

### County Wicklow PPN Report – March 2021

Membership	362 Total Members (3 new 2021) 6 applications awaiting approval
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in Community Response Forum (CRF) meetings 2 &amp; 16 March</li> <li>• Attended meetings of CRF Sub-group, Staying Connected &amp; Managing Your Mood, 10,18,24 March. Focusing on developing a Staying Connected and Minding Your Mood Webinar run on 24 March 26 Attendees. Webinar highlighted community groups &amp; services activity during Covid 19 in order to inform groups and encourage them to replicate some of the activities.</li> <li>• Supporting Member group, Wicklow SPCA Sharpeshill to run 2-3 webinars on how to care for your pet during &amp; after Covid 19 lockdowns. First event 17 March 48 Attendees Second event 31 March 56 Attendees</li> <li>• Made a presentation to Co Wicklow Men’s Sheds group 3 March resulting in Blessington Men’s Shed and Avoca Men’s Shed seeking PPN membership</li> <li>• Participated in CWP events for International Women’s Day 8 &amp; 9 March</li> <li>• Met with Social Inclusion Focused Groups 11 March to agree dates for Social Inclusion Week 2021 and discuss possible actions</li> <li>• Attended Breaking Down Barriers – Women in Politics event 11 March and provided some brief information about our PPN</li> <li>• Met with Laura O Callaghan 1 March and Pierce Richardson 23 March to discuss how Wicklow PPN can support disability work in the county</li> <li>• Supported 2 members groups around Governance issues</li> </ul>
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in DRCD Sub-group to prepare 2020 Annual Report Template 9 March</li> <li>• Attended the PPN Resource Workers Network meeting 10 March</li> <li>• 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. Circulated a survey to all PPN Reps (past &amp; present)</li> <li>• Participated on the interview panel for the Tipperary PPN Resource Worker position 29 &amp; 30 March</li> </ul>
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPN Secretariat Meeting 2 March</li> <li>• PPN Policy Development Sub-Group Meeting 23 March. Currently reviewing/amending policies including Constitution, Financial Policy, Procurement Policy, Driving Safely Policy.</li> <li>• Met with a Secretariat member &amp; Reps who attended the PPN Show &amp; Tell meeting Re Chatter to explore its usefulness and possible roll out for Co Wicklow PPN 25 March</li> </ul>
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held a planning meeting 8 March to run a Community Climate Conversation, an initiative being rolled out by the Dept. Environment, Climate &amp; Communications to inform the National Climate Action Plan. The Climate Conversation took place on 22 March. Representatives from 12 member groups attended. Report from the meeting submitted to DECC and available on PPN website</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrote to Helen McEntee, Minister for Justice &amp; Equality, and Roderick O' Gorman, Minister for Children Equality Disability integration &amp; Youth to highlight the issue of access to services for the residents of the Rathmore Direct Provision Centre</li> <li>• Wrote to Joe O' Brien, Minister of State with responsibility for community development &amp; charities to highlight the concerns in relation to loan finance and funding issues brought about by reduced income due to Covid 19 for community groups.</li> <li>• Linked in with some Environmental Reps for SPC support</li> <li>• Encouraged engagement with: Codling Wind Park, Review of the Defence Forces, National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities, Eirgrid Shaping our Electricity Future, Dublin Port's Application for Dumping at Sea, National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service Stakeholder Survey, National Waste Management Plan for the Circular Economy, LGMA Exploring the development of an online local government website, National Dialogue on Climate Change</li> </ul>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ran Module 3 Good Governance Training 1 March 39 Participants</li> <li>• Support Worker attended SJI/DRCD Creating Capable Communities Training 3,10, 24, 31 March</li> <li>• Meeting with Susanne Rogers of Social Justice Ireland 31 March to develop a suite of 3 Training Sessions: 1. Local Authority Structures 2. Effective Submissions, 31 March. Local Authority Budgeting. Training to run in April</li> <li>• Attended PPN Show &amp; Tell event to highlight the usefulness of the Salesforce Chatter facility for connecting Linkage Groups and Thematic Networks 11 March</li> <li>• Resource Worker &amp; PPN Rep on Planning SPC attended Assoc. Irish Local Gov training – Communications Infrastructure &amp; Local Authorities</li> <li>• Highlighted/Advertised Training &amp; Workshops: Introduction to Sustainable Tourism, EAPN NUI Maynooth Putting Poverty Back on the Agenda, Clean Coasts Online Roadshows, DLR PPN Digital Skills for Beginners, Partners Training for Transformation Creative Facilitation, Lifting the Lid on Elder Abuse, An Cosan - Empowerment through Education</li> <li>• Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Covid Stability Funding, Community Heritage Grants Scheme, Fund for Community Development Pilot Projects, National Tree Week Photographic Competition, Community Monuments Fund, WCC Community Grants, Ireland Funds - Heart of the Community Funding, HSE National Lottery Grants, .ie Digital Town Awards</li> <li>• Update PPN Members Funding Handbook</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article Re PPN Workshops about Local Authority Structures in Wicklow People &amp; Wicklow Times</li> <li>• Circulated Update E Bulletin 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Acting as a central point for Covid 19 local and national supports information</li> <li>• Website updates</li> <li>• Facebook 1633 likes (7 monthly inc) 1939 follows (19 monthly inc)</li> </ul>
Outreach	

Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting</li> <li>• Resource Worker &amp; Support Worker Planning meetings</li> <li>• Complete &amp; Submit 2020 Financial Report for DRCD within deadline</li> </ul>
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Leave/Reduced Hours from 1 April to 11 April</li> <li>• Local Government Structures Explained Workshops 8, 15, 22 April</li> <li>• Module 4 Good Governance Training 12 April</li> <li>• Secretariat Meeting 13 April</li> <li>• WCC Disability Access &amp; Inclusion Group 14 April + Workplan sub group meeting TBC</li> <li>• Community Response Forum &amp; subgroup meetings</li> <li>• Review &amp; Amend PPN Policies</li> <li>• Develop Chatter Groups</li> <li>• 2020 Annual Report for DRCD</li> <li>• Finalise recent recruitment procedures and induction for new PPN Representatives</li> </ul>