



Donegal Public Participation Network
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Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall Donegal Public Participation Network

Nuachtlitir LRP- PPN Newsletter - Eagrán Bealtaine - May Edition

The deadline for submission for the June edition of the newsletter is the **29th May, 2017**.

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Eolas LRP- PPN Update

The Donegal Public Participation Network (PPN) is the link through which your organisation can have a direct role in the policy making and oversight of local government. The PPN is a network of organizations representing the Social Inclusion, Environmental and Community & Voluntary sectors in the county. Through this network organisations can co-operate, share information and ideas and elect members to Local Authority decision making bodies and relevant community structures. Donegal PPN now has over 40 representatives on 15 different decision-making committees and structures and work is ongoing to ensure the reporting mechanisms are now in place for these representatives.

Information on the PPN structure, representatives, reports and updates as well as registration forms for those groups interested in joining can be found on the website: <https://donegalppn.com/>

If you have a query or would like more information regarding the PPN, please contact:
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PPN Municipal District Meetings

Each County is organised into Municipal Districts. There are 5 in Donegal: Glenties, Inishowen, Letterkenny, Stranorlar, and Donegal. These Municipal District meetings provide an opportunity for locally based PPN members to come together, share information, address locally based concerns collectively as well as being informed of what is happening countywide. The first round of PPN Municipal District meetings has commenced. The Donegal Municipal District meeting was held on the 6th April, 2017 in the Donegal Public Services Centre. The Inishowen Municipal District meeting was held on the 27th April, 2017 in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre. The Glenties Municipal District is scheduled for the 25th May in The Dungloe Public Services Centre.

Municipal District	Date	Time
Donegal	6 th April 2017	7pm
Inishowen	27 th April 2017	7pm
Glenties	25 th May 2017	7pm
Stranorlar	20 th June 2017	8pm
Letterkenny	Date TBD	7pm

Linkage Group Convenors

1. Social Inclusion – Paul Kernan- coord@pobail.org
2. Heritage - Máirin Ui Fhearraigh-ancaire@eircom.net
3. Community Safety & Joint Policing – James Trearty-jamestrearty@hotmail.com
4. Environment – Trish Murphy- trishjmurphy@gmail.com
5. Tourism – Martin McBride- martinmcbrideportsalon@eircom.net
6. Older Persons Forum –TBD
7. Fishing & Aquaculture – Joseph McNulty-josephmcnulty8@gmail.com
8. Community & Voluntary – Joe Boland & Andrew McNulty-joe.akela@gmail.com
andrewsmcnulty@hotmail.com

Representatives

To see the committees that the PPN is represented on please click the following link:

<https://donegalppndotcom.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/ppn-representation-by-reporting-body.pdf>

Donegal Local Development Company Ltd

Donegal Local Development Company Ltd, has been allocated a small grant in 2017 by SITT (trading as Local Link Donegal and funded by the National Transport Authority - NTA).

The grant will support local community groups seeking “**transport only supports**” in support of social inclusion activities.

These activities should align with the aims and objectives of the SICAP Programme. Transport will be provided using SITT/NTA approved bus operators only. **For Further Information:** <http://www.dldc.org/2017/04/12/transport-only-funding-supports-available-for-community-groups/>

Advice or support in respect of making an application can be accessed by contacting a DLDC Project Officer on 07491 27056. Before submitting a request, groups are advised to please read and refer to the eligibility guidance notes and specific conditions which will apply.

Community Facilities Services Scheme 2017

The scheme involves small scale grants of approx €1000 for the purchase of Computers, Maintenance of Community Centres, Gardening equipment etc .

For Further Information:

Your group must submit a completed Community Facilities Scheme Application Form to Donegal Local Community Development Committee(LCDC)

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/community/lcdc/CFS%20application%20form%202017.docx>

Closing date: 30th June 2017

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Donegal County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from town/village groups who may have a suitable project for consideration under the recently launched Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017. All expressions of interest will be assessed based on the priorities as contained in the Scheme Outline, after the closing date a maximum of 15 proposals may be selected for development into detailed applications which will be submitted to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

The closing date for receipt of completed 'Expressions of Interest' is 4.30pm on Friday 26th May. Further details on the scheme and the Expression of Interest form are also available by calling (074) 9172292. - See more at: <http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/townandvillagerenewalscheme2017/#d>.

