

County Wicklow PPN Report – July 2020

Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 334 Total Members, 3 new members in July. Re-registration ongoing – some member groups no longer in operation and removed from database.
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in Local Authority Community Support Response to Covid 19 Forum. Meetings 14th July • Participated in 2 Digital Poverty sub-group meetings 10th & 23rd July. Grant application assessed and processed • Circulated details of Municipal District, and WCC Meetings to member groups • Meeting with Chair of WCC Food Strategy, Food Poverty Sub Group 14th July • Participated in Comhairle na Nog Steering Committee meeting 22nd July
Networking/ Working Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National PPN Conference sub-group meeting 1st July • Secured speakers for National Conference workshop focusing on Insurance issues for PPN members • In discussions with other speakers/facilitators for workshops • Continue to provide peer support & share information across PPN's nationally • Member of Secretariat attended a sub-group meeting of the National PPN Secretariat to develop a proposal to maintain the facilitators support in developing the network
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with WCC Environmental Officer Re developing an online facility to promote the work that local groups do to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals 6th July • Secretariat meeting held in Claremont Campus 13th July • Ran nomination & election procedures for vacant representative seats. Linked with all nominees. Contacted successful nominees to provide information and begin induction processes. • Hosted 2 Disability Awareness Sub-group meetings 20th & 28th July – currently working on developing a tender for research & development of a Disability Awareness Resource that will support community groups and services to be accessible.
Representation/ Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged engagement with: WCC Local Property Tax Adjustment Factor; Arklow Back in Business Public Survey, Delgany Community Council Traffic Management Survey Comhairle na Nog Executive Survey; All Ireland Pollinator Plan Engagement Survey; Govt. Ireland Public Consultation for Remote Working; Consultations on Proposals to Amend the 1991 Childcare Act; • PPN Environmental Rep on the Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC presented the PPN Submission on the WCC Tree Management Strategy 16.07.20
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran 3 sessions of Supercharge Your Self-care, developed with Avril Bailey of the Human Givens Centre. Ramp Up Your Resilience, Managing Anxiety and Embrace the Power of Emotion. 9 people participated across all 6 sessions. • Ran Ready & Able Post Covid 19 Online Training delivered by Carmichael Centre 32 participants 21st July To support groups to safe guard themselves, their staff/volunteers and members when returning to their activities and/or re-opening their premises

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran Peer Support for Community Halls & Centre in the Brockagh Centre 25 participants 28th July. A peer support/shared learning session including speakers from The Brockagh Centre and Little Bray Family Resource & Development Centre. Deirdre Whitfield provided information about national and local funding streams for groups. • PPN Support Worker participated in Carmichael Training session “Learn Skills to Create Video Content Using Just a Smart Phone” • Highlighted/Advertised: An Cosan Climate & Community Workshops, University Maynooth Certificate in Addiction Studies, NALA Literacy Training • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme; Gambling Awareness Trust; Animal Welfare Organisation Funding; Community Integration Fund; WCC Digital Poverty Grant; DM Thomas Youth Programme Grant; Festival Investment Scheme; Ecclesial Movement for Good; ESB Energy for Generations; Artist in the Community Scheme; Clar Funding; WCC Tidy Town & Environmental Awards; WCC Community Enhancement Programme; Arts Participatory Bursary Awards, Re-think Ireland Equality Fund; WCC Covid 19 Restart Grant; Community & Voluntary Stability Scheme; 2020 LGBTI+ Community Services Funding. • Exploring ways to develop an online training package to replace this years Training Fair • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated on panel for In Conversation with Irish Rural Link session focusing on Wellbeing 2nd July • Articles in Wicklow Times and Wicklow People Re Ready & Able Post Covid 19 & Peer Support for Community Halls sessions • Working with E-Power Web Design, PPN web developer • Circulated monthly E bulletin to members 29th July 2020 • Acting as a central point for Covid 19 local and national supports information • Website updates • Facebook 1520 likes (17 monthly inc) 1744 follows 25 monthly inc)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend launch of Lacken Heritage Interpretive Panel
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting • Developed a Draft Code of Conduct Policy.
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Worker Annual Leave 20th July to 12th August inclusive • Support Worker Annual leave 23rd & 24th July and 17th – 21st August inclusive • Continue to develop website • Continue to develop tender for disability awareness work • Evaluate Supercharge Your Self Care Training with Avril • Progress SDG work • Continue to plan for National PPN Conference • Progress autumn training & events plan