

Age Friendly Ireland Weekly Newsletter

25th November 2022

National Updates



Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022

The Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022 took place last night where Local Authorities from across the country come to celebrate their

achievements and successes from the last year. In its 19th year, the Awards feature a total of 23 Local Authorities shortlisted over 15 categories.

Clare County Council where recognised for their exceptional leadership in Local Government and outstanding commitment to their communities. Wexford Telehealth won the Excellence in Local Government Award last night under the Age Friendly category. A prestigious recognition of the great work to date.



Representing Wexford Telehealth on the night was Anne Marie Laffan Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer Wexford, Lousie Edmonds Regional Programme Manage Age Friendly Ireland, and Kevin Molloy Older People's Council Wexford.











Sláintecare.



Meet the Team – Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinators

This week we would like to introduce you to Jillian Robinson who is the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator for Limerick City and County.



Hello, my name is Jillian Robinson and I am the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator based in Limerick City and County. As a coordinator, I visit older people in their own homes and create a personalised plan to help them to age in place. The job is challenging but more importantly rewarding and it is a privilege to help older people who want to remain living in their own homes or a home more suited to their needs. Another aspect of my role is to create awareness about the programme, I regularly present to groups throughout the county including Active Retirement Groups, Men's Sheds, Tidy Towns groups and others. I give an informative presentation and

encourage individuals to refer to the programme or to pass on my details to a family, friends or neighbours who may benefit from taking part in the programme. I always receive a warm welcome and the groups enjoy finding out about what the programme entails. I highlight videos which were filmed in Limerick and depict cases in real life.



Jillian is pictured with Anne Rizzo (Regional Age Friendly Manager and Catherine Bowes Kelly (Limerick Age Friendly Manager) (Jillian is on the right-hand side) at the Limerick Age Friendly Information Day which took place this week in Adare County Limerick.



This week I presented at Limerick Age Friendly Information Day which took place in Adare Co Limerick. The event was well attended with over 120 attendees and included a welcome by the mayor. The event









included presentations by the Regional and Limerick Age Friendly Managers and myself. The event also included exhibitions by key stakeholders, so I had an opportunity to network and create referral pathways.

If you are in the Limerick City and County and would like to get in touch with Jillian and learn more about the programme locally, you can contact her **on 085-8622829** or Email **jillian.robinson@meathcoco.ie**.

If you would like more information on the Healthy Age Friendly Programme you can visit <u>https://agefriendlyireland.ie/category/healthy-age-friendly-homes-programme/introduction/</u> or phone our national office at **046 909 7417**

MacDonagh is First Train Station to Achieve Age Friendly Recognition

On 21st November, Age Friendly Ireland awarded age friendly status to MacDonagh Station Kilkenny following their successful implementation of the WHO certified four stage process, acknowledging it as the first age friendly train station in the country. MacDonagh Railway Station received its official Age Friendly Charter at a launch event and will now also be recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) internationally as model of good practice for age friendly stations. A case study publication was also launched today by Age Friendly Ireland, outlining the work undertaken by Irish Rail, Kilkenny County Council, the National Transport Authority and the Kilkenny Age Friendly Programme and other partners in the initiative.



Dr Emer Coveney spoke about how MacDonagh Train Station will be a demonstrator for other transport stations in Ireland and internationally to take on the Age Friendly recognition process. Our Regional Manager Alice Corbett took everyone through some of the improvements made as a result of the Age Friendly process, how Age Friendly Car Parking spaces at MacDonagh Train Station are easy access parking for older users of the station.

Click here for the full press release:

https://agefriendlyireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Press-Release-Age-Friendly-Train-Station 211122.pdf

















Thanks to panel members

It is hard to believe we are coming to the last stretch of 2022. Our Living Lab Panel has been very busy this year. We applaud and appreciate all our members for their contribution to a wide range of projects and events. We are looking to grow our panel over the coming year, as we expand membership to those over 55 years of age. Watch out for our end-of-year thank you event in the coming weeks.

Pilates for Positive Ageing Week

We were busy in October, during Positive Ageing Week, attending the Age-Friendly Autumn Medley event in Ardee, events at the Redeemer Family Resource Centre in Dundalk, and events at local libraries. It was great to see so many in attendance and enjoying the events.

Our very own Dr Oonagh Giggins held a free chair Pilates class for panel members. The feedback was so positive, that Oonagh has been persuaded to put on another class this month. Free chair Pilates class for older adults

In NetwellCASALA, PJ Carroll Building, Dundalk IT

On Thursday, November 24th at 3pm

If you are a panel member and would like to attend the free chair Pilates class (and bring along a friend) call Breda at (042) 93770497.



