# Healthy Clare Newsletter February 2024

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### Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2024

The search is on again to recognize those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For a nomination form please email: agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie or telephone (065) 6846240 or visit www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/

Nomination forms must be submitted by Friday 1st March 2024.



Dear readers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Healthy Clare Co-Ordinator with Clare County Council. Growing on the work completed to date by Dena McGrath and the members of the Healthy Clare Working Group, I am delighted to be able to support The Healthy Ireland Vision. The Healthy Ireland vision is an Ireland, where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone's responsibility.

Together with our colleagues and collaborators we are working toward promoting a range of health activities, initiatives and campaigns both locally and nationally across a range of Healthy Ireland themes which include;

- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Healthy Weight
- Sexual Health
- Tobacco Free
- Reducing Drugs and Alcohol Related Harm

Each month, we will produce a calendar showcasing events from around the county and offer information about key national campaigns. If you would like to highlight an initiative that your community or organization are involved in, please reach out to me or Siobhan. We can be contacted by email as follows; <a href="mailto:healthyclare@clarecoco.ie">healthyclare@clarecoco.ie</a>. I look forward to working with you all as together we work toward helping to support all residents of Co. Clare to enjoy good health at all stages of life. Best wishes, Sam



### Clare County Council Free Period Products Campaign

We are delighted to continue rolling out our Clare County Council's Free Period Products Campaign in Local Authority spaces, libraries and leisure facilities. We have seen many benefits of supporting these facilities to have a supply of period products that are freely available to members of the public. If your community would like to be involved in this programme we would love to hear from you. If you are a member of the public that has availed of the products, we would also love to hear from you. We welcome all feedback and hope to grow this initiative over the coming months. We can be reached at healthyclare@clarecoco.ie

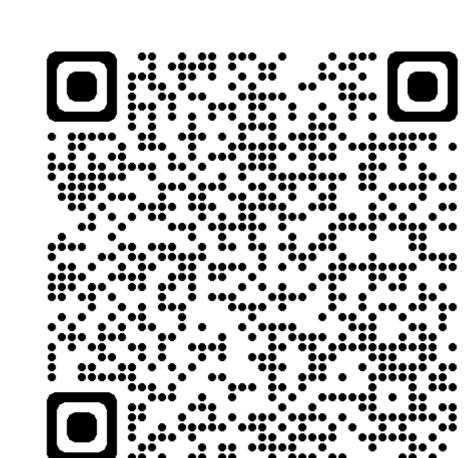
For more information abut the campaign, please visit Clare County Council's Free Period Products Campaign | Clare County Council Community Engagement (clarecoco.ie)

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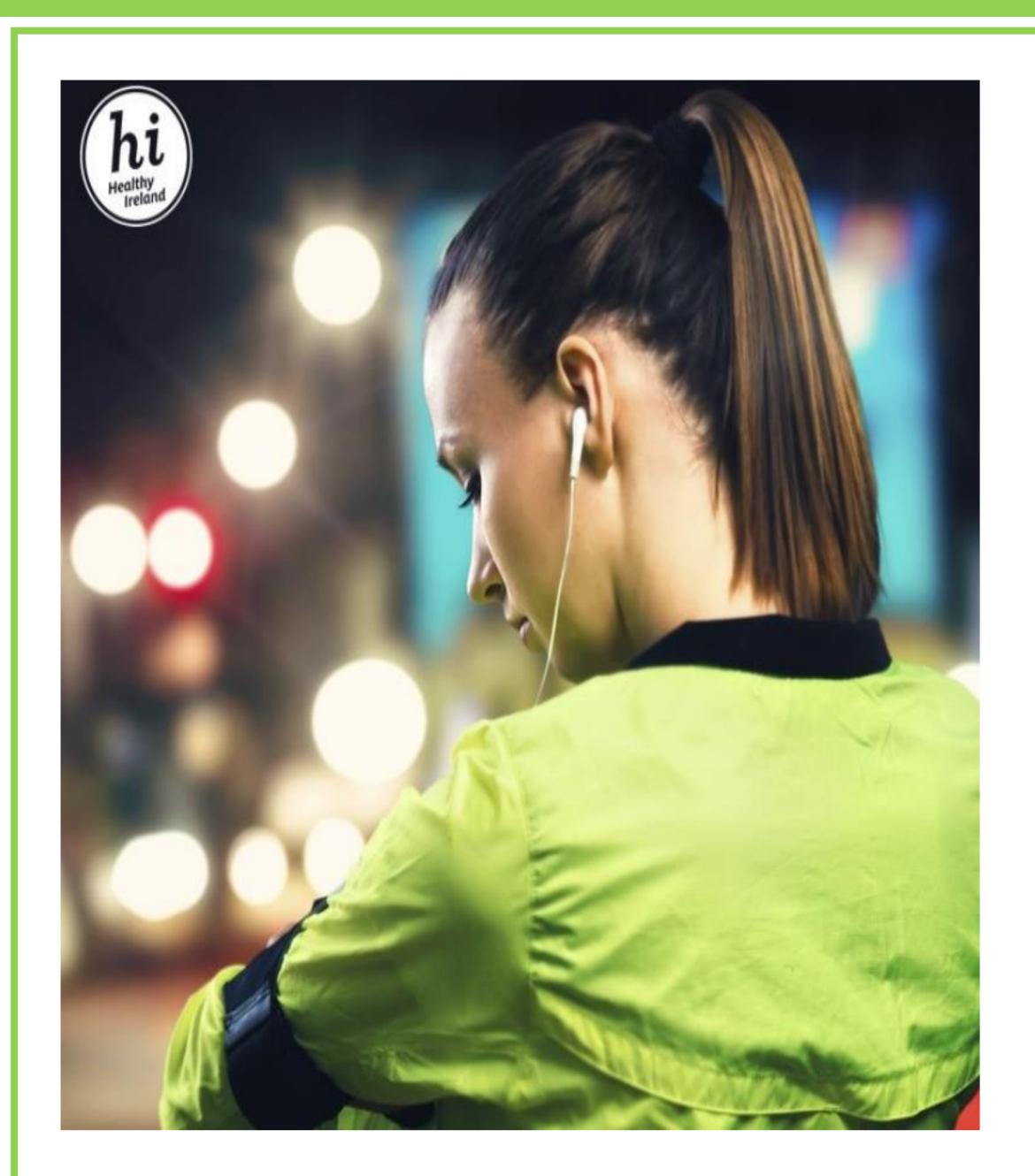
To give feedback on the campaign please scan the QR code or visit

