



Welcome to our Easter 2020 Update Bulletin.

Wicklow County Council COVID-19 Community Response Forum

A helpdesk will respond to the needs of vulnerable members of our community



Call **1800 868 399**
Email CovidSupport@wicklowcoco.ie



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COVID-19: SUPPORTING CO. WICKLOW COMMUNITY CALL

A huge thank you to all the groups and volunteers who have answered the Community Call and are providing valuable support to vulnerable people in their community during these difficult times.

As part of the Government response to the COVID-19 crisis, Wicklow County Council has established a COVID-19 Community Call Forum. The Forum has brought together State agencies and organisations from the community and voluntary sector, including ourselves, to:

- Support local community groups and volunteers to maintain their service
- Map and promote these services on a countywide online platform
- Identify gaps in services and geographical areas
- Provide a central contact for the county that can sign post people to their nearest support service.

The Wicklow COVID-19 Helpline

The Helpline is now operational and is taking calls 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. The freephone number is: **1800 868 399** and the email contact is: CovidSupport@wicklowcoco.ie

List of COVID-19 Community Responses.

Based on direct contact with groups and responses to the survey circulated a list of all community groups providing COVID-19 support responses has been compiled and is now proving to be a valuable resource for the Wicklow COVID-19 Helpline.

If your group is providing COVID-19 community support and you have not been in contact with us or any of the partner organisations in the Community Call Forum in the county please click [HERE](#) to access the Survey and let us know what services your group is providing.

Food Supplies available for COVID-19 Community Response Projects

There is a possibility of food supplies coming to the County through the Irish Red Cross/Nestle food initiative. If your group is providing meals or food parcels and would be interested in receiving some supplies (coffee, water, cereal, noodles, confectionery, pet food) please [email](#) us by 10am on Tuesday next 14th April.

Local & National Supports and Resources available

For details on both local and national supports and resources, including some COVID-19 specific funding schemes available to support your COVID-19 Community Response click [HERE](#) to access the COVID-19 Response page on our website.

CANCELLATION OF PPN EVENTS

Meet your Elected Representatives

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place and the uncertainty around when we will return to some sort of 'normal'. Co Wicklow PPN has decided to cancel our 'Meet your Elected Representatives' events planned for the five Municipal District of the county during April and early May.

Communities for Climate – Delivering Climate Action through the Sustainable Development Goals.

Unfortunately, this event, planned for 16th May has also had to be cancelled. Our plan is to pick this event up again after COVID-19 and hopefully hold it later this year or early next year.

June Plenary

In light of the COVID-19 situation we are exploring alternatives to holding a physical gathering. We are looking at reaching out to you at home through a virtual meeting platform. We will keep you posted.

Training Fair – scheduled for Sept.

We are currently exploring alternatives ways of providing training and resource support to you our member groups. Watch this space!

Other events planned for the latter half of the year are currently still scheduled to go ahead, these include the National PPN Conference and Social Inclusion Week. We will keep you up to date on development in relation to these and all PPN 2020 events.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & AWARDS

COVID-19 Specific Funding and Schemes – for more details on the schemes listed blow click [HERE](#).

The Community Foundation for Ireland's Covid-19 Community Fund

This fund aims to address the immediate needs of organisations impacted by Covid-19 and focused on vulnerable members of our community

Age Action & Irish Red Cross COVID-19 Hardship Fund

This fund aims to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19.

Business Continuity Voucher Scheme

This scheme is available through Local Enterprise Offices, it can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Web Summit

This funding will be donated to ChangeX, who will then identify and support projects aimed at strengthening Ireland's response to Covid-19.

Neighbourly Community Fund

Please note that this fund is only open to existing Neighbourly member charities and groups. Neighbourly the fund aims to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the new Coronavirus outbreak.

Other Funding Schemes Currently open for applications:

Leader Funding – contact [County Wicklow Partnership](#) for details

KWETB Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2020 - Applications under this scheme will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 1st May. Please note the youth club/group must be registered with the KWETB to be eligible for this grant. For more information and an application form: ericcaffrey@kwetb.ie or call 0404 60500 or log on to the [KWETB](#) website.

The Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme is open to civil society organisations, including community and voluntary organisations, trade unions, groups representing geographic communities addressing poverty and social exclusion or communities of interest protected under the 9 equality grounds including groups led by people with disabilities and ethnic minorities. Deadline for Application 27 April. Find out more [HERE](#)

Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership Club Grants Scheme – For more information and an application form Email: sportsgrants@wicklowcoco.ie

To find out more about these funding schemes check out our Members Funding Handbook & Funding Calendar on the [members page](#) of our Website. Give us a call if you've forgotten the password to access the page. Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic funding schemes and deadlines are subject to change.





Advice for people giving support

Making contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the person to confirm your visit• Phone the person when you arrive outside their home• Complete hand hygiene before leaving your vehicle• Ring doorbell or knock loudly and step back 2 metres• Inform the person who you are, the reason for the visit and show your ID
Once you arrive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the person to move to another room• Place items inside the front door• If essential to enter the home follow the cocooning guidelines about handwashing and physical distance
When you leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm time and date of next visit• Reassure the person that contact and deliveries will be maintained while they remain at home• Complete hand hygiene prior to returning to vehicle• Telephone or email confirmation of visit and wellbeing of person
What if the person is unwell?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the person reports feeling unwell ask if the person has contacted GP• If the person has not contacted GP, obtain the name and number of GP and do so on their behalf• If the GP can't be contacted, phone the emergency services
What if the person is frail and needs help with delivery?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify location of kitchen and bring in goods/fuel• Unload goods ensuring they are accessible for the person• Leave the residence and step back 2 metres• Reassure the person that contact and deliveries will be maintained while they remain at home
What if there is no response?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If no reply, ring contact telephone number• If no answer, contact the Local Authority for any additional contact numbers• After numerous attempts to contact the person without success, phone the emergency services for further assistance• Remain at the residence until the emergency services attend• Contact the Local Authority with outcome and update on the person

For more information visit: www.gov.ie/communitycall

Please take care, stay well and enjoy the
Easter weekend.



Thanks for reading. We hope you picked up some useful information.

Remember if you have any questions or would like more information please
do contact us.

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