

# RAPID Community News



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Community News began as being for the RAPID areas of South Dublin County (North Clondalkin and West Tallaght), but over time has expanded to include some of the wider area of South Dublin County. If you have something you wish to include then email the details to [alane@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:alane@sdublincoco.ie). A considerable amount of information, particularly on work and funding are sourced from Activelink and Community Exchange <http://list.activelink.ie> and the Wheel Digest at <http://www.wheel.ie/>. If you would like RAPID Community News please contact me on [alane@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:alane@sdublincoco.ie). Community News goes out to over 300 community groups and individuals in the RAPID areas of North Clondalkin and West Tallaght.

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# **1 NEWS**

## 1.1 Children's Art Competition

### Children's Art Competition



### Children's Art Competition *Keeping connected in times of Covid19*

Lots of children around the country are missing out on regular connections and contacts with their favourite older people- grandparents, friends and neighbours. Many are finding new ways to keep in touch with their cocooning loved ones.

**Draw or paint a picture to show us how you are keeping in touch with some older people in your life.**

The competition has three categories:

1. Children - Infants to second class
2. Children - Third to sixth class
3. Children with physical, sensory or intellectual disability (U 18)

**Each category will have a winning prize of a €50 voucher.**

#### Entry details

Pictures on an A4 page, parents/guardians to email a photo of entry to [safeguarding.socialcare@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.socialcare@hse.ie) including the child's name and category. Use the subject line 'keeping connected competition'.

Closing date **29th May**. Winners will be announced on 15<sup>th</sup> June to mark *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*.

We will share some inspiring entries on our social media pages  
[@safeguarding\\_ie](#)  
[#keepingconnected](#)  
[#intergenerations](#)

T&C available on request.



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## 1.2 Covid 19 General Resources Available Online

### Covid 19 General Resources Available Online

The link below gives access to the updated Covid 19 General Resources Available Online, prepared by Clondalkin Family Support Network and Clondalkin Young Minds:

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AtJiw53tHyZ\\_gpwWhDAB5J4O-ZZoAg?e=gCSKVU](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AtJiw53tHyZ_gpwWhDAB5J4O-ZZoAg?e=gCSKVU)

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### 1.3 'In This Together' campaign

#### 'In This Together' campaign

South Dublin County Council is offering a range of activities and resources as part of a new "In This Together" initiative, launched by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on Friday (April 24).

The campaign aims to help everyone in Ireland to Stay Connected, Stay Active, and look after their Mental Health throughout the Covid-19 Emergency.

The Campaign encourages everyone to set a new daily activity which helps them to feel a little healthier or a little happier as we deal with Covid-19. It signposts useful advice to help people of every age group to cope with the ongoing restrictions, whether they are looking after children, dealing with self-isolation, preparing for the Leaving Cert, or coping with cabin fever.

*In This Together* draws together a huge range of activities that you can pursue in your home or your locality, by yourself or with family members or with friends online. There are ideas and activities for people of all ages. Just some highlights include:

- SDC Sports Partnership live exercise classes
- The Libraries Borrow Box
- On line music classes with Music Generation
- 5 minute crafts with our Library service
- Age Friendly News
- Bouncing baby book club
- LEO online courses

*In This Together* also draws together the huge range of advice and support that is available online for people of all ages, including:

- Mindmindr app
- Mental Health Facebook talks from 27th to 30th April
- Promotion of our parks and getting back to nature

The initiative brings together National Government, local government, Government Agencies, community and voluntary sectors, and the Community Call Forums around the country.

You can find full details at [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) or on any of our social media channels.

Wellbeing initiatives right across Government are being collated and that information can be easily found on Gov.ie.

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### 1.4 Crosscare Teen Counselling: May 2020 Up-Date



**Crosscare Teen Counselling: May 2020 Up-Date**

**On-line Counselling** is now being made available to Teens and their Parents using the Microsoft Teams platform. This on-line counselling is intended to provide a short focused intervention to help address the particular stressors experienced by teens and their parents in the context of the current Covid 19 crisis. This service is being provided as an addition to our existing services.

**Tele-support** continues to be provided to parents and to teens who have identified this contact with their counsellor as the most accessible way to meet their current needs. Teens and their parents opt for weekly or bi-weekly engagement with their counsellor.

