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13th June 2025

National Updates



Age Friendly National Workplace Recognition Programme







Our Business Introductory Workshop took place on Thursday 29th May. Various businesses from all over Co.Meath were invited to take part in a half-day introductory workshop for our Age Friendly National Workplace Recognition Programme.

Following the pilot phase, a set of recommendations will be produced to inform policy document, along with a series of tools, templates and models which can be utilised by any workplace in Ireland wishing to implement good practice for their ageing workforce. Workplaces will also be encouraged to adopt the key steps to achieve recognition as an Age Friendly Workplace.





Launch of Uisneach Integrated Care Service fro Older People

Last week, the launch of the Uisneach Integrated Care Service for Older People for Longford and Westmeath, took place in the Bloomfield House Hotel in Mullingar.

Hosted by Dr Siobhan Kennelly, Consultant Geriatrician ICPOP, there were many speakers and presentations all linking into the theme of the launch 'Transforming Ageing and Longer Lives – new horizons in the Midlands and beyond'.

Pictured below is Dr Siobhan Kennelly Consultant Geriatrician

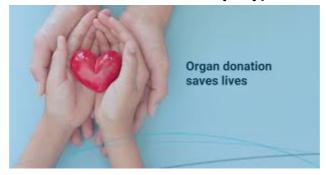
ICPOP, Professor Sean Kennelly Consultant Geriatrician Memory Service Lead Tallaght University Hospital, Professor Rose Anne Kenny Regius Professor TCD,TILDA Lead & Author of 'Age Proof', Age Friendly colleagues and Kitty Hughes Age Friendly Older People's Council Longford, who gave a presentation sharing some powerful words.







The Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Act 2024



The Human Tissue Act 2024 is a composite piece of legislation that includes provisions around donation and transplantation of organs, tissues, and cells, post-mortem practice and procedures, anatomical examination, and public display of bodies after death. Crucially, it embeds in legislation the idea that consent is the defining principle across all these sensitive areas.

It is important that the changes contained in the Act are brought into operation in a coherent manner. For this reason, the Act is being commenced on a phased basis.

On 17 June 2025, the first phase of changes under this legislation are being brought into operation. These deal with the donation and transplantation of organs, tissues, and cells.

Key features coming into effect from 17 June 2025:

* A soft opt-out system of consent for organ donation for individuals aged 18

and over;

* The concept of a "designated family member" i.e. the person to be consulted prior to donation of organs and tissues from deceased persons

* A way for people who wish to make a living donation of a kidney to someone they don't personally know (also known as non-directed altruistic donation).

Find Out More >

Empowerment through Smart Home Equipment (Smart Home Gateway Project) Webinar

Empowerment through Smart Home Equipment



WEBINAR: 18.06.25 | 11.30am

Real Stories - Practical Tips - Inspiring Ideas



An interactive session showcasing the journeys of eight individuals who have been supported to set up their own smart home ecosystems.

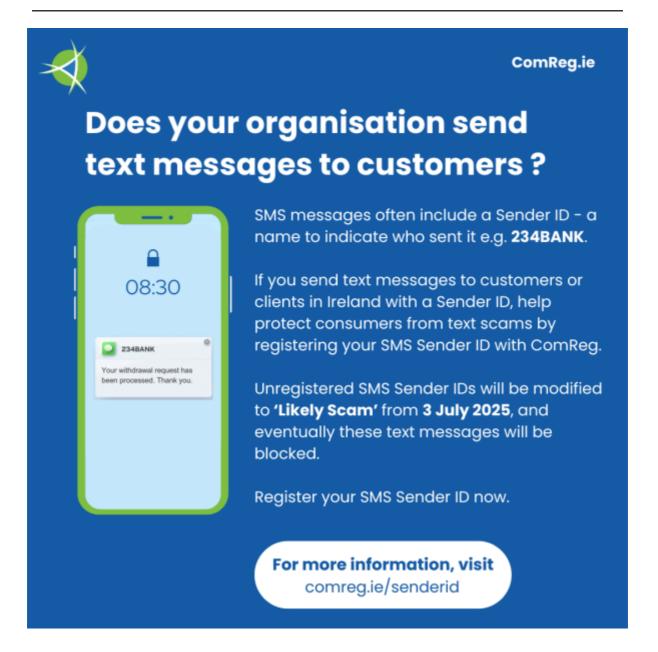
You are invited to a special Enable Ireland Virtual Service webinar on a Smart Home Gateway Project, happening on **Wednesday**, **June 18th at 11.30am**.

