



Newsletter

AUGUST | LÚNASA
2025

Hello from Mark and Martin at the WPPN.

Hope all our WPPN groups are well and that you enjoyed the fine summer weather which we had. this year. We had glorious sun-shine for the National Play Days events in Grange, Mullingar and Athlone last month.

We also went to a productive national PPN event in Portlaoise which mainly focused on strengthening community resilience and the lessons learned in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn this Spring.

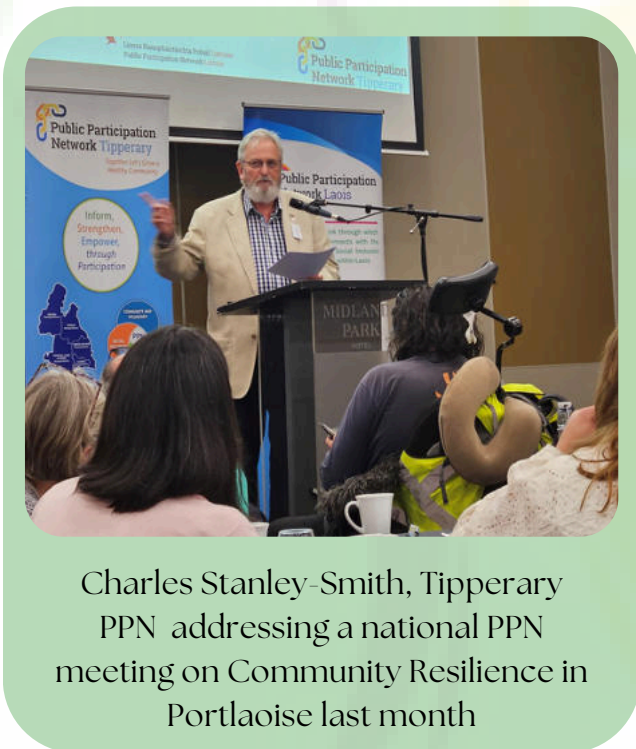
August tends to be a planning month. We're about to schedule another round of Linkage Group meetings and a WPPN Reps meeting for September. We'll put a call out later this month for submissions from groups in both Municipal Districts, which will be followed by public meetings in both districts.

We are also planning to start a re-registration process where we invite all our groups to update their details and inform us of any changes to their committees etc.

Thanks to everyone who recently expressed an interest in the courses which we'll offer in September. The number of requests exceeded the number of spaces - but we've found a way to offer everyone who applied at least one of their choices. We'll be in touch with all applicants soon.

All the best,

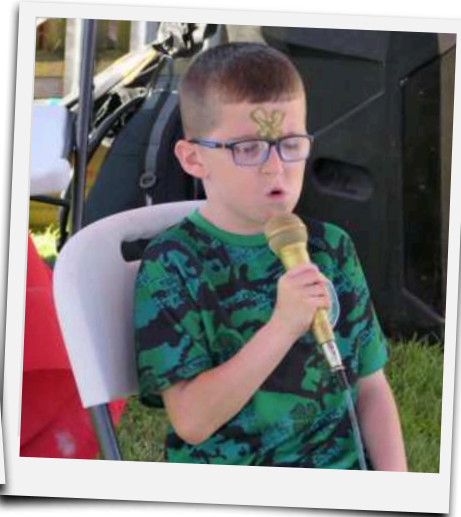
*Mark Ahearn and Martin Fagan
Westmeath PPN*



Charles Stanley-Smith, Tipperary PPN addressing a national PPN meeting on Community Resilience in Portlaoise last month

Visit our new WPPN Website at <https://westmeathppn.ie>

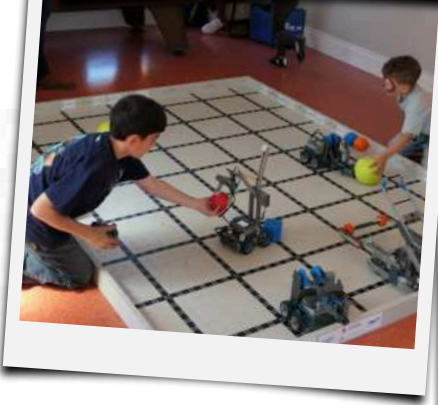
Contact Mark or Martin at ppn@westmeathcoco.ie or call 044 9332157



National Playday



2025 Athlone & Kyllingar





Public Consultations

Public submissions and observations are invited on the following Part 8 Planning developments -

- Mullingar Regional Sports Complexes at Blackhall Place AND Robinstown Road
- Interpretation and visitor facilities at Athlone Castle



