

MAYO PPN - NEWS



Mayo PPN Climate Conversations 2022

In June 2022, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications invited PPNs nationally to participate in the Climate Conversations process. This is to feed into the National Climate Action Plan.

Mayo PPN held a Climate Conversations workshop on June 22nd, 2022 in Mayo House.

The main points raised were:

Climate Literacy, Community Actions and Barriers, Individual Actions and Barriers, Government and Local Support & Policy Priorities, Climate Communications.

The National Dialogue on Climate Action (NDCA) is the forum for public participation and citizen engagement in climate action in Ireland.

Mayo PPN groups from across environmental, social inclusion, and community and voluntary sector came together to discuss climate change.

The workshop looked at areas on what is required to change our individual behaviour including how we work, heat our homes, travel, consume goods and services, and manage our waste.

The feedback gained from these sessions will feed into the Climate Action Plan 2022 and sectoral policies.

A representative from the Climate adaptation, Citizen Engagement and Local Authority was present for the Climate Conversations workshop.

The Mayo PPN Climate Conversations workshop was both informative and enlightening.

Participants were very engaged with the challenges surrounding climate change and spoke openly and honestly about their experiences and concerns. There was a significant body of experience within the group and it was a wonderful PPN networking event. This was a space for Mayo communities to learn from each other on how to reduce their carbon footprint and to identify supports and funding opportunities that may be available to them.

Toiseach Michael Martin TD, acknowledges the outstanding volunteerism that was shown by communities throughout the Pandemic

Minister of State in the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O'Brien TD, launched the Volunteer Ireland nomination web portal which accepted nominations from relevant organisations of volunteers who have made a contribution to their community during the pandemic.

Mayo PPN submitted six community groups via the portal to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Mayo PPN captured a sample of the community work which was undertaken during the Covid Pandemic. Videos can be viewed [here](#)

Mayo PPN Attends Mayo Sports Partnership Social Inclusion Event in Breaffry House Hotel.

This was a space to showcase sports organisations in the area and an opportunity on how you can participate or volunteer with a local sports club. Mayo PPN had an information stand at the event and groups/sports clubs had an opportunity to join and become a member of Mayo PPN.

Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map

The map will list all community groups in Mayo registered with Mayo PPN. This initiative was a result of a PPN workshops where all community groups were invited to attend an open day to network, collaborate and look at how groups could work together and share resources in their own areas.

This map will showcase community groups' services and amenities. It will also list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. The Interactive map will be displayed on the PPN website

If you have not already done so please submit your details via the link: [Interactive Map Form](#)

PPN Social Media and Community Activity

Now that community groups are returning to community activity, Mayo PPN invites all community groups to submit their groups events and activities to mayppn@mayococo.ie

Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote via our social media platforms.

Mayo PPN FREE Training Courses for Community Groups

Mayo PPN is all about building our membership, supporting our community groups and ensuring long-term sustainability. All this is done through capacity building with groups and the suite of training programmes delivered by the PPN.

Training includes: Writing Grant Application Forms, Leadership for Community Groups, What is a Company Limited by Guarantee, How to conduct a Radio Interview, Code of Governance for community groups, Writing a Press Release, etc. PPN training courses will resume in September.

Please complete the survey to capture your community groups training needs [Training Questionnaire](#).

Other Training - Carmichael Free Courses.

Recovery and Resilience Training Programme - Below is a list of available workshops:

[Charities Governance Code](#) - September 6, 2022 at 18:00

[Volunteer Wellbeing](#) - September 13, 2022 at 10:00

[Running an Effective Meeting](#) - September 27, 2022 at 10:00

[Microsoft 365 - Tips for using MS Office Apps](#) - October 4, 2022 at 10:00

[Using Social Media to Promote Your Work](#) - October 11, 2022 at 10:00

[Committee Skills](#) - October 18, 2022 at 18:00

[Risk Management](#) - November 1, 2022 at 10:00

[Strategic Planning](#) - November 8, 2022 at 18:00

Contact training@carmichaelireland.ie

Community Events in Mayo

Ballyglass Community Council are holding their First Market on the 16th of July - 10am to 2pm. It takes place in the Ballyglass Community Centre (eircode is F13 D500).

Erris Agricultural Show taking place on Sunday 24th of July at Carne Airstrip, Belmullet.

