



**Public
Participation
Network
Westmeath**

NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Nuachtlitir na Samhna

Free copy



Welcome to our November newsletter!

November brings an opportunity to celebrate World Kindness Day on the 13th of November 2026. This national celebration is a chance to pause and remember that a simple conversation or act of kindness can make a real difference in someone's day.

Across Westmeath, community groups continue to create places where people feel welcome, connected and supported through volunteering, organising local events, providing services, and simply bringing people together.

This spirit of connection will be at the centre of the **Westmeath PPN Autumn Plenary Meeting on 25th of November in Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar.**

The plenary is a chance to come together as a network, celebrate the achievements of the past year share ideas and look ahead to 2027. Most importantly, it is a chance to meet fellow PPN members.

We hope this month's newsletter provides inspiration, useful information and opportunities to get involved.

Join. Connect. Participate.



*Edel & Lourdes
Westmeath PPN*

Keep Your Group Details Up to Date

Have there been any changes to your committee members or contact details? If so, please let Westmeath PPN know by emailing ppn@westmeathcoco.ie so we can update our records.

Please include:

- Name
- Position/Role
- Email Address
- Mobile Number



Stay connected with Westmeath PPN by following our social media pages for updates on:

- Upcoming events
- Grants and funding opportunities
- Workshops and training
- Community news and opportunities
- What's happening across Westmeath

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

WELCOME
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

1. Wandsboro Park Improvement Group
2. Ballymore LGFA
3. New Forest Golf Club



SCAN ME

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

Contact us by emailing ppn@westmeathcoco.ie

or call 044 933 8903 / 044 933 8939



Grow Your Own workshop

A wonderful Grow Your Own Workshop, hosted by Colman Power!

It was fantastic to see so many members of Westmeath PPN community groups come together to learn practical and sustainable ways of growing their own food. Participants enjoyed a mix of hands-on learning, seasonal growing tips, seed-saving advice, and expert guidance from Colman, who generously shared his knowledge and experience.

The workshop also provided a great opportunity for members to connect, exchange ideas, and discover how growing your own food can support healthier lifestyles, stronger communities, and a more sustainable future. A sincere thank you to Colman for delivering such an informative and inspiring workshop, Coole Hall and to everyone who attended and contributed to the positive atmosphere throughout the day.





**Public Participation
Network Westmeath**

Shaping our Place & Future

Connect • Learn • Share • Influence



Jason McCormack (Guest Speaker)

Town Centre First

Creating Vibrant, Connected and Sustainable Towns
Through Community Participation

Meet Your PPN Representatives!

Connect with the PPN Representatives who bring community voices to local decision-making. Share your views, hear updates, and meet other community groups.

Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7:00pm

Bloomfield Hotel, Mullingar

Register your attendance: [HERE](#)

For queries please email: ppn@westmeathcoco.ie or phone 044 9338903 or 8939

PPN SHAPING OUR PLACE &
FUTURE MEETING





Building a Stronger Community Together, Inspired
by Community, Driven by Action

WESTMEATH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AUTUMN PLENARY

Members of the PPN will have the opportunity to:

- Information Villages stands (supports & services)
- Share ideas and experiences
- Listen and learn from presenters
- Elect committee members
- Review the year's achievements
- Highlight issues important to your community Discuss
- Future priorities



NOVEMBER **25** 6PM REGISTRATION

BloomfieldHouseHotel, Mullingar

☎ 044 933 8903 / 8939

✉ ppn@westmeathcoco.ie

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WPPN Representing the Voice of Communities

PPN Representatives sit on a range of committees, boards and decision-making structures helping to ensure that the voices of local communities are heard where decisions are being made. PPN Representatives and Secretariat members are nominated and approved by PPN members.

If you have an issue, concern or suggestion that you would like raised at any of the boards or committees listed below, please get in touch. Our PPN Representatives can bring your views forward on behalf of the community.

Email: ppn@westmeathcoco.ie

[Website: Westmeath PPN/ Structure](#)



PPN Secretariat

The Secretariat are responsible for the day-to-day running of WPPN and delivery of the workplan with the supports of the two WPPN staff members.

- Cathryn Whelehan- Mullingar Municipal District
- Nick Linnane- Athlone Municipal District
- Dermot Hope- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Rosaleen Smartt- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Joe McEvoy- Environmental Pillar
- John Bawle- Environmental Pillar
- Madeline Crowe- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Vincent Bagnall- Community & Voluntary Pillar

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)



Assist with the development and implementation of local and community development initiatives including the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and Rural Development Programme.

- Anne Drury- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Christine O' Mahony - Social Inclusion Pillar
- John Bawle- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Vincent Bagnall- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Vacancy

Westmeath Community Development

Westmeath Community Development is a partnership which empowers people and communities to overcome disadvantage and enhance the quality of their lives chiefly through the LEADER and SICAP programmes. There are 5 PPN Reps on the 15-person Board of Directors.

- Hugh Farrell- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Paul Lynam- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Paula O'Connor- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Vacancy- Environmental Pillar
- Vacancy- Social Inclusion Pillar

Housing, Community, Recreation & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

Advise and assists the Housing, Community Development, Arts and Recreation and Library sections of Westmeath County Council in the development of policy.

- Anne Drury- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Hugh Farrell- Social Inclusion Pillar
- Vacancy- Community and Voluntary

Environment Climate Action, Rural Water & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

Advise and assists Westmeath County Council on environmental protection measures such as waste management, river basin management plan, litter control, energy efficiency, climate change and major emergency planning.

