

Tipperary Together Newsletter | 2024 | Issue No. 1

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter '*Tipperary Together'*. The '*Tipperary Together'* newsletter will issue at the end of each month and will be a broader community focused newsletter showcasing supports and content of interest to community based groups and individuals.

This issue includes information on:

ETB Open Day Citizen's Information Services

Community Climate Action Fund Men on the Move

Tipperary PPN News Educating Irish Elites

Tipperary Museum News Tipperary Town Climate Action Event

Sláintecare Workshop Tipperary Sports Partnership News

Arts/Heritage News Community Services

If you would like to provide content to the next issue of this newsletter or add your organisation as a group that receives this on a mailing list please email: tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie

Deadline for next issue content 19th February 2024

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Open Day

Tipperary FET College Archerstown, Thurles

Friday, 15 March...1-4pm

Full and Part-Time Courses Available

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Everyone's Invited!

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CITIZEN'S INFORMATION SERVICES



School term dates

When is the February mid-term break?

Primary schools close on Thursday, 15 February 2024 and Friday, 16 February 2024 for the mid-term break.

Primary schools can use 3 discretionary days to extend this to a 5-day break starting on Monday, 12 February 2024.

Post-primary schools close for a week from Monday, 12 February 2024 to Friday, 16 February 2024 inclusive for the February mid-term break.

If a post-primary school needs to make up time, it can shorten the mid-term break by staying open up to and including Wednesday, 14 February 2024.

When is Saint Brigid's Day in 2024?

St. Brigid's Day is an <u>annual public holiday</u> first introduced in 2023. This public holiday is on the first Monday in February, except where St Brigid's Day (1 February) happens to fall on a Friday, in which case that Friday will be a public holiday.

In 2024, the public holiday for St Brigid's Day falls on Monday, 5 February.

When is the Easter break?

All schools close for Easter on Friday, 22 March 2024, which is the final day of the school term.

If a school needs to make up time, it can shorten the Easter break by staying open up to and including Wednesday, 27 March 2024. All schools re-open on Monday, 8 April 2024.

How do schools make up days lost during the year?

Unforeseen school closures can happen, for example, due to bad weather. In such circumstances, schools can shorten the mid-term and/or Easter breaks to make up for lost time.

Schools can also review discretionary days where they had planned to close, and open on these days to make up the loss. Schools should notify you if this happens.

You should always check with your school for details of school holidays and any other planned closures.

You can find out more about school terms on https://bit.ly/SchoolTerms, or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: Gift Vouchers in Ireland

There are many benefits to gift vouchers but there are also some risks, for example, if you lose the voucher, it expires before you use it, or if you're unable to spend the remaining balance. It is important you know the conditions and rules that apply before buying a gift voucher.

The following are some common queries that the Citizens Information Service receive in relation to gift vouchers

What is a gift voucher?

Gift vouchers are any voucher, coupon or other document (including an electronic document) that can be used instead of money to pay (or pay in part) for goods and services. Gift vouchers come in different forms, such as paper gift certificates, electronic cards or gift cards. They can be issued by a single business or for a group of shops (such as a shopping centre).

When you buy a gift voucher, you enter into a contract with the trader. The voucher is like cash that you hand over in exchange for goods and services.

What are the current rules that apply to Gift vouchers?

The rules for gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019 are as follows:

Gift vouchers must either have no expiry date or be valid for at least 5 years

The seller cannot make you spend the gift voucher in one single transaction

The seller cannot charge a fee to change the name on a gift voucher (if you must register a name on the voucher)

If the balance remaining on a gift voucher is more than €1 after you buy something, the seller must refund the balance to you. They can give you cash, make an electronic transfer or give you another gift voucher

Are there any exceptions to the rules?

