

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 **within one week after each meeting**. Please keep responses to 1 page if at all possible.

Name of Committee: LCDC (Social Inclusion)

Name of Representative(s): Martina Cronin, Liam O' Loughlin, Mai Quaid, Niamh Wogan and Richard Webb

Date of Meeting Attended: 22.11.18

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

Social Enterprise:

Presentation on Social Enterprise (SE) in Co. Wicklow – not for profit community groups providing a service locally e.g. childcare facilities, community halls etc. Funding was provided in 2017 by Leader to undertake research into SE in the county. This is a strong sector with 86 SE groups in Co. Wicklow. Difficulty identified in the research where SEs need to be mindful that social goals require business planning. The report aims to give a profile to SEs in the county and to work with the P/ships to provide support where necessary. Report ready in 2019. Recommendations will come back to the LCDC.

SICAP update:

Sub committee met with Pobal in October. Annual plans for 2019 of PIs discussed at meeting with Pobal. LCDC should consider groups which need to be covered under this programme for 2020. Two site visits organised next month to groups under this programme in Arklow.

LECP update:

- Update on Town and village renewal scheme. Next round of applications will be next year.
- Community well being projects on PPN website
- Older Person's Council hosted a nation convention for other OPCs in the county on 9.11.18. The seminar takes place on 30.11.18.
- Healthy Ireland plan
- KWETB youth work plan
- Somali report – launched on 5.11.18
- Co. Wicklow Digital Strategy

Wicklow Food Strategy:

Presentation on this. A lot of food stories to tell but overall lack of co-ordination. Steering group set up which will need to be food driven.

Community enhancement scheme update:

Funding has been/will be allocated to Rathdrum, Men Sheds (affiliated), and Tidy Towns.

Grainne congratulated Bray Area P/ship on the SPECS report (handed out to all)

Date of Next Meeting: 11.12.18