Clann Credo's Loan Fund

Clann Credo's €25m Community LEADER Loan Fund can help your community project maximize your leader grant through Bridging or Match funding. Community groups have big ideas and LEADER grants but Bridging and Match funding can be obstacles to making those visions realities. Clann Credo's new loan fund can help your community group access the LEADER grant.

Clann Credo has provided over €34m to 319 LEADER projects, creating, sustaining and supporting almost 3,000 jobs during the last LEADER programme.

For Further Information:

Find out more about how Clann Credo's €25m LEADER Loan Fund can help your community group access community loan funding click [here](#) .

Imeachtaí Pobail agus Nuacht / Community Events & News

Pieta House

The first Pieta House centre in the northwest opened in Letterkenny offering free-of-charge and freely-accessible therapy to those experiencing suicidal ideation, those who have been bereaved by suicide, and people who are engaging in self-harm. Based in Grand Central Building on Canal Road and is staffed by a centre manager, three clinical support staff, a team of sessional therapists and a suicide bereavement liaison officer.

For Further Information: Open 24 Hours-1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444

North Donegal Community Network

Community Roads Safety Initiative Visits Schools in Milford

Schools in Milford took part in a community roads safety initiative organised by North Donegal Community Network (NDCN) with a number of guest speakers visiting Mulroy College and Loreto Community School to talk to students on roads safety and driver responsibility. James Trearty, a local community representative and lead organiser of the initiative outlined its importance in that, "as young people begin to learn how to drive and begin driving on our local roads, with this great independence comes great responsibility. It's too late unfortunately to change our driver behaviour when something bad happens on our roads, and we are delighted that both the students and the schools have come on board in helping us to promote this important message. Driving with care is in the interests of the entire community."

Garda Superintendent David Kelly spoke to students in the schools on driver responsibility "We are here today to talk to you because we care about you and we want you to be safe on our roads. On our roads, the highest number of road traffic incidents occur for people aged 25 years and under, your age group is at high risk and we hope you can help us to change that. All drivers should be aware of their actions on the road and how they can impact on both their own safety and that of others road users. Superintendent Kelly outlined some of the key causes of road traffic incidents and accidents encountered by Garda in Donegal, to include mobile phone usage while driving, driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol, speeding, driver distraction and irresponsible actions such as donuts and drifting. "Social media can be misused to send out a false message to young people that irresponsible driving behaviour is something to be glorified. Can I say that the reality is, that we see first-hand some of the consequences of this behaviour when we are tasked to deal with incidents and people's lives can be changes in an instant forever. Superintendent Kelly outlined a few basic things that we all can do to protect ourselves on the roads, such as wearing a seatbelt, being aware of speed particularly on small rural roads, turning off mobile phones or other distractions and having regard for other road users.

Dr Gerry Lane, consultant in emergency medicine at Letterkenny University Hospital had a discussion with the students on his work in the hospital, the causes of road traffic accidents for the people who he and his team had helped in accident and emergency, and provided some key advice on how people can protect their lives while on the roads. "The biggest danger to you in a car, if you are unfortunate to be in a collision, can be your girlfriend or boyfriend that is also in the car, if they are not wearing a seatbelt. This is also true of anyone else that is within the car. When an accident happens, the person you love can actually be the biggest threat to your life, so please, don't be afraid to ask them to wear a seatbelt or to stop using their phone or to slow down. If you are in a car and you feel that someone is putting your life in danger in any way, you can take responsibility by asking them to stop. If you feel your life is at risk ask them to let you out of the car. North Donegal Community Network would like to thank the Principal's and staff in both schools for partnering with the local community to bring attention to this important message, for accommodating the speakers and for the welcome received. Particular thanks are expressed to teachers Catherine Crawford and Lisa Fitzsimmons, who worked jointly with the community in organising the talks. Speaking afterwards Bernard Trearty Chairman of North Donegal Community Network thanked Stephen Barrett from Donegal Local Development Company for supporting this project which was a first ever for the network.

Water & Communities-Healthy Waters supporting Vibrant Communities

The Waters and Communities Office are hosting meetings over the coming weeks to discuss the management of the natural waters of County Donegal. Jimmy McVeigh, Community Waters Officer for County Donegal, will present information on the **draft National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021**, along with details of how you can have your say on the plan and make a submission. There will be an opportunity to share your knowledge on local interests such as; water quality, angling, heritage, biodiversity, amenity use or issues affecting your local water environment. Afterwards there will be refreshments and opportunities to network.

