



Voice of Volunteering

Latest news and events from
Louth Volunteer Centre



National Volunteering Week Roundup

National Volunteering Week took place from 16th–22nd May 2022.

The theme for the week was

#CelebrateandReconnect, and we did this with a number of events around the county including a Volunteer Leadership Seminar in the Market House in Dunleer, an open morning in Ardee Library where we hold an outreach service every two weeks and open mornings in our Drogheda and Dundalk offices, with Dundalk FM broadcasting their Town Talk programme from our office during the open morning. We also marked the intersection of National Volunteering Week and National Biodiversity Week by taking our Louth Community Volunteers to Clogherhead for some Bracken Bashing!



Recognising COVID-19 Volunteers

As part of the government's recognition of volunteering during Covid-19, Louth County Council and Louth Volunteer Centre co-hosted the Louth event at a reception in County Hall during National Volunteering Week on 19th May. 88 volunteers were nominated and each received a letter of thanks from An Taoiseach as well as a specially designed commemorative pin.



Louth Volunteer Centre Manager Kayleigh Mulligan addressing the volunteers and guests at the event.

Training & Events

The team at Louth Volunteer Centre are delighted to have received funding from Mental Health Ireland to launch our new project called 'New Connections'. The aim of this project is to break down the barriers to volunteering for people in priority groups most at risk of poor mental health. It has been the experience of Louth Volunteer Centre that certain cohorts of potential volunteers can find it difficult to secure volunteer roles. Louth Volunteer Centre will engage with priority groups from the Mental Health Strategy that can really benefit from what New Connections has to offer, such as adults with intellectual disabilities, people recovering from addiction and young people that could benefit from creating positive connections with their communities. We are currently recruiting participants for our upcoming New Connections training on 12th & 19th July.

email kayleigh@volunteerlouth.ie for information on registering for the programme.

New Connections



Connect to your community in a new way
Through volunteering.

As well as working with the individuals from these cohorts Louth Volunteer Centre is also looking for local volunteer involving organisations to get involved in the project. We are asking organisations that involve volunteers in their work to sign up to this project by nominating an inclusion officer that will be trained and supported to involve volunteers of all abilities and be upskilled in the area of mental health awareness.

The training for non-profit groups will take place in September (dates TBC) and will cover topics such as Disability, Jam Card Awareness, Recovery, Mental Health and creating an inclusion policy for your organisation

[Click here to register interest.](#) 

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.](#) 

Louth Community Volunteers

The Louth Community Volunteers programme is growing from strength to strength. Projects supported by the Louth Community Volunteers this quarter include a beach clean for World Earth Day, Down Syndrome come and try athletics event, Drogheda Arts Festival, Drogheda mid-summer 5k, coffee mornings for displaced Ukrainian people. They will be supporting events over the summer such as a SOSAD family fun day, Drogheda Pride, Louth Litter League and a number of biodiversity initiatives.

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 Volunteer Centre Annual Report 2021

Louth Volunteer Centre presented it's 2021 activities and financial statements at it's AGM via Zoom on Monday 13th June.

To view the Louth Volunteer Centre annual report and audited accounts for 2021, [click here](#). 



Garda Vetting Training

Our Garda Vetting Training continues on a quarterly basis. Our Garda Vetting Training dates for 2022 are; 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

Join the Louth Volunteer Centre Board

Louth Volunteer Centre is currently recruiting a voluntary board member with specific expertise in HR and people management.

To view the role description, click on the following link:

[Board HR Liaison](#) 

Volunteer Friendly

On the 17th of May, Louth Volunteer Centre was delighted to present Carlingford Heritage Centre, Connect Family Resource Centre and Louth Schoolgirls League with the esteemed Volunteer Friendly Award.

This award is a 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 volunteers.

Regardless of the size of a group or organisation they should be rewarded and recognised for the difference their volunteer programme makes.

By achieving this award, these organisations are recognising the importance that volunteers play in the community in Louth.

Email karen@volunteerlouth.ie if you would like to find out more about the award.



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