- Jack O'Sullivan- Environmental Pillar
- Monica Dolan- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- PJ Fitzpatrick- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Lónra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail An Iarmhí
Public Participation Network Westmeath



Planning Regeneration & Transportation

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

Advises and assists on the formulation, development and review of policies as they relate to the County Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Town/Settlement Plans, Heritage and roads and transportation policy.

- Alison Hough- Environmental Pillar
- Therese McCullagh-Melia- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Economic Development, Agriculture & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

Advises and assists on the formulation, development and review of policies relating to the Local Enterprise Office and maximizing investment, business, enterprise, promotion and tourism initiatives in the county.

- Michael Ward- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Westmeath Sports & Recreation Forum

Advises and assists with the promotion of recreation and sport in the county through its oversight role in the development and implementation of Westmeath Recreation Strategy and work of Westmeath Sports Partnership.

- Vincent Bagnall- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Road Safety



Working Together Group (RSWTG)

A local authority group which advises and assists the creation, publication and review of a multi-agency Road Safety Action policy and its implementation at a local level.

- John Corrigan- Community & Voluntary Pillar

Board of Longford Westmeath Community Transport CLG



LWCT is a not-for-profit organization managed by a voluntary board of directors with responsibility for managing TFI Local Link (Rural Transport) services in counties Longford, Westmeath and Roscommon.

- Kathleen Grennan- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Biodiversity Working Group



This working group is to provide guidance and expertise throughout the planning, implementation, monitoring and review phases of the Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plan.

- Brian Browne- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Midland Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

One of ten Regional Drugs Task Forces covering counties Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly Role is to research, develop, implement and monitor a co-ordinated response to illicit drug use at regional level.

- Joe Whelan- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Westmeath Heritage Forum



Assist with the development and implementation of the Westmeath Heritage Plan and advise on relevant heritage issues in the county.

- Mary Fallon- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Seamus McDermott-Community & Voluntary Pillar



Local Community Safety Partnership

Established under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, designed to bring together community representatives, public sector bodies and stakeholders to improve safety and wellbeing in our communities.

- Cara Guilfoyle- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Cathryn Whelehan- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Pat Grimes- Community & Voluntary Pillar
- Philip Woods- Community & Voluntary Pillar



Westmeath Named Best Age Friendly Programme 2026

We are delighted to congratulate Westmeath on being awarded Best Age Friendly Programme 2026.

Limerick City and County Council hosted The 10th Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards Ceremony for 2026, sponsored by IPB insurance and MCed by RTÉs Mary Whelan, on the 8th of October in the beautiful Limerick Strand Hotel.

This prestigious recognition reflects Westmeath's outstanding commitment to supporting older people through meaningful community engagement, innovation, and service delivery. As an early adopter of the Age Friendly Programme, Westmeath continues to lead the way with:

- An Older People's Council of more than 700 members
- A strong and growing programme of Age Friendly initiatives
- Innovative health and wellbeing projects

A commitment to inclusive housing, with a 20% target for Age Friendly and Universal Design housing within its Housing Delivery Action Plan.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication of all those involved in making Westmeath a more inclusive, accessible, and supportive county for older people.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable success!



Citizens Information run weekly Age Friendly Clinics in Athlone and Mullingar, providing older people with access to information, advice and guidance on a wide range of issues.

The clinics operate on a drop-in basis, with no appointment necessary.

This is a valuable service for older people seeking information, advice or guidance. Please help us spread the word by sharing this information with older people in your community who may benefit from the service.

- **Athlone every Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm**
- **Mullingar every Thursday 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

Citizens Information



Age Friendly Clinic

for over sixties

Every Tuesday 10.30am- 12.30pm

Drop in, no appointment necessary

**Athlone Citizens Information Centre,
Office 2 First Floor. Arcadia Retail Centre, Athlone.**
Phone: 0818 07 6610



We are an accredited Age Friendly Business

Funded and supported by the Citizens Information Board

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Pride of Place awards 2026



A fantastic achievement for **Esker House Domestic Violence Service Athlone**, who were announced as runners-up in the Community Focused Wellbeing Initiative category at the 2026 IPB National Pride of Place Awards last Saturday night 24th October 2026. Esker House were nominated by Westmeath County Council as their representative for this year's awards.

The Pride of Place Awards is the most prestigious community awards on the island of Ireland, celebrating the dedication, pride and community spirit of individuals and organisations that work tirelessly to make their communities better places to live.

This well-deserved recognition reflects the outstanding commitment of the Esker House team in supporting individuals and families affected by domestic violence, while promoting wellbeing, safety and inclusion within the community.

The event was attended by Esker House staff Deirdre Berry Manager and Niamh Boyd Support Worker, the Cathaoirleach of Westmeath County Council Cllr Bill Collentine, Cllr Frankie Keena, Director of Services Westmeath County Council Ms Jackie Finney and Ms Jenny McKeon Westmeath County Council. Congratulations to everyone involved on this remarkable achievement and recognition of the invaluable work being carried out every day.

APPLY NOW

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2026

Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)

NOW OPEN for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht Dara Calleary recently launched the 2026 Town and Village Renewal Scheme which is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland by focusing on stimulating town centre economic and social regeneration.

This will be achieved through projects which support sustainable employment creation, town centre resilience and regeneration, enhancing our streetscapes, and bringing vacant and derelict buildings and lands back into use as community multi-purpose spaces through refurbishment and renovation. While the focus will remain on rural towns and villages, the 2026 Main Scheme includes a pilot urban town initiative (Category 4).