2023 Panel Call

Do you know anyone over 55 years of age who would like to be part of our panel?

If so, please invite them to contact us about joining the Living Lab Panel for 2023.

Panel members can step down from the panel any time. To be removed from our mailing list, contact Suzanne or Breda at:

Breda.connor@dkit.ie

Suzanne.smith@dkit.ie

Or by phone at:

042 9370497







Love that lasts: Couples who have been together for decades share the secrets to a long and happy relationship

As Bono gushes about his enduring marriage to Ali Hewson, **Arlene Harris** asks three devoted Irish couples what the secret is to a long and happy relationship.

Irish Independent 🛛

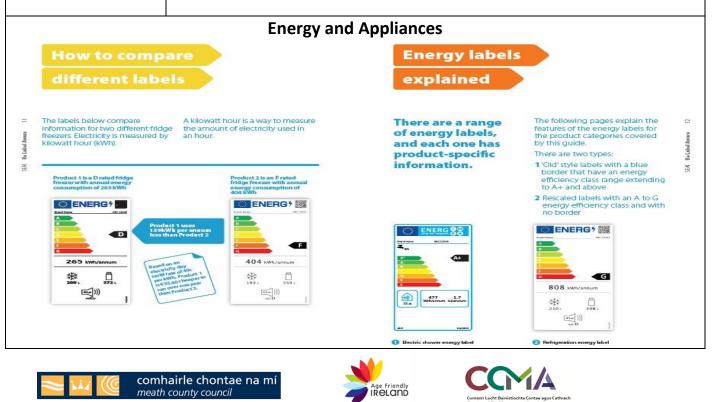


Mai and Frank Quaid, who are married for over 60 years, pictured at their home in Baltinglass, Co Wicklow. Photo: Frank McGrath

Our very own Mai Quaid, Chair of the Older People's Council in Wicklow was featured in last weeks Independent sharing her insights on a long and happy marrage.

Click here for the full article:

https://www.independent.ie/life/love-that-lasts-couples-who-have-beentogether-for-decades-share-the-secrets-to-a-long-and-happy-relationship-42153920.html



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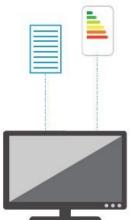
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- On request, at the point of sale, give customers a hard copy of, or show them, the product information sheet.

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- Request a replacement label or product information sheet from the supplier if missing or mislaid.
- Cooperate with the MSA and remedy any non-compliances identified.



Important changes introduced by the EU energy labelling regulation:

The EU is phasing in changes to the energy label to make it simpler for consumers to understand. Consequently, certain products have been rescaled from ranges going up to A+++ back to the original A to G energy efficiency ranges. Dishwashers, refrigerating

appliances, washing machines, washer dryers and televisions were rescaled on the 1st March 2021. Lightbulbs (and other lighting products) were rescaled from 1st September 2021 and tumble dryers are scheduled to be rescaled in 2024.

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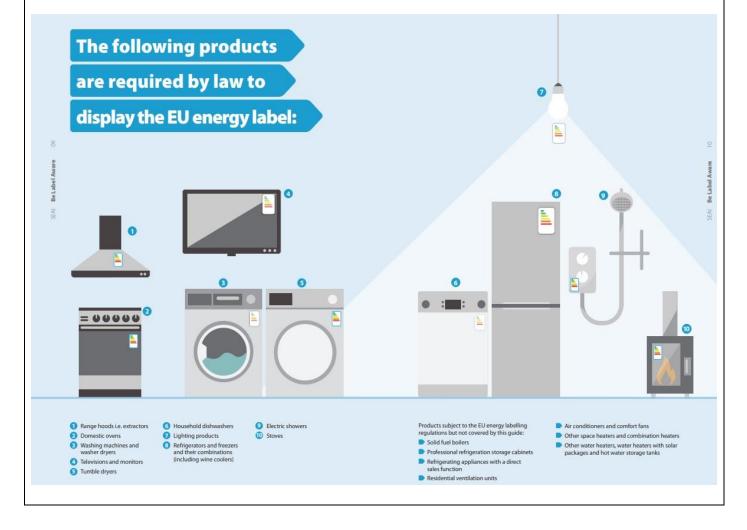
EU energy label?

Products requiring an energy label

The energy label applies to a range. It does not cover products usually of products purchased and/or used by domestic consumers. This guide deals with products that are typically sold directly to the consumer by the retailer.

purchased on a consumer's behalf by a third party e.g. by a plumber as part of a heating system installation.