Who should attend?

Anyone with an interest in assistive technology, please feel free to share the invite with your contacts.

This interactive session will showcase the journeys of 8 individuals who have been supported to set up their own smart home ecosystems. You'll hear how smart devices like Amazon Echo and other assistive technologies are being used in daily life to enhance independence, safety, and comfort.

Register Here



ComReg Launches SMS Sender ID Registry to Help Prevent Text Scams

ComReg is now introducing an intervention to help prevent some types of scam SMS messages – this is the SMS Sender ID Registry ('Registry').

The Registry is a secure repository of registered SMS Sender IDs, registered Sender ID Owners (SIDOs), Participating Mobile Service Providers (MSPs) and Participating Aggregators (PAs). Participants must adhere to the rules of operation of the Registry.

From 3 July 2025, unregistered SMS Sender IDs will be modified to 'Likely Scam' to alert the recipient to be cautious of the content of those text

messages.

From 3 October 2025, text messages from unregistered SMS Sender IDs will be blocked and those messages will not reach the recipient.

Find out more >

Open Call: Citizen Curator Pilot for Bealtaine 2026 - Deadline: 23rd June, 12 noon



Call for participants for Citizen
Curator Panel for
Bealtaine Festival 2026

Currently seeking individuals aged 50+ to join a pilot Citizen Curator Panel for Bealtaine Festival 2026. This voluntary group will help shape one event in the 2026 Bealtaine Festival by offering ideas and input on its programming. Panel members will meet in June/July and possibly again in September 2025 to collaborate, brainstorm, and learn. All work will be guided by the Festival Curators and Director, and participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in arts programming.

Find out more >

Ageism Research





Are you aged 50 or older and interested in taking part in a research study about ageism in Ireland? Would you be interested in speaking with us in a

group interview, either in Trinity College Dublin or online? We want your help to understand how people aged 50+ feel about growing older. The information you share with us will be considered completely confidential.

We are researchers from Trinity College Dublin, and in partnership with Age Action, we are carrying out research by speaking to people living in Ireland about how they observe or experience self-directed ageism.

The aim of the study is to explore and understand self-directed ageism, where older people stereotype and limit themselves because of their age.

This study will help researchers, policy makers and organisations such as Age Action to challenge ageism and support older people to live full lives.

If you think you might be interested in taking part in this research, we would be delighted to hear from you and answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare for more information. Email: researchage@tcd.ie or phone 01-896 2950/ 0877849320

Local Updates



Men's Health Week 2025

Men's Health Week 2025 took place from June 9th to June 15th. To mark the occasion, the Health Promotion and Improvement Department of HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare organised a Men's Health Awareness Event at the CYMS Hall in Killorglin.

This free event was held on Wednesday, June 11th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The HSE invited the Age Friendly KerryOffice to host an information desk during the event, which was shared with Healthy Age Friendly Homes Kerry. The event was a great success, with the information desk remaining busy throughout the day. Many attendees showed keen interest in the valuable work carried out by both Age Friendly Kerry and Healthy Age Friendly Homes, making the event both engaging and impactful.

Tipperary Age Friendly Expo 2025



TIPPERARY AGE FRIENDLY EXPO 2025

SAVE THE DATE



- Tipperary Age Friendly will host its Annual EXPO in the TUS College Campus Thurles E41PC92 on Wednesday 18th June from 12-3pm
- This is a free event showcasing a range of services and supports available to promote Positive Ageing in County Tippeary
- For information scan the attached QR Code or contact Fiona Crotty 087 1252938 Cliona Tobin 087 0625408 Angela Sheehan 087 7067903 or email: - agefriendly@tipperarycoco.ie







Castleknock Village Festival



Sofa to Saddle





Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council





Information Session with Citizen Information and Age Friendly Roscommon







The Skerries Community Association flyer for 2025 is now available to review. The AGM will take place on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theatre, Skerries Community Centre.

No need to register, just come along!

Find out more >

International Updates



IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Ms. Queenie Man

IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Ms. Queenie Man on "Nourishing elders: Enhancing wellbeing one meal at a time."

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