



**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

Quarterly Report Q1 2020

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INTRODUCTION

Kildare PPN had a very busy start to the first Quarter of 2020. We appointed two PPN representatives (one community & voluntary seat and one environmental seat) to the newly formed Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee in Kildare County Council. We also filled two other positions, the Social Inclusion seat on the Local Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, and a vacant community and voluntary seat on the Joint Policing Committee.

At the beginning of quarter one, Kildare PPN developed our workplan to guide our work for 2020. To shape our workplan, a questionnaire was sent out to all our member groups to complete asking for their input and suggestions.

Unfortunately, in mid-March, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, and in line with government directives, Kildare PPN's activities had to be put on hold.

During this time, our priorities shifted to communicating with community groups, keeping them well informed in matters relating to Covid-19, acting as a hub for useful and vital information to be circulated throughout Kildare, along with mapping out the different services that were being provided by community groups to help the vulnerable within communities across Kildare.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Aims

- ❖ To facilitate and encourage public participation in local decision making
- ❖ To facilitate the representation of the Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental groups onto decision making bodies
- ❖ To strengthen the capacity of organisations to contribute positively to the community

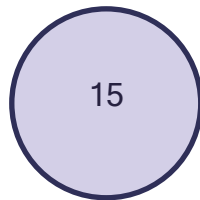
Objectives

- ❖ Encourage greater participation in public decision making which leads to more effective and better targeted policies and programmes at local level and where necessary at a regional and national level
- ❖ Develop alternative methods and models of working which seek to directly involve and empower groups and individuals within the community.
- ❖ Support Kildare PPN representatives to achieve the policy objective of Kildare PPN

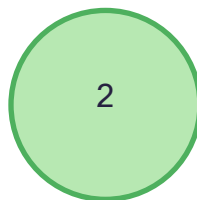
MEMBERSHIP

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of March 2020, Kildare PPN's membership has risen by 9%.

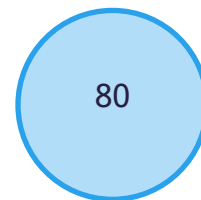
New Membership in Quarter 1



Social Inclusion

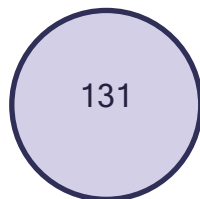


Environmental

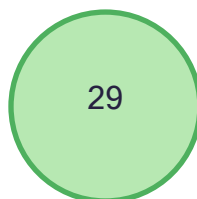


Community & Voluntary

Total Membership as of the 31st of March 2020



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

Re-registration

77 PPN Member Groups re-registered with Kildare PPN in between January and March 2020

REPRESENTATION

Elections

Kildare PPN held elections for the following positions in Q1:

- Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee - Community & Voluntary Seat
- Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee - Environmental Seat
- Joint Policing Committee - Community & Voluntary Seat
- Local Community & Cultural SPC - Social Inclusion Seat

All of the seats were filled and representatives were nominated to the above committees.

Kildare PPN currently has representation on the following committees:

Committee	College	Number
Local Community Development Committee	Community/Voluntary	2
Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion	2
Joint Policing Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
Environment Services & Water SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Environment Services & Water SPC	Environmental	1
Housing Strategic Policy Committee SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Housing Strategic Policy Committee SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Transport Strategic Policy Committee	Community & Voluntary	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Environmental	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Local Community and Cultural SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC	Social Inclusion	1
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC	Environmental	1
Climate Action SPC	Community & Voluntary	1
Climate Action SPC	Environmental	1
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Community & Voluntary	2
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Environmental	1
Drehid Liaison Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
	Total Representatives	23

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Grant Information Roadshows

Kildare PPN, in collaboration with the Community Dept. in Kildare County Council, hosted two grant information evenings for PPN members, offering information and advice on filling out the grant application along with an open Questions and Answers session.

17th March 2020 - Clane Parish Hall - 55 PPN members attended.

20th March 2020 - Kildare Town - 25 PPN members attended.



Linkage Group Information Session

25th February 2020 - Solas Bhríde. 17 PPN members

Kildare PPN hosted a Linkage Group information session for PPN Representatives and any members that were interested in joining Linkage Groups.

Jamie Moore, consultant and past resource worker with Fingal PPN was invited down to discuss how the Linkage Group model worked in Fingal.

Secretariat Meetings

Kildare PPN held two Secretariat meetings during quarter one.

