

# 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: 25<sup>th</sup> May 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. Current rep (Margaret Coen) due to resign in November, however can be re-elected to board for further 3 years. Will seek consent/confirmation to extend term at June PPN Plenary (Members Meeting) and revert to WCCC board. Updated GDPR policies drafted.

**Grants:** Capital grants – 75 services applied, decisions due end of May. Childminding Development grants closing date 29<sup>th</sup> for WCCC. Parent and Toddler grants – applications will remain open until Sept 2018.

**Local Collaboration:** SPECS (Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Supports) in Bray – ongoing. CYPSC (Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee); sub group Learning and Development chaired by WCCC manager – actions to date, literacy promotion via libraries piloted in West Wicklow, distribution of booklet “Mind the Gap”, a resource supporting transitions between primary and secondary schools, to principals. Board suggested recommending to DCYA that a model is identified that would support transitions in early years (home to preschool, preschool to primary). KWETB & WCCC administered a survey to 29 Bray-based early years’ services identifying school patronage preferences among parents as part of national research. 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, but means services may be delivered without adherence to any minimal standards, unlike Early Years providers or primary schools. Anecdotal evidence of poor practice.

**Date of next meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018**