

CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP WEEKLY BULLETIN UPDATE

Staying Connected

At the moment it is more important than usual that connections between people continue. Cork City Partnership staff are maintaining regular phone contact with existing clients and other people in the community who we know are particularly vulnerable at this time. This is in addition to the daily phone call which is made through our Friendly Call Service to older and isolated people. Friendly Call alone is now making more than 330 daily phone calls.

Arts for All

As part of their focus this month, Arts for All are partnering with the Lord Mayor's Office, Cork City Council and Consultant Psychologist Dr. Gillian Moore-Groarke in an effort to collect the experiences of Children during COVID 19 through their creative compositions. They are asking children to create work and submit their completed works to creativecall@corkcity.ie so they can develop an online exhibition for June and archive it for future reference. Submission details, press release and guidelines are all available from the artsforall.ie website.

Seniors Alert Scheme

The Seniors Alert Scheme provides grant support for the supply of alarm equipment to enable older people of limited means to continue to live securely in their homes. The grant assistance for this scheme is made available through Cork City Partnership. We are continuing to process applications for the alarms during the crisis. If you need further information or would like to apply for an alarm, please contact: CCP Office Heron House on 021 - 4302310 or CCP Office Knocknaheeny on 021- 4399503. Please post completed application forms to Cork City Partnership, Level 1, Heron House, Blackpool Retail Park, Cork City.



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Positive Parenting course

Cork City Partnership hopes to deliver an online positive parenting course to parents over the coming weeks. This course is designed for parents of children aged 3-10 years and covers a range of topics including: play, routines, behaviour issues, problem solving, limit-setting, consequences, social and academic skills among others. We would like to hear from parents who may be interested in participating.

For further information please contact Linda Mc Kernan, Community Development Worker, Cork City Partnership on 087 1962025 or email: lmckernan@partnershipcork.ie

HACCP

CCP will shortly be running an online HACCP course via ZOOM. The course is 3 hours in total.

HACCP Level 1 provides the knowledge of the Food Safety standards to be adhered to while working or volunteering in the food sector. It is of particular advantage to those who wish to seek work in the Hospitality Sector, Retail Sector, Warehousing and Volunteering Sector as it is a legal requirement. For further details please contact: Clare O`Shea at 087 1440263 or clare.oshea@partnershipcork.ie

Local Enterprise Support

The new Business Continuity Voucher, available through Local Enterprise Offices, is designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people.

The voucher is worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal is to help companies make informed decisions about what immediate measures and remedial actions should be taken, to protect staff and sales. More information at www.localenterprise.ie

Enterprise

Find out if you are one of the businesses that can return to work from Monday May 18th. Some self-employed, especially those in the construction sector or working outdoors will be able to return to work once they have the necessary safety procedures in place. Contact Tony or Yvonne to find out more. Contact us at: 021 4302310 or info@partnershipcork.ie

Employment

Many people have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and are looking for a way back into Employment. Our Employment Service is working with Job Seekers to help them take stock of their situation and put together a plan to return to work. If you would like find out more about our employment guidance service you can contact us at: 021 4302310 or info@partnershipcork.ie

COVID-19 Stability Fund

Last Friday, the Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the launch of a €40 million package of supports for Community and Voluntary Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises.

A large number of these organisations are providing critical services to vulnerable individuals and groups in society arising from the COVID-19 crisis. Many of these organisations now find themselves in financial difficulty as fundraising efforts, commercial activities and other services they rely on have been curtailed due to the ongoing crisis.

The package consists of:

- A €35 million 'COVID-19 Stability Fund' which will provide a level of support to qualifying organisations who are most in need and have seen their trading and/or fundraising income drop significantly during the crisis; and
- A €5m Government commitment to a Philanthropy Fund, (Innovate Together) which will focus on supporting responses to the COVID-19 crisis that require innovative and adaptive solutions to existing and emerging challenges.

Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b1a7b9-covid-19-community-voluntary-charity-and-social-enterprise/>



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CCP continues to work closely with all its clients during this difficult time for people.

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