28.07.2025 - 09:30
09.09.2025 - 16:00

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Visit the WCC Consultation Portal for more info and closing dates - <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie>

Other open public consultations

- Mullingar Local Area Plan 2024-2030 Pre Draft Public Consultation
- Mullingar Settlement Area Plan - Variation to Westmeath County Development Plan
- Development of Athlone Smart Innovation Co-Working Hub
- N52 Cavestown to Kilrush Road Improvement Scheme
- R446/Old Dublin Rd Athlone Active Travel Scheme
- Dublin Road/Ardmore Road Mullingar Active Travel Scheme
- Re-Naming of the Athlone Greenway Bridge



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Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

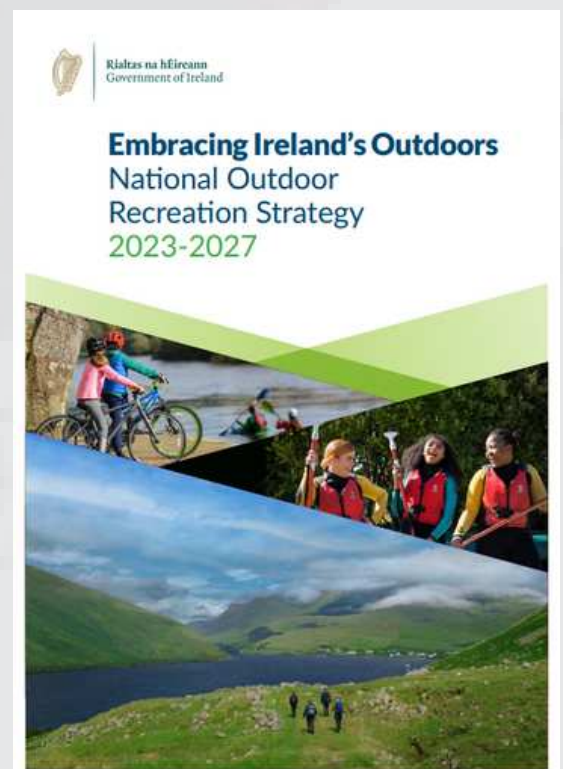
Westmeath Outdoor Recreation Plan Community Survey

WCC is developing a Outdoor Recreation Plan that will guide the sustainable development of outdoor recreation in Westmeath and supporting more residents and visitors to take part in outdoor activity.

You can make you opinions on this subject known
by filling out this short survey

[Click here for link to Survey](#)

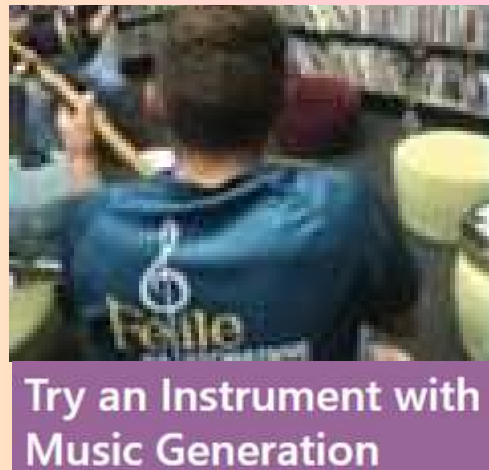
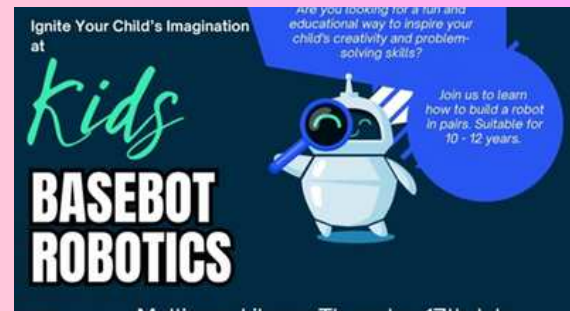
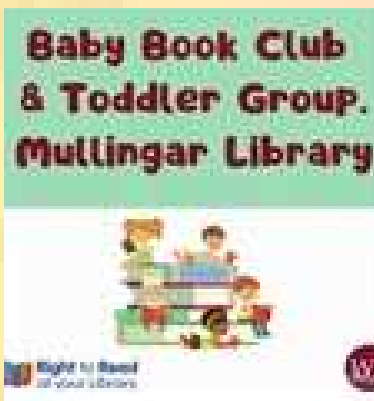
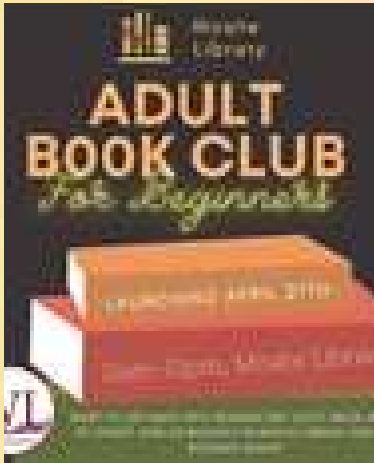
[View Ireland's National
Strategy on Outdoor
Recreation by clicking
on this link](#)