Meeting Location	Date	Time
Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey	Wed 10th May	7:30-8:30pm
Silver Tassie, Letterkenny	Wed 17th May	7:30-8:30pm
Slieve Sneacht Centre, Drumfries	Wed 24th May	7:30-8:30pm
Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe	Wed 31st May	7:30-8:30pm
Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Town	Wed 7th June	7:30-8:30pm

For Further Information: Visit www.watersandcommunities.ie and like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/watersandcommunities for more details

Derry City and Strabane District Council-Peace IV

Derry City and Strabane District Council Peace IV Partnership Board are delighted to announce that they have been offered £6.1m worth of funding under the European Union's PEACE IV Programme. The Programme is a cross-border programme and groups and individuals from the Donegal area are encouraged to get involved at this early stage. Open invite to community and voluntary sector groups and the interested individuals in **Donegal to get involved in Peace IV in the Derry City and Strabane Council Area.**

Peace IV Website and E-newsletter sign up: Sign up on www.derrystrabane.com/Peace-IV to receive regular updates on their Peace IV Programme.

Befriending Service in the Milford Rosguill & Fanad Areas and in the Lifford & Castlefinn Areas

The Good Morning Service Co Donegal have a telephone and Befriending Service offering free and confidential support to people who are over 60, living alone, or who are housebound due to illness or mobility issues.

The Service has been running in Inishowen for four years, it is now being extended to two new Primary Care areas, Milford/Rosguill/Fanad and Lifford/Castlefinn. The Community Befriending Organisers, Emma Lou Kerr and Sarah Breslin will be based in the offices of Premier Services on the Diamond Milford, and Lifford/Clonleigh Community Resource Centre, Lifford, respectively. (see details below)The Befriending Service matches a volunteer with a person who requires the service, the volunteer provides companionship, friendship and a supportive relationship that lessens the effects of isolation and loneliness.

The volunteer Befriender is Garda vetted and receives training that supports them in carrying out this role. The Befriender also receives continuous support from the Befriending Organiser for the duration of the relationship.

Volunteers needed now in the Milford, Rosguill & Fanad Areas and in the Lifford & Castlefinn Areas

For Further Information: Community Befriending Organiser, c/o Premier Services, The Diamond, Milford, Co.

Donegal. Sarah Breslin on Mobile: 086 7858799 or email: sarahbefriending@gmail.com Address: Sarah Breslin, Community Befriending Organiser, C/O Lifford/Clonleigh -Community Resource Centre, Croaghan Heights, Lifford, Co. Donegal

Inishowen Rivers Trust

If you would like to know more about the Agencies and Organisations involved in the monitoring, promotion and enhancement of Donegal's natural waters, make sure you pick up a copy of the ***Who's Who on Inishowen Rivers Directory***. This was produced for a recent event run by The Inishowen Rivers Trust but most of the organisations included in the directory work across the whole of Donegal.

For Further Information: Visit www.inishowenriverstrust.com or message on Facebook

Street Feast

Summer is in the air, which means that Street Feast is on the way! It's almost time to unfold the bunting, invite the neighbours out and set up the barbeques as they get ready for another wonderful Street Feast day. They are **inviting you to host a Street Feast with your neighbours on Sunday 11th June**. It's the biggest street party of the year with neighbours across the country coming together to celebrate our local communities. Street Feasts can happen anywhere; on the green, in the cul-de-sac, down a laneway, in a field or even in a carpark. They **provide you with a free party pack with invites, posters, bunting and more when you register**.

[Sign up now to host a Street Feast](#) Last year an amazing number of over 1,200 Street Feasts took place, turning Ireland into one long table of neighbours, sharing food and building friendships. Get involved this year and help bring your neighbours together. Here are [some photos from last year's events to get us all excited](#). :) They really hope you'll join them this year!

Irish Environmental Protection Agency

The Irish Environmental Protection Agency on sustainable behaviour change, co-design and social innovation are hosting a workshop on the **24th May** on the topic of sustainable communities. The purpose of the workshop is to highlight evidence and insights from research into sustainable communities in Ireland and to explore how initiatives can be developed and supported in the future.