Spread the Word! **The Linenhall Arts Centre** are looking for enthusiastic people who have a few hours to spare to join their volunteer Invigilator team! If you are interested in meeting people, getting a better understanding and experience of the arts get in touch! <http://www.thelinenhall.com/news/>

The Linenhall Arts Centre announced its summer camp schedule catering for all ages across multiple disciplines, keeping your young creatives entertained while on school holidays! This year, the Linenhall's offering has been expanded into a trio of three day summer camps: 'Get The Beat Visual Art & Drumming Camp, Ages 8 - 12 years', 'Eco Art Visual Art Camp, Ages 7 - 12 years' & 'Drama & Arts' Camp Ages 7 - 14 years. [Summer Camps Details](#)

Manulla Community Centre (Eircode F23 W890) - Card Games (25 Drive - Partners) are back in Manulla Community Centre every Sunday evening at 9pm.

Swinford Community Indoor Market, at the Library and Cultural Centre, Swinford F12WK83. Saturday, 6th August 2022 from 10.30 to 15.00. Handmade goods, gifts, candles, food and a cafe serving tea, coffee and tasty homemade baked goods.

Swinford Cultural Centre - Kids Sensory, Mindfulness and yoga Summer class this July Sunday 17th - Pre school: 12- 12:45pm - Spaces are strictly limited. To book text 0877164318.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Centres Investment Fund

Funding is available for the upgrade and development of community centre facilities through the Department of Rural and Community Development Community Centres Investment Fund.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 14th July 2022**.

Guidelines and a sample application form are now available at www.gov.ie/communitycentresinvestmentfund

Mayo County Council's Culture Night 2022 Event Fund

Applications are invited for Mayo County Council's Culture Night 2022 Event Fund in respect of events planned for Culture Night 2022 (23rd September).

Applications should be made on the official application form and emailed to mayoculturenight@mayococo.ie with the name of your group in the subject line.

Application forms and Terms and Conditions are available to download from <https://www.mayo.ie/arts/programme/culture-night>

For further information, application form and terms and conditions please contact Orlagh Heverin, Mayo Culture Night Co-ordinator, Mayo County Council. +353 (0) 94 9064367 mayoculturenight@mayococo.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Monday 18th July 2022.

ESB Energy for Generations Fund

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations - wintertime and Christmas may require more funding than summer.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

The 2022 closing dates for applications are:

Quarter 3 - 10th August 2022

Quarter 4 - 2nd November 2022

Full details and application are available [here](#)

The Lego Foundation - Community Play Fund

Have just launched the €80,000 Ireland Community Play Fund, supported by the LEGO Foundation as part of its [Build a World of Play campaign](#).

This fund will enable communities across Ireland to start proven learning through play projects and empower community groups, parents and caregivers to create more playful experiences for children. Groups can choose from a carefully-curated portfolio of 13 proven play ideas that have already had a positive impact in other communities around the world.

You'll find more information on the fund here: [Fund Information](#)

The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

This fund is returning for the twelfth year, with focus on investing in sustainable communities to enable everyone to live in a community where economic and environmental sustainability as well as social equity is at its heart.

With grants totalling €100,000 now available to charities, community groups and non-profit organisations across the island of Ireland, the Fund is committed to nurturing a generation of change champions who will help to shape, create and maintain sustainable communities for the benefit of all.

Under this theme, the Fund is seeking applications which fall under one or more of the following three categories:

EDUCATION - Educational, Training, Resilience, entrepreneurship programmes for young people

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION - Programmes that support Diversity & Inclusivity and social equity among young people

CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - Programmes that encourage and support young people to care for and protect the environment.

Applications for funding can be submitted via www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou until midnight 20 July.

Mayo PPN Community Section News



Two Irish Airports become First WHO Age Friendly Airports in the World

Irish airports, Ireland West Airport and Shannon Airport, have become the first airports in the world to be recognised as Age Friendly airports by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Both airports were officially launched as Age Friendly Airports, certified by the WHO, at a ceremony in Ireland West Airport, officiated by the Hildegarde Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport.

In order to become recognised as Age Friendly Airports, Shannon and Ireland West Airport consulted extensively with their older customers via the Older People's Councils hosted by local government.

This included carrying out 'walkability audits' of the buildings and their environs. These audits examined seating, signage, footpaths, car parking, toilet and other facilities and access routes.

