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Member Update Bulletin – February 2020

Co Wicklow PPN News

Welcome New Members:

- Donard Glen Walking Trails Group - develops, maintains and promotes walking trails in the Donard and Glen of Imaal areas of West Wicklow so that locals and visitors alike can enjoy the beautiful landscape and healthy benefits of walking.
- Blessington & District Forum – has a diverse geographical and interest based membership which represents the needs of the community and promotes social inclusion and connectedness
- Bray Community Addiction Team - provides services to individuals, families and the wider community, who are experiencing drug/alcohol problems.
- Voices of Bray Community Choir – Is an all inclusive choir that has approximately 135 members spanning South County Dublin to Wicklow Town. The primary objective of the choir is making music for the enjoyment of members, the community and surrounding areas.
- Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team - is a voluntary 999/112 rescue service, tasked by An Garda Síochána to respond to people who find themselves lost and or injured in the mountains and upland areas of Dublin, Wicklow & Louth. They are also included in the counties adverse weather plan to assist the National Ambulance Services in accessing patients who live in remote environments. We respond to in excess of 100 incidents per year.
- Bray Heads University of the Third Age Group (U3A) - is part of an international network of groups engaged in lifelong learning and social interaction for senior citizens - or Third Agers - in Bray, Co. Wicklow and the neighbourhood.
- Blessington Culture & Dance Festival – organising a local festival with dancers from the Irish world of ballet and local ballet and modern dance schools.
- Blessington & District Day Care CLG - is a group of volunteers whose main objective is to facilitate an excellent Day Care Facility in Blessington.
- Arklow Racing Pigeon Club - A facility and club for all those interested in keeping and flying Racing pigeons in Arklow and immediate surrounding area.
- Bray Choral Society - is a successful choir which performs a wide range of choral works, both for the social and cultural enrichment of their members and for the enjoyment of the widest possible audience, using profits made from performances to support local charities.
- Irish Foster Care Association Wicklow Hub – has 2100 members nationwide with 38 of these in Wicklow. The group holds coffee mornings/evening, peer support, events and learning opportunities.
- Donard Glen Local History Group – keeps history alive through monthly meetings, field trips and hosting speakers



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- Wicklow Town St Patrick's Day Committee – provides administration, promotion and continuance of the St Patrick's Day community parade in Wicklow town
- Aughrim Camogie Club - caters for girls and women in the Aughrim area who wish to play camogie. The emphasis is on fun and friendship for the younger girls (from under 8 to u12) with an introduction to competitive games at under 14 and 16. They also have an adult camogie team
- Shillelagh Community Games - seeks to provide opportunities for children and young people aged 6-16 years to develop active healthy lives in a safe environment through experiencing a wide range of sporting and cultural activities.
- Wicklow Talk and Play - is a weekly playgroup that takes place in the Assembly Hall in Wicklow Town every Friday from 10.30 until 12. The aim is to provide a safe space for parents/carers to bring their children age newborn to preschool for play/conversation/crafts and refreshments.
- Titans Swimming Club - is a Competitive Swimming Club founded in December 2014 & operates out of Shoreline Leisure, Bray, Co. Wicklow
- Bog Meadow Management Company – represents all the clubs & users of the Bog Meadow Amenity Area in Enniskerry and works with WCC to enhance and regenerate the facilities in the Bog Meadow
- Wicklow Rapid Response - is a voluntary group working in partnership with and supporting the existing Emergency Services. The Rapid Response Vehicle and volunteer Doctor is a declared National Ambulance Service asset and is called simultaneously with the state emergency services when a serious incident occurs.

IMPORTANT! - Has Your Group Renewed Your PPN Membership Yet? – If your group hasn't re-registered please do so soon otherwise we will have to remove your details from our database. **NOTE:** This only affects groups that registered prior to 2019

PPN Members Survey – A big thank you to everyone who took the time to do our members survey. Your responses are helping us to shape our work this year. Congratulations to Ballyconnell ICA, Wicklow Planning Alliance and Wicklow Triple A Alliance, the winners of the members survey draw. They will each received €100 towards their group activities this year.

International Women's Day Celebration – A celebration of women using poetry, music and dance will take place in the Lalor Centre in Baltinglass on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm.

Meet the Elected Representatives – as promised last year during the run up to the local elections, we will be inviting the elected representatives to meet communities in each MD now that they have been in their seats for one year. We will also invited the elected TDs to come to these meetings. We will publicise Dates & Venues very soon.

