



Bulletin

MID- NOVEMBER
2025

Hello from Mark and Martin at the WPPN.

We've had a lot of information come into us over the past two weeks, about events, consultations and deadlines etc in November/early December.

Instead of filling up your inboxes with lots of emails, we've decided to pull them all into this mid-month bulletin and place additional info on our website.

We'll create a December Newsletter as usual at the start of that month.

All the best,

*Mark Ahern and Martin Fagan
Westmeath PPN*

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

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



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt,
Gnóthaí Baille agus Imirce
Department of Justice,
Home Affairs and Migration

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY

Townhall Consultation



17 November
2025
6pm to 8pm



Shamrock Lodge Hotel
Clonown Rd, Athlone,
Co. Westmeath,
N37 GK73



What the event is about:

This event is part of the consultation process for the first National Strategy for Improving Community Safety.



Why you should attend:

The National Strategy for Improving Community Safety is an opportunity to redefine and improve community safety across Ireland. This is your opportunity to contribute to and shape this strategy.

The dialogue and conversations at this event will also have the potential to shape a Local Community Safety Plan for your area.

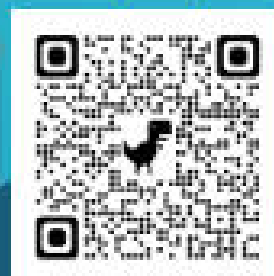
Your voice and experience matters, we want to hear it.



Who is holding this event:

The National Office for Community Safety, on behalf of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in collaboration with Westmeath Local Community Safety Partnership.

Book your place:



[OR CLICK HERE](#)

[Visit this page on the WPPN Website for Booking Link](#)



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Public Consultation

Notice of proposed Material Alterations to
Proposed Variation No. 1 to
Westmeath Co. Development Plan 2021-2027

- To incorporate a Settlement Area Plan for Mullingar under Volume 9 of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027.
- To integrate the Specific Planning Policy Requirements (SPPRs) from the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) into the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027.

**VISIT WCC's Online Consultation Portal for
full information and how to make your
submission - deadline 5pm, 9th Dec 2025**

<https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie>



Public Participation Network **Westmeath**



WPPN Autumn Plenary

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

For more details and registration

[CLICK HERE](#)



Science Week at Luan Gallery: *Systems and Cyborgs*



On From 11th - 15th Nov



Colin Martin, 'Humanoid', 2022. Image courtesy of the artist.



Luan Gallery presents *Systems and Cyborgs* - a series of talks, workshops, screenings, and creative activities in dialogue with current exhibition **SYSTEM ARMING** for Science Week 2025. Science week events will run from Tuesday, 11th Nov to Saturday, 15th Nov.

Sketchbots: Robotics Workshop (Ages 8–12)

 Saturday 15 Nov |  11am | 2 hrs duration | Free | Booking is essential

Build your own robot in this creative art + tech workshop with Kelley Keogh.

Curator's Tour: SYSTEM ARMING

 Saturday 15 Nov |  2pm | 1 hr duration | All welcome no booking required

Discover how artists are responding to the digital infrastructures shaping our world.

You are invited to apply for a place on ...



Connecting with Men

Date: Friday, 21st November 2025

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm

**Venue: Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organization |
Springfield Centre | St. Loman's Campus | Delvin Road | Mullingar | Co
Westmeath | N91 NP30**

Aim of the Workshop

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. It focuses on the engagement process (i.e. **WHY** and **HOW** to build relationships with men) rather than offering a new or revised health programme (i.e. **WHAT** to offer them).

Objectives of Workshop

The key objectives for this workshop are to:

- Reflect upon how to create a 'safe space' for working with men.
- Gain a common understanding of what men's health is and why it is important.
- Explore how gender influences the values and attitudes that men develop in relation to their health, and how this influences their health behaviours.
- Identify some of the determinants that shape health outcomes for men.
- Reflect on participants' own value base, experience, skills, attitudes towards and expectations of men.
- Explore what a 'male friendly' health programme or service looks like in practice.
- Signpost participants to further sources of help, advice, guidance and support.

Who Should Attend?

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.

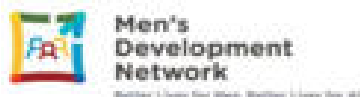
Cost

The 'Connecting with Men' workshop is free for all participants.

