

# CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Blackpool Village Community Directory 2021

We are currently putting together a Community Directory for Blackpool Village which will be available free to local people. We have recently sent a letter to all the agencies, services and businesses in the Village asking them if they would like to be included in this Directory. We are getting back responses, however, if any group based in Blackpool have not been contacted and would like to be included please contact Patricia on 087 1902848 or email [pcotter@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:pcotter@partnershipcork.ie)

We are hoping to have this Directory available in hard copy and online by the end of March 2021.

## Launch of Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan

Well done to all involved in Cork Healthy Cities on the launch of the new CHC 2020 - 2030 Action Plan. As a part of Community Development sector here in Cork City we look forward to supporting and being involved in the delivery of this ongoing Healthy Cities Action Plan.

To see a flavour of what has been achieved through the Cork Healthy Cities initiative in the last 10 years why not take a look at the following video. <https://vimeo.com/502685397/51d61204c4>

Are you interested in being a voice for a marginalised group on Cork Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force (CLDATF)?



The CLDATF is currently seeking to fill two voluntary positions:

- \*Community Representative for the traveller community
- \*Community Representative for Homeless / former prisoners

If you are a member of either of these communities OR if you work or volunteer with the Traveller community or with people who are homeless / former prisoners, you can apply for either of these two voluntary positions on Cork Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

## Participate in change for Your Community!

Being a community representative on the Task force gives you the opportunity to participate in decision making around drug and alcohol services and supports. By being at the table, you can voice the needs of your particular community of interest, and help to shape service provision to meet these needs.

Community of Interest vacancies on the Cork local Drug and Alcohol Task force are filled by the Cork Public Participation Network (PPN). If you would like to represent one of these communities, you must be part of a group / agency / body, that is a member of the Cork city PPN. If your group is not yet a member of the PPN, please contact the PPN and they will be able to facilitate your group to join.

Community Representatives on the CLDATF are supported in the role by the other sitting reps and by the CODAAP project at Cork City Partnership.

## Survey Shows Women Looking to Explore options on Training and Employment.

A recent online survey of over 340 women carried out by Cork City Partnership shows a strong demand for training, education, and employment opportunities. Over 70% of those surveyed indicated they would be interested in expanding their options. The main barriers women face in following their ambitions include family commitments, time pressure, and the confidence to take on what they see as a challenging new venture.

Siobhán O'Neill, Employment Support Worker with Cork City Partnership, said the results highlight the need for flexible courses like **Growing Your Potential:**

"We find women who participate on our course enjoy the family friendly hours and supportive environment. Women learn how to master online media through which many training courses and job applications are carried out. Other benefits of the course are that it allows women to avail of much needed "Me- time", build new friendships and learn something new."

For further information please contact Siobhán O'Neill on 021 4302310 or [soneill@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:soneill@partnershipcork.ie)

## Friendly Call Cork Research findings

Friendly Call Cork were delighted to have been involved with a recent UCC CARL Project on Audiology Services on how to support enhanced care pathways for older people. We will use the research findings to focus efforts on supporting older people in the aftercare stages of accessing and managing hearing aids and audiology services over time. Hearing loss can be a factor for wider health outcomes such as decline in cognitive function and loneliness and it is anticipated that targeted supports will have wide health and wellbeing benefits.

The study was conducted by a student from UCC, Caitlin O'Hehir, an MSc of Clinical Audiology graduate. Further details can be found at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/scishop/news/study-supports-enhanced-care-pathways-for-older-people.html>

We are in daily telephone contact with our clients and have in the past, signposted individuals to their GP to get a letter of referral to HSE Audiology Services. This has been done mostly on an ad hoc basis. We believe with Caitlin's Research, who has interviewed our clients about their experiences with Audiology Services, that we can improve how we communicate with our clients about their entitlements and also to keep a log of how their access to hearing aids is progressing and also to guide them in maintenance and any issues that they may have in getting the maximum benefit from their hearing aids.

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CCP helping Let's Play Cork to deliver Senior Play Packs

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

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