



We have really enjoyed working with you all during 2023 and we hope that your membership of Wicklow PPN has been useful for you, your group and community.

We are currently developing our Workplan for 2024 which will work towards the achievement of the goals and objectives identified in our new Strategic Plan. Our aim is to present the 2024 Workplan to our Secretariat meeting in January for discussion and approval. If over the festive season you have any thoughts about what the PPN can do to support your group in our role as a representative voice for community; a channel for information and a support for community groups, please pop us an email.

For a brief overview of our work in 2023 click on the video below and for more detailed work and finance reports visit our website.

We have also included below a brief Roundup of News. For more details on open funding schemes, consultations and upcoming events visit our [Website](#) (PPN News Page for previous News Update and the Funding & Events Page).

Please Note: We are officially finishing up for Christmas this evening (Friday 15th December) and we will be back at our desks on Monday 8th January well rested and full of energy for 2024!

The Secretariat and Staff of Wicklow PPN wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of good health, peace and vibrant supportive communities.

Nollaig Shona Agus Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Duit

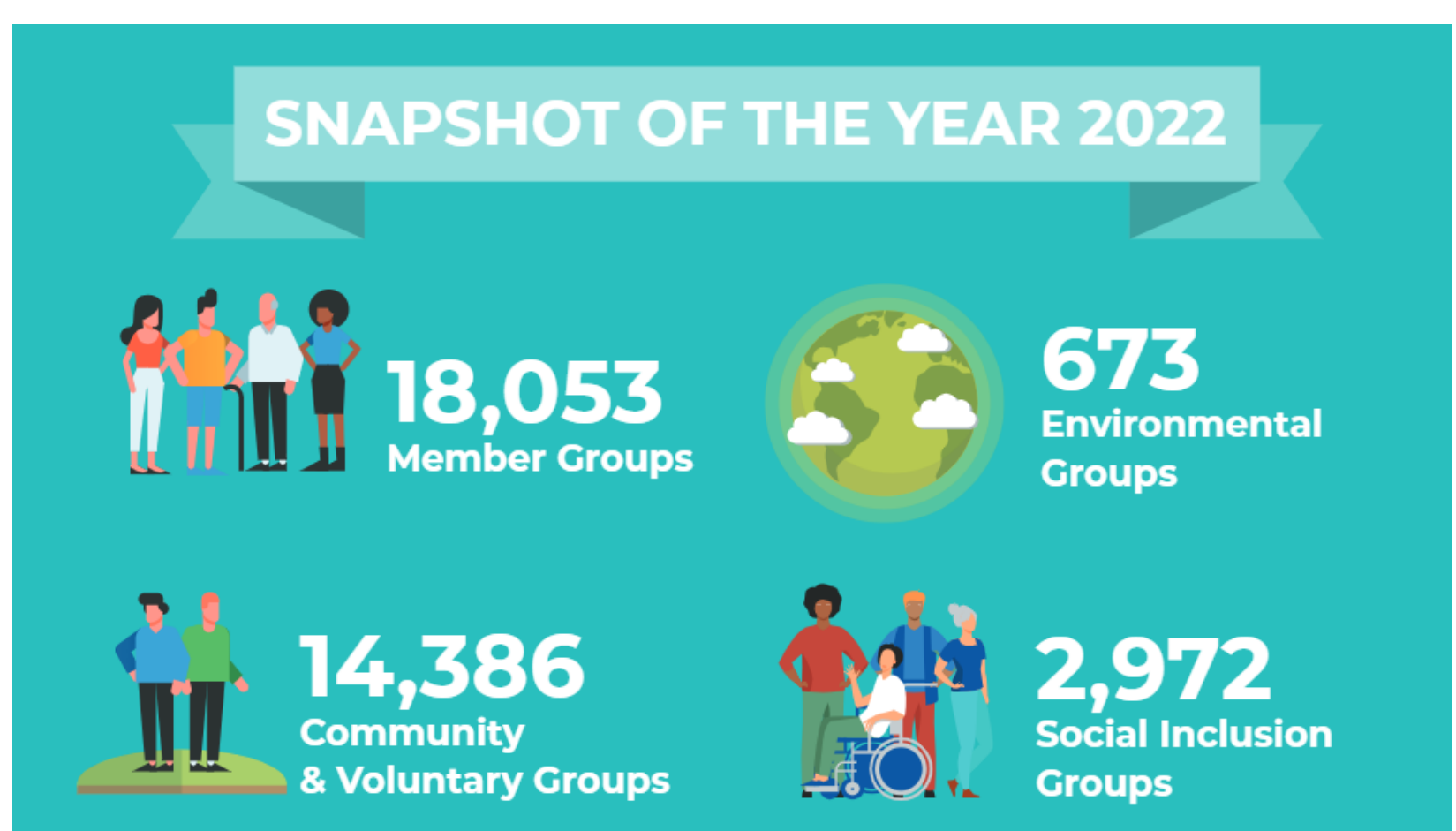


Brief News Roundup



National PPN Annual Report 2022
Now available (click on the image below to access the report)

"PPNs have gone from strength to strength since their establishment in 2014. PPNs are key partners in local decision-making and are increasingly becoming the 'go to' for community engagement. After all, who knows better than the citizens at the heart of our communities, what is best for our communities and how to work together to achieve positive results." Minister Joe O'Brien (Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development, Integration and Charities), Extract from PPN Annual Report 2022.