WCC Library Events



Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer between 3 Jun - 30 Aug



For full listings on the many events being held in your local libraries visit

<https://westmeathculture.ie/library/>





REPAK
RESOURCE
AWARDS '25

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Big news! The new Repak Resource Awards Are Open for Entries

Replacing the Pakman Awards, the Repak Resource Awards will now shine a spotlight on the incredible businesses, individuals and communities who are driving Ireland's transition to a circular economy.

This year will also see the introduction of two brand new categories:

- **Circular Community Award:** Recognising local initiatives that reduce waste, reuse resources, and inspire sustainable living
- **Circular Design Award:** Honouring innovative design in products, packaging, or systems that prioritise resource efficiency and waste minimisation

Entries are free and open now. Show us how you're shaping Ireland's sustainable future.

- **Deadline:** 29 August 2025
- **Awards Ceremony:** 23 October 2025, The Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin

Visit repak.ie/resource-awards
to enter.



fáilte isteach

Welcoming Migrants through Conversational English Classes

Volunteer to support migrants and refugees through conversational English classes

Volunteer English tutors needed

Informal sessions focused on conversation

Teaching or TEFL/ESOL experience is helpful but not essential

Training and resources provided

Meet new people in your community

Contact:

Eamonn

integration@westmeathcoco.ie

(Columb Barracks - Mullingar)

**Further enquiries can be made by contacting the
Local Authority Integration Team at
(090) 6442161 integration@westmeathcoco.ie**



**WESTMEATH
SPORTS
PARTNERSHIP**
— SPORT IRELAND —



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

Would You Like To Work As A Lifeguard



Westmeath Co Co is seeking suitably qualified applicants
Visit your council website for more info

<https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/yourcouncil/vacancies/>



**SAFEGUARDING 1
CHILD WELFARE &
PROTECTION
BASIC AWARENESS
WORKSHOP**

17 Sept & 7 Oct.
For more info visit
www.westmeathsports.ie

Scan to access the
'Code of Practice for
the Safe Operation of
Recreational Craft'



SIX STEPS TO SAFE BOATING

The Irish Coast Guard, Water Safety Ireland and the RNLI are sharing key water safety advice to help keep you safe on the water:



Check weather, wind, and tides before going on the water.



Always wear a lifejacket.



Inform someone ashore of your plans and return time.



Ensure there is an emergency action plan in place, and everybody has an onboard briefing.



The 'Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft' contains information & guidance for users.

112
or
999

If you see somebody in trouble on the water or along the coast, or think that they are in trouble, dial 112 or 999 and ask for the Coast Guard.



Garda C6sta na hEireann
IRISH COAST GUARD



Lifeboats



Rialtas na hEireann
Government of Ireland

WCC Heritage Officer Notes

Built Heritage Grants 2026

WCC is inviting applications to apply to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2026.



- This scheme offers funding for repair/conservation works to qualifying structures including protected and proposed protected structures; structures in Architectural Conservation Areas; vernacular buildings and historic shopfronts.
- The BHIS Historic Thatch Buildings (HTB) fund 2026 also provides support for the conservation of historic thatched buildings.

For more information please visit

<https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/planning/conservationheritage/conservationheritagegrants/>

Deadline for submission of completed applications is 4pm on 26th September 2025

Keep up-to-date with WCC Heritage and Arts News at

WCC Heritage and Biodiversity Notes

Heritage Week 16-24 August

Visit www.heritageweek.ie for details of what's happening in Westmeath during Heritage Week 2025



A Journey Through Time in Print Newspaper Exhibition



Nature Inspired storytime



Design Cú Chulainn's Shield Art Workshop



Exploring Athlone Town Wall



Exploring Local Water Heritage



From Mayo to Westmeath: Voices of Resettlement an Oral History Project



The heart of rural crafts in Ireland



The No 1 Battery and the Lost Batteries of Athlone: an Illustrated Talk



MULLINGAR RAILWAY STATION TOUR



Feltmakers Ireland Open Day - Discover the Magic of Wet Felting



The Royal Irish Academy Library Westmeath Collection



Walking Tour of Old Mullingar



The Warriors Grave - Remote Sensing and Lecture



The Argentine Emigration Oral History Project - a Westmeath Perspective



Voices of the Region: Highlights from the TUS Archive



Westmeath's Wrought Iron Gates - a Photographic Exhibition



Wild Child Day: Nature crafting and story telling at Ardan Wood (Westmeath)



