

# 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: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective:**

**Affordable Childcare Scheme** information for Parents –Glenview Hotel 8<sup>th</sup> July, Arklow 9<sup>th</sup> July, Blessington 15<sup>th</sup> July. More planned for libraries – see website for details. Still awaiting issue of the calculator from the DCYA which allows you to calculate subsidies for individual child.

New **universal design guidelines** have been issued. These are an important step in making all early year's services accessible to all children. These guidelines offer guidance on building, renovation and refurbishment of centres. It is quite a large document and has been split into different sections to make it easier to access the information required. There is a self-audit tool that will help existing services through the assessment of their current premises which is very useful. All the information can be found at:-

<http://aim.gov.ie/universal-design-guidelines-for-elc-settings/>

**Date of next meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**