Welcome to newly elected PPN Reps
Eamon McNally, Tydavnet Community Centre
Anne Malone, Doohamlet Community Centre
Who were elected at a recent meeting to represent YOU on the LEADER Evaluation Committee

On behalf of
Monaghan PPN Secretariat we welcome you both and we look forward to working with you.
Our next plenary meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st March in Ballybay Wetlands Centre at 7.30p.m.

WE have a jam packed agenda for you. Joining us on the evening are:

- Nicola Payne, PEACE Programme Manager who will be talking to you all about the latest news on the Small Grants Funding available Under PEACE IV programme. This will be very good news for our County with an investment of over €3m coming into Monaghan,

- Laura Nulty, Monaghan County Council Planning Department who will talk to you all about how you the community can participate in the upcoming public consultation on Monaghan County Development Plan. We want you to be a part of

I would love to meet you and members of your group at the meeting. Our speakers at the meeting have been asked to come meet you all because we believe that they have information of high importance to all of our membership. So please join us.

WE will also have refreshments and your group could win one of our 2 x €100 prizes.

Find out how to become a PPN community representative (page 3)
WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL COMMUNITY SEATS ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

PPN Secretariat—3 Positions
1 Seat—Monaghan Municipal District (confined to groups registered in Monaghan MD)
1 Seat—Older Persons Representative (confined to groups whose main focus is older people)
1 Seat—Community & Voluntary Sector (All of our membership)

Housing, Fire & Civil Protection Strategic Policy Committee - 1 Position

Social, Cultural & Community Development Strategic Policy Committee—1 Position

By now, you will all have received a letter in the post with nomination papers, nominee profile forms and information about each of the committees. Please read carefully. We will never put anybody under pressure at meetings to take a position, this is all done in advance of the meeting through a nomination process.
If your group is interested in finding out more about the work we do in Monaghan Public Participation Network, then I would be happy to come to your AGM/Network event/Community Festival and meet your community to explain the benefits to you all of being part of our network.

Just ask and I will do my best to arrange it.
For your information please find link below to **Dormant Accounts – Social Enterprise** - the aim of this funding is to support social enterprises that provide services to, or employment opportunities for, disadvantaged people, particularly in rural areas.

If you would like any support or further information please contact Bernie Bradley, Social Inclusion Development Officer, Monaghan County Council
Telephone 047 73727

[https://www.pobal.ie/FundingProgrammes/DormantAccountsFund/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.pobal.ie/FundingProgrammes/DormantAccountsFund/Pages/default.aspx)
I am delighted to attach advance notices relating to 2 public grant schemes we are currently offering:

1. Community Heritage Grant Scheme
2. Thatch Conservation Grant Scheme

All applications must be submitted through our online grants system between 1st March to 24th March 2017 at 5pm.

While Heritage Officers are exempt from applying, the schemes are open to other sections of local authorities.

We are also offering an additional Caring for Collections Scheme, however this is confined to active participants of the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) only.

Full details, and press release on our website

http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/this-years-projects
Invitation to assist with the development of a Walking & Cycling Strategy for Carrickmacross

The people of Carrickmacross and its environs are being asked to take part in an important piece of work which will potentially change how the town looks, and how people travel around the town, over the next few years.

As part of the government’s Smarter Travel initiative, The Municipal District of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney has taken up the challenge for Carrickmacross to become an Active Travel Town, and to put in place a range of measures and supports which will facilitate more people to use sustainable forms of transport for more of their daily journeys.

The first step of the process is to prepare a Walking & Cycling Strategy for the town. It is intended that this strategy will form a blueprint for a number of initiatives in the coming years, and will enable the Council to draw down funding from the Dept. of Transport or any other funding opportunities to back up the initiatives identified in the strategy.

If you would like to have your say, online surveys are available on Survey Monkey at the following addresses:

If you’re a member of the general public: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CmxPublic

If you’re a business owner in Carrickmacross: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CmxEmployers

If you’re an employee working in Carrickmacross: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CmxEmployees
Tearmann Domestic Violence Support Service, is currently developing our strategic plan for the next 3 years. We view this very much as an opportunity for reflection and learning internally and with others, in Monaghan and Cavan, to ensure we play a leading part in creating safer homes and safer communities for those affected by domestic abuse. As part of this process we would welcome the opportunity to consult with you as a local agency or group.

