

# County Wicklow Public Participation Network

## Representative Reporting Template

This template aims to support CWPPN representatives who sit on local social partnership structures in County Wicklow in providing a report to the wider membership. Please complete the template and return to [countywicklowppn@gmail.com](mailto:countywicklowppn@gmail.com) **within one week after each meeting**. Please keep responses to 1 page if at all possible.

**Name of Committee: Wicklow County Childcare Committee**

**Name of Representative(s): Margaret Coen**

**Date of Meeting Attended: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

**Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective: The annual report of the work of the WCCC was approved at the agm. Below is summary:**

*Supporting DCYA in the delivery of the national childcare programmes:* WCCC provided support to 170 services on the national childcare programmes including email/telephone/one to one support.

*Supporting the delivery of AIM and related initiatives including Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and the LINC (Leadership for Inclusion):* WCCC responded to 257 services' and 227 parental queries, trained 81 in LINC, information sessions attended by 177, assisted 69 services through AIM process and delivered Equality and Diversity training to 118 participants in 73 services, supported 24 services in developing inclusion policies and another 12 services were mentored in relation of the implementation of the EDI guidelines and Charter.

*Supporting DCYA in building a national profile of services, needs and capacity:* 66 services were supported under this action.

*Co-ordination and administering of small grant programmes:* 12 Parent and Toddler groups' grants were approved and 9 childminder development grants.

*Supporting all childcare services in accordance with statutory regulations, national policy and quality standards:* 91,634 hits on the website; 432 Facebook posts; 48 weekly email updates to providers and stakeholders; supported services and parents with queries in relation to Human Resources, Sustainability, Crisis management, Department of Education inspections, Potential providers/planners, planning consultants, developers, Queries re Better Start, Tusla regulations/quality regulatory framework, Qualifications – NQF Level 5-9. Trained 34 services in relation to safe-guarding/mandatory reporting, and 32 services (114 attendees) in Always Children First child protection.

*Continuing to provide information and support to parents:* 622 queries from parents, information and advice on various funding schemes, behaviour management, communicating with services and informing parents of available supports. Ran a series of workshops for parents of children with ASD in conjunction with County Wicklow

CYPSC. Supported the West Wicklow Youth Project. Collaborated with KWETB to survey 834 early years users about school patronage. Collaborated with Library service in promoting pre-literacy and numeracy for toddlers.

**Date of next meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010**