major businesses, networking opportunities and more available. For contact details and more information see email attached entitled 'Call for Referrals – EPIC Programme'.
2. **AkiDwa** are holding a conference entitled 'Lifting the Stigma against Migrant Women' on the 28th of September from 10.30 am to 1pm. This conference will bring together key stakeholders to address stigmatization, inclusivity, migrants' rights and integration. More information and the link to the conference is available here: <https://akidwa.ie/events-2/>
3. The **Campaign to counter Disinformation** in Ireland is live until today, the 31st of August. The campaign will upload two images each day on these two channels <https://www.facebook.com/LegendsCheckSources>, <https://twitter.com/LegendsCheck> with the #legendschecksources. This group of Civil Society Organisations and activists are concerned about the growing level of disinformation in Ireland and are sharing funny and thought provoking content in order to prompt our communities to challenge assumptions and not take facts at face value. Do go on to their social media platforms and share these images widely and encourage your network to do the same. More information in the PDF attached.
4. The NUI Certificate in Youth Arts is developed and delivered in partnership by **Maynooth University and the National Youth Council of Ireland**. It is a part-time programme of study (November 2021 – June 2022) in youth arts practice with focus on the emerging field of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) in Youth Work. This exciting level 7 certificate commences in November 2021 and runs until July 2022. The usual fee for this programme is €1,250. The course is heavily subsidised this year, so as a participant you will pay just €400. Applications are open until September 22nd and you can see more information and apply here: https://www.youth.ie/training/nui-certificate-in-youth-arts-with-a-specialism-in-steamnovember-2021-june-2022/?utm_source=Stay+in+touch+with+NYCI&utm_campaign=405f4dcfbc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_08_09_08_41&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c5e3fd8386-405f4dcfbc-390933049
5. **Gorm Media** are casting Limerick based young people, aged 18-35 of different backgrounds, who are willing to take part in unfiltered conversations, debunk myths & stereotypes, and show their personality in their new show! Apply by September 12th if you are a Mincéir/Irish Traveller, Autistic, Mixed Heritage/Biracial, A Muslim Woman, Afro-Irish/Black or a Queer Man. You can apply here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf53esXMXPByjqoSvVBIPgTlySUfTH_kf5h7KcD7b8HgCXKCA/viewform and see more information in the email attached 'We are casting!'.

6. The **Irish School of Ecumenics** are holding a webinar entitled 'Gender & Peacebuilding on a Shared Island' as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations. Featuring panellists; Bronagh Hinds, Georgia Knapp, Salome Mbugua, Niall Gilmartin, Katherine Meyer and chaired by Gillian Wylie, this event takes place on October 7th at 5pm. You can register here: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/gender-and-peacebuilding-on-a-shared-island-tickets-164850669791?aff=odeimcmalchimp&mc_cid=ba32c4507d&mc_eid=b659dc5523 and see more information in the email attached.
7. **Gaisce** run a programme specifically for young asylum-seekers and refugees. The Wavelength project is open for applications for the Gaisce Award, which is a self-development programme for young people. If you or any young person you know is between 14-25 years old and identifies with refugee or asylum seeking status in any way, they are able to participate and they would receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award upon completion of their challenges. Further information on the Gaisce Award, the Wavelength Project and contact details can be found here: <https://www.gaisce.ie/wavelength-under-18s/> and a flier for young people is attached.
8. **The Irish Refugee Council in conjunction with DeLoitte & the Law Firm DLA Piper** are running a 'Know Your Rights' course for international protection applicants and refugees. Each session involves a presentation on a different area of law, including: housing, employment and consumer rights. The course begins on this Thursday 2nd of September and is open on a first come, first serve basis. You can read more about the course in the attachment and you can register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/scukNCN8HU>
9. **The Irish Refugee Council** has produced a series of short fliers with information for international protection applicants about education supports. These include: Student Support Scheme 2021 (now includes postgrad as well as undergrad and PLC – for Protection Applicants in the system prior to 31 August 2018), Back To Education Allowance (Protection Applicants who receive stamp 4 after the course has started are eligible), VTOS (Protection Applicants with work permit are eligible for VTOS), PLC fees (Protection Applicants with work permit no longer required to pay International fees), SUSI (Most Protection Applicants who receive stamp 4 are eligible to apply once in Ireland 3+ years). Please see fliers attached. You can contact education@irishrefugeecouncil.ie for more details.
10. A new funding stream called the **Mitigating against Educational Disadvantage Fund** is aimed at supporting educationally disadvantaged learners to engage with community education. The fund is being managed by Solas via the local ETBs. The closing date is September 13th. The applications have to be reviewed by the ETB and those that are recommended for funding have to be prioritised and sent to Solas by the 24th of September. All grants have to be spent by the end of 2021. Information for Dublin Dun Laoghaire is available here but please contact your local ETB to learn more. <https://www.ddletb.ie/mitigating-against-educational-disadvantage-fund-maedf-2021-call-for-applications/>

