

## Let's Keep This Wheel Rolling!



To mark Ireland's first Sustainable Development Goals week, Wicklow County Council and Co Wicklow PPN are asking groups to share details of their projects/actions/campaigns etc. which are helping to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Please join us and let's highlight how Community Groups in Co. Wicklow are helping to deliver on this blueprint for dignity, peace and prosperity for people and the planet

All you need to do is simply click on the button below to access the Wicklow SDG Mapping Tool or you can email your groups details to [info@countywicklowppn.ie](mailto:info@countywicklowppn.ie)

If you want to chat about your groups actions and how its relates to the SDGs or to find out more about the Mapping Tool please don't hesitate to contact us (Jim Callery 089 968 0346 or Grainne Quinn 089 968 7434)

Wicklow SDG Mapping Tool

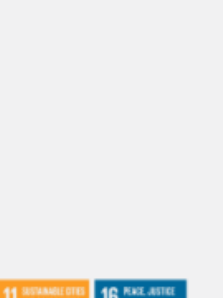
### About the Wicklow Sustainable Development Goals Mapping Tool

Jim Callery, Environmental Awareness Officer with Wicklow County Council said "Here in Co. Wicklow we are sharing all the great actions and campaigns that deliver for a sustainable future in the county. Wicklow County Council has developed a mapping tool that groups can use to easily record their activities and attach them to the SDGs. This enables us to paint a great picture of how Co Wicklow communities are doing their bit to meet the SDG targets"

★ *Wicklow Sustainable Development Goals Mapping Tools won Gold in Best Environmental or Ecological Project or Initiative at the 2022 All Ireland Community & Council Awards* ★

Find out more about our Campaign for Sustainable Development Goals Week 2022 from our [article](#) in the Wicklow People.

### 17 Goals to Transform our World More about the Goals



*Sustainable development means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all

In September 2015, UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ("Transforming our World"). The 2030 Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity and applies to both developed and developing countries.

The focus of the 2030 Agenda is the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their respective 169 sub-targets.

All 17 SDGs are integrated and indivisible.

They form the 3 essential pillars for sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

### How the SDGs work



Agenda 2030 uses a five dimensional model of sustainable development, known as the "Five Ps" which includes:

- People
- Planet
- Prosperity
- Peace
- Partnership

Agenda 2030 aims to meet the Goals for all nations, people and all segments of society and it pledges that no one will be left behind.



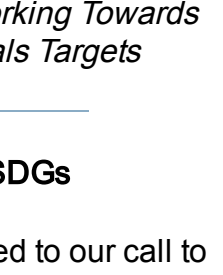
The Goals apply equally to every country, and are based on the idea that ending poverty, protecting the environment and strengthening human rights are mutually beneficial and reliant on each other for success, and cannot be achieved separately.

Agenda 2030 is voluntary and not legally binding, but every country has agreed to implement the SDGs and every country is expected to develop a national framework setting out how they will be achieved.

The SDGs belong to everyone and we all have a part to play.



### From Global to Local



Short Video: Co Wicklow Community Groups Working Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Targets

### Local Actions helping to deliver on the SDGs

Thank you to the groups that have already responded to our call to "Fill the Wheel & Map the Goals". We have included below the stories shared with us. We hope that these will help to raise awareness of the significance of the work that you all do in your community and encourage you to share details of your groups work and its alignment to the Sustainable Development Goals and in so doing help us to Fill the Wheel.

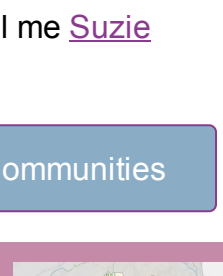
To access the stories submitted click on the Group name. Many of the groups/actions are aligned to more than one of the Goals.

- Brockagh Resource Centre - Digital Hub
- Blessington Women's Shed
- Common Ground Community Led Housing
- Co. Wicklow PPN
- Food Cloud Arklow
- Go Greener Grange Con
- Greystones Family Resource Centre
- Greystones Tidy Towns
- Library Service (Greystones)
- The Bray Heads USA
- West Wicklow Environmental Network
- Wicklow Travellers Group
- Wicklow Tidy Towns - Sustainable Energy Community
- Wicklow Aquanauts

and a final one from the Local Enterprise Office of Wicklow County Council.

We would love to hear from your group/club/organisation and continue to *Fill the Wheel* and map the contribution we are all making to delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals in Co. Wicklow.

### And Back to Global: European Day of Sustainable Communities 2022



### Connect promote & Put your Autumn community actions on the European Map of Sustainable Actions

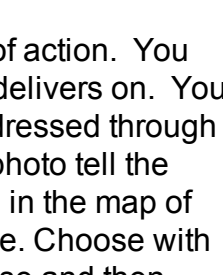
Register an event, meeting, group meetup or gathering happening around the week of 17th September

And find others in Ireland and across Europe working for community led action on sustainability!

