

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st July

Membership	Total Members 401
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and engaging with community activists working to facilitate social inclusion to encourage them to participate in the WCC/PPN Engagement Strategy Project. Dr Harriet Emerson has been contracted to coordinate & manage this piece of work for WCC/Wicklow LCDC. An initial planning meeting took place on 18/7 • The WCC Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee has contracted Hannah Greene to develop and produce a handbook for community groups, services and facilities for the purpose of counteracting barriers to access in County Wicklow for persons experiencing exclusion through disability. Work will begin on this in September. • The Citizens Information & Co. Wicklow Network for Older People research project on Accessing Online Financial Services – Focus Group in Donard. Organising venue and promoting the session to people over 60 in the area.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Resource Workers Network meeting 13/7. Main discussions included: the National PPN Review Report and developing a response; PPN budgets & developing a submission to DRCD seeking an increase in funding (PPNs have not had an increase to their funding allocation since inception in 2015) • National PPN Secretariat Meeting 14/7 – Secretariat Rep brought a motion from the Wicklow PPN Members meeting to request that the 31 PPNs jointly make a submission for DRCD support in the alignment of PPN staff Terms & Conditions with that of statutory agencies, particularly in relation to providing job security through multi-annual funding • Resource Worker Sub-group meetings 19/7, 26/7 Group formed to develop a submission to Dep Rural & Community Development for an increase in PPN funding in 2023.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat meeting 12/7. Topics of discussion included: finance & audit including a submission to DRCD to request an increase in budget for PPNS, National PPN Review Report & developing a Wicklow response; PPN National Conference 2022 & 2023; Progress on the LECP Engagement Strategies Project; Approval of new members & Reps. Secretariat minutes available on PPN website. • Analysis and collation of data from the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations. The majority of the material (5 MD Workshops) has been analysed & categorised. This will continue in August (online surveys, online consultation, environmental consultation, and consultation for International Women’s Day)
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Induction new PPN Rep to the WCC Transport, Water & Emergency Services SPC and new Greystones Area Rep to the Secretariat • One to one support meeting with PPN Rep 4/7 • Resource & Support Workers attended Social Justice Ireland consultations on the recent PPN Review Report 19/7 & 26/7 • Meeting with Disability Strategy sub-group to support the community consultations. Attended the online consultation meeting 7/7 • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: DRCD PPN Structural Review Report Consultation; SJI PPN Structural Review Report Consultation;

	<p>Shelmalere Offshore Wind Farm Environment Impact Assessment Report, South Irish Sea Offshore Wind Project; National Climate Conversation; Public Libraries Strategy; Explore Your Shore Survey; SJI & IRL Wellbeing & Just Transition in Rural Communities Survey; WCC Disability & Inclusion Strategy; Food Poverty in Co Wicklow, Model for Health Information Standards; ILMI Housing Consultation; National Survey on Pay & Conditions of Employment in the Community & Voluntary and Charities Sector</p>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: MUI Addiction Studies Level 7; Sports Inclusion & Disability Awareness Raising; Gone Past Talking Programme; Entrepreneurship for People with Disabilities Community buddy training programme, Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Dublin Bus Community Spirit; Coca Cola Thank You Fund; Community Car Scheme; Artist in the Community Scheme; KWETB Reach Fund; WCC Tree Grant Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme, Community Centres Investment Fund, WCC Tidy Towns Estates & Sustainable Development Awards, Ireland Community Play Fund, Community Centre Fund, Night Time Economy Fund; ESB Energy for Generations Fund; UN International Day for Eradication of Poverty Funding
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 8th & 29th July • Website updates • Facebook 1828 likes (monthly incr. 15) 2242 follows (monthly incr. 20)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the structure and work of Wicklow PPN to the Board of Wicklow Travellers group 25/7 • Prep for hosting a stand in The Best of Wicklow Tent at the Tinahely Show
Administration/HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Worker/Support Worker Supervision • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting
Planning/Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Wicklow PPN Stand at Tinahely Show • PPN Review Report Submission Subgroup Meeting 8/8 • PPN Review Report National Resource Workers Meeting 17/8 • Continue to analyse and collate information from Vision for Community Wellbeing/LECP Consultations • Continue to progress the WCC/PPN Engagement Strategies Project • Meeting of Engagement Strategies Pilot Projects (Wicklow, Clare, Galway & Fingal) 25/8 • Staff Annual Leave: Grainne: 2 August – 22nd August, Helen: 2 August – 8th August