



Newsletter

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2025

Hello from Mark and Martin at the WPPN.

24th November, the date of the Autumn Plenary is fast approaching. As usual the event will take place in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar.

Nominees for a number of vacant positions will be ratified or elected on the night. So we encourage all our WPPN clubs, groups, committees and societies to nominate a member to represent them at this event.

For those of you who couldn't attend our Linkage Group Meetings we've placed the presentations on our website. These include information on funding available under the Community Climate Action Program and an update on the project to build a Mullingar Food Hub centre.

Thanks to all who attended last month's organic planting workshop with Colman Power in Murtagh's Organic Farm, Ballynacarrigy. The impromptu lesson on fruit-tree pruning was excellent. Hopefully all your little seedings for winter greens have emerged!

All the best

*Mark Ahearn and Martin Fagan
Westmeath PPN*



Mark attending last month's SICAP Showcase Event in Athlone

[Keep up-to-date with the WPPN Website westmeathppn.ie](http://westmeathppn.ie)

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



Public Participation Network **Westmeath**

WPPN Autumn Plenary

Monday 24th November. 6-9pm
Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar

For more details and registration

[CLICK HERE](#)

Local Community Safety Partnership Nominees Sought

The newly established Westmeath LCSP is seeking nominations for WPPN Rural Area Interest Representatives from WPPN community groups working outside the urban areas of Mullingar and Athlone.

For more info on this role contact Brigid Geoghegan, Local Community Safety Partnership Co-Ordinator at -

044 9338918 | bgeoghegan@westmeathcoco.ie

Municipal District Submissions

Thank you to all our community groups who have taken the time to identify and write submissions highlighting issues of concern for their group, area and community. These have been processed and following a meeting of your delegates, have been sent to the two Municipal Districts.



WESTMEATH INTEGRATION

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)



RAINBOW REFUGEE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Thursday, 6 November 2025 | 10:00-13:00
Athlone Civic Centre



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.

[https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/
communitydevelopment/lait/](https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/communitydevelopment/lait/)

<https://www.facebook.com/LAITWestmeath>





GROW YOUR OWN EVENT
WITH COLMAN POWER
AT MURTAGH'S ORGANIC FARM BALLINACARRIGY

Westmeath Community Climate Action Officer Notices

Phase 2 - *Launching Sept 2025*

Community Climate Action Fund

Building Low Carbon Communities in Westmeath

Funding will be made available
to local community groups to
support local projects which help:

- ✓ Reduce Greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Increase climate resilience
- ✓ Assist transition to a low carbon economy

Funding available for
Small, Medium and Large
Projects

EMAIL:
ageoghegan@westmeathcoco.ie
to register your interest



CLICK HERE to
join these
Webinars
10th & 17th Nov
7-8.30pm

For an overview of the
Community Climate
Action Fund see
Andrea's presentation
to a recent WPPN
Linkage Group here.

**From Kettle to Climate:
Let's talk tea**

*What do a cup of tea
and climate change
have in common?*

Join us for a 'Climate Conversation'
Webinar with Jacinta Barrins
&
Hear from a Climate Action Officer
on how to apply for funding through
the Community Climate Action
Programme

Monday 10th November
Monday 17th November 7-8.30pm

**Contact Andrea Geoghegan, Community Climate
Action Officer, to register your interest -
044-9332125 ageoghegan@westmeathcoco.ie**

[More info on the WCC website's Environment page](#)





WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
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HAVE YOU A **VACANT** OR **DERELICT** PROPERTY OR INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING ONE?

Do you know Westmeath County Council offers supports to owners of Derelict/Vacant properties in the following ways:

- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant/ Derelict Property Top-Up Grant
- Buy and Renew Scheme/Repair and Leasing Scheme



Do you want to hear more?

Come along to one of our **FREE** information sessions in the following locations:

-  **MULLINGAR - Tuesday 11th November** in the Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar N91 X9RN
-  **ATHLONE - Tuesday 18th November** in the Bounty Bar, Coosan, Athlone N37 K0T9
-  **TIMES - 7pm to 9pm** with a **TALK** being given at **7.30pm** by **Vacant Homes Officer** on both nights followed by a **Q and A** session.



Register your interest in attending one of the sessions by scanning the QR code **SCAN ME** →



[Click here to register for these events](#)

Westmeath Community Development 2023-2027 LEADER Programme

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING

GET PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO ACCESS LEADER FUNDING BY

- CONNECTING WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES
- HEAR FROM
 - VOLUNTEERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED LEADER FUNDED PROJECTS
 - A LEADER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

WHERE & WHEN

Tuesday November 25th 6:30-9pm
Maryland GAA Club, Drumraney,
N37 WY17.

