

# *Leitrim Public Participation Network*

## Report January to June 2024



**Comhairle Chontae Liatroma**  
**Leitrim County Council**



**An Roinn Forbartha**  
**Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

# Work Over View

## Administration:

- Budget, Workplan, MOU's approved
- Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting
- Social Media Management/Website updating and training
- E Bulletin research and distribution every two weeks
- Convert open registrations on Salesforce and maintain member groups contact list
- Advice to groups on becoming a PPN member
- Income & Expenditure Report completed for DRCD
- Love Where You Live Organisation, Shortlisting and Judging
- Held Secretariat Meetings (5)
- Held Supervisory Sub Groups meetings
- Held Linkage Group Meetings (5)
- Attended National Resource Workers meetings(4) (Peer support for RW's including an update from Dept Rural & Community Development & PPN National Advisory Group
- Attended Regional Workers meeting (1)
- Attended Workers Retreat in Meath
- National Secretariat Network meetings attended by Rep on Secretariat
- **Meetings:-** Town Teams, IEN, Leitrim Childcare, Diaspora Steering Group, Consultation on Strategic Plan, Climate Action Team
- Strategic Planning Workshop (April) for member groups/Reps Training (ongoing)/ Presentation skills training for 10 group

## Outreach:

- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Presentation to North Leitrim Women's Centre on leadership in local Government
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan Attended Launch LECP Carrick & secretariat members
- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Attended an information evening for Grants and presented in conjunction with LCC & secretariat members
- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Attended the Launch of The Junction Project, Ballinamore & secretariat member
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Attended Love Where You Live Awards Launch
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Attended Leitrim's Health is Wealth Carrick
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Held Adrian Langan Training on presentation skills for community groups
- 29<sup>th</sup> Feb Attended Retrofit Event at the Mayflower, Drumshanbo & Secretariat member
- 4<sup>th</sup> March Attended PPN Barriers to Participation Research Online
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Attended Killenummery and Killery Parish Bereavement Group Conference evening & secretariat member
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Attended Launch of Leitrim Social Prescribing
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Took part in a Walkability study of Manorhamilton
- 11<sup>th</sup> April Organization and attendance at Wiser and Greener Event with other stakeholders
- 12<sup>th</sup> April Migration Strategy Launch – attended by secretariat member
- 13<sup>th</sup> April Inter county meet up in Rossinver with staff and secretariat
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Attended Launch of Leitrim Leader Funding Carrick & Information Briefings & Secretariat member
- 9<sup>th</sup> May Organisation of Plenary in Mohill –90 attendees
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Attended Volunteer Roadshow at The Mayflower Drumshanbo & secretariat member
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Attended Launch of Leitrim Cycling Festival (Bike Week) & Secretariat member
- 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May Biodiversity Week Events Call Out
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Attended Africa Day, Ballinamore
- 28<sup>th</sup> May Attended Community Sports Hub Open Day Ballinamore
- 29<sup>th</sup> May Attended Charity Summit Croke Park by The Wheel
- June – Judging Love Where You Live Awards in Co. Leitrim

# *Engagement*

## **Membership by Pillar:**

**Leitrim PPN has 417 member groups**

- *Community & Voluntary Pillar* 311
- *Environmental Pillar* 18
- *Social Inclusion Pillar* 88

## **Social Media Following:**

- Facebook Followers 1.6K
- Instagram Followers 541
- LinkedIn Followers 238
- Twitter X Followers 129



# Communications



- Circulation of funding opportunities, training, surveys, consultations and community event notices
- Distribution of newsletter every 2 weeks
- Maintain website and social media platforms
- Leitrim Observer coverage
- Church newsletters & local correspondence in Leitrim Observer



