



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

## COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



**Welcome New Members:** Co Wicklow PPN has 334 Member Groups a full list can be found on the Members Page of our website, This month's new members include:

**Bray Guild ICA** - Brings women together in friendship to develop and improve wellbeing, knowledge and improve the quality of life of women both nationally and internationally. It provides support for other voluntary organisations e.g. Bumbleance, INHA, the Perfect Gift, Bravery Blankets, ABII, just to mention a few.

**Drumkay Resident's Association** – set up to address all the various issues and concerns that arise in the estate and to work closely with the local authority and other agencies in maintaining and improving the estate/area. They have clean up days, fun days for the kids in the estate and community mixers.

**Newcastle Community First Responders** - are trained locals responding to emergency calls such as Heart Attacks, Stokes & Chokings, in the Newcastle area, dispatched by HSE (999) and working alongside the National Ambulance Service. They will also be training the community in CPR and basic First Aid for free post-COVID.

**Making Waves Youth Theatre** - is a community non-profit, inclusive youth theatre group for young persons aged 14 to 18 living in the Greystones area and its environs. MWYT provides an annual programme of activities, including weekly workshops and performance opportunities, that responds to the needs or interests of the young persons. Members meet for workshops at Greystones Studios every Sunday from 2pm to 4.30pm during the school term.

We would also like to congratulate Community Pool for West Wicklow for progressing from Associate Members to Full Members of Co Wicklow PPN. Any group that would like to progress to full membership should contact us, we'd be happy to help

**Wicklow Community Response Forum Digital Poverty Sub-group:** The PPN Resource Worker sits on this working group. The group was set up to help address the Digital Divide caused by the lack of equipment and internet connections that excludes vulnerable people in accessing on-line education & training, online health interventions, and other supports as well as connectivity to family and friends. This was a particular concern during the current Covid crisis during social distancing procedures. Wicklow County Council provided a Digital Poverty grant to groups that were combating the above. Applications are being assessed and funding will be awarded by the end of this month

**Co Wicklow PPN Disability Awareness Group:** This group continues to raise disability awareness issues and is currently working on a project with the hope of developing a guide to support community groups and services to become more accessible.

**Supercharge Your Self-care:** We would like to sincerely thank Avril Baily of the Human Givins Centre for working with us to develop Supercharge Your Self-care, a series of 6 interactive webinars to support mental health and wellbeing. The feedback from participants was very good.

**Ready & Able Post Covid 19 Training:** Run in collaboration with The Carmichael Centre this online webinar was delivered to support groups to restart their activities and open their premises safely in the current climate. The webinar was built around a workbook that took groups through the procedures they need to follow to begin their work again. If anyone is interested in the presentation and workbook from the session please get in touch

**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 (Click to access)

- [Masks 4 All Ireland](#) and
- [East Coast Mask Makers](#)

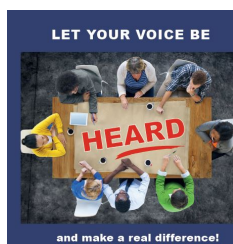
**Peer Support for Community Halls & Centres:** Our meeting in The Brockagh Centre on 28th July was fully subscribed and the feedback from is has been good. We are delighted that people found it useful. We will be circulating the sound recordings of the presentations and the Question & Answers section along with the shared resources over the coming days

**PPN Representative Reports:** Thank you to the PPN Representatives who attended meetings on our behalf and keep us informed with their reports:

- [WCC Community Cultural & Social Development SPC Meeting 29 June Report](#)
- [Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership Meeting 1st July Report](#)
- [WCC Housing & Corporate Estate SPC Meeting 7th July Report](#)
- [WCC Planning & Environment SPC Meeting 20th July Report](#)
- [WCC Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC Meeting 16th July Report](#)

**PPN Workplan & Finance Report** – For our July Work Report Click [HERE](#).  
For our July 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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**Local Property Tax 2020:** The September Council Meeting will consider the Local Property Tax Adjustment Factor. Find out more and have your say [HERE](#)

**Arklow Back in Business Public Survey:** Residents of Arklow are being asked to suggest improvement for the town's shopping and business areas. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Public Consultation on Guidance for Remote Working:** The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation is conducting a public consultation to inform the delivery of guidance on remote working for both employers and employees. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Review of the Childcare Act 1991** – a consultation by the Dept. Children & Youth Affairs running until 11th September. Find out more and have your say [HERE](#):

**Delgany Community Council Survey:** Delgany Community Council are looking at the possibility of introducing a temporary one-way traffic system along Convent Road (Main St) in Delgany Village. This would help facilitate safe physical distancing, mobility, and support local businesses allowing space to be reallocated for the safety and benefit of pedestrians and businesses. Delgany Community Council are working on this initiative with the support of Greystones Municipal District. Delgany Community Council is currently inviting people who live in, and visit Delgany to participate in a short survey of nine questions Click [HERE](#)

