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19th July 2024

National Updates



Chief Executive of Meath County Council, Kieran Kehoe and Age Friendly Ireland Chief Officer Catherine McGuigan presented Minister Darragh O' Brien TD, with a copy of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Evaluation Report last week. Following on from the formal launch by Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler and Minister for Local Government and Planning, Alan Dillon TD, this is a huge milestone for Age Friendly Ireland.



Understand Together July Update

Check out the latest updates from Understand Together Community. Hear all about the Champion Get-Together, along with Radio Campaign and Interviews for 2024. Click below

[Find out more >](#)

Fáilte Ireland Access Consultancy Survey

Committed to ensuring their tourist destinations are accessible to all, Fáilte Ireland have asked O’Herlihy Access Consultancy to facilitate a consultation process to help them understand better the accessibility needs of people. The survey deadline is the **31st of July 2024.**

[Find out more >](#)

The Central Statistics Office

The number of people aged 65 years is set to reach over 1 million by 2030 and over 1.81 million by 2057. New population projection models from the CSO show various scenarios and Labour Force projections to 2057.

[Find out more >](#)



Participate in the Maynooth University Study: Old and Alone: Analysing Ireland's growing 'elderorphan' population.

Researchers at Maynooth University's Department of Geography are seeking to explore older adults' experiences of aging alone in Ireland and seeks to understand the importance of health and wellness in older age.

[Find out more >](#)

PhD Studentship Position Available - A Digital Health Intervention for Emotional Wellbeing in Midlife Women

Fully Funded PhD Studentship in Dundalk IT. The overall aim of this project is to design and test a digital mindfulness and exercise intervention to support peri-menopausal women to manage their emotional well-being. This project partners with Siel Bleu, a non-for-profit organisation who work with older adults, patient groups, community organisations, and people living with physical and intellectual disabilities delivering exercise classes online and in person.

[Find out more >](#)





2024 Community Recognition Fund

This fund recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland. Through the 2023 allocation, funding of €50 million was approved for some 900 projects and a further €50 million is being provided again to deliver projects over 2024 and 2025. Local authorities, in collaboration with communities, will be funded to develop projects that will deliver long term benefits to those living in the areas selected.

Deadline varies according to Local Authority (LA). The deadline for Application window 1 was the 31st May. There are 2 other application windows, which we will announce as soon as they open, as follows:

- Application window 2 - 1st August to 30th September 2024
- Application window 3 - 1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025

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Local Updates



Bunclody Library Events

Classic Film Club – Fri 26th July 11.00am to 1.00pm

Join the library for classic films for adults. Library staff will select the perfect movie to take you back in time to some of Hollywood's greatest moments. Booking required, please telephone **053 9375466** or book online at **www.wexfordcoco.libcal.com** .

Star Weaving Workshop with John Bird of Wexford Volunteer Centre - Mon 29th July and Mon 12th Aug, 11.00 - 12.30pm

Amber's One Million Stars Ireland project is an inclusive community arts project connecting communities across Ireland in solidarity against domestic abuse and all forms of violence. Each eight-point star woven represents light, hope and solidarity against violence, promoting our project's eight points of healthy love within relationships. The aim of the One Million Stars Project is to build county-wide awareness of domestic violence regardless of age, race, gender, religion or country or origin, through the art of star weaving. **No need to book - just drop in.**



Meath Local Sports Partnership are passionate about increasing activity and participation in social sport and games for adults over 50 in Meath. They are particularly proud of the work and programmes they have initiated for Adults over 50 in the past number of years.

4 Week introduction to Pitch and Putt course

Trim Pitch and Putt Club, a 4-week course that is suitable for adults over 50 who are new to Pitch and Putt. The beginner's course is delivered by a pitch and putt club coach who sets a fun relaxed atmosphere. All equipment is provided.

Booking is essential as places are limited, click the link below to register.

[Find out more >](#)

RAMS on Tour

All 30 members of the Retired Active Men's Social, RAMS from Newcastle, Co.



Dublin, had their second annual trip for 2024. This trip took them to The Royal county, Co. Meath, one of the many Age Friendly counties. Read more about their visit to Newgrange, Navan and even Kells below.

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International Updates



IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Dr. Sophie Yarker and Dr. Luciana Lang

IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Dr. Sophie Yarker and Dr. Luciana Lang on “The role of faith-based organizations in developing age-friendly environments.”
19 July 2024, 07:00 A.M. EDT (US and Canada)

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS : 17th Global Conference on Ageing



The 17th Global Conference on Ageing is calling for abstracts, with age-friendly environments as a major theme.

The Conference themes aim to inform, inspire and stimulate the exchange of knowledge about policies and practice crucial for addressing current barriers and informing the future for fostering

thriving older populations.

The deadline for all submissions is **30 April 2025**.

[Find out more >](#)



Vibrant Inochi in Kanagawa – supporting health ageing for its population and developing international business solutions!

This week Age Friendly Ireland attended an online meeting in Geneva with representatives of Kanagawa led by Decade of Healthy Ageing Ambassador Governor Prefecture Yuji Kuroiwa is an advocate for the 100 year 'Vibrant Life' in the super-ageing society. The Kanagawa Prefectural Government implement their own 'Healthcare New Frontier' package of policies to improve the health and well-being of citizens as they age which focuses on individual lifestyles and advancing medical technologies.

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