



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

## COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



**Meet Your Local Elected Representatives** – These events were run online on the five Thursday evenings in October (one for each Municipal District) Most of the Local Elected Representatives engaged with this initiative and we would like to sincerely thank the Councillors who were able to attend for giving us their time and answering the diverse questions that were put to them.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended the events. The energy and care for the community from everyone was great to see. The feedback from these events has been phenomenal with everyone who voted saying they would like them to run on an annual basis.

A total of 117 people from a broad spectrum of community groups engaged with these sessions and 28 of our 34 elected representatives answered over 80 diverse questions. Questions covered funding issues, lack of community spaces and infrastructure, environmental concerns, issues in relation to accessibility to services (including information provision and transport), structures, maintenance & safety (including footpaths, roads, lights & crossings), decision making in the council & how budgets are allocated and many more.

**Making the SDGs More Visible In Co Wicklow – Will you use the mapping tool?**: We were delighted to be work with Saolta and WCC to run this event. There was good attendance, and the feedback was excellent. We were delighted that Jim Callery, ECC Environmental Officer used this opportunity to launch the WCC SDG Mapping Tool.

We are encouraging all our members to map all the actions and programmes they do to the SDGs by using this amazing tool. It's very easy to use.

The form to input your group's actions and the interactive map can be accessed the Wicklow County Council Website [HERE](#)

**Good Governance for Community Groups** – Co Wicklow PPN is collaborating with the Carmichael Centre to run this customised programme to support our members to increase their resilience through good governance and policy development. Details of the training programme [HERE](#). Deadline for expressions of interest midnight 8th November

**Is COVID-19 impacting on the Financial Security of your Community Group?**– Thank you to all the groups that have taken the time to fill in the survey form. Your response is informative and very much appreciated. The survey is open until midnight on Sunday 1st November and can be accessed [HERE](#)

**Linking Community Groups to Schools and Youth Groups for Science Week** – In collaboration with WCC Environmental & Heritage Officers, Wicklow Volunteer Centre and the Local Authorities Waters & Communities Office we had hoped to link community groups with young people/youth groups/schools to participate in some intergenerational activities for Science Week.

This has become difficult to progress due to the current health restrictions. Here are lists of the actions that we were proposing could be done. Perhaps groups might consider doing them at some stage in the future

[Examples of Activities for Science Week](#)

[Secondary School Activities](#)

[River Studies](#)

**Social Inclusion Week** – Unfortunately, many of the activities that were planned for Social Inclusion Week could not take place because of the current health restrictions.

Co Wicklow PPN highlighted what was taking place in the local press and on our Include Us In Facebook Page and our hope is that we can build on it next year!

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

[Transportation, Water & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee](#)

[Planning & Environment Strategic Policy Committee](#)

[Housing & Corporate Estate Strategic Policy Committee](#)

[Climate Action & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee](#)

**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](#)

**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.

**PPN Workplan & Finance Report** – For our October Work Report Click

[HERE](#). For our October 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

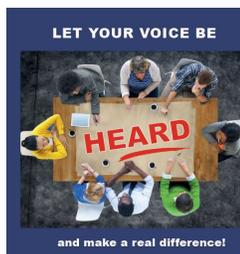
**Welcome New Members:** Co Wicklow PPN has 354 Member Groups a full list can be found on the Members Page of our website, This month's new members include:

**Arklow Springboard Family Support Services**- provides a range of services to families in need in the Arklow Town, Aughrim, Avoca, Tinahely, Shillelagh and Carnew areas.