**Referrals** continue to be accepted by Teen Counselling and referral forms can be requested at [teencounselling@crosscare.ie](mailto:teencounselling@crosscare.ie)

The **Teen Counselling phone line** is now open from **10:00-13:00 Monday to Friday** our telephone number is **01-5574705**. This line will accept referrals from families and professionals and will signpost caller to other appropriate services. Outside of these times voice-messages can be left and calls will be returned.

During COVID 19 we have been working with our clients on addressing many issues including anxiety, motivation, exam stresses, establishing family routines, coping with distress around family finance, employment & housing issues. Family conflict and bereavement are also being addressed and Child Protection referrals have been made to Tusla.

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## 1.5 Covid 19: Roadmap for reopening society and business



### Roadmap for reopening society and business

The roadmap sets out Ireland's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions on:

- 18 May (phase 1)
  - 8 June (phase 2)
  - 29 June (phase 3)
  - 20 July (phase 4)
  - 10 August (phase 5)
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# Overview of Reopening Phases

## Commencing May 18th



Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
National  
Programme

**1** (Commencing 18th May)

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### Community Health



Skim travel limit.  
Avoid unnecessary journeys.  
Small groups meet outdoors.

Skim to 20km.  
Avoid unnecessary journeys.  
Retail hours and visits for co-ops.  
Short home visits in small groups.  
Easing of funeral restrictions.

Skim to 20km.  
Avoid unnecessary journeys.

Travel beyond home area.  
Short but slightly larger home visits.  
Small social gatherings (e.g. small weddings, baptisms).

Travel beyond home area.  
Some larger social gatherings (e.g. weddings).

### Education & Childcare



Childcare for essential healthcare workers.

Opening of schools and colleges for teachers.

Phased opening of crèches and pre-schools for children of essential workers.

Phased opening of crèches, childminders and pre-schools for all.

Schools, 3rd level and adult education centres opening on a phased basis for 2020/21 academic year.

### Economic Activity & Work



Phased return of outdoor workers.  
Remote working continues for all that can do so.

Limited return to onsite working subject to compliance capability.  
Remote working continues for all that can do so.

Return to low-interaction work.  
Remote working continues for all that can do so.

Return to work where employees cannot remote work.  
Staggered hours.  
Remote working continues for all that can do so.

Phased return to work across all sectors.  
Remote working continues for all that can do so.

### Retail, Services & Commercial Activity



Retail that is mainly outdoor + home-wear, opticians, motor, bicycle & repair, office products, electrical, IT, phone sales & repair open.  
All subject to social distancing.

Small retail outlets with control of numbers open.  
Malls open.  
All subject to social distancing.

Open non-essential retail outlets with street level access.

Gradual easing of restrictions on higher-risk services, e.g. Barbers and hairdressers.

Further easing of restrictions higher-risk services, e.g. shopping centres, tattoo, piercing.

### Cultural & Social



Open outdoor public amenities, incl. pitches, tennis courts and golf courses, tourism sites, beaches and walks. Outdoor sporting and fitness activities, in groups max. four people, resume.  
All subject to social distancing.

Open public libraries.  
Small group team sports training (not matches) resume.  
All subject to social distancing.

Open playgrounds / Behind closed doors sporting activities. Open cafes and restaurants providing on-premises food & beverages—all subject to social distancing and strict cleaning protocols.

Museums, galleries and places of worship re-open. Sports and team leagues (e.g. Soccer & GAA) and swimming pools.  
All subject to social distancing.

Pubs, bars, nightclubs, theatres, cinemas and casinos. Close physical contact sports. Open gyms, exercise, dance studios and other indoor and outdoor festivals, events and mass gatherings.

### Transport & Travel



Social distancing and hygiene measures continue for public and private transport as passengers increase.  
Specific measures at ports and airports.

Numbers restricted and monitored.  
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Specific measures at ports and airports.

Travel restrictions on numbers travelling to and in major urban centres. Social distancing and hygiene measures continue for public and private transport as passengers increase. Specific measures at ports and airports.

Gradually decrease restrictions in major urban centres. Hotels etc. on a limited occupancy basis re-open. Bars remain closed. Social distancing and hygiene measures continue. Specific measures at ports and airports.

Resume tourist travel to offshore islands. Social distancing and hygiene measures continue for public and private transport as passengers increase. Specific measures at ports and airports.

Criteria for progressing from one phase to the next are:



Progress of disease



Healthcare capacity/resilience



Testing and contact tracing



Shielding at-risk groups



Secondary morbidity and mortality

The details of this phased re-opening of our country are now available on [gov.ie](https://gov.ie).  
Please stay the course, and please continue to save lives by staying apart.

