

County Wicklow PPN Report – February 2021

Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 359 Total Members (3 new 2021)
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in Community Response Forum meetings 2 & 16 February • Attended meetings of CRF Sub-group, Staying Connected & Managing Your Mood, 3,10,17,24 February. Focusing on developing a Staying Connected and Minding Your Mood Webinar to showcase how some groups are staying connected and looking after each their members during lockdown and to signpost groups to useful resources. • Met with the new development officer for Oaklee Housing in relation to her work with the Radhard na Farraige Social Housing Estate in Wicklow Town • Attended CIC Family Reunification Seminar 25 February • Attended WCC Disability Access & Inclusion Group meeting 25 February • Linking with WCC with suggestion to collaboratively work towards developing the PPN Members Funding Handbook into an online resource which can be updated by various stakeholders including PPN, WCC, Local Development Companies • Participated in CWP presentations in preparation for International Women’s Day • Collaborating with local groups and agencies to organise activities for Social Inclusion Week. • Supporting Member group, Wicklow SPCA Sharpeshill to run 2-3 webinars on how to care for your pet during & after Covid 19 lockdowns
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in DRCD Sub-group to evaluate tenders for the National PPN Review 8 February. Contract should issue at the end of this month • Attended the PPN Resource Workers Representatives on the National Advisory Group meeting on 9th February, in preparation for the upcoming National Advisory Group meeting. • Input into DRCD survey in relation to developing a Communication Strategy for PPNs 10 February. • Attended the PPN National Advisory Group Meeting 11 February. • Presented the main points of the Regional Local Authority & PPN meetings to discuss working with migrant communities & developing Integration Strategies, to the Learning Exchange Webinar for the Glencree Belonging & Identity Project 23 February 70 people in attendance. • Fed into the PPN Annual Report Template 2020 through the National Advisory Group Annual Report Sub-group 23 February. • Researched the cost of hosting arrangements for PPNs in other counties. • Working with PPN colleagues nationally to develop and circulate a survey to gather PPN Representatives experiences on Strategic Policy Committees. The aim is to use the information to inform the National PPN Review and to inform the Dept Housing Review of the SPC guidelines

PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with all stakeholders to amend, finalise, and agree the 2021 PPN Service Level Agreement between Wicklow Travellers Group & Wicklow Co Council, the Memorandum of Association between Wicklow PPN & WCC, the Memorandum of Association between Wicklow PPN & Wicklow Travellers Group and the PPN 2021 Budgets • PPN Secretariat Meeting 2 February • Liaison Sub-Group Meeting 5 February
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Dept. Environment, Climate & Communications to organise and run Community Climate Conversations to inform the National Climate Action Plan • Working with the LCDC Supports section of the Dept. Rural & Community Development to participate in a regional consultation to review and revise the Guidelines for Local Economic & Community Plans • Encouraged engagement with: LGBT Ireland - Views & Experience of LGBTI people using mental health services, Dep Social Protection Feedback on Department Schemes, NUI Galway Volunteering During Covid 19 Survey, DECC Public Consultation on the development of new Solid Fuel Regulations for Ireland
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Worker enrolled in SJI/DRCD Creating Capable Communities Training • Resource Worker Attended DECC Training for facilitating Community Climate Conversations • Meeting with Susanne Rogers of Social Justice Ireland to develop a suite of 3 Training Sessions: 1. Local Authority Structures 2. Effective Submissions, 3. Local Authority Budgeting. Training to run in April • Linking with Carmichael Centre to run a suite of training programmes in the autumn including: Marketing Your Group, Funding/Fundraising for Your Group and Accounting for Groups (identified in the PPN members survey) • Recruited 17 participants (PPN Secretariat & Representatives and WCC staff & Elected Rep) to participate in PPN Stakeholder Training being delivered by Social Justice Ireland and Waterford IT • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Alone befriending service training, CWP Healthy Food Made Easy, Age Action Getting Started Digital Keep In Touch Programme, KWETB Community Group Leader Workshops, CWP Community Biodiversity Training • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: WCC Covid 19 Emergency Fund (second round), WCC Artists & Community Collaboration Award, Rethink Ireland - Education fund, Rethink Ireland - Social Enterprise Development Fund, Community Foundation Ireland Merger fund, WCC Estates Development Fund, Tidy Towns Grants • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article Re Annual PPN Survey and results of Members Draw printed in Wicklow People • Circulated Update E Bulletin 21 February • Acting as a central point for Covid 19 local and national supports information • Website updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook 1626 likes (16 monthly inc) 1920 follows 25 monthly inc)
Outreach	
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting • Researched the cost of increasing Support Worker hours • Researched cost of increase in Resource Worker salary • Resource Worker & Support Worker Supervision • Resource Worker & Support Worker Planning meeting
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 3 Good Governance Training 1 March • Secretariat Meeting 2 March • Community Response Forum & subgroup meetings • Present to Co Wicklow Men's Sheds groups 3 March • Participate in Co Wicklow Partnership Events for International Women's Day • DRCD Focus Group meeting to review the LECP Guidelines for the Eastern Midlands Regional 9 March • National PPN Resource Workers Meeting 10 March • Attend Training on setting up chatter groups for thematic networks using Salesforce 11 March • PPN Climate Conversation in collaboration with Dept Environment, Climate & Communications 22 March • Staying Connected & Minding Your Mood Webinar 24 March • Participate in recruitment panel for Tipperary PPN Resource Worker Interviews • Implement recruitment procedures to fill positions on Secretariat, Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC and Joint Policing Committee • Run 2 SPCA webinars in collaboration with the Sharpeshill team