

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st May 2023

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 414
Networking/ Working Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal District Meetings/Community Catch Ups: Bray MD 3/5, Greystones MD 10/5 and Wicklow MD 17/5. 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. • Met with WCC Climate Action Officer 2/5 to support the roll out of consultations on the Wicklow Climate Action Plan • Met with newly appointed WCC Community Climate Action Officer and the newly appointed Biodiversity Officer • Attended Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee meeting 25/5. The meeting focused on developing the Wicklow Disability Strategy
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with PPN colleagues in the South East Region to develop supports for PPN Representatives • Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Pilot Project: Feedback from LECP consultations being provided through Community Catch Up meetings (see above) Meeting with Pobal and 3 other pilot projects for peer support and learning 18/5. Presented the Wicklow project to Wicklow LCDC 24/5
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat meeting 9/5: Welcomed Maria O Loughlin as a new Environmental Rep. The group discussed correspondence, upcoming consultations, training opportunities, PPN policy development, PPN Finance and PPN Work Programme. Minutes available on the PPN Website once approved. • Strategic Plan Development: Consultant analysing results of survey. The sub group will meet on 1st June. • Conference 2023 development: Wicklow sub group meeting 17/5 & National sub group meeting 29/5. Reviewing and confirming tenders for service provision (audio visual, photography, transport etc). Confirming conference programme and enlisting participation from local and national groups in presenting good models of practise.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued Certificates of Appreciation to all PPN Representatives in National Volunteering Week • Made submission to: The Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and Unincorporated Associations • Continue to circulate MD Meeting & WCC Meeting Agendas • 2 Secretariat members attended LEADER Consultation Meetings organised by Co Wicklow Partnership 30/5 • Run nomination & election processes for vacant Rep positions on Community, Cultural & Social Development SPC, & South East Fisheries Local Action Group. • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Irish Council for Civil Liberties Freedom to Advocate Survey, Small Business & Community

	<p>Organisation Awareness & Preparedness for Cyber Attacks Survey, Co Wicklow Partnership LEADER Funding Public Meetings, Wicklow PPN Strategic Plan, South East Windfarm Clinics, National Waste Management Plan, Community & Voluntary Organisations Public Liability Insurance Survey, Co Wicklow Climate Action Plan, WCC Identification of Bathing Waters</p>
Training & Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff participated in Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty Training • Support Worker Attended Sligo PPN & Sligo ATU Community Climate Action Funded Project Introduction to an Environmental Toolkit for Community Groups • Highlighted/Advertised Training Opportunities: , Youth Engagement Training, Financial Resilience Training for Charity Staff & Community Groups, Overview of Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Community Safety Innovation Fund, Human Rights & Equality Grant Scheme, Clar Programme, Heart of the Community Fund, Tidy Towns Heritage Award, Arts Council Funding, This Children's Promise Grant, KWETB Local Youth Club Grant, International Protection Integration Fund, Ireland Against Racism Fund, Baltinglass MD Festival Fund, Patagonia Environmental Grants, Movement for Good, 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund, Active Citizenship& Equality Based EU Funding, Sports Energy Support Scheme, Coca Cola Thank You Fund, AIB Community €1million Fund
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 5th, 12th, 19th May • Researched information for 12 May Ebulletin focusing on National Volunteering Week • Researched information for 19th May Ebulletin focusing on National Biodiversity Week • Website updates • Facebook 1974 likes (20 incr.) 2408 follows (26 incr.)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Africa Irish Society of Wicklow's celebrations for Africa Day 20/5 • Attended the Wicklow Older People's Council AGM 26/5
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Annual Report: The PPN Team (Secretariat, Representatives and PPN Workers) collaborated to complete the 2022 Annual Report. Over 80 questions sought information about; PPN membership; structures & networks; governance; representation; support; training; and events. • 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"> • Organise & run PPN Plenary 24/6 (members meeting) • Continue Strategic Plan development • Complete & Submit Annual Report to Dept Rural & Community Development • Continue PPN Conference organisation • Meeting with SICAP Providers to discuss the Wicklow Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Pilot Project 14/6 • Attend PPN National Advisory Group meeting • Attend PPN National Workers meeting • Develop promotional materials with new Wicklow PPN Logo • Attend Wicklow Pride Parade
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