

County Wicklow PPN Report – October 2021

Membership	Total Members 376 (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. Due to unforeseen circumstance the Wicklow MD Event was cancelled, and the Greystones MD Event has been re-scheduled. • Met with a sub-group from the WCC Disability & Inclusion SPC (DISC) to discuss 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 4/10. DISC, through WCC is applying for the new Disability Participation & Awareness Fund to fund this action along with other actions identified by the various DISC subgroups. Attended a DISC meeting 27/10 • Met with the Respond Refugee Resettlement Support Workers. The project supports refugees (mainly Syrian nationals to date) to integrate into the community. This programme is scheduled to conclude at the end of this year unless an extension is applied for and granted.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for National PPN Conference 2022 is underway. A sub-group of the National Advisory Group met 6th Oct. • Representatives from PPN staff, hosting body, WCC and Secretariat met with representatives from Cork City PPN to share information on how the PPN hosting arrangement works in Wicklow. Cork City PPN are currently tendering for a PPN hosting arrangement • PPN Resource Worker presented the role and learnings of Wicklow PPN and the PPNs nationally at the Dept. Rural & Community Development webinar, Community Call: Learning for the Future. Over 300 delegates attended representing, national government, local government, PPNs, and community & statutory agencies
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised PPN policies including Constitution; Election Policy & Nomination Form; Complaints Procedure; Reps Code of Conduct; Sub-groups Terms of Reference; Member Re-registration Protocol; and Safe Driving Policy. Policies sent to member groups for feedback and approval. • Secretariat meeting 19/10 (approved minutes on PPN website) • Worked with Signal Arts Centre, County Wicklow Partnership and Aughrim Community Sports Centre Committee to run a community networking event 23/10. The event brought together an LGBT+ youth group and representatives from various other groups. 38 people discussed “What could supporting communities look like”
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made a submission to the Co Wicklow Policing Plan 2022 • Made a submission to the Joint Policing Committee Draft Guidelines • 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 seeking volunteers to consider becoming PPN Representatives to various committees is being planned to open for nomination on 1st November • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Baltinglass CCTV Survey; Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy Consultation; Community Group

	<p>Insurance; Engagement with communities & interested parties on forestry; Draft overarching national standards for the care & support of children using health & social care services; South Irish Sea project energy renewables public consultation; A well-being framework for Ireland; New communities partnership consultations.</p>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran Sourcing Funding for Your Group in collaboration with Carmichael 7/10. The session highlighted various fundraising strategies and sources. Participants also received a funding manual. 35 people attended, sharing their fundraising experiences & information on bank and insurance charges • Ran Looking After Your Group's Money in collaboration with Carmichael 14/10. This workshop highlighted the importance of financial management and provided information in relation to good fiscal practises and reporting 16 people attended • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Digital upskilling for heritage enthusiasts, Building resilience course for community leaders, Getting connected online, Healthy eating for healthy communities. • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Volunteer Ireland Awards; St Patrick's Festival x Tik Tok; Older Person's Fund; Awareness Raising Initiatives for Social Enterprises; ESB Energy for Generations; Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme; Covid 19 Response Fund; Katie Taylor Bursary; Rural Recovery Fund; Environment & Nature Fund; Irish Hospice Foundation Seedgrants • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin: 1st Oct; 8th Oct, 15th Oct, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct • Website updates • Facebook 1718 likes (4 monthly inc) 2066 follows (5 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 • Sponsoring a prize in the Co Wicklow Volunteer Awards for the Volunteer Team Category.
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 • Resource Worker Appraisal 19/10. Preparation for Support Worker Appraisal 21/10
Planning/Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising & running PPN nomination & election process for PPN Representative Positions • Meeting with Tim Shea, Connect the Dots Re Public Engagement Re Swan River Greenway & Oldcourt Connectivity Scheme 1/11 • Presenting Volunteer Team Award at the Co Wicklow Volunteer Awards 2/11 • Presenting Co Wicklow PPN to The Bray Heads U3A group • Meet the Elected Representatives Bray MD 4/11, Baltinglass MD 11/11, Greystones MD 16/11? • Secretariat Meeting 9/11 • Wicklow Travellers Group Traveller Pride Event 9/11

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