

County Wicklow PPN Report – September 2021

Membership	Total Members 379 (23 new 2021)
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue arranging Meet Your Elected Reps online sessions to run in October/November Met with a sub-group from the WCC Disability Access & Inclusion SPC to review a proposal to engage someone to do some research that will support the development of a comprehensive guide to help community groups become more inclusive of people with disabilities 8/9 Attended a meeting of the WCC Disability Access & Inclusion SPC 22/9
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Consultants for update on the ongoing National PPN Review as a member of the oversight committee 7/9 Attended Creating Our Future – Community Activation Event, a Government of Ireland campaign to stimulate a national conversation that generates ideas from the public to inform the direction of research in Ireland. Attended a PPN National Advisory Group meeting 21/9
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wicklow PPN policy review continues. Sub-group met 1/9 Secretariat meeting 14/9 Working with Signal Arts Centre, County Wicklow Partnership and Aughrim Community Sports Centre Committee to develop and run a community networking event in the centre in Social Inclusion Week. The event will bring together diverse communities of all ages to celebrate community resilience and to explore how we can support community activity going forward. Meetings 20/9, 28/9 and 30/9 Met with a representative from CommIT and PPN Web Developer to explore the possibility of changing the current PPN Members Funding Handbook from its Word/PDF Format to an online & easily searchable platform 29/9
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with PPN Reps to the WCC Community, Cultural, & Social Development SPC to develop and submit a proposal to make some amendments to the Community Grants Application Form and plan for running an online information session about the work of the SPC Ran a meeting of the Policing Safety & Security Network (25 attendees). Information was provided about the Pilot Community Policing Network in Co Waterford and a consultation was ran to feed into a PPN submission to the Wicklow Policing Plan 2022. Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Recreation & Sports Facility Needs Assessment for Greystones MD, Delgany Public Realm Plan, Wicklow LSP - Women's Sheds Get Active Survey, Coast watch Survey, National Disability Authority Survey, Draft Risk Assessment Public Consultation Overview of Strategic Risks, Driving Collaboration between arts organisations & non profits survey, Study on digital skills & lifelong learning amongst older adults in Ireland, Ireland's Nitrates Action Program, Mineral Exploration & Mining in Ireland, Consultation on Palliative & End of Life Care
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ran Ready & Able to Reopen in October Training in collaboration with Carmichael 23/9. The session provided a step-by-step structured approach to reopening activities and services highlighting the need

	<p>for risk identification and prioritization, prevention and control, responding to a suspected Covid case and key documentation required. It included dealing with new policies such as homeworking, right to disconnect, cyber security and decisions in the workplace around testing and vaccination. 25 people attended, discussed their concerns and received a training manual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran Promoting & Marketing Your Group in collaboration with Carmichael and Alice PR & Events Ltd. 30/9. This workshop provided groups with information and tips to highlight their work and connect with new members, funders, and new volunteers as well as staying in touch with current members, helpers, and donors. The session covered how to make good use of digital, local, and national media platforms as well as providing a space for shared experiences and local knowledge exchange. • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Cert in Social Enterprise Management, Introduction to Social Enterprise Workshop, CIC Deaf Awareness Training, Wicklow Heritage Office Digital Upskilling Workshops, Domestic Violence Awareness Training • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Charity Impact Awards, Life Programme Funding (Prog. For Environment & Climate Action), EPA Event Support Funding, Eu Funding for Sports Bodies training & other events, Arts Centre Funding, WCC Tree Planting Grant, Covid 19 Response Fund • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin: 3rd Sept, 10th Sept, 24th Sept • Website updates • Facebook 1714 likes (36 monthly inc) 2061 follows (43 monthly inc.)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising a presentation to the U3A (University of the 3rd Age) Bray group for 3/11
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting • Working with IT Support to clean and update PPN IT equipment & processes. • Staff supervision
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wicklow Disability Access & Inclusion sub-group meeting 4/10 Full SPC meeting 27/10 • PPN National Conference sub-group meeting 6/10 • Meeting with Cork City PPN Representative to share experiences of Wicklow PPN's hosting and staffing arrangements • Secretariat meeting 12/10 • Continue with policy development and circulate to members for approval Sub-group meeting 13/10 • Organise & run training sessions; Sourcing Funding for Your Group 7/10 and Looking After Your Group's Money 14/10 • Attend & present the Volunteer Team Award at the Wicklow Volunteer Awards 19/10 • Conduct Staff Appraisals • Social Inclusion Week 17-23 October. Run event in collaboration with Signal Arts and CWP • Organise and run Meet Your Local Elected Reps meetings: Wicklow MD 21/10, Greystones MD 28/10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organising Finding Your Way Around Local Government session with a focus on the work of the Community, Cultural & Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.
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