

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 31st October 2023

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 & 17

Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) Goal (G2) Objective (O)2.1i

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 420
Networking/ Working Locally SDG 10,11,16,17 LECP G2 O1.iii G3 O1 ix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with WCC and external facilitator organised and ran the second meeting of the new Social Inclusion Network Group 11 Oct. A page will be added to the PPN website with information and resources for the group. • Attended the Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee meeting 12 Oct. The meeting focused on finalising the Wicklow Disability Strategy. Attended the launch of the Disability Strategy 20 Oct (Social Inclusion Week) in the Arklow Bay Hotel. A page will be added to the PPN website with information and resources available from this group. • Attended the Women of Wicklow Social Inclusion Network, in collaboration with Glencree Welcomes Refugees & the Women form the Sheds in Ballyraine event in The Colour Club 21 Oct. Interesting & welcoming conversations took place with women from Rwanda, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Afghanistan, Georgia and Syria.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally SDG 10, 16, 17 LECP G2 O1.i,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Coordinator attended a focus group meeting to inform the refinement of the Draft PPN Implementation Roadmap with Crowe (an advisory group engaged by the Dept. Rural & Community Development) 13 Oct • PPN Housing Reps attend a national meeting of PPN Housing Reps from across the country 24 Oct. It was agreed that this would be a beneficial network for PPN Reps and a proposal is being submitted to the Dept Rural & Community Development to support the structure. • PPN Coordinator attended and participated in a panel discussion at the Dept Rural & Community Development's Inclusive Community Engagement Showcase event 25 Oct where the Wicklow Dormant Accounts Funded project was presented by Dr Harriet Emerson. The second edition of The Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning & Decision Making was launched at the event by Minister Joe O' Brien, Minister of State for Community Development, Integration and Charities. • A representative from Wicklow Travellers Group (PPN Hosting Organisation) attended a Dept. Rural & Community Development webinar on the different forms of PPN hosting arrangements across the country 25 Oct. A recording of this session will be made available on the department's website. • PPN Coordinator & Development Officer attended the National PPN Resource Workers Network meeting 26 Oct. The meeting discussed: PPN finances, staffing terms & conditions, the 2023 National Conference, and establishing sub-groups to organise the next workers training sessions and making budget submissions.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work SDG 11,16,17 LECP G2.O1.i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN National Conference 2023 took place on 5 & 6 Oct. 200 delegates from across the country represented PPN Secretariat & Reps, local authorities, local government reps and national government in the Arklow Bay Hotel. Presentations were provided on the National PPN Roadmap, the Westmeath Protocol. A social inclusion focused excursion took delegates to Beyond the Trees Avondale, while a community & voluntary focused excursion brought delegates to

	<p>Aughrim Sports & Leisure Centre to meet many of the voluntary groups working in Aughrim. Environmental interest groups took a walk around Arklow to learn about coastal erosion, the wastewater treatment plant, and the harbour to headways project, while heritage interest groups had a guided tour of the Arklow maritime museum, the Abbey lane excavation site and mural and the Arklow castle as well as finding out about Arklow's pyramid and pottery heritage. A community expo provided delegates with the opportunity to meet some of Wicklow PPN's member groups from across the county. Workshops topics included: Clare Anti-Poverty Strategy, Waterford Community Safety Partnership, Tipperary Community Climate Coaches, How we network and Communications. Speeches, presentations, workshop materials and photographs will be available on the PPN website soon.</p>
<p>Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website</p> <p>SDG 16,17 LECP G2 O1.i</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to circulate MD Meeting & WCC Meeting Agendas • Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: WCC Climate Action Plan, Blessington Town Centre First Plan, South East Fisheries Local Action Group Strategy, Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway, All Ireland Coast watch Survey, Bright light Blueway Information evening, National Strategy for Migrant Integration, Literacy Friendly Sector Survey
<p>Training & Capacity Building</p> <p>SDG 11 LECP G2 O1.v G1 O1-ii</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising training session with Carmichael on "Dealing with Financial Institutions as a Nonprofit Organisation to run in December • Highlighted/Advertised Training Carlow PPN Training Suite – Social Media for Community Groups – Charities Regulator Governance Code – GDPR Achieving & Maintaining – Get Creative with Canva, Bray Area Partnership Introduction to Motivational Interviewing • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: St Stephen's Green Trust Traveller Accommodation Small Grants, National Integration Funding, LAWPRO Community Water Development Fund, WCC Tree Grant, Biodiversity Fund, Climate Energy Fund, Life Programme Grants, Trinity School of Education/Leavers Climate Action Project, Supervalu Tidy Towns 2024 Fund
<p>Communications</p> <p>SDG 11, 17 LECP G10.O1.vi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E-bulletin 9th & 27th Oct • Website updates, adding content for new committees and 2023 Conference information • Facebook 2Kl, 2.4Kf
<p>Outreach</p> <p>SDG 11,17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended National Learning Network event 17 Oct (Social Inclusion Week)
<p>Administration/ HR</p> <p>SDG 16 LECP G2 O2.1i</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Planning/ Upcoming Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, preparation and running of end of year members meeting on 25th November • Attend Comhairle Youth Summit 10 November • Secretariat Meeting 14 November