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## 1.6 HSE Primary Care and Disabilities Psychology: “Mobile phone Drop In Clinic”

### HSE Primary Care and Disabilities Psychology

#### “Mobile phone Drop In Clinic”

##### **Private and confidential advice clinic over the phone for Parents & Carers:**

Who may have any questions or concerns about *your child’s behaviour, emotional needs, development or coping with COVID- 19 crisis?*



Every **Wednesday 9.30- 12pm**

- Please contact **0876184638** to book a telephone appointment
- Appointments are then offered by text on a “first come first seen” basis for the next available clinic
- A HSE Psychologist will phone you at that time

Reach Out & Stay connected while staying apart!

\*Please note **the drop in clinic is not an emergency service.** If you have an urgent query please contact your GP or A&E dept\*

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## 1.7 MABS: Managing Your Money During Covid 19

### MABS: Managing Your Money During Covid 19



# Managing Your Money During COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), Social Welfare Payments have been changed to a single payment every two weeks. It can be difficult to manage the single payment. Making a spending plan can help you feel more in control.

## Four steps to making a spending plan:

### 1. Work out how much money you have

Take a pen and paper. First, add up all the money coming in to your household every two weeks. This can include:

- Social Welfare
- Child Benefit (as this is a monthly payment, divide it by 2)
- Wages
- Money given by other adults living with you

### 2. Work out your costs

Add up how much money is going out. Write down all your bills, including monthly or annual bills. Put the most important bills at the top of your list – like food, heat, light, and rent.

#### Working out how much things cost every two weeks

<b>Weekly costs</b>	Multiply by 2
Example: Weekly rent €71	$€71 \times 2 = €142$ over 2 weeks
<b>Monthly costs</b>	Multiply by 12 (the number of months in the year). Then divide that figure by 26 (the number of fortnights in a year).
Example: Monthly phone bill €50	$€50 \times 12 = €600 \div 26 = €23$ over 2 weeks

### 3. Make your spending plan

Now you know how much money is coming in and going out every two weeks. Next, decide how you will pay your bills over two weeks. Remember to pay the most important bills first, like rent, heat, light, and food.

#### Split your money:

- Can you split your money in two, and put half away in an envelope for next week?

*If you are putting money away in an envelope, try to make sure it is safe and out of reach.*

#### Plan your spending:

- Can you spend less on anything? Make savings on your food shop - buy own brand.
- Can you pay anything in advance, like rent?
- Can you use Household Budget Scheme in the Post Office?
- Can you buy two weeks' worth instead of one? (Gas bottles, gas credit, or electricity credit)

#### Pay what you can:

- **Pre-pay meter customer:** Use your emergency credit wisely. The €100 emergency credit on gas meters is a loan. It will have to be paid back.
- **Bill pay customer:** Do your best to keep up your payments. Arrears will have to be repaid. If you can't pay all of a bill, pay something off it. Even €5 or €10 a week will make a difference.

### 4. Keep checking the plan!

Check your plan often. Keep track of what you spend, so that you know how much money you have left. If you stray from the plan, don't be hard on yourself. This is a difficult time for everyone.

## Need extra support? Contact MABS

MABS is the Money Advice and Budgeting Service. It is a free and confidential service. MABS can give you support if:

- You are worried about money.
- You are repaying a loan or debt.
- You fall behind on bills. MABS can make arrangements with the provider for you to pay a bit every week.
- You are managing on a tight budget. MABS can help you make a spending plan that works for you.

**Call the MABS Helpline:** The MABS Helpline is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm. The Helpline is confidential and you can remain anonymous. You can request a call-back from the Helpline. The number is 0761 07 2000.

**Contact your local MABS:** Find the number for your local MABS at: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)

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## 2 Clondalkin

### 2.1 Clondalkin Food Initiative

#### Clondalkin Food Initiative



In these unprecedented times we need to support those most in need

For the Clondalkin area we need:

- **Food items**
- **Drivers with transport** who can pick up donations from schools, shops and from people who donate and bring to the distribution point, and deliver the sorted items to those who need it.
- **Volunteers** who can help sort the food into crates and bags at the distribution point.



- Food should be in date, in unbroken packaging, and not need a fridge.
- There is no social contact involved in donating, picking up or delivering food.
- Drivers should have a full licence.
- Strict social distancing will be followed when sorting the food.

