

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st October

Membership	Total Members 402
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made presentations to WCC students undertaking the Diploma in Local Government Studies and the Institute of Public Administration Certificate 3/10 & 12/10. A question in these courses related to PPNs. • Met with consultant engaged by the WCC Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee to develop a resource that will help community groups be more inclusive of People with Disabilities 3/10 • Met with Coordinator of Greystones Family Resource Centre for information exchange and peer support 6/10 • In collaboration with Co Wicklow Partnership, organised and facilitated “Falling Through the Cracks” a look at hidden poverty in Co Wicklow to coincide with the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Discussions focused on Food Poverty, Accommodation, and Isolation. A report is being developed and will be circulated in November. • Met with WCC Environmental Officer and SEAI Registered Energy Auditor to discuss running a session on “How to be more energy efficient” at the PPN Plenary in December 19/10 • Spoke with Children’s Disability Network Teams new co-ordinator for South Wicklow. Exchanged information and connected to community facilities in S. Wicklow • Circulated Agendas for Municipal District Meetings
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Dept. Rural & Community Development Webinar on the PPN Structural Review Report Inputs and next steps • Developed a paper to support presentation to “Towards Wellbeing for All” – Social Justice Ireland Annual Social Policy Conference • 8 Wicklow delegates attended the National PPN Conference in Portlaoise. The conference ran over 1.5 days and was an opportunity to spotlight the work of PPNs, share information and network, and learn about helpful initiatives 21/10 & 22/10 • Met with Resource Worker Representatives to the National Advisory Group to discuss the formation and work of a new committee being established to perform a national review of Strategic Policy Committees 25/10
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Secretariat meeting 11/10. The group reviewed the work & finances for Sept, acknowledged correspondence, and advised on work for the autumn period. Minutes from Secretariat meeting are available on our website • Organising for December Plenary (Members meeting) • PPN Policy Sub group met to review the PPN Financial Policy and the development of a Communications Policy and a Volunteer Policy 25/10 • 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"> • Ran a survey with member groups to identify supports they need to enable them to be more accessible to People with Disabilities • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Arklow & Baltinglass MD Recreational Needs Assessment; Baseline Date Re Social Enterprise in Ireland; Irelands 4th national Biodiversity Action Plan; Wellbeing in Ireland – What Counts?

Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Worker attended the Environmental Rights Webinars organised by Community Law & Mediation. The 3 webinars focused on public participation and access to justice on environmental matters. • Support Worker attended Canva Training with the Wheel • Organising 5 training sessions to run in November with support from Carmichael. Topics, requested by PPN members include Conflict Management, Introduction to Governance, Leadership *2, and a Governance refresher for those that undertook last year's training governance training programme. Met with trainer 20/10 • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Engage Training; Safe Talk Training; Where to Find Funding; Developing a Local Food Hub; Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Katie Taylor Bursary; Volunteer Ireland Awards; Spark A Change; Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme; Enhanced Community Centre Fund; Euro Spar Community Awards; Youth Micro Grants Scheme; Youth Micro Grants Scheme; Our EU Story Awards; Irish Hospice Foundation Seed Grants
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 7th, 14th, 28th October • Website updates • Facebook 1895 likes (monthly incr. 14) 2310 follows (monthly incr. 14)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with developer of Local Hub to explore how this App could support community groups in Co Wicklow to advertise their work & events 6/10
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting • Staff supervision & support • Salesforce Data Cleansing
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run 5 training sessions over 5 Wednesday evenings to support groups with governance, procedures and capacity/team/ building for committee members. • Attend Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee meeting 1/11 • Attend the launch of Beyond the Trees Avondale as Ireland's first Age Friendly Tourist Destination 4/11 • Attend Greystones Family Resource Centre 20 year anniversary celebration 4/11 • Secretariat meeting 8/11 • Public Sector Duty & LECP training 10/11 • Present to "Towards Wellbeing for All" - Social Justice Ireland Annual Social Policy Conference 16/11 • Attend PPN National Advisory Group Meeting 22/11 • Attend Older People's Council seminar 25/11