

## **Community Department Update**

### **Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **Community Enhancement Programme 2021**

At the July meeting of the Galway City LCDC, grants totalling €132,455 were approved by the LCDC to a wide range of local groups and organisations in Galway City under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021. The funding approved by Galway City LCDC ranges in support to a number of small scale projects and larger projects, all aimed at addressing disadvantage and providing much needed funding to communities across Galway City.

In total 39 projects have been approved funding for a variety of projects that will enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas, targeted appropriately towards the areas that need it most. A number of the grants approved are small grants of €1,000 or less, providing support to smaller community projects to get off the ground. In addition a number of grants were approved funding for expenditure on adaptations or equipment needed as a result of COVID-19, given the impact this has had on many local groups and organisations throughout Galway City. All of the projects receiving funding relate to one or more of the key priority areas as identified in the Galway City Local Economic & Community Plan 2015 – 2021 and the ongoing delivery of these projects during 2021 will support the delivery of many of the collaborative actions which will be of great benefit to local communities in Galway City. This funding was welcomed by Galway City LCDC who look forward to the successful delivery of these projects in 2021. The funding is administered by Galway City LCDC. The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Please see the following link for a press release on the launch of the CEP at national level by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/df30e-ministers-humphreys-and-obrien-announce-45-million-to-improve-community-facilities/>. For a full list of projects approved under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 please see [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie)

#### **Grant Support under SICAP - Community Group Restart Grant**

Applications received under a new restart grant were approved during July 2021 to assist a number of smaller community and voluntary groups restart and get back up and running as many are not in a position to continue with their vital work supporting their communities during COVID-19. Galway City Partnership are administering this restart grant under SICAP funding with Galway City Council providing match funding. In total 25 community and voluntary groups were approved small scale funding to assist with restart costs, with total funding approved in the amount of €8,000.

#### **The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 – Programme Extension**

During July 2021, the Department of Rural and Community Development extended the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP 2018-2022) funding agreements for a period of 12 months, up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The extra year will give an opportunity to step back and see how SICAP has operated to date at a local level, what has worked and what perhaps hasn't worked so well. In order to do that a mid-programme review will be carried out locally, between the LCDC and Galway City Partnership as the programme implementer for Galway City. While looking at local need the DRCD will also be asking to focus on certain national priorities to ensure the programme remains focussed and continues to support those

most in need. These programme priorities reflect current national policy and learning from the programme to date as well as low representation of certain target groups on the caseload and acute needs highlighted by the pandemic.

### **Galway City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

The next meeting of the Galway City LCDC is taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 3.00pm via MS Teams, in line with the schedule of meetings agreed. Items to be discussed at this meeting include the ongoing implementation plan for the Galway City LECP 2020-2021. Members will also receive updates on Healthy Galway City and the COVID-19 Community Response.

### **Galway City COVID-19 Community Response Forum**

The COVID-19 Community Response Forum, co-ordinated by Galway City Council continues to meet monthly to lead the co-ordination of COVID-19 community supports and resilience and to ensure that there is a co-ordinated community response, enabling all the voluntary and statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly our most vulnerable members.

### **Galway City COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

The Galway City COVID-19 Community Call Helpline, which is being led and coordinated by Galway City Council continues to provide a dedicated community response helpline to ensure that all vulnerable members of our community are appropriately supported as we move through the response to COVID-19. The Helpline is operational from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday by Freephone 1800 400 150 and email to [covidsupport@galwaycity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@galwaycity.ie). Outside of normal working hours, including weekend's calls / requests will automatically route to our out of hours call service and are dealt with accordingly. A key purpose of the Helpline is to continue to ensure that older people and those who are vulnerable in our community have access to very practical supports such as groceries, meals on wheels, medication collection and social supports / engagement. The Helpline has dealt with over 1,150 requests to date and the importance of a local response in this regard is essential.



**Galway City Council Community Call**

We're here if you need practical support or someone to talk to.