Further Information

To apply for a place on this workshop or for further information, please contact:
Health Promotion & Improvement Department- Free phone 1800 242 505 or Email
healthpromotion.midlands@hse.ie

Places allocated on a first come first served basis



You are invited to the launch of the

Westmeath Age Friendly Strategy

2025 - 2028



**1st December at 12.30pm
(Monday)
Bloomfield House Hotel**

Followed by Afternoon Tea Dance



RSVP



breda.reynolds@westmeathcoco.ie



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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.

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Revive, Retrofit, Reimagine



Free Clinic with information and expert advice on:

- Home Retrofit Grants
- Saving Energy at Home
- How to use Smart Meters
- Derelict/Vacant House Grants
- Community Climate Action Fund

November 22, 2025

10am – 1pm

Mullingar Library



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ENERGY AUTHORITY
OF IRELAND

Sustainable Energy Communities Programme





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- 📧 Register email [tara.rice@alzheimer.ie](mailto: tara.rice@alzheimer.ie) or call 087 633 8484

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The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 -2027.



Social Inclusion and Diversity Funding Programm

Tuath Housing is pleased to announce the launch of its Social Inclusion and Diversity Funding Programme, offering grants of up to €5,000 per project.

This funding aims to support initiatives that promote social inclusion, celebrate diversity, and demonstrate strong value for money while delivering meaningful community impact. Find out more about the funding on Tuath Website

Visit the WPPN Website for more info

<https://westmeathppn.ie/social-inclusion-and-diversity-fund-deadline-14th-nov/>

Application deadline: 14 November 2025



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



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Offaly County Council



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CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

HISTORIC STRUCTURES FUND 2026

APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN

DEADLINE 16th JANUARY 2026



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



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Soroptimist
International
Mullingar & District

CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCHEON

with Mulled Wine Reception

in Aid of Local Charities

Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar

Friday 5th December 2025

Lunch Served - 12.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in
advance from
Sarah McCormack
086 25652720.



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>



Midlands
IRELAND
Showcase

03.12.25

10am - 4pm

TUS International Arena,
Athlone, Westmeath, N37 HD68

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[Register Here](#)

Contact - Ann Marie Kelly (Midlands Ireland)-
0864405960 email anmkelly@laoiscoco.ie

IRISH COUNTRY MAGAZINE

You're Invited



ZERO TOLERANCE MIDLANDS

PRE-LAUNCH PANEL

Discussion panel with
Éist | Saying No To Silence and community
members.

Live Streamed: Irish Country Magazine



21.11.2025

2:00PM - 4:00PM



THE GREVILLE ARMS HOTEL

Pearse Street, Mullingar.



RSVP BEFORE 18.11.25



0851715177



info@notosilence.ie



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Local Enterprise Office

An Iarmhí • Westmeath

Food Starter Programme Workshops Nov-Dec

The Food Starter programme is an online 4 x 1/2 day programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at a very early stage of starting up a food business. It will cover everything from an overview of the Irish food sector to the specifics of starting a food production business.

Workshop Dates

24, 26 Nov and 08, 10 December

2pm to 5:30pm each day.

Price €20

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

For enquiries please contact
Bernadette.Martyn@westmeathcoco.ie



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Share your views in an online focus group on how Universal Health Coverage could work in Ireland.

The Institute of Public Health, on behalf of the Department of Health, is running online focus groups to hear the public views on Universal Health Coverage in Ireland.

If you are:

- Aged 18+
- A low user of GP and Primary Care health services
- Happy to take part in a focus group to share your views and understanding of UHC

Please click www.publichealth.ie/uhc  to read more and/or indicate your interest to participate.



As a token of appreciation - focus group participants will receive a €30 gift voucher.



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

**Institute of
Public Health**



FREE ENTRY

POLISH *Independence* **DAY**

- ARCHERY SHOW AND WORKSHOPS – POLISH TATAR STYLE
- PERFORMANCE BY A SLAVIC REENACTMENT GROUP
- FACE PAINTING FOR KIDS
- INFLATABLE CASTLE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOPS
- FIRE CIRCUS SHOW
- KIDS' FUN RUN
- POLISH TRADITIONAL FOOD...AND MANY MORE ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

9 NOVEMBER
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TUS International Arena,
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- 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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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**

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>

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



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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.



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The Voice of the Community