



Welcome to our December 2020 Update E-Bulletin.

## COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



**Co Wicklow PPN Plenary (Members Meeting)** – Thank you to everyone who joined us for our end of year members meeting. All the reports and presentations are now available on our website [HERE](#)

**Co Wicklow PPN Website** – Please take a look at our new website for all things PPN including reports, submissions, news, and training resources. It is full of supportive information for you. Find it [HERE](#)

**Making the SDGs More Visible In Co Wicklow** – We were delighted to launch the first part of our SDG animation at our Plenary. This is now available on our website [HERE](#).

We hope to have the second piece of our animation finished and up on our website before Christmas.

Don't forget that the form to input your group's actions on the WCC SDG interactive map can be accessed the Wicklow County Council Website [HERE](#)

**Good Governance for Community Groups** – The first module for this training took place on 30th November and feedback from it has been good. The second module is scheduled to take place on 25th January with modules 3 & 4 spread out over the following weeks. If you missed it and would still like to do it, please Email us and we will include you in the next session

**Supercharge Your Self-Care** - We are working with Avril Bailey and Nadia Ramoutar to develop our Supercharge Your Self Care sessions into a series of six 10 minute(ish) videos which we will launch very soon. Keep an eye out for our announcement!

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

**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:

- [Climate & Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee, Reps Annual Report](#)
- [Local Community Development Committee \(LCDC\) Reps Report](#)

**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](#)

ENTER TO WIN



**WIN €100 TOWARDS YOUR GROUPS ACTIONS  
IN 2021**

**Annual Members Survey** – Your feedback and direction is important to us and we are asking that you take a few minutes to complete our Annual Members Survey.

Groups who participate in the survey will be put in to a draw in the New Year and three groups will win €100 each towards their activities in 2021.

The link for the survey is here:

[Annual Members Survey](#)

Deadline to submit the survey is midnight Sunday 17th January 2021.

**PPN Workplan & Finance Report** – For our November Work Report Click [HERE](#). For our November 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 357 Member Groups a full list can be found on the Members Page of our website, This month's new members include:

- Save Wicklow's Ancient East- was set up to protect West Wicklow's ancient heritage sites for this and future generation.



**CONSULTATIONS  
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

**Transport Strategy 2016 – 2035 Review.** The NTA is reviewing the current strategy and looking to produce an updated strategy which will set out the framework for investment in transport infrastructure and services, for a twenty year period from 2022 to 2042. View the issues paper and find out how to have your say [HERE](#)

**Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy 10-Year Strategy for Ireland -** SOLAS, the Further Education and Training Authority, would like to hear from anybody with an interest in improving literacy, numeracy and digital literacy for adults. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Stop Food Waste** – is running a survey to find out more about food waste over the Christmas period. Find out more [HERE](#)

Mental Health Reform and LGBT Ireland are currently running a research project aimed at documenting the lived experiences of LGBTI+ people using mental health services. Find out more [HERE](#)

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### - LOCAL NEWS -

**Keep Well Campaign** – As part of this national initiative Wicklow County Council has a Keep Well Page on their website. It's full of information on tips and supports to mind your mental & physical health as well as promoting community resilience. Find it [Here](#)

If your group is running an activity or service that supports people in your community, please let us know. We would love to advertise it for you.

**New Wicklow Cross-Generational Project** - Neighbourhood Network has teamed with up Creative Ireland to bring a new project to Wicklow. With an unpredictable winter ahead of us, they are worried that older people who are isolating are becoming increasingly forgotten or distanced from society. That's why they came up with a simple, fun community project to connect different generations in your neighbourhood! Find out more [HERE](#)

**New Local Link Service** – from Arklow to Carlow has been launched. Find out about the Wicklow Local Link Services [HERE](#)

**#OneGoodDeed** - Neighbourhood Network has launched their One Good Deed Initiative. Find out more [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 -

**National Volunteering Strategy 2021-2025** – Minister Joe O' Brien launched Ireland's first National Volunteering Strategy earlier this month. Find it [HERE](#)

**PPN Support from Sabina Higgins** – Sabina Higgins praised PPNs and the community sector in address to the South Dublin PPN Plenary (members meeting). You can listen to it [HERE](#)

**Minding Your Wellbeing** - As part of the [#KeepWell](#) campaign the HSE has launched a series of 5 videos: Practicing Self Care; Understanding Our Thoughts; Exploring Emotions; Building Positive Relationships; and Improving Our Resilience. Find them [HERE](#)



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES,  
COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS**

**Dublin Bus** has announced the launch of the **2020 Community Spirit Awards** (CSAs) and invited local voluntary and community groups to apply. Any group located in an area served by Dublin Bus can apply for a grant of €1,000, €2,000 or €5,000. Find out more [HERE](#)

**The 2020 Sports Capital Programme** is open until 5pm on Friday 12th February, 2021. The deadline for registration is 5pm on Monday 1st February 2021. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Further Funding Under the Covid 19 Emergency Fund** - Wicklow has been allocated €51,290 to support community & voluntary groups to: implement social distancing measures; fund online activities, and provide critical social supports. The funding will be administered through the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee). We will circulate details of the application process once we have been informed

**Ecclesiastical Insurance '12 Days of Giving Christmas' Campaign** - Ecclesiastical Insurance is giving £120,000 to good initiatives as part of its annual campaign. The Company is giving 120 different charities an early Christmas gift of a £1,000 donation, with 10 winners announced each weekday from 7 - 22 December. You are invited to nominate a registered charity close to your heart to benefit from this festive financial boost. Find out more [HERE](#)

**European Youth Foundation Pilot Activity Grant scheme.** The next deadline under this scheme is the 11th January 2021. Find out more [HERE](#)

**Wicklow Local Sports Partnership Giveaway** – In the run up to Christmas the Wicklow LSP is running a giveaway for their Facebook Page followers. Find out more on their Facebook Page [HERE](#)



**THANK YOU** - For all the work you have done this year for the benefit of our Co Wicklow Communities

**THANK YOU** - For responding to the Covid pandemic so quickly to support the most vulnerable members of our community

**THANK YOU** - For engaging with us throughout the year and for generously sharing your time, experiences and knowledge

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Helen and Grainne have amassed a lot of annual leave and overtime, and will take leave from today, Wednesday 16th December up until Monday 11th January. HOWEVER Emails will be checked sporadically and important information will be circulated during this time

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**We Wish All Our Members A Peaceful, Healthy and Happy Christmas and We Look Forward To Working With You All Again in 2021**

Helen, Grainne and the Secretariat Team

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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