

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

Membership	Total Members 393
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meetings of the Co Wicklow Community Response Forum 13/5, 27/5. 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 19/5. A consultant has been engaged & a Co Wicklow Disability Strategy will be developed over the coming months. Subgroup working to make Bray Air Display accessible. Abuse of disabled parking bays highlighted as an accessibility issue. Researching accessibility of county beaches. Reader pens approved for Wicklow libraries. • 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. A planning meeting took place with Pobal 30/5. Work began to engage a consultant/coordinator for the project. It is hoped to have the coordinator in place in early June.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended National PPN Insurance Webinar 17/5. Presentations by Peter Boland from The Alliance for Insurance Reform and Nick Ryan from BHP Insurance. • Attended PPN Resource Workers Network Meeting 18/5, Peer support & information sharing • Provided a video presentation on Wicklow experience in developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing and its use for South Dublin PPN Plenary meeting 26/5 • Community Climate Action Programme Funding: decision on this funding stream expected by the end of June. • Secretariat member attended PPN National Secretariat Network meeting
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat Meeting 10/5 Discussion, advice & guidance on the PPN Workplan & Finance. Minutes of Secretariat meetings available on website • Liaison Subgroup Meeting 30/5. Group consists of 1 representative from each: Local Authority, PPN Secretariat, PPN Hosting Organisation and the Resource Worker. The group reviews & supports the continual development of the PPN & its work from each of the stakeholders perspective.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Secretariat Member for Peer Support 17/5 • PPN Reps attended Public Joint Policing Committee meeting in Newtown 4/5. • Collaborating with WCC to run consultations to review PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing Statements & to feed into the Local Economic & Community Plan. Physical consultations ran for Comhairle na nOg Youth Summit, Wicklow, Greystones, Baltinglass, Bray & Arklow Municipal Districts, and Environmental interest groups. An online session also took place. Over 320 people have engaged with this process. Information is being transcribed into reports.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed PPN submission to the WCC Customer Services Strategy using information received during recent consultations • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Our Vision for Community Wellbeing/LECP Consultations, Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the County Development Plan, Unveiling Inequality, a peer support project exploring experience of LGBT Travellers & Roma, National Strategy on Outdoor Recreations, National Survey on Wellbeing & Social Inclusion, WCC Customer Services Strategy, Arklow Household Energy Survey, Autism Innovation Strategy, Electrical Vehicle Charing Infrastructure Strategy, Sustainable Development Goals National Stakeholder Forum, Barn Owl Survey.
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support worker attended Salesforce Training 5/5 • PPN Workers attended Dept. Environment information session in relation to running this year's Climate Conversation 25/5 • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Managing Development Project Costs, Living Well Programme, Threshold Mental Health & Wellbeing Coaching, Remote Working for Rural Social Enterprise, Community Buddy Training Programme, Fundamentals of Volunteer Engagement. • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Community Centre Investment Fund, AXA Parks Fund, Parent & Toddler Group Funding, Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May • Website updates • Facebook 1785 likes (monthly incr. 14) 2200 follows (monthly incr. 25) • Newspaper Articles: 7 articles/adverts/reports Re: Vision for Community Wellbeing/LECP Consultations
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Greystones LivComm Community Exhibition 8/5. Spoke to all exhibiting groups and encouraged engagement with VCWB/LECP consultations • Secretariat member attended launch of Brockagh Community Hub 26/5 • Met with Community Liaison Officers from Codling Wind Park to discuss community connections and the benefits to the community from future funding opportunities through the community benefits fund 31/5 • Attended Tearmann Community Garden Annual Summer Celebration. Spoke with Project committee members and other local community groups.
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted quarterly lobbying report to Lobbying Authority • Resource Worker/Support Worker Supervision • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting • Processed 5 New Membership Applications.

Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to engage with Community Response Forum (fortnightly), West Wicklow Interagency Group (monthly) & Disability Inclusion Steering Committee (monthly)• Meeting with Arklow Bay Hotel Re PPN National Conference 2023 2/6• Induction & Peer Support for new PPN Representatives 7/6• DRCD Audit of PPN 2020 Accounts 9/6• Meeting with Eirgrid Representatives• Climate Conversation (Date TBC)• PPN Plenary (Members Meeting) 25/6• PPN National Advisory Group Meeting (Date TBC)
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