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**Information**

Staff from Dublin City Public Participation Network (PPN), were delighted to donate blood, this afternoon at one of the clinics of the **Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS).** If you can give blood, please book an appointment to donate [here](https://www.giveblood.ie/). If you are not sure if you can donate blood or not, please do the “New Donor Eligibility Test” [here](https://www.giveblood.ie/become-a-donor/new-donor-eligibility-quiz/) Please share these links with your PPN member groups, and save a life today!

The **Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF),** invite PPN member groups to mark National Grief Awareness Week from 27 January – 02 February. Through National Grief Awareness week, the IHF is hoping to encourage a more open, supportive and understanding approach to grief. You can find out more [here](https://hospicefoundation.ie/our-supports-services/bereavement-loss-hub/national-grief-awareness-week/).

The **Liberties Community Project**, Dublin invite you to read and share, their Liberties Community Project Quarterly Newsletter, and sign up for future ones [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j9tSZfdHQ3cOAoFJ0FmA8dPfC31cA74-/view).

**South Dublin County Public Participation Network (PPN),** are looking for a new coordinator, and you can access the full job specification [here](https://www.activelink.ie/sites/default/files/attach/notice-entry/2025/01/15/PPN%20Job%20Spec%20-%20Coordinator.pdf).

The **Irish Cancer Prevention Network** invite you to a webinar, called, “Your Cancer Prevention Questions Answered” on World Cancer Day (04 February 2025). You can find out more and sign up to this FREE webinar [here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l9SSmbDiQRW4zxfRQOrELQ#/registration).

**Clough Jordan** invites you to a hybrid meeting, called, “Housing Ourselves in the Wellbeing Economy” on Friday 14 February from 10.00am – 5.00pm. Housing is essential to the well-being of individuals and communities. However, the current speculative, profit-driven approach fails to address the interconnected challenges of affordability, ecological and financial sustainability and social cohesion. Find out more about this fascinating event [here](https://cloughjordancohousing.coop/making-neighbourhoods/housing-ourselves-2025/).

**Dublin City Council** **(DCC)** are pleased to announce “Brigit: Dublin City Celebrating Women” from 31 January – 03 February 2025. There are more than 80 events taking place across Dublin City offering an exciting and diverse celebration of women’s contributions to culture, society and history. You can sign up to the newsletter [here](https://dublin.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5e282f371b53ea350c094f930&id=5ac7a043ea) or access more information about the events [here](https://linktr.ee/brigit_dublin).

**Training and Events**

The PPN will be sending out a survey soon, to ask you what types of training sessions would you like, for the 2025 programme. This will help us curate an exciting variety of training supports and activities throughout the year. Watch this space.

**Updates from the Secretariat and Representatives**

The PPN has three objectives: to share information and capacity building training within the network, so that groups might be more involved in local authority decision making. To that end, Dublin City PPN has 28 people sitting on 30 seats, and 21 of them are across committees and working groups. The best way to learn more about the PPN, is to access one of these committee meetings, to find out what is being discussed, and how it might affect your member group.

Last week’s Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), is now archived on the DCC TV portal, and you can access this archive [here](https://dublincity.public-i.tv/core/portal/home).

Next week’s Housing and Social Inclusion Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), will be live on the portal on Monday 27 January, from 9.30am and you can access that meeting live [here](https://dublincity.public-i.tv/core/portal/home).

We will share information about the new Pillar working groups, as soon as we can. This is the idea, that each PPN representative, will work within a pillar group to feedback and forward from the wider PPN, to the committees with Dublin City Council. More on that news as we get it…

**Please feel free to share this PPN promotional video on your social media, which you can access** [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWHnW7hn8WE)**.**

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