Save the Date! – Local Sustainable Goals – Communities in Action – Saturday 16th May



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Co Wicklow PPN is collaborating with WCC Environmental Office, Local Waters & Communities Office, Irish Environmental Network and local community groups to run an informative and participative environmental themed event in the Lalor Centre in Baltinglass. More Details to Follow Soon

Save the Date! Co Wicklow PPN Training Fair – Saturday 19th September

More Details to Follow Soon

Wicklow To Host the National PPN Conference 2020 – Since 2017 the National PPN Conference has provided an invaluable networking and learning opportunity for the various PPN Stakeholder groups including Community Volunteers, Department Officials, Local Authority Officials and Government Ministers. It also provides an opportunity to showcase some of the amazing projects in the county where state, semi-state, community organisations and volunteers have collaborated to provide infrastructure and services for the benefit of their local communities. In the past the Conference has included workshops and presentations from different sectors, shared learning opportunities, site visits to community projects, and a gala dinner. We are delighted to report that we are bringing this conference to the Arklow Bay Hotel on 2nd & 3rd of October

Save the Date! - Social Inclusion Week – Saturday 17th October to Friday 23rd October 2020

Co Wicklow PPN is collaborating with a number of community organisations to revive Social Inclusion Week in Co Wicklow. The collaborative group is planning to run a number of themed community lunches around the county during the week. We are asking groups and organisations if they are thinking about running an event focusing on inclusion this year that they might do it during Social Inclusion Week. We will be sending out forms about this soon. We will set up a Co Wicklow Social Inclusion Week Facebook Page soon and our plan is to advertise all the events and encourage people to attend them using the Facebook page and other local media. More Details to Follow Soon

Can You Help Us? – We Need Voluntary Representatives - We are seeking voluntary representatives to sit on the following committees: Co Wicklow PPN Secretariat, Climate Change & Biodiversity Action SPC (East Wicklow environmental seat), Local Community Development Committee (Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environment seats) and WCC Community, Cultural & Social Development SPC (environmental seat) For more details on the committees, roles, time commitments etc. please contact Helen on 087 1895145 or Grainne 086 0487434 or Email us at: countywicklowppn@gmail.com

Co Wicklow PPN Submission to Ag-Climatise - A Draft National Climate & Air Roadmap for the Agricultural Sector to 2030 and beyond – Led by Richard Webb our environmental college representatives and groups drafted a submission to this consultation. You can read/download the submission [HERE](#)

Co Wicklow PPN Submission to the Draft National Volunteering Strategy 2020-2025 – We ran a mini consultation in Little Bray Family Resource & Development Centre on 21st



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January. We put what people said along with information gathered in our vision for Community Wellbeing Workshops into a submission to the WCC Draft Corporate Plan. You can read/download the submission [HERE](#)

PPN Representative Reports – Our PPN Representative on the Transport, Water & Emergency Services SPC attended a meeting on 20th January and our PPN Representative on the Co Wicklow Children & Young People’s Services Committee attended a meeting on 7th February. You can see their reports [HERE](#)

PPN Workplan & Finance Report – Members can keep up to date on how we are progressing the PPN Workplan and managing our budgets. Up to date reports are available to look at on the members page of our website [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

General News & Training Opportunities

Top Grant Writing Tips for Small Organisations – was the subject of a webinar run by The Wheel last Friday. You can view the webinar recording [HERE](#) and the slides from the Webinar [HERE](#)

Leave No Trace Certified Awareness Course – will take place in Rathdrum on Saturday 29th February from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Find out more and book [HERE](#)

KWETB - Wellbeing Through Community Education. Workshops on diet (mood & food), sleep, energy and self-care will take place in The Murrough Further Education Centre Wicklow Town on Thursday 5th March from 2.30-4.30pm. Call 086 049 9149 to find out more and book a seat

'Developing an Effective Annual Report' - Carmichael in association with local Volunteer Centres, are delivering a series of 24 Free workshops in 21 different venues across 12 different counties on “Developing an Effective Annual Report”. The nearest venues for Wicklow groups are Carlow or Dublin. Find out more [HERE](#)

Connecting for Life - The HSE Community Healthcare Suicide Prevention Training Calendar can be viewed, and training places can be booked by clicking [HERE](#)

Safeguarding Workshops - Wicklow Local Sports Partnership is running Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Training across the county. Find out more [HERE](#)