The rules do not apply to:

Vouchers you can only use to buy specified goods and services at a discounted price, from a specified trader on a specified date, or for a specified period of 3 months or less e.g. vouchers from deal websites such as Groupon or Pigsback

Vouchers you got as part of a customer loyalty or promotion scheme

Vouchers you got as a refund for goods you returned to a trader

Vouchers and gift cards sold before 2 December 2019. The expiry period and the terms and conditions that applied at the time of purchase still apply to these vouchers

The rules do not apply to electronic money gift cards.

What is an electronic money gift card?

In general, electronic money gift cards (for example, One4all gift cards), are cards that can be used in a number of different shops.

The following rules apply to electronic money gift cards:

Before you buy the card, you must be told about the conditions for using the e-money card, including any fees

Fees must be proportionate and in line with the costs actually incurred by the business who issues the card to you.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: Gift Vouchers in Ireland



Is there an expiry dates on gift vouchers?

There is a 5-year minimum expiry date for all vouchers sold after 2 December 2019.

Gift vouchers must either:

Have no expiry date, or

Must be valid for at least 5 years from the date the gift voucher is issued.

You must be given details of the expiry date in a durable format (for example, on paper or by email) at the time you buy the gift voucher.

The legislation does not apply to gift vouchers bought before 2 December 2019.

What are my rights if I still have a voucher bought before 2 December 2019?

You should have been made aware of the expiry date at time of purchase. Some traders print the expiry on the voucher itself, on the packaging, on the website or you can see the policy in the shop. If it is not clear, ask or look for the policy. Expiry dates can vary as the trader decides how long they are valid for.

Some traders may be flexible. If your voucher has expired, contact the trader to see if they will extend it. However, if you bought the gift voucher before 2 December 2019, they have no legal obligation to do this and some may charge a fee.

What are my rights if I lose a gift voucher?

Gift vouchers are like cash, so if you lose them, the company does not have to replace them. If a voucher was made out to you specifically and is not transferable to anyone else, you may be able to get a replacement. This depends on the gift voucher's terms and conditions and the company's policy.

If you lose a gift card, you may be able to get a replacement card but you need to check with the retailer. You could be charged a fee for the replacement card.

What happens if a trader goes out of business?

If a company goes out of business before you use the voucher, you may have difficulty getting your money back.

Usually, the seller will owe money to several people so your claim is just one of many. There are rules for the priority to be given to the various debts owed in the case of the business going into liquidation or receivership. Generally, you will be low in the order of priority.

You will need to make a claim in writing to the appointed administrator or liquidator (if applicable) providing proof of your voucher. However, it is unlikely your voucher will be honoured. If a new owner takes over, they do not have to honour your voucher.

For this reason, you should buy gift vouchers using a credit or debit card, as you may be able to use *chargeback* through your bank or credit card provider.

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has more information on companies going out of business on www.ccpc.ie

Where can I get more help?

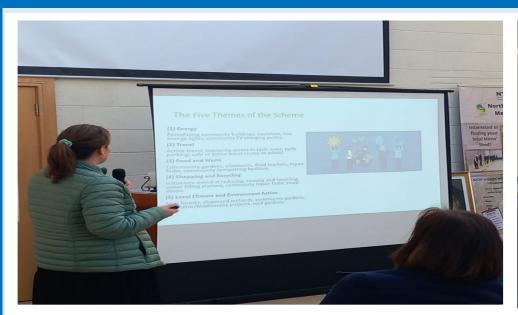
If a trader refuses to honour a gift card, first try to settle the dispute directly with the trader.

If you bought the gift voucher after 2 December 2019, you should make the company aware of the rules under the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019.

If you cannot resolve the dispute, contact your local Citizens Information Service and they will advise you about your options for redress. Citizens Information Centre's in Tipperary are located in Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary Town & Roscrea. For further information contact 0818 07 6460.