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'Lock Up Light Up' Campaign

An Garda Síochána continue to advise home owners to lock up and light up during longer darker winter evenings. Gardaí warn home owners to beware of 'bogus callers' with an increase in this type of fraud to date in 2022.



Break-ins through front door most common entry route for burglars approximately 33% 'Body pressure' the number one method used to gain entry. 45% of winter burglaries occur between 5pm and 11pm. 1 in 5 access through an unsecured window or door.

An Garda Síochána encourages homeowners to protect themselves and their homes during longer dark evenings over the winter months. Gardaí continue to advise people to 'close the door on burglars' as analysis show that approximately one third of all burglaries are through the front door with most burglars using their own body to gain entry. The incident of 'bogus tradesmen' is currently approximately 15% increase in 2022.

Gardaí are aware of an increase in the number of incidents of people impersonating Gardaí. Recent incidents of this type involve the 'conmen' requesting to check cash held by the injured party as a result of an increase in counterfeit cash circulating in the area, or that the 'conmen' need to check the security of the house as a result of an increase in burglaries in the area. **An Garda Síochána will not cold call to a house and request to do either of these.**

An Garda Síochána wish to remind the public that any Garda member calling to your door will have identification. Should you have any concerns about the person at the door, you should not answer the door even if they are purporting to be a Garda. Genuine Gardaí will always provide details to allow you to confirm their identity with the local Garda Station and will be patient while you choose to so. An Garda Síochána continue to advise home owners to 'Lock Up and Light Up' this winter.

Nearly half of burglaries (45%) occur between 5pm and 11pm. Over 20% of winter burglaries involved a premises that was unsecured. There is also an











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	increase in access through rear entrances by burglars (45%), possibly due to being able to operate more easily in the cover of darkness.
	 Some simple steps can help protect your home, so whether you are at home or going out remember: Turn on some lights, LED bulbs are more energy efficient than traditional bulbs. Use timer switches/ motion detectors/ smart lights to turn on lights via phone Use motion detector/sensor lights outside, make sure they cover the door and not just the area near the door. Lock all doors and windows as part of your regular routine. Use an alarm – get it serviced and ensure battery pack is working. Store keys away from windows. Don't keep large amounts of cash or jewellery in the house. Based on an analysis of burglaries from January to October 2022, jewellery and cash remain the most common objects stolen. Computers, mobile phones, TVs and games consoles are also among the top items stolen. Meanwhile, the practice of 'fishing', where car keys are fished through a letterbox by burglars, also remains a problem with the Dublin region most at
	risk.
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	 The electoral registration process has changed. Even if you are already registered, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode. This will allow your local authority to confirm your details and help to ensure the accuracy of the electoral register. You can now use this site to: Register to vote Confirm or update your details Download forms <u>Find more information</u>
	For more information click here: https://www.checktheregister.ie/en-IE/
	The Floor is Yours!
Age & Opportunity	Dance Ireland and Age & Opportunity, in consultation with Dance Theatre of Ireland present The Floor is Yours! a networking event for dance artists, companies and organisations working with older people; which aims to strengthen and connect the sector. The event offers workshops, discussions and presentations from those working in the field nationally.

















Lunch will be provided on the day, please state your dietary preferences by filling out the Google Form <u>HERE</u> . Queries can be directed to Arts Programme Administrator, Madison Riggin at <u>arts@ageandopportunity.ie</u> .
Travel Bursaries Dance Ireland and Age & Opportunity are offering 6 travel bursaries of €100 to dance artists who wish to attend The Floor is Yours and are living over 75km from Dublin. Eligible applications for the bursaries will be considered. The closing date is Friday 25 November at 5pm If you wish to apply. please fill in this form <u>HERE</u>

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Exwell Weekly Zoom

Dear ExWell Participants and Friends,



Please join us this week on Friday November 25th at 5pm for our weekly Zoom. Aodhaghan will be discussing the science of balance, which is a really important topic. As usual, please share this with anyone you feel might benefit from or enjoy hearing about ExWell.

The schedule is as follows:

- 5.00 pm: Welcome
- 5.05 pm: Understanding Breathlessness Noel McCaffrey 5.25 pm: ExWell Updates 5.35 pm Q&A / Discussion.

