

Welcome to our second news brief in July.

Public Library Strategy

Consultation with PPNs

The term of the current public libraries strategy *Opportunities for All*, ends in 2017. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, in conjunction with the LGMA and the Libraries Development Committee, has commenced the development of a new 5 year strategy for the public library service in Ireland. The task is to identify key areas of focus for the next five-year strategy, taking account of new trends, developments and opportunities.

As part of the early consultation on developing the new strategy, they would like to invite the Public Participation Network to give some feedback on the progress of the Strategy developed to date – this is in advance of a more detailed public consultation which will take place in the Autumn.

In the attached draft strategy pages 1 and 2 outline the 3 thematic programmes which have been identified for the development and enhancement of the public library service:

1. Community Development,
2. Literacy and Learning; and
3. Books/Reading & the Life of the Imagination.

There are 6 underpinning elements needed to progress these themes which are outlined in pages 3-5 attached:

1. Infrastructure
2. Funding
3. Workforce Development
4. Implementation Structures
5. Research and Innovation
6. Marketing and Promotion

Key questions:

1. Do you feel the 3 Thematic Programmes outlined would cover the most important services provided by libraries in your locality?
2. If not, what others in your opinion could be explored and pursued?
3. Is this likely to change significantly over the period 2018-2022?
4. Do you have any other comments / suggestions on the proposed strategy?

Libraries are an important resource and civic space for individuals and communities and they invite feedback from PPN members to ensure the strategy caters to the changing needs of communities.

Please send your observations on the attached draft strategy outline to libstrategyreview@housing.gov.ie or in hard copy to:
Eileen Davey, Libraries Development Section, Government Buildings, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

Closing date is **Friday 28th July**

Disability Linkage Group Meeting

The date for the inaugural meeting to form a new Disability Linkage Group is changed to **Tuesday 25th July at 6.30pm** in the Housing Conference Room, Block 2, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Woodquay, Dublin 8.

If you would like to join the Disability Linkage Group and attend this linkage group meeting please RSVP to nina.farrell@dublincity.ie by Friday 21st July 2017.

If you have any queries please contact Nina Farrell, PPN Coordinator, on 01-2223851 or email nina.farrell@dublincity.ie

Reminder - Dublin City Council Customer Survey Chance to win €500 in prizes for your group

Dublin City Council is preparing a new Customer Action Plan and a Service Delivery Strategy. The City Council would like to hear your views on how it can improve customer service and make it easier for you to interact with the Council and access Council services. Your feedback will be used to help develop new and improved ways of delivering services to the citizens, businesses and communities of Dublin.

There are three One 4 All vouchers to give away, worth €250, €150 and €100. To be in with a chance of winning one of these great prizes for your group please click <http://surveys.delve-surveys.com/s3/ppn2017> to complete the survey. The survey will take less than 10 minutes of your time.

The closing date for completing this survey is **6pm on Friday 14th July**.

Rose Festival

St. Anne's Park, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July 2017

The annual Rose Festival is a fantastic free day out for all the family. The festival is held in the beautiful surroundings of St Anne's Park with its Rose Garden and scenic walks, and is a mix of music, market stalls, food vendors, and special treats such as living history displays, falconry and much more. There are lots of child friendly attractions on site to keep the younger members of the family happy.

The festival is open from **10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July**. Admission is free and car parking is provided within the Park.