If you need any help or have questions please email me [Suzie Cahill](mailto:Suzie.Cahill@eircom.net) your Irish country contact for the EDSC.

More about the European Day of Sustainable Communities

### How to map your action on Wicklow's Sustainable Development Goal Map



The map and a submission form can be found on Wicklow County Council's [website](#)

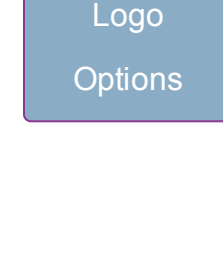
To view the map click on 'This map' which will bring you to the map displaying all goals. You can zoom in or out to get a closer look at what's happening in your area. The left column shows a photo and description for individual actions which you can scroll down through. The right column is the 17 goals and can be used to refine your search to one or more goals.

The website contains an online form which anyone can use to map an action. It can be a big project or a short one off action. It should take about ten minutes to submit an action. Each question is designed to take a short answer or tick the box.

You start with the name of the organiser and name of the action. You then select with a tick the primary SDG your action delivers on. You then have the option of adding additional SDGs addressed through the action. A brief description of your project and a photo tell the story of what was done. You then click on a location in the map of County Wicklow to show where the action took place. Choose with a tick the type of organisation you are and main cause and then click to submit your action. The submission will be reviewed by Wicklow County Council and then published to the map.

Help us tell the story of delivering on the goals for Wicklow and let others know what is happening in their area.

### Co Wicklow PPN News



### National PPN Logo Development

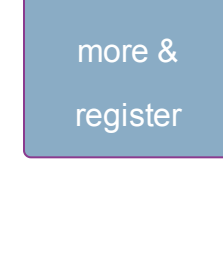
The Department of Rural & Community Development commissioned a consultant to develop a National Communications Strategy for PPNs.

As part of this undertaking the consultants are now developing a National PPN logo that will be used for purposes such as national events and national reports and publications relating to the PPNs. Individual PPNs will also be welcome to make use of the national logo in their local communications if they choose.

The Consultants has presented two options for feedback by Wednesday 21st September (short notice!). Please email, text or call to let us know what you think by close of business on Tuesday 20th September.



### A Brief News Roundup from this week (please also check back on previous Updates for a fuller News update and details of other currently open funding schemes)



### EirGrid Energy Citizens Roadshow is coming to Co. Wicklow.

Wed 21st in the Arklow Bay Hotel  
Thurs 22nd in East Glendalough School, Wicklow Town  
6.30pm to 8pm.



The Energy Citizens Roadshow aim to provide information on how EirGrid plans to future-proof the electricity grid. The events will invite people to engage with panel discussions on Ireland's energy future, sustainable energy communities, microgeneration and what this will mean for the region. The events are a follow on from the publication of Shaping Our Electricity Future in late 2021.

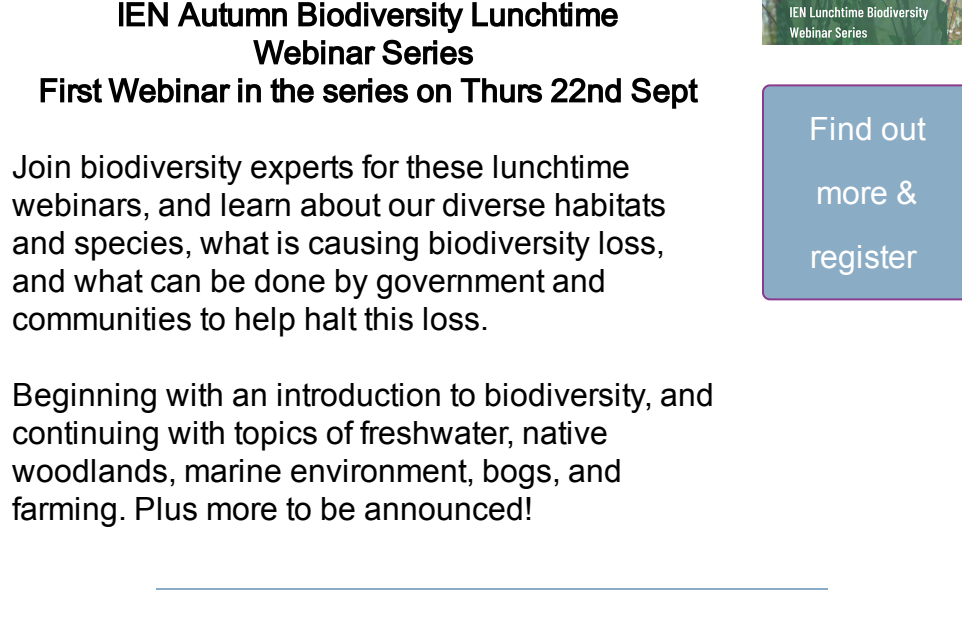
Find out more & register

### Community events in the Wicklow Mountains to discuss local interest in heritage tourism development

20th Sept: Baltinglass  
21st Sept: Tinahealy  
22nd Sept: Rathdrum



Find out more

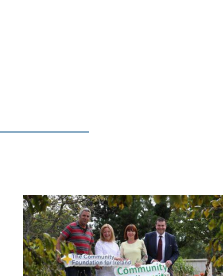


### IEN Autumn Biodiversity Lunchtime Webinar Series

First Webinar in the series on Thurs 22nd Sept

Join biodiversity experts for these lunchtime webinars, and learn about our diverse habitats and species, what is causing biodiversity loss, and what can be done by government and communities to help halt this loss.