Both airports scored well for their existing facilities, but also identified improvements needed, and subsequently rolled out a work plan to develop their amenities as age friendly.

Following its consultation with older people, Ireland West Airport Knock installed extra seating in arrivals and departures area, an adult changing facility, new signage, new equipment airside (ambifit and ramp), and delivered staff training.

Key features of an age friendly airport include low noise levels, places to rest and sit, safe passageways and pathways, pedestrian access, accessible toilets, a secure environment and good public transport, and clear signage for displaying airline arrivals and departures information.

Celebrating National Play Day 2022. Mayo Sports Partnership Inclusive Summer Camp

Aims to increase sport and physical activity opportunities for Children with disabilities across County Mayo. The camp will run for two days from 5th - 6th July from 11am - 1pm at Castlebar Mitchel's Astro Turf Activities and from 7th - 8th July from 11am - 1pm at Fun Games for everyone.

This Camp will be just one activity as part of our Sports Inclusion Summer Programme of activities, available all over the county throughout the summer which kicked off with Sports Ability Week 20th - 26th June. For more information contact: **Ray Mc Namara Sports Inclusion Development Officer** at rmcnamara@mayococo.ie

Triathlon Ireland's Mayo Summer Camp is back for 2022

Reserve a place for your budding triathlete at this three day camp suitable for kids and teenagers between 7 and 14 years of age.

The camp is based on the beautiful Bertra Beach near Westport on July 13th, 14th & 15th and will be led by Triathlon Ireland with support from Mayo Local Sports Partnership.

The focus is on helping kids learn the basics of triathlon - safe swimming, cycling and running - all in a fun and environment!

At the end of it all, everyone will get the chance to take part in a mini-event and a new generation of triathletes will be born! Full details [here](#)

Ireland's First Ever Outdoors Week for People with Disabilities July 18th - 24th

Go All Out week has been developed by Cara Sport Inclusion Irl supported by Sport Ireland Outdoors to increase awareness among people with disabilities, their families/carers and outdoor activity providers on the benefits of regular exercise, a healthy lifestyle, and opportunities to participate in physical activity, of people's own choosing in the outdoors.

Mayo Sports Partnership are currently putting together a suite of inclusive events which will run during this week. Keep checking the web page <https://www.mayo.ie/sportspartnership> and Social Media platforms for updates.

HER Outdoors 2022 - August 8th - 14th

Building on the success of last year's calendar of events, Mayo HER Outdoors 2022 will focus on Teenage girls.

Time and time through research we can see that teenage girls thrive on adventure and are looking towards the great outdoors as an alternative to the more traditional sports. Mayo Sports Partnership want to give these girls the opportunity to come and try their hand at these sports and to point them in the direction of further development and training in the different disciplines associated with the outdoors. Proposed activities include:

Open Water Swimming programs in partnership with Swim Ireland

A series of Come & Try events through our 2 Outdoor Hubs

Guided Hill & Mountain walks in partnership with Mountaineering Ireland

Introduction to Surfing with Surfing Ireland

Introduction to SUP with Achill Outdoors

Introduction to Roller Skating with Mayo Bulls IHCC

Full details will be posted over the coming weeks: <https://www.mayo.ie/sportspartnership>

Contact: dedonnely@mayococo.ie



News from the Department of Rural & Community Development

Minister Humphreys reminds Community Groups to submit their applications for new €15 million Community Centre Fund 30/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#)

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announces that the Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme has gone live 30/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#).

Minister Humphreys announces over €412,000 for 11 projects on our Offshore Islands 24/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#)

Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O'Brien, TD., published the 2021 Dormant Accounts Fund Annual Report 24/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#).

Minister Joe O'Brien announces publication of independent report reviewing Public Participation Network structures 17/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#)

Minister O'Brien announces funding of €20.8 million for the community and voluntary sector 03/06/22. Read Press Release [Here](#)



MEMBERSHIP OF MAYO PPN

Who Can Become a Member of Mayo PPN ?

Click [here](#) for further information on the benefits of joining and membership criteria.

Let's hear your groups news/activities/events!

Mayo PPN will circulate your groups events and activities on their social media platforms. If your group has something of interest to the County - let us know!

email mayppn@mayococo.ie or call 094 90 64358.

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