

County Wicklow PPN Report – November 2021

Membership	Total Members 378 (28 new 2021)
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with a Representative from Connect the Dots 1/11. This company has been engaged to facilitate consultation for the proposed Swan River Greenway • Ran Meet Your Elected Representative online events. Bray MD 4/11; Baltinglass MD 11/11; Arklow MD & Greystones MD cancelled due to low registration. Concerns & issues raised by member groups at the 2 events this year centred around the environment & biodiversity; protecting our local heritage; local infrastructure & housing, supporting asylum seekers who have been permitted residency, and participation & influence in local government in relation to community development. • Organised an initial meeting with PPN Environmental Reps and others to explore & discuss options for making an application under the Community Climate Action Programme: Climate Education, Capacity Building & Learning by Doing (Strand 2) scheme.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for National PPN Conference 2022 continues. A sub-group of the National Advisory Group met 17th Nov • Wicklow PPN Member Groups contributed to the Dept Environment, Climate & Communications in depth Climate Conversations earlier this year. The Resource Worker & Environmental Network members attended & contributed to the launch of the Climate Conversation Report 10 Nov. Minister Eamon Ryan also launched the Climate Action Fund at the event. • Resource Worker attended the Local Government Management Agency launch of services.localgov.ie. The website is a catalogue of the services provided by the local government sector in Ireland. It contains information on over 1,000 services that can be searched by various categories and is linked directly to each local authority, allowing people to access information about services in their area. • NAG Meeting 23/11. Updates were received on the following: PPN Structural Review Process; Proposed changes to the PPN Handbook; Seeking Tenders for a PPN Communications Strategy & resource development; 2020 Annual Report circulation, National PPN Conference planning; Funding & Financial Returns, and Training for PPN stakeholders. • RW Network Meeting 24/11 An opportunity to welcome new PPN workers and provide peer learning, support & development. The meeting included a report from DRCD on some of the items covered at the NAG meeting.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat meeting 9/11 (approved minutes on PPN website) • Met with PPN web-designer to develop an 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.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with our PPN's procedures, many of our PPN Representatives have reached the end of their allocated term. A comprehensive nomination & election process was launched on 1st November and closed on 15th November. This resulted in multiple

<p>*Submissions available to view on PPN website</p>	<p>nominations for 3 seats and a selection process was launched for members to decide which nominee should sit. The election process concluded 29 November and new Secretariat members and Representatives will be ratified by members at the Plenary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with the Local Authority Waters Programme to run a meeting to discuss Wicklow's Rivers & Lakes and provide information about the Public Consultation on the River Basin Management Plan • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Wicklow Age Friendly Survey; Swan River Greenway Bray Community Engagement; Connecting Ireland Consultation on Rural Transport; Draft River Basin Management Plan; Sth. Irish Sea Project- Energia Renewables Public Consultation; Draft NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area; European Study About Quality in Youth Volunteering; Traveller, Gardai & the Courts in Ireland Research; Safe Ireland Research in Social Inclusion Policy for Domestic Violence & Coercive Control
<p>Training & Capacity Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: We Act – Storytelling Training • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Environment & Nature Fund; Irish Hospice Foundation Seed Grants; Festival Investment Scheme; Rural Recovery Fund; Funding for the Provision of Services Supporting Victims in the Criminal Justice System 2022; Culture Ireland Grants; Communities Climate Action Programme; Community Activities Fund; Community Services Programme Support Fund • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
<p>Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 5th Nov; 12th Nov; 19th Nov; 26th Nov • Website updates • Facebook 1731 likes (13 monthly inc) 2090 follows (24 monthly inc.)
<p>Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made a presentation to the U3A (University of the 3rd Age) Bray group 3/11 • Sponsored/Presented a prize to East Coast Samaritans , winner of Volunteer Team Category, in the Co Wicklow Volunteer Awards • Attended Wicklow Travellers Group event for Traveller Pride. The event included a healing ceremony, the official opening of the new Youth Room and a photographic exhibition of the WTG throughout the ages.
<p>Administration/ HR</p>	<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
<p>Planning/ Upcoming Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising & running PPN nomination & election process for PPN Representative Positions • Organise & run Plenary (members meeting) 2 December • Continue to plan & organise for National Conference • Organise welcome, induction & supports for new Secretariat members & Representatives • Prepare end of year reports for PPN, local authority & national stakeholders • Prepare 2022 Workplan • Develop & populate events/funding page on PPN website

