

Welcome to our second news brief in February.

New PPN Website

The Dublin City PPN Website is now live. Please visit us at <http://www.dublincityppn.ie> The website will be officially launched at our plenary in April - more info on this soon!

We are always looking for new groups to join the PPN and would appreciate your help in promoting us. It would be great if you could advertise the PPN through your own website or Social Media accounts.

Draft Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Scheme

Dublin City Council has published a Draft Planning Scheme for Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone in accordance with Section 168 of the Planning and Development Act.

The Draft Planning Scheme sets out the vision and an overall spatial strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the Docklands Strategic Development Zone area. The plan contains the objectives that will guide the development of the area in terms of physical growth and renewal, economic, social and cultural activity and environmental protection and enhancement in accordance with the National Development Plan, the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area and the Dublin City Council Development Plan.

Members of the public and interested groups are invited to attend the following information Drop-in Sessions:

- Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4 on Thursday, 9th February from 17.30-20.30
- Christchurch Hall, Sandymount Green, Dublin 4 on Tuesday, 21st

February from 18.00-20.30

To make a submission or to view the draft plan please log on to <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/planning/poolbeg-west-sdz-planning-scheme/>

Closing date for all submissions is **Wednesday 8th of March 2017**.

For Further information please contact Avril Feeney on 01-2225233 or email poolbegwest@dublincity.ie

Local Communities: actions to help pollinators

Most people appreciate the beauty wildflowers bring to our landscape, they want the option to grow their own fruits and vegetables, and they want to buy affordable Irish apples or strawberries in our shops. This can only happen in a landscape that supports pollinators and provides them with nesting areas and a diverse diet from spring to autumn.

If we choose to manage our local communities in a highly manicured way, it is at the expense of pollinators who cannot survive there. Local communities can lead the way in driving a better and more sustainable balance and bringing more natural, flower-rich pockets back into our landscape.

Please find attached guidelines that are aimed at all those groups who are interested in making their local community more pollinator friendly.

For more information please contact Dublin City Council's Biodiversity Officer Shane Casey at shane.casey@dublincity.ie

Fuel Poverty & Climate Action

The "Fuel Poverty and Climate Action" conference will be held in Croke Park Conference Centre on **Monday 6th March** from 9-5.30pm. The cost is €60 (early bird) - €90 standard. Students €10.

The conference will include a Workshop on "Local Authorities Approach to Retrofit" which will be of particular interest to all those involved in Community and the Environment.

To register for this conference log on to <http://energyaction.ie/fuel-poverty-conference/>

Sun, Sea & Soil

Christchurch Candle-lit Film Nights

Christchurch Cathedral are running a film series in March called Sun, Sea and Soil: Our Planet in the 21st Century. With an environmental theme, these films will take place on four Monday evenings in the Cathedral's beautiful candle-lit Music Room. Each film will include a prominent person in the relevant field, who will speak for 5-10 minutes before each film, and then moderate a short discussion afterwards.

The full line-up is:

Monday 6th March @6.30pm Soylent Green (1973)

Monday 13th March @6.30pm Koyaanisqatsi (1982)

Monday 20th March @6.30pm Symphony of the Soil (2012)

Monday 27th March @6.30pm Atlantic (2016)

Admission is free and no booking is necessary. All Welcome!