https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/free-period-products/surveys/clare-s-la-free-period-products-campaign-2





## Physical Activity



We know getting out and getting active is important for our health and wellbeing but remember to wear some hi-vis and #BeSafeBeSeen when out walking or cycling these dark evenings.



CONTACT PAT 087 64 71 671 OR

JIMMY 086 83 49 155

FOR MORE DETAILS

Walking Soccer starting on Friday, January 19th @8pm in Shannon Swimming & Leisure Centre astroturf.

This low-impact, fun activity is aimed at adults aged 50 and above.

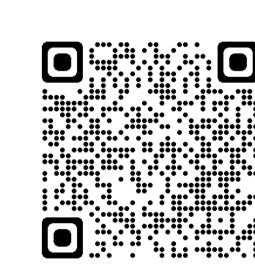
Costing just €5 to attend. All equipment provided, balls & Bibs etc.

Just wear comfortable clothing and runners/trainers.



Get Ireland Walking initiative:

To register for your shed's FREE walking toolkit, you can visit www.getirelandwalking.ie/registeryourmen sshed(link is external) and complete a short form. If you would rather phone us on 016251109 or email us at emer@getirelandwalking.ie(link sends email) please do so. We will ask you a few simple questions about the number of shedders in your shed. We will then pack up your toolkit with all of your free goodies and send to your men's shed.





Awareness & Safeguard occurring during February.

To register go to : Clare Sports Partnership - Clare Sports



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Clare Sports Partnership

LauraLynn Children's Hospice is inviting you to take part in our 150K in February Challenge.

Join hundreds of others who'll be completing the 150K in February Challenge. By taking part you will be supporting children with life-limiting conditions in LauraLynn, Ireland's only Children's Hospice.

To register go to 150K in February - #TeamLauraLynn LauraLynn



Croi Heart & Stroke Centre, Newcastle, Galway, H91 FF68

091 544310 | fundraising@croi.ie | www.croi.ie

@croiheartstroke | RCN: 20016616

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Day, Wednesday, the 14th of February, and help Croi to help others! Individuals and community groups are also welcome to take part.

Turn your workplace red on Valentine's

Simply wear red, share, and tag us in your photos on social media –

@croiheartstroke. If you would like to fundraise, you can email Mike@croi.ie, and we can send you out buckets and balloons. Raise awareness of the importance of wellbeing and heart health this Valentine's Day in support of Croí

