

County Wicklow PPN Report – April 2020

Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 332 Total Members, April increase 5, 2020 increase 46 • Re-registration ongoing
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement survey to collate contacts for community group activity in response to Covid 19 on WCC mapping tool. • Participating in Local Authority Community Support Response to Covid 19 Forum • Participating in Wicklow Community Champion meetings • Linking in with Irish Red Cross to distribute Nestlé food provisions to community groups that are running food distribution services • Nominating groups and volunteers for interview on Garden County Radio to highlight the community effort in the county and the services available. Interviews are being podcast and act as a vocal history of this period of time. Linking this to work being done by the National Library of Ireland
Networking/ Working Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulted with Dr Harriet Emmerson & Social Justice Ireland to make second draft Annual Conference Plan submission to sub group • Nominated local groups and volunteers for interview on the Virgin Media 6 O Clock show through the Dept Rural & Community Development • Sharing information and supports from other counties through the National PPN Workers Network
PPN Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Secretariat meetings 1 April & 29 April
Representation/ Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the extension to national consultation on Draft Marine Planning Framework • Encouraged engagement with: UCC Disruption to work During Covid 19 Crisis Research and Community Work Ireland – Covid 19 issues/challenges & Community Work Responses Survey
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook • Highlighted/Advertised 4 Training Opportunities • Highlighted/Advertised 8 Funding Opportunities/Competitions • Working with PPN Member to explore the development of a Mental Health & Wellbeing Online Training • Exploring ways to develop an online training package to replace this years Training Fair
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to progress Website development • Acting as a central point for Covid 19 local and national supports information • Continue to collate Local & National Information & Developed Covid 19 Resources Page on PPN website. Find here: http://www.countywicklowppn.ie/covid-19-resources.html • Website updates • Facebook 1462 likes (24 inc) 1639 follows 55 inc)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this month
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence and accounting • Developed a Procurement Policy

Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 Annual Narrative Report for DRCD template received 22 April Deadline for completion 20 May 2020• Developing online training in place of 2020 Training Fair• Preparation for Annual Conference• Working with WCC Environmental Officer to develop a mapping App that will highlight the work of community groups and link it to the Sustainable Development Goals
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