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Supporting
Communities
Every Day



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Wicklow PPN End of Year 2024 Members Gathering

Your Council Day - Supporting Communities Every Day

Every day, across County Wicklow, community groups, volunteers, residents and local organisations work to make their communities better places to live, work and belong. Whether it is organising local events, supporting vulnerable members of the community, protecting the environment, promoting inclusion, enhancing biodiversity, or creating opportunities for young people, communities are at the heart of county life.

Supporting these efforts every day is Wicklow County Council.

Your Council Day is a national campaign that highlights the vital work carried out by local authorities across Ireland and celebrates the dedication of local authority staff. The theme for Your Council Day 2026, "**Supporting Communities Every Day**", recognises the many ways local government works alongside communities to deliver services, support local initiatives and help create vibrant, sustainable places where people can thrive.

From housing, roads, libraries and planning to climate action, community development, heritage, biodiversity and recreation, Wicklow County Council provides services that impact the lives of people across the county every day. Behind these services are elected members and council staff who work throughout the year to respond to local needs and support communities.

As the representative voice for over 500 community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups in County Wicklow, Wicklow PPN works closely with Wicklow County Council to ensure that community voices are heard and included in local decision-making. Through consultations, committees, working groups and collaborative initiatives, Wicklow PPN helps create opportunities for local people and organisations to influence policies, plans and services that affect their communities.

The partnership between Wicklow PPN and Wicklow County Council continues to deliver positive outcomes for communities across the county. During the past year, Wicklow County Council supported the work of Wicklow PPN through funding, collaboration and engagement, helping us to connect with and support member groups throughout Wicklow.

Together, we have worked on a range of initiatives, including the Social Inclusion Network Group (SING), the Disability Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC), and the Wicklow Food Poverty Forum. Council staff have also actively engaged with community consultations facilitated by Wicklow PPN, including consultation work that informed submissions to the National and Local Strategy for Community Safety and discussions on transport issues affecting communities across the county.

Supporting community groups to access funding was another important area of collaboration during 2025/2026. In September 2025 Wicklow County Council staff from both the Community and Climate sections attended our Grant Writing and Funding Information Day, where they shared valuable information on applying for specific grants. Earlier this year, Wicklow PPN and the Community Section of Wicklow County Council partnered to deliver an online information session on the Local Enhancement Programme and the Community Awards Fund. This was complemented by a series of outreach clinics organised by the Council, providing practical support to community groups preparing funding applications.

Another collaboration was the Voter Registration Drive held in Blessington in partnership with Wicklow County Council, KWETB and Blessington Tourist Office, helping to encourage greater civic participation and engagement within the community.

A key element of this partnership is the contribution of Wicklow PPN's volunteer representatives, who sit on a range of Council committees and structures. By bringing forward the views, experiences and priorities of member groups, they help ensure that local policies and decisions are informed by community knowledge and lived experience.

On Your Council Day, Wicklow PPN would like to acknowledge and thank the elected members, management and staff of Wicklow County Council for their continued support, collaboration and commitment to communities throughout County Wicklow.

We would also like to thank our member groups, PPN representatives, Secretariat members and volunteers whose dedication, passion and commitment help build stronger, more connected and inclusive communities every day.

Together, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow PPN and our member groups are supporting communities, strengthening participation and helping to shape the future of County Wicklow.

6 Things You Might Not Know About Wicklow County Council & Wicklow PPN

1. Community groups help shape local policies before they are adopted

Many of the policies and strategies developed by Wicklow County Council are informed by consultation with communities. Through Wicklow PPN, member groups have opportunities to contribute their views on issues such as climate action, planning, transport, biodiversity, social inclusion and community development before decisions are made.

2. Council staff work far beyond the County Buildings

While many people are familiar with the Council's public-facing services, staff are also working every day in communities across the county, supporting local development, engaging with community groups, administering grants, protecting the environment, maintaining infrastructure and responding to local needs.

3. Community voices are represented at Council committees by volunteers

Wicklow PPN representatives sit on a wide range of committees and working groups, including Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), the Local Community Development Committee (LDCDC), the Local Community Safety Partnership and other consultative structures. Every representative volunteers their time to ensure community perspectives are heard.

4. Local government decisions are made closer to home than many people realise

Many decisions affecting local communities are made at Municipal District level by councillors representing Arklow, Baltinglass, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow. Municipal District meetings help shape local priorities, oversee services and support community initiatives in each area.

5. Accessing funding is about more than grants - it's about support

During 2025 and 2026, Wicklow County Council staff from both the Community and Climate Sections worked alongside Wicklow PPN to support community groups through funding information sessions, outreach clinics and a Grant Writing and Funding Information Day. These events helped groups better understand funding opportunities and build their capacity to develop local projects.

6. Strong communities are built through partnership

From public consultations and climate action initiatives to inclusion projects and funding supports, Wicklow County Council and Wicklow PPN work together to ensure that local knowledge, lived experience and community priorities help shape the future of County Wicklow.



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Municipal District meetings
are open to the public and
Council Meetings are live
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Supporting Communities Every Day is more than a theme for Your Council Day, it reflects the ongoing partnership between communities, Wicklow County Council and Wicklow PPN to create a more connected, inclusive and sustainable county for everyone.



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