OR

Wednesday November 26th 6:30-9pm
Mullingar Charity Variety Group
N91 E1WD.

Click on this link to register
<http://bit.ly/3WkdBot>

For more details
email leader@westcd.ie
visit www.westcd.ie
telephone 044 9348571.

Scan to register





EVENT SCHEDULE

WED 5TH NOV 5:30PM-7PM

Coffee Meet Up
Caffè Nero (Free Entry)

SAT 8TH NOV 1PM-5PM

Winter Pride Market
Dead Centre Brewing (Free Entry)

THURS 6TH NOV 10AM-1PM

Rainbow Refugee Awareness
Workshop for Paid Service Providers
Athlone Civic Centre
(Free Registration)

SAT 8TH NOV 5PM

Pride Cocktails
Dead Centre Brewing (Free Entry)

FRI 7TH - SUN 16TH NOV

Winter Pride Art Exhibition
Luan Gallery (Free Entry)

SUN 9TH NOV 1PM

Pride Poetry, Prose and Music
Athlone Bookshop (Free Entry)

FRI 7TH NOV 8:30PM

Winter Pride Party
Piano Bar (€15 + fees*)

SUN 9TH NOV 3:30PM-5:30PM

Progressing Trans Healthcare
Panel Discussion
DM for Location (Free Entry)

SAT 8TH NOV 10AM

Memphis Shell Burlesque Workshop
Athlone Pole Dance Studio
(€15 + fees*)

SUN 9TH NOV 7:30PM

Queer Quiz
Gertie Browne's (€10 per person)

SAT 8TH NOV 11AM

Pride Breakfast
Gertie Browne's (Free Entry)

FRI 14TH NOV 8PM

Charity Gig for Gaza -
Dean Crowe Theatre (€15 + fees*)

*ONLINE TICKETS WILL REQUIRE BOOKING FEE

To contact and get involved visit

<https://www.midlandslgbtproject.com/heartlands-pride>

History Weekend in Castlepollard

7th-9th November 2025

Recalling Past Politicians.



8pm, Fri, 7th Nov - Castle Varagh Hotel
Talk by John Fagan on Charles Fagan of Gartlandstown, a
Dail Deputy from 1933 until 1961.

8pm, Sat, 8th Nov - Castlepollard Parish Centre
Talk by Bill Ryan on the Fianna Fail TD Joe Kennedy, who
served as a deputy from 1927 until his death in 1965.

4pm, Sun, 9th Nov - Castle Varagh Hotel
Talk by Ruth Illingworth on the Fine Gael TD Gerry
L'Estrange, a Dail deputy from 1965 to 1987.



Free Workshop - Connecting With Men

The aim of this workshop is to assist a broad range of practitioners and service providers to explore the world of males, and to develop practical strategies for effectively engaging with them around health and wellbeing issues. This workshop will be of interest to a broad range of service providers and practitioners who wish to connect in more meaningful ways with men.

To apply for a place on this workshop or for further information, please contact:

Health Promotion & Improvement Department

Free phone 1800 242 505

Email healthpromotion.midlands@hse.ie

Places allocated on a first come first served basis

WCC Library News

New Kinnegad Library Open!



Opening hours and contact details at
<https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/our-services/library>

WCC Library News

Athlone Library Closed for Building Works

Athlone Library will
be closed from 5pm
October 24th

It is anticipated that we will reopen on
Monday 19th January.

Our Library Online Service is open 24/7 giving
you access to eBooks, eAudiobooks,
eNewspapers and eMagazines.

Remember your library card will work in **any**
public library in the country, and you can also
return your books to any library.

Website: westmeathculture.ie

Phone: 044 933 2162

Email: library@westmeathcoco.ie



More information at

<https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/library>



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

Public Consultation

on

National Strategy

for Improving Community Safety

- National Office for Community Safety invites Public Participation Networks to submit expert input to the development of the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety.
- The first phase of this process seeks input from stakeholders with specialist knowledge, expertise or vested interest on issues relating to community safety.
- Deadline – 28th November 2025

Full details on how to contribute to this consultation process including the key issues to be considered can be found on the WPPN Website [HERE](#)

WCC Library Events

The Glass Room Misinformation Edition
Exhibition - Mullingar Library

24th October - 31st October

This important exhibition explores misinformation online - from deep-faked AI-generated material to social media company tactics.