The Fund will support projects throughout Ireland with a focus on stimulating town centre economic and social regeneration through sustainable employment creation. Details can be found in the [WCC Rural Support Scheme website](#)



The poster features a scenic background image of a town square with a stone bridge over a river, surrounded by colorful flowers. At the top left is the Westmeath County Council logo. The main title 'TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2026' is in large white letters. Below it, a green banner with a megaphone icon says 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN'. A text box asks 'Do you have a project that could benefit your community?' and invites community groups to submit an EOI. Four icons represent the focus areas: Community Facilities, Public Realm Improvements, Town Centre Enhancement, and Community Spaces & Amenities. A red banner at the bottom states the closing date: 'FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026 AT 4PM'. Contact information for the Community Development Section is provided, including a phone number and email. The slogan 'A Brighter Westmeath' is at the bottom right.

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

Building Stronger Communities Together

TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2026

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Do you have a project that could benefit your community?

Community groups are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2026.

Community Facilities

Public Realm Improvements

Town Centre Enhancement

Community Spaces & Amenities

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026 AT 4PM

Find out more and apply online:
Westmeath County Council's Rural Support Schemes page
in the Community Development Section of our website.

044 933 2196
rss@westmeathcoco.ie
Community Development Section

A Brighter Westmeath

PEOPLE | PLACES | PROGRESS



NEWS AND UPDATES

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Nationwide featured Belvedere House Gardens & Park with a view of recent conservation works to the house funded under the Historic Structures Fund National Built Heritage Service & Westmeath County Council. The programme also dipped into the history of the house and its former residents. Then explored the walled garden maintained by horticulturalist Richard Dooner, who has close family links to Belvedere, and featured the species rich grasslands. Available on [Nationwide - RTE Player](#)



Celebrating 21 years of the Irish Walled Towns Network! A new booklet highlighting projects supported by the network since its foundation in 2005 was launched recently at the Irish Walled Towns Network Annual Conference in Waterford. Featuring one project from each of the network's 33 member towns, the publication showcases the impact of investment in Ireland's historic walled towns over the past two decades. Read the booklet [here](#).



The Community Monuments Fund 2027 is now open for applications.

The Community Monuments Fund supports the conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of Ireland's archaeological monuments. Funding is available to owners and custodians of monuments under three streams:

- Stream 1: Essential repairs and conservation works.
- Stream 2: Preparation of Conservation Management Plans and Reports.
- Stream 3: Minor works, improved access and interpretation, including online interpretative materials.

Applications from private owners and community groups must be submitted to the Heritage Office by 22 January 2027. For full grant details and application forms, please see the link below.

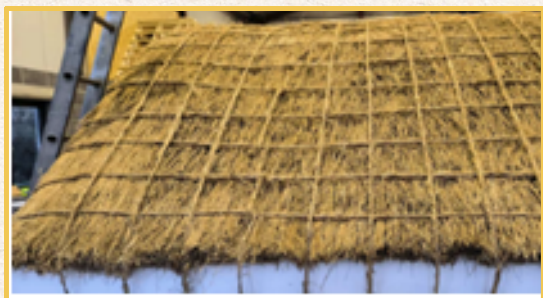
For full grant details and application forms [click here](#).

NATURE & WIDLLIFE IRELAND



17 Tuesday, 10th November, 7:40am – 9:30pm
📍 Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone, Westmeath
Admission: Free | Book [here](#). Refreshments at 7:40 p.m.

Join renowned biologist, broadcaster and author Éanna Ní Lamhna for a fascinating exploration of Ireland's biodiversity, with a special focus on the Midlands region. Presented in partnership with Gaeltacht Átha Luain and supported by Research Ireland, this special Science Week event celebrates the natural heritage of the Midlands

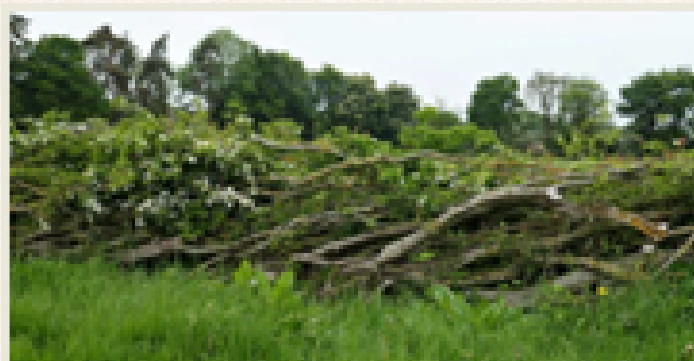


FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO ROPE THATCHING – MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING ROPE THATCH BUILDINGS

17 : Thursday, 5th to Sunday 8th November 2026
(Participants must be available to attend to all four days), 9.30am to 4.30pm |

📍 : Donegal Thatching School, Dolmen Centre, Portnoo, Donegal, F94 DN83 | Price: €120, Concession tickets are priced at €120 | [Book here](#).

The programme will include workshop on rope thatching with Inishowen-based rope thatcher Brian Lafferty. This course will have a particular focus on rope thatch using flax.



ONE-DAY WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO HEDGE LAYING

17 : Saturday 21st November, 10am to 3.30pm | 📍 : RHSI Bellefield, Shinrone, County Offaly | Price: €60, members, €40 | [Book here](#)

Training will involve a safety briefing, an introduction to the concept and benefits of hedge laying, and practical demonstrations and practice in the skills of hedge laying.

Participants should prepare for wet and/or cold weather and should bring suitable attire. Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection, gloves, hi-vis vest and safety boots.

(All workshops supported by the National Built Heritage Service <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>).