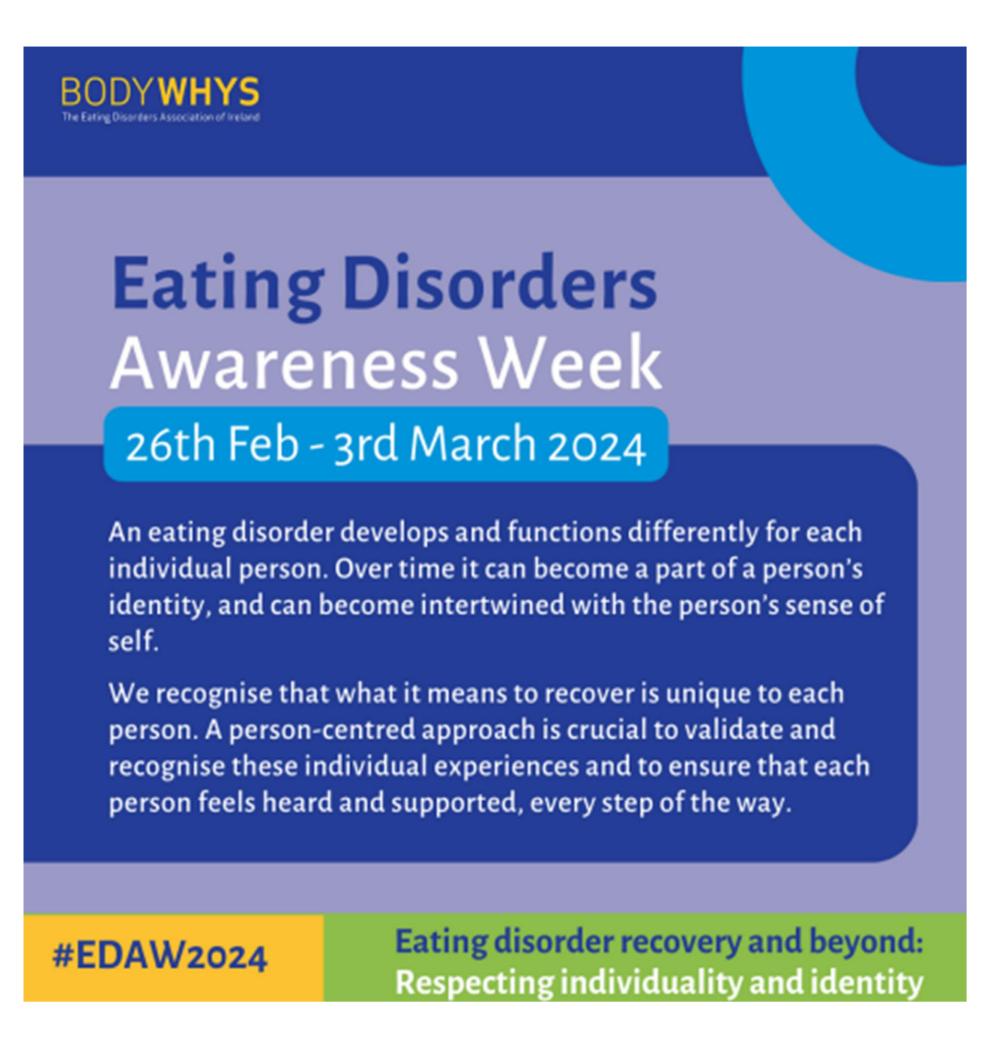
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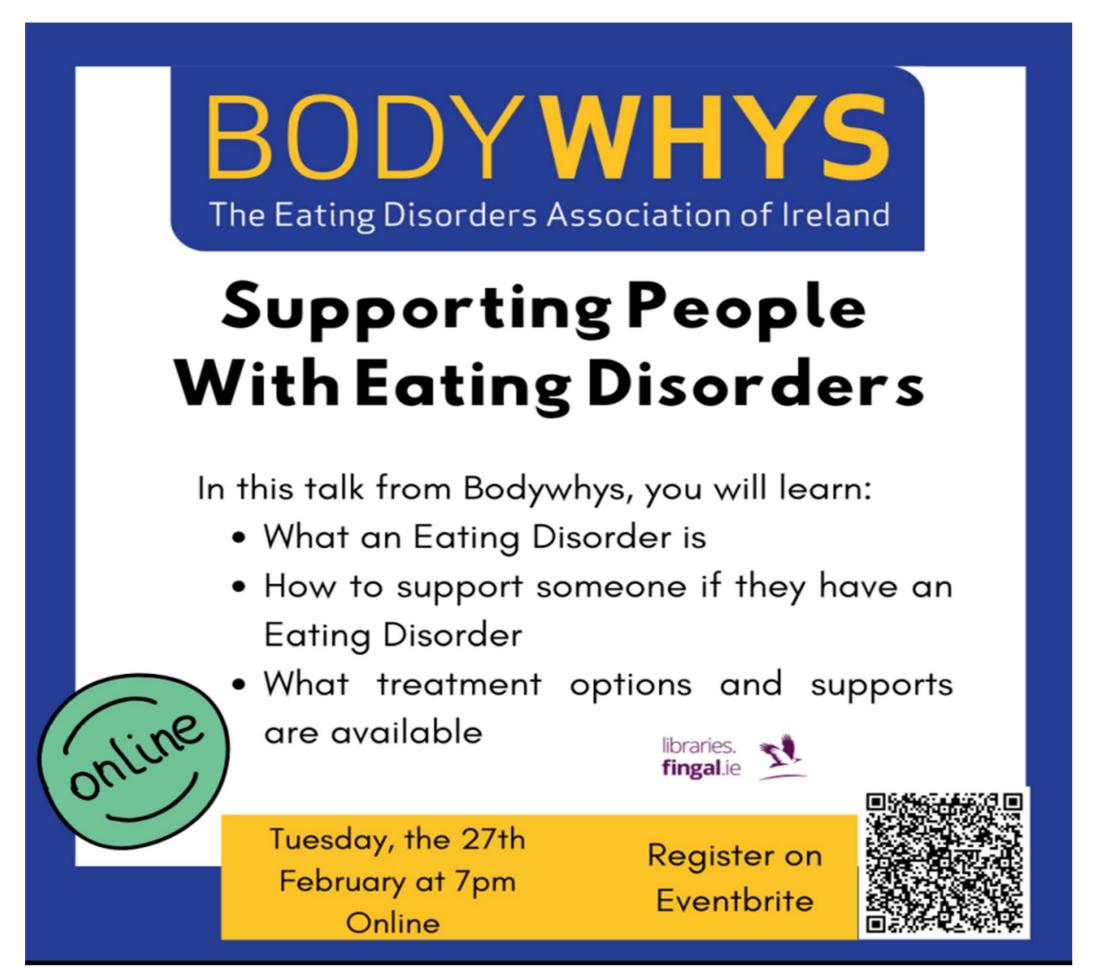






