Let your Voice be heard and make a real difference!

Become a PPN Representative
& be part of a collective voice
for Community in Co. Wicklow

Wicklow PPN currently has a number of vacant Representative seats that we would encourage people to consider putting their names forward for.

We are also delighted to report that, following our recent call for nominations, we are welcoming a new Representative to each of the following committees: the Wicklow County Council Housing SPC and the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC. Thanks to everyone who engaged with the process, and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reps.

If you or a member of your group is interested in any of the positions listed below, please do contact us via email or phone. Even if your group's PPN pillar is not the same as the pillar for the seat, or if your group's membership status is Associate rather than Full, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We would be very grateful if you or a member of (Account Name) would consider volunteering for any of the positions detailed below.

About PPN Representative

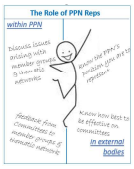
What is a PPN Rep?

PPN Representatives perform an important function on behalf of PPNs.

They are elected by Member Groups in their Pillar: Municipal District to get involved in, and contribute to, Local Authority Committees & other external Boards/Committees on behalf of the PPN. In doing this, they represent the PPN as a whole, their own Municipal District / area, their Pillar and their group.

Why have PPN Reps?

- Local knowledge and expertise is injected into the decision making arena.
- Development of bottom-up/inclusive solutions to local issues.
- Creates opportunities for the wider community to contribute to the local authority policies & plans
- Public participation will lead to improved quality of decisions.



What's involved in being a PPN Rep?

Click on the button opposite to access a copy of our Reps Charter

PPN Representatives Charter

Vacant Wicklow PPN Representative Positions

County Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee

The purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committee is to secure better developmental outcomes for children through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level. In other words, encouraging and supporting organisations providing services for children to work together to get the most benefit for those services. In doing so they hope to ensure the following outcomes for children in Co Wicklow:

- Healthy, both physically and mentally
- Supported in active learning
- Safe from accidental and intentional harm, and secure in the immediate and wider physical environment
- Economically secure
- Part of positive networks of family, friends, neighbours and the community, and included and participating in society.

This Committee meets approximately 6 times per year. The remaining dates for 2026 are as follows:

- 22nd May
- 24th July
- 23th September
- 28th November

They meet in the Wurzburg Room, Wicklow County Council Offices, Wicklow Town at 10.30am and it is always on Friday mornings.

Agenda and paperwork are issued a week in advance as far as possible.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:
We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

One seat is available for a person with experience in children and youth programmes, supports or activities in the county, representing a non-profit organisation that provides services and/or supports to children, young people or families, or that receives State funding to deliver such services. - 1 seat.

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County Wicklow Volunteer Centre (Board)

County Wicklow Volunteer Centre is an independent organisation committed to developing volunteering in Wicklow and its natural environs. Its board includes representatives from the community and statutory sectors. The board meets 7 times a year. The role of a Board Member will be to advise and help with the oversight and governance of the Centre. The main objectives of County Wicklow Volunteer Centre are:

- promoting, supporting and encouraging organisations whose activities involve volunteers, particularly in their localities and communities.
- promoting volunteering and helping to source and place volunteers in a wide range of voluntary and community organisations.
- promoting good practice in all things volunteering through the provision of training support and information.
- The Board usually meets monthly, in May, on a weekday. The time commitment for this role is approximately two hours per month.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:
We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

One seat is available for a person with experience and an interest in the voluntary sector. This would be an informal advisory role, and the individual would not hold any legal responsibility. - 1 seat.

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Sustainable Mobility Ltd T/A Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow (Board)

Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow is a transport company part of the Local Link Rural Network. They operate two different types of services RSS and Door to Door (DRT). They are dedicated to connecting communities across Carlow Kilkenny and Wicklow. The role of the Board is to manage rural transport (Local Link) in the area which includes:

- Transport Planning
- Finance/Corporate Governance
- Customer Experience
- Contract Management

Meetings are usually held quarterly in Kilkenny City with a hybrid option.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:
We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

One seat is available for a person with an interest in local transport, community development and business management - 1 seat.

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Wicklow Heritage Forum

The Wicklow Heritage Forum is a non-statutory advisory group established by Wicklow County Council to provide observations on the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the County Heritage Strategy.

The forum meets 4/6 times a year. Meetings are held during the day (usually 10am to 12pm). The meetings are usually held in County Buildings, Wicklow Town or in the Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:
We are currently looking for two nominations for representatives to this committee.

Two seats are available for people with an interest in and/or experience in heritage whether it be natural, cultural and/or archaeological - 2 seats.

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Wicklow County Council Community and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

The role of the Strategic Policy Committees is to consider and advise the Corporate Policy Group and the full Council on matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Council, and which are linked to the Corporate Plan.

The Community & Social Development SPC has a role in advising on Community and Social Development. This brief includes new communities, the Leader programme, the Local Economic and Community Plan, Age Friendly and Disability & Inclusion Strategies, Local Community Safety Partnership and the Social Inclusion and Community Activation programme (SICAP).

The committee bring together both elected members and people actively working with social, community/voluntary, economic, cultural, business and environmental bodies to assist in the work of the committee.

This Committee usually meet at least four times a year in County Buildings during weekday working hours.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:
We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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Wicklow PPN Secretariat

The Role of the PPN Secretariat is to ensure that the PPN Wicklow's progressive, good financial & governance practices are being adhered to, as well as supporting and advancing the PPN Staff.

The Secretariat normally meets every second month. At the moment meetings are held in person with winter meetings being held online. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Vacant Seats/Criteria:
We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

Greystones Municipal District - 1 seat

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Process & Procedure

Member Groups Please note

A term for a PPN Representative is 5 years with a second 5-year term allowable. Therefore, those who have completed a first term can put themselves forward for another term.

Only Full Member Groups can make nominations or vote in PPN elections.

If you are unsure on any of the above or if you would like to enquire about registering your group as a Full Member of the PPN please contact us.

We will be accepting nominations for all of the above PPN Representative positions until 9am on Monday 18th May.

Where there is more than 1 nominee for any 1 seat an election and voting process will be activated. Each full member group in the relevant MD or pillar has ONE vote for EACH seat.

Nominee Please note:

There is a time commitment to being a PPN Representative this will include being able to (as much as possible) attend the meetings of the committee you were nominated to, attending PPN Reps Peer Sharing Group (monthly online) and attending PPN Plenary meetings (2 per year).

Please provide a brief biography (in the nomination form) about yourself, particularly your community work experience and what you bring to the committee you are being nominated to.

PPN Representatives are required to provide a brief written report from the meetings they attend on the PPNs behalf. This report is circulated to all our member groups and uploaded to our website. Where there is more than one PPN Representative on a committee the reporting can and should be shared.

Representatives should be willing to liaise with PPN Linkage Groups, Thematic Networks and member groups that have an interest in their committee, bringing their issues, suggestions and views to the committee they sit on (this provides VCC with information from community groups).

We are here to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you can help and we look forward to hearing from you.

Take care and kind regards

Wicklow PPN Staff Team and Secretariat Team

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