Get involved: if you have an item of heritage or biodiversity news or an event that you would like us to circulate, please contact heritage@westmeathcoco.ie or biodiversity@westmeathcoco.ie
if you wish to unsubscribe from this mail list, please let us know by return.

APPLY NOW



Active Travel Community Fund 2027

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is pleased to announce the establishment of an Active Travel Community Fund in 2027 and is opening applications to access this funding on 30th September 2026.

The Active Travel Community Fund enables organisations to apply for funding for programmes and/or schemes which supplement or complement the aims and objectives of the Government's Active Travel programme, particularly in relation to increasing modal shift away from private car use towards walking and cycling.

The Proposed Initiatives

The proposed initiatives must contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Active Travel programme which can be summarised as:

- Encouraging Sustainable Transport: Promoting walking, cycling, and using non-motorized scooters as part of sustainable travel
- Infrastructure Development: Investing in walking and cycling networks to enhance accessibility and connectivity
- Climate Action Goals: Aligning with the objectives of the Government's Climate Action Plan
- Safety and Accessibility: Creating safer and more inclusive transport options for all ages and abilities
- Reducing Carbon Emissions: Supporting sustainable transport options to reduce transport-related carbon emission.

Closing date for applications:

Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Applicants should send their completed applications to info@nationaltransport.ie

For full details of the scheme and access the application form, please click the link below.

[ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMUNITY FUND](#)



Municipal District of Athlone-Moate

Draft Bye Laws for the regulation and management of Cemeteries

Westmeath County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the provisions of Part 19 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 intend to make Bye-Laws in relation to the regulation and management of Cemeteries for the administrative Area of the Municipal District of Athlone -Moate.

A copy of the draft Bye Laws may be inspected from Monday 19 October 2026 up to and including Tuesday 17 November 2026 at the Civic Centre, Athlone from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each working day or alternatively details are available online at [westmeathcoco consultation website](#).

Submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Bye Laws may be made in writing, addressed to District Administrator, Municipal District of Athlone-Moate, Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone or [online](#) before 4pm on Tuesday, 24th November 2026.



To inquire about any consultation or the submission process please contact us at the following locations or use the email form below.

Westmeath County Council,

Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N

- Telephone: **044-9332000**
- Email: customercare@westmeathcoco.ie

Westmeath County Council Draft Development Contributions Scheme 2027 - 2033

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Notice of preparation of the Draft Development Contribution Scheme for Westmeath

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), that Westmeath County Council has prepared a Draft Development Contribution Scheme for County Westmeath.

The Draft Scheme will be available for public inspection from 1st October 2026 to 12th November 2026 inclusive (excluding public holidays) during normal opening hours at:

- Áras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; and
- Athlone Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

The Draft Scheme may also be viewed on the [Council's Public Consultation Portal](#).

In writing to: Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Westmeath County Council, Aras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 FH4N

All observations or submissions received during the above time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Westmeath Development Contribution Scheme 2027-2033.

The details including the names of those making submissions may be shared with relevant Council Departments involved in the making of the Development Contribution Scheme and will also form part of the statutory Chief Executive's Report to be presented to the elected members of Westmeath County Council.

The personal information (data) collected during the consultation process (which may include the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of receiving and dealing with submissions and any data collected is subject to Westmeath County Council's privacy statement which can be found [HERE](#).



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Shopfront Enhancement Grant Scheme **for 2026: Application**

Westmeath County Council has made funding available for business owners to improve the building facades of their properties. The aim of the scheme is to enhance the streetscape environment of towns and villages throughout County Westmeath by encouraging and supporting owners of local retail and commercial premises to improve their individual shopfronts.

An annual fund of €100,000 has been provided for 2025. Grants of up to €4,500 or 75% of the cost of the works (vat exclusive) will be available for qualifying solo applicants. For collaboration projects from three or more adjoining businesses, grants of up to €6,000 or 75% of the costs (vat exclusive) will be available for qualifying joint applicants, at least two out of three properties must be rated (66%). Where a business undertakes to improve accessibility for the elderly or people with disabilities, grants of up to €6,000 or 75% of the costs (vat exclusive), for that particular initiative, will be available for qualifying applicants.

It is intended that the scheme will result in a more attractive environment that residents, visitors, shoppers and businesses can enjoy. It is also envisaged that this scheme will assist in promoting our towns and villages as attractive places for social and business interaction, thereby increasing the vitality and viability of our settlements with positive benefits for all.

Eligible Towns and Villages under this scheme

This scheme is open for applications from all local indigenous businesses/retail premises within the development envelope of all towns and villages contained within County Westmeath's settlement hierarchy as follows:

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.

Further Information and application form can be access through the link below

[Shopfront Enhancement Scheme](#)

Feasibility / Innovation Grants

Feasibility / Innovation Grants are designed to assist the promoter with researching market demand for a product or service and examining it's sustainability. It includes assistance with innovation including specific consultancy requirements, hiring of expertise from third level colleges, private specialists, design, and prototype development.

The maximum Feasibility / Innovation Grant payable for the BMW Region (including Westmeath) must not exceed 60% of the investment or €15,000 whichever is the lesser.

WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING ?

Expenditure may be considered under the following headings :

Innovation Costs : Costs under this category may include prototype development, innovative design, research costs and third level college consultancy.

- **Consultancy Costs :** These include design fees, architect, accountant and legal fees.
- **Miscellaneous Costs :** This may include telephone costs, mileage costs at €0.26 per kilometre, subsistence & overnight costs, air travel etc. The overall maximum drawdown in this category should not exceed 20% of the overall grant level.

(Note payments to state bodies including local authorities are excluded).