This interactive exhibition can also be
viewed online at

<https://www.theglassroom.org>



Part of Global Media and Information Literacy Week



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Public Consultations

Notice of Declaration of Public Roads - Municipal District of Athlone & Moate

Concerning roads within the following named residential estates being made public roads -
Temple Linn, Ballymore | Annsfield Court, Baylough, Athlone | Weavers Place, Moate

More info on the WCC Public Consultation Portal

Deadline for Submissions: 4pm, Thursday, 27th Nov 2025.

Visit the WCC Consultation Portal at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie>

Selection of Preferred Option for the Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway project

'Preferred Option (PO) starts at Kilbeggan Harbour and includes a section north along the River Brosna to Ballynagore. From here it then continues north to just south of Lough Ennell. At this point the PO includes a corridor linking it to Lilliput Adventure Centre. The PO then goes eastwards towards Dalystown before turning north and continuing to the east of Lough Ennell. The PO includes both Carrick Wood and Belvedere House and Gardens. From here it continues north around Lough Ennell to Lynn Road before turning northwest to join with the Old Rail Trail to the southwest of Mullingar.'

For more information including maps, overview of the process and next steps visit the Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway site [HERE](#)





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Temporary Closure of Athlone Castle Visitor Centre

Athlone Castle Visitor Centre will close to the public from Sunday, 19 October 2025, for redevelopment works.



Westmeath County Council is undertaking necessary improvement works at the site as part of a redevelopment project, supported by €3.2 million in funding through Fáilte Ireland's Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme, co-funded by the EU and the Government of Ireland under the EU Just Transition Fund.

The anticipated reopening is Autumn 2026, although this date is subject to confirmation.



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Eastern and Midland
Regional Assembly



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Heritage Officer News

2025 National Heritage Week Awards

Two Westmeath Groups have been shortlisted

- *Connaught Street and Environs Group for their event entitled 'Echoes of Athlone'.*
- *Tubberclare Local Action Group for their event 'Commemorative 200th Anniversary of the Construction of the Low Road'.*

Talk on Argentine Emigration Oral Project available online

- Talk delivered by Adrian Roche in Mullingar Library during Heritage Week
- [View on Youtube at this link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBHgh003EZO)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBHgh003EZO>



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

Westmeath Just Transition Officer

Just Transition Fest

Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Event
showcasing EU Just Transition Projects

Wednesday, November 5th 2025

Mount Druid, Castletown Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath

Join us for an immersive and interactive expo-style day featuring:

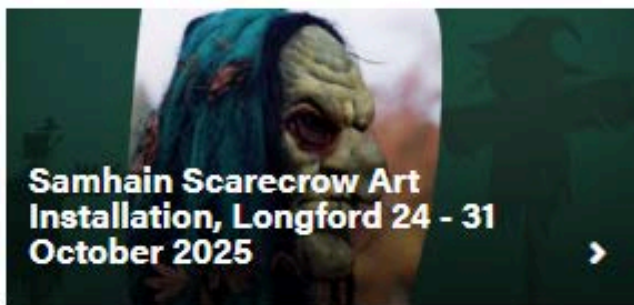
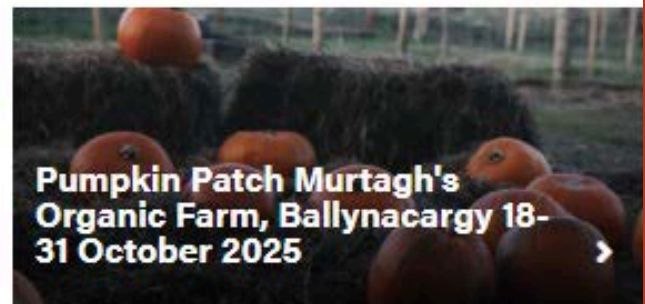
- ▶ An exhibition of inspiring projects funded through the EU Just Transition Fund.
- ▶ Presentations and case studies from project beneficiaries.
- ▶ Networking opportunities and breakout sessions with meaningful conversations

The EU Just Transition Fund is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.

