

County Wicklow PPN Report – 1st – 30th April 2022

Membership	<p><u>Total Members</u> 388</p>
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PPN/WCC/LCDC Expression of Interest to secure Dormant Accounts Funding (through DRCD & Pobal) to pilot a project that will encourage hard to reach groups to engage with the Local Economic & Community Plan planning process was successful. Work has begun to plan for Municipal District Consultation Workshops for the PPN Visions for Community Wellbeing and the Co Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan. The workshops will be run in May. In addition, work has begun to plan and implement the engagement project with hard to reach communities. • Attended regular weekly meetings of the Co Wicklow Community Response Forum. This is an interagency group set up to share information and coordinate supports to help those fleeing the war in Ukraine. The meetings take place online and are chaired by Wicklow Co Council. • Attended meeting of Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee 20/4. A Co Wicklow Disability Strategy will be developed over the coming months. A tender will circulate to engage a consultant to support the development of a toolkit that will support community groups to make their services and activities as accessible as possible. • Meeting with new Co Wicklow Age Friendly Coordinator for information sharing and peer support 28/4
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information and peer support to Dublin City PPN in relation to developing & using Our Visions for Community Wellbeing • At the invitation of Coalition 2030 & the Roscommon Environmental network, presented the work Co Wicklow PPN & WCC are doing to encourage engagement with consultations on Our Vision for Community Wellbeing & the Co Wicklow Local & Economic Plan. 2 events were held, one targeting environmental networks across the country (37 attendees) and one targeting PPN stakeholders (52 Attendees).
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Policy Subgroup meeting 6/4. The group considered the impact of a Dept Circular on the PPN Constitution and reviewed the PPN Financial Policy • Secretariat Meeting 12/4 Discussion, advice & guidance on the PPN Workplan & Finance. Minutes of Secretariat meetings available on website • PPN team (Secretariat, Representatives & PPN Workers) collaborating to complete the 2021 Annual Report Template for the Dept. Rural & Community Development. Over 100 survey questions seek information about PPN membership, structures & networks, governance, representation, support, training, and events.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Consultation Workshops for Visions for Community Wellbeing & LECP • Meeting with CABA SPC Reps for peer support 25/4 • PPN Reps attended the Local Community Development Committee meeting 27/4 • PPN Reps attended the Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC meeting 28/4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Our Vision for Community Wellbeing/LECP Online Survey, Food Waste Prevention Roadmap, Census 2022, 21 Actions to Tackle Racism Survey, Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Cúntú Development Plan, The Impact of Covid 19 on Persons with Disabilities, Unveiling Inequality, a peer support project exploring experience of LGBT Travellers & Roma.
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Worker attended UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities and the public sector duty Training. Ran 4 training workshops (topics identified by member groups) 6/4 Meet the Funders – focus on funding streams administered by WCC & LEADER Funding 35 attendees benefited, 13/4 Meet the Funders – focus on corporate funding including presentations from Community Foundation Ireland, Sth. East Fisheries Local Action Group, Wind Farm Funding and Eirgrid 27 attendees received information and tips, Risk Management for Community Groups facilitated by Carmichael Centre, 20 attendees received useful advice, 27/4 Insurance for Community Groups, 22 groups received information provided by BHP insurance. Feedback from these sessions have been very positive. Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Fundamentals of Micro volunteering, Five Ways to Wellbeing Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Ideas Academy, Communities Integration Fund, European Year of Youth Micro Grants Scheme, International Charity Bazaar, Clar Funding, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund, Lets Fund It, Ireland Increasing Digital Reach Initiative Fund, Arklow Municipal District Festivals Funding, AXA Parks Fund
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated Update E-bulletin 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th April Website updates Facebook 1785 likes (monthly incr. 6) 2175 follows (monthly incr. 15)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with volunteer to format & unify all PPN policy documents Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting HR Committee working on response to DRCD circular Re salary payments
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 In person Consultation Workshops (1 per MD) Visions for Community Wellbeing/ Co Wicklow LECP – planning & running 1 online Consultation Workshop (for all MDs) Vision for Community Wellbeing/Co Wicklow LECP – planning & running Engage Consultant & Plan for Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project Secretariat Meeting 10/5 Complete & submit 2021 Annual Report Attend Salesforce Training 5/5 Attend National PPN webinar on Insurance for Community groups 17/5 Resource Workers Network meeting 18/5 Disability Access & Inclusion Meeting 19/5 PPN Liaison Sub Group Meeting 23/5 Environmental Network Meeting/Consultation for VCWB & LECP 28/5