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A Climate and Biodiversity Action Workshop was held by the Environmental Pillar in Dublin 4th December 2019. Presentations and outcomes from the day are available to see [HERE](#)

Public Consultation on Sustainable Mobility - The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport are welcoming submissions to their public consultation on Sustainable Mobility. More information about the consultation and background papers are available [HERE](#) Closing date for submission Friday 28th February

My First Library Card – will launch in Blessington library at 11am on Friday 28 February and will result in each parent/guardian of all infants in Wicklow & Kildare being given a special library membership card for their baby. It will also launch a weekend of promotion of public libraries showcasing the facilities and activities they do. Check your local branch for details

Jobs Week 2020 - Jobs Week 2020 is taking place from Monday 2nd March to Monday 9th March 2020. A number of events organised by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection are taking place over the course of Jobs Week in Co Wicklow and surrounding areas. To find out more click [HERE](#)

The 2020 AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival takes place from the 2nd – 6th March 2020. The festival aims to encourage adults in Ireland to explore the local learning options available to them through a week-long programme of events and adult learning promotion throughout the country. Find out more and get involved [HERE](#)

CSO Data Do you use census data in your work or research? What kind of information do you think would be useful to support your work? The CSO is inviting all data users, both individuals and organisations, to indicate their data requirements and suggestions for Census 2021 outputs by responding to five survey questions. The public consultation is open until the 6th of March. The CSO will examine all submissions received and use them to inform the Census 2021 Dissemination Strategy, which will be published on www.cso.ie later this year. Find out more and participate in the survey [HERE](#)

The Two Moons Project seeks to raise awareness of human rights among older people and it is currently undertaking a Documentary Theatre and Talkback Project. They are looking for individuals from organisations such as older people's groups, health and social care, public bodies e.g. county council to participate in a one day workshop to gain the skills necessary to deliver the play and/or individual monologues to their clients, peers etc. They are also looking for amateur drama groups (with an older membership if possible) interested in performing the play and talkback at an event. The workshop will be held on the 23rd March 2020, You should register your interest before the 7th March. If you are interested and would like to find out more: contact Marita O'Brien, email: marita.obrien@gmail.com; Tel: 087 6346399



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Arklow Town Team International Women's Day Celebration Lunch – will take place on Sunday 8th March from 1.30pm to 5pm in the Arklow Bay Hotel. Speakers include Senator Marie Lousie O' Donnell & Evanne Cahil. Music by Acoustic Heart. Tickets are €25 are available from Cllr Miriam Murphy 086 241 0065 or Arklow Municipal District Offices

Member News & Events

N81 Remote Workers – are hosting a Remote Working Information Evening at the Baltinglass Courthouse Exhibition Room, March 3rd 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome.

Greystones St. Patrick's Day Parade 2020. Plans are well under way for this years Parade. All local organisations, groups, clubs and businesses are invited to participate. Entry forms are now being accepted. More information [HERE](#).

Triple A Alliance is running - Options for Adulthood 2020 a Free Public Information Fair on Friday 24th April. Find out more about this group and the great work it does [HERE](#)

If your Group has anything to share please let us know. Our Facebook Page is popular and one post this year reached 6,469 people, had 695 engagements and was shared 17 times!

Funding Opportunities & Awards

The WCC Community Awards and Community Pride Awards Deadline Looming! Make sure you have your application forms in by NOON on Friday 28th February Find our more [HERE](#)

Estate Development Funding Scheme 2020 Applications are invited from Residents Associations of Wicklow County Council Social Housing Estates for funding in relation to the upkeep of green areas within their estates. Private Housing Estates in which there are a number of Local Authority properties may also apply. Application forms can be requested from your relevant Municipal District Offices.

Social Enterprise Development Fund: Open for applications until Friday 6 March 2020 at 5 pm. The objective of this Fund is to find and back social enterprises that add to the social and economic fabric of their community by way of social impact. Find out more [HERE](#)



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X Hale Youth Awards The Irish Cancer Society X-HALE 2020 Youth Worker Training and Short Film Competition grant opportunities are now open for applications. Find out more [HERE](#)

The Climate Action Fund is open for expressions of interest until 5pm on the 6th March 2020.

This fund aims to support initiatives that contribute to the achievement of Ireland's climate and energy targets in a cost effective manner. Find out more [HERE](#)

The Community Classrooms campaign is open to partnerships between local community groups and local primary schools who have access to a new, developing or established community/school garden. Criteria apply. Find out more [HERE](#)