**Public invited to information workshops around €2million funding call**

*Regional workshops open to members of the public interested in applying*

**Monday, 21st August 2017:** Inland Fisheries Ireland is inviting members of the public to a series of upcoming Regional Information Workshops around its new €2million funding call. The Funding Call consists of three separate funding steams which will help ensure that Ireland’s fish stocks and angling infrastructure are protected and enhanced into the future.

The [Inland Fisheries Ireland Funding Call 2017](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=ie2n2RIzd00cvXuBRKrZjf5rxGz_icQRkP1iTLDr_g&s=613&u=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2efisheriesireland%2eie%2ffunding) is made up of the following funds:

* Salmon Conservation Fund to a maximum of €500,000
* Midland Fisheries Fund of €50,000
* National Strategy for Angling Development Fund (NSAD)  €1,500,000

Inland Fisheries Ireland will hold regional information workshops for those interested in applying for funding with a view to giving participants a better understanding of the various funding streams and how they can apply via an online system. The workshops will take place in:

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| **Date and Time** | **Venue** | **Location** |
| Tuesday 29th August 2017*7pm* | Clonmel Park Hotel | ClonmelCo. Tipperary |
| Wednesday 30th August*7pm* | Castle Hotel | Main St, Macroom,Co. Cork |
| Thursday 31st August 2017*7pm* | Maldron Hotel | Southern Ring Road, Roxboro, Limerick |
| Monday 04th September 2017*7pm* | CityNorth Hotel& Conference Centre | Gormanston,Co. Meath |
| Tuesday 05th September 2017*7pm* | Great National Hotel | N26 Dublin Rd,Ballina, Co. Mayo |
| Wednesday 06th September 2017*7pm* | Menlo Park Hotel | Headford Rd, Co. Galway |
| Tuesday 12th September 2017*7pm* | Harvey's Point Country Hotel | Lough Eske,Donegal Town |
| Thursday 14th September 2017*7pm* | Athlone Springs Hotel | Monksland, Athlone,                           Co. Roscommon |

Members of the public who will be attending the workshops are asked to RSVP to funding@fisheriesireland.ie, indicating which workshop they will be going to along with their name and contact details.

The closing date for applications to Inland Fisheries Ireland’s 2017 Funding Call is Friday, 13th of October 2017. For more information and to apply, visit [www.fisheriesireland.ie/funding](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=ie2n2RIzd00cvXuBRKrZjf5rxGz_icQRkP1iTLDr_g&s=613&u=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2efisheriesireland%2eie%2ffunding) .

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**Note to Editors:**

**Inland Fisheries Ireland** is a statutory body operating under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) and was established under the Fisheries Act on 1st July 2010. Its principal function is the protection and conservation of the inland fisheries resource. Inland Fisheries Ireland promotes, supports, facilitates and advises the Minister on the conservation, protection, management, development and improvement of inland fisheries, including sea angling. Inland Fisheries Ireland also develops policy and national strategies relating to inland fisheries and sea angling and advises the Minister on same.

**Projects eligible for funding under Inland Fisheries Ireland’s Funding Call 2017**

Inland Fisheries Ireland is now inviting applications for funding across the following areas:

* Fisheries habitat enhancement
* Bank side / shoreline access projects
* Angling equipment
* Marketing and promotional projects for angling
* Funding for undertaking feasibility studies / environmental reports / fisheries development plans
* Match funding for larger projects to be funded from other sources that contribute to achieving the objectives of the National Strategy for Angling Development.