We will hold two focus group discussions on **Wednesday 15th March from 2.30pm to 4.30pm** in the Bridge Street Centre Cavan and **Wednesday 15th March from 10am to 12pm** in Teach Na nDaoine in Monaghan.

The discussion will be facilitated by one of our planning consultants. In the session you will be invited to share a discussion on:

- your organisation’s experience and contact with domestic abuse;
- your understanding of the role and work of Tearmann to date;
- your ideas about what will contribute to meeting the needs of women and children directly affected by domestic abuse
- and also your ideas about raising awareness and changing attitudes in relation to domestic abuse at social and community level.

Again we would appreciate your participation and input. Feel free to pass on this invitation to anyone you think may be interested in attending the workshops in either Cavan or Monaghan.

Please RSVP Siobhan at tearmanndvs@eircom.net or 047 72311
Monaghan Sports Partnership News

Training & Education

Attention all Sports Club Secretaries and Sport Club Volunteers in Monaghan! If you are volunteering /coaching or involved in any way with U18s or vulnerable adults you must have completed Safeguarding 1 Code of Ethics Child Protection workshop. All bookings to be made through Monaghan Sports Partnership Office on 042-9755126

Safeguarding 1 (Code of Ethics Child Protection)

Tuesday 14th March 2017 (6.30pm-9.30pm) Fully booked!
Thursday 20th April 2017 (6.30pm-9.30pm)
In Castleblayney Enterprise Centre. Fee - €15 pp

*If it is 3 years or more since you last attended code of ethics workshop, you are advised to attend again and refresh your information

Safeguarding 2 (specifically for the Children’s Officer in your club)

Monday 8th May (6.30pm-9.30pm) in Castleblayney Enterprise Centre. Fee €15
Please see attached Local Enterprise Week Calendar from the 6th -10th of March. Listed below is a small selection of some of the programmes, seminars and workshops available next week.

Please register your interest with Briege Quinn at 047-71818

March 6th 10AM-1PM (Four Seasons Hotel)

**LEAN Business Programme**

Aimed at owners, managers and senior staff members of micro and small businesses in Monaghan, this workshop is an introduction to LEAN Management Development Programme. Participants will have an opportunity to meet LEOs LEAN consultants to discuss business suitability for the programme.

March 7th 10AM-2PM (Ballybay Enterprise Centre)

**Kickstart Your Food Business**

The objective is to assist those working in small food businesses or those who may be thinking of setting up a food business. Experts on the day will provide assistance and advice on various resources available to food startups. Two locally based food producers will share their personal insights into setting up and running this type of business. To register email info@enterprisingmonaghan.ie or

8th of March 9.30AM-12.30PM (Shirley Arms Hotel)

**Cyber Security Information Seminar for SMEs**

Designed to be a practical workshop, aimed specifically at small and medium sized business owners. Speakers will include John Nealon from M1 Document Solutions, Simon Loughran from Certification Europ and Marc McArdle from McArdles Computer & Offices Supplies. The course will best suit those businesses that are keen to ensure that their Information and IT infrastructure are both physically and cyber secure.
Please see attached Local Enterprise Week Calendar from the 6th - 10th of March. Listed below is a small selection of some of the programmes, seminars and workshops available next week.

9th of March 11AM-2PM (The Nuremore Hotel)
‘Taking Ireland Beyond the Two-Speed Economy’
– Opportunities from a Monaghan Perspective
Presenting Dragons’ Den since 2009, Richard Curran is a journalist, broadcaster and author for 20 years. He presents the hugely popular The Business each Saturday on RTÉ Radio One. Richard will talk about the potential for towns and regions to move beyond the two-speed economy of Dublin vs the rest, about the entrepreneurial potential that exists in the regions but the need to have it fostered and supported at policy level.

Followed by Lunch and Awards Reception
County Final of National Enterprise Awards 2017
The awards organised by the National Network of Local Enterprise Offices – celebrates the achievements of Ireland’s micro-enterprise sector. The awards recognise and celebrate the success stories of small business owners from all over the country.