Mullingar Musical Heritage Tour



Tour of Ballagh Famine Village Rosemount Co Westmeath



Mullingar Industrial Heritage Walking Tour



Public Consultation

Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: Strategy to support the community and voluntary sector



- The Department are currently leading on the development of a successor strategy which will run until 2030
- As part of this process the Dept will engage with national and local government and key stakeholders from the community and voluntary sector.
- [Click on this link to visit Consultation Website](#)

Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities

- A five-year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland 2019-2024/5
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Pobail Inbhuanaithe, Chuimsitheacha agus Chumhachtaithe

- Straitéis cúig bliana chun tacú leis an earnáil phobail agus dheonach in Éirinn 2019-2024
- Sa straitéis cúig bliana chun tacú leis an earnáil phobail agus dheonach in Éirinn, leagadh amach fis fhadtéarmach dár bpobail in Éirinn. Leagadh treo ginearálta amach inti do bheartas an rialtais i ndáil le forbairt phobail, forbairt áitiúil agus na hearnálacha pobail agus deonacha do na deich mbliana atá romhainn.
- Chuir an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta, comhghleacaithe an Rialtais Láir agus Áitiúil, agus na hearnálacha pobail agus deonacha an Straitéis i dtoll a chéile.

[Click on this gov.ie link for more info](#)

Westmeath Just Transition Officer Notices



Tóchar is a wetlands restoration project.

The aim of the project is to restore and rehabilitate degraded wetlands in the midlands of Ireland.

- Tóchar can assist in many ways, such as providing funding towards survey work, restoration planning, interpretation, raising awareness and education and restoration work on the ground.
- Tóchar's Community Stories, the project's public engagement initiative, works with people living close to bogs and wetlands.
- Tóchar Community Stories host workshops with groups and schools.

For more info visit <https://www.tocharwetlands.ie>

Or contact Edel Ennis, Westmeath JTO at edel.ennis@westmeathcoco.ie



Westmeath Just Transition Officer Notices



Do you have a farm with an area of peat grassland?

- Find out more about new income options and economic opportunities
- High quality carbon payments for restoration of peat grassland and income from wetland crops.
- Training opportunities including farm walks and hands-on workshops at the two pilot farms, hosted by the pioneering farmers already practicing cultivation of cutover peatlands and water level management
- In-person and online training sessions covering the principles of peatland restoration, carbon storage, and sustainable land use through wet agriculture.

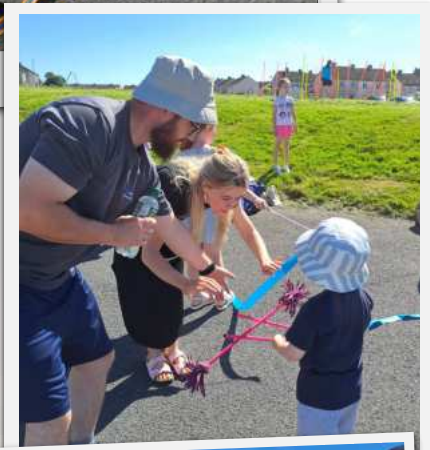
For more info visit

<https://greenrestorationireland.coop/peatlands-for-prosperity/>





National Playday



2025 Athlone & Mullingar



WPPN Member Groups Noticeboard

Mullingar Kyokushinkai Karate Club Karate Kids Summer Camp

- Guest Instructors
- Multi-activity
Camp
- No previous
experience
needed
- For 6ys to teens



Mullingar Parish Centre
18th-22nd August 10am-1pm each day

For information on fees and booking contact
Ken Fitzpatrick at 086 1676358

Disability Participation News Hub

This news hub brings together everything you need to know about collective disability advocacy news in Ireland into one place every week.



The DPNH would like to draw your attention to the following Public Consultations

- Dept of Social Welfare's public consultation on the successor to Pathways to Work 2021-2025
- European Commission's call for feedback on Gender Equality Strategy.

Sign up to their newsletter or follow on social media
<https://mailchi.mp/3ce7ca8f3fc3/disability-participation-news-hub>



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí



Westmeath County Council has funding available for business owners to improve the building facades of their properties.

