

County Wicklow PPN Report 1st – 30th November 2023

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 & 17

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

Membership	<u>Total Members</u> 422
Networking/ Working Locally SDG 10,11,16,17 LECP G2 O1.iii G3 O1 ix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inclusion Network Group (SING) – organised the development of a page on the Wicklow PPN website for this new Network. • Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee – organised the development of a page on the Wicklow PPN website for this Committee. • Attended the Comhairle na nOg Youth Summit in NTMK on 10th November. Heard the voice of young people in our County. • Meet with the Co-ordinator of Creative Places Baltinglass on the 10th November. To explore links with the project and the PPN • Attended the Arklow Community Excellence Awards on 18th November - Networked with groups from the area. • Discussed collaboration with Wicklow OPC on ‘Meet the Candidate’ Events in 2024.
Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally SDG 10, 16, 17 LECP G2 O1.i,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Civic Forum in the Aviva Stadium on the 16th November. The Wicklow Dormant Accounts Funded Engagement Project was presented by Niamh Wogan (representing Wicklow PPN) & Deirdre Whitfield (Wicklow Co. Co.). The presentation included details of the newly established Social Inclusion Network Group (SING) a sub group of the Local Community Development Committee that aims to provide a forum for regular communication between marginalised communities/groups working with a social inclusion remit at local level and the local authority and other support agencies as well as providing an opportunity for networking amongst all member organisations. • Wicklow PPN Staff met PPN colleagues from the South East Region in Wexford on the 17th November. Collaborations within this Network will continue in 2024. • Voted in the election of a National Advisory Group (NAG) representative to the SPC Review Committee.
PPN Meetings/ Specific Work SDG 11,16,17 LECP G2.O1.i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Secretariat Meeting held via zoom on the 14th November. Strategic Plan approved for presentation to the Plenary. Secretariat agreed to prepare a letter for submission to the Dept re funding. • PPN Liaison Sub-group meeting held in Bray on 21st November. • PPN End of Year Members’ Gathering (Plenary) held in Arklow on Sat 25th November. Work Report including finances, new member & new PPN Reps presented and ratified. Wicklow PPN Strategic Plan for 2024-2029 presented and approved. Attendees also heard about the following funding schemes: LEADER (presentation from Alison Keogh, CWP) & the Community Climate Action Fund (presentation from Julie Sammiller, Wicklow Co. Co). Total attendance at the meeting 32. 27 of the attendees were representing PPN Member Groups. • Commenced work on the preparation of a guide to Acronyms used in the Sector. The guide aims to support PPN Reps and members

Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website SDG 16,17 LECP G2 01.i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received nominations and held elections for PPN Rep positions: new reps in place in SI seat on LCDC, Baltinglass & Arklow MD seats on JPC, Planning SPC, Housing SPC and Secretariat C&V seat. National Review of LA SPCs – circulated information and encouraged Reps to make submissions. Held an online meeting for SPC Reps (21st November) and prepared submission on information gathered. Continue to circulate MD Meeting & WCC Meeting Agendas Highlighted/Advertised Consultations: Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan pre-draft consultation, Mental Health Engagement and Recovery (MHER) National Volunteer Lived Experience Panel, National Disability Strategy, WCC Climate Action Plan, South East Fisheries Local Action Group Strategy, National Adult Literacy Strategic Plan, Ours to Protect Podcast Content, Bright light Blueway Information evening, National Strategy for Migrant Integration, An Garda Síochána Strategic Plan for 2025 – 2027, We Act Survey - Help Shape the Future of the Community Sector, Parentingsupport.ie Website - Review & Redevelopment, National Mental Health Recovery & Engagement Office: Service Users, Family Members and Carers, Literacy Friendly Sector Survey.
Training & Capacity Building SDG 11 LECP G2 01.v G1 01-ii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising upcoming information/training session with Carmichael on “Dealing with Financial Institutions as a Nonprofit Organisation to run in December. Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Community Monuments Fund (CMF), Built Heritage Funding Grant Schemes, Fund to support Men’s Sheds, Children’s Disability Service Grant Fund, Local Bereavement Development Grants, Festivals Investment Scheme, Movement for Good, EIL Explore Fund, Community Climate Action Fund, The Hybrid Social Finance Loan for Social Enterprises, Clann Credo – Community Loan Finance, LAWPRO Community Water Development Fund, Climate Energy Fund, Trinity School of Education/Leavers Climate Action Project,
Communications SDG 11, 17 LECP G10.01.vi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed and organised printing of new Wicklow PPN Business Cards and flyer. Prepared Report from the National PPN Conference 2023. Circulated Update E-bulletin 10th & 24th Nov Website updates, adding content for new committees and 2023 Conference information. Facebook 2Kl, 2.4Kf
Outreach SDG 11,17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carina Holmes represented the PPN at the launch of the Delgany Public Realm plan on Monday 13th November. Gerorda Stamps represented the PPN at the Jennie Wyse Power commemoration event held in Baltinglass on the 17th November.
Administration/ HR SDG 16 LECP G2 02.1i	<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"> • Bray Area Partnership Community Lunch on 4th December • Wicklow Co. Co. celebration of Pride of Place Wicklow winning groups on 4th December. • IEN Rights to Nature: Actions through PPNs online meet up on 4th December. • DISC meeting on 5th December • Secretariat & Reps end of year meeting & dinner on 5th December • Online Meeting of PPN Housing Reps from across the country on 5th December. • Comhairle na nOg Steering Committee meeting on 6th December. • Member online Information/Training Session – ‘Dealing with Financial Institutions for Nonprofit Organisations’ on 6th December. • Womens’ Refuge Bray Event on 8th December. • CWP LGBTI+ Training on 11th December. • Arklow Community Excellence Community Fair, Bridgewater Centre on 14th December. • PPN NAG meeting on the 18th December. • Wicklow Child & Family Project – Farewell to Christine (Manager) on her retirement - 20th December. • Wicklow PPN will close from Friday 15th Dec to Monday 8th January.
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