

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting Template

This template aims to support CWPPN representatives who sit on local social partnership structures in County Wicklow in providing a report to the wider membership. Please complete the template and return to countywicklowppn@gmail.com **within one week after each meeting**. Please keep responses to 1 page if at all possible.

Name of Committee: Wicklow County Childcare Committee

Name of Representative(s): Margaret Coen

Date of Meetings Attended: 28.01.21; 25.02.21; 25.03.21; 29.04.21; 27.05.21

Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective:

Due to covid mostly staff are working from home, training and events have moved on-line where possible. WCCC continue to support children, families and settings with information and advice and administration of funding.

Governance: Margaret Coen's (Chair) term as rep due to end at agm, 1st July 2021. Board is looking for additional members – board is skills based so experience in childcare not a necessity, skills may be more focussed on role of director.

Training: Due to Covid Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), Equality and Diversity and Child Protection training have been postponed as cannot be delivered face to face. In addition the HSE cyber-attack has affected delivery of some training as TUSLA is a partner.

Collaborations: Local collaborations on-going via zoom meetings, although as the pandemic has continued these meetings have lessened.

Parent and Toddler groups: have been disbanded during covid. Worry that some may not re-open as these are voluntary groups and without natural selection of parents to take on running of group many will remain defunct.

Library service are organising another round of storytelling events (on-line) for parents for the coming Autumn. These events are free – see local papers/facebook/website for details.

Sector review: A national review of the childcare sector is underway – an interim report is due within the next 6 months. This may mean that WCCC will change its structure/remit.

Capital funding: A second round of funding for childcare providers is due this year in relation to Outdoor Play.

Date of next meeting – 1st July 2021 - AGM