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL SHOPFRONT ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2025

The aim of the scheme is to enhance the streetscape and environment of towns and villages.



- 75% grant aid up to €4,500 for solo applications.
- 75% grant aid up to €6,000 for collaboration projects and disability and Age Friendly access works.
- Previous grant recipients may apply for a second grant within 5 years for different works.
- Includes painting of upper floors of building to blend in with shopfront.

The following towns/villages are eligible -

Mullingar, Athlone, Castlepollard, Kilbeggan, Kinnegad, Moate, Ballinagore, Ballinalack, Ballykeeran, Ballymore, Ballynacarrigy, Castletown-Geoghegan, Clonmellon, Collinstown, Coole, Delvin, Finnea, Glasson, Killucan/Rathwire, Milltownpass, Multyfarnham, Raharney, Rathowen, Rochfortbridge, Tyrrellspass.

For full details and application forms please log on to www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/business/business/shopfrontenhancementgrantscheme/ or contact:
Local Enterprise Office, Westmeath County Council,
Áras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
Tel: 044 9338945
Email: localenterprise@westmeathcoco.ie



WORKS COMPLETED PRIOR TO GRANT APPROVAL WILL NOT BE FUNDED

For more information click on link below



Westmeath County Council (WCC) Our Services
Westmeath County Council services and information
www.westmeathcoco.ie



Sweeping Schedules for Athlone/Moate and Mullingar- Kinnegad Municipal District

SCHEDULE FOR STREET SWEEPING
Municipal District of Athlone-Moate
21 July 2025 – 12 October 2025

Location	Date
Abbey Cottages	Thursday 4 September 2025
Abbey Graveyard access	Fortnightly: Thursday
Abbey Road	Weekly: Monday
Abbeygarth	Thursday 24 July 2025
Abbey Lane	Friday 8 August 2025 Friday 5 September 2025 Friday 3 October 2025
Altown	Thursday 14 August 2025
Annsfield Court	Thursday 24 July 2025
Annsfield Woods	Thursday 24 July 2025
Arcadia (One Mile)	Weekly: Monday
Arcadia Court	Thursday 2 October 2025
Arcadia Crescent	Thursday 2 October 2025
Ardbrae Park	Thursday 24 July 2025
Ardilaun	Thursday 18 September 2025
Ardnaglug	Thursday 14 August 2025
Ardnaree	Thursday 2 October 2025
Ashdale	Weekly: Monday
Ashgrove	Thursday 14 August 2025
Ashley Crescent	Tuesday 22 July 2025
Assumption Road	Thursday 18 September 2025
Athlone Castle access ramps	Daily
Athlone Marina access	Fortnightly: Thursday Thursday 7 August 2025

Please visit the notices section of the WPPN website for these schedules
<https://westmeathppn.ie/schedule-for-street-sweeping-for-westmeath/>

Institute of Public Health



FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

*“Physical Activity in Later Life:
Staying Active in an Online World”*

10am Thurs 23 Oct 2025

The Institute of Public Health’s webinar will focus on staying active in a digital world, particularly as we age.

Including presentations from -

Professor Adrian Bauman, Director of Prevention Research
Collaboration, Sydney School of Public Health

Dr Jacqueline Mair, Senior Scientist, Mobile Health
Interventions, Singapore-ETH Centre

Meg Hegarty, Active Programme FitLine Coordinator, Age and
Opportunity

[More info at https://www.publichealth.ie/](https://www.publichealth.ie/)



Sláintecare & Healthy Westmeath's 'Not Around Us' initiative

- 'Not Around Us' is an invitation from young people.
- It encourages the creation of a smoke/vape free environment and mindset for our young people
- It aims to help de-normalise smoking and vaping for the next generation.
- This campaign is supported by Comhairle na nÓg and is a step towards a Tobacco Free Westmeath.
- More info can be found on the Community Development page on the WCC website - [click here](#)



WPPN Member Groups Noticeboard

Killucan Area Men's Shed Fundraiser



LIVE MUSIC
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST
Fundraiser at Pewter Cafe
12 - 4

1ST PRIZE ROCKING HORSE
2ND PRIZE €100 VOUCHER
3RD PRIZE HAMPER
ADDITIONAL SPOT PRIZES

NO RESERVED SEATING

Tickets available at both tills

WIN THIS MAGNIFICENT ROCKING HORSE

Crafted by Killucan Area Mens Shed

BUMBLEance.com
Children's Ambulance Service

RAFFLE TAKES PLACE AT 3.30
Tickets €10 3 for €20

PROCEEDS IN AID OF BUMBLANCE AND KILLUCAN AREA MENS SHED

Shoulder to Shoulder

Contact ppn@westmeathcoco.ie to tell us
about your group's events this summer



- Westmeath's Local Authority Integration Team is in place to support new arrivals into communities.
- They identify supports needed to help integrate people into the community.
- They provide clinics onsite at accommodation centres, in the community, online or where required.