We can help with:

- Delivery of food, medication, fuel or other household items
- Someone to talk to or keep in touch with
- Other practical supports
- Signposting and referral to reliable information and services

**1800 400 150**  
**[covidsupport@galwaycity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@galwaycity.ie)**

**KEEP WELL**  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

 **Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe**  
Galway City Council

 **Riadas na hÉireann**  
Government of Ireland

### **#Keepwell Campaign Metrics**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with the input of others have developed a new data hub to show the extensive work being done as part of the Community Call, Keep Well and other national COVID-19 response initiatives. To date, data had been collected daily in relation to Community Call activity and displayed on a data hub dashboard. Going forward the new data hub developed will capture Community Call data for 2021 in addition to data relating to Keep Well. The objective is to collect data so that we can capture

a sense of the levels of awareness about the campaign across the community and levels of engagement in events and activities. The Keep Well/Community Call data hub is now publicly accessible: <https://keep-well-campaign-geohive.hub.arcgis.com/>, noting that it is best to access this hub using Google Chrome or MS Edge.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Programme**

The vaccination programme continues to be rolled out nationwide. More than 3 million people have been fully vaccinated in Ireland. By 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 90% of adults will be partially vaccinated and 80% of adults will be fully vaccinated. For updates and information on each of the vaccine allocation groups, and when and where they'll be invited for their vaccine, please visit [www.hse.ie/rollout](http://www.hse.ie/rollout)

### **Vaccine advertising in other languages**

The latest advertising campaign features advertising in other languages. Ads calling people in the current age groups to register for their vaccine are running on community radio in languages including Italian, Spanish, French, Polish, Punjab, Urdu, and Russian. Ads will also be shared across other platforms including TuneIn and Spotify, where dynamic audio will allow us to pick up the language setting on a person's phone to deliver a suitable ad.

### **Public Health Measures**

You can find information here about the public health measures in place [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - Public health measures in place right now ([www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie))

### **Free online Minding Your Wellbeing Programme**

HSE Health & Wellbeing have a free, online mental health and wellbeing programme called Minding Your Wellbeing. This consists of a series of 5 video sessions of 20 minutes – click here or [www.yourmentalhealth.ie](http://www.yourmentalhealth.ie)



### **Free online Stress Control Programme**

HSE Health and Wellbeing are offering the next free online Stress Control programme from Monday 6th September 2021 that teaches practical skills to deal with stress. The six sessions are 90 minutes each and cover different topics. Participants are encouraged to watch all sessions, but participants can join at any stage for one or more sessions. To register visit [www.stresscontrol.ie](http://www.stresscontrol.ie)

**TAKE CONTROL WITH STRESS CONTROL**  
 SEPTEMBER 2021: Commencing Monday 6th September

EACH SESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

	What is Stress?	9am, Monday 6th September (available until 11pm Wednesday 8th)
	Controlling your Body	9am, Thursday 9th September (available until 11pm Sunday 12th)
	Controlling your Thoughts	9am, Monday 13th September (available until 11pm Wednesday 15th)
	Controlling your Actions	9am, Thursday 16th September (available until 11pm Sunday 19th)
	Controlling Panicky Feelings and Getting a Good Night's Sleep	9am, Monday 20th September (available until 11pm Wednesday 22nd)
	Controlling your Future	9am, Thursday 23rd September (available until 11pm Sunday 26th)

[www.stresscontrol.ie](http://www.stresscontrol.ie)  

**Self-management Support – HSE dedicated web page for people with long-term health conditions**

For practical resources that support people to self-manage a long-term health condition, go to: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/hl/selfmanagement/resources-for-people-living-with-a-long-term-health-condition/>. These resources include:

- Minding Your Long-Term Health Condition During Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Directory of Resources and Supports during Coronavirus
- Tips For Self-Managing your Health when living with a long-term health condition
- Practical, informative videos which support people to self-manage and to stay well

**Exercise for Wellbeing Videos (Beginners Yoga and Pilates, Chair Yoga for Beginners)**

HSE Health and Wellbeing have developed a free series of exercise videos. This includes beginner’s videos for both Yoga and Pilates, (8 x 30 minute videos on each) and Chair Yogo for Beginners (4 short videos from 7-11 minutes each). These are available on the HSE Health and Wellbeing YouTube channel. [Click here](#)

**Living Well**

Supporting adults with long-term health conditions with skills to become effective self-managers of their own health - check out the Living Well Programme! Email [triona.mcnamee@hse.ie](mailto:triona.mcnamee@hse.ie) or see <http://hse.ie/LivingWell>

**Living Well**  
 A programme for adults with long-term health conditions



Living Well is a free **online** group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition.