**To register your donation or your availability to volunteer  
please contact:**

**Karin Jonsson, Quarryvale Family Resource Centre  
085-202 0300, [manager@quarryvalefrc.ie](mailto:manager@quarryvalefrc.ie)**

**Supported by Clondalkin Helping Homeless  
and Clondalkin Family Support Network**



Please note this is not for those who need help with delivery but can afford to buy their own food. There are other group and agencies available to help with this.

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### 3 Tallaght

## 4 Work

### 4.1 Novas: Temporary Recruitment - Covid-19

Novas: Temporary Recruitment - Covid-19



#### *TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT COVID-19*

Please help us to help the most Vulnerable in our community and keep our frontline Services open.

Novas are currently seeking applications to create panels for:

- Project Workers
- Support Workers
- Kitchens Assistants/Cook

Novas Services are located in:

- Co. Kerry
- Co. Tipperary
- Co. Limerick
- Co. Clare
- Co. Dublin

For further information on roles please:

visit [www.novas.ie/work-with-us](http://www.novas.ie/work-with-us) for application form  
or email your CV to [recruitment@novas.ie](mailto:recruitment@novas.ie)

Expiry date: 31/05/20

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## 5 Funding

### 5.1 Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2020

Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2020 (Deadline Extended)

Organisations across Ireland working on issues of human rights and equality are invited to apply to the Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2020.

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (“the Commission”) will award small grants of up to €6,000 and general grants of up to €20,000 to support activities in Ireland that promote access to justice for people who face the greatest barriers to accessing their rights.

Now in its fifth year, grants are open to civil society organisations, rights-holder and community led groups, and trade unions from across the country, who can bring forward proposals on empowering people to understand and claim their rights. This includes people at risk of discrimination protected under the nine grounds of Ireland’s equality legislation: gender, civil status, family status, age, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, and membership of the Traveller community and people at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

Activities that promote participation of people in decisions that affect them are eligible to apply for grant support including:

- Participatory education and training activities
- Projects focused on engaging people in shaping policy and legislation reform
- Conferences, seminars and workshops
- Tools and campaigns, including digital, which give voice to rights holders’ experience and which promote their human rights and equality
- Participatory research and policy analysis
- Monitoring compliance of public bodies with human rights and equality standards

Since its grant scheme was established in 2016, the Commission has supported over 100 human rights and equality projects across Ireland, including research programmes, training or resource activities, conferences or events and cultural initiatives.

**The deadline for receipt of applications has now been extended to Tuesday, 19 May at 4pm.**

Full details of the grant scheme are [available here on the Commission’s website](#).

Professor Caroline Fennell, Acting Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission stated:

*“The Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2020-21 will support civil society organisations, rights-holders and community-led groups, and trade unions to build the capacity of people who are at risk of discrimination or human rights abuses to understand and more effectively claim their rights and organise themselves to advance their human rights and equality.*

*“Through this grant scheme focused on people’s access to justice, the Commission looks to empower people in claiming their rights, and shaping the decisions that impact on their human rights and the achievement of equality.”*

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## 5.2 Covid- 19: Response Fund

### Covid-19 Response Fund



**We are experiencing a high volume of calls at the moment, please only contact us via the email address below and our team will get back to you. Please read the FAQ section here before you contact our team with queries.**

### **About the Fund**

The Community Foundation for Ireland's Covid-19 Community Fund is aimed at the immediate needs of organisations impacted by Covid-19 and focused on the following:

- People over 60
- People with respiratory illnesses or cancer
- People experiencing domestic abuse
- Isolated vulnerable people and families, particularly those living in rural areas
- Mental health issues for those affected by Covid- 19

It is the expectation that the funding will support organisations to continue to provide services over the next one to six months and help in adapting services and methods of delivery.

Applications can be made to continue or adapt existing work or to pilot new work that will support those most vulnerable as a result of Covid-19.

Any organisations affected by Covid-19 and working with the groups of people listed above can apply for grants between **€1,000 and €10,000**. The Community Foundation for Ireland anticipates that organisations that are providing small scale emergency support will require funding of around €1,000 to €2,500. Those who are significantly enhancing their services at this time may require grants of up to €10,000.

**We will only accept applications from organisations with income levels of €500,000 or less per annum. Please see the FAQs for more information.**



All projects must be in line with government advice and guidelines about Coronavirus.