Community Climate Action Fund









"Marie O'Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer presenting information on the newly launched Community Climate Action Fund at the Community Funding Information Day held in Thurles recently. The event was organised by Thomas Cullen of County Tipperary Men & Women's Shed Community Groups and was very well attended. For further information on the fund visit www.tipperarycoco.ie/climateaction/community-climate-action-fund the call for funding is currently open and closes on the 27th February, 2024."

MEN ON THE MOVE



MILLENNIUM FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Supporting Families ~ Empowering Communities

Glengoole, Thurles, County Tipperary. Phone: 052-9157992

Millennium Men on the Move Monday 12th February



Gentle Fitness with a focus on :

- Men's health
- Positive ageing
- Maintaining and improving mobility levels
- How to work around pain and health issues that may arise
- Nutrition advice.

Come along on Monday's 11:15-12:15pm for a 6 week health and fitness programme.

Classes are FREE Please contact Alice on 083-1014313 to book

TIPPERARY PPN





Happy New Year to us all and a Happy 10th Birthday to Tipperary PPN!

We hope that January has been kind to you and that you are feeling motivated in your plans for 2024.

This year, in fact, on Saturday 27th January, we, and all the PPNs nationally, turn 10 years old, a decade old!

A bit of history for you: We were enshrined into law in 2014 through legislation called the Local Government Act.

Before the PPNs came to be as the main community voice in all counties, there were the community & voluntary forums, that some of you may remember, in North and South Tipperary, as well as, in each local authority in the Republic of Ireland.

Over the year ahead, we will be celebrating our decade in the communities of County Tipperary, through Tipp Together, our monthly newsletter and our two Plenaries, and other ways that will emerge as 2024 progresses.

Our first Plenary in 2024 is Thursday 11th April so please save the date if you are a PPN member of a group!

We are very proud to be the county organisation that provides community representation on local decision-making boards and committees, opportunities to train and capacity build your group and provide a space for the groups to network at our events.

Tipperary PPN is a strong, independent organisation that has 60 representative seats on 19 boards in the county and region, including six strategic policy committees (SPCs).

We will be busy, as the local elections make changes to the SPCs and, also, we hope to deliver a road show in each municipal district (MD), bringing you an opportunity to meet the candidates in your MD and ask them questions on issues important to you.

We hope, subject to funding, to come around to all the MDs to find out how things have changed since Covid and with climate change upon us, and so review our Vision for Community Wellbeing to reflect these changes.

Thank you to all the organisations and agencies we have worked with, to promote your community voice in influencing local policy makers. We have strength in numbers.

Thank you for your support in shaping the Tipperary PPN into what it is today.

Please contact Ruth on 087 4567111 or email her on coordinator@ppntipperary.ie to find out more about the PPN voice and how to be part of the PPN community.

