



Submission to Bray Area Partnership SICAP Plan 2020

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Introducing County Wicklow Public Participation Network

County Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN) was established in July 2014 under the directive of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and in accordance with legislation in the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (Section 46). Public Participation Networks were established to be an independent structure that would become the main link through which local authorities connect with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in a process to facilitate communities to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system.

Co Wicklow PPN has 290 diverse member groups, some of these groups are networks in their own right. PPN representatives serve as a voice for the community on structures including: the Local Community Development Committee; all of the Wicklow County Council Strategic Policy Committees; Wicklow County Childcare Committee; Co Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee; Co Wicklow Local Sports Partnership; Wicklow County Tourism Board; Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre, County Wicklow Partnership, and Co Wicklow Joint Policing Committee. PPN Representatives strive to ensure that the needs of the community sector are prioritised within local policy processes.

Community Consultation

In 2018, Co Wicklow PPN consulted community groups across the 5 Municipal Districts of Co Wicklow, asking them "What is your vision for community wellbeing for this and future generations"? We asked them to consider this question under the following headings:

- Environment & Sustainability
- Health (physical & mental)
- Work, Economy, & Resources
- Social & Community Development
- Participation, Democracy & Good Governance
- Values, Culture & Meaning



The responses we received were documented and are available to download from our website: www.countywicklowppn.ie. We ran 11 workshops, 5 online consultations and accepted 2 submissions in total. The consultations facilitated the development of an overarching vision for each Municipal District along with community visions and high-level goals under each heading. The county vision was developed in the same way.

This submission is based on the consultations held in Bray Family Resource & Development Centre, Fassaroe; Villa Pacis, Putland Road; Greystones Tennis Club and Newcastle Community Centre. It pulls out the main needs relating to social inclusion under each of the 6 Wellbeing headings for each Municipal District however reading the "What We Heard" documents available on our website is recommended. These are full bullet pointed records of what communities said at the consultation workshops. The Visions for Community Wellbeing for Bray & Greystones are included at the end of this submission in Appendix 1 & 2.

Bray Municipal District

Health

- Free accessible healthcare for all the community with more unified, connected services
- Encouraging community resilience
- Having the facilities, resources, and opportunities (indoors and out) to participate in health activities
- Access to transport to support independent living and access services
- Access to healthy food and clean water with support for community supported agriculture/grow your own
- Supporting people with mental health issues, particularly young people
- Supports for Carers
- Youth spaces, to come together to be heard, listened to and empowered to take responsibility for their own lives
- Supports for people with disabilities
- Information/education/training to learn about the issues that people with disabilities face
- Supporting community services and groups supporting vulnerable people in the heart of communities
- Supports for the elderly

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

- Support the most vulnerable to have the voices heard
- Ensure people's rights are upheld
- Support people to access services
- Real inclusion of everyone not just able bodied

Social & Community Development

- Inclusion & support of people with different needs
- Safer Bray
- Social interventions for homeless and the elderly
- Community supports to encourage interaction between generations, engage schools, youth services, social groups etc in sharing of stories and life experiences
- Help to navigate around funding sources
- Inclusive life-long learning opportunities for all sectors and members of our community
- Nurture our community sector

Values, Culture & Meaning

- Empowerment of all
- Equality for all people of all races, men, women and children
- Support for cultural groups, minority groups and facilitation for them to interact
- Cross cultural events and activities
- LGBTQ training and education
- Care for older people
- Supports to encourage the role, value and purpose of the family.

Economy & Resources

- Place where people support each other
- Personal development training
- Good access to training opportunities for everyone
- Properly invest in engaging young people – particularly those coming from a disadvantaged background
- More meaningful and properly paid jobs for people with disabilities
- Integration and inclusion

Environment & Sustainability

- Community supported agriculture – food security
- More horticultural programmes to bring communities together
- Community walking groups

Greystones Municipal District

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

- Everyone should have the right to prosper
- Community wellbeing to be recognised as a crucial part of local development
- More youth participation
- Effective communication
- More awareness of needs and basic need met
- Build support for people to engage with community
- Support groups to access funding
- Community development expertise available

Social & Community Development

- Sheltered housing
- Inclusive social structure to help bring people together
- Women's refuge
- Engagement of all ages
- Inclusion of older people
- Carers support
- Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Accessible community venues
- Community childcare provision

Values, Culture & Meaning

- Youth involved, valued and engaged
- Supportive caring community
- Less racism & discrimination
- Respect & empathy
- Valuing volunteering
- Supporting self-care

Economy & Resources

- Free accessible public toilets
- Food cloud
- Services for unemployed people, especially young unemployed
- More diverse employment
- Job seekers hub
- Facilities for homeless people & supported services

Environment & Sustainability

- Facilities accessible for all
- Public areas fully accessible
- Allotments
- Circular economy

Health

- Community living for people with disability, older people and support services
- Cohesive suicide prevention programmes that taps into physical activity & mindfulness as a way of protecting & improving mental health
- Respite services for carers and other support networks
- Accessible infrastructure
- Greater accessibility to transport
- Inclusion of people with disabilities and mobility issues
- Integrated supports for older people
- Linkage between groups and services

Conclusion

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme is ideally suited to addressing the issues raised above and for working towards realising the Bray & Greystones vision for their community. Using a community development approach, Bray Area Partnership and its consortium partners are well placed to work in collaboration with marginalised communities, service providers, community organisations and public sector agencies to improve people's lives and the communities they live in and provide them with access to coherent information and services.