**The Community Foundation for Ireland will prioritise:**

- Initiatives that directly support those most at risk as a result of Coronavirus as outlined above;
- Initiatives that are responding to immediate needs including food, medication and shelter;
- Those organisations whose projects and budgets are realistic and detailed that outline how the grant money will be spent to support those most at risk.

**Please note:**

- Applications for running costs for organisations to provide support- including volunteer expenses, staff costs, and transport- will be accepted, provided that the organisation is focusing their attention on supporting existing and any potential beneficiaries due to Covid-19.
- Small capital costs are eligible, such as technology to adapt services, provided that the capital item will address the priorities of the fund.

**The Community Foundation for Ireland cannot fund:**

- Initiatives that involve physically bringing people together;
- Profit-making enterprises;
- Sport organisations;
- Projects that have already happened;
- Applications from individuals;
- Applications that are missing the required governance documents;
- Projects taking place outside of the Republic of Ireland.

**Examples of projects may include:**

- Projects that enable organisations to use and access technology to work remotely and to deliver their services to the groups listed above;
- Projects that enable organisations that need extra staff or volunteers to cover increased workload over the next three months;
- Projects supporting those most at risk, for example, those suffering from domestic violence, children at risk, those in unsuitable accommodation;
- Projects that enable older people to access a nutritious meal by connecting them to services providing groceries and/or ready-made meals;
- Projects that enable and encourage isolated people of all ages to use and access technology to keep them connected to the outside of their homes;
- Remote welfare checks for those isolated and in need of support;
- Social prescribing initiatives, in line with government guidance around isolation and social distancing. For example, online projects and volunteering opportunities, such as arts activities, group learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice or a range of exercise activities;
- Projects that provide enhanced counselling support services, providing they are

- offered in line with government advice and guidance around social distancing;
- Projects that build social networks, in line with current guidance around isolation and social distancing, and that may further develop once this period of isolation has ended.

#### **Applying for the Covid-19 Community Fund**

The Fund is open from **9am, 7th April 2020** and will remain open on a rolling call basis. At the present time there is a total of €250,000 available for organisations in this grant round. We do, however, expect a high level of interest in this fund and we may decide to close for applications within a relatively short space of time, if we do not have enough funds to meet the demand for support. However, we anticipate that there will be future funding available to support organisations affected by Covid-19 and we are committed to doing our best to raise as much as possible for the fund.

**You can apply for the Covid-19 Response Fund here.**

**Applications must fit the criteria above and must include a realistic budget for the project. We will only accept one application per organisation.**

When submitting the application, organisations will need to upload digital copies of the following governance documents:

- The organisation's bank or credit union statement header- please blank out any transactions below, this is to verify the account to pay the grant into.
- If your organisation has a Credit Union account you must supply an IBAN number for your specific account. We are unable to accept applications without your unique account IBAN
- The organisation's constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- A list of the organisation's Board members or trustees and the dates they were appointed.
- The organisation's safeguarding policies for children, vulnerable adults and older persons where applicable.

As the environment is constantly changing, we are aware that projects will need to be flexible. Please notify us as soon as possible if the project needs to adapt. The Community Foundation for Ireland will require an outcome report after 6 months of the project, or once the capital item has been purchased.

It is recommended that you read our [Grant FAQs](#) before starting your grant application and have a look at our [Grants Support Hub](#) on making and receiving grants.

**You can apply for the Covid-19 Response Fund here.**

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Grants Team at [covidresponse@foundation.ie](mailto:covidresponse@foundation.ie).

Due to the high number of calls we are receiving we are only accepting email enquiries at present. Please only contact us through [covidresponse@foundation.ie](mailto:covidresponse@foundation.ie) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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## **5.4 DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants**



## DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

### Central Grants Programme

UPDATE DUE TO COVID-19:

The Foundation has made the decision to postpone its next quarterly deadline until **22nd July 2020**. Those who have already applied will be automatically submitted into this deadline. We want to wish all our charity partners, and potential ones, all the best in this incredibly difficult time and we look forward to reviewing your applications later on in the year.

#### **Central Grants – Structure and approval process**

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the **UK and Ireland**.

Applications are received for quarterly deadlines from **registered charities** (and CICs) are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee. The Grants Committee comprises independent members and members nominated by the Foundation's business partners and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

#### **Application pack:**

- [DMTFYP Central Grant application form](#)
- [DMTFYP Central Grant Application Procedure and guidelines 2020](#)
- [DMTFYP Central Grant report form](#)
- [Media release form](#)

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)
- Mental health of children and young people

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Reapplications are welcome, however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter. Successful applicants are asked to wait three years before reapplying.

