

### County Wicklow PPN Report – April 2021

Membership	370 Total Members (14 new 2021) 4 applications awaiting approval
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in Community Response Forum (CRF) meetings 13 &amp; 27 April. Contact through the Community Call has decreased significantly. Some Local Authority Staff will attend &amp; support the community vaccination centres in the county. Meetings will reduce to monthly duration.</li> <li>• Attended meetings of CRF Keep Well Sub-group 28 April. Activities under the Keep Well Campaign are coming to a close and most of the funding has been expended.</li> <li>• Attended WCC Access &amp; Inclusion group meeting 14 April. Attended the Workplan Sub-Group meeting 27 April.</li> <li>• Meeting with Glenree Centre for Peace &amp; Reconciliation to collaborate on their new Better Community &amp; Intercultural Relations Between Host Communities and Migrant Groups Project</li> <li>• Connected with Management of Rathmore Direct Provision Centre and Management of Local Link Transport in relation to creating more transport &amp; accessibility for residents</li> </ul>
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Deliberative Futures Toolkit Launch</li> <li>• Attended Irish Environmental Network monthly meet up. Topic for discussion “Achieving Results as a PPN Environmental Representative”. Four Wicklow PPN Env. Reps attended along with the Resource Worker and found it beneficial.</li> <li>• Secretariat member attended Local Government Force or Farce event 22 April. Interesting discussions reported Re local decision making and the privatisation of public services.</li> <li>• Secretariat member attended National Secretariat network meeting</li> </ul>
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPN Secretariat Meeting 13 April. Elaine Jennings DRCD in attendance.</li> <li>• PPN Policy Development Sub-Group Meeting 21 April. Currently reviewing/amending policies including Constitution, Financial Policy, Procurement Policy, Driving Safely Policy and Code of Conduct.</li> <li>• One to one support meeting with Secretariat member 13 April</li> </ul>
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPN Climate Conversations - Sixteen sessions were held across the country, with over 200 participants and according to the consultants engaged by DCCE “Some very clear feedback has been received for the Climate Action Plan” A Wicklow Rep who took part in the PPN Conversations shared their reasons for participating, and what their hopes and concerns are for climate action in Ireland in a short video at the consultants request.</li> <li>• Welcomed new PPN Representatives: Joint Policing Committee, Wicklow MD seat – Ciara Perks nominated by Newtownmountkennedy Community Forum; Climate &amp; Biodiversity Action SPC, East Wicklow seat – Justin Ivory nominated by Wicklow Planning Alliance; Secretariat - Environmental College Seats – no nominations; Social Inclusion Seat - Mary Dillon, nominated by Golden Circle (Arklow)</li> <li>• Encouraged engagement with: HSE Discussions on Mental Health Act 2021, RESS Good Practise Principles For Community Benefit Funds, Climate Action Plan, National Action Plan Against Racism, Developing</li> </ul>

	<p>a Wellbeing Framework for Ireland, Irish Heart Foundation Information Needs Survey, Our Electric Future</p>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ran Module 4 Good Governance Training 12 April 40 Participants. This was the final session. The course has had good attendance across all 4 modules and has received very good feedback, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did you most enjoy about the session? “Natural style of facilitator and easy to follow slides”. “I like the practical way its presented easy to understand”</li> <li>What is your takeaway learning from the session? “That it makes sense for us to be compliant”. “Feeling more confident now about the correct way to cover compliance”.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Support Worker attended SJI/DRCD Creating Capable Communities Training 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> April . The course is now being evaluated prior to being rolled out to all PPN Stakeholders across the country. Feedback has been good and we would encourage those working in and with PPNs to engage with it as it roles out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“it’s a fantastic course, I had under-estimated PPN’s!” – A Martin Executive Engineer WCC</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ran Finding Your Way Around Local Government &amp; Getting Your Voice Heard Training in collaboration with Susanne Rogers of Social Justice Ireland. Course consisted of 3 Training Sessions: 1. Local Authority Structures 2. Effective Submissions, 3. Local Authority Budgeting. The learning was greatly enhanced by the contribution of Wicklow County Council staff members who brought the local experience that made the sessions more real and relevant to participants. This facilitated local connections as well as mutual understanding and respect. The feedback from the course has been very good. Participants: 27 At Session 1, 25 at Session2 and 23 at Session 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did you most enjoy about the session? “The atmosphere, I felt the people there really wanted to give information and encourage participation”. “That it was straight-forward, uncomplicated and informative”. “I felt energised by it”.</li> <li>What is your takeaway learning from the session? “I have a better understanding of how the council works”. “the importance of the relationship between the PPN and WCC was very evident. “really good for me to observe”.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Highlighted/Advertised Training &amp; Workshops: Global Action Plan Sustainability Training, Community Law &amp; Mediation Limerick Public Sector Duty</li> <li>Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Creative Climate Action Fund, Arts &amp; Disability Connect Funding, Circular Economy Innovation Grant, Dormant Accounts to Enhance Opportunities for People with Disabilities WCC Community Grants, Small Scale Funds for Meals on Wheels, KWETB Community Education Group Funding, Connected Hubs Fund, CSP Support Fund, Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Transitional LEADER Funding, Clar Funding</li> <li>Update PPN Members Funding Handbook</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circulated Update E Bulletin 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acting as a central point for Covid 19 local and national supports information</li> <li>• Website updates</li> <li>• Facebook 1639 likes (6monthly inc) 1954 follows (15 monthly inc)</li> </ul>
Outreach	
Administration/ HR	<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>• Resource Worker &amp; Support Worker Supervision meetings</li> </ul>
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 May – Meeting with KWETB Community Education Team</li> <li>• Policy Sub-Group – Continue policy reviews and updates</li> <li>• 7 May AILG Local Authority Housing and the Housing Agency Training</li> <li>• 11 May Secretariat Meeting</li> <li>• National Advisory Group Meeting</li> <li>• DRCD PPN Annual Report 2020</li> <li>• 28 May Older People’s Council Event</li> <li>• Preparation for June Plenary</li> </ul>