Danny Fagan All

The link for the meeting is

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85746150581?pwd=czIrRmFXaWZSYk VOeXVWRzB2NzduZz09









Local Updates		
	Bunclody Library, Wexford Library Events	
	Adult Book Club - Thursday 1st December at 7pm. All are welcome to attend our Book Club meeting in the library on Thursday 1 st December at 7.00pm. Snow Blind by Ragnar Jónasson will be discussed on the night. Copies of the book available to borrow, just ask at desk in the library.	
	Irish Christmas Folklore, Customs and Traditions: A talk by Michael Fortune – Thursday 8th December at 7pm. Join Michael Fortune, artist/folklorist, for a special talk where he looks at Christmas from an uniquely Irish perspective. Delving into Michael's wealth of research and knowledge, this talk will introduce you to first-hand source customs and traditions found around the country- from Christmas mumming plays and carols, to the keeping of pieces of straw from the Christmas crib and the burning of last year's Christmas holly. Places limited, book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com or telephone 053 9375466.	
	Sensory Friendly Quiet Hour Every Saturday from 4-5pm, Sensory Friendly Quiet Hour is observed in the library. We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. All welcome!	
	Age Friendly Laois Launch I.C.E. Card Initiative	
Age Friendly	Age Friendly Laois launched a new initiative on Tuesday the 22 nd November 2022. It is the I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) card. Designed to be carried on the person, in a wallet or purse, the card was conceived as an aid to first responders, in identifying a person and having access to vital information. It is particularly important if a person is non-responsive. The card's primary function is to provide valuable information to first	
	responders such as: Name, Eircode, who to contact in case of an emergency, allergies, blood type and medication. These details are to be filled in by the holder of the card and kept on the person.	









The input of first responders ie the Gardai, the HSE, and the Fire service was sought as to what was the most important information to have in case of an americanation
emergency.
The secondary function of the card is to contain some useful contact numbers,
such as Emergency Services, ESB Networks and Gas Networks Ireland.
The third function of the I.C.E. card is to direct users of the card to a
Community Information App "LocalHub". Age Friendly Laois have a feed within
this App, in which information regarding events, crime prevention advice &
articles of interest are shared. The App is divided into various service
categories/geographical areas of Laois, for ease of use.
Councillor Barry Walsh, on behalf of Cathaoirleach Councillor Thomasina
Connell noted the importance of having this card and praised any initiative
that could save precious time in the event of any emergency. He also saw the
value in a Community information app for the county, as a way of getting
localised information.
At the launch, first responders had the following to say about the I.C.E. Card
Initiative-
Sergeant Graham Kavanagh, An Garda Síochána, said in supporting the
initiative, that "in all circumstances, Gardaí like all first Responders have a
duty to preserve life and property. Unfortunately, we all attend to situations
where we find people gravely ill. Sometimes the individual is not able to
communicate. The ICE card means that we have access to information to us
as first responders and also to further services as required".
Mr Declan Power, Chief Fire Officer, Laois County Fire & Rescue Service
complimented the initiative saying that "The ICE card, along with your
Eircode, are the two most important pieces of information to have in the
event of an emergency & you or your loved ones needing assistance."
Civil Defence Officer with Laois County Council, Mr Damien Dollard, welcomed
the initiative and said <i>"When attending someone who requires medical</i>
assistance first responders and ambulance crews rely on a patient's medical
history such as medical conditions, allergies and a list of what medications
someone is prescribed. Having this information easily to hand along with
Eircode and who to contact in case of emergency will greatly assist first
responders providing medical support to a patient. "
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	The cards are available from Age Friendly Laois and are also being distributed through Laois County Council's Library Service, Laois Sports Partnership, Laois & Offaly Education & Training board, An Garda Síochána & Laois & Offaly Local Link, all of whom are members of the Laois Age Friendly Alliance. For more information and to request ICE cards for your group or to find out more about Age Friendly Laois, contact Tom Curran on 05786 64150/ 086 0363426 or tcurran@laoiscoco.ie More information on Age Friendly Laois is available on our websitehttps://laois.ie/departments/community/promoting-social- inclusion/#2 To download the Local Hub app, scan this QR code, visit https://localhubireland.ie/ . Find Age Friendly Laois information on the app
	and for live notifications, hit subscribe!
	Older Persons Council Training Cavan's Older Persons Executive received the Older Persons Council Training yesterday 24 th of November in the Cavan Crystal Hotel.
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	OPEN DAY FOR AGE FRIENDLY LIMERICK
	 130 attendees came along to the Woodlands Hotel Adare on Monday the 21st, November 2022 for our OPEN DAY. The focus on the day was to create more awareness about Age Friendly, to stimulate interest for new people to nominate themselves on to our Old Persons Executive and to continue our consultation process for our second Age friendly strategy. All three objectives were achieved, and it was a very successful day. Mayor of Limerick City and County, Cllr Francis Foley opened the days event.
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Presentations were given by Anne Rizzo our Regional Programme Manager, Ireland West International Relations Officer who gave a very Informative presentation on National Age friendly structures and also provided information about how older peoples councils work.