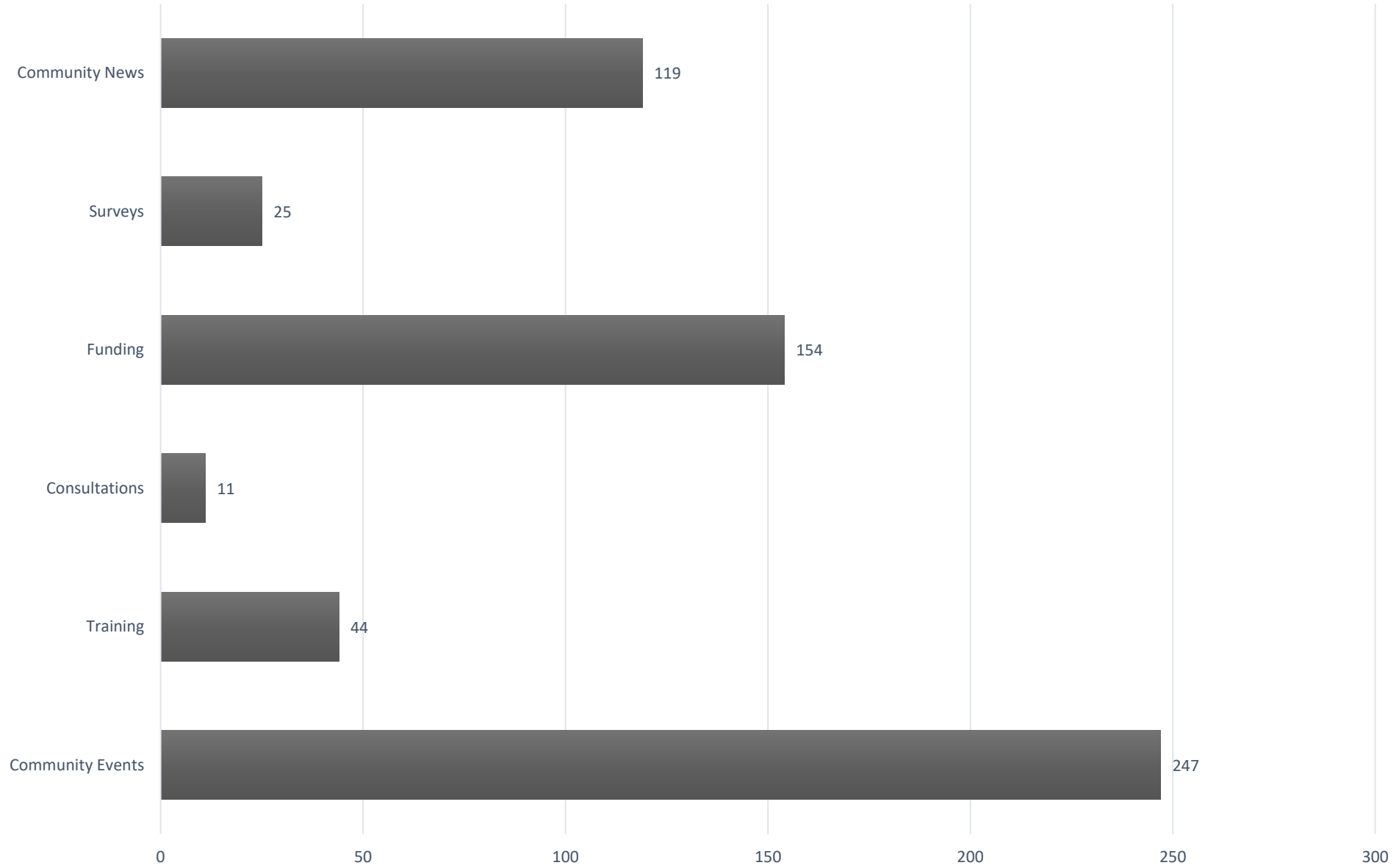
***The more people know about Leitrim PPN and its over-arching goals, the more likely they will be to join and support us***