You will develop self-management **skills and confidence** to live well with your health conditions.

**September Programmes**

Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow				Contact
Day	Start date	Finish date	Time	
Wednesdays	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21	20 <sup>th</sup> October 21	10am - 12:30pm	Triona – 087 405 3880
Fridays	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 21	10:30am - 1pm	
Saturdays	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21	30 <sup>th</sup> October 21	10:30am - 1pm	

## **Community Volunteers Programme**

The guiding principle of the new Community Volunteers Programme is that communities in Ireland are better placed to respond quickly and effectively in times of local and national need, through the creation of a diverse, trained and flexible Community Volunteers programme. Community Volunteers will provide urgent support in their localities, and may stay connected and engaged with their communities by also providing support for community events. As local authorities are at the heart of our communities we will be a key partner in the programme, which will be managed by the Galway Volunteer Centre. Galway Volunteer Centre will provide a full Volunteer Management service, where they will recruit, interview, train and manage the Galway Community Volunteers directly at each event. The Community Volunteers programme offers a new opportunity for people to connect with and support their neighbours and their wider community in times of challenge and in times of celebration. It provides meaningful short term and episodic volunteer roles, allowing people to volunteer in a way that suits their lifestyle. The Department of Rural and Community Development has committed to providing funding towards this new programme, with a base level funding contribution from Galway City Council. The Community Volunteers Programme will be launched nationally on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## **Volunteer Centre launches Autumn Academy for Community Groups**

Galway Volunteer Centre is inviting volunteers, staff and Board members of local community and not-for-profit groups to participate in a variety of free upskilling workshops that will be taking place in September, October and November 2021. With funding from Galway City Council, the Volunteer Centre will be offering a 2 hour online workshop on a different topic each week to help groups improve their governance, social media, IT, event management and group development skills. The workshops start on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September and run on Tuesdays until November 16<sup>th</sup> alternating between morning and evening to ensure as many people as possible can attend. The topics covered are Financial Oversight for Board Members, Managing Online Events, Preparing a Social Media Strategy, Excel Basic, Excel Intermediate, Boards, Chairs and CEOs: Roles, Relationships & Boundaries, Strategic Planning, Business and Organisational Development. Anyone interested in attending can find out more and register at <https://bit.ly/galvolevents>. Since 2006, Galway Volunteer has been helping members of the public to volunteer and helping community organisations to find volunteers, by providing a constantly updated list of volunteer roles on their website [www.volunteergalway.ie](http://www.volunteergalway.ie). The GVC team meets with people to help them choose volunteer roles that match their interests and availability.

## **Galway City Comhairle na nÓg**

The Galway City Comhairle na nÓg committee have resumed their weekly meeting on Friday at 4.30pm after a short summer break, meeting both outdoor and online. The topic for the committee this year is Mental Health. The main focus will be 'Invisible Disabilities' and the impact on mental health and the committee are continuing their work on developing online workshops and a podcast series to raise awareness of mental health. The committee will host a consultation with young people on the topic in order to gather information on the experiences of young people and to make recommendations on improvements needed in the school environment and the general community. During July 2021 the committee and Westside Youth Project ran a two day summer camp introducing Irish Sign Language. Galway City Comhairle na nÓg with the shout! LGBT+ Youth Project hosted a youth picnic for Galway Pride in August 2021. The committee were represented at a consultation on creating youth friendly resources on the Comhairle na nÓg Five Year Development Plan. A committee member has been nominated to sit on a Youth Advisory Group to help design a survey for the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on Universal Youth

Services. Committee members participated in a teambuilding residential at Delphi Resort in August 2021. The committee are starting their preparations for their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in line with current public health guidelines and relevant guidance for youth organisations which will be held during Q4 2021. The AGM is an essential part of the Comhairle na nÓg life-cycle and September / October is the period when preparations, recruitment and selection of topics for the AGM begin. An additional fund of €5,000 has been approved by the Department to support the implementation of stakeholder engagement as outlined in the Comhairle na nÓg Five Year Plan which was launched nationally during April 2021.

