

**County Wicklow PPN Report – 1<sup>st</sup> – 31st January 2022**

Membership	<a href="#">Total Members</a> 378
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended meeting WCC Disability &amp; Inclusion Committee 18/1. Updates provided from subgroups &amp; ongoing work including: Funding received for the development of an Inclusion Strategy for the county as well as communications boards and accessibility work in playgrounds; workshops to provide information on the Convention of Rights for People with Disabilities to take place.</li> <li>• Creative Places Meeting. Wicklow Co. Co. Arts Officer presented details of the planned proposal for Baltinglass to the Creative Places Arts Council Fund. The meeting sought to establish consultation and collaboration with organisations working with/in the area.</li> <li>• Networked Wicklow Active Retirement Association with Wicklow Community Services, Wicklow Local Sports Partnership, Healthy Food Made Easy Programme &amp; Wicklow Older People’s Council for information &amp; supports 27/1</li> </ul>
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked intensely on an application for the Community Climate Action Programme (Funding): Climate Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing (Strand 2). Working in close collaboration with Irish Rural Link, WCC Environment Section, and the SEAI Sustainable Energy Community mentors from Kildare &amp; Wicklow, the project is seeking significant funding to support voluntary Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) in Wicklow, Kildare and Meath to implement their Energy Master Plans (EMPs). The project (if funded) will consult with SECs to identify the barriers to implementation so far as well as any supports they need. It will develop &amp; provide training and information resources as well as supporting SECs to do demonstration projects. The whole process will be documented with the aim of developing a toolkit that will guide &amp; support SECs across the country to implement the actions in their EMPs. Notification of application outcome expected in April. Meetings 5/1, 10/1, 17/1, 20/1,24/1, 25/1, 26/1 &amp; Pobal workshop 13/1</li> <li>• National PPN Resource Workers Meeting 19/1. Peer support for RWs included an update from Dept Rural &amp; Community Development &amp; PPN National Advisory Group; Update on Local Community Safety Programme (Waterford pilot)</li> <li>• National PPN Conference Subgroup Meeting 19/1. Discussed topics for a selection of webinars that will replace the conference in 2022</li> <li>• National Disability Authority Focus Group with Public Officials 20/1. Met with various Depts &amp; government agencies to discuss best practise in consulting with People with Disabilities</li> </ul>
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat meeting 18/1 included: discussions on 2022 Workplan &amp; budgets; Subgroups (of the Secretariat) development; discussions on PPN Policies &amp; Service Level Agreements; and various other work updates. The meeting concluded with the Annual Members Survey Draw.</li> <li>• Organising Secretariat &amp; Representatives meeting for peer support &amp; direction for 2022 work</li> </ul>
Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for nominations for vacant PPN Secretariat &amp; Representatives positions</li> </ul>

<p>Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Induction meeting with current &amp; incoming PPN Reps to the County Wicklow Partnership Board 11/1 to provide peer support &amp; information</li> <li>● Organising induction meetings for all new PPN Reps</li> <li>● Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Equality Bodies – binding standards; NTMK Community &amp; Work Study; Draft Rier Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027; Wicklow Age Friendly Survey; Wicklow Comhairle – Youth Attitudes to Drugs; Decision Support Services – Draft Code of Conduct; NUIG Research – Lived Experiences During Covid 19 for the Over 70s TII – Draft Guidelines Relating to Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment; Review of the School Transport Scheme; National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap</li> </ul>
<p>Training &amp; Capacity Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Highlighted/Advertised Training &amp; Workshops: CWP Climate Action for Communities; Living Well Programme; Wicklow LSP Couch to 3K; SDG Advocate Training; Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement; NYCI One World Training</li> <li>● Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Community Activities Fund; Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia Fund; Community Water Development Fund; Wind Farm Community Funds; Rural Regeneration &amp; Development Fund; Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 Sponsorship Fund; Mental Health Grant Scheme, Toy Show Appeal, Social Enterprise Funding, Patagonia Environmental Fund, Heritage Funds (Built &amp; Community).</li> <li>● Launched PPN Funding Handbook to new <a href="#">Funding &amp; Events Page</a> on PPN website</li> </ul>
<p>Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Circulated Update E-bulletin 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</li> <li>● <a href="#">Website</a> updates</li> <li>● <a href="#">Facebook</a> 1745 likes (incr. 9) 2110 follows (incr. 8)</li> </ul>
<p>Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting with Wicklow Community Services 26/1 (Member Group) to support networking with Wicklow Active Retirement Association &amp; Wicklow Town ICA</li> </ul>
<p>Administration/ HR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting</li> <li>● HR Committee working on response to DRCD circular Re salary payments</li> </ul>
<p>Planning/ Upcoming Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secretariat &amp; Reps meeting 1 Feb</li> <li>● Disability Research Project Meeting 2 Feb</li> <li>● Meeting with WCC Re LECP Development 3 Feb</li> <li>● National Advisory Group Annual Report Subgroup meeting 3 Feb</li> <li>● Presentation to WCC Members Meeting 7 Feb</li> <li>● Induction Meetings for TWES SPC Rep &amp; CCSD Reps 7 Feb</li> <li>● Secretariat Meeting 8 Feb</li> <li>● LCSC Reps Meeting 8 Feb</li> <li>● Presentation to Wicklow Active Retirement Group 15 Feb</li> <li>● Disability &amp; Inclusion Steering Committee Meeting 23 Feb</li> <li>● Liaison Subgroup Meeting (TBC)</li> </ul>