

County Wicklow PPN Report – 1st – 31st March 2022

Membership	Total Members 385
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Co Wicklow Partnership, Wicklow Women’s Social Inclusion Network & WCC, ran a workshop with over 60 women from diverse backgrounds 8/03. The consultation workshop will feed into the review of the Visions for Community Wellbeing and the development of a new Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan • Working with WCC/Wicklow LCDC to develop an 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. Attended an online webinar 9/3. Wrote & submitted EOI 23/3 • Attended a meeting of the Wicklow Refugee Resettlement Interagency Working Group 15/3 to share information & responses to the Ukraine crisis • Developed an online questionnaire run in collaboration with Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre to survey the community response to the Ukraine crisis. Circulated survey to all PPN member groups and groups registered with the Volunteer Centre • Attended meeting of Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee 23/3. Attended DISC sub-group meeting 24/3 • Attended a meeting on the 31/3 organised by the West Wicklow Interagency group to support the settlement of Ukrainian Families in Baltinglass.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meeting of National PPN Workers Network for information sharing & peer support
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat Meeting 8/3 Discussion, advice & guidance on the PPN Workplan & Finance. Minutes of Secretariat meetings available on website • Completed, signed, and submitted 2021 PPN Financial Reporting Template as part of Dept funding requirement • Network & Peer Support Meeting for groups that are responsible for community centres meeting re-scheduled from 10/3 (physical meeting) to 31/3 (online meeting). 4 groups presented their experience and the group discussed issues of: ownership, governance, insurance, and operational issues. 14 people joined the call.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed an online survey to feed into the review of Our Visions for Community Wellbeing and the Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan. Launched this in collaboration with WCC through social & local media channels. Survey available online here: Vision for Community Wellbeing - Google Forms Hard copies available to collect & return to local libraries • Arranging induction process for new environmental representatives on the PPN Secretariat and new representative on the Local Link Transport committee.

	<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
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organising Training on Funding, Risk Management, Responsibility & Insurance. 4 sessions to take place on Wednesday evenings in April. Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement, Ready & Able to Rebuild After Covid, SMART Villages Training, Environmental Sensitivity Mapping Webtool Training, Fundamentals of Micro volunteering, Alone Free Digital Skills Training Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Training Links Programme, Community Centres investment Fund, Music Capital Grants Scheme, WCC Community Awards, Equity in Education Fund
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated Update E-bulletin 4th, 11th, 25th March Website updates Facebook 1779 likes (incr. 12) 2160 follows (incr. 25)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Wicklow County Council's Library Service event for International Women's Day.
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"> Meeting with Pobal Re EOI on LECP Engagement Strategies 4/4 DISC Training: UN Convention Rights of Persons with Disabilities Helen 5/4, Grainne 27/4 Training Sessions: Meet the Funder: CWP & WCC 6/4, Meet the Funders: CFI, Eirgrid, Flag, Onshore Wind Farms etc 13/4, Risk Management 20/4, Insurance for Community Groups 27/4 PPN Policy Subgroup Meeting 6/4 Secretariat Meeting 12/4