

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: Wicklow County Childcare Committee

Name of Representative(s): Margaret Coen

Date of Meeting Attended: 28th September 2017

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

Governance: New board member, Mary Millet, representing Co. Wicklow Partnership. Board still seeking another PPN representative. Board will consider holding some meeting outside business hours to broaden base of potential members.

Access and Inclusion Model training proving very popular with service providers and parents. Real impacts on inclusive practice – reports of proactive steps now being taken to access supports for children with disabilities before beginning in local services.

Local collaborations working well:

SPECS (Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Supports) Bray partnership with WCCC – improving quality training delivered to community services nearly finished and very positive feedback from participants.

West Wicklow Inter Agency group – beneficial to have all agencies together, opportunity to share work of WCCC and build networks.

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are county-level committees that bring together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to children and young people. The Wicklow CYPSC are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC on 20th October in Glenview Hotel – Minister Simon Harris and Ombudsman for Children will attend.

Community Childcare Subvention (CCS) Programme supports disadvantaged parents and provides support for parents in low paid employment and training or education by enabling qualifying parents to avail of reduced childcare costs at participating community childcare services, or also available through participating private providers through the CCS Private programme. Wicklow has a slightly below average uptake of these schemes. WCCC will run information sessions for providers in an attempt to improve uptake.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th October 2017