

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st March 2023

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 410
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with County Wicklow Partnership to run an event to celebrate International Women's Day 8 March. Over 75 women from diverse geographic and social communities discussed what community means to them. Wicklow PPN provided an update on what has happened since the community consultation held last year to develop a Vision for Community Wellbeing and feed into the Local Economic & Community Plan • Attended Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee meeting 14 March. Invited a representative of the group to introduce the committee and highlight the Disability Access Toolkit at the upcoming PPN Community Catch Up Meetings. • Networked Blessington Allotments contact, who is also Chair of Community Gardens Ireland with PPN Env. Reps on CABA SPC
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged and attended meeting with the Law Reform Commission in relation to The Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and Unincorporated Associations 18 people attended representing 12 PPNs across the country. • Meeting of the National Advisory Group's Annual Report Subgroup 7 March. The meeting studied the tender document for consultants to run the process to develop the 2022 Annual Report for 31 PPNs • The Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Project continues. Meetings were held with the reference/consultation group 23 March. Wicklow PPN Representatives on the Local Community Development Committee also attended these meetings. • Attended a PPN Workers Regional Network meeting 24 March. Wicklow attends with Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Tipperary • Attended the National PPN Workers meeting 29 March. The network discussed running a survey of workers Terms & Conditions, organising a professional development retreat, and the work at national level in relation to the PPN Review. An update was provided on the Conference development
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued a tender to engage a consultant to develop a Wicklow PPN Strategic Plan. 7 invitations to tender were circulated. 2 tenders were received. The Strategic Plan subgroup met 27 March and approved Dr Harriet Emerson as the successful tender. Work will begin on developing the plan in April. • Conference 2023 development: Sought quotes from photographers. Sought quotes from audio visual companies and met 2 of these companies in Arklow Bay. Ran a survey with PPN stakeholders to develop a conference programme. Met with Wicklow Conference Subgroup • Secretariat Meeting 14 March. The group welcomed Ruth Prenderville as a new member. The financial reports were examined along with discussing current and upcoming work. The group extended thanks to Kevin Mann and to Anita Wheeler for their work and time commitment given to the PPN. • Organised venues for MD Catch Up/Networking Meetings. • Developed discussion paper for Policy Sub-group meeting

Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to circulate MD Meeting Agendas • Met with a representative of a member group in relation to vacant PPN Representative seats on WCC committees 7 March • One to one meeting with PPN Representative on the Climate & Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee 27 March • Made a submission to Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage Baseline Funding Allocation Review • Made a submission to Ireland's Fourth Open Government National Action Plan 2023-2025 • Drafted submission to The Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and Unincorporated Associations and circulated it to Secretariat and Reps for feedback • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Law Reform Commissions Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs Societies & Unincorporated associations, Global Campaign to Combat Ageism Survey, South Irish Sea Windfarm Clinics, Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2023-2025, Arklow Windpark Phase 2, Local Authority Baseline Funding Review, Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland EVCI Accessibility Guidance
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended information meeting about the Community Safety Innovation Fund • Highlighted/Advertised Training Opportunities: SDG Advocate Training, Learning & Capacity Building Volunteer Organisations, Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training, KWETB Environmental Sustainability Training, Bray Area Partnership Foundation Facilitation Skills Course • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: C&V Sector Energy Support Scheme, Community Enhancement/Support Fund, RTE Toy Show Fund,.IE Digital Town Awards, Artist in the Community Scheme, Artist in Residency Award, Scheme, The Disability Participation & Awareness Fund, The Accenture Sustainable Community Challenge, Foras na Gaeilge Festivals Scheme, St Stephen's Green Trust, ESB Energy for Generations, National Parks & Wildlife Services Grant, Traveller Wellbeing Through Creativity, Active Citizenship & Equality Based EU Funding, ESB Windfarm community fund, Community Services Programme, Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme, ALL Strategy Collaboration & Innovation Fund, Community Safety Innovation Fund, Reach Fund, Human Rights & Equality Grant Scheme, Clar Programme, Community Centres Investment Fund.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March • Website updates • Facebook 1945 likes (1 incr.) 2364 follows (6 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 • Met with PPN web developer to organise changes to PPN website 23 March • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • Meet with consultant to progress Wicklow PPN Strategic Plan development • National Conference Planning & Preparation: meeting with hotel 4/4, Wicklow sub-group meeting 18 April, national sub-group meeting 24 April • Secretariat & Reps Meeting 4 April • PPN Policy Sub Group Meeting 5 April • Municipal District Community Catch Up Meetings 19 & 26 April 3,10,17 May • PPN Resource & Support Workers Professional Development Training 26 & 27 April • Support Worker Leave Thur 6 April to Wed 12 April inclusive • Resource Worker Leave Fri 7 April to Fri 14 April inclusive