

**County Wicklow PPN Report – 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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| Membership                                      | <a href="#">Total Members</a> 378 (28 new 2021)   |
| Networking/<br>Working Locally                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PPN in collaboration with Disability Federation Ireland, Wicklow Children &amp; Young Peoples Services Committee, Bray Area Partnership, Co Wicklow Partnership and Cllr. Miriam Murphy put together a proposal containing a tender to engage a consultant to develop a guide for community groups and service providers that would support them to be more inclusive of people with disabilities. The proposal was presented to the WCC Disability &amp; Inclusion Committee seeking their support. The committee included this in a funding application to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth to support disability services in the county. The application was successful and work on this will begin in 2023</li> </ul>  |
| Networking/<br>Working Regionally, & Nationally | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Conference Subgroup met 8/12. The group agreed to cancel the National Conference scheduled to take place 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Due to the continually changing landscape as a result of the pandemic it was agreed that the Conference should not be re-scheduled until there are no doubts about the safety of running a large event. It is hoped that the Conference will take place in Wicklow in 2023</li> <li>In November Co Wicklow PPN invited key people in the County together to explore and discuss options for making an application under the Community Climate Action Programme: Climate Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing (Strand 2) Scheme for Co. Wicklow. Those present agreed to explore the idea of accessing the funding to support Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) to implement their Energy Master Plans. Since then, conversations &amp; meetings have taken place with PPNs, SECs and SEC Mentors in Kildare and Meath as well as possible lead organisations including IEN, Three Energy, NUI Maynooth, and Irish Rural Link. There is interest in progressing an application for funding to support SECs in counties Wicklow, Kildare and Meath to progress past the development of their Energy Plans to implementation stage. Irish Rural Link has agreed to take the lead role in the funding application. A small group will meet in the first week of January to pull together a framework for the funding proposal. This will be quickly followed with meetings with SECs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. The funding application will be built on as we go along and submitted for the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> January (an extension of the original 14<sup>th</sup> January date).</li> </ul> |
| PPN Meetings/<br>Specific Work                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPN Plenary 2/12. 42 people attended. An update on the Work &amp; Finances of the PPN was provided. Members were given the opportunity to network in small groups to share their 2021 experiences. Member groups representing the Arts provided music, a Christmas monologue, and a photographic exhibition</li> <li>Secretariat meeting 14/12 Final review of 2021 Workplan &amp; Budgets took place. Retiring Secretariat members were thanked, and new Secretariat members were welcomed to the second part of the meeting</li> <li>Liaison Subgroup meeting 16/12. A final review of 2021 workplan and finance and discussions for 2022.</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with PPN web-designer for training to input into a new events page on the PPN website that will also include all the information in the PPN Funding Handbook. It is hoped that this will make the information in the handbook more relevant and accessible for individual groups.</li> </ul>  |
| Representation Consultations/ Submissions<br>*Submissions available to view on PPN website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Wicklow Age Friendly Survey; Swan River Greenway Bray Community Engagement; Newtownmountkennedy Community &amp; Work Study; Wicklow Comhairle na Nog Youth Attitudes Towards Drugs; Draft River Basin Management Plan; Draft NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area; Connecting Ireland Consultation on Rural Transport; European Study About Quality in Youth Volunteering; Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme</li> </ul>   |
| Training & Capacity Building   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted/Advertised Training &amp; Workshops: We Act – Storytelling Training</li> <li>Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Wicklow Garda Youth Awards; Arklow Windbank Sponsorship Fund; Ecclesiastical Movement for Good; Community Activities Fund, Community Water Development Fund; Irish Youth Foundation Skills &amp; Employment Fund; Kick Start Round 3 Fund; PayPal Giving Fund; Communities Climate Action Programme; EU Horizon Programme; Lets Fund It</li> <li>Update PPN Members Funding Handbook</li> </ul> |
| Communications   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circulated Update E-bulletin 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</li> <li><a href="#">Website</a> updates</li> <li><a href="#">Facebook</a> 1736 likes 2102 follows</li> </ul>   |
| Outreach   |  |
| Administration/ HR   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting</li> <li>Staff supervision</li> <li>Support Worker Appraisal</li> <li>PPN Staff Annual Leave Mon 20 Dec – Tue 4 Jan inclusive</li> </ul>   |
| Planning/ Upcoming Work  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise welcome, induction &amp; supports for new Secretariat members &amp; Representatives</li> <li>Prepare end of year reports for PPN, local authority &amp; national stakeholders</li> <li>Finalise 2022 Workplan, Budgets</li> <li>Review &amp; Finalise MOUs &amp; SLA</li> <li>Develop &amp; populate events/funding page on PPN website</li> <li>Meetings to progress Climate Action Programme Funding Application</li> </ul>  |