EDUCATING IRISH ELITES



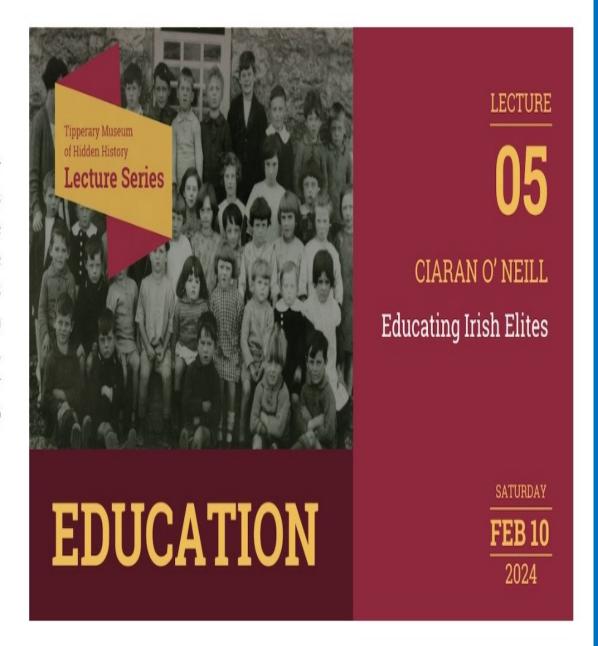
What's On > Talk/Workshop

Educating Irish Elites

Speaker: Ciaran O' Neill

This lecture explores the landscape of Irish elite education within the broader context of global trends in cosmopolitan and elite forms of education. Across Europe, various religious orders and state systems engaged in competition for the patronage of regional elites and sub-elites during the nineteenth century. The lecture will survey the differences in elite education for girls and boys, as well as reflecting on the long and persistent practice of sending boys and girls abroad for a boarding school education. Back home, schools such as St Columba's College, Clongowes Wood were (and continue to be) important for elite education, while for girl's prominent day boarding schools run by the Ursulines, Sacred Heart, and Loreto orders dominated.

- # Feb 10, 2024
- 0 10:30 am 12:00 pm
- TUS, Clonmel Digital Campus, Cashel Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 D896



TIPPERARY MUSEUM OF HIDDEN HISTORY



Tipperary Museum of Hidden History's new exhibition is celebrating Paddy Cashin's life's work, through the eye of his lens, capturing events and social occasions, throughout the years. Jan 2024s new images are dated to 1986 - 1987, where many Debs, 21st and community occasions occurred.

We hope you have lots of laughs, tears of joy & fond memories, of a bygone era.

The development of this exhibition began when the Cashin family were packing and removing items from their family home in College Avenue, Clonmel. The family approached the Museum and asked if they would accept a sizeable amount of film negatives which were contained in many old biscuit tins. Gratefully accepted by Museum Management, the project began. Meetings were had with rolls & rolls of film.

An emotional undertaking, but all worthy of the months, weeks and hours given, it shows how the town of Clonmel and its people have changed over the years. For the Museum to acquire this visual, social and historical record of the town from the late 1970s to the early 1990s is especially important. It serves as a reminder of the simple technique of presenting our photographs in an album or framed on our walls.

The museum's commitment to sustainability when producing exhibitions, highlights one of its main objectives which is to reduce and re-use. All of the original 1970s and 1980s picture frames featured in the exhibition, came from Clonmel's St. Vincent de Paul warehouse. The avocado bathroom suite was reused! Our visitors are in awe at the photographs. Some don't recall the pictures being taken, others reminisce about wonderful times and others remember departed loved ones and friends. It's an ideal opportunity to bring your family and friends to the Museum over the Christmas period.

Check out our copyrighted photographs on our website www.hiddenhistory.ie/exhibition
We encourage people to comment on the photograph and anyone they know in the image by clicking on the comments section.

If you are sharing our images we ask you to ensure you mention Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and at our website www.hiddenhistory.ie/exhibition

PADDY CASHIN EXHIBITION









TIPPERARY MUSEUM OF HIDDEN HISTORY





WITH JOHN CROWLEY

Is your phone full of multiple images of the same photograph? Have you images that you can't remember taking?

Would you like to learn how to take better photographs using your phone? Do you want to learn about free photography apps?

This 4 session course is for adults aged 18+ Admission 35 Euros Booking essential Small class





Saturdays
10.30am -12.30pm
24th February
9th March
23rd March
6th April

To secure a place or find out more contact: julia.walsh@tipperary coco.ie
052 6165254



TIPPERARY TOWN COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION EVENT



Large crowd in attendance at Tipperary Town Community Energy Fair

A crown of over fifty people attended the recent Community Energy Fair in Tipperary Town to hear about the Tipperary Town Community Energy Plan, and the supports and grants available to homeowners, businesses, and community groups to implement climate adaptation projects. The event was held in Tipperary Excel Centre on Thursday January 18th at 7pm and was organised by Tipperary Town Revitalisation and Tipperary Tidy Towns, who jointly commissioned the Town Energy Plan under the SEAI funded Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme.

