

Welcome to our first news brief in February. Attached to this news brief you will find a copy of the Fundingpoint Local Digest which provides up-to-date funding information for February and March.

## Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) was set up in 2015 and the first phase is due to be complete at the end of 2017.

SICAP targets the most disadvantaged people and communities. It funds Local Development Companies to deliver the programme at a local level.

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) has authorised Pobal to conduct a structured consultation which will shape the next phase of SICAP from 2018-2020.

A survey for national and local stakeholders has been designed to gather initial feedback on the development of 'SICAP 2'. This feedback will provide the basis for more in-depth discussions at regional consultations and focus groups later in the year.

Please note, Pobal can only accept one survey response from each organisation. A copy of the survey is attached to enable each organisation to fully consult with relevant staff or membership on the questions asked.

All survey answers must be inputted from the same PC / Laptop. Therefore, each organisation should nominate one person who is best placed to complete the survey on their behalf.

The deadline for completing this survey is **Wednesday 15th February**.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SICAPsurvey2>

If you have any questions about this survey or the wider consultation, Please contact Pobal at email: [SICAP2@pobal.ie](mailto:SICAP2@pobal.ie)

## Coffee Morning - Talk about Healthy Lifestyle

The New Communities Partnership are inviting everyone to participate in their Coffee Morning - "Talk about Healthy Lifestyle" next **Wednesday, 8th of February** from 10-12pm in their main office, 53 Upper Dorset Street, Dublin 1.

Antonela Butuc, an expert nutritionist, will be talking about healthy eating, low budget cooking, reading labels and ingredients, and more.

Please contact them on 01-8727842 if you are interested!

## Clann Credo €25 million LEADER Loan Fund Launch & Workshop

Spring is a time for renewal and growth and Clann Credo aims to help community and voluntary groups, charities and amateur sports clubs to grow and to strengthen communities nationwide.

LEADER Grants help Community Groups realise their big project ideas. Bridging Finance and Match Funding can be obstacles for groups trying to avail of LEADER Grants, but Clann Credo Community Loans help ensure that finance should not be issue.

Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys, TD will be launching Clann Credo's €25 million LEADER Loan Fund at Virginia Show in Virginia, Co. Cavan on **Monday 6th February**.

As well as the Launch, there is also a FREE Funding and Community Loan Finance Workshop on the afternoon of 6th February for attendees.

For further information or to register for the event log on

to <http://www.clanncredo.ie/events-clann-credo-euro25-million-community-leader-loan-fund-launch-monday-6th-february-2017-virginia-co-cavan-06-feb-2017#bottom>

## World Day of Social Justice Seminar

Social Justice Ireland invites you to their Global Justice Seminar on **Monday 20th February 2017** in the Carmelite Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2. They will present an Index for Sustainable Communities and a

Sustainable Planet which is based on the Global (Sustainable Development) Goals.

It will show how Ireland is performing on social, economic and environmental indicators and will compare Ireland with the other members of the European Union.

Respondents to the paper (Sara Burke of the Centre for Health Policy in TCD and Lorna Gold of Trocaire) will review the progress outlined from both a national and a global perspective, and there will be opportunities to discuss the key issues and how we in Ireland can make a real contribution to building sustainable communities and a sustainable planet.

The UN Global Goals - co-negotiated by Ireland - offer a framework for every country to work towards a more just and equitable society. Social Justice Ireland is marking the UN World Day of Social Justice with this important seminar looking at Ireland's progress to date in meeting our responsibilities under the Global Goals.

For more information log on to <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/world-social-justice-day-what-is-irelands-progress-on-the-global-goals-tickets-31282245037>

## **North Bull Island Volunteer Programme**

**Would you like to help promote and protect this area of outstanding beauty?**

The North Bull Island (NBI) is a unique attraction within Dublin City centre. Apart from the many habitats and species it supports, it is a special amenity area and is enjoyed by Dubliners and visitors alike all year round. The NBI is managed by Dublin City Council and we aim to promote a healthy balance between the amenity, recreational and economic potential of the Island and its ecological, cultural and educational importance.

To help achieve this balance we are putting in place a North Bull Island Volunteer Programme. Members of the public are asked to get involved by joining our team of volunteers to help with the promotion and management of the Island which forms an integral part of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere.

All details of the North Bull Island Volunteer Programme, including details of the type of activities that may be involved, are on [http://bit.ly/Bull\\_Island\\_Volunteers](http://bit.ly/Bull_Island_Volunteers)

Applications must be received on or before **24th February 2017**.

To apply please email: [biodiversity@dublincity.ie](mailto:biodiversity@dublincity.ie)  
Or write to: North Bull Island Volunteer Programme, Parks & Landscape Services, Dublin City Council, Block 4, Floor 0, Wood Quay Civic Offices, Dublin 8.  
Please include a CV when applying.

For further information on the NBI Volunteer Programme, please contact [biodiversity@dublincity.ie](mailto:biodiversity@dublincity.ie) or T: (01) 222 3418

## Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

Following a consultation process the Draft Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) will be displayed on the Dublin City Council Website and in Ringsend Library and Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre until **Tuesday 28th February 2017**.

Comments and submissions can be sent during this time to [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie) or South East Area Office, Dublin City Council, Block 2, Floor 4, Civic Offices, Dublin 8.

Following that the plan as amended will be brought to the South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council for adoption in 2017.

To read the draft Ringsend Irishtown LEIP or to complete the online survey please log on to <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/planning/ringsend-irishtown-local-environment-improvement-p/>

For further information contact 01-2222222 or email [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie)

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