

CRNI Training links project – Independent Consultant brief

Background

Community Resources Network Ireland (CRNI) is the representative body for community based reuse, repair and recycling organisations in Ireland. Our members make an important contribution to Ireland's Circular Economy efforts.

CRNI has secured funding from The Wheel's Training Links scheme to establish a Training Network among our members and other organisations. Called '*Building Capacity through Impact for community-based circular activities*', the network will participate in a bespoke programme of training.

The aim of the programme is to boost the ability of participants to effectively navigate sectoral challenges and capitalise on opportunities in a rapidly developing sector. As a result, participants will improve their ability to measure and communicate the social impact of their organisations.

The network includes **10 CRNI members** and other organisations in their wider networks - **approx 20 participating individuals**.

Participants will gain a set of tools and knowledge relating to:

- Aligning business objectives and impact definitions
- Developing methodologies and tools for measuring impact
- Understanding social impact discipline
- Stakeholder mapping
- Developing a theory of change
- Communicating impact internally to inform organisational strategy
- Communicating impact externally to target audiences via distilled messaging
- Using impact to attract investment

The following intended benefits will result from the training:

- Negotiating partner working, contracts and collaboration with social emphasis
- Diversifying funding
- Scaling up
- Change management
- Long-term business planning and development



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Independent consultant - brief

The Independent Consultant will review the programme in terms of its longer-term strategic value for CRNI, its members and stakeholders, and the wider sector.

Aspects within the Consultant's remit include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- Reviewing ongoing value of training content, e.g. assets from sessions (presentations, session recordings, handouts, self-led exercises) that can be shared more widely / made freely available to current and future members
- Potential for the Training Network to be supported as a cohort to continue beyond the project, and new members be given the opportunity to enter and engage with this cohort (eg via peer learning discursive environments)
- Prospect of other organisations and networks who would benefit from some or all the training priorities and assets generated by the proposed programme
- Partner opportunities and funding to deliver the programme to a new Training Network cohort, potentially in partnership with other networks and stakeholders
- Inform the Network Coordinator regarding matters of potential relevance or significance that should be communicated to other contracted professionals for the project's benefit

The Consultant will be facilitated by the Network Coordinator to connect with participants, training providers and other personnel involved in project delivery.

Outputs: A report offering findings and recommendations for the programme's longer-term strategic value.

Delivery schedule: Completion date of report – September 2026.

Fee: €1,950 (inc. VAT). Payment schedule to be agreed

To apply: Proposals from suitably qualified contractors are sought for this project. Your response should include:

- How your skills, qualifications and experience meet the requirements of the brief
- Copy/proof of Tax clearance, professional indemnity cover and public liability insurance which covers the duration of this work contract.
- Cover letter with your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Submission of Quotes: The Closing Date for receipt of proposals is 23:59 on Wednesday 20 August 2025. Quotes shall be emailed to chris@crni.ie. Only proposals received before the closing date will be accepted.



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