## Eating Well





Bodywhys are delighted to announce they will be hosting an online talk during #EDAW2024 (Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2024) titled 'Supporting People with Eating Disorders'.

The online talk will take place on Tuesday 27th February at 7pm. Book via Eventbrite

here:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../supporting-a-person-with-an...



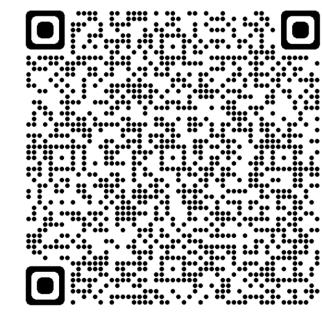
Safefood knows how hard it is to navigate healthy cooking in a shared house with limited free time between work and social lives. So, they have put together their top 10 tips for happy healthy cooking in their latest blog.

Read it here:

https://www.safefood.net/blog/the-big-shop







Safefood have a segment regarding 'Storing Food in your Fridge'
The segment is knowing how to get the best out your Fridge
helps with meal planning and avoiding food waste.

To find out more go to : <a href="https://www.safefood.net/food-storage/refrigeration">https://www.safefood.net/food-storage/refrigeration</a>

### Simply the best banana pancakes

1 large over-ripe banana, mashed1 cup wholemeal flour

1 egg

milk

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Mash banana in a large bowl. Mix in flour and egg. Add enough milk to make the desired consistency. Heat pan and add extra virgin olive oil. Pour in mixture in batches and cook until golden on both sides. Enjoy simply on their own, or with your favourite topping.

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Batch cooking is a great way to get tasty nutritious meals on the table every day in the least amount of time.

Setting aside time each week to cook a few meals, or simply making double the amount when you do cook and freezing whatever is leftover can save you time and money later in the week.

Safefood have some great tips on batch cooking here <a href="https://bit.ly/3UAQ1Sq">https://bit.ly/3UAQ1Sq</a>

## Tobacco Free, Reducing Drugs & Alcohol Related Harm

### 5 Tips for Quitting Smoking

- Take one day at a time: Each day without a cigarette is good news for your health, your family and your bank account.
- Keep active: Being more active can take your mind off cigarettes and keep your head happy.
- Temptations: There's no such thing as "just one cigarette". Don't fall for it again. If you are celebrating or under stress, remind yourself why you quit.
- 4. Reward yourself: Smoking 20 cigarettes a day costs over €3,000 a year. Use the money you save to reward yourself.
- 5. Stay positive: If you feel tempted, remember why you decided to quit and how much progress you've made. Stay strong.



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Are you curious about how much alcohol is in your favourite drink? Use the HSE's drinks calculator to find out how many standard drinks are in your beverage of choice, as well as the alcohol content and calorie count, in just a few simple steps.

Try the HSE's drinks calculator: https://bit.ly/3AvswRX



A campaign to address the issue of Cigarette Butt Litter has recently been initiated. Cigarette butt litter is a big environmental issue and is extremely unsightly, particularly on our footpaths and beaches.

All assets are free to download and use by Community Groups, Tidy Towns groups, Businesses and any other voluntary or business group or network.





