



Voice of Volunteering

Latest news and events from
Louth Volunteer Centre

Training & Events

Microvolunteering Day

Louth Volunteer Centre will be hosting a 'Lunch and Learn' on zoom on the 15th April from 12-2 to mark International Microvolunteering Day.

The topic to be covered during this session is 'Task Based Volunteering'. If you are interested in attending this session you can sign up [here](#).



Garda Vetting Training

Our Garda Vetting Training continues on a quarterly basis. Our Garda Vetting Training dates for 2022 are; 26th May, 11th August and 20th October. All sessions are on zoom at 11am and last approx. 90mins.

Garda Vetting enquiries can be sent to louthvcgardavetting@gmail.com



Volunteer Centres have worked with Carmichael on delivering and promoting training to organisations in their areas. In 2022 Carmichael are running a series of FREE training workshops for charities and non-profits in Ireland. These workshops are funded by the Community Foundation for Ireland as part of a wider Covid-19 Fund for Recovery. The Community Foundation for Ireland hopes that this funding will strengthen the skills base of the sector around fundraising, digital, governance and leadership, and build resilience among volunteer and staff teams.

[Please find information on all available workshops here](#)



Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement

Free Training for non-profits

This free course is designed to meet the needs of managers in our changing world. It is a two-module course for those who are new to the topic of volunteer management and leadership or who wish to improve their skillset. The sessions are delivered by trainers from the Volunteer Centre Network and covers topics such as Planning for volunteer involvement, Diversity and inclusion in volunteering, Volunteer and organisation expectations, Screening and selection and day to day engagement of volunteers.

Places can be booked [via Eventbrite](#).



National Volunteering Week 2022

National Volunteering Week is a weeklong celebration of volunteering that takes place every year during the third week of May.

The theme for National Volunteering Week 2022 is "Celebrate and Reconnect". The team here at Louth Volunteer Centre are certainly looking forward to reconnecting with the community with a number of in person events taking place:

[Volunteer Leadership Seminar](#)

11am-1pm 17th May Market House, Dunleer.

[Book at this link.](#) 

[Ardee outreach service open day.](#)

10am-12pm 19th May, Ardee Library

[Dundalk & Drogheda Office Open days.](#)

10am-12pm 20th May at both our County Hall Dundalk and Bolton Street Drogheda offices.



Recognising COVID-19 Volunteers

As part of the government's recognition of volunteering during Covid-19, National & local events will be held during National Volunteering Week on 19th May.

Minister of State in the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O' Brien TD, last week launched the Volunteer Ireland nomination web portal which will accept nominations from relevant organisations of volunteers who have made a contribution to their community during the pandemic.

 [Visit the portal before April 13th](#) to nominate a volunteer to receive an invite to our County Louth event.

Thousands of volunteers around the country ensured that the most vulnerable and hard to reach members of our community were supported throughout the pandemic, through numerous initiatives including the Community Call. Their contribution, no matter how small, was absolutely crucial and my Department is working with Volunteer Ireland to recognise this

Minister Joe O'Brien

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Louth Community Volunteers

Another national pilot programme that Louth Volunteer Centre is participating in is the Community Volunteers Programme. It gives organisations a chance to engage enthusiastic, trained volunteers in local events and in times of more urgent need.

Louth Volunteer Centre recruit, interview, and train local volunteers in Urgent Community Support and Event Volunteering best practice.

Organisations can [request their local Community Volunteers](#) to support at events or initiatives or request support from Community Volunteers at shorter notice when urgent needs arise in the community. ✨

Louth Community Volunteers have recently taken part in a collection for Ukrainian refugees in Poland, the Big Drogheda Clean Up, St. Patrick's Day Drogheda and will be taking part in beach cleans for World Earth Day next month.

National Volunteer Management Conference

The National Volunteer Management Conference will take place online on the mornings of April 26th and 27th. Early bird tickets are now on sale so make sure to register soon as masterclasses are limited to 30 attendees each.

You can [register on Eventbrite](#) and in case you wish to pay via invoice, please let us know.

The programme is available by [clicking here](#) ✨



Join the team - Louth Volunteer Centre Board roles

Louth Volunteer Centre are currently recruiting volunteer board members.

We are interested in hearing from volunteers from diverse backgrounds to join the board. We currently have 2 roles available and are recruiting during the month of April.

[Board Member](#)
[Board HR Liaison](#) ✨

#VolunteersOfLouth

This year, we have been highlighting some of our registered volunteers stories, detailing how and why they got involved volunteering and their words of wisdom to others that would like to get involved. You can check out all of the great stories on [our website](#) and keep an eye out for new posts weekly across all of our social media channels.

If you know someone that would like to share their stories, get in touch!



Paul's great experience...

“ My family have said the difference in me since I have started volunteering to now, they said they have got Paul back... It's a reason to get out of bed, for a long time I didn't have a reason to leave the house

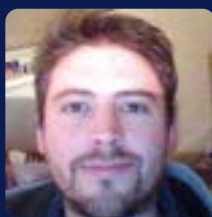
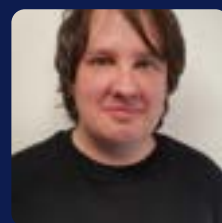
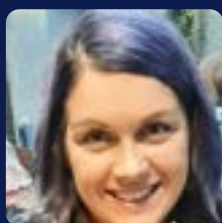


Volunteer Friendly

The new quality standard for involving volunteers

The Volunteer Friendly Award is a user-friendly quality standard to support, recognise and reward groups who are good at involving volunteers. It's never been more important for groups to be able to show how good they are at involving and managing their volunteers. We believe regardless of your group or organisation size or set up you should be rewarded and recognised for the difference your volunteer programme makes.

Louth Volunteer Centre is part of a National Pilot Programme rolling out Volunteer Friendly, with 3 organisations in Louth undertaking the process at present.



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