# *Submissions & Consultations*

- 12<sup>th</sup> March - First & last Green Mile –Secretariat member
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Walkability Study Manorhamilton in conjunction with LCC Age Friendly
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Diaspora Steering Group
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jun - Public Consultation for Strategic Plan for PPN- all member groups involved



# Information Circulated to PPN Member Groups from Jan - June 2024



# *Surveys shared in e-bulletin & social media 1/1/24-30/6/24*

- Irish Garden Bird Survey – 15<sup>th</sup> January
- State of Caring Survey – 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Club Officer Survey – 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Knowledge and use of immersive technologies in the field of Literature and Tourism – 12<sup>th</sup> February
- UCD Volunteering Survey – 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Leitrim Local Enterprise Office Training Needs Survey 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Study on Multilingualism in Young Children – 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Survey on Breastfeeding in Co. Leitrim – 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Leitrim County Council Diaspora Survey – 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Night-Time Economy Accessibility Survey – 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Sporting Facilities in County Leitrim Survey – 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Free Advocacy & Political Communications Training Survey – 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Leitrim PPN Member Survey Questions – 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Trans Equality Survey – 17<sup>th</sup> June

# *Leitrim PPN e mail Communications with Members Jan to June 2024*

- Information Evening of Schemes & Incentives of Interest to Owners of Long Term Vacant Properties – 01/02/2024
- Community Funding Information – 02/02/2024
- Two Project Development Funding Schemes – 28/02/2024
- Social Inclusion, Disability, Rural Development, Peace and Reconciliation Linkage Group meeting postponed – 12/03/2024
- “The Leitrim Gathering” 23rd to 25th May 2025 – 15/03/2024
- Climate Action, Environment, Heritage, Biodiversity & Agriculture Linkage Group Meeting – 04/04/2024
- The Community Recognition Fund is now open – 09/04/2024
- Community Event “Wiser and Greener” – 10/04/2024
- Biodiversity & Climate Action Workshop – 18/04/2024
- Funding Schemes: April - May 2024 – 29/04/2024
- A few things Leitrim PPN would like to share with you for the coming week:- 13/05/2024
- Social Inclusion, Disability, Rural Development, Peace & Reconciliation Linkage Group Meeting:- 31/05/24#
- National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024:- 05/06/2024
- PPN Public Consultation & Survey:- 20/06/2024





# Regional & National Workers Meetings



Regional Workers  
Monaghan Meet up

Cavan PNN Inter County meet  
Up



National Workers  
Retreat Trim



Cavan PPN Inter County meet Up



North West Regional Workers



The Summit Croke Pk



## Making Great Pitches & Presentations

Feb 22nd  
Thursday  
9.30am-1pm

with



Adrian Langan



Leitrim Development  
Company Offices  
Drumshanbo

## FUNDING INFORMATION FROM YOUR LOCAL PPN



Public Participation  
Network Leitrim



Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Liatroim  
Public Participation Network Leitrim

Leitrim PPN  
require governing documents for  
each registered group  
Please forward by 1st March to  
supportworker@leitrimppn.ie

# Leitrim PPN Social Media Content



The PPN will connect  
your group with other  
likeminded groups  
(This is called a  
Linkage Group)



## WISER & GREENER

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY  
EVENT  
&  
OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL  
MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER  
SEAMUS  
O'ROURKE

FREE EVENT FOR  
OVER 55'S

IN THE  
LANDMARK HOTEL

11 APRIL 2024



- 09:30: Registration
- 10:30: Sustainability Talks
- 13:00: Lunch Provided
- 14:30: Older People's Council: Have your Say



PRE REGISTRATION  
ESSENTIAL BY  
Community@leitrimcoco.ie  
071 96 20005



Biodiversity Week  
17th - 26th May  
Register your event

Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Liatroim  
Public Participation Network Leitrim

Comhairle Chontae Liatroma  
Leitrim County Council



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**Information Evening**  
**Grants for Long Term Vacant**  
**Properties in Co. Leitrim**

7th February 2024  
Leitrim Development  
Company, Drumshanbo

7pm

All  
Welcome

Leitrim  
DEVELOPMENT  
company

## LEADER FUNDING OPENING

Join the LEADER Team at one of our events if you,  
your community group, organisation, or business is  
interested in funding.