If you know someone who could benefit from support for gambling issues/problems in the Shannon, Newmarket on Fergus and Sixmilebridge area or if you need support yourself Feel free to contact Eamonn for advice and support. 086 1763061

The service is FREE of charge and a range of supports are available:

https://www.shannonfrc.com/gamblingsupport.html?fbclid=IwAR3UT4xSyrt2m-

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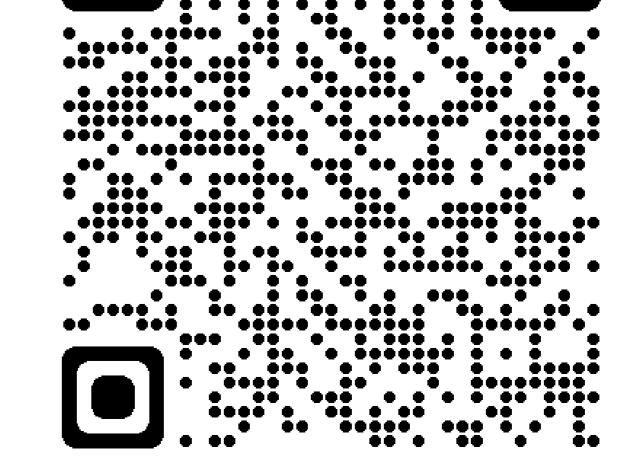


Thinking of quitting cigarettes in 2024?

'You Can Quit' have helped thousands of people give up smoking for good.

Take the first step by signing up to the Quit Plan today:

https://quit.hse.ie/apps/startplan/startplansignup.aspx#!form-Step-1-1



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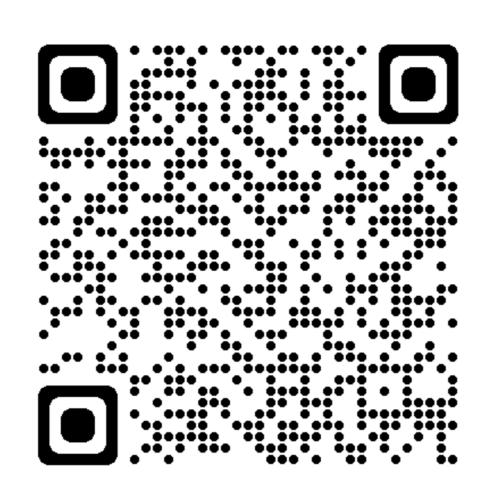
https://www.mwrdtf.ie/supports/