Jillian Robinson, Coordinator Limerick City and County presented on the Healthy Age friendly Homes programme and also hosted a stand on the day. The final presentation was given by Catherine Bowes Kelly, Limerick Programme Manager on the Local Age Friendly Programme and Catherine also did MC on the day.



Kathleen O' Meara of Mo Flynn Consultants Ltd then did an interactive piece focusing on seven questions to get opinions and needs of the group to widen the net for gathering information necessary for our second strategy. The group engaged very well on this piece of work and lots of information was returned on post it's we had provided to get the required information.

Stalls at the event were hosted by Bank of Ireland, Shannon Airport, Garda Community policing, Limerick Sports Partnership, Limerick Fire and rescue, Citizens Information, HSE Home support, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, Limerick library service, HSE Nursing Homes support, and ICPOP Integrated Care programme for older persons.











Catherine Bowes-Kelly stated "We are delighted to have had such a wonderful turnout and to see so many people interested in Age friendly and the Older People's Council in Limerick. The new OPC will be a key means of hearing the needs of older people in Limerick. Many on the day also took the opportunity to complete the survey designed for gathering information for our second Age Friendly strategy. I think it is fair to say the day was enjoyed by all with a great buzz, full engagement and lots of information of interest which attendees were delighted to hear and gather as they visited the stands on the day and listened to the presentations"

Mindfulness Packs – Kilkenny Older People Conference

For the first time in three years Kilkenny Older Peoples Council (OPC) held its conference in the Age Friendly Ormonde Hotel on Tuesday 1st November. Over 170 members and 30 guests attended the celebration of Kilkenny Older Peoples Council contribution to the first decade of the Kilkenny Age Friendly Programme.



In the photography is Executive Committee Members, Eileen Ryan, Janice Cully, Kathleen Meagher, and Charlotte Daniels busy registering attendees.

It was the first time for many to attend such an event. Betty Dewberry, former Chair, acted as MC for the day. She provided to the attendee's informative introductions for all speakers, as well as the event arrangements. Mindfulness Care Packs Launch:

Betty Dewberry had an additional role at the Conference as both Mary O'Hanlon and herself developed the idea of providing Care Packs to those who may need reminding that life can become very stressful, our minds filled with anxiety, planning and worrying as she highlighted the availability of care packs based on the practice of Mindfulness using the five senses -sight, sound, smell, taste and touch to help us slow down and live in the moment.











The items in the Care Pack are based on the practice of Mindfulness which is our basic ability to be fully present and aware of where we are and what we are doing so we're not so overwhelmed by what's going on around us.

• Sight -Spend time colouring or reading about life in Ireland in the sixties

♦ SOUND- Listen to the sound of the chimes in the garden or the house

◆ SMELL- Rub in the hand cream and concentrate on the lovely aroma

♦ Taste -Have a cup of tea and a biscuit, and savour each mouthful



Mary O Hanlon and Betty Dewberry launching the Mindfulness Care Pack

◆ Touch- Feel the softness and warmth of the blanket or squeeze the stress ball to relieve tension

"Wherever you are, be there totally" -Eckhart Tolle

OPC members were encouraged to bring a care pack to someone who they consider needs it. 100 packs are being made available through Kilkenny Older Peoples Council.

Information Stands: Information Stands were provided at the Celebration by Kilkenny Fire Service, An Garda Siochana, Kilkenny Volunteer Centre, Kilkenny County Library, ALONE, Carlow/Kilkenny Education & Training Board, McDonagh Junction Shopping Centre, Health Promotion Department of the HSE, Kilkenny Recreation & Social Partnership. Helping at the Information Stands:



ALONE



Kilkenny/Carlow ETB



Kilkenny Library Services



Kilkenny Volunteer Centre









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Your Voice	
	 We've heard about so much good work going on all around the country, please let us know what's happening in your area so we can share those innovative ideas with everyone. Please email us your news to us at agefriendlyireland@meathcoco.ie before 1pm Thursday for inclusion in our weekly newsletter. Don't forget we are on social media so why not follow us for all the up to date information and live updates on all things Age Friendly happening around the country is <u>Twitter: @agefriendlyirl</u> <u>Facebook: Age Friendly Ireland</u>
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International Federation on Ageing	IFA Global Cafe In conversation with Ms. George Lee "A PANORAMIC VISION ON LONG TERM CARE IN BRAZIL: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES." The International Federation on Ageing held a Global Cafe event this morning called: In conversation with Ms. George Lee "A PANORAMIC VISION ON LONG TERM CARE IN BRAZIL: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES."