- Tuesday 21st May, The Island Theatre, Ballinamore
- Wednesday 22nd May, The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton
- Thursday 23rd May, Carrick Campus, Carrick on Shannon

Commencing at 6:30pm

Please Confirm your Attendance

Email: leader@ldco.ie

071 9641770



## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in LDCo,  
Drumshanbo.

Public consultation to involve all PPN member  
groups in the future planning of Leitrim PPN and  
help identify goals to support the Strategic Plan.

All 3 Linkage Group members, facilitators, Leitrim  
PPN member groups, secretariat and staff to  
attend. Facilitated by Orla Leydon, Office &  
Training Solutions.  
Come have your say - tea/coffee at 7.30pm.

Register on eventbrite or email  
info@leitrimppn.ie

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TRAINING  
SOLUTIONS  
LTD



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Public Participation Network Leitrim

## LEITRIM PPN PLENARY (GATHERING OF COMMUNITY GROUPS)

Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of PPN's

Canon Donohoe Hall, Mohill  
Thurs 9th May  
7 to 9 pm

Refreshments

Presentations from PPN member Groups

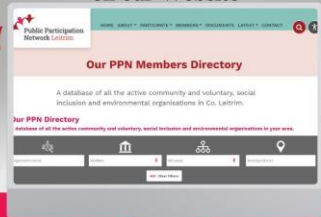
Come meet and chat with various community  
groups who will be showcasing what they do and  
find out what the PPN have been up to

Finger food on the night at 7pm

Please register by e-mailing info@leitrimppn.ie



## Locate your PPN Number on our Website



Saolta the Global Citizenship Education strategic partnership  
programme for the Adult and Community Education

## COMMUNITY BBQ

For PPN members in Leitrim.

SATURDAY, JULY 27 2024,  
1PM - 3.30PM  
THE ORGANIC CENTRE,  
ROSSINVER, CO. LEITRIM, IRELAND

Permaculture | SDGs | Global Justice | Global Citizenship Education

We will delve into occupation restoration within the framework of the SDGs, the  
Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, and the critical role of global citizenship in  
achieving these goals. \*\*\*\*And how PPN members can support this work

Places are limited. Register your interest at through Eventbrite or email  
gov@saolta.com

Closing date: Tuesday 23rd July



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# Coverage in the Leitrim Observer



Bernie Donoghue, Leitrim Development Company, Brigid McGourty, Cllr Justin Warnock, Gerry Creamer, PPN, Aidin McLoughlin, Mary McKeon, PPN and Patrick McGreevy, PPN



Cllr Felim Gurn, Cllr Sean McDermott, Emer Connolly, Senior Executive Officer, Leitrim County Council, Cllr Justin Warnock, Mary Quinn, Director of Services, and Cllr Sean McGowan



Mary Quinn Director of Services Leitrim County Council Suzanne Duffy, Leitrim County Council, Mary McKeon, Leitrim Public Participation Network, Cathaoirleach Cllr Justin Warnock, Mary McGil, Leitrim Public Participation Network, Interim Chief Executive Joseph Gilhooly, Leitrim County Council



Pictured attending the launch of 'Leitrim Social Prescribing' in the Breffni Family Resource Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, are staff from PPN and Leitrim Development Company pictured at the launch of the Leitrim/West Cavan Social Prescribing Service. (l-r) Michael Bruen, Bernie Donohoe, Mary McKeon, Sarah Carey, Social Prescribing Linkworker, Chris Connolly, Jeanette Leydon, Mary McGil, Seamus Scott (MSLETB).

