

County Wicklow PPN Report – July 2021

Membership	Total Members 377 (21 new 2021)
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the WCC Access and Inclusion Group meeting 14 July. WCC has approached Disability Federation Ireland to develop a guide for community groups and service providers that would support them to be more inclusive of people with disabilities. This would progress work initially started by the PPN in collaboration with the CYPSC, Bray Area Partnership, Co Wicklow Partnership, Wicklow Local Sports & Recreation Partnership, Arklow Disability Action Group and DFI • Met with the new Mental Health Ireland Development Worker, 27 July, for introductions and networking purposes • Contacted Wicklow Elected Reps to arrange Meet Your Elected Reps online sessions in October/November
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended 2 PPN Resource Workers Network Meetings. One of them to prepare a collaborative response from workers to the National PPN Review • Several representatives from Wicklow participated in the National PPN Review consultations including member groups, Secretariat members, PPN Representatives, PPN Staff and Local Authority Reps. • Attended a National Advisory Group PPN Review session • Our Secretariat Representative attended 2 National Secretariat Network Meetings, one in relation to the PPN Review
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Liaison Subgroup Meeting 5th July. Discussions took place in relation to the development of PPNs since 2014 in preparation for the National PPN Review consultations • PPN Secretariat Meeting 13th July. Secretariat minutes are available on the PPN website. • PPN Policy Development Subgroup Meeting 21st July. Continue Constitution review, and the development of Nomination & Election policy. A number of policies will be presented to the Secretariat for their approval & feedback prior to being circulated for member group review in the next quarter. • PPN IT Subgroup meeting 22nd July. The group reviewed 5 tenders for IT support for PPN computer equipment. A recommendation was made to the Secretariat and Ballycoe Services was appointed. • Prepared an Autumn/Winter schedule of training and events for networks and member groups
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Community, Cultural & Social Development (CCSD) SPC Reps 6th July to discuss various issues that have been raised through the PPN network. Developed a proposal to request the following actions: That Wicklow Libraries & Co Wicklow community groups be Allies Against Racism by displaying information that will support people who have witnessed or are victims of racism to report it; and That the next PPN Finding Your Way Around Local Government session focuses on the CCSD SPC. Both proposals were well received and agreed. • Following consultations at the PPN plenary and an online questionnaire, Co Wicklow PPN made a submission to “Towards a National Action Plan for Racism Against Ireland”. Issues and suggestions were raised in relation to: Access to Justice; Media &

	<p>Communications; Employment, Education, Health & Accommodation; Inclusion & Participation. The submission is available to read/download from our website here: Submissions - County Wicklow PPN. As a direct result of this work, Co Wicklow PPN was approached by a community games group that wish to welcome Traveller children and young people to participate in their activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Draft Wicklow County Development Plan, LPT Local Adjustment Factor, Blessington Town Regeneration Survey, Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge, Towards a National Action Plan for Racism for Ireland, How Social Enterprise in Ireland is Financed, Expanding Ireland's Marine Protected Area, Creating Our Future, Irish Research Council - Traveller experiences with gardai & the courts system, NDA - Effective engagement with People with Disabilities
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacted Carmichael Centre to organise 4 training sessions in the autumn. 3 sessions were requested by member groups in our annual survey. Training will include: Ready & Able to Re-open; Funding & Fundraising; Marketing & Promoting Your Group, and Accounting & Financial Reporting For Your Group. Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Horizon 2020 Rural Enterprise Heritage & Tourism Development free summer school, Sanctuary in Politics for Irish Travellers, International Protection Applicants & Refugees, Living Well Programme Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: The Wheel Training Links Programme, ESB Energy for Generations Fund, Hospital Saturday Fund, WCC Tidy Towns Estates & Sustainable Development Awards, Funding Initiative for the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Meet & Code 2021, Social Enterprise Start Up Fund. Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated Update E Bulletin 2nd, 9th, & 23rd July Website updates Facebook 1677 likes (8 monthly inc) 2013 follows (12 monthly inc)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the benefits of joining a PPN to the managers of Clan (Age Friendly) Housing schemes across the country.
Administration/HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting Resource Worker & Support Worker Planning meetings Resource Worker & Support Worker Supervision meetings HR Subgroup meetings Organised, purged, and archived PPN paperwork and files.
Planning/Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Worker Annual Leave 26 July to 9 August Resource Worker Annual Leave 11 August to 24 August Input into National PPN Services Contract Develop & make a written submission to the PPN Review Develop & make a submission to the Co Development Plan Meeting with PPN Joint Policing Committee Reps Continue to organise autumn/winter training sessions, Meet Your Elected Reps online events for our 5 MDs, and other sub-group and network meetings