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#### - LOCAL NEWS -

**Greystones.ie** is a website that's full of information about what to see, what to do, where to eat, the arts and much more that's available in Greystones. It also has a dedicated business hub to support local businesses in the area. Check it out: [www.greystones.ie](http://www.greystones.ie)

**Wicklowtown.ie** is a website that's full of information about what to see, what to do, where to eat, where to shop, what services are available and much more about Wicklow Town and its environs. Check it out: <https://wicklowtown.ie>

**Hub 13** in Newtownmountkennedy is a facility set up to support remote working. Find out what it has to offer [HERE](#)

**University of Maynooth Addiction Studies Course:** QQI Level 7 supported by East Coast Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force and the Co Wicklow Partnership SICAP Programme will start late September and run in Croi Rath Naoi, Community Development Project, St Bridget's Hall Rathnew. For more information contact Mary Millet: mary\_crn@wicklowpartnership.ie or Maeve Shanley: ecrdatf@gmail.com

**Disability Bray** is a community website with information and listings on all areas of disability, with a focus on Bray and North Wicklow. Find it [HERE](#)

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#### - NATIONAL NEWS -

**The Department of Rural & Community Development** has produced an Annual Report for 2019. Download it [HERE](#)

**Sharing the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for Everyone** was launched this month. Download it [HERE](#)  
A new Crisis Text line – Text 50808 was also launched. The new text based mental health service will provide support to anyone struggling with any

issue, big or small for free and at any time of any day. The service is staffed by 300 trained crisis volunteers and people can access support by texting 50808.

**FREE online Climate Action workshops** delivered by Suzie Cahn for An Cosán will take place this summer/autumn 2020. The focus of the workshops will be on the actions that communities can take and are taking in response to climate change. To register your expression of interest in these online workshops click on the link [HERE](#)

**Back To School Clothing & Footwear Allowance:** This year, customers are being encouraged to apply for Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) online on [www.mywelfare.ie](http://www.mywelfare.ie). You will appreciate that this is to improve the processing of the applications while also trying to reduce footfall into our public offices during the COVID-19 crisis. However if customers are experiencing issues applying online they can contact the BSCFA section on 071 9193318 or 0818 11 11 13, where an officer will either assist the customer to apply online or will issue an application form to the customer to complete. The closing date to apply for BSCFA this year is 30 September 2020.

**Two Moons** is an Erasmus funded project that aims to develop educational resources to inform and enhance older people's knowledge of their human rights and by so doing empower them to safeguard their well-being. The process involves older people, social care professionals and community members in a collaborative creative process, providing older people with an opportunity to share their stories in print and through documentary theatre. The Two Moons latest newsletter can be found [HERE](#)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS

**Tidy Towns and Environmental Awards:** provides WCC with the opportunity to recognize the work that has been undertaken by groups. Awards are being provided under three categories: Main Streets, Estates, and Environmental Awareness. Closing dates for entries is the 31st July with an extension for schools until the 4th of September to allow for submission of entries after schools reopen. For more information and application forms contact the WCC Environmental Office on 0404 64123 Email: [eao@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:eao@wicklowcoco.ie)

**Community Enhancement Programme 2020:** provides funding to community groups across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. More details [HERE](#)

**Rural Regeneration & Development Fund:** The purpose of the fund is to support job creation in rural areas, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in our towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership Grants:** Applications have been extended until 21st September. There are 3 streams for applications: Volunteer Training & Education; Women in Sport; and General Club Grants. For more information Email: [sportsgrants@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:sportsgrants@wicklowcoco.ie)

**Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme:** This Scheme seeks to encourage local peatland communities, local groups, local schools and individuals to engage with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to the conservation and revitalisation of raised and blanket bog Special Areas of Conservation, Natural Heritage Areas and other

peatland areas and to promote public engagement with and awareness of our natural heritage. Find out more [HERE](#)

**ESB Energy for Generations Fund:** This fund provides funding for community and issues-based initiatives working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support. Closing date 4th August Application forms [HERE](#)

**The Equality Fund** is supported by the Peter Kinney & Lisa Snquist Foundation and the Government of Ireland to support organisations and groups that empower marginalised communities to tackle systemic inequality. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Community & Voluntary Stability Scheme:** is open to all community & voluntary groups that are registered with the Charities Regulator (a groups does not need to be an incorporated body). Find out more [HERE](#)

**2020 LGBTI+ Community Services Funding:** €700,000 is being made available to applicant groups. Operating at national, regional and local level to support community services and promote visibility and inclusion of LGBTI people. The funding is an important element in supporting the implementation of the National LGBTI + Inclusion Strategy, which was published on 28 November 2019 and complements the National LGBTI + Youth Strategy published in June 2018. Find out more [HERE](#)

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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