The workshop will be of interest to people working on any aspect of sustainable communities but a key focus will be on public participation and behaviour change. If you can make it please register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-communities-public-participation-behaviour-change-tickets-33846350345> If you can't make it but are interested in getting an update report from the workshop let them know. **For Further Information:** <http://www.openpractices.net/workshops>

Cancer Care West Support Centre

2nd Floor Station House, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Open 5 days (Monday to Friday) Mon-Thurs 9am to 5 pm- Fri 9 am to 4 pm **Free Service**

Cancer Care West is a charity that provides professional cancer support appropriate to the needs of the patient and family. They offer a comprehensive evidence-based psychological and counselling service to anyone affected by a diagnosis of cancer. The service is currently staffed by a Senior Clinical Psychologist and an Oncology Nurse, who is available to provide information and support to cancer patients and their families. Appropriate referrals may include:

- Distress/Anxiety as a result of a cancer diagnosis
- Low mood/Depression
- Coping Difficulties/Stress Management Difficulties
- Relationship Difficulties
- Functional Changes/Body Image
- Coping with Terminal Illness
- Cancer related Pain and Fatigue

The service is confidential and free of charge. Referrals through G.P.s and individuals can also self-refer by dropping into the centre themselves.

For Further Information: <https://www.cancercarewest.ie/> charlene.haughey@cancercarewest.ie
<https://www.facebook.com/CancerCareWestSupportCentreDonegal/>

Ardara GAP Heritage and History Group

The Warp and Weft of Heritage

The Ardara GAP Heritage and History Group are organising a 'Warp and Weft of Heritage' weekend celebrating heritage from **Friday the 13th to Sunday the 15th October**. There will be engaging and lively talks ranging from shipwrecks, folklore, geology, local history, heritage and more of the greater Ardara area.

Also included in the weekend's programme are a series of workshops, storytelling, demonstrations and field trips. Special weekend rates from the Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara: 0749541103 (info@nesbittarms.com) €45 for weekend

We Care Foodbank

The We Care Foodbank was established a few years ago to support families in crisis who could not afford to put food on their tables. They receive donations of food from private individuals and shops and also receive donations to buy food. This is then distributed amongst the needy who have to produce a voucher that can be obtained from SVP, CDP, LYIT, Parish Priest and We Care. They also deliver through Food Cloud to homes as far away as Ardara & Dunfanaghy.

They are open on Friday mornings at the back of Green's Shoe Shop, Market Square, Letterkenny from 11.00am until 2.00pm

Inclusion Ireland-National Organisation for people with Intellectual Disability

Inclusion Ireland information meeting '**The Assisted Decision-Making Act and the National Advocacy Service**' on **Tuesday 13th June** from 11am-1pm in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny This information meeting is for persons with a disability and family members of persons with a disability. Mark O'Connor, Inclusion Ireland, will present on The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act, a new Irish law that sets up a brand new system to support people to make decisions. There will be time for discussion on the challenges and opportunities of assisted decision-making for people with intellectual disabilities and for their families and service providers.

Ciara Brogan will speak about the role of the National Advocacy Service which provides an independent, confidential and free, representative advocacy service for people with disabilities.

For Further Information: Internet Link: <http://www.inclusionireland.ie/content/event-notice/1624/connect-family-network-letterkenny-co-donegal-tuesday-june-13th>

Friends of the Irish Environment-Survey on the Impact of the 2009 Charity Act

The Friends of the Irish Environment are currently undertaking a survey to assess the impact on environmental and heritage organisations of the 2009 Charity Act requirement that all organisations which receive funding from any source must register as charities. They would appreciate the help of the Environmental and Heritage organisations in Donegal in completing the attached survey and returning to **admin@friendsoftheirishenvironment.org**



2009 Charities Act
Survey.doc

Regional Events and News

PolskaÉire Festival

The Celebration of Irish – Polish Friendship

www.polskaeirefestival.org

Join them in the festival madness from May 27th – June 4th. The craic will be dovery!