[CLICK HERE FOR FREE TICKETS](#)

EU Just Transition Fund







IRELAND HOME of HALLOWEEN



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

FRI 31ST OCT 4-8PM



FAMILY DISCO

PUPPET SHOW

CIRCUS SKILLS

SPELL CASTING

MAGIC SHOW

FACE PAINTING

STORY TELLING

PUMPKIN PATCH

CLOWN TRAIL

FIRE BREATHING

DRAGONS DEN
4-7PM

PIRATE ISLAND
S1-4PM S2-5:30PM

SHIP RECK
4-6:30PM

DRAGONS DEN
4-6:30PM

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DRAGONS DEN
4-6:30PM

DRAGONS DEN
4-6:30PM

SENSORY GARDEN
4-6:30PM

Haunted WOOD
5-6:30PM

DRAGONS DEN
7-8PM



ATHLONE REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE - N37W3W0



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

‘Barriers to Involvement in PPNs’ report

- Report published (including ‘Easy-Read’ version – [click here to view](#))
- Invitation to a public webinar lead by lead researcher to discuss the report.
- Eamonn Seydak of S3 Solutions will present on the findings of the research and will be taking questions afterwards.
- 12th November. 6pm-7pm
- [Register for this webinar by clicking this link](#)

Moate Town Centre Enhancement

- €780,000 has been ear-marked for the enhancement of Moate Town Centre including public realm works, improved parking, provision of universal access, streetscape enhancement and landscaping.
- Part of a €20.5 Million package for 30 Rural Regeneration Projects Nationwide, under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Program
- This program aims to combat dereliction and increase the vibrancy of our towns and villages
- Projects will include the transformation of heritage buildings, former cinemas, courthouses and vacant buildings into creative studios, visitor centres, museums, libraries and community spaces.



FREE Training Workshops



Are you a member of a local community group?

Would you like to learn some more skills to help you in your role as a group rep?

If so, you are invited to sign up for our workshops

| Dates | Topic | Time | Venue |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 03/11/2025 | AI Online Training | 10am-1pm | Online |
| 05/11/2025 12/11/2025 | Committee Skills (2 evenings training) | 6.30pm-9.30 pm | Rochfortbridge Community Centre |
| 19/11/2025 26/11/2025 | Committee Skills (2 evenings training) | 6.30pm-9.30 pm | Coralstown/Kinnegad GAA Club |
| 06/11/2025 | Media Skills | 6.30pm-9.30 pm | Castle Varagh Hotel, Castlepollard |
| 13/11/2025 | Media Skills | 6.30pm-9.30 pm | SWEETS Offices, Kilbeggan |
| 18/11/2025 | Funding Workshop | 10 am-4 pm | Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar |
| 24/11/2025 | Funding Workshop | 10 am-4 pm | Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone |
| 20/11/2025 | Disability Awareness | 9.30am-4.00pm | Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone |
| 27/11/2025 | Disability Awareness | 9.30am-4.00pm | Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar |

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.
 SICAP group representatives receive priority for a place.
 Closing date for receipt of bookings is Friday 31st October 2025.
 Workshops are not accredited but delivered by very experienced Trainers

To book a place on our workshops
 Phone 04493-48571, or email reception@westcd.ie



For more information on Westmeath Community Development Services goto <https://westcd.ie>

03.12.25

10am - 4pm

TUS International Arena,
Athlone, Westmeath, N37 HD68.

Showcasing the Midlands Region

- One-day Event
- Impressive Key Speakers
- Panel Discussions
- Exhibiting Business, Innovation, Education & Skills

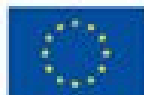
Where everything connects

ICT | Advanced Manufacturing | Climate Action & Renewables
Food & Drink | Tourism | Education & Skills | Support Agencies

More information to follow, closer to date



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government supporting communities



MS Ireland

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Coffee Morning

You are kindly invited to join us for tea/coffee, scones and an opportunity to meet other people living with MS in the region. MS Ireland staff will be available on the day.



WEDNESDAY
26TH NOV 2025

FROM
11:00AM - 1.00PM

Mullingar Park Hotel
Co. Westmeath
A91 A4EP

Please register your interest by calling
Diane on Tel: 042 9754304 or
Email: midlands@ms-society.ie

Pre-Registration Training for Childminders



The **Pre-Registration Training** is mandatory training for childminders & is the first step in registering with Tusla.

It will give you all the information you need to be a childminder, understand the new Childminding Regulations and documents required to register with Tusla.

