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**Mayo PPN Information Evenings for community groups**

**Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN)** is organising a number of information evenings for community groups this March & April. The first series of meetings in March will take place in the four Municipal Districts in Mayo and is open to groups, registered with Mayo PPN, in these areas. The April Meeting will take place in Castlebar and is open to all groups registered with Mayo PPN.

**Municipal District Information Evenings**

In March there will be a series of information evenings for community groups in the four municipal districts. The Municipal District in which your group operates in is the correct meeting for your group to attend. This is the list of venues.

**West Mayo MD** (7pm, Mar 21, Hotel Newport)

**Claremorris MD** (7pm, Mar 23, McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris)

**Ballina MD** (7pm, Mar 28, Newman Institute Lecture Room 1, Ballina)

**Castlebar MD** (7pm, Mar 30, Macalla Hall, Lough Lannagh, Castlebar)

The evening will provide an opportunity for groups to meet and discuss issues relevant to their Municipal District. Each meeting will also have two information sessions from local Development companies. The first of these sessions will look at how the **LEADER** programme is progressing in Mayo and discuss the range of supports available to community groups. The second session will provide information on the **Rural Social Scheme (RSS)** and how it can benefit your community. Mayo PPN is asking groups to please confirm attendance at these evening if possible.

**County Information Evening**

On April 6, a County Information night will take place in **Macalla Hall, Lough Lannagh, Castlebar at 7pm**. This evening is open to all groups registered with Mayo PPN. The evening will start with a meeting to discuss issues of importance to Mayo PPN and to complete any of the formal work of the network. This will be followed by information sessions from Mayo Volunteer Centre on **Garda Vetting** and **The 2016 Charities Regulation Act**, groups on the night will receive information on how these topics will affect your community group or organisation. Mayo PPN is asking groups to please confirm attendance at this event if possible.

**Registration**

Groups wishing to attend any of the above meetings should be registered with Mayo PPN. If your group/organistaion hasn’t already registered, you can do so at the following link [www.mayoppn.net/Join.html](http://www.mayoppn.net/Join.html). Full details of the criteria for membership are listed here and you can now complete the registration online by following the appropriate link on this page.

For further information to confirm your attendance please contact Ann Marie McGing, Mayo PPN Resource Worker [office@mayoppn.net](mailto:office@mayoppn.net) | 094-9042607 | 087-2830538

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**About Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN)**

Mayo PPN is an independent umbrella organization and network that provides a voice for all community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups across Mayo. To learn more visit [www.mayoppn.net](http://www.mayoppn.net).

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