[Full detail of the scheme can be found here](#)



Responding to Drug Related Intimidation & Violence in Ireland

Free & confidential supports for people impacted by Drug Related Intimidation and Violence

Your Local Services

The Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF)

The MRDATF co-ordinates a collective and integrated response to drug and alcohol problems across the midland region. It supports the provision of drug and alcohol support services and delivers drug and alcohol education & training.

Contact: Antoinette Kinsella, Co-ordinator MRDATF

Email: Antoinette.kinsella1@hse.ie

Tel: 090 6483108 **Website:** www.mrdatf.ie

HSE CADS (Community Alcohol & Drug Service)

HSE CADS provides assessment and treatment to those over 18 years who are concerned with their own or another persons drug or alcohol use.

CADS Offaly Tel: 057 93 15801

CADS Laois Tel: 057 86 92516

CADS Athlone Tel: 090 64 24820

CADS Mullingar/Longford Tel: 044 93 95200

CADS Addiction Homeless Laois/Offaly Tel: 087 343 1017

CADS Addiction Homeless Longford

/Westmeath Tel: 087 457 8361

HSE CADS ADAPT (Adolescent Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment) Service

Service delivers a community based drug and alcohol prevention & treatment service to individuals under 18 years and families.

To contact the service or make a referral contact the Social Care Lead **Tel:** 087 4518358 or **Email:** CADS.adapt@hse.ie

Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) DATS (Drug & Alcohol Treatment Support) Project

Community based drug & alcohol prevention & treatment support service for individuals over 18 years and families.

To contact the service or make a referral contact the Service Co-ordinator **Tel:** 086 7934920 or **Email:** dats@mqi.ie

An Garda Síochána Nominated Drug Related Intimidation (DRI) Garda Inspectors

County Laois - Inspector John Donohue, An Garda Síochána
Tel: 057 8674100 **Email:** lo.dri@garda.ie

County Offaly - Inspector Barry Collins, An Garda Síochána
Tel: 057 9327600 **Email:** lo.dri@garda.ie

County Longford - Detective Inspector Michael Doherty
Tel: 094 9621630 **Email:** michael.jo.doherty@garda.ie

County Westmeath - Inspector Raymond Smith
Tel: 044 9384000 **Email:** Raymond.P.Smith@garda.ie

Drug related intimidation can be devastating for individuals, families and communities.

There is help available.



www.driveproject.ie

Further information:

Tel: 1800 459 459

or email **helpline@hse.ie**

www.drugs.ie

In an emergency call 999/112



An tSeirbhís Míremaidh
The Probation Service



NVDAS
NATIONAL VOLUNTARY
DRUG & ALCOHOL
SECTOR



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

You Have Options

Drug related intimidation and violence is a serious and insidious problem that affects individuals, families and communities throughout the country.

Drug related intimidation occurs when a criminal or criminals allege that a sum of money is owed as a result of a drug debt. Individuals or family members may be subjected to intimidation or the threat of intimidation.

Drug related intimidation can take many forms. Some examples include verbal threats, physical violence, damage to home or property, sexual violence or threats of a sexual nature.

Being intimidated can be a very frightening experience. You may feel you have nowhere to turn or you may worry about what will happen if you seek help.



Free and confidential supports are available in your local area from a range of community, voluntary and statutory services and agencies.

You Are Not Alone

Community Support Services :

There are specially trained family support workers and drug and alcohol workers in community based support services in your area who can help you in a safe and confidential way.

These services will:

- Explain the services' approach to the issue of intimidation.
- Explore your personal experience of intimidation.
- Provide details of the range of supports and services available in your local area.
- Advise you of the confidential supports available through An Garda Síochána.
- Discuss all other available supports.



Find Your Local Support Service at:
www.driveproject.ie

There is Help

Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme: Throughout the country, and within each Garda Division there are specially trained Garda inspectors who will:

Meet you confidentially & safely at a location that suits you.

Provide practical safety information.

Listen to your particular experience of intimidation and discuss options available to you.

Give information on a range of addiction supports available in your local area if required.

Outline the process if you choose to make a formal complaint to An Garda Síochána.



Find contact details of your local
Drug Related Intimidation Inspector at:
www.driveproject.ie



**The Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF)
has now organised for the roll out of a number of DRIVE Brief Advisor Training
sessions across the counties of Laois, Offaly, Longford & Westmeath.**

Date	Sessions	Venue
Thursday 29th of October	Morning session 9:30am – 12:30pm sharp Registration from 9:00am	Conference Room, MQI DATS Project Tanyard Lane, Tullamore Co. Offaly, R35V5W4
	Afternoon session 1:30pm – 4:30pm sharp Registration from 1:00pm	Conference Room, MQI DATS Project Tanyard Lane, Tullamore Co. Offaly, R35V5W4
Thursday 5th of November	Morning session 9:30am – 12:30pm sharp Registration from 9:00am	Mullingar Youth Project Youth Work Ireland Midlands Grange Meadows, N91HK00
Wednesday 11th of November	Morning session 9:30am – 12:30pm sharp Registration from 9:00am	EDI Centre, 11a1 Mastertech Business Park Athlone Road, Longford, N39Y0F4
	Afternoon session 1:30pm – 4:30pm sharp Registration from 1:00pm	EDI Centre, 11a1 Mastertech Business Park Athlone Road, Longford, N39Y0F4
Friday 13th of November	Morning session 9:30am – 12:30pm sharp Registration from 9:00am	Portlaoise Parish Centre, Saint Peter & Paul's, Portleix House Dublin Rd, Borris Little Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 FH67

Drug related intimidation and violence is a serious and insidious problem that affects individuals, families and communities throughout the country. Drug related intimidation occurs when a criminal or criminals allege that a sum of money is owed as a result of drug debt. Individuals or family members may be subjected to intimidation or the threat of intimidation. Drug related intimidation can take many forms, some forms include verbal threats, physical violence, damage to home or property or sexual violence.

