

# 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: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

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

**Governance:** PPN seat on board still vacant - PPN members with expertise relevant to children/early years sector asked to consider joining. Early Years Strategy currently being drafted by the Dept. with launch date of Sept – work of CCC's will need to align with this.

**Grants:** Capital grants – 76 services applied, but overall success rate for county disappointing, outdoors improvements grants awarded to only 6 of 55 applicants. However, school age childcare applicants more successful. As only applicants can ask Department why they were unsuccessful reasons for refusals are unclear.

**Local Collaboration:** SPECS (Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Supports) in Bray – ongoing. KWETB & WCCC administered a survey to 29 Bray-based early years' services identifying school patronage preferences among parents as part of national research – good response rate, nearly 2/3rds. Results awaited. West Wicklow Interagency collaboration is on-going. CE schemes in East and West of county finding it extremely difficult to find participants for positions in childcare.

**School Age Childcare:** Standards are being drafted, hopefully ready for next September.

**Date of next meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**