### **Training and Equipment to Engage Young People through STEAM (Creative Technologies Programme)**

Over August and September, the Creative Technologies Programme is offering training and support to staff and volunteers in youth settings in Galway on how to engage with young people through Science, Technology, Science, Arts and Maths. There is a link to a Google form below for people to express an interest and sign up. For staff and volunteers that haven't participated in Camara Ireland/Techspace training before, there is a choice of training on offer:

1. STEAM - This will be based on basic circuits, electronics and hands-on making.
2. Computer Science - Involves coding, using BBC Microbits and introduction to coding resources online
3. Digital Media - the basics of Video & Audio production, particular emphasis on using Smartphones

If groups have done training on a particular area before, there may be interest in training in another area. There are transferable skills between them all too so some of the STEAM training will help understanding of Computer Science and vice versa. For each of those training courses there will be equipment supports of a starter kit with some essentials to get their groups up and running. All sessions will run in 2 x 2hr workshops with a week in between each one and a small piece of 'homework' to do during that week. For groups that have already done Camara Ireland/TechSpace training in the past, we are offering equipment support and a 3 weeks of one-hour support sessions to help them prepare groups for this year's Creative Tech Fest which will be in October. Groups can apply for 4 different types of kits. Further information is available in the form below: <https://forms.gle/26NxEhoGcXJCNTp9>

### **Planet Youth - New SPHE website, Parents Booklet and Videos**

The Planet Youth 'Guidelines for Parents' booklet is being distributed over the next couple of weeks to incoming first year parents via the schools, together with the bedtimes / screen times sticker and magnet. <https://planetyouth.ie/resources/parent-resources/>. The new SPHE website was completed during the summer [The Facts SPHE website](#). The website is designed to give local and up to date information that will help inform the delivery of modules in SPHE. It also has topics that should be useful in other subject areas such as CSPE, RE and PE. The website will be updated every two years with the latest Planet Youth survey data and topics will be added / removed based on feedback and use of the site. The website uses data from the survey at city / county level. Briefing meetings for teachers are being planned and it is hoped to do an official launch on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 during the West Regional Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week.



## **Age Friendly Housing Resources**

Age Friendly Ireland have launched a new suite of resources to support the preparation of housing for the ageing population and a new website called [www.agefriendlyhomes.ie](http://www.agefriendlyhomes.ie). The Agefriendlyhomes website contains an array of information to support the development of Age Friendly Housing, such as case studies, research, funding information and design templates. This website was developed in collaboration with The Housing Agency and Age Friendly Ireland, the Department of Health and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This is a very unique web portal in an Irish context and will provide a one stop shop for all resources to support Age Friendly Housing. In addition a suite of resources was also launched and can be accessed at the links below for your attention and for onwards sharing with colleagues as appropriate. They include guidance of features to include in a lifetime adaptable and age friendly home including how to make it more accessible and a checklist to use in your own home. Also included is research on older people's perceptions and experiences of going through a rightsizing process to future proof their home and an information booklet for older people to explain their options regarding future proofing their homes, ranging from adapting the home, Homeshare or moving to more suitable accommodation.

- [Ten Universal Design Features to include in a Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home](#) which synopsis the most critical features that make homes Age friendly
- [Age Friendly Homes Rating Tool](#) a user-friendly checklist of features to include in your home to make it more accessible and Age Friendly
- [Rightsizing Research Report](#) research on older people's perceptions and experiences of going through a rightsizing process to future proof their home environment and living arrangements
- [Age Friendly Primary Care Centre Guidelines](#) guidance material on the inclusion of Age Friendly features in the development of new Primary Care Centres to meet the needs of the ageing population
- [Age Friendly Planning Guidelines & Recommendations](#) guidance for planning authorities on preparing development plans that consider all aspects of demands that will be generated by population ageing
- [Age Friendly Rightsizing Guide](#) information booklet for older people to explain their options regarding future proofing their homes, ranging from adapting the home, Homeshare or moving to more suitable accommodation
- [Age Friendly Parking Toolkit](#) schematic for developing Age Friendly car parking bays
- [Age Friendly Seating Toolkit](#) guidance on making public seating more Age Friendly using Universal Design features

## **In Their Own Words: The Voices of Older Irish People in the COVID-19 Pandemic**

During August 2021, Tilda released a unique & comprehensive report, highlighting some of the voices of those most affected by the #Covid\_19 crisis. The report details some of the personal accounts of Ireland's older adults from the first few months of the pandemic. [https://tilda.tcd.ie/publications/reports/pdf/Report\\_C19ParticipantVoices.pdf](https://tilda.tcd.ie/publications/reports/pdf/Report_C19ParticipantVoices.pdf)