This training:

- takes approximately 6 - 7 hours and is FREE
- will be delivered either online or in person
- has no assessment
- will provide you with a certificate of completion
- is available via **Westmeath County Childcare Committee**



Wednesday 5th November On-line 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 12 November On-line 6.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesday 18th November in Person 10am - 12 noon
@ Westmeath CCC Office. Contact Michelle by email:
childminding@westmeathchildcare.ie or call 087-433 7700





WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí
Transportation Department

Athlone Municipal District Sweeping Schedule Oct 25-Jan 26



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

HeARTlands

An exhibition & sale of work by
artists from the
Hidden Heartlands Region



**Edgeworthstown Library
Main Street, Edgeworthstown,
County Longford N39 F7Y8**

Friday 21st November - Friday 19th December 2025

Closing Date for Submissions 9th November 12pm

**For conditions of submission
Email : heartlandsartexhibitions@gmail.com**

More info at

<https://www.facebook.com/heARTlandsartexhibitions/>

WPPN Member News

9th Westmeath Milltownpass Scout Group



Dates & Times

Saturday 13th December, 13:15 and 15:15
Sunday 14th December, 11:15 and 13:15

Location

Mullingar Railway Station
N91 HKR4



[More info at](https://9thwestmeathscouts.com/santa-express-2025)


<https://9thwestmeathscouts.com/santa-express-2025>


PREGNANCY MEET UP


BY MY PREGNANCY JOURNALS

Join us for a warm, free meetup for expectant parents to swap tips, hear from experts, and make new parent-friends.

- ✓ Meet other local expectant parents
- ✓ Family friendly, children welcome
- ✓ Guest Speaker: Dr Sonya Quinn
- ✓ Book Free tickets on Eventbrite


 **Saturday**
8th Nov, 2025

 **10:00 AM**
12:00 PM

 Hydrate Water and
Wellness Store,
N91 YP70

**Scan the QR code to
Book your FREE Ticket**

CONTACT US

 bronagh@mypregnancyjournals.com



Saturday, November 8th
Hydrate Water and Wellness Store
Ballinalack



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Skills for Life program to be delivered by Public Libraries

- Public libraries partner with Media Literacy Ireland to train over 50 librarians as Media Literacy Champions.
- This program is part of the Public Library Strategy
- It will equip individuals with essential skills to navigate modern life.
- The programme will be available across all 30 local authority library services and will offer support in six key areas:
 - Basic Digital Skills
 - Financial Literacy
 - Media Literacy
 - Business and Employment Skills
 - Health Awareness
 - Sustainable Lifestyles and Environmental Awareness



[Click here for information on the Public Library Strategy.](#)



STEM Officer Callout

Kelley, our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Officer, is looking for schools and voluntary groups etc who would be interested in hosting free STEM workshops in their locality.



This is part of WCC programme to encourage interest in young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, with a particular focus on Computer Science.

Examples of workshops would include robotics, coding, micro-bits and AI.

GOTO STEM WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFO

Kelley Keogh, STEM Engagement Officer, c/o Community Development Section, Westmeath County Council, Mullingar.
Email: kelley.keogh@westmeathcoco.ie | 044-9332093

Introduction to Mindfulness

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ONLINE
MINDFULNESS CLASS SCHEDULE, PLEASE
CONTACT DIANE
TEL: 042 9754304
EMAIL: MIDLANDS@MS-SOCIETY.IE

Community Worker:

Longford & Westmeath

Ciara Naughton

Tel: 086 8280073

ciaran@ms-society.ie



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil

Local Enterprise Office

An Iarmhí • Westmeath



Visit

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Westmeath>

to learn more

IRVA YOUTH PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Take a Stand for Safer Roads

I pledge to:

- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Never use my phone while driving
- Speak up if I feel unsafe in a car
- Always wear a seatbelt
- Always wear a helmet when using bikes or scooters
- Slow down and respect speed limits
- Protect lives by making safe choices on the road

[Click here for Pledge Webpage](#)



Irish Road Victims Association

For more info on Westmeath Comhairle na nÓg visit <https://comhairlenanog.ie/local-comhairle/westmeath/>

Start Your Journey Today

Every foster child's journey begins with a person like you. Could you be the person who gives a child a chance at a better life? Take the first step towards becoming a foster carer and help make a positive difference in your community. Join us and together we can show children that they are valued, loved, and deserving of a bright future.

Visit: fostering.ie

Freephone: 1800 226 771

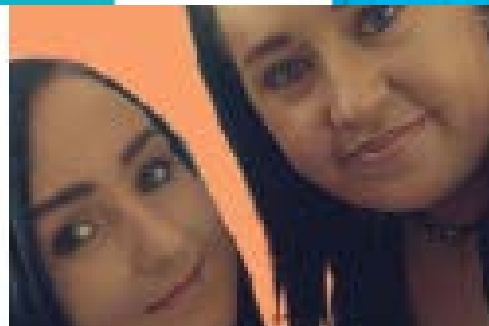
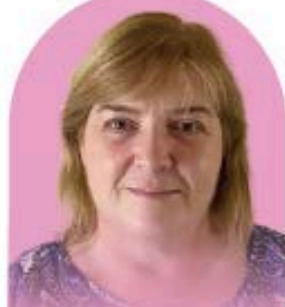
Email: tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

**Tusla
Fostering**

We foster, could you?