The Foundation receives thousands of telephone and email enquiries and hundreds of completed applications each year, making the grant award process highly competitive. To help us to help you, please read our application guidelines and restrictions carefully. Unfortunately, with a limited grant fund we are unable to respond favourably to all requests, however worthy. We provide specific feedback on grant rejections where guidance and improvements can be made however due to the volume we are unable to provide specific feedback to first round rejections given the competitive nature of the process.

#### **Deadlines**

Our 2020 application deadlines are:

- **Wednesday 5th February 2020**
- **[Tuesday 5th May 2020 – postponed until July]**
- **Wednesday 22nd July 2020**
- **Tuesday 6th October 2020**

• Please ensure your completed application is received both electronically and hard copy **by 5.30pm** on the date indicated in order to be considered.

Applications should be sent by email to [grant@dmtfyp.org](mailto:grant@dmtfyp.org). Large files can be sent across multiple emails or via a free online service (such as WeTransfer.com) to the email address [grant@dmtfyp.org](mailto:grant@dmtfyp.org). Eligible applications received after the deadline will be retained for the next funding round. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. All received applications are acknowledged by email, once the hard copy has been received and logged.

To view the grants we have made to date please take a look at our [grant archive](#).

For organisations supporting children to get active and take part in sport, we also encourage applications to the Les Mills Fund for Children, which we administer through our partnership with Les Mills UK. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## 5.5 Neighbourly Community Fund

### Neighbourly Community Fund

#### [Friends of Neighbourly](#)

Here at Neighbourly we know now, more than ever, how important it is to support local communities. That's why we've set up a Covid-19 Community Fund, backed by our partner businesses, to support the Neighbourly causes that will be most affected.

**Apply now for a grant from the Neighbourly Community Fund**

#### [Get involved](#)

We are accepting applications from charities and community groups that have joined Neighbourly and are actively supporting communities affected by the coronavirus outbreak. To apply, fill in the short application form linked below. We have already received a high number of applications and we are processing these as quickly as we can. Your application will be held on file and we will update you on timings as soon as possible.

[Find out more about Friends of Neighbourly](#)

[Apply Now](#)

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## 5.6 Business Continuity Voucher

### Business Continuity Voucher

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.

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## 5.7 The Philanthropy Fund

### The Philanthropy Fund

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## Introduction

The Philanthropy Fund - 'Innovate Together' is a collaboration between Government, philanthropists and social innovations. It will focus on supporting innovative responses to the Covid-19 crisis.

**The Fund is supported by a commitment of €5 million from the Department of Rural and Community Development through the support of the Dormant Accounts Fund.**

[Social Innovation Fund Ireland](#) pledges to raise additional significant philanthropic funds for this initiative.

'Innovate Together' starts as a €5 million Fund which will focus on responses to the Covid-19 crisis. It will deliver innovative and adaptive solutions to existing and emerging social challenges. The Fund is open for applications from community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises that have either increased, adapted or created a new innovative product/service in response to problems caused by the Covid-19 crisis.

The Fund is one of a suite of measures sponsored by the DRCD to meet the challenges presented by the current pandemic.

## Who can apply?

- The funds will be available to a charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation based in the Republic of Ireland who provide services in Irish communities. The organisations support the objectives identified in the Dormant Accounts Acts (i.e. addressing social, economic or educational disadvantage or supporting persons with a disability) and for which there is a clear ongoing need.
- Only organisations in existence prior to 1st January 2019 and operating at the start of March 2020, will be eligible.

## Criteria

The Fund will seek applications from projects achieving impact in:

- **Enabling online education:** providing primary and post-primary school students with access to technology hardware and any other necessary supports.
- **Youth mental health interventions:** delivering services in new ways or offering new types of services (intervention and prevention).
- **Circular economy:** solutions for the efficient re-use and recycling of materials.
- **Improving food security:** increasing independent food production for Ireland and reducing food imports.
- **New ways of working remotely:** our new ways of working are here to stay and innovations are needed to smooth the transition from office to working at home.
- **Community outreach:** finding new ways to reach and support vulnerable and

marginalised groups.

- **Re-skilling our workforce:** with the shift in our economy and the potential closure of businesses, there is a need for re-training and re-education of workers.
- **Physical Health:** online medical and physical health innovations.