Beginning with an introduction to biodiversity, and continuing with topics of freshwater, native woodlands, marine environment, bogs, and farming. Plus more to be announced!



Find out more & register

### Community Biodiversity Grant Rounds Closing Date: Friday 7th October

With the support of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, The Community Foundation's Environment and Nature Fund has been devised to enhance biodiversity in communities throughout the country by combining the expertise of qualified ecologists with the skills, experience and enthusiasm of local community groups.

There are currently two grant rounds open to applications:

- To develop Community Biodiversity Action Plan and Projects (CBAPPs)
- To implement recommendations from a previous CBAPP



Find out more & apply

### Eurospar Community Awards Closing Date: Wednesday 19th October

Eurospar supermarkets all over Ireland have come together this year to say thank you to those who go above and beyond to help the people of their local communities.

Application forms are available in your local Eurospar shop.

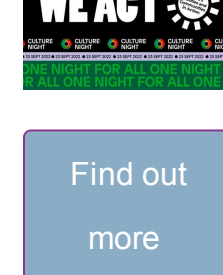
Three national winners will be chosen and will win €1,000 each for their nominated group or organisation.



### #OurEUStory Awards 2022 Open for Applications from Monday, 26 September 2022

The #OurEUStory Awards celebrate the transformational impact that EU-funded projects have on communities and organisations across Ireland.

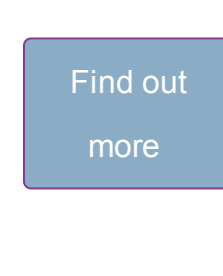
The competition is open to civil society organisations based in the Republic of Ireland who have taken part in an EU-funded project or activity.



Find out more & apply

### We Act & The Arts Council Culture Night events (Friday 23rd September)

On Culture Night, We Act & the Arts Council are collaborating with 13 charities and community groups to invite the public inside their doors as part of an exciting new collaboration between the two organisations. From the arts space to overseas aid programmes, this is a chance to experience first-hand the life-changing work of Irish charities and to hear their stories.



Find out more

### Pre Budget Submission from The Wheel - The Future is Community

Their Budget 2023 campaign, The Future is Community, seeks more certainty for the people that depend on charities, community groups, and social enterprises for vital supports and services.

The recommendations in this submission for Budget 2023 focus on enabling organisations to continue to provide stable, much-needed services in the uncertain economic period ahead. These recommendations include calls on government to:

- Increase funding for services and supports provided by community and voluntary organisations to enable them to address the recruitment and retention crisis in the sector.
- Mainstream multi-annual funding and ensure adequate funding levels for services generally
- Support fundraising to recover post-COVID-19 through increasing tax and VAT measures to support charities
- Provide for the cost of compliance and streamline regulatory and funding-related compliance requirements
- Address the cost of insurance.

Click on the link opposite to access the full submission, recommendations and information on how you can support the campaign.



Find out more

### An Introduction to Engaged Research Conference online on the 27 September at 10am.

Facilitated by Michael Foley, Programme Manager for Trinity College's PPN Ignite Office, this online event brings together representatives from both the nonprofit sector and academia to reflect on and discuss the role of socially engaged research in their work with communities in Ireland and abroad.

"engaged research" can be summed up as research that is advanced with community partners rather than for them.

This event is free to attend but places are limited.



Find out more & register

### A Spotlight on Age Friendly Ireland Policy to Practice Webinar on Social Participation

on Tuesday 20th September from 12 noon to 2pm



Find out more & register

### Champion Changemakers Weekend

Champion Changemakers is a weekend long 'Dragons Den' type event which will be hosted by members of the Community Enterprise Association Ireland (CEAI) in five different locations across the country from September 23rd next. The focus of the weekend is to work with local communities in Ireland – individuals or groups – to identify, address and solve social, environmental or economic challenges which exist around them.

Anybody interested in getting involved will find details of the host enterprise centres/hubs on the CEAI website and should sign up by September 21st to secure their place. The Champion Changemakers Weekend is for everyone. There is no cost to getting involved and no business experience is required - all you need is a passion to support positive change in your community and to improve the lives of others across Ireland. Participation in Champion Changemakers is open to people of all ages, with under-18's requiring a letter of consent from a parent/guardian.



Find out more & get involved

Thanks for reading. We hope you picked up some useful information for your group.

Remember if you have any questions or would like more information please do contact us.

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