

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: 17th Sept 2020

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

Governance: PPN member (Margaret Coen) elected chair of board at AGM in July. Board is looking for additional members – board is skills based so experience in childcare not a necessity, skills may be more focussed on role of director.

Training: Due to Covid Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), Equality and Diversity and Child Protection training have been postponed as cannot be delivered face to face. Hopefully these will be rolled out when situation allows for direct contact again. Childcare awards at levels 7, 8, and 9 are being delivered this year by Carlow I.T. – however, not based on campus in Rathnew but on-line. Free training for board members: SCOPE project, on-line training in governance, risk assessments, communication etc. each component about an hour – easy to use

Collaborations: Local collaborations on-going via zoom meetings.

Childcare places: Full-time day care shortage of places on the East coast – not as a result of covid, has always been pressure on places. This year for the first time more services closed than opened. Opening a childcare business may be challenging in coming years with economic impact of covid yet to be seen.

Date of next meeting – 22nd Oct 2020