For more info and contact details of the LAIT Team visit the Community Section page of WCC website at <https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/communitydevelopment/lait/>

For regular updates follow Westmeath Integration on their social media page <https://www.facebook.com/LAITWestmeath>



iReport.ie Racist Incident Reporting System:

Racism.
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End it

iReport.ie is a national, confidential and easy to use online racist incident reporting tool for people who experience or witness racism to do something about it.

For more info visit - <https://www.ireport.ie>



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**For further information &
to arrange booking contact:**

Local Enterprise Office,
Westmeath County Council,
Áras an Chontae, Mount Street,
Mullingar N91 FH4N.
Phone: **044 9338945**

✉ localenterprise@westmeathcoco.ie


Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Remote Working Hubs in the Midlands

At last month's Linkage Group Meeting we had an interesting presentation on the remote working hub situated next to the main council buildings in Mullingar.

There are three Remote Working Hubs in the county and a further eight community hubs with flexible spaces for meetings rooms and hot desk facilities in Westmeath.

**Directory
Midlands Hubs
2023**
Midlands Network of Co-working Facilities

**Showcasing welcoming workspaces
throughout the Midlands**

**Find your Hub
Midlands Region Map**

Longford Hubs

1. Co-work, Edgeworthstown
2. EDI Centre, Longford
3. Ardagh Remote Working Hub
4. Latin School Remote Working Hub, Moyne
5. The Yard Hub, Abbeysthule
6. Abbeysthule Airport Hub
7. Mullingar/Algha Remote Working Hub
8. Moydow Remote Working Hub

Westmeath Hubs

9. ACT Business Hub, Athlone
10. Mullingar Community and Enterprise Centre
11. Mullingar Enterprise Technology and Innovation Centre
12. e-Working Centre, Mullingar

Offaly Hubs

13. Stream BIRR
14. The Junction, Tullamore
15. Ballycommon Telework and Training Centre
16. e-Hive Edenderry
17. CREATIVES, Edenderry
18. tcube, Edenderry

Laois Hubs

19. Bloom HQ, Mountrath
20. webmill, Mountmellick
21. VISION 85, Portlaoise
22. Portlaoise Enterprise Centre
23. Portlaoise Enterprise Centre
24. Brand Central Hub, Rathdowney

Visit this WCC website page for info and links
www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/business/business/e-working



Voluntary Support Group

About Us

Cavernoma Ireland is a voluntary support group. Founded in 2018.

Our mission is to help people living in Ireland who are affected by cavernoma, including friends, family, carers and professionals.

We aim to do this through support, providing information, putting members in contact with other relevant parties and hosting events.

Our goal is to raise awareness of cavernoma, and its consequences for those affected.

Contact Us

www.cavernomaireland.ie

cavernomaireland@gmail.com

[@CavernomaIrelandSupport](https://www.facebook.com/CavernomaIrelandSupport)

[@cavernomaireland](https://www.instagram.com/cavernomaireland)

[@CavernomaIre](https://www.twitter.com/CavernomaIre)



For more information visit
www.cavernomaireland.ie

Westmeath Just Transition Officer Notices


Midlands
IRELAND



Ballinahown: A Small Village with Big Ideas

“Ballinahown is remarkable because of what they’ve done and in terms of their village. Rather than waiting for things to happen, they took water management in particular, into their own hands.”

Read more about Ballinahown’s Biodiversity Journey on <https://www.midlandsireland.ie>

EU Just Transition Fund

LAWPRO

Local Authority Waters Programme

Water Heritage Day Sunday 24 August 2025

Water Heritage Day is an opportunity to explore traditions, practices, knowledge and skills associated with our natural waters.



Visit LAWPRO site for more details www.lawaters.ie



**GROW MENTAL HEALTH PEER
SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING**

**National Learning Network Centre
Belhavel Building, Golden Island, Athlone.
Every Wednesday. 7.30pm-9.30pm**

**1428 Retirement Club
Harbour Street, Mullingar.
Every Tuesday. 7.30pm-9.30pm**

**CONTACT ASSUMPTA -0868114135
assumptalyons@grow.ie
www.grow.ie Infoline-0818474474**

All Together in Dignity - Ireland

Working with those affected by chronic poverty

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



When people are left behind in our community due to poverty, exclusion, displacement and socioeconomic discrimination; this is a violation of their Human Rights.

