County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st August

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 401
Networking/ Working Locally	 Engagement with community activists working to facilitate social inclusion to encourage them to participate in the WCC/PPN Engagement Strategy Project. Meeting with coordinator 16/8. Following initial telephone conversations, contacted targeted community groups by Email with further information. Followed up by coordinator to arrange an initial meeting in September for all participating groups. Met with Pobal coordinator and other 3 pilot projects (Clare, Galway City, Fingal) 25/8 for information sharing and development of processes to record and share learning from the projects. Meeting with Co Wicklow Age Friendly Program Manager 29/8 to discuss the development of Co Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy and to provide links to various community groups & services that could inform and support its development & implementation. Meeting with WCC Environmental Officer 31/8. Aim of meeting to plan for SDG's week (20 -26th Sept). Decision to focus on raising awareness campaign and encouraging groups to link and map their activities to the SDGs. 'Fill the Wheel & Map the Goals'
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	 Meeting with representatives from Eirgrid 10/8 to provide local information that will support them to run public information & engagement sessions in Co Wicklow on 21st & 22nd of September. PPN Resource Workers Network meeting 17/8. The meeting focused on the call for input to the PPN Review Report recommendations. Views were shared and a sub-group was set up to compile a Resource Worker submission Wicklow Resource Worker contributed to Resource Workers subgroup meeting 23/8 to compile the Resource Workers submission to the call for input to the PPN Review Report Recommendations. Attended DRCD PPN Communications webinar 24/8. Meeting focused on developing a national branding for the PPNs. 4 possible options were presented and PPNs have been asked to choose their preferred option and submit their choice to DRCD by 9/9 (please see PPN Newsletter 26/8) Wicklow Support Worker met online with new Leitrim Support Worker 29/8 for peer support. Attended DRCD PPN Advisory Supports Webinar 31/8. DRCD has recently engaged The Wheel and Adare HRM to provide supports to PPNs
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	 PPN Review Report Sub-group meeting 2/8. Group set up to compile a submission to the PPN Review Report & recommendations using their experience and feed in from member groups. Submission made on 29/8 & available to read on PPN website. Analysis and collation of data from the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations continues. Meeting of PPN Liaison Subgroup 29/8. This group includes 1 representative from each: Wicklow Travellers Group (PPN hosting), Wicklow County Council, PPN Secretariat and the Resource Worker. Focus on work & finance updates for main Stakeholder groups

	 Salesforce Support meeting with COMM-IT 31/8. Discussed re- registration, data cleansing, accessing stats on mass mailings, addition of function to calculate no. of meeting attendees.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	 One to one support meeting with PPN Rep 23/8 Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: DRCD PPN Structural Review Report Consultation; SJI PPN Structural Review Report Consultation; Shelmalere Offshore Wind Farm Environment Impact Assessment Report, South Irish Sea Offshore Wind Project; National Climate Conversation; SJI & IRL Wellbeing & Just Transition in Rural Communities Survey; PPN National Branding; Volunteers Experience of Volunteer Management; Digital Public Services; Local Property Tax 2023 – Setting a Local Adjustment Factor; Supporting Young People Facing Loneliness & Isolation; Referendum on Housing in Ireland; Rural Ideas For a – Public Transport & Opportunities for Rural Ireland; Part 8 152 Housing Units at Lott Lane Kilcoole; Part 8 Installation of footpaths & public lighting on Herbert Road Bray
Training & Capacity Building	 Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: SJI – PPN Stakeholder Training; Safe Talk Training; Wellness Recovery Action Plan Program; Entrepreneurship Course for People with Disabilities; Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service; Equal Ireland – Certificate in Enterprise & Community Development; Equal Ireland – BA in Business, Social Enterprise & Community Development Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Meet & Code Fund; Visual Artists Workplace Scheme; WCC Tree Grant; Health Eating Projects; DAF Scaling Fund for Social Enterprises; International Protection Integration Fund
Communications	 Circulated Update E-bulletin 26th August Website updates Facebook 1828 likes (monthly incr. 14) 2258 follows (monthly incr. 16)
Outreach	 Hosted a Wicklow PPN stand at the Tinahely Agricultural Show 1/8. Excellent networking opportunity. PPNs from Wexford & Carlow have expressed an interest in joining us at next year's event Attended Wicklow Travellers Group Traveller Pride event 17/8
Administration/ HR	Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reportingSubmitted quarterly lobbying return
Planning/ Upcoming Work	 Continue to progress WCC/PPN Engagement Strategy Project Continue to collate & analyse data from the Vision for Community Wellbeing Consultations Attend National Advisory Group Annual Report Sub-Group meeting 7/9 PPN Secretariat Meeting 13/9 Staff Annual Leave Helen: 9/9 – 25/9 Plan & organise autumn training program.