

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 30th September

Membership	Total Members 402
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement Strategy Project. Meeting with coordinator 2/9 & 21/9. 3 online meetings have taken place with community activists to support project progressions. Convened the three zoom meeting for the coordinator with target communities. • Worked with WCC Environmental Officer to develop and run a campaign for Sustainable Development Goals Week where community groups were invited to “Fill the Wheel and Map the Goals.” 15 case studies were submitted through the PPN for this initiative. The case studies were advertised on social media, our news update, local media and input on to the WCC SDG Mapping Tool. • Attended meetings of the West Wicklow Interagency Group 21/9. shared information with them re contacts in Blessington Post Primary School and local art tutors/workshop facilitators • Circulated September MD Agenda’s for Greystones, Wicklow & Baltinglass
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended DRCD National Advisory Group Annual Report Subgroup meeting 7th Sept. Finalising the publication of the 2021 National PPN Annual Report & preparations for collecting information for the 2022 Annual Report • Attended DRCD webinar on the development of PPN communications. Beginning with branding through local & national logos. It has been agreed that each PPN will retain their current logo with standardised text and a national PPN logo will also be implemented for use. • Held poll on National logo and submitted result of member’s vote to the DRCD • A working group has been formed at national level to develop an Implementation Roadmap to guide future action on how PPNs are structured and operated. PPN Secretariats, Representatives & Workers will be represented on this group. However, Wicklow PPN nominations to this committee were unsuccessful. • The Dept Housing & Local Government is establishing a committee to review the current Local Authority Strategic Policy Committees structures & procedures. Each of the 31 PPNs have been invited to provide up to 3 nominations to this committee from their Secretariat & Representatives. However only 3 nominations from all nominees (a possibility of 93 nominations in total) will be selected to work on the committee. Nominations were submitted 30/9 • Wicklow PPN was instrumental in gathering together a group that resulted in a collaboration with Irish Rural Link (IRL), Wicklow County Council, and Sustainable Energy Communities Mentors from Wicklow & Kildare to apply for funding to support Sustainable Energy Community Groups to implement their Energy Master Plans. A significant amount of time & effort was put into developing a very strong and worthwhile application which could have provided over €280,000 to support the work of SEC volunteers in Wicklow, Meath & Kildare. Funding decisions were originally to be announced in April this year but were delayed. Irish Rural Link received notification of a decision on Monday (26 Sept) and unfortunately, we weren't

	<p>successful in our application. There was no reason given behind the decision only that the call was highly oversubscribed. We have been offered the opportunity for feedback and IRL is going to request that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Co. Wicklow PPN delegates for the 2022 National PPN Conference
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. PPN Secretariat meeting 13/9. The group reviewed the work & finances for July & August, acknowledged correspondence, and advised on work for the autumn period Analysis and collation of data from the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations continues.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a submission to WCC Elected Members in relation to recycling & waste disposal from inputs provided during our Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations. The possibility of introducing levies on using Wicklow Recycling centres is on the Agenda for the October council meeting. The submission is available on our website. Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Climate Action Plan; Climate Conversation; Volunteers Experience of Volunteer Management; Digital Public Services; Climate Change in Rural Ireland – Older Person's Perspective; Local Property Tax; Wellbeing in Ireland; Challenges Facing Irish Mental Health Services; Mental Health & the Workplace Survey; Women in Rural Ireland Survey; Roadmap for Social Inclusion Mid-term Review; Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan; InPlace NTMK Online Focus Group; Coastwatch Annual Autumn Survey; Baseline Data About Social Enterprise in Ireland
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Worker attended Salesforce Data Cleansing Training Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: SJI PPN Stakeholders Training; KWETB Digital Skills for Older People Arches Recovery College Program; Safe Talk; Entrepreneurship Course for People with Disabilities; Start Your Own Social Enterprise Course; Marketing Masterclass Series; Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service; Engage – National Men's Health Training. Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Relove Fashion Competition; Volunteer Ireland Awards; St Stephen's Green Trust – Family Matters; 2022 Community Covid Re-start Grant; Patagonia Environmental Grants Programme; Healthy Eating Project; Meet & Code Fund; Visual Artists Workplace Scheme; DAF Scaling Fund for Social Enterprise; Wicklow Arts Office 2023 Strategic Projects Award Scheme; Youth Micro Grants Scheme; Artist in the Community Scheme; Community Biodiversity Grants; Eurospar Community Awards; Our EU Story Awards; Conservations Advice Pilot Scheme; Enhanced Community Centre Fund
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated Update E-bulletin 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September Website updates Facebook 1881 likes (monthly incr. 53) 2296 follows (monthly incr. 38)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a Wicklow PPN stand at Eirgrid Roadshow in the Arklow Bay Hotel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with a representative from the .ie Digital Town Programme to find out about it and the possible funding opportunities for Wicklow community groups
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with consultant engaged to develop a resource guide to support community groups to become more accessible to people with physical, mental & hidden disabilities 3/10 • Presenting to a group of local authority staff who are studying for a Diploma in Local government Studies 3/10 • Meeting with the new coordinator for Greystones Family Resource Centre 6/10 • Meeting with a representative of LocalHub to examine how this might support Co Wicklow PPN members 6/10 • Attend the Community Law & Mediation Environmental Rights webinar 11/10 • Secretariat Meeting 14/10 • Working in collaboration with Co Wicklow Partnership SICAP, organise & run an online seminar on the topic of Hidden Poverty 17/10 • Attend the National PPN Conference 21 & 22/10 • Organise November training sessions for member groups • Continue to collate the information from the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations into a report • Continue our work on the Engagement Strategy Project • Continue to work to support the development of a Disability & Inclusion Resource for community groups.