

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st January 2023

Membership	Total Members 405
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with County Wicklow Partnership on an event for International Women's Day • Organise a PPN sponsored award for presentation at the Co Wicklow Volunteer Awards. Wicklow PPN is sponsoring the Ukrainian Response Special Project Award. • Circulated Agendas for Municipal District Meetings
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the LECP Engagement Project to Pobal 9 Jan. Feedback from community groups is currently being compiled into a report by the consultant and will be fed back to the participating groups in early 2023 • Met with Laois PPN workers for learning and peer support in relation to hosting the National PPN Conference (run in Laois in Oct 2022). Wicklow will host this event in the Arklow Bay on 5 & 6 October 2023 • Met with new Leitrim PPN workers for peer support in relation to developing PPN newsletters • In collaboration with PPN workers nationally, provided feedback on a proposed plan to implement the recommendations in the National PPN Review • Provided information and case studies of Wicklow PPN work to Alice PR for use in a national communications campaign.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Secretariat meeting 17/1. The group acknowledged correspondence, approved member applications, and discussed finance and the 2023 workplan. Approval was given for Grainne to increase her hours from 28 per week to 35 per week. Minutes from Secretariat meetings are available on the PPN website. • Developed tender document to enlist a consultant to develop Co Wicklow PPN Strategic Plan • Held PPN Conference 2023 brainstorming session with Secretariat & Reps who have attended past events. • Analysis and collation of data from the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations continues. Sought voluntary support for further in depth data analysis
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote a submission to the Arklow Transport Study based on our Vision for Co Wicklow consultations 2022 • Attended a national focus group organised by DRCD and facilitated by Pobal to identify and discuss training needs and their delivery for small community groups. • Held one meeting for Secretariat and PPN Representatives in Roundwood Community Centre (21 Jan) and one meeting online (23 Jan). These meetings provided information exchange/sharing and peer support. Attendees identified some supports they need to help them fulfil their role and prioritised issues for the PPN to highlight and work on in 2023. • Provided information and one to one support for representatives • Running a nomination & election process for vacant positions on Secretariat & other committees • Researching the possibility providing information and supporting a submission on the public consultation the law reform commission has opened in relation to the liability of clubs, societies and unincorporated associations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Codling Wind Park Phase 2; Eirgrid Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment; Strategy Statement for the National Parks & Wildlife Service, Social Enterprise Policy Consultation, An Taisc EU Life Project, Garden Bird Survey, Arklow Transport Study, DRCD Training Needs for Community Groups Research, Law Reform Commissions Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs Societies & Unincorporated associations, Ireland's Voluntary National Review of the SDGs 2003, Dublin Array Wind Farm 2nd Public Consultation, Reált na Mara Offshore Wind Farm Phase 2
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Comm IT for support in 2023 Wicklow PPN Member Re-registration process and campaign to encourage Associate members to become Full members 27/1 Highlighted/Advertised Training Opportunities: Wicklow Local Sports & Recreation Partnership Training Programme, Suicide Prevention & Intervention Programme, Failte Isteach English Classes, Learning & Capacity Building for Volunteer involving Groups, Aline Community Impact, Arches Recovery Education Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: C&V Sector Energy Support Scheme, Arts Act Fund, Musical Capital Scheme, Community Monuments Fund, Built Heritage Conservation Fund, Community Water Development Fund, Community Enhancement/Support Fund, WCC Community Awards, Headstart Fund, Community Recognition Fund, Arts Council Young Ensembles Scheme, RTE Toy Show Fund, European Youth Foundation Grants
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated Update E-bulletin 13th, 27th Jan Website updates Facebook 1927 likes (25 incr.) 2344 follows (26 incr)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held a discussion with consultant contracted by the Community Foundation for Ireland to do some preliminary work around the Community Benefit Fund for the Millvale solar farm in Co. Wicklow. Provided links to community groups in Rathnew, Ashford and Glenealy 16 Jan Meet with representative from Wicklow Pride 27 Jan
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalised and submitted 2022 Financial & Reporting Requirements Set up accounts and reporting templates for 2023 incl. salary & budget calculations. Liaising with The Wheel & Adare HRM on HR details. Submitted quarterly lobbying report Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting Staff supervision & support Salesforce Data Cleansing Analysis of responses to 2022 Annual Members Survey Draft Tender document for Strategic Plan
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Launch of the Resource Guide on Inclusive Community Engagement in Planning and Decision Making followed by inter-pilot Learning and Reflection Meeting 2 Feb DRCD/Alice Public Relations Media Relations Training 1 & Feb Organise & run a peer support meeting for PPN Joint Policing Committee Reps 7 Feb Meet Local Waters & Community Rep to discuss a pilot catchment plan for the Slaney with a view to setting up a community forum for same in 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Tidy Towns Awards 13 Feb • Attend Co Wicklow Volunteer Awards 23 Feb • Collaborate with CWP on International Women's Day event 8 March • Run an information event to support a submission to the public consultation the law reform commission has opened in relation to the liability of clubs, societies and unincorporated associations. • Attend South east regional meeting of PPN staff (Kilkenny 2nd Feb) • PPN Liaison Sub Group Meeting • Attend National Advisory Group Meeting
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