National Heritage Week 2017

National Heritage Week is the largest cultural event in Ireland with almost 1,000 organisations and individuals involved in hosting over 1,800 unique events in 2016. The week attracts an annual audience of approximately 430,000 people. They are encouraging environmental, social inclusion and community and voluntary groups across Ireland to take part as event organizers. Please find attached their [100 Event Ideas Booklet](#) (also available [as Gaeilge](#)). Let them know how they can help you and your network get involved with Heritage Week 2017. **Niamh Donnellan**, Heritage Week Project Manager, Church Lane, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland Tel: 1850 200 878
Mobile: 087 6418440

For further information: www.heritageweek.ie

19th – 27th August, 2017

Central Statistics Office

The Central Statistics Office employs 100 permanent interviewers to conduct household surveys throughout every country in Ireland every week of the year.

The household survey information that they collect is a vital tool in planning for the present and future needs of Ireland. It enables the CSO to measure our country's progress, on important social and economic issues, such as employment, poverty, childcare, health and crime.

Unfortunately, with the increase in rural crime people are understandably much more suspicious of people who knock on their doors, and this is making the job of the interviewers more challenging.

They are hoping that by informing people about the work of the CSO interviewers that households will be aware of the importance of the information collected and increase their willingness to participate in their surveys.

The Household surveys include: *The Census, The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC), The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), The Household Budget Survey (HBS) and Planning Permissions.*

The CSO employs Field Officers in the collection of Household Survey Statistics. All CSO interviewers carry an ID card with a photo. In the case of some surveys, the interviewer will use a tablet computer to record your answers.

If you have been asked to take part in one of our surveys, they will:

- identify themselves as from the CSO whenever they contact you, displaying their logo on all letters and leaflets and on their interviewers' photo ID cards.
- when interviewing you in your home or by telephone, arrange a time convenient to you.
- try to make the experience of taking part in a survey as straightforward and as worthwhile as possible.
- only ask as many people to take part as necessary for the accuracy of our statistics.
- be honest with you about your participation being voluntary and give you a realistic idea of how long the survey may take.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a priority for the CSO and all information given to the interviewer is encrypted, transmitted securely and is used for statistical purposes only. Results are published in aggregate format only, and it is impossible for individuals or households to be identified. This confidentiality is guaranteed by law under the Statistics Act, 1993.

For Further Information: If you would like more information on CSO household surveys you can contact information@cso.ie / eolas@cso.ie www.cso.ie

National Volunteer Management Conference

The National Volunteer Management Conference is in the **Aurivo Auditorium, Sligo IT on May 30th**. The National Volunteer Management Conference provides the opportunity to spend some quality time on personal development, networking with your volunteer management colleagues and peers and participating in a host of thought provoking masterclasses and discussions focused on volunteer recruitment, retention, training, support and management. The conference is essential for anyone interested in volunteer management (paid or unpaid), anyone who is managing volunteers as part of their role (C&V and Corporate sector) and organisations involving volunteers.

Their masterclasses will explore the benefits of Family Volunteering, the value in Investing in Volunteers, effective use of social media, the pros and cons of rural and student volunteering, and the importance of building the best Board for your organisation. Their case studies in the afternoon will examine interesting programmes within the area of volunteering, welcoming questions from the floor. The conference provides a day of dialogue, networking and knowledge sharing that is invaluable to any organisation. Registration from 08:45. Conference starts at 09:45. Hot Lunch & plenty of refreshments provided. **Early Bird tickets €63. For Further Information:** Please see their website for further details and registration: <http://www.volunteer.ie/events/national-volunteer-management-conference-2017/> katherine@volunteer.ie

Public Consultation on Multi-Modal Transport

The European Commission is currently looking at a possible initiative to protect passengers when using multimodal transport, and is seeking views from the general public on the issue. They have attached a link to the public consultation below should it be of interest to you or your organisation. Please note that the consultation period ends on the 25th of May, so all questionnaires should be returned before this date. **For Further Information:**

[Public consultation on a possible initiative at EU level in the field of passengers rights in multimodal transport](#)

European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN)

EAPN welcomes the adoption of the Communication and the Social Pillar package as an important demonstration of a will to deliver on President Juncker's promise of the "Social Triple A", at a time when Europe faces the consequences of long standing mistakes and a real threat of disintegration. However, we are concerned about the concrete impact on the lives of the 1 in 4 Europeans living in poverty. Will it help to guarantee or reinforce their social rights? Will it help to rebalance the EU priorities to ensure economy policies deliver for people, not just for business? These in the end will be the key tests if people are to renew their faith in Social Europe.