Best wishes, **Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation**, Glencree, Co Wicklow, A98 D635 P: +353 86 1626475

NATIONAL NEWS



World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on 10th September, is a global public health day for raising awareness and understanding about suicide prevention and mobilising local and international support for action.

WSPD was first introduced by the [International Association of Suicide Prevention](#) (IASP). The IASP theme for 2021 is **Creating Hope Through Action**. In Ireland, this is a theme that underpins our collective efforts to prevent suicide and is reflected in our national suicide prevention strategy, Connecting for Life.

WSPD is a time to signal to those who are vulnerable or those experiencing suicidal thoughts, that we care and want to support them. That there is hope. This helps to create a more compassionate society, where people feel comfortable coming forward to seek help, if they need it.

HSE information [here](#)

Pieta House Information [Pieta | Know Suicide. Know the Signs. Toolkit](#)



HSE Resource Office for Suicide Prevention Longford/Westmeath & Louth/Meath

Some of the services provided below:

- **Awareness and Training Programmes**
- **Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service**
- **Local and National Supports and Services**
- **Information/Signposting Posters, Leaflets and other resources:**

Contact: The Health Centre, St. Joseph's Campus, Dublin Rd., Longford Tel: 086 380 1152 Email: eddie.ward@hse.ie



Upcycle Challenge 2021

€6,000 worth of prizes to be won

The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new. By creating unique pieces and submitting them to the competition, the lucky winners will be in with a chance to share €6,000 in prize money across a range of different categories.

The Upcycle Challenge helps to highlight how easily and creatively reuse can be applied to everyday life. Ireland is consuming at a rate that is unsustainable and by keeping items in

circulation for longer, it will help to reduce the environmental burden on our planet. By embracing the circular economy we can extend the life of objects that we buy and use.

The Upcycle Challenge was launched by the Minister of State with Responsibility for the Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth TD. Minister Smyth TD stated "I am delighted to officially launch the Upcycle Challenge 2021. The Upcycle Challenge is an opportunity for people to tap into their creativity and to take on the challenge of making something unique. There is a wealth of materials already in circulation in our homes, second-hand shops and many resale websites. Taking these existing items and upcycling them allows us to make something truly unique. Projects like this demonstrate the value of the circular economy in meeting climate action ambitions and provide an opportunity for us all to be part of the solution."

Philippa King, Southern Region Waste Management Office Coordinator stated, "The Upcycle Challenge is in its fifth year, and it just keeps getting better. Each year I am astounded by the level of creativity and ingenuity from the applicants. I particularly enjoy seeing the journey that they took to create the finished product. We have secured some great prizes for this competition and it is open to applicants from all over Ireland. I am looking forward to seeing this year's submissions and being inspired once again by the upcycling talent that is in all of us."

The competition is open for applications on mywaste.ie between Monday 5th July 2021 and Friday 15th October 2021. To successfully showcase the creation of the upcycled item, the participants must include before and after pictures along with some information about the inspiration behind the finished product. Winners will be announced at the Upcycle Challenge Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Thursday 18th November 2021. Prizes are sponsored by the Regional Waste Management Offices and the Environmental Protection Agency.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

New Website to Search all local Government Jobs

In conjunction with the Local Authority sector, the Local Government Management Agency have developed a new website to advertise and promote employment opportunities in the Local Government sector - www.localgovernmentjobs.ie.

The new website officially launches today to coincide with #YourCouncilDay.

All local authority jobs, including national and sectoral vacancies, will be advertised on [localgovernmentjobs.ie](https://www.localgovernmentjobs.ie).

In addition to our other platforms, Longford County Council will advertise external vacancies on this website going forward.