Our new Leave No One Behind series will focus on our shared rights, values and the collective actions needed for a more inclusive society.



For more info visit
<https://www.atdireland.ie>

Full Circle Awards



Do you know a Circular Champion? We're looking to celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to promote the circular economy. The winners will receive a prize of €2,000, as well as dedicated, expert communications mentoring for their circular initiatives.

Our categories are: Repair and Reuse Champion; Community Circular Champion; Creative Circular Artist; Circular Living Advocate; Best Community Campaign; and Young Circular Star (under-18).

Nominate them at [Circular.ie](https://circular.ie)



AgeWell Europe is -

- 8-week online program
- Promoting healthy ageing
- For middle-aged and older adults
- Tailored exercise classes
- Health education workshops
- Covering strength, fitness, balance, and flexibility

To sign up visit

<https://agewelleurope.eu>



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WCC Arts Office Notes

Creative Youth Plan 2023-2027

Creative Youth places creativity at the heart of children and young peoples' lives.



An interim report, providing an update on the plan has just been published - read this report by clicking on this link

Keep up-to-date with WCC Arts News at

<https://westmeathculture.ie>

WCC Heritage & Biodiversity Notes

The Great Irish Fossil Hunt



University College Cork's citizen science initiative. The Irish Public are encouraged to find, photograph and contribute photos of their fossil finds. Information to be used to build a fossil map of Ireland. Closing date 31 August 2025.

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/fossil-heritage/thegreatirishfossilhunt/>

Keep up-to-date with WCC Heritage News at



**Edgeworthstown
Parent & Baby/Toddler
Group**

Tuesday

10:30 - 12:00pm

The Green, Edgeworthstown

'Every Week on Tuesday'

CONTACT: BRID 087 412 2922

Longford Westmeath Children and Young
People's Services Committee

Co-ordinator: Gráinne Reid

044 935 3957 - grainne.reid@tusla.ie

Primary Care Centre, Harbour Road, Mullingar

More info at <https://www.cypsc.ie/>

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DRINKAWARE

New events page on promoting alcohol-free events in Ireland.



From coffee meetups, creative workshops, sober speed-dating and raves, run clubs ... this page will make it easier to socialise in supportive, sober settings.

Visit DRINKAWARE website at

<https://www.drinkaware.ie/dry-vibe-hub-alcohol-free-events/>

Hosting an event??

contact info@drinkaware.ie



SANCTUARY RUNNERS

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Set the Pace - Lead the Change!

- **Solidarity**
- **Friendship**
- **Respect**

Everyone is welcome at Sanctuary Runners!

Come and join the friendliest running & walking group

WHO WE ARE:

- Bringing together your entire community, including asylum seekers, refugees, migrants & Irish residents
- Build friendships, networks & learn from each other
- Get fit, get outside and have some fun!

HOW IT WORKS:

- Come along and walk or run, all abilities welcome!
- Join us at events around the country!
- Be part of the blue wave in your Sanctuary Runner t-shirt!

- 
- New group launching in Mullingar!
 - Run Jog or walk together each Saturday morning
 - Call or email to find out more

 083 4083621

 annemarie@sanctuaryrunners.ie



'GREEN'

YOUR FESTIVAL & EVENTS



Catering

- Choose local catering companies to reduce transportation miles
- Prevent the creation of waste by limiting the use of disposable items e.g. take away cups, tableware, cutlery, napkins, straws etc.
- For unavoidable waste, provide bins to segregate waste into recyclables, general waste and food waste.
- Encourage the use of reusable water bottles & provide water foundations/refill points at the event.
- Promote a reusable cup system for hot drinks.



Transport

- Promote the use of public transport, have public transport information readily available to and from the venue.
- Plan start and finish times to coincide with public transport timetables.
- Plan and promote efforts like park and stride
- Promote the use of bicycles and have bicycle facilities in place.



Waste

- Never litter – always ensure you bring your waste home or use the bins provided.
- Minimise literature by using emails, online marketing and information boards.
- Use signage and posters that can be reused.
- Encourage use of your website for informational material
- Limit the size, quantity and frequency of printed materials. If printing is required, print double-sided using recycled paper.
- Any branded materials, such as pens etc. should be made of recycled, biodegradable and sustainably sourced materials.