for a list of local supports and services in Co. Clare

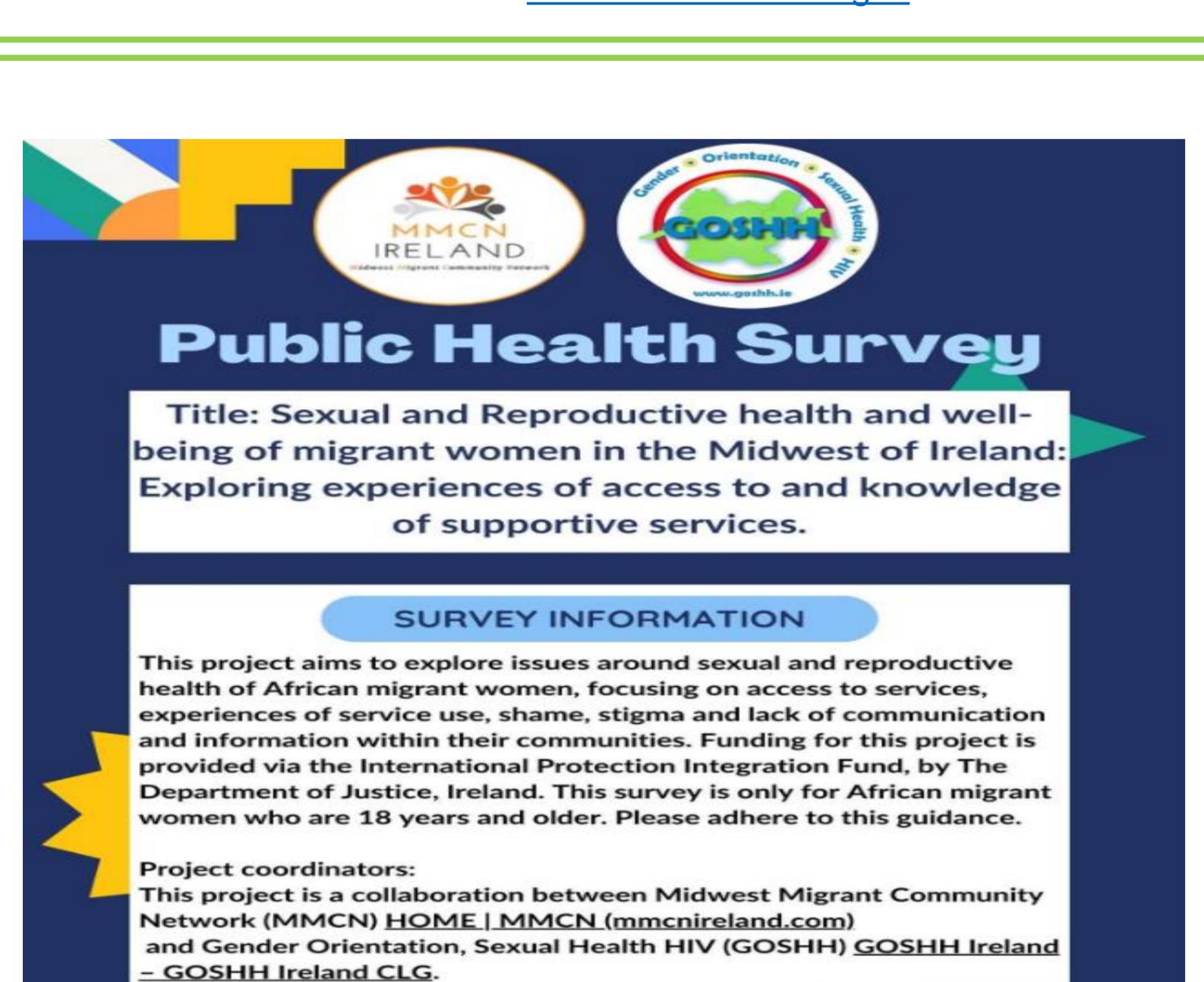


### Sexual Health





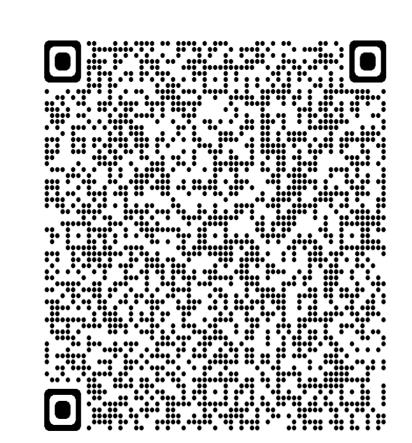
Find out more at www.sexualwellbeing.ie



Mid-West Migrant Community Network, GOSHH Ireland and Mary Immaculate College have launched a survey which aims to explore experiences of access to and knowledge of supportive services on the Sexual and Reproductive health and well-being of migrant women in the Midwest of Ireland.

https://forms.gle/H3ebdADdmubr1sdQ6

For more information, please click on the link below https://mailchi.mp/6ef895599a5e/mid-west-migrant-communitynetwork-goshh-ireland-mary-immaculate-college-researchsurvey?fbclid=IwAR2OpA1zSuy7Zc-SJxp65QbPZn49Y2rOUPI0IC74UYekrT21UUUltYbSiy4





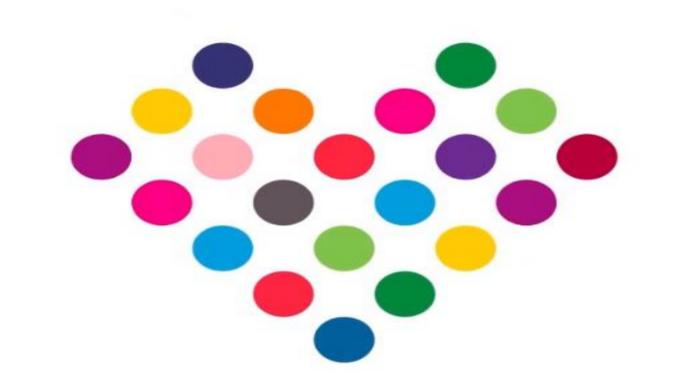
17 to 26 year-olds can now get emergency and prescription contraception for free.

This includes GP appointments, prescriptions, contraception and more.

Find out what costs are covered at: www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual-



health/contraception/free-contraception

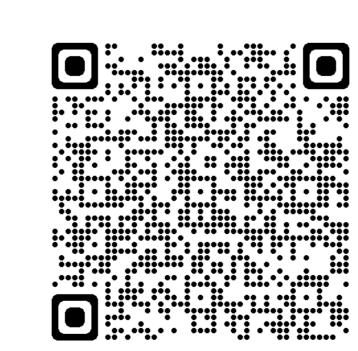


### sexualwellbeing.ie

### Find out more about at sexualwellbeing.ie

You can order a free home STI test in a few simple steps. Take the first step at

https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual -health/sexually-transmittedinfections/sti-testing/home-sti-test/







You don't have to be sexually active to learn about your sexual health. You can start learning about your sexual health and wellbeing at any time.

Find out about contraception, how to prevent STIs, consent and positive sexual wellbeing at sexualwellbeing.ie



Free Condoms are available to order online or at Goshh 18, Davis Street, Limerick.

Visit www.goshh.ie/condoms to order online.





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Clare Libraries have numerous events occurring throughout the County.

They have many facilities including Borrow Box, and numerous services and a link to Cultural Services.

To find out more go to <u>Clare County Library (clarelibrary.ie)</u>



A reader pen is a convenient portable tool to support independent reading and literacy

Users can scan text with the pen to have words read out with natural speaking voices, or to learn the meaning of words in an instant.