PICTURES: NOREEN GAFFNEY



# PR & Other Coverage

## Leitrim Public Participation Networks 10th Anniversary Press Release



**Wiser & Greener Sustainability  
Event featured in National Age  
Friendly Newsletter**



# Launches Attended by PPN



Social Prescribing Launch March '24



Love Where You Live Launch Feb '24



Migration Strategy Launch April '24 (Secretariat member)



LECP Launch Jan '24 (Secretariat)



Leader Launch May '24 (Secretariat)



Leitrim Cycling Festival launch May '24 (Secretariat)



# Outreach Events Attended



Retrofit Ready Feb '24



Leader Information briefings May '24 (Secretariat)



Community Services Hub Open Day Ballinamore May '24



Leitrim Volunteer Roadshow May '24 (Secretariat)



Wiser & Greener Event April '24 (Secretariat)



Opening of The Junction Ballinamore Feb '24

# Linkage Group Meetings



Climate Action, Environment,  
Heritage, Biodiversity &  
Agriculture Linkage Group



*Social Inclusion, Disability, Rural  
Development, Peace and Reconciliation  
PPN Linkage Group meeting June 2024*

Planning, Transport and  
Housing Linkage Group



# May Plenary

**The key decision-making body of each PPN is its Plenary, which is made up of representatives of all the registered member groups of the PPN.**






# PPN Reps




**PPN Reps Support**  
LDCo, Drumshanbo 🕒 8pm

**Thurs 6th June**  
for reps on boards & forums

**Thurs 13th June**  
reps on council committees only



  
Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Liatrim  
Public Participation Network Leitrím



Secretariat 2024

Reps Training & Mentoring  
will continue till year end with  
Liam Scollan



Leitrím PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee L/R Chris Gonley, Leitrím Development Company, Cllr Enda Stenson, Kathryn Hardingham PPN, Cllr Paddy O'Rourke, James McGivern PPN, Suzanne Duffy SEO Leitrím CoCo, Kathleen Kearns PPN, Cllr Sean McDermott, Julie Marshall PPN, Liam Breslin PPN, Maeve Whittington CYPSC, Marian McGovern Peace Coordinator Leitrím CoCo, Assumpta Kelly N Leitrím Women's Centre



# Training



**Adrian Langan “Making Great Pitches & Presentations” for 10 member Groups**



**Train The Trainer Course completed by Facilitator  
Paddy Mc Greevy & Mary Mc Girl PPN staff**



**Upcoming Training for member groups  
on:-  
17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct & 5<sup>th</sup> Nov all 10 to 12  
online – more details to follow.....**



# Love Where You Live Awards 2024

*35 Local groups entered under the PPN sponsored sections of Community Achievement and Social Inclusion*



**Love Where You Live Awards 2024**

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

**CLOSING DATE:**  
**7TH APRIL**

Visit  
[www.leitrimppn.ie](http://www.leitrimppn.ie)  
to enter!



<https://leitrimppn.ie/love-where-you-live-awards/>

Judging took place on 17<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 with independent judge Daniel Downey from Cavan PPN



**Enter now for  
LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE AWARDS  
CLOSING DATE 7TH APRIL**

**Form online on Leitrim PPN  
and Leitrim County Council Website**



# .....*Rest of the year!*

- Strategic Plan for Leitrim PPN with launch at Plenary in Nov
- National Heritage Week 17<sup>th</sup> Aug
- National Trails Conference 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept (Carrick)
- Linkage Group meetings, secretariat meetings, supervisory sub group meetings
- Reps Training for new reps on Council Committees & working with Liam Scollan
- Reps Networking in Sligo - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct with Brian Harvey independent social researcher
- Judging for Love Where You Live Awards & Awards Night 10<sup>th</sup> Oct
- National Conference Limerick 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Regional & National meetings
- Social Inclusion Week 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Plenary 14<sup>th</sup> November
- E bulletin research and circulation
- Social Media & Website updates
- DRCD annual report, admin, correspondence, reporting, LECP, Climate Action Plan, Nomination for new reps .....

# The Stakeholders

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