County Wicklow PPN Report – May 2020

Membership	• 332 Total Members, May increase 1, Total 2020 increase 47 • Re-registration ongoing
Networking/ Working Locally	• Participating in Local Authority Community Support Response to Covid 19 Forum • Participated in 3 Digital Poverty sub group meetings • Worked with Masks4AllIreland to provide facemasks for groups working with vulnerable people • Contacted WCC Elected Members to invite engagement with online Meet the Representative meetings in the autumn • Circulated Baltinglass MD meeting notice & agenda • 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.
Networking/ Working Nationally	• Annual Conference postponed until 2021. Continue organisation for new date (to be decided) • Presented at 2 Irish Environmental Network online seminars (approx. 70 people in attendance at each), highlighting Wicklow PPN work in developing our Vision for Community Wellbeing Statements, linking them to the Sustainable Development Goals and highlighting both in PPN submissions as well as ongoing collaboration with WCC to develop a mapping initiative to show how community groups are actively working towards the SDGs
PPN Meetings/Specific Work	• Meeting of PPN Disability sub group. Actions to lobby for disability access in policy and action, devise information and training to raise disability awareness and promote inclusion • Call for voluntary PPN Representatives for Secretariat, LCDC and CCSD SPC
Representation/ Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	• Work with PPN Environ Reps to develop consultation survey to feed into WCC Tree Strategy • Circulate CABA SPC Reps Report • Work with Digital Poverty Sub Group to circulate research survey on the impact of the Digital Divide on older people • Encouraged engagement with: Laragh Glendalough domestic energy survey; Killincarrig Village Improvement Scheme; Part 8 Pontoon South Quay Wicklow; Part 8 Storage Facilities for Fishers at South Quay Arklow; Part 8 3 Units Ballinteskin, Part 8 Blackhill Road Glenealy; Part 8 Abbeylands Arklow;
Training & Capacity Building	• Agreed to collaborate with Irish Environmental Network in applying to the Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission for funding to develop training for marginalised groups to engage with policy development & planning • Registered for & circulated info on Wheel webinar – Renewing Your Board • Highlighted/Advertised 5 Funding Opportunities/Competitions • Working with PPN Member to Develop Supercharge Your Self-care, a series of 6 online webinars each run twice (morning & evening)

	• Exploring ways to develop an online training package to replace this years Training Fair • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	• E-Power Web Design approved as PPN web developer • 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 1484 likes (22 monthly inc) 1682 follows 43 monthly inc)
Outreach	• Conversation with Supervisior of Blessington CE Project Re promoting the PPN and encouraging membership/engagement • Conversation with Glencree Centre Peace & Reconciliation to encourage engagement – online meeting scheduled
Administration	• Submitted 2019 Annual Report to DRCD • Day to day correspondence and accounting • Developed a Procurement Policy, approved by Secretariat & circulated to membership for approval
Planning/ Upcoming Work	• Continue work with Wicklow Community Response Forum and its Digital Poverty Sub Group • Online meeting with Glencree Centre Peace & Reconciliation to promote engagement and encourage membership of PPN • Meet website developer to progress re-development of website • Facilitate Online Secretariat Meeting • Run Supercharge Your Self-Care webinars. 6 sessions, each run twice am & pm • Follow up actions from Disability Sub Group, next online meeting 24 June • Facilitate PPN election process • Organise online PPN Plenary Meeting 1 July • Facilitate online Social Inclusion Network meeting 4 June • Participate in National Advisory Group online meeting 10 June • 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