

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 30th June

Membership	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Members</u> 397</p>
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meetings of the West Wicklow Interagency Group 1/6, 23/6. Issues discussed included: health & counselling services for refugees, supports for English language classes and education provision for children, supports to facilitate employment, transport provision, and summer activities for children • Attended meeting of Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee 23/6. Items discussed included: Development of a Disability Strategy for the county, Tender for work to develop a toolkit to support groups & services to be more accessible, improving accessibility on the county's beaches and at local events.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Worker along with Environmental staff from WCC met with Eirgrid Representatives 14/6 to support consultation with the community in relation to future work in the county that Eirgrid will undertake to improve the power grid and the community benefit fund. • Attended PPN National Advisory Group meeting 20/6. An update was provided on the PPN Review & next steps as well as reports given from the various subgroups. • Meeting with Intern from Institute of Public Administration 23/6 to provide information on the Wicklow project to support engagement with marginalized communities in the LECP planning and decision-making processes.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for 2023 National PPN Conference in Wicklow. Meeting with sub-group members and hotel management 2/6 • Secretariat meeting 14/6. Topics of discussion included: finance & audit, LECP/VCWB consultations, Disability Strategy consultations, organising for Climate Conversations, organising for Plenary, planning for National Conference 2022 & 2023. Secretariat minutes available on PPN website. • PPN Summer Plenary (and street feast) 25/6 in CEART (Wicklow Travellers Group) Wicklow Town. 25 people represented 20 member groups (49 apologies noted). The Plenary approved: 2022 Workplan, new member groups, new PPN Representatives, PPN Finance (budgets, expenditure, and processes), and amendments to the Constitution and Finance Policy. <u>The Meeting passed the following Motion:</u> At this Meeting (2022 Mid-Year Plenary) there was support for the Management team of Co. Wicklow PPN (Secretariat & Resource Worker) to pursue discussion on employment terms and conditions for PPN staff including funding, equality, and non-discriminatory practices. Minutes & reports from the meeting will be made available on our website.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Community Cultural & Social Development SPC meeting PPN Reps 7/6 & 27/6 to welcome new member to the team and prepare for the next SPC meeting. • Meeting with Disability Strategy sub-group to support the community consultations. Attended the online consultation meeting 22/6 • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Co Wicklow PPN Climate Conversation, Co Wicklow Strategy for Disability & Inclusion, Food Poverty in Co Wicklow, Arklow Household Energy Survey, , Public

	Libraries Strategy, Open Data Strategy, SDG National Implementation Plan, Barn Owl Survey, Strategic Vision for our Future Forrest Estate, Explore Your Shore Survey
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Community buddy training programme, Fundamentals of volunteer engagement, Living well programme, How to ensure your charity is up to date on the Register of Charities, Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: European Year of Youth Micro Grant Scheme, Town & Village Renewal, Ireland for Ukraine Fund, Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme, Creative Wicklow, Community Centres Investment Fund, WCC Tidy Towns Estates & Sustainable Development Awards, Ireland Community Play Fund, Community Centre Fund, Night Time Economy Fund
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 1st, 24th June • Website updates • Facebook 1813 likes (monthly incr. 28) 2222 follows (monthly incr. 22)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Arklow member groups: Arklow Pyramid Project Heritage Group, Arklow RNLI, Beresford Terrace Residents Group. • Attended Slaintecare Healthy Communities launch in Bray 3/6
Administration/HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with host organisation (WTG), facilitated DRCD to audit Wicklow PPN 2020 Accounts & Financial Practises. • Resource Worker/Support Worker Supervision • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting
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) • Induction/information meeting with PPN Rep 4/7 • Secretariat meeting 12/7 • Resource Workers Network meeting 13/7 • Presentation to Wicklow Travellers Group Board 25/7 • Meeting of Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Projects 26/7