

### County Wicklow PPN Report – May 2021

Membership	375 Total Members (19 new 2021)
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in Community Response Forum (CRF) meeting 25th May Contact through the Community Call has decreased significantly. Trained volunteers ready to support vaccination centres as local authority staff return to work. Meetings will reduce to monthly duration.</li> <li>• Meeting with KWETB and CWP representatives to share information, identify synergies and connect services.</li> <li>• Collaborating with WCC and Local Link Transport Service to address transport and access issues for the residents of the Rathmore Direct Provision Centre. Meetings 10, 18 &amp; 25 May. Local Link have agreed to re-route some limited services to the centre on a pre-booking system. PPN will support the centre to apply for funding to run a daily service on a pilot basis, to be reviewed in one month. If the pilot shows success, the group will use this to lobby for a more sustainable service. PPN also linked the centre to the Local Sports &amp; Recreation Partnership, KWETB Community Education section and Co Wicklow Partnership to run activities that will support the residents to connect with &amp; support each other.</li> <li>• Introduced speakers and moderated at the Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre event “The Birds &amp; Bees &amp; All Things Environmental” run during National Volunteering Week (21 May). The aim of the event was to support individuals, communities, groups, and schools to make a difference in their environment. Speakers included the Local Authorities Water &amp; Communities Office, Go Greener Grangecon, North Kildare Beekeepers Association and the Pure Project</li> <li>• Through the CRF Staying Connected &amp; Managing Your Mood Sub-group, supported Wicklow Travellers Group to access funding from the Keep Well Programme for actions including a day of memory for those who passed due to Covid as well as activities that will re-connect people through positive ageing &amp; inclusion activities</li> </ul>
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with PPN Resource Worker Representatives to the National Advisory Group 11 May to induct a new representative and prepare for upcoming meeting.</li> <li>• Attended National Advisory Group meeting 13 May. Updates given on the upcoming PPN Review, Communications Strategy, and Training Programme. Agreement to postpone the National Conference until March 2022. Dates confirmed with the Arklow Bay Hotel</li> <li>• Attended Structural Review Sub-Group Meeting (a sub-group of the NAG) 17 May. The group reviewed and made suggested amendments to the stakeholder survey document drafted by Mazars (the consultants engaged to facilitate the review)</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 4<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• PPN Policy Development Sub-Group Meeting 5 May, 26 May. Continue Constitution review, <del>and</del> development of Terms of Reference for Sub-Groups and Nomination &amp; Election policy.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather information to fill the 2020 Annual Report Template for submission to DRCD by 14 June from various sources including seeking Representatives experiences. The report template consists of over 120 questions covering all aspects and procedures of the PPN's work.</li> <li>• Organise the June Plenary (members meeting). The theme of the summer plenary is "Valuing Our Ethnic Minorities". The Plenary will hear from representatives from 4 ethnic minority groups about their experience of living in Co Wicklow. The second part of the meeting will be facilitated workshops that will feed into the current consultation for the National Action Plan Against Racism for Ireland.</li> </ul>
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with a sub-group of PPN Reps to use Chatter, an online platform connected to Salesforce. Chatter makes collaboration and networking easier, allowing a number of people with the same interest to share information, post updates &amp; ask questions. The aim is to set up Chatter groups to act as online Linkage Groups for PPN Reps.</li> <li>• Encouraged engagement with: Codling Wind Park EIA Scoping Report; Greystones Family Resource Centre Strategic Plan Consultations; Craft Strategy for Wicklow, Public Consultation on Policing Priorities; National Action Plan Against Racism for Ireland; Public Consultation on Marine Protected Areas; Survey on the Career Guidance Needs of Minority Ethnic Students; NYCI Survey for Minority Ethnic Young People Focusing on Equality &amp; Human Rights; National Car Insurance &amp; Young People Survey, Wellbeing framework for Ireland, National Climate Action Plan, EirGrid Shaping our Electricity Future, Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit Funds under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme, Alliance for Insurance Reform and Survey on use of online platforms by Community &amp; Voluntary sector organisations.</li> </ul>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Worker &amp; PPN Reps attended 2 AILG Training sessions 7<sup>th</sup> May Local Authority Housing &amp; the Housing Agency, 28<sup>th</sup> May Rural Planning &amp; Development Policy</li> <li>• Highlighted/Advertised Training &amp; Workshops: START Suicide Prevention Skills, Wicklow Volunteer Centre Webinars, Co. Wicklow Partnership Training, Local Sports &amp; Recreation Partnership Training, SJI Webinar, The Wheel Training and Carlow PPN Training</li> <li>• Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme; SEAI Grants; Covid Stability Fund; NALA Student Development Fund; LEADER Food Initiative Fund; Community Enhancement Programme; Coca Cola Thank You Fund, Tidy Towns, Engage &amp; Education (Rethink Ireland), Ecclesiastical Movement for Good Fund, Pilot Bike and E-Bike Upcycling Initiative, Circular Economy Innovation Grant Scheme, Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Connected Hub Fund, Arts and Disability Connect Fund, Creative Climate Action Fund and Children and Youth Digital Solutions Fund.</li> <li>• Update PPN Members Funding Handbook</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated Update E Bulletin 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• Website updates</li> <li>• Facebook 1664 likes (25 monthly inc) 1985 follows (31 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>• 3 June WCC Disability Access &amp; Inclusion Group meeting, present PPN disability sub-group work</li> <li>• Secretariat meeting 8 June</li> <li>• 14 June 2020 Annual Report submission deadline</li> <li>• 15 June Secretariat and Reps meeting</li> <li>• 16 June PPN Policy Sub-group meeting</li> <li>• 25 June AILG Training – Programme for Government &amp; Affordable Housing Development</li> <li>• 30 June PPN Plenary – Valuing Our Ethnic Minorities</li> </ul>