

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 30th April 2023

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 412
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal District Meetings/Community Catch Ups: Arklow MD 19/4, Baltinglass MD 26/4. Meetings being held in collaboration with WCC to provide feedback on the Vision for Community Wellbeing/Local Economic Community Plan consultations held in 2022 and as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Project Pilot. Information also provided about the Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Committee and the toolkit developed to support groups to be more inclusive, Wicklow Age Friendly Programme, and Wicklow Volunteer Centre. Groups were also invited to provide information about themselves and their activities.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe O' Brien, Minister of State at the Dept. Rural & Community Development, and the Dept. of Social Protection with special responsibility for Community Development & Charities and the Dept. Children, Equality, Disability Integration & Youth with special responsibility for integration met with PPN Staff & Representatives in CEART, Wicklow Town 25/5. The minister showed particular interest in the PPN's hosting arrangement with Wicklow Travellers Group and how well it works. • PPN Workers attended a 1.5 day peer support and training event in Athlone 27/5 & 28/5. Workers shared experiences and learned from each other as well as learning from presentations on relevant subjects. • Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Pilot Project: Feedback from LECP consultations being provided through Community Catch Up meetings (see above) Request to revise project budget submitted to Pobal to allow the development of a brochure that clearly shows the connection between the LECP goals & objectives and community action
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Development: Sub group meeting with consultant 20/5. Consultation survey developed and will be circulated to PPN Member groups and other stakeholders in early May • Conference 2023 development: Meeting with Arklow Bay events coordinator 4/5 to review costings, Wicklow sub group meeting 18/5 to review costings & consider programme, National sub group meeting 24/5 Dept agreed conference programme • Policy development: Policy Sub Group meeting 5/5. Group reviewed policies in relation to queries about PPN election processes, Reps term of office, Cyber security, and Membership Criteria. Recommendations will be passed on to the Secretariat
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to circulate MD Meeting Agendas • Secretariat and Reps met 4/5 to discuss the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) final draft as well as upcoming items on the Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC Agenda. Agreements made to develop an active environmental network to support environmental reps going forward and for Reps to submit feedback on the draft LECP to inform a PPN submission. • PPN submission to the Draft LECP developed and submitted on 24/5 • Meeting with PPN Reps on the Co Wicklow Partnership Board 18/5 to introduce and support new Representative to take this role.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run nomination & election processes for vacant Rep positions on Community, Cultural & Social Development SPC, Bay Drug & Alcohol Task Force, South East Fisheries Local Action Group. • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Law Reform Commissions Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs Societies & Unincorporated associations, Irish Council for Civil Liberties Freedom to Advocate Survey, Small Business & Community Organisation Awareness & Preparedness for Cyber Attacks Survey, Co Wicklow Partnership LEADER Funding Public Meetings, Housing Commission Public Consultation, Parents Survey on New Equal Participation Model under development by Dept CEDiy
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted/Advertised Training Opportunities: Bray Area Partnership Foundation Facilitation Skills Course, Overview of Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme, ESB Windfarm community fund, Community Safety Innovation Fund, Reach Fund, Human Rights & Equality Grant Scheme, Clar Programme, Heart of the Community Fund, Tidy Towns Heritage Award
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 14th, 21st April • Website updates • Facebook 1954 likes (9 incr.) 2382 follows (18 incr)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting • Staff supervision & support • Salesforce Data Cleansing • Continue to run Re-registration of members • Continue to run campaign to encourage Associate members to register as Full members • Processed new membership applications • Continue to update website with submissions, news blogs, reps etc. • Follow up with Reps & Secretariat re signed Code of Conduct, sharing contact details and headshots for website
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with WCC Environ Officer 2/5 to identify collaborative work with possibility of running a consultation event 30/5 for Wicklow Climate Action Plan • Organise and run Community Catch Up Meetings Bray MD 3/5, Greystones MD 10/5, Wicklow MD 17/5 • Secretariat Meeting 9/5 • Older People's Council AGM 26/5 • Continue National Conference Planning, National Sub Group Meeting 29/5 • Circulate a survey to members and stakeholders for input into Strategic Plan development • Continue re-registration process • Continue working on the Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Pilot Project process • Gather information to input into DRCD 2022 Annual Report • Finalise submission to the Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs Societies & Unincorporated associations