



Welcome to our January 2021 Update E-Bulletin - Part 1

*Co. Wicklow PPN News
Consultations Open & Funding Opportunities*

Hi {!Contact.FirstName}

Welcome to our first members update of 2021. There is so much information to share with you that we have had to split the update into two parts:

Part 1: Read about the work of Co Wicklow PPN and access reports from our Representatives on county policy and decision-making bodies. Find out about current consultations and funding opportunities.

Part 2: catch up on other local and national news relevant to the community & voluntary sector and find out about upcoming events.

If you have any news you would like to share with the network of PPN members, please email us and we can include it in our members updates.

COUNTY WICKLOW PPN NEWS!



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 full version of our SDG animation just before Christmas This is now available on our website [HERE](#).

Don't forget to highlight and promote the actions and activities of your group on the WCC SDG Map

The interactive map can be accessed on the Wicklow County Council Website [HERE](#)

Good Governance for Community Groups – The second module for this training took place on 25th January and feedback from it has been good. The remaining two modules of this course will be run on Monday 1st March and Monday 12th April.

Supercharge Your Self-Care - Have you had a look at our videos yet? There are 6 videos in the series each of them only a few minutes (about the length of the time it takes to drink a cup of tea) long. They are a great

resource to help you mind yourselves during these challenging times. Check them out on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Wicklow Community Response Forum: We continue to share experiences and respond to issues that have arose 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: are a great way of finding out what's happening in the county. Don't forget if you have a suggestion, issue or concern that relates to the work of these committees, let us know and we'll pass it on to be raised by our PPN Representatives at their next meeting.

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

[Climate and Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee](#)
[Transport Water & Environmental Services Strategic Policy Committee](#)
[Planning & Environment Strategic Policy Committee](#)
[Economic & Enterprise Development Strategic Policy Committee](#)
[Wicklow Tourism Committee](#)
[Children & Young People Services Committee](#)

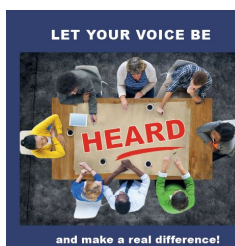
Covid 19 Support Information: Don't forget the Covid 19 Support Page on our website is full of national and local information and supports available to help community groups safely run their activities and open their premises Click [HERE](#)

PPN Workplan & Finance Report – For our January Work Report Click [HERE](#). For our January 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 358 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.
- Friends of the Forest Donard - is a community group based in the Donard / Glen of Imaal area with interest in the management of forestry within their local community.



**CONSULTATIONS
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

Transport Strategy for Greater Dublin 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.

The Co Wicklow PPN submission can be viewed on our [website](#). We understand that there will be a further opportunity to input to this review. View the issues paper and find [HERE](#)

Micro-generation Support Scheme (MSS). Micro-generation is defined as micro-generation technologies, including micro-solar PV, micro-hydro, micro-wind and micro-renewable CHP with a maximum electrical output of 50kW, designed to primarily service the self-consumption needs of the property where it is installed.

The aim of this consultation is to gather stakeholder feedback on aspects of the proposed Micro-generation Support Scheme which may help to inform the delivery of the scheme.

The closing date for submissions is 5.30pm on Thursday 18 February 2021. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

County Wicklow Screen Sector Strategy. The Strategy will assess the County's financial, human, physical and cultural capital and help to develop policies for strengthening the County's position in respect of each.

Find out more and reply to the survey

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform is inviting submissions to Review to Renew, the public consultation element of the National Development Plan.

This consultation offers all people in Ireland - expert stakeholders and users of infrastructure - the opportunity to inform and influence important policy that affects the fabric of our daily lives including the distribution of our people, our jobs, businesses, houses, roads, public transport, education and health infrastructure; our social, cultural and sporting facilities.

Click [HERE](#) to access details on the consultation.

The consultation period has been extended and will run to 5pm, 19 February 2021.

Survey with retail and hospitality sector worker over 55 year.

Researchers at UCD would love to hear from workers who are 55 years and older, who work (or have recently worked) in the retail or hospitality sectors; work 30 hours per week or more; earning €12.50 per hour or less.

Taking part in the research involves completing a confidential interview (in the form of a chat by telephone or online by skype or zoom).

Interested in taking part? Please text/ phone 0892708764 or Email olderworkersucd@gmail.com

Care Alliance Ireland, ISS21 and University College Cork are conducting a survey to feed into a review of the National Carers Strategy. To participate in the survey click [HERE](#)



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES,
COMPETITIONS, & AWARDS**

The Community Water Development Fund 2021 is open for applications until the 9th February. Community Groups can apply online for funding

ranging from €500 - €25,000. Groups applying must contact their Local Community Water Officer before submitting an application.

Local Community Water Officer details:
Dónal O'Keeffe, Community Water Officer,
Local Authority Waters Programme, Midlands and Eastern Region
Call: 085 8700 126
Email: dokeeffe@lawaters.ie

More details available [HERE](#)

COVID-19 Emergency Fund 2nd Round. Applications must be made by 4pm on Friday 26th February 2021.

This funding will provide grants to community groups to assist them: to adapt their services and operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality and to become more involved in the National and Local 'Keep Well' campaign.

Applications must be made on the grant application form (*copy attached to this email*) and submitted to the Local Community Development Committee. Click [HERE](#) to access further information on the scheme.

Should you require further information please email:
ccsdadmin@wicklowcoco.ie

ESB Energy for Generations Fund. Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations.

The fund is currently accepting applications until Wednesday 3rd February. Click [HERE](#) for more information

Wicklow County Council Artists & Communities Collaboration Award. This collaboration fund will enable artists and communities to engage in arts activity, to explore their creativity, to interact and exchange ideas with others and to embark on new learning journeys. Professional artists and communities with whom they will collaborate in 2021 are invited to apply and Wicklow County Council welcomes applications from all artforms including film, music, visual arts, theatre, dance, literature, architecture, animation, performance, circus, traditional arts, film, music and drama.

The scheme is open for applications until 4pm on Monday February 15th. For more information click [HERE](#)

Wicklow Heritage Funding. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF), which is accepting applications until the 26th February, will support the owners and custodians of historic buildings as they carry out labour-intensive projects to repair and conserve our historic built environment. For more information click [HERE](#)

The 2020 Sports Capital Programme is open until 5pm on Monday 1st March 2021. The deadline for registration is 5pm on Monday 15th February 2021.

The Local Sports Partnership are holding a workshop on this funding on Wednesday 3rd Feb. Registrations for the workshop have closed, however, if you have questions on this funding it may be worth contacting the LSP.

To find out more click [HERE](#)

Community Foundation for Ireland – Grants for Mergers

In the face of current challenges facing the Irish Community and Voluntary sector, all organisations are looking at ways of working differently. In certain limited circumstances, some organisations may see benefit in exploring merging permanently with another organisation, or consortium of like-minded organisations. The Community Foundation of Ireland have a small fund which might allow such organisations or consortiums to explore this. Click [HERE](#) for more information

Rethink Ireland: Education Innovation Fund 2020 – 2023. The Fund seeks to improve equal access to education and promote economic empowerment. The fund is open for applications until 5pm on Monday 8th March. To find out more and apply click [HERE](#)

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

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



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