Rights of Nature (IEN) Actions through the Public Participation Network Recording from this event.

At this meeting we heard from some of those involved directly in taking action for the Rights of Nature through their Public Participation Networks, and we learned from PPNs who have already taken steps to move this forward in their own counties. The recording is a partial recording, covering the speakers on the night but without the Q&A.

If you would like to find out more about the actions of the various PPNs please contact us (info@countywicklowppn.ie) as we do have resources from a number of the initiatives.



[Find out more](#)

Arklow Community Fair held Thursday 14th December.

Thank you to the [Arklow Community Excellence](#) team for giving Wicklow PPN the opportunity to network with the local community and other organisations.



Meeting of Wexford & Wicklow Joint Policing Committees

A joint meeting of the Wicklow and Wexford Joint Policing Committees (JPC) took place on 7th December. Along with the other members, our PPN JPC Reps received a presentation from Commissioner Drew Harris on the Garda Operating Model as well as a presentation from Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes.

Thank you to our Reps for attending.



[Wicklow JPC](#)

Ireland's First National Philanthropy Policy 2024-2028 Launched

The Policy is designed to deepen understanding and knowledge, create an enabling environment and accelerate engagement with Philanthropy in Ireland for social good.

It has been developed in collaboration with stakeholders, including government departments, following a detailed research and consultation process.



[Find out more](#)

Wicklow Travellers' Group Fundraiser Big Shout Out to all the men in Wicklow Travellers' Group that fundraised to buy toys for sick children

Wicklow Travellers' Group are very proud of the young men of Wicklow for their huge effort to raise funds for toys in Crumlin with their charity match that was held on Friday last.



Greystones - Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan (pre-draft consultation phase Public Information Days in January 2024

Members of the public are invited to public information days for the pre-draft stage of the Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th January 2024: 10am to 1pm and from 4pm to 7pm in Kilcoole Community Centre, Lott Lane, Kilcoole, A63 X862

Thursday 18th January 2024: 10am to 1pm and from 4pm to 7pm in Greystones Municipal District Offices, Mill Road, Greystones, A63 TX86



[Find out more](#)

New Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains Masterplan launched to transform Tourism in County Wicklow

Co-ordinated by Fáilte Ireland in collaboration with Coillte, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's National Monuments Service, National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Office of Public Works and WICKLOW County Council

The new plan outlines development of accessible trails, improved parking and transport facilities.

This Masterplan is a roadmap to protect and enhance the monastic site and establish key sustainability objectives for region.

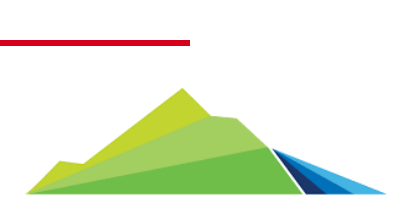


[Find out more](#)

Career Opportunities available with Wicklow County Council

Visit the Wicklow County Council Website to find out more about the job opportunities currently available with the Council. The jobs currently open for applications include:

- Digital Communications Officer
- Communications Officer
- Broadband Development Officer
- Part-Time Retained Firefighters - Countywide
- Library Assistant



[Find out more](#)

Sharing Other Newsletters December 2023

[Age Friendly Weekly Newsletter](#) (8th Dec): Access national news and news from Age Friendly Communities across the Country.



Festive Season Information & Tips

Mind your Mental Health over the Festive Season Mental Health Ireland Winter Wellness Campaign

Christmas can be hectic with lots of expectations as to how we want things to be.

Check out the Mental Health Ireland Winter Wellness Campaign for lots of tips and helpful resources including a list of supports available to make getting through the festive season a little bit easier.

[Find out more](#)



Ideas for Sustainable Christmas Gifts

If you still have some Christmas gifts to get, here are some ideas for sustainable gifting.

Click on the image below to find out more about Clean Coasts and the many initiatives and campaigns they organise.



Community Christmas Markets

Communities all around the County are getting into the Christmas spirit and supporting all things local through the organisation of Christmas Markets.

Keep an eye on your local news papers, newsletters, our [Facebook page](#) and other local social media pages for details of Christmas Markets in your area.

These Markets provide a really valuable and enjoyable locally based social way to do your Christmas shopping.



Tips on Preventing Food Waste over the Christmas Period Love your Leftovers

Did you know that the 26th of December is National Leftovers Day? Some might say that it officially starts around 8pm on Christmas Day when the first round of turkey sandwiches appears.

[StopFoodWaste](#) provide great advice and tips to help you save money and stop food waste.



Safe Homes Over Christmas

For tips on keeping your home safe if you have to travel over the Festive Season, preventing burglaries and much more click on the link below.

[Find out more](#)



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