DRIVE (Drug Related Intimidation & Violence Engagement) is an interagency project with systems and structures to respond to drug related intimidation and associated violence in Ireland. The DRIVE project is funded by the Drugs Policy Refugee and Inclusion Health Unit in the Department of Health. Capacity building and shared commitment is a key Pillar of the DRIVE Framework. It recognises the importance of developing an increased understanding of drug related intimidation in communities and improving the capacity of frontline workers and other relevant organisations to respond effectively.

Who should attend

People who perform a role in the community whereby they meet, engage with or interact with other members of the community in supportive, advisory or helping capacities. People who are likely to meet people experiencing drug related intimidation and may have the opportunity to signpost to supports or provide brief information.

To apply to attend one of the training sessions please click on the following link: www.mrdatf.ie/education-and-training



IRISH RURAL LINK

A Competitive Europe: Rural Enterprise, Local Services and Democracy cannot be left behind.

Join the in person engaging event to look at how the EU can boost productivity, support innovation and strengthen Europe's economic independence while protecting democracy, strengthening social cohesion and ensuring growth does not increase inequality between regions or communities.

Date: Monday 30 November

Time: 9:30 AM - 2 PM

Venue: Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone, Roscommon

With competitiveness one of the key priorities of the EU Agenda, the event will emphasise the importance of small rural businesses, social enterprises, and community and voluntary organisations being part of Europe's growth plans, not left on the margins. These organisations are central to resilient local economies and democratic participation.

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GENERAL SERVICES & INFORMATION EVENT

Westmeath Community Development in conjunction with Athlone Family Resource Centre are holding a General Services & Information Event on

Date: Monday 09-11-2026

Time: 10:30 am to 1 pm

Venue: Shamrock Lodge Hotel.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Launch of Planet Youth Midlands Report 2025

Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force wish to invite you to the launch of the Planet Youth Midlands Report.

Planet Youth is an international evidence-based primary prevention model, developed by the Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis (ICSRA) at Reykjavik University.

It was initially developed in order to reduce substance use rates amongst young people. The model uses a whole population approach and offers the opportunity to improve health and life outcomes for young people in many areas.

Date: Tuesday 3rd November

Time: 11am to 1pm

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone

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Training in Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide

Our peer-support programme sets out to educate senior personnel and team leads on how stress and mental health problems can affect their employees. It is designed for companies to not only prevent mental ill health but to integrate mental health and wellbeing into all parts of the workplace. Participants are trained in the use of a structured interview schedule to ascertain whether individuals might be experiencing significant levels of distress and on how to practically managed distressed individuals. Furthermore, participants will be trained to mentor individuals to take positive resilience enhancing actions, such as positive coping. They will be trained on how to recognise more complex symptoms requiring professional interventions. They will develop skills based on the principal of motivational interviewing to encourage individuals to speak with a health care professional where necessary.

This training is delivered over two full days 9.30am to 5pm and accredits 13.5 CPD points. FREE of charge
We currently have 2-full day, 9.30am-5pm, live online training taking place on the following dates:

Wed 18 & Thurs 19 November

Please follow this link to register and choose the date that suits best:

[Mental Health Peer Support- Programme](#)

Heartlands Pride Athlone



Heartlands Pride Athlone has won the Arts & Entertainment Award at the annual LGBTQ+ GALA Awards for its Síle na Gig Float, a community arts project led by local artist Aoife Doolan and supported by over 20 participants. Funded by Creative Ireland and Arts Westmeath, the float featured in Athlone's first-ever Pride Parade, the Athlone River Festival Street Parade, and the Heart of Ireland Burlesque Festival. The project was praised for promoting inclusion, visibility, and community engagement through the arts. Heartlands Pride Athlone also received several other award nominations, while Grand Marshal Rebecca Tallon de Havilland won the Noel Walsh HIV Activism Award for her contribution to HIV awareness and advocacy.

Heartlands Pride would like to thank Athlone Family Resource Centre for the workshop support, Westmeath County Council and Creative Ireland for the funding and to the Athlone community.

Heartlands Pride Athlone

Heartlands Pride Athlone's Winter Pride Festival 2026

6th November

Candy Floss Making Workshop
6-8pm
Abbey Road Artists' Studio

Haus of Kwén Show
9pm
Piano Bar Athlone

8th November

Heartlands in Motion Walk
11:30am - 2pm
Athlone Regional Sports Centre

Poetry and Candlelit Cabaret
5pm
O'Briens Bar Athlone

7th November

Drumming Workshop
SambaWave Galway
11am - 2pm
Athlone Family Resource Centre

Queeroke with Tess Tickles
9pm
O'Briens Bar Athlone

Bants & Beats
9pm till late

O'Briens Bar Athlone

21st November

A Very Bublé Christmas Experience
2pm
Dead Centre Mezzanine

Supported By:



Any local businesses who would like to support the the 4th annual Winter Pride Festival, please contact:

heartlandspride.athlone@gmail.com

Dementia Awareness workshops



DEMENTIA IS NOT SIMPLY A HEALTH
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REQUIRES A **COMMUNITY** RESPONSE!