Discover the Rewards of Fostering



More info at

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/alternative-care/foster-care/>



THE Alzheimer
SOCIETY OF IRELAND



DEMENTIA IS NOT SIMPLY A HEALTH ISSUE BUT A **SOCIAL ISSUE** THAT **REQUIRES A COMMUNITY** RESPONSE!



WHAT IS A DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY?

A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people living with Dementia and their families fully participate in society and is one in which the people in the community are aware of and understand Dementia.

HOW CAN YOU (AS AN INDIVIDUAL), YOUR BUSINESS, SPORTING CLUB OR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION HELP CREATE A DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

Participate in one of the Dementia Awareness Induction Workshops that will be run locally. This will give you an insight into how your organisation can help to build a Dementia Inclusive Community in your area today!

[ASI Westmeath Dementia Advice - https://alzheimer.ie/county/westmeath/](https://alzheimer.ie/county/westmeath/)

Irish Environmental Network

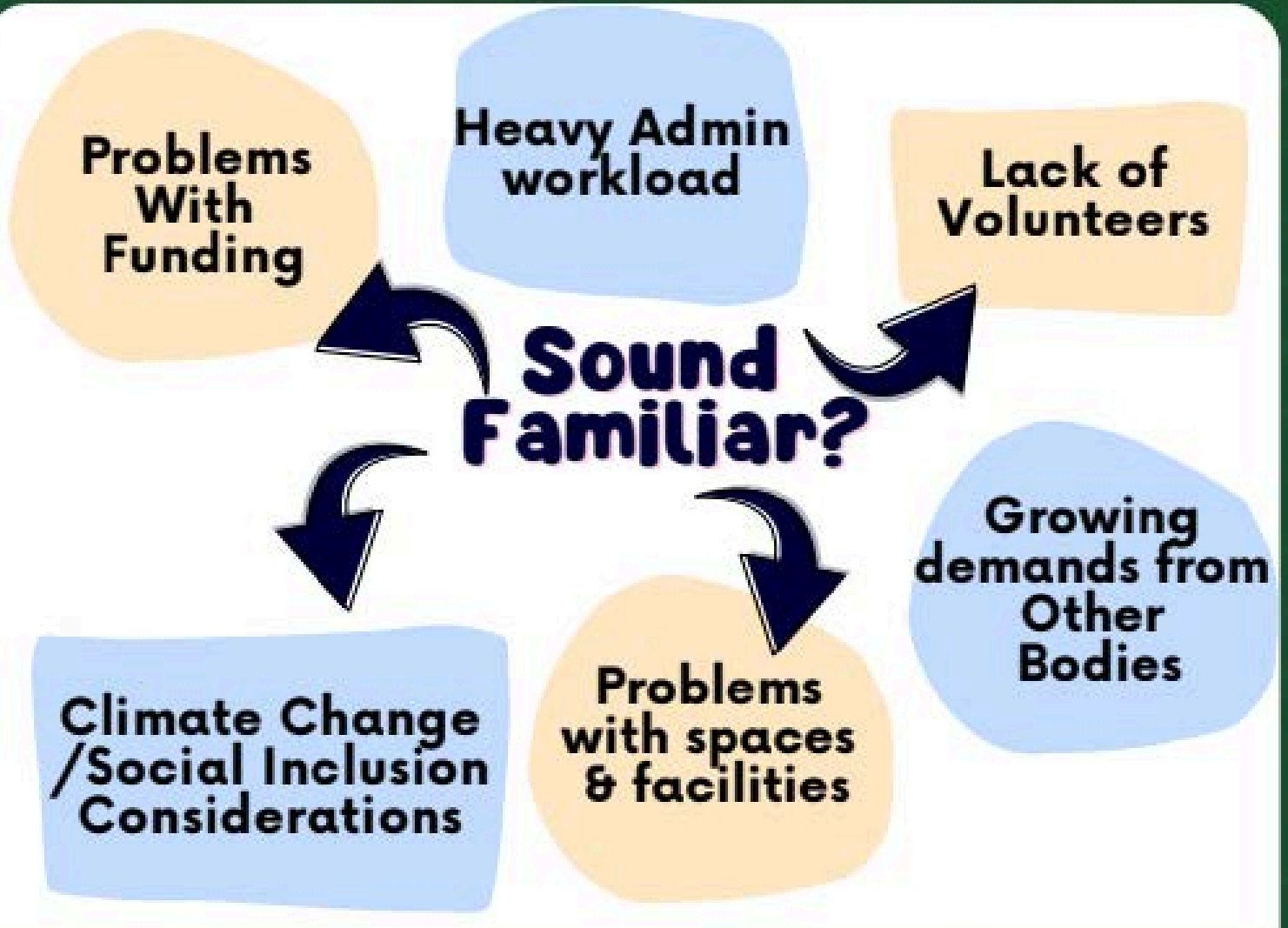


[View the IEN October Newsletter here](#)