The reading pen can also be used with headphones preventing any distraction to others and promoting inclusion in the general education setting.

Reader pens are designed to promote active independent reading, understanding, and learning. They are suitable for all ages and particularly good for Dyslexic readers.

C-Pen reader pens are available to borrow, or use in the library in Ennis,

Ennistymon, Kilrush, Shannon and Scariff Libraries.

Find contact details for these libraries at the link here

https://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/library/branches/points.htm?fbclid=lwAR0qSNolh-VcfiApAEVdkByxgJLnHAS5iLUYcdQr4HRplXWZXk21li0Wm3s



ADHA Ireland are delighted to have Dr.

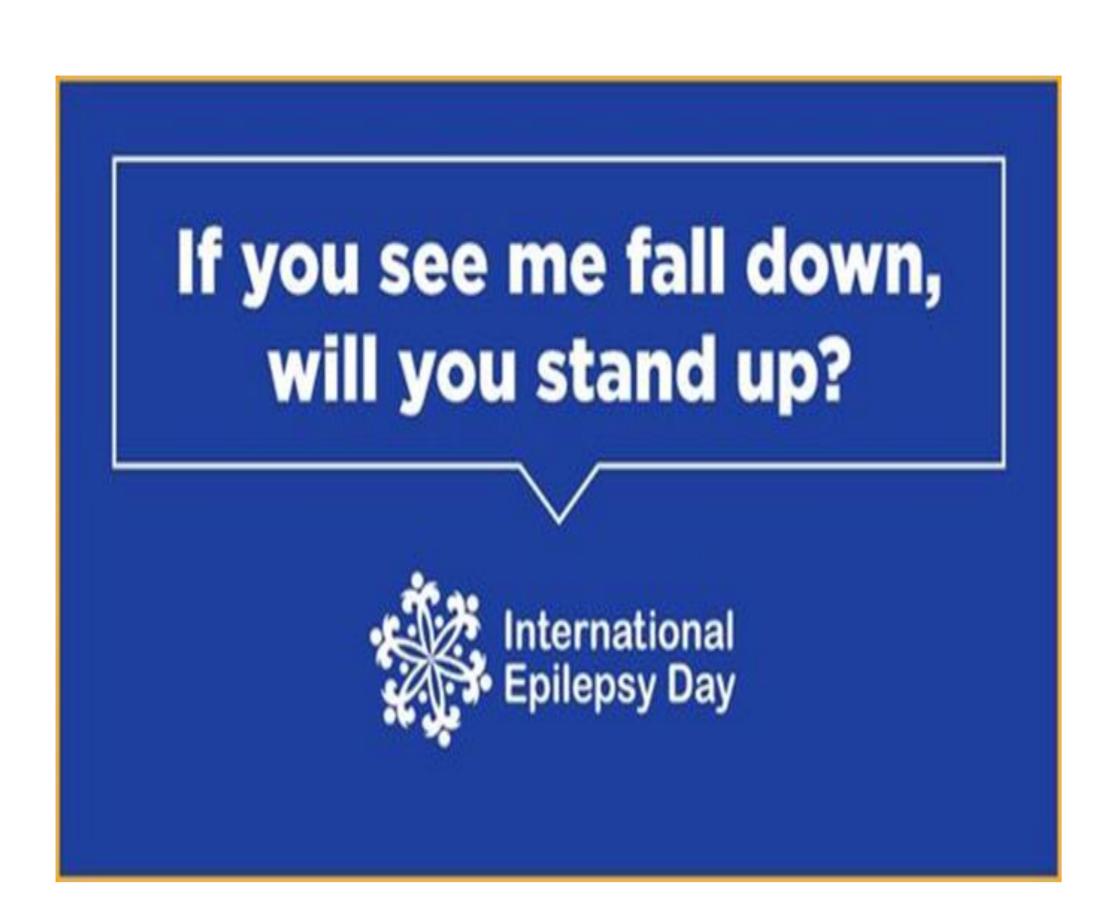
Stephanie Moulton Sarkis PhD back this

February! Her talks are brilliant, helpful and so informative! Get your free ticket for our next webinar

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/adhd-adhd-and-anxiety-in-adults-with-drstephanie-sarkis-phd-ncc-lmhc-tickets-

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Stand up for Epilepsy Awareness this #EpilepsyDay 2024!

International Epilepsy Day is an annual event. It takes place on the 12th of February 2024. As part of the day, Epilepsy Ireland will be devising a new campaign aimed at increasing public understanding and awareness of epilepsy, as well as promoting knowledge of seizure first aid and the key words of Time, Safe, Stay. Check out our website www.epilepsy.ie for more details about the campaign!

Epilepsy is a condition affecting more than 45,000 people in Ireland today. We offer a range of services to support people with epilepsy and their families. Your Community Resource Officer in the Mid-West is here for you to provide support and information for people with epilepsy, their families, their carers, and the wider community – including supporting schools and employers with Epilepsy Awareness sessions.