10th of March 8.30AM-11AM (Creighton Arms Hotel, Clones)
Trading Online Voucher Breakfast Information Seminar
This seminar will include current opportunities for online selling, potential for selling online – what can be sold, how people have done it, brief overview of what you need to know and what you can use a Trading Online Voucher for and the application process.

TO BOOK FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS CONTACT BREEGE 047 71818
**Basic First Aid**

Wednesday 17th May 2017 (6.30pm-10.00pm) in Castleblayney Enterprise Centre. Fee - €35

All bookings to be made through Monaghan Sports Partnership Office on 042-9755126

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**Disability Awareness in Sport Workshop**

Tuesday March 21st, Castleblayney Enterprise Centre, 7pm-9pm. Cost €15 per person

This is an awareness building workshop aimed at anyone involved in sport or physical activity that would like to learn more about offering opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in their school, club or organisation.

To book a place please contact Dean Mc Elroy, Sports Inclusion Development Officer on 087-2623956

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**Inclusive Walking Programme to help step into spring!**

Monaghan Sports Partnership Sports Inclusion programme has organised a 4 walking programme for adults with a disability.

The programme will take place Wednesday 8th of March at Rooskey (meeting point, Mens Shed Car Park) from 11am-12pm for 4 weeks

Pre-registration is essential. Cost is €5 per person for 4 weeks

For more information or to book a place on the Walking Programme please contact Dean Mc Elroy Sports Inclusion Development Officer on 087-2623956 or the Monaghan Sports Partnership office on 042-9755126
Would you like a **FREE** listing in a new online Repair Directory?

- Lawn mowers & garden tools
- Furniture & upholstery
- Large & small appliances
- Computers & phones
- Clothes & shoes
- Televisions
- Bicycles

If you have a repair business in Monaghan and would like to be included in the Repair Directory, please forward us your contact details. **This is a completely free service to promote repair instead of a throw-away culture!**

For a **FREE** business listing email repair@monaghancoco.ie
The 2017 Adult Learners' Festival will take place from the 6th - 10th March 2017. The theme for the week is 'The Power and Joy of Learning'.

The key message of the Festival is that all adults in Ireland should have equal access to learning opportunities; that adult learning has a hugely important role to play in the economic and social future of Ireland; and that adult learners and adult learning centres do vital work on a daily basis.

The Adult Learners' Festival is all about:

- **Celebrating** adult learning and the achievements of adult learners
- **Showcasing** the work of adult education providers
- **Promoting** the work of AONTAS and the adult education sector
- **Ensuring** that the adult learner is at the centre of adult and further education policy

As a way of celebrating and joining in this national festival, CMETB Adult Education Service & Monaghan Libraries are again working in partnership to facilitate a week of workshops to promote and encourage adult education in our county.

A series of **FREE** taster workshops will take place in a number of our libraries and other venues throughout the county.

Please also spread the word to family and friends, all events are free **but** they must be booked in advance.

For bookings, please email aegis@cmetb.ie or Tel: 047 30800
Women and The Death Penalty” by Dr Lynsey Black  Wednesday 8th March at 2pm – Market House

To celebrate International Women’s Day and in conjunction with our upcoming exhibition “The Watchmen – Policing, Crime and Punishment in Monaghan”. Dr Lynsey Black will talk about the women condemned to face the ultimate penalty in Ireland, the crimes for which they were condemned and the process by which twenty-one of twenty-two women were reprieved from the death sentence. She will also focus on two women from County Monaghan who were sentenced to death.

Admission Free All Welcome
Volunteer Management Training

We are running our annual Volunteer Management Training on 14th and 16th March (9.30 to 4) in Castleblayney. This 2 day course is for anyone involved in managing volunteers. So whether you lead volunteers as part of your paid job or as a volunteer yourself, this is a way to develop your skills. The cost is only €20 per person, including lunch on both days. Some of the topics include:

- Finding and keeping new members
- Building strong volunteer relationships
- Volunteering and the law
- Introduction to Garda Vetting and Child Protection

More information about the course is available on the Volunteer Ireland

Garda Vetting Training

Enterprise Centre, Castleblayney
7.30pm to 9.30pm Thursday 30th March

Topics covered include:
- Legal requirements for Vetting – who needs to be vetted?
- E-vetting – using the online system
- Avoiding common mistakes and delays
- Retrospective Vetting / Re-vetting

National Volunteer Management Conference

This year’s conference will be held on Tuesday 30th May in Sligo. More details will be announced by Volunteer Ireland next week and you should all receive an email from them.
Seachtain Náisiúnta na gCrann 2017
National Tree Week 2017

National Tree Week, which is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland and supported by Coillte will take place this year from 5th - 12th March 2017.