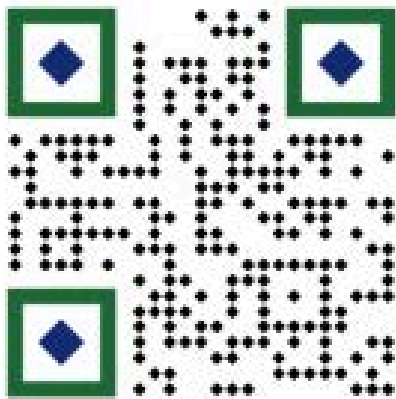


Irish
Environmental
Network

**[Read more about the IEN on their website at
https://www.ien.ie/](https://www.ien.ie/)**



Add your groups experience into national PPN research. Help us to make the case for better government support for the community sector.



This survey aims to collect the evidence needed to highlight and stress to Government the challenges faced by community groups.

It also aims to demonstrate that additional supports are needed for groups to operate successfully and thrive.

More and more is being asked of the community sector, including taking a leading role on climate action. How do we make this workable?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHFCGGT>





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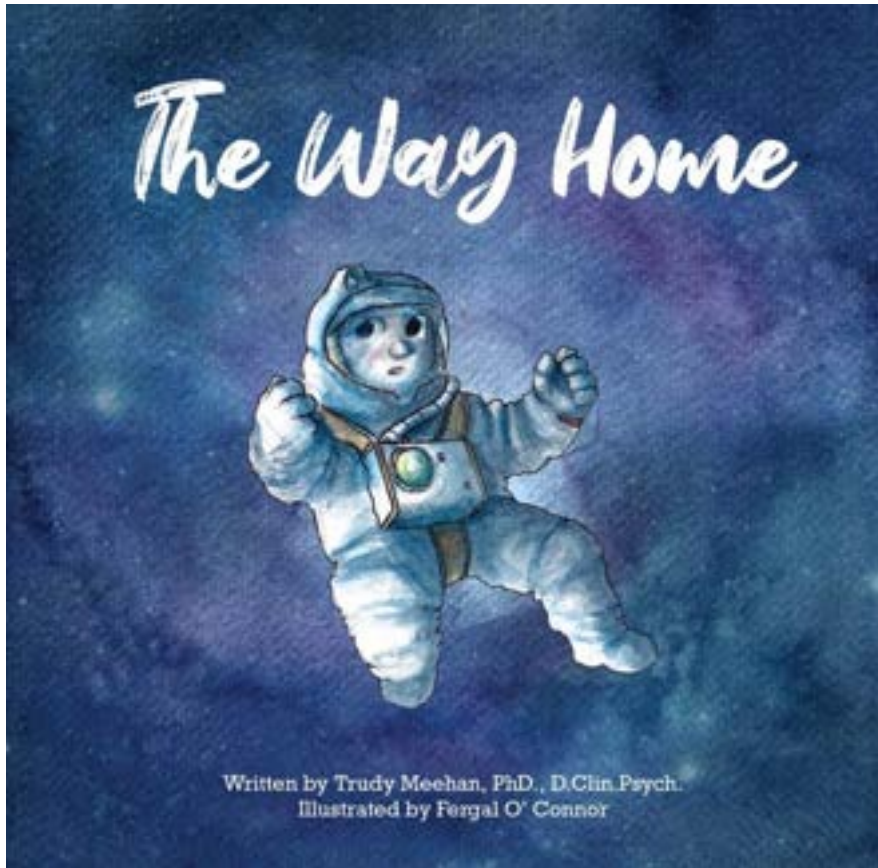
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**SAFEGUARDING 1
CHILD WELFARE &
PROTECTION
BASIC AWARENESS
WORKSHOP**

More info available at
www.westmeathsports.ie

THE WAY HOME

AN ILLUSTRATED STORYBOOK FOR CHILDREN NAVIGATING TRAUMATIC LOSS



Dr. Trudy Meehan, Clinical Psychologist wrote *The Way Home* to help families experiencing bereavement. Inspired by her personal experience after her daughter's father died by suicide, the book uses the gentle metaphor of an astronaut lost in space—whose hope is too small and pain too big — to show how sometimes pain can be stronger than love.