A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people living with dementia
their families and carers can live their lives well in an
understanding and supportive society

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 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

Dates	Area	Time	Venue
04/11/2026	Ballinacarigy	10am-11.30am	Caraphort FRC, N91 RD21
04/11/2026	Rochfortbridge	2pm-3.30pm	St Josephs Parish Hall, N91 V6VX
05/11/2026	Moate	10am-11.30am	Carmelite Centre, N37 AW24
05/11/2026	Athlone	2pm-3.30pm	ACT Business Dev Centre, N37 C8W6

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



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Older Persons Christmas Party 2026

An Garda Síochána are inviting Westmeath

community groups to the Older Persons

Christmas Party on

Tue, 8th December

2:00pm to 6:00pm

Annebrook Hotel, Mullingar.

Enjoy an afternoon of Good Food, Music and
Festive Cheer

To reserve tickets or for further information, please contact:

Fiona Walsh: 085 805 1399 (call/text) or email:

Fiona.a.walsh@garda.ie

Ticket Collection Times

Monday, 30th November | 10:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday, 1st December | 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, 6th December | 10:00am - 2:00pm



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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

**Older Person's
Christmas Party**

❄️ 📅 **Tuesday 8th December** ❄️

🕒 **2 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

📍 **Annebrook Hotel
Mullingar**

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Good food • Music • Festive cheer

A special Christmas celebration
for our older members
of the community.

❄️ **€10 PER TICKET** ❄️



Check Your Electoral Registration Details at [Voter.ie](https://www.voter.ie)

Residents are encouraged to check and update their details on the electoral register through Voter.ie, Ireland's new online electoral registration platform, now being used by all local authorities across the country.



Voter.ie is the new website where you can:

- Check if you are registered to vote
- Register to vote for the first time
- Update your name, address, or personal details
- Access electoral registration forms and information

The platform replaces CheckTheRegister.ie and marks a major step forward in the modernisation of Ireland's electoral registration system. For the first time, all 31 local authorities are maintaining the electoral register through one integrated national platform. This will help improve accuracy, reduce duplicate registrations, and make it easier to update voter details when people move address.

Residents can securely register or update their details online using MyGovID or PPSN identity verification. Paper application forms will continue to be available for anyone who prefers or requires them.

As well as making the process more convenient for voters, the new system provides a secure and efficient national infrastructure that helps local authorities maintain more accurate and up-to-date electoral records.

✓ Take a few minutes to visit www.voter.ie and make sure your details are correct.

Keeping your information up to date will help ensure you are eligible to participate in future elections and referendums.

For more information or to check your registration status, visit www.voter.ie.

Please share with family, friends, and members of your community.



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**Hodson Bay Hotel,
Roscommon
7:15pm to 9pm**

Soft Pastels WORKSHOP

For adults bereaved by suicide

A hands-on, immersive creative experience to explore soft pastels and experiment with colour and texture. Become absorbed in the moment and focus on the piece at your fingertips. Being alongside others who have experienced suicide loss can offer a sense of connection and understanding. There is no expectation to talk about your experience or share anything personal – you can simply focus on the creative activity.

No previous experience needed. All materials provided, and you'll create your own piece of art to take home.

Led by soft pastel artist Emma Phillips.

Registration is **FREE** and **ESSENTIAL**
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Killucan Community Centre CLG

Eyes Down! Tuesday Night Is Bingo Night! 🎯

Looking for a fun night out with fantastic prizes and great company? Join us every single Tuesday at Rathwire Hall! Whether you are a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome to come along, share a laugh, and try their luck. Bring your lucky charms, bring your friends, and get ready for a brilliant atmosphere. You have to be in it to win it!

Doors open 7.30pm—grab your books, claim your lucky seat, and let's play! See you this Tuesday!



Ph: 044 93 74725

Killucan Community Centre CLG

Discover New Adventures with Cairde at Rathwire Hall ☀️

Looking to stay active, learn new skills, and meet fantastic people in your community? Cairde welcomes you with open arms! We are a vibrant group of locals who believe that retirement is just the beginning of your next great chapter.

Whether you want to try new activities, enjoy social outings, or simply share a laugh over a cup of tea, there is a place here for you.

Don't stay at home—come along and see what Cairde is all about. New members are always welcome!!



Ph: 044 93 74725

Killucan Community Centre CLG

Golden Years Lunch Club

Where: Rathwire Hall, Killucan

When: Every second Wednesday from 1pm

What: Golden Years Club lunch, live entertainment, and fantastic guest speakers.

We are more than a club—we are a community! Join us for local day outings, exciting getaways across Ireland. We love a good celebration! Come along to mark big birthday milestones, celebrate our annual Club Birthday, and festive cheer at our Christmas Party.

Need a lift? Our free collection bus runs every club day. We can't wait to welcome you!



Ph: 044 93 74725

Nov 2026

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Minister Buttimer Launches New Social Procurement Toolkits to Strengthen Trade Between Public Buyers and Social Enterprises

- **National Event Connects Public Buyers and Social Enterprises, Builds Awareness of Socially Responsible Public Procurement and Helps Buyers and Social Enterprises Deliver Social Value and Support Communities**

Minister of State for Communities, Jerry Buttimer TD, today (Tuesday, 13 October 2026) welcomed public sector buyers and social enterprises from across Ireland to a Connecting Public Procurement and Social Enterprises “Unlocking Social Value” event in Dublin, where he launched two new Social Procurement Toolkits designed to support increased trading between public buyers and social enterprises.

The event, jointly supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) and Pobal, brought together representatives from Government Departments, State agencies, local authorities, education and other public bodies with social enterprises to build capacity for increased public procurement that delivers wider social, environmental and community benefits beyond traditional value for money.

