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**2nd August 2024**

## National Updates



# Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

## **NEW National Traveller and Roma Strategy II 2024-2028 published 31st of July**

At national level, 15% of the total population were aged 65 years and over, compared with just 5% of Irish Travellers." NTRIS II 2024-2028 page 26 (Figures from Census 2022)

Travellers and Roma are amongst the most marginalised groups in our society. The Actions under the Strategy which seek to challenge attitudes and to address inequalities include:

- to tackle racism and discrimination in all their forms;
- to ensure public services are delivered in a culturally appropriate way;
- to enable Travellers and Roma to participate fully in all aspects of social, cultural and economic life;
  - to improve access to accommodation;
  - to support health and wellbeing;
  - to ensure progression through education;
- to build opportunities in training and employment; and
  - to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

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# Attachment Styles & Relationships

Wednesday August 14th, 12pm - Online

**Guest contributors:**

**Dr Muireann McNulty, Principal Clinical Psychologist**

**Dr Eimear Farrell, Senior Clinical Psychologist**



## Attachment Styles & Relationships Webinar

Moderated by Aware's Clinical Director, Dr Susan Brannick, panellists include Dr Muireann McNulty, Principal Clinical Psychologist, and Dr Eimear Farrell, Senior Clinical Psychologist. Questions for the panellists are welcomed, and there will be an opportunity to submit these anonymously during the live webinar.

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## HIQA commences assessment of extending BowelScreen to those aged 50 to 54 years

The programme currently invites those aged 59 to 69 years for screening every two years, and there is a commitment to screen those aged 55 to 74 in the future.

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## The Climate Creatives Challenge

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The Climate Creatives Challenge is a global initiative serving as a catalyst for innovation in climate communication. This international design competition, supports new and novel approaches for communicating the impacts of climate change and the benefits of mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Deadline to enter is **16th August 2024**.

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## 'How We Age' Photography Competition

The all-island competition is free to enter, open to residents of Ireland and Northern Ireland over the age of 18, and open for entries from 1 May until 16 August.

Under the theme of How We Age: Working, learning, and volunteering in later life photographers are asked to consider how older adults engage with and contribute to their communities through work, lifelong learning, or volunteering.

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### Age is just a number

Gregory O'Reilly has taken upon himself to cycle the new 30 km Greenway on his vintage Raleigh bike to raise funds for his grandson's school, so they can buy a new mini bus.

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## Local Updates



### Bunclody Library Events

**Star Weaving Workshop with John Bird of Wexford Volunteer Centre - 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. 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.

**Home Energy Saving Kits**

Home Energy Saving Kits are now available to borrow from Bunclody Library. The kits contains a range of tools/exercises to help householders make sense of the energy they consume on a daily basis and to identify possible problem areas. Please contact the library at [053 9375466](tel:0539375466) or email [bunclodylib@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:bunclodylib@wexfordcoco.ie) for further details.

**Digital Radon Monitors**

Do you want to test your home for radon? Digital radon monitors are available to borrow for a period of 4 weeks from Bunclody Library, all you need is your library card!. For more information please contact the library.

**Sensory Friendly Hour**

Every Saturday from 4.00 – 5.00pm, Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Bunclody Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. No booking required. All welcome!

To book events, please telephone [053 9375466](tel:0539375466) or book online at [wexfordcoco.libcal.com](http://wexfordcoco.libcal.com).



**Age Friendly Coolock Library is providing a diverse range of accessories**

From reading glasses, to magnifiers, trolleys and C Pen or ACORN Tablet, they also have Large print books and talking books on CD and MP3.

Weekly Craft groups that include Art, Crochet, Knitting and Patchwork, new members are always welcome.

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**Activator Walking Poles**

A group of Achill walkers visited Clare Island on July 10th. This was an Inter-Island initiative under the Activator Walking Pole Programme which was rolled out on Clare Island earlier this

year. The event (and project) was coordinated by Age Friendly Mayo with Mayo Sports Partnership and funded by the HSE.

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### **Community Service Fun Day in South Dublin**

The South Dublin County Council Community Services Fun Day was held on Saturday 20th July at the Square and Tallaght Garda Station.

This was a great occasion for South Dublin County Council to share their recently published Directory of Services for the 55+ demographic.

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### **The turning of the sod in County Roscommon**

The turning of the sod in Dundermott, Ballymoe, County Roscommon is part of a €250, 000 development, it's the second slipway that will be completed at the end of August, the first one is located 5 kilometres away at Shancoo , Castlerea, County Roscommon.

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## **International Updates**





### In Conversation with Ms. Maria Iqbal

"The role of the media in framing perspectives on ageing."

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