County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st August 2023

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 & 17
Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) Goal (G2) Objective (O)2.1i

Membership	Total Members 418
Networking/ Working Locally **SDG 10,11,16,17** **LECP G2 O1.1iii**	• PPN Development Worker met with the new Wicklow Co. Co. Community Climate Action Officer (22/8). Discussion focused on the upcoming new grant scheme and how to encourage and support the engagement across a broad spectrum of community groups. • Attended a Wicklow Comhairle na nOg Steering Committee Meeting 4/8. Local & national updates were provided by the coordinator along with information for plans, ambitions and future events. The Steering Committee were also given a copy of the CNN Stakeholder Engagement Plan. • Attended WCC Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee meeting. The meeting focused on finalising and agreeing the Wicklow Disability Strategy prior to full approval by the elected members • Shared PPN membership list by MD with OPC
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally **SDG 10, 11,16, 17** **LECP 2.1.iii, 3.1.ix**	• Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Pilot Project: Meeting with Pobal to discuss the case studies element of this pilot project 2/8. • Wicklow PPN Development Worker attended a meeting of the National PPN Workers Network (31/8).
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work **SDG 16,17** **LECP G2.1.i**	• Conference 2023 development: Ongoing Engagement with PPN member groups to organise conference excursions and the in-hotel community expo & networking session. Wicklow Conference Sub-group meeting 9/8. Meeting re Arklow based excursions 30/8.
Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website **SDG 16,17** **LECP G2 O1.i**	• Continue to circulate MD Meeting & WCC Meeting Agendas • Prepared a Draft submission to The Seanad Public Consultation Committee consultation on the Future of Local Democracy ahead of the Local Elections and circulated for feedback. • Submitted replies to PPN Draft Implementation Road Map survey. • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: The Seanad Public Consultation Committee consultation on the Future of Local Democracy ahead of the Local Elections, How Well do you know Ireland's Seas, Digital Local Government Have your Say, Wicklow County Council Part 8 Consultation, Get Ireland Cycling Strategy, Climate Conversation 2023, ECRDTF Community Needs Analysis, Wicklow CYPSC County Plan, Universal Design Guidelines for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, Wicklow Town & Rathnew Local Area Plan, Identification of Bathing Waters, Regional Water Resources Plan.
Training & Capacity Building **SDG 11** **LECP G2 O1.1ii** **G1 O1-2i** **G2 O1.1v**	• Working with PPNs in South East Region to run training for PPN Reps with Brian Harvey and social researcher with vast experience in community development. Date Sat 23/9, venue Park View Hotel Kilkenny. Ongoing Engagement with PPN Reps re availability for this session. • Researching & planning autumn/winter training sessions. Sought Feedback from the Secretariat on the proposed training by Carmichael 'Dealing with Financial Institutions as a Nonprofit Organisation'. Held further discussions with Carmichael.

	• Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: WCC Community Climate Action Fund, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, The Tik Tok Digital Future Fund, Climate Emergency Fund, European Youth Foundation - Pilot Activity Grant, LIFE Programme Grants, St Stephens Green Trust Funding Programmes, Meet & Code, Ecclesiastical Insurance Launch Movement for Good, Community Food Initiatives at Home Fund, Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023, 14th EESC Civil Society Prize, Sports Capital & Equipment Programme.
Communications **SDG 11, 17** **LECP G10.1.vi**	• Circulated Update E-bulletin 11th & 25th August • [Website](#) updates • [Facebook](#) 2Kl, 2.3Kf
Outreach **SDG 3,10,11** **LECP G3 O3.1.ix**	• Attended Tinahely Agricultural Show 7/8 • Attended Donard Community Hall 25 year Celebrations 12/8
Administration/ HR **SDG 16** **LECP G2 O2.1i**	• Secured quotes, agreed artwork and ordered PPN Branded notebooks and pens (Klee Paper) • Day to day correspondence, accounting, and reporting • Staff supervision & support • Continue to run Re-registration of members & Salesforce Data Cleansing • 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	• Continue organising National PPN Conference 2023 • PPN Conference National Subgroup Meeting 4/9, recurring weekly • Wicklow PPN Conference Subgroup Meeting 7/9 • Conference Excursions and Workshop various meetings to finalise all • National PPN Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting 6/9 • Secretariat Meeting 12/9 • WC&FP 20th Anniversary • PPN Reps SE Regional Training & Networking 23/9 • Wicklow Women's Social Inclusion Network LGBRQ+ training 25/9