The event forms part of the Government's commitment under Trading for Impact, Ireland's National Social Enterprise Policy, to support initiatives that increase the participation of social enterprises in public and private procurement and build their financial sustainability.

The toolkits launched today have been developed to provide practical guidance for both social enterprises and public sector buyers.

The Social Enterprise Toolkit supports social enterprises to:

- Understand Socially Responsible Public Procurement;
- Identify public procurement opportunities;
- Communicate and demonstrate their social value;
- Become more procurement ready; and
- Strengthen their participation in public procurement processes.

The Public Buyer Toolkit supports public buyers to:

- Identify opportunities to incorporate social considerations into procurement;
- Understand the potential contribution of social enterprises;
- Develop social value approaches within procurement processes; and
- Evaluate social value proposals alongside other procurement requirements such as ability to deliver and traditional value for money concerns.

The Minister also welcomed the strong alignment between Trading for Impact and the Office of Government Procurement's recently published National Public Procurement Strategy, noting that both seek to maximise the wider social, economic and environmental benefits arising from public expenditure.

The event also featured contributions from the Office of Government Procurement, Pobal, public buyers and social enterprises, with discussions focusing on practical approaches to increasing participation in social procurement and strengthening collaboration between buyers and suppliers.



Minister Calleary announces Oireachtas na hEorpa, an evening of Irish-language culture in Brussels to mark Ireland's EU Presidency

- **Minister Calleary announces signature Irish-language cultural event for Ireland's EU Presidency**
- **Event to take place on Thursday 3rd December 2026 at the Albert Hall in Brussels**
- **"Glórtha Gael ag Treisiú Ceangal 1500 Bliain" to tell the story of Irish speakers in Europe over 15 centuries**
- **Performance in Brussels and livestream worldwide to showcase the Irish language to European and international audiences**

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, today (Monday 19th October) has announced that Oireachtas na hEorpa- Glórtha Gael ag Treisiú Ceangal 1500 Bliain will take place in Brussels on Thursday, 3 December 2026. The event is presented by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht in partnership with An tOireachtas, which is producing the programme.

The evening brings together sean-nós singing, dancing and music with lúibíní and storytelling, woven into a single performance. It traces the journey of Irish speakers to Europe over 1500 years, from Columbanus to the Irish Colleges of Paris, Salamanca, Leuven and Rome, and on to the Irish speakers who live and work through Irish in European Union Member States today. The performance will be in Irish, with English and French supertitles.

The starting point is Columbanus, the sixth-century Irish monk who left Ireland around 590 and founded monasteries in what are now France and Italy. Columbanus is regarded as one of the first writers to speak of Europe as a whole, using the phrase totius Europae (all of Europe) in a letter to Pope Gregory the Great around the year 600. Robert Schuman, one of the founders of the European Union, later described him as a patron for all who seek to build a united Europe.

Ireland holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from July to December 2026. It is the first Irish Presidency since Irish became fully operational as an official and working language of the EU in January 2022, and Irish has been used across Council meetings and Presidency events throughout the term.

The event is aimed at Irish speakers living and working across the EU, and at raising awareness of Irish as a living language and working language of the EU amongst representatives of other Member States and the EU institutions.



Government launches Our Rural Future 2026-2031

An ambitious new policy to drive rural development and strengthen rural communities

- **Focus on rural enterprise and employment, tackling rural isolation and strengthening community resilience**
- **A new strategic rural investment initiative will help unlock major capital projects at regional level**
- **New policy sets out 34 commitments to support the continued growth and prosperity of rural Ireland**
- **Accompanying Action Plan for the period to end 2028 sets out 234 practical measures and timelines for delivery**

The Government has today (Tuesday, 27 October 2026) launched an ambitious new Our Rural Future policy, setting out 34 high-level commitments to strengthen rural communities, support local economies and improve quality of life across rural Ireland.

Building on the significant progress achieved under Our Rural Future 2021-2025, the new whole-of-Government policy sets out a vision for a thriving and resilient rural Ireland.

It brings together commitments from across Government to ensure that rural communities have the infrastructure, services and supports they need to prosper.

The policy includes a range of new measures and initiatives to support rural enterprise and employment, improve access to essential services in remote areas, tackle rural isolation and strengthen community resilience through innovation and technology.

These initiatives complement wider Government commitments on rural housing, transport, digital connectivity and the regeneration of rural towns and villages.

Structured around five strategic pillars, the policy provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the key opportunities and challenges facing rural Ireland.

An accompanying Action Plan sets out the practical measures to be delivered across Government over the first half of the policy period, providing a framework for implementation and monitoring progress. Further actions will be identified over the period to 2031 to support the continued delivery of the policy's commitments.

Our Rural Future 2026-2031 has been informed by extensive consultation and engagement with rural communities and stakeholders, helping to ensure that the policy reflects the experiences, priorities and perspectives of those living and working in rural Ireland.

The policy has also been informed by the OECD's 2026 Rural Policy Review of Ireland, which highlighted the strengths of Ireland's whole-of-government approach to rural development and provided valuable insights that have helped shape the new policy.

A series of regional events will be held across the country over the coming months to engage directly with rural communities on the priorities and commitments set out in the new Our Rural Future policy. The events will also provide information on the range of funding opportunities and supports available, including practical guidance on eligibility and application processes, helping to make these supports more accessible to communities and organisations across rural Ireland.



Public Participation Network Westmeath

Public Participation Network (PPN) are county-based networks that allow local authorities to connect with community groups around the country.

Westmeath Public Participation Network (WPPN) is a network of more than 1,000 community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations in Co Westmeath.

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