Government believes that innovation is one of the keys to addressing emerging social, economic and environmental needs in a sustainable manner. As we begin to build a path to recovery, now is the time to come together to build an Ireland in which we all want to live and work. A country that is inclusive, equal and focused on sustainable solutions.

#### **Further information and how to apply**

More details of the Innovate Together Fund including eligibility and the application process can be found at [SocialInnovation.ie](https://socialinnovation.ie)

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## **5.8 COVID-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprises**

### **COVID-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprises**

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#### **Introduction**

**The Department of Rural and Community Development is funding the COVID-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprises.** If you are a community and voluntary organisation, social enterprise or charity and you are in urgent need of funding to help your organisation through COVID-19, please read the information below to find out more. **€35m has been made available through the Dormant Accounts Fund.**

#### **Who is eligible?**

The primary aim of the Stability Fund is to assist community and voluntary, charity and social enterprises who are experiencing financial difficulties due to a reduction in their fundraising income and / or traded income as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Organisations must be delivering front-line critical services in the Republic of Ireland, before the 1st January 2019, to be eligible to apply.
- Organisations must have a projected loss in their 2020 fundraising income and / or traded income of 25% or more as a direct result of the COVID-19

pandemic to be eligible to apply.

Eligible organisations can apply for a once-off grant towards their operational and overhead costs such as a rent, utilities, (excluding salaries) for the next few months. The grant awarded will be dependent on the need identified and the demand for the available budget. It is envisaged that grants awarded will vary in size ranging from €2,000 to €100,000.

#### **Opening and closing dates**

**Opening date** for applications is **Monday 11th May 2020**

**Closing date** for application is **Wednesday 20th May 2020 at 5pm**

**Please note that the Stability Fund portal will automatically close at 5pm on Wednesday 20th May, 2020.**

You will not be able to submit your application after this date and time. Your application form will remain as a draft and will not be considered.

#### **Guidelines and Further Information**

Only online application forms will be accepted for consideration. Hard copy or e-mail applications will not be considered.

This funding is available to ensure that those most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society continue to receive services and supports in this difficult period.

The guidelines, further information and application forms (available from 11th May) are available at [Pobal](http://Pobal). Please read them prior to starting your application.

#### **Contact details**

If you are unclear about the criteria or need technical assistance with the portal please contact Pobal via [stabilityscheme@pobal.ie](mailto:stabilityscheme@pobal.ie). Pobal will respond by e-mail or telephone within 48 hours.

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## **6 Training**

### **6.1 NUI Maynooth Higher Certificate in Addiction Studies (Level 7)**



**NUI MAYNOOTH**  
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#### **NUI Maynooth Higher Certificate in Addiction Studies (Level 7) 2020 / 2021**

This is a University level 7 Certificate course leading to a level 8 Diploma in Addiction Studies.

The course is 100 hours in total and classes take place over the academic year from September to May (every Tuesday morning in Clondalkin).

Students must attend a class of 3 hours per week. Applicants must be over 21 years of age.

The course costs €600 (normal cost is €1100) – flexible payment plans are in place.

Modules:

- Theoretical Perspectives on Addiction
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse in Contemporary Ireland
- Approaches to Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Group Work & Reflective Learning

Application forms are available from the course coordinator Emma Fox at:

[rehabilitation@cdtf.ie](mailto:rehabilitation@cdtf.ie)

Or

01 457 9445 / 086 858 1787

Completed applications must be returned by email or post no later than

**5pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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## 7 Websites, Support & Advice Services

Websites

Last published 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Support & Advice Services

Clondalkin Palmerstown, Lucan... Last published 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

West Tallaght

Last published 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012

Funding Sources

Last published 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013

This section gives websites and support & advice services

If you have any corrections or updates, please let Andy Lane know the details on [alane@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:alane@sdublincoco.ie)

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### 7.1 Still Here Campaign

#### Still Here Campaign

The Department of Justice and Equality have launched a STILL HERE Campaign for people who are suffering Domestic Abuse at this time - <https://www.stillhere.ie/>

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### 7.2 Qualifax: National Learners' Database

#### Qualifax: National Learners' Database

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database and is the "one stop shop" for learners and the public. Comprehensive, annually updated information is provided about further and higher education and training options in Ireland and further afield. Articles and links are also provided to assist students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates to make informed choices for education, training and career pathways.

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