**Coolkenno GAA Club** - providing the opportunity to learn and play gaelic football in the community

**Wicklow Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community** – supporting the development of a sustainable energy plan to reduce the energy impact of Wicklow Town

**Irish Neonatal Health Alliance** – supports families affected by premature birth



**CONSULTATIONS  
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

**Part 8 – Bogmeadow Car Park in the Monastery Townland, Enniskerry –**  
Public Consultation open until 12 noon 4th December. More information [HERE](#)

**Arklow Bank Wind Park Public Consultation** - During October and early November 2020 SSE Renewables are opening a Public Consultation and inviting members of the public to provide feedback on the offshore infrastructure and onshore grid infrastructure elements of the project. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Mountains to the Sea - A proposed greenway from Kilcoole to Glendalough - Feasibility Study**

This is an initiative of Newtown 2050 and is supported by Newtown Tidy Towns, Team Newtown, Kilcoole Community Development committee, Roundwood Tidy Towns and many other groups. Its aim is to explore the feasibility of the proposed Greenway and canvas support and opinions from all walks of Wicklow life. The survey has two components:

- General Users click [HERE](#)
- Business Users Click [HERE](#)

**The Joint Committee on Disability Matters** invites written submissions from interested groups or individuals to hear about the lived experience of people with disabilities on the issues that affect them and their families and/or carers.

The closing date for submissions is 9th November 2020 at 3pm. More information [HERE](#)

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**- LOCAL NEWS -**

**Stanford Cancer Thriving and Surviving Programme** - Purple House is running the Stanford Cancer Thriving & Surviving Programme starting Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (2pm-4.30pm) for 6 Weeks Online. Places filling up fast, Contact Purple House on 012866966 or email [info@purplehouse.ie](mailto:info@purplehouse.ie) to book a place.

**Leadership for Community Groups 6 Week Course** – is being freely facilitated by KWETB’s community section. This is an online course running from Wednesday 4th November from 7-8pm. For more information and to book a place contact Fiona Tuite Tel: 086 0499149 Email: [fionatuite@kwetb.ie](mailto:fionatuite@kwetb.ie)

**Wicklow Sustainable Energy Communities Webinar** - Tuesday November 17th 7:00pm. Delivering Climate Action in Wicklow. An introduction to Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC), outlining how they assist on energy efficiency and renewables in all sectors of our communities. Find out more and register [HERE](#)

**County Wicklow Partnership Virtual Open Day** - Find out about the services and programmes CWP can offer your group on Wednesday 11th October. Find out more and register [HERE](#)

**Safeguarding 1 – Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Course** – is being offered by Wicklow Local Sports & Recreation Partnership. This is an online course running on Tuesday 24th November from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Find out more and register [HERE](#)

**WCC Report** – Mr Frank Curran, CE, WCC provides a monthly report that is full of information about work and actions that are funded through the local authority. Find the latest edition [HERE](#)

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**- NATIONAL NEWS -**

**Environment Ireland Conference 2020** –took place earlier this month and has been reported as being a very informative and useful event. Topics presented were:

- Environmental Policy
- Natural Capital
- Resource Efficiency & the Circular Economy
- Water
- Climate Ireland
- Health & the Environment
- Planning & the Environment

Access the presentations [HERE](#) using the username: environmentireland20 and password: environment2020

**Changing Ireland** – is magazine that provides quality, original, good news journalism, written by, and for everyone working and volunteering towards a socially inclusive Ireland. Find the latest edition [HERE](#)

**Pobal Supporting Communities** - Earlier this year, Pobal prepared a webpage containing guidance on how community and voluntary groups can apply the prevailing public health advice to their own activities. This resource remains available and has been updated to reflect the continuance of public health measures: <https://www.pobal.ie/reopeningyourservice/>



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS

**WCC Adaptation & Mobility Grants** - Wicklow County Council is inviting applications for funding under the terms of the Housing Adaption Grants, Housing Aid for Older People Grants and Mobility Aid Grants. Find out more [HERE](#)

**#We Are Wicklow** – Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg is inviting young people aged 13 to 18 years old to get involved in their photo competition. Find out more [HERE](#)

**The National Lottery Good Causes Awards** aims to celebrate the inspiring and innovative work being carried out by the thousands of individuals, organisations, groups and sports clubs all over Ireland who benefit from National Lottery Good Causes funding. 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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