## **Research on older adults, social connections and digital skills**

Sandra Flynn, a PhD researcher from Cork is conducting a study on digital skills and lifelong learning amongst older adults in Ireland and is looking for participants. The study aims to explore the experiences of older adults and lifelong learning, with specific focus on intergenerational exchanges and digital skills. Little is known about the concept of intergenerational learning in Ireland outside of formal learning environments. By taking part

in this study your insights will help contribute to our understanding of the contribution intergenerational learning can make to lifelong learning and digital skills development of older adults. Participants aged 55 years and over are invited to one of two parts as appropriate:

Part a) involves an anonymous online survey for those who access the Internet through any digital device. The survey takes no longer than 15 minutes to complete and may be accessed through this link: <https://wp.me/p8OE8C-g8>. Participants wishing to continue to an optional 45-minute interview with Sandra to share their experiences further, may enter their contact details at the end of the survey.

Part b) applies to those who do not access the Internet and would be interested in sharing their experiences with Sandra in a telephone interview. If you know anyone who you think may be interested please pass this information along to them and ask to contact Sandra directly at 086- 8472348 to arrange an interview. If you have any questions about the study please contact Sandra by email at [s.flynn2@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:s.flynn2@lancaster.ac.uk)

### Positive Ageing Week 2021 – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Positive Ageing Week 2021 is taking place from 27<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. This is annual opportunity to highlight the positive aspects of ageing and celebrate the contribution older people have made and continue to make in their communities. Its central aim is to dispel negative perceptions of ageing and transform attitudes towards ageing and older people. In addition the week is a great opportunity to shine a light on all the positive contributions of older people in our communities, and to create a buzz in the city which highlights positivity of older age. After the difficult year endured by older people due to cocooning and all its associated worries and anxieties and inability to take part in social activities, Galway's Age Friendly Alliance feel that it is more important than ever to showcase and celebrate our older people and the contribution they make to their communities.

**POSITIVE AGEING WEEK 2021 | Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2021**

# WHO IS YOUR OLDER HERO

**AIM** Positive Ageing Week 2021 is an opportunity to shine a light on all the positive contributions of older people in our communities, and to create a buzz in the city and county which highlights positivity of older age.

One part of the campaign is to showcase older people in our communities who we know to be active contributors to friends, family, neighbourhoods and communities and/or who epitomise healthy and active ageing.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LIKE THIS?**  
Wouldn't it be great to showcase them during Positive Ageing Week?

**Here's what to do:**

1. Write a short description of the person (no more than 200 words), describing their contribution and /or describe their approach to healthy and active ageing
2. Get their written permission to use the bio and photo in the media during positive ageing week
3. Get a photo of the person that they are willing to have used for the promotion.

**Return the bios to Jacquie Lynskey [jlynskey@copegalway.ie](mailto:jlynskey@copegalway.ie) by the end of August with signed media permission and photo (Jacquie is happy to help with this)**

**OTHER ASPECTS OF POSITIVE AGEING WEEK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED IN**

1. School children thanking their grandparents(s) or an older person they know for their contribution to their lives/family/neighbourhood
2. An art exhibition showcasing the theme of positive ageing
3. Music events
4. A lively and active social media presence across agencies and media using a coordinated hashtag and showcasing examples of the above
5. And others, so any ideas you have would be great to organise during Positive Ageing Week

#Galwaypositiveageingweek  
[www.copegalway.ie](http://www.copegalway.ie)

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### Healthy Galway City

Work is continuing on the implementation of key actions funded under the Healthy Ireland Round 3 fund which was extended to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 with some summary activities as follows:

- Four additional online Healthy Food Made Easy programmes took place from April to June. There were 40 participants engaged in the four programmes. GRETB tutors have been

engaged in the delivery of the online HFME programme. 66 families were supported during the months of May and June to engage in a 4-week Family Cooking Project to promote healthy eating behaviours. This project was delivered in partnership with Foróige, GRETB & Tusla Family Services. Families were supported in Doughiska, Ballybane, Ballinfoile and Carrowbrowne. An additional 10 families were supported in Knocknacarra during the summer. The Melting Potluck cooking project is continuing with residents from the Great Western and the Eglinton.

