



*Welcome to our August 2020 Update E-Bulletin.*

## COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



**Welcome New Members:** Co Wicklow PPN has 340 Member Groups a full list can be found on the Members Page of our website, This month's new members include:

**Newcastle Yoga** - hosts daily and nightly classes. We promote positive mental health and wellbeing in a relaxed atmosphere in Newcastle Community Centre Co. Wicklow. Classes are accessible to all and suitable for all levels of practice.

**Newcastle Craft Group** - meet Tuesday mornings 11-1 and Thursday evenings at 7.30-9.30 with €2 cover charge in Newcastle Community Centre Co. Wicklow. An array of skills are shared or you can work on your own craft while enjoying some light refreshments provided.

**The Order of Malta Ireland Ambulance Corps** – Bray Branch – is part of one of the largest providers of first-aid and voluntary medical services in Ireland.

**Killian House & Family Centre** – is a Pastoral Centre for prayer groups and also fee-paying groups such as pre-school, TaekWon - Do and Active Retired Groups.

**Laragh/Glendalough Sustainable Energy Community** – is a group set up to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel energy and move towards a more Sustainable Community.

**Wicklow Community Response Forum:** We continue to share experiences and respond to issues in Co Wicklow that have arose from the Covid health crisis on the WCC led forum. The Community Call Help Line 1800 868 399 remains open at the reduced hours of 9am -5pm 7 days per week.

**Supercharge Your Self-care:** Following on from the fantastic feedback from those that participated in this 6 week mental health support course we are

now working with Avril Baily of the Human Givens Centre to roll it out online in a hub platform to 3 different community groups to explore if this is useful to members.

**Covid 19 Support Information:** Don't forget the Covid 19 Support Page on our website is full of national and local information and supports available to help community groups safely run their activities and open their premises Click [HERE](#)  
Face Masks are supplied to vulnerable groups by [Masks 4 All Ireland](#) and [East Coast Mask Makers](#)

**Free online training: Bringing the Sustainable Development Goals to life in Wicklow.** Working in collaboration with Wicklow County Council and Saolta we are delighted to provide this training session for member groups and other interested parties. The training will be held on Wed 14th October. More information to follow.

**Member training Needs:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be holding our Annual Training Fair in the Brockagh this year. However, we are still committed to providing training for our member groups. Training offerings provided during 2020 will be delivered online. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know what training your community group needs. We look forward to hearing from you.

**PPN Representatives:** This year has seen a number of our Community Representatives completing their term on various County policy and decision making committees. The retiring Representatives are: Niamh Wogan (LCDC), Mai Quaid (LCDC), Martina Cronin (LCDC), Richard Webb (LCDC), Joan Campbell (WCC Planning & Environment SPC), Brendan Gilroy (JPC). We would like to extend a huge Thank You to them for all their work and commitment to representing the voice of the community over their term as a PPN Rep.

We are continuing to seek nominations for the following Rep positions (nominations close at midnight today 1st Sept):

- Arklow Municipal District Joint Policing Committee
- Environmental Seat on LCDC
- Environmental Seat on the Planning & Development SPC
- Ring a Link Rural Transport Board
- Secretariat – 2 Environmental Seats and 1 Greystones MD seat.

If your group would be interested in nominating one of your members for these seats please don't hesitate to give us a call if we can help.

**PPN Workplan & Finance Report** – For our August Work Report Click [HERE](#). For our August Financial Report Click [HERE](#)

**Co Wicklow PPN Members Funding Handbook & Funding Calendar** – This valuable resource for groups is updated regularly and is available on the members only page of our website [HERE](#). Give us a call if you've forgotten the password to access the page

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**Part 8 – Cedar Court, Schools Road, Ballymorris, Bray** – WCC is proposing to construct 14 apartments in Ballymorris consisting of a 4 storey development of 8 one bed apartments, 3 two bed apartments and 3 3 bed apartments. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Food Poverty in Co Wicklow** - The Wicklow Naturally, Food Poverty Experts subgroup is endeavouring to identify all organisations in Co. Wicklow that are addressing food poverty, either directly or indirectly. Food Poverty can be defined to a lack of access to food, lack of a nutritionally balanced diet or a lack of awareness of what constitutes a healthy diet. If your organisation is addressing food poverty in any way the sub-group would be delighted if you would contact Jonathan Birnie ([jonathan@birnieconsultancy.com](mailto:jonathan@birnieconsultancy.com) / +44 7380 850759) with your details.

**Ecostructure Coast Eco-Engineering Study** - Ecostructure is a marine research project, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Ireland Wales Cooperation Programme 2014-2020. The Ecostructure project explores ways of building ecologically-sensitive design into artificial coastal structures such as marinas, harbours, sea walls, piers and breakwaters. They have experiments along the Irish (for example, in Malahide and Kilmore Quay in Wexford) and Welsh coastlines where they are looking at the value of eco-sensitive designs for marine plants and animals. Alongside testing how useful these designs are for marine biodiversity, they hope to learn about the different perceptions and opinions people have about their research. Ecostructure is very interested in hearing from members of local communities, particularly those located along our coastlines, members of the fishing community, activity groups, industry members and representatives involved in coastal management and invites them to participate in a survey [HERE](#)



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