Please contact Margaret Dixon at mdixon@epilepsy.ie if you would like to arrange or learn more.



Clare County Library Services and the Clare Child and Family Support Networks in collaboration with the Tusla led Parenting Support Champion's Initiative, Co. Clare are holding a free Parent Wellbeing Event in Ennistymon Library on the 20th of February 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. This drop in event offers Parents, Carers and Grandparents the opportunity to familiarize themselves with local parent, child and family supports while experiencing a morning of self-care with a wellbeing focus. Free goody bags available on the day. For any further information, please contact Ennistymon Library 065-7071245 or Northwest Clare Family Resource Centre 065-7071144



Ennis Voices for Autism will be running a monthly lego brick building session on the last Saturday of each month for EVA kids and their siblings.

The cost is 10 euro and EVA will subsidise 5 euro towards our Autistic children attending.

Please contact Louise on 0861381874 for more information.



Webwise are planning to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2024 on Tuesday, February 6th!!

Visit the #SID2024 Hub for ideas and resources, and to order your free wristbands: https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/sub mit-sid-event/

In this episode host Fergal Fox, with Senior Health Promotion and Improvement Officers, Dr Michelle Hardie-Murphy and Aisling Doherty, discuss ten tips to kick start the New Year. They talk about setting realistic goals, the importance of enjoying healthy activities and celebrating small victories. The episode emphasizes the need for flexibility, self-care, and regular reflection in the face of setbacks. They highlight the HSE's quit smoking services and other free resources on the Health and Wellbeing YouTube channel and in the community through the likes of Park Run and Local Sports Partnerships. They underscore the value of getting support for your behavior change while recognizing that many things influence people's health outside of their lifestyle behaviors.

To find out more go to <u>Episode 28 HSE Talking Health and Wellbeing</u> <u>Podcast: Dementia - Understand Together – YouTube</u>











Killaloe/Ballina Community & Family Resource Centre would like to welcome you to their new Connect Cafe! - a free, safe and supportive space for people living with dementia and their family and friends. The Connect Café will run monthly on the last Tuesday of every month. All welcome! For more information, please contact coordinator Aifric Devane







Clare Local Development Company are holding an Online Grant Writing workshop for community groups and social enterprises.

Wednesday 28th Feb, 10 - 12:30pm.

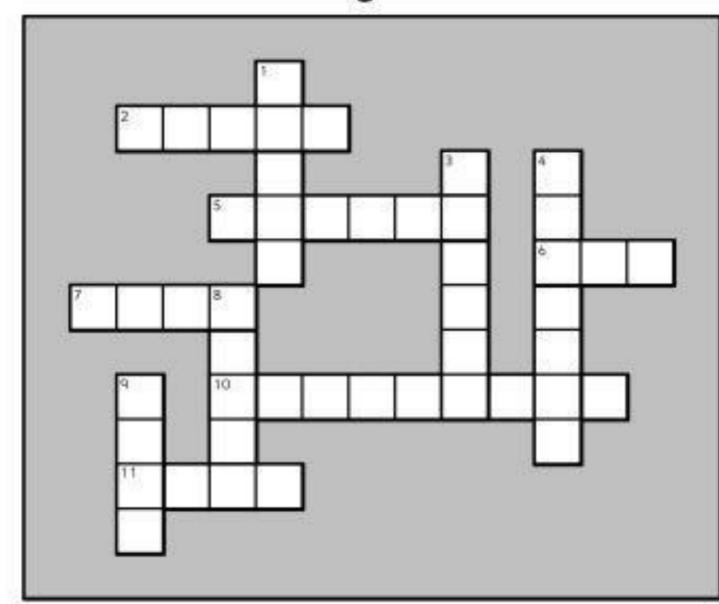
This training will help individuals and community groups to develop the skills and knowledge to write successful grant proposals. Covering:

- how to tell the story
- link your story with the objectives of grant funding
- where to find grants
- opportunities and pitfalls of ChatGPT
- tips and tricks.

For information or book your place email Michelle; mnolan@cldc.ie.



### Pancake Day Crossword



#### Across

- Pancake ingredient ground in a mill.
   Uncooked pancake mix is
- known as \_\_\_\_
- Ingredient you need to crack.
- You mix the ingredients in this.
   In some parts of the world
- Shrove Tuesday is celebrated with a carnival called \_\_\_\_
- Pancake Day marks the start of this fast.

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#### <u>Down</u>

- Sprinkle this on your pancakes to sweeten them.
- 3. You cook a pancake in this
- type of pan.'

  4. Pancake Day is sometimes called Shrove
- 8. Squeeze the juice of this
- fruit on to your pancakes.

  9. Pancake ingredient that comes from cows.



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### Pancake Day



icecream syrup lemon flour eggs strawberry



Find the words in the grid.



sugar pancake oil banana shrove sprinkles milk jam tuesday