Energy

- Use energy efficient equipment where possible
- If using boilers or generators, use sustainable carbon neutral fuels such as biodiesel or wood pellet.
- Use natural daylight as much as possible



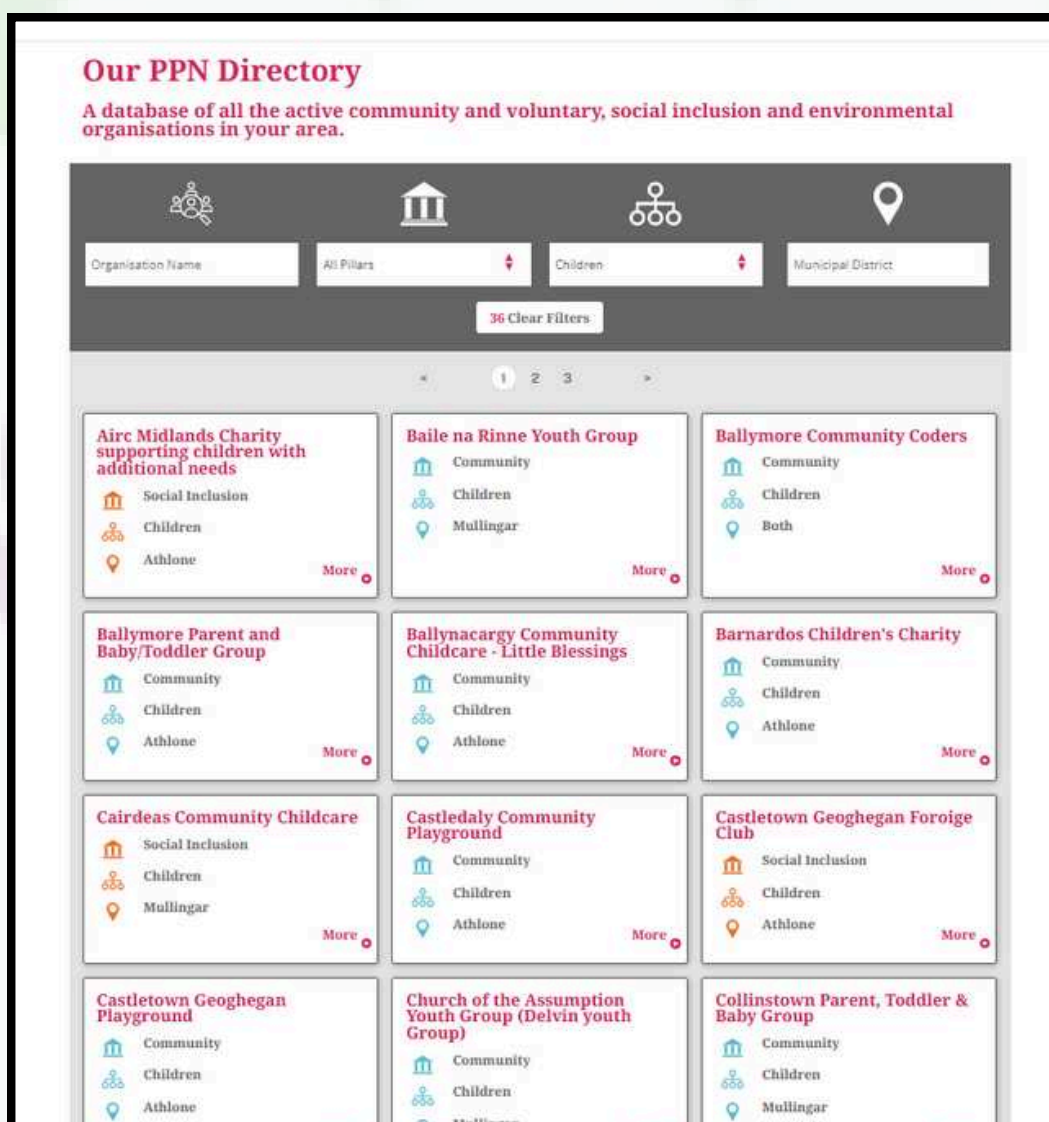
New WPPN Website

Members Page - <https://westmeathppn.ie/members/>

One of the great features of the the website is the 'Members Directory'.

You can use this feature to search for groups in your area, and/or groups doing similar work.

Here's an example to show it could be useful to you. Just say you'd like to see what youth groups are near you. Set the 'Cause' filter to groups that are involved with 'Children'.



Personal contact details are not shared on the site - but if you would like to get in touch with a group, email us at ppn@westmeathcoco.ie and we will make contact on your behalf

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