To be part of National Tree Week, the Tree Council of Ireland along with Coillte invites you to organise one or more events for the week. As well as tree planting ceremonies, the range of events can include forest and woodland walks, nature trails, workshops, woodturning displays, listening to the trees and what lives in the trees. Talks, tree climbing, broadcasts, launches, concert ‘The sound of Trees’ poetry readings, exhibitions, dramas, free trees donated by Coillte.

Don't forget to register your event! You can do so via the Tree Council’s website, www.treecouncil.ie or contact The Tree Council of Ireland, Seismograph House, Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin 14, Phone: 01-4931313.

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MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL TREE WEEK
2017

Monaghan County Council are participating in National Tree Week and have some trees left for distribution to our membership. Contact Fionnuala Mulligan 047 73720 for more information.
County Monaghan Young People—Exciting Peacebuilders Project Needs You ……

Young Peacebuilders 2017

Are you:
1. Aged 18-25?
2. Living in Northern Ireland or the Republic?
3. Interested in leadership & conflict resolution skills?
4. Passionate about (y)our future?
5. Curious about the idea of peacebuilding?

Yes? Glencree’s Young Peacebuilders 2017 Programme might be for you

Young Peacebuilders is a cross-border, cross-community peacebuilding project based on residential gatherings (March 24-26; May 5-7; June 16-18; September TBC) in different locations across the island. These will include dialogue workshops, leadership and conflict management training, and a follow up project, during which participants will apply practically the new skills they have learned.

Glencree is a peacebuilding organisation committed to working with different communities across the ROI and NI.
For more info / to apply, visit http://glencree.ie/young-peacebuilders/ or email kieran.allen@glencree.ie / eamon.rafter@glencree.ie
Clones Family Resource Centre
Heritage Outing on Saturday
11th March, 2017

Why not come along on our exciting heritage trip to Dan Winter’s Cottage and Brownlow House? Both venues are well-known Orange cultural sites of historic interest.

Call 047 52919 for further details or to book your place.

Supported by the International Fund for Ireland Peace of Mind project.
Visiting the 1916 Rising Exhibition, Cavan County Museum, Ballyjamesduff
Followed by a music workshop in the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan

Call 047 52919 for further details or to book your place

Supported by the International Fund for Ireland
Generate Income for your Community

Tuesday 7th March 7.00pm (7/3/17 19.00)
MID Office, Monaghan Rd, Castleblayney.

This workshop is for local community and voluntary groups considering a social enterprise and/or existing social enterprises considering diversification of their operations. The workshop will cover:

- What is a Social Enterprise?
- Why start a Social Enterprise?

Supports available for developing your Social Enterprise

Subject to interest, MID will develop a business planning and mentoring programme to prepare groups to make an application to the LEADER Social Enterprise call.

To register your interest in attending this workshop or for further information please telephone Julie Clarke on 042 9795732/0429749500 or email jclarke@midl.ie.
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If you are interested in attending, please complete and return the application form by the deadline noted, indicating your preference for date and location. Places are limited to twenty five participants on each course; therefore preference has to be given to potential participants who are working within the Cavan and Monaghan areas. For information on all co-ordinating sites please visit [www.nosp.ie](http://www.nosp.ie)

Due to the high demand for places, a received application is not a guarantee of a place on the workshop. Applications need to be submitted by the deadline outlined above. Participants will be offered a place one week before the workshop date.

*Please return completed application forms to:*

Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Services, Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre, Donaghmoyne Road, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan.

Email: [emer.mulligan@hse.ie](mailto:emer.mulligan@hse.ie), Tel: 086 1717563.
Thank You, While I have your attention please check out our facebook page. New information goes up on it daily so please like and share and help spread the word.

Until next time
Leona Keenan, PPN Support Worker.

Telephone 047 73750

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