



Plenary

The Secretariat of the PPN held their second plenary of 2017 on 10th October in the Woodquay Venue. Guest speakers Shane Casey, Biodiversity Officer for Dublin City Council, gave an informative presentation on weeding and the use of herbicides in the City while Jules Fitzsimons gave an update on Dublin City Community Television. Connect the Dots facilitated a workshop which focused on how to improve the PPN and its workings. Members were divided into groups and discussed what is working / not working and looked at possible solutions and actions to address the problems. Connect the Dots are compiling a report on the workshop and this will be circulated to all PPN members in a later News Brief.

On the night representatives were elected to the following committees:

Secretariat - Environmental Pillar

Alice Beuchat - Dublin Community Environmental Network
Allan Stewart - Friends of the Earth

Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC

Conor McQuillan - Exchange Dublin

Financing Community Growth - Loans, Grants & Fundraising Woodquay Venue 6-8pm

Dublin City PPN is teaming up with Clann Credo, Ireland's leading Community Loan Finance provider for a seminar on how to finance community projects. You will hear information about Grants, Fundraising and Community Loans which will help you to fund your community project.

The seminar is on **Tuesday 24th October from 6-8pm** in the Woodquay

Venue and is aimed at voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises and amateur sports clubs. Clann Credo has provided over €90 million to almost 900 community and voluntary projects nationwide.

Speakers at the event include:

- Jennifer Hennessey, Clann Credo on Community Loan Finance
- Peadar Nolan, Community and Social Development, Dublin City Council on Council Grants
- Liz Roche, Fundraising Consultant on raising funds for your community project
- Rares Nicula, PPN Secretariat Member on other community grants (non Dublin City Council)
- Derek Moore, Stella Maris FC on their Club's experience of Clann Credo Community Loan Finance

To attend this seminar please RSVP [here](#). A poster is attached which we would appreciate if you could display in your centre/hall.

For further information please contact Nina Farrell at nina.farrell@dublincity.ie or 01-2223851.

Reuse Month

Free Tour of the Community Reuse Network and Ecomattress

October has been designated Reuse Month to raise awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of reuse. Throughout this month, there will be a coordinated series of events across the country. As part of Reuse Month October, the Community Reuse Network would like to invite interested Dublin PPN members on a tour of the Rediscover Centre and Ecomattress on **Friday 20th October** from 10-1pm.

The Rediscovery Centre is a social enterprise dedicated to providing community employment and training via innovative reuse enterprises which use waste and unwanted materials as a resource and raw material for new product design. They have four reuse enterprises (Rediscover Furniture, Rediscover Fashion, Rediscover Paint and Rediscover Cycling) which use waste and unwanted materials as a resource and raw material for new product design.

The aim of Ecomattress is to build a self sustaining Social Economy Enterprise creating full time employment and developing markets for the waste derived from deconstructed mattresses. They separate all the materials contained in mattresses and bed bases including steel springs, foam, cloth and wood. The wood is cut and packed as kindling and the springs, foam, cloth are baled and sent to companies who are

fully permitted and specialise in the further processing of these materials.

The schedule for Friday is:

9.30am - Depart Kildare street by bus/ collect at the EPA.

10am - Arrive Rediscovery Centre

10.30am - Presentation on reuse in Ireland

30 minute tour / introduction to Rediscovery centre

Tea, coffee and cakes.

11.30am - Depart Rediscovery Centre for Eco Mattress Recycling

12pm - Arrive Eco Mattress

12.15pm - 30 minutes site visit with Operations Manager

12.45pm - Depart Eco Mattress

1.15pm - Arrive Kildare Street.

To register for this tour please RSVP to Nina Farrell, Coordinator, by Wednesday 18th October by phone: 01-2223851 or by email to nina.farrell@dublincity.ie.