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[For free download visit RCSI Repository Website](#)

[For print copies visit \[www.thewayhome.ie\]\(http://www.thewayhome.ie\)](#)

Key Features

- Provides language for difficult “why” questions after loss.
- Offers metaphors that comfort children and adults.
- Creates opportunities for conversation and connection.
- Reminds us that even in the hardest moments, love can guide us home.
- Allows young people to choose their own ending, giving a sense of control.



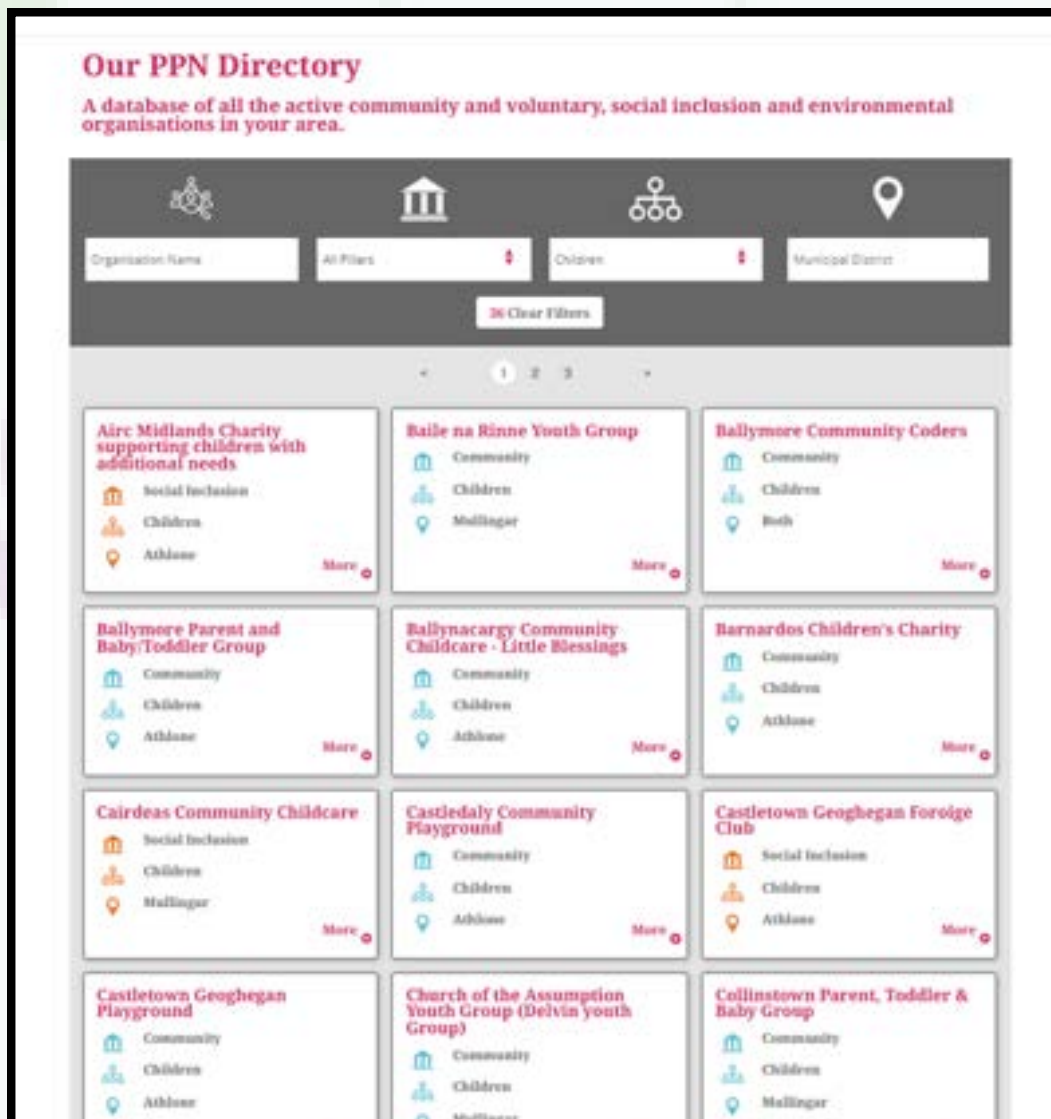
WPPN Website

[Members Page - https://westmeathppn.ie/members/](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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