- Engaging with groups and organisations as restrictions ease to identify opportunities to promote physical activity in the coming months. A 5-week online chair yoga programme was delivered during the month of June, for older adults engaged in the Acorn tablet project with Galway City Partnership. Working with the Ballybane Taskforce and the Community Sports Hub to expand walking routes in Ballybane & Doughiska – routes have been mapped and are currently being designed. Following the success of the Siel Bleu classes for over 55's during the spring, exploring additional classes for the Autumn.
- Nine sites in the city signed up to the Not Around Us initiative – Foróige Eastside Ballybane, Foróige Eastside Doughiska, Foróige Knocknacarra, Foróige Ballinfoile, West Galway Family Services, Ballinfoile Castlegar Neighbourhood Centre, Galway City Library, Galway Bohemians FC and St. James Ladies.
- Sexual Health information posters developed for Direct Provision centres, 'Community Champion' role for residents established and 'Safe Sex' Packages distributed.
- Delivered sexual health education to two groups from Dóchas don Óige during the month of June 2021. Sexual Health information sessions with ShOUT LGBT+ Galway were delivered during July 2021 in addition to programmes delivered for Galway Pride In August 2021.
- The Healthy Galway City website and social media channels continue to promote the #KeepWell campaign.

Minister Frank Feighan (Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy) is due to visit Galway (City and County) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to view and visit a number of local projects and initiatives funded and supported by Healthy Ireland. Planning is underway for this visit.

### **Webinar Training on Public Procurement for Social Enterprises – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12pm**

A practical workshop on writing a competitive tender & submitting it through e-Tenders, specifically for social enterprises. Register <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/168551300477> for your place. This webinar will use a recent Request for Tender and take attendees through each stage of the writing process using a fictional social enterprise created for the purpose. It will be a practical, interactive workshop therefore numbers will be limited. It will highlight what is needed under each section, what the tenderer is specifically looking for and how to ensure your submission stands out. Participants will also be shown how the final tender is submitted on the e-Tenders website. Having completed this workshop, participants will:

- Have a more in-depth knowledge of the language/terminology used in procurement processes
- Have seen what a Request for Tender (RFT) looks like
- Be familiar with the format of an RFT
- Have a greater understanding of the level of detail required under each RFT section
- Know how much time and resources it will take to complete future RFT processes
- Know how to submit completed tenders online through the E-Tenders website

Due to the practical nature of this workshop, the number of attendees will be limited to 60 (one per organisation.) Please note, this webinar will be recorded for future use. This Webinar is a joint venture of the Department of Justice, Department of Rural and Community Development and Pobal.

**Launch of Developing a Community Response to Suicide, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 3:00pm to 4:30pm**

This online event is to launch new operational guidance - Developing a Community Response to Suicide - a resource to guide those developing and implementing an inter-agency Community Response Plan for incidents of suspected suicide. The event will also showcase some of the suicide bereavement initiatives which support the activation of such plans. Developing a Community Response to Suicide will be officially launched by Anne O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer in the HSE. For more details and to register: [https://ims.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Zpy7q-TsTfKJCjOBECof0Q](https://ims.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zpy7q-TsTfKJCjOBECof0Q)

**Public Consultation - The next Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan**

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have launched the online public consultation to assist with the development of the next Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) National Implementation Plan. The consultation will be open for submission for an 8-week period, from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Please find the link to the consultation below: <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/5998d-sdg-national-implementation-plan-consultation-2021/>. Work is commencing on the development of the next SDG National Implementation Plan which will set out arrangements for interdepartmental coordination and governance, stakeholder engagement and actions needed for further implementation of Agenda 2030. A fundamental objective of developing the next National Implementation Plan is listening to and integrating the voices of stakeholders and this is why DECC are launching the consultation process at the outset of developing the Plan. As part of the consultation process DECC want to hear from as many people as possible to:

- i) Assess the awareness of, and engagement with, the SDGs;
- ii) Establish general opinion on progress made to-date; and
- iii) Seek feedback and recommendations to inform the drafting and development of the next National Implementation Plan

In addition a sector-specific section has been included to determine the activity and support requirements in different sectors.