EAPN will be examining the package in detail with its members over the coming weeks. **For Further Information:**

[Read EAPN's position paper on the Pillar](#) [Download this statement as a PDF](#) www.eapn.ie

Oiliúint / Training

Family Carers Ireland

Digital Skills for Citizens Initiative: Free Training Nationwide

They are running **basic computer/tablet training nationwide**

The training will take place in 5 x 2hour classes and you will learn how to

Send Emails-Search the Internet-Use Skype-Social Media-Internet Safety-Digital Photos-Online Payments.

If you know anyone who would benefit from these courses, do let them know about the scheme, or if you feel that you would yourself like to avail of it, don't hesitate to contact them.

For Further Information: To register your own, a friend or a relative's interest, you can contact Sheena or Eithne in our Ennis office on 065 6866515/086 4121869, or you can drop in to your local Family Carers Ireland centre to enquire about the courses.

Saturday Morning Seminar- DLDC

From Stress to Success

Informative and entertaining seminar will cover the main points of the highly regarded stress control programme given by Dr Mark Harrold on **Saturday May 27th from 10.00am-1.00pm** in the **Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny**. No Charge-All Welcome

For Further Information: Contact 086 0333630

EU Training for Female Entrepreneurs

Women are often facing here major obstacles which are reflected in low indexes of female-owned enterprises. In order to support sustainably their development and growth, as well as the development of female entrepreneurial competencies, University of Jena (Germany) together with partners from Chile, Austria, Cyprus and Colombia have created a training programme on the basis of a research of 300 female entrepreneurs in Germany and Ireland.

The courses consist of 4 Modules: one introductory seminar and three online modules. The tasks are designed in the way that the participants can evaluate their progress with the help of specially developed Competence Matrix. The digital exchange between female entrepreneurs and creative input of students of different specialties creates a great learning potential. The duration of the program is 16 weeks taking between 5 and 8 hours a week. The first course begins in June 2017.

The interested female entrepreneurs from Germany and Ireland can already register for the first 25 free places at our homepage:

For Further Information: http://womenentrepreneurs.info/reg_form.html

Mental Health First Aid Courses

Mental Health First Aid Ireland is running 5 Mental Health First Aid Courses in Donegal this year.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the initial help given to someone who is developing a mental health problem or who is in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional support is received or until the crises resolves. **Courses take place on the following dates:**

20/21 May – Merville Family Resource Centre, Inishowen

23/24 June – St Johnston Family Resource Centre

12/13 Oct – Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre

18/19 Nov – Portnoo Family Resource Centre

For Further Information: visit www.connectmentalhealth.ie/events

Inishowen Development Partnership & SICAP

St. Mary's Road, Buncrana – Start your own Business Thursday 25th & Friday 26th May 2017 - 9.30am-4.30pm- 074 93 62218

Cost: €20 per person - 2 Day Fee

COURSE CONTENT

Personal suitability for business-self employment

Exploring Business Ideas

Introduction to the “Business Planning process” and reasons to produce a Business Plan.

Doing market research - what is involved, how is it done?

Legal obligations - (licences, insurance, tenancy agreements etc).

Right Structure for my business (Sole Trader, Limited Company or Partnership).

Registering my Business with Revenue for Income Tax, VAT, Employer, TR1 form.

Marketing & Promotion of the business – Logo, Slogan, Advertising, using the right promotional

Sales & Selling skills

How to **register my Business Name?**

Costing and pricing my product or service; time spent, materials, competitor rates, customer types (e.g. disposable income levels) distribution charges, VAT etc.

Employing staff - the real cost of employing.

Finding Funding/Capital

Opening a business Bank Account

How to find out if I am making money?

Making contact with an Accountant at the early stages of business

The importance of setting up effective Work systems (including the use of IT systems) and of keeping good records and of managing administration tasks effectively.

Preparing a full Business Plan (Back to Work Enterprise Business Plan Workbook). Enquiries: Rosemary Lyons, Enterprise Officer-074 93 62218

Sail Training Ireland for Youth Development

Funding for voyages through various funding schemes is made available through the network of youth and community organisations. Sail Training uses these “Nominating Organisations” to identify young people that are in need of and will benefit from our funded opportunities. They are able to offer important support to trainees during their preparation for voyages and when they return from the voyage. This helps to maximise the benefits of the experience for the participants. A list of voyages for 2017 is on their website www.sailtrainingireland.com and they are now taking bookings through the website.
