

Welcome to our second news brief in March.

Reminder - National Planning Framework

Submission from 4 Dublin PPNs

The Government is currently conducting an initial public consultation on the National Planning Framework.

The National Planning Framework will guide decisions on how we develop as a country over the next 20 years, where housing, jobs, schools, leisure facilities, transport and other infrastructure will be located and where resources will be focused.

The 4 Dublin Public Participation Networks - Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, South County Dublin and Fingal - are working together to develop a submission on behalf of PPN Members across the county, to make a case for the future development of the City we live in. To do this we are asking our members to complete an online survey.

The link to the survey is <https://form.jotformeu.com/63206041320337>

In order to meet the Government's deadline we are asking people to submit their ideas by **Monday 13th of March**.

Your participation in this would be very welcome.

Creative Ireland Programme 2017 - 2022

Dublin City Council invites interested parties to attend an open meeting to discuss details of the recently announced Government initiative Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022. The meeting will take place at the Wood

Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 on **Wednesday, 15th March at 6pm.**

In 2016, Dublin City Council demonstrated its unique capacity to activate and support community engagement and participation in marking the 1916 Centenary year through a wide range of arts, culture and heritage initiatives. Enabling creativity in every community is a core pillar of the Programme. To achieve this each local authority has established a Creative Ireland Team, bringing together arts officers, heritage officers, librarians, and other staff to lead on their programme.

The Dublin City meeting is one of a series of Creative Ireland public meetings which will be held around the country over the coming weeks to share ideas, develop collaborations and explore opportunities for participation in culture and creativity. Creative Ireland will advise on the development of a dedicated Culture and Creativity plan for Dublin, based on the premise that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing.

The upcoming workshop will offer people a chance to learn more about the Creative Ireland programme and offer their ideas and suggestions for Dublin's plan. Register to attend the meeting at <https://eventbrite.ie/e/dublin-city-creative-8ireland-public-consultation-tickets-32494753683>

Full details of the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022 are available at www.creativeireland.ie

Local Authority Waters and Communities Office

The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office was set up in March 2016 to promote and facilitate greater public participation in the management of our natural waters. The natural waters of Ireland are an integral part of our heritage and include depending on where we live or work, rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal and groundwaters. The attached leaflet provides additional information on our natural waters and also on the Waters and Communities Office.

Sinead Hurson, Community Water Officer for the Dublin and Wicklow area, is on hand to support local communities with any proposed or existing initiatives and projects connected to their local water environment. This could include the improvement of a local river, lake or beach for recreational, amenity or tourism purposes. Sinead is also available to provide technical support and advice on potential funding sources.

Sinead can be contacted by phone at 0858083725 or 01-2224851 or email to shurson@lawco.ie

School Age Childcare Capital Scheme

Minister Zappone announced €3m in capital funding to support increased capacity for the provision of school age childcare. The new Capital Scheme will be open to both community / not-for-profit and private services and will comprise three separate strands, as follows:

Strand A: Establishment of new School Age Childcare services

A grant of up to €20,000 will be available for the establishment of new services

Strand B: Expansion of existing services

A grant of up to €10,000 will be available for the expansion of existing services. The provision of additional places will be a criterion for this grant.

Strand C: Improvement of existing services

A grant of up to €5,000 will be available to improve the quality of the service provided in existing services.

The School Age Childcare Capital Scheme will be implemented on behalf of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs by Pobal. The Scheme, which will be administered on-line, will be open for applications in early April.

For more information log onto <https://www.dcy.gov.ie/viewdoc.asp?DocID=4153>

Calling all groups in the South West Inner City

In the past few months, some groups and organisations have been talking about coming together to create a new forum / structure for community and voluntary groups who are active in the South West Inner City.

Please come along to the First Meeting, with an Independent Facilitator / Chairperson from outside the area. Give your ideas and share what your group or organisation might need from something like this or what you could give.

Date: **Monday 13th March at 5 – 6 p.m**

Venue: Little Flower Centre, Meath Street, Dublin 8

For more information or to RSVP for the meeting please contact Máirín Ó Cuireáin at Robert Emmet CDP at mairin@recdp.ie or call 01-6708880 / 087-1319578

Date for your Diary

Plenary 27th April 2017

Dublin City PPN will hold their plenary meeting on **Wednesday 27th April 2017** in the Woodquay Venue. The draft agenda for this event includes:

- Activity Report for the last 6 months
- Financial Report for the last year
- Election to the Environmental Pillar of the Secretariat
- Launch of the Website and Information Packs
- Present Memorandum of Association, Work Plan 2016-2018 and Representative Charter

There will be more information on our plenary in our next news brief!