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District Cathaoirleach Declan Burgess opened the event by underlining the importance of towns and communities tackling the energy issue, and by commending everyone involved in the event. Dan Fennell of ORS Consultants took attendees through the Plan which found that the town had an estimated annual energy spend in excess of € 30m, and that there are over 2,000 homes in and around the town that would be suitable for deep retrofitting. This would keep a significant sum of money in the local economy, while contributing to climate mitigation and addressing fuel poverty issues.

Attendees also heard from Ruth Buggie, SEC Programme Manager who gave details of the various grants available from SEAI, Marie O'Donnell, Tipp County Council Climate Action Office who took attendees through the € 700k Community Climate Action Fund which is currently open to community groups until February 27th, and Ita Horan, Local Enterprise Office Tipperary who spoke about the broad range of supports available through the Local Enterprise Office which includes the Green for Business Programme aimed at driving sustainability and costs savings within the business sector.

Katie Lonergan from Tipperary Education and Training Board also highlighted the range of courses provided by the ETB locally in the Construction Skills Training Centre on Bansha Road which includes Drylining, Near Zero Energy Building (NZEB), Insulation, Plastering, Tiling and others.

Paul O'Callaghan, Chairperson of Tipperary Tidy Towns felt that the event was a huge success "It is great to see such a huge turnout and it demonstrates how people are becoming more climate conscious. We all have a responsibility to move towards a more sustainable way of living and this Energy Plan sets out a roadmap for the town for the coming months and years which we will be working hard to progress."

TIPPERARY TOWN COMMUNITY ENERGY FAIR





Pictured right:

Back L-R, Dan Fennell ORS, Ita Horan LEO Tipperary, Declan Burgess Cathaoirleach Tipp Cahir Cashel MD, Michael Begley Tipperary Town Revitalisation

Front L-R: Gearóid Fitzgibbon SEAI Mentor, Ruth Buggie SEAI, Marie O'Donnell TCC Community Climate Action Officer.

Pictured left :

Panel Discussion at Tipperary Town Community Energy fair



YOUTHWORK IRELAND TIPPERARY KILLENAULE-FETHARD



See details of the youth programmes (10-24years) for Fethard and Killenaule 2024. Furthermore, in Killenaule the project is offering Parenting Support Space (parents 18-24) from 10am to 11.30am and Wednesdays 12pm- 2pm in the Killenaule ETB Building, Main Street Killenaule

FETHARD YOUTH PROJECT – JUNIOR PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY

3PM - 4PM 6TH CLASS

THURSDAY

3PM - 4PM 4TH & 5TH CLASS

FRIDAY

5:45PM - 6:45PM JUNIOR DROP IN

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HOUSE E91 FX97
CONTACT NIAMH ON (083) 8572578
ON YOUR YOUNG PERSON'S FIRST DAY PLEASE MEET WITH
STAFF, THANKS!

YOUTHWORK IRELAND TIPPERARY KILLENAULE-FETHARD SERVICES







TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



Our first of two Mastering Midlife Workshops was held at the Anner Hotel, Thurles on January 13th and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The second workshop takes place in the Carrick Hotel, Carrick on Suir on March 2nd. Booking is through this link https://bit.ly/3Rs7ATZ Booking is advised as placed are limited.



Participants at the Mastering Midlife Workshop

New Year New You.

Would you like to start exercising for the New year and not sure where to start Why not start with our 6-week Couch to 3k walking / running podcast.

Link for the 6 podcasts and additional resources https://bit.ly/48toys9

Safeguarding Spring Schedule 2024

Tipperary Sports Partnership are hosting Online Safeguarding Workshops on the following dates in Spring 2024 via Zoom from 6pm to 9pm. Cost is €15 per person plus online booking fee.

Safeguarding 1: February 19th and 26th

Safeguarding 2: March 11th

Safeguarding 3: March 25th.