Co Wicklow PPN would also point out the importance of linking all community work and actions to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Working towards realising our community vision for wellbeing has a direct impact on achieving Ireland's targets for the sustainable development goals. See Appendix 3

We hope that you find this submission informative and useful and look forward to reading the SICAP 2020 Plan for the Bray Greystone Lot Area.

Bray MD

Vision – 1. “Sustaining our environment is built into every other aspect of Community Wellbeing”.

- 1.1 The community is aware, emotionally connected and actively involved in the stewardship of the natural and built environment
- 1.2 People are supported to live sustainably
- 1.3 Planning supports sustainability and liveability
- 1.4 The local and natural environment supports healthy communities.

Vision – 1. “All citizens are valued, equally included, and diversity is embraced”

- 1.1 Our Irish culture is preserved and promoted
- 1.2 The impact of diversity in enriching our community is recognised, valued and supported
- 1.3 Community infrastructure and services support and facilitate the diverse needs of all citizens.

Vision – 1. “The Bray MD meets the health needs of all its citizens.”

- 1.1 Statutory and Community Health services are accessible, well-resourced and coordinated
- 1.2 The built and natural infrastructure facilitates good health and resilient communities
- 1.3 The Bray MD is a community that cares for each other and looks after its more vulnerable members



Vision – 1. “Local Government and other key services are accessible and responsive to all citizens of the Bray MD”.

- 1.1 The voice of the community is valued and supported in local decision making.
- 1.2 Community Development is encouraged and enabled without restriction from bureaucracy.
- 1.3 Local Government is transparent and accountable and facilitates meaningful participation.
- 1.4 Information is free flowing and accessible.

Vision – 1. “Bray MD is a vibrant, safe and environmentally sensitive place for business and people to thrive”

- 1.1 All citizens are enabled to have a meaningful role in the local economy
- 1.2 Bray MD has an excellent transport infrastructure that enhances the local economy
- 1.3 Bray has a unique selling point that stimulates local and visitor business and tourism activity
- 1.4 Bray MD is attractive and supportive of business.

Vision – 1. “Bray is a safe, inclusive, nurturing community that promotes the potential of all its citizens. ”

- 1.1 Bray has excellent, well resourced, accessible social, statutory and community services and facilities available for all its citizens
- 1.2 Bray MD promotes the empowerment of all members of the community
- 1.3 Bray MD values and supports the will, commitment and input of the community sector.

Appendix 2

Greystones MD

Vision “All citizens of Greystones MD are actively conserving and protecting the environment and living more sustainably”.

- Knowledge and appreciation of the natural and built environment is cultivated
- All planning decisions and developments are environmentally sensitive.
- Excellent accessible recreational facilities promote a healthy lifestyle
- All citizens are socially connected within a safe and secure community

Vision “Greystones MD is a welcoming and caring community that values its environment and the heritage and culture of all its citizens”

- An inclusive society that values, promotes and celebrates our native culture and other cultures in our diverse community.
- Well-resourced community infrastructure and services support and facilitate the diverse needs of all citizens
- Information is available to support people to participate in their community and to access community and statutory services
- All citizens feel safe and secure in their community

Vision “The basic needs of all citizens are met and everyone enjoys good physical and mental health”

- Statutory and community health services are co-ordinated, well-resourced and easily accessible for all citizens
- Good transport and infrastructure support optimal health benefits
- The natural environment is protected and enabled to contribute to the health of all citizens.
- People are connected and enjoy a good level of social and community supports
- Health information is an integral part of all community and statutory services.



Vision “All citizens actively participate in local development and decision making”.

- Community Wellbeing is recognised as a crucial part of local development
- Clear accessible Information and procedures support community participation and activation.
- The Community Sector is supported and well-resourced

Vision “Holistic Planning and development practices supports the needs of all citizens and promotes a unique identity for the Greystones MD”

- Environmentally sensitive practices and good use of resources is valued by the statutory, business and community sectors
- Information provision, technology and transport enables all members of the community to reach their potential
- Excellent Facilities support business, social and community development

Vision “The Greystones MD is an inclusive, caring and supportive community”

- Statutory and community services meet the diverse needs of the community, particularly the more vulnerable citizens
- Local infrastructure is inclusive and accessible and meets the needs of the whole community
- Excellent Social structures are resourced to support an inclusive caring community
- All citizens are enabled to actively engage in the development of their community.

The Sustainable Development Goals

The Global Goals, also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are a **universal plan of action for people and planet** to be achieved by the year 2030. These 17 goals aim to end poverty, combat climate change and ensure that we leave peaceful, just and equal societies for future generations.

These goals are **universal** in nature, applying to developed and developing countries alike, and place sustainable development at their core.

THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



Connecting the local to the global.

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