

Welcome to our third news brief in June.

KBC Bright Ideas Fund

Have a Bright Idea to help improve your local community within the next 12 months? Tell KBC about your Bright Idea and how it will make a difference in your community for a chance to share in their €100,000 fund.

The KBC Bright Ideas fund is open to anyone with a Bright Idea that can help improve their community within the next 12 months. Bright ideas can be anything that makes a difference in your community, however here are some suggestions to get you started:

- Bright Life – Will your bright idea reinvigorate people in your your community? If so, how?
- Bright Spaces – Will your bright idea reinvigorate an area in your community? If so, how?
- Bright Technology – Will your bright idea use technology to improve your community? If so, how?
- Bright Youth – Is your bright idea youth-based or spear-headed by young people. If so, how?
- Bright Green – Will your Bright Idea recognise the importance of environmentally friendly projects in your community? If so how?

To enter your bright idea complete their online form at <https://kbcbrightideas.com/share-your-bright-idea-with-your-community/entry-form/>

Entry closes on **30th June 2017**

Animate 2017 Fund

Animate is a €220,000 fund that provides grants and supports to early stage projects or organisations that have come up with clever ideas to address health and social issues in their community. This year the Animate Fund will have two elements, the first will seek out early stage innovations that have smart responses to general community issues such as poverty,

educational disadvantage etc. The second element will have a specific focus on community health with the new Healthy Community Awards which is proudly supported by Medtronic.

Applications for this Fund close on **Friday 7th July 2017 at 5pm.**

You can find more information on this fund and how to apply at <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/animate-2017/>

For further information please contact Aisling Redmond on 0872221341.

Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Choices Report

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has launched the Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Choices Report. This report has been prepared by Jarrett Walker & Associates, a US based firm which specialises in designing metropolitan public transport systems. The Choices Report reviews the patterns of transport demand across the Dublin region and the structure of the existing bus network. It identifies certain issues with the current bus system and proposes possible strategies that could address those deficiencies.

The NTA is seeking the public's views on the issues raised in the Choices Report and, in particular, on the possible strategies that could be implemented in the redesign of the bus network – these are set out in Chapter 5 (Strategies for a Redesigned Bus Network) of the report. The Choices Report can be downloaded at <http://www.busconnects.ie/media/1113/dublin-area-bus-network-redesign-choices-report-17-06-05-web.pdf>. An online web survey is available at <http://busconnects.ie/>

The responses to the survey will be used to inform the network redesign process which will produce a detailed Network Review Report that will be published later this year. That report will itself be open to a further process of public consultation in early 2018 before any recommendations are implemented. The Network Review is one element of BusConnects, NTA's plan to radically transform public transport in the Dublin region, which was published last week.

Members of the public are being encouraged to engage in this process of consultation by filling in the survey, so that the information on their views about bus services and the bus network can be factored into the redesign process and help shape the final outcome in a meaningful way.

The closing date for submissions is **5pm on Friday 7th July.**

Dublin 12 Community Action on Alcohol Strategy

The Dublin 12 Community Action on Alcohol Strategy will be launched in the Bru Youth Centre, Agnes Road, Crumlin on **Tuesday 27th June from 10-12pm.**

This strategy is aimed at reducing alcohol harm in the community and aims to ensure there is a coordinated response in the prevention of alcohol related harm in the community. The launch will include a staging of 'Ghost in the Bottle' by Out of the Blue Theatre Company.

Please RSVP by email to amy.carroll@hse.ie or phone 0766955657.

Reminder - Dublin City Community Facilities Scheme

In March 2017, the Minister of State for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy Catherine Byrne TD announced a new €2m capital grants scheme. The scheme is focused on providing small-scale capital grants to grass roots community groups or organisations. The Minister has allocated €64,500 under the scheme to Dublin City.

The scheme in Dublin City is being administered by the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council. In line with the high level goals of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 and the feedback from community consultations carried out in 2016, the Dublin City LCDC is now inviting applications for funding under the Dublin City Community Facilities Scheme 2017.

Applications are invited from groups or organisations to carry out capital projects or work that will promote participation and engagement in local communities or among a particular group or groups of people.

Applications for the Dublin City Community Facilities Scheme 2017 must clearly demonstrate how the funding will be used for capital projects or work or facilities that will promote participation and engagement among local communities or a particular group or groups of people.

Please find attached the guidelines and application form. Closing date for applications is **Friday 30th June 2017.**

For more information please call Helen O' Leary on 01-2226704