Register for the above courses on this link: https://bit.ly/30Jdr6K

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES





FREE WORKSHOP

SUBSTANCE USE AND OUR GROUPS

THE HOW-TO OF CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING AND A SUBSTANCE USE POLICY

TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY

7 PM - 9 PM TALBOT HOTEL, CLONMEL

RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT

https://bit.ly/freesubstanceuseworkshop







Community Services



Tipperary Arts Office information

To stay up to date on what's going on in Tipperary's Artistic Communities, check out the latest Newsletter below https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/arts-and-culture/arts-information-and-advice

If you would like to be part of our mailing list please send an email with "Subscribe" in the subject line to: artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie Follow us on Social Media at: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tipperaryartsoffice/



Tipperary Heritage Office information

You will find the latest Tipperary Heritage Office Newsletter below, which contains information on current opportunities and events.

https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/heritage-and-conservation/heritage-information-and-advice

If you would like to be part of our mailing list please send an email with "Subscribe" in the subject line to: heritage@tipperarycoco.ie
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Tipperary Heritage Office.



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Did you know Tipperary Local Link runs a door-to-door (DRT) service from:

Newtown to Nenagh every Thursday
Rathcabbin to Birr every Friday
Templetuohy to Thurles every Friday
Clonakenny to Templemore every Saturday
Kilcommon to Dolla every Friday

Cloughjordan to Birr every Friday
Kilcommon to Borris every Friday

If you or anyone you know would like to avail of this service please buzz 052-6166140 or

See: www.LocallinkTipperary.ie for more information.

HOP ON A LOCAL LINK BUS AND RE-CONNECT!



Contact Numbers & Helplines

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Stop Smoking Services

Clonmel:

Contact: Angela Radley O'Donovan

Phone: 052 6177058

Email: angela.radley@hse.ie

Clonmel Resource Centre:

Contact: Geraldine Moloney

Phone: 087 1880690

E-mail: SouthEastStopSmokingSup-

port@hse.ie

Nenagh & Thurles:

Contact: Stacey Cahill

Phone: 065 6865841

Email: linda.nolan7@hse.ie

Cahir & Carrick-on-Suir:

Contact: Colm O'Connor

Phone: 087-7526429

Email: SouthEastStopSmokingSup-

port@hse.ie

Tipperary Town:

Contact: Aoife Dunphy Phone: 087 1819538

Email: SouthEastStopSmokingSup-

port@hse.ie

Contact directly for more information



Tipperary Volunteer Centre is a registered charity that provides a free service for organisations that involve volunteers and individuals currently or wishing to volunteer. If you have a question about volunteering in Tipperary, we are here to assist you. We can advise you on all aspects of your volunteer programme, from volunteer recruitment/ retention and training to governance-related issues and Garda Vetting.

Check out our website for all the details. www.tipperaryvolunteercentre.ie Alternatively vou can call us on 06264775 or email info@volunteertipperary.ie

ALONE setup a dedicated Coronavirus helpline for Older People 0818 222 024, if you have any concerns or queries about COVID 19 call ALONE's dedicated support line 8am to 8pm.

Visit www.events.whatsonintipp.ie to register your community event or to see what events are happening.

"Tipperary PPN website

www.ppntipperary.ie is the host for the community resources for Tipperary Together for Tipperary.

As part of the Tipperary Together Campaign we have setup a Tipperary Community YouTube Channel showcasing videos and content produced in Tipperary.





Call Tipperary Citizens Information

Clonmel: 0818 07 6460 Nenagh: 0818 07 6470 Roscrea: 0818 07 6480 Thurles: 0818 07 6510 **Tipperary Town** 0818 07 6540

National Phone Service: 0818 07 4000 Or visit citizensinformation.ie A SOURCE YOU CAN TRUST



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You are not alone, help is at hand.





Centre for the prevention of Suicide and people bereaved by Suicide. 061 484444

Crisis: 1800 247 247 (24 HRS A DAY) Bereavement: 085 8568081







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