	4 th February 2020	10 th March 2020
James Cotter	✓	X
Anne Crowe	✓	X
P.J Fagan	✓	✓
Cliona Kelliher	✓	✓
Deirdre Lane	X	X
Declan Nolan	✓	X
Orla O'Connell	X	✓
Dermot O'Donnell	X	✓

Bernard Higgins (RW)		
Grace Clarke (SW)	✓	✓

Judith Browne (SPC Rep)		✓
Gerry Dornan (SPC Rep)		✓

Kildare PPN attended the following:

- Midlands Regional PPN Meeting
- Kildare County Council Climate Action Steering Group Meeting
- Bord na Mona - Just Transition Meeting
- County Kildare Community Biodiversity Project Launch
- Networking 4 Nature Steering Group Meetings
- Social Inclusion Week Steering Group Meeting



Just Transition Meeting



Launch of the Co. Kildare Biodiversity Project



Kildare County Council Climate Action Steering Group Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media



24% increase in Followers



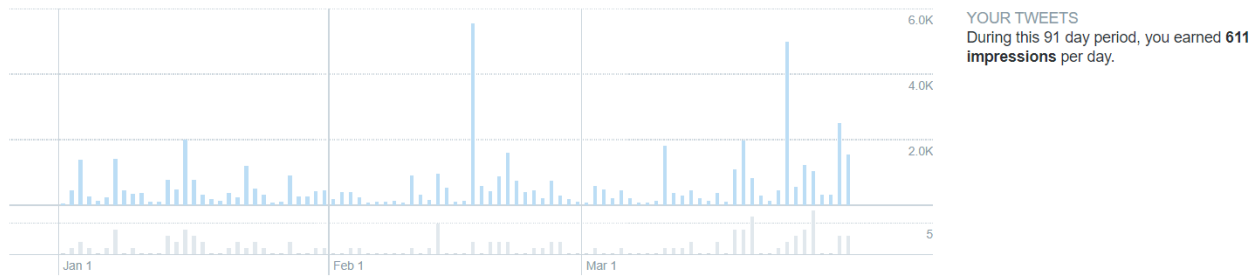
27% increase in Followers

[Analytics](#) [Home](#) [Tweets](#) [More](#) Kildare PPN Sign up for Twitter Ads

Tweet activity

Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2020 [Export data](#)

Your Tweets earned **55.6K impressions** over this **91 day** period



Facebook Reach between 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2020 - 69,633

Post Reach

The number of people who saw any of your posts at least once. This metric is estimated.

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National Public Consultations advertised: 3

Regional Public Consultations advertised (Kildare County Council): 1

Funding Opportunities shared: 13

Training Opportunities shared: 9

PPN and Community Information: 12

Useful Resources and Reports: 5

Covid-19 Information and Resources: 41



8 e-mail Newsletters were sent in Q1 of 2020 via Salesforce containing information including information on Covid-19, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training and anything we feel may be beneficial to our member groups.

TRAINING

- Fire Safety Training - County Kildare LEADER Partnership - Support Worker
- Community Development Network - Presentation on the “Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A five-year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland” by Community Work Ireland - Support Worker and Resource Worker.
- Webinar ‘The Role of Senior Leaders in Public Sector Digital Communications’ - Support Worker.

ADMINISTRATION

2020 Work Plan

Kildare PPN Work Plan 2020 was developed, outlining the goals and objectives to be completed by the network in 2020. This document was approved by the Secretariat on the 4th of February, and awaits ratification at the next Plenary meeting.

Kildare PPN Grievance Procedure

The Kildare PPN Grievance Procedure was developed, outlining the grievance procedure that should be adhered to and the disciplinary process to be followed if disciplinary actions needs to be taken. This policy was approved by the Secretariat on the 4th of February 2020 and awaits ratification at the next Plenary meeting.

COVID-19

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, Kildare PPN had to postpone all future events and meetings.

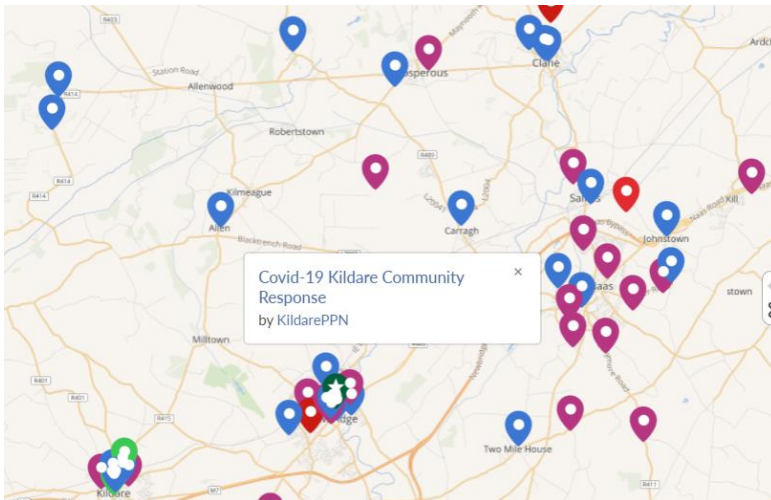
During this period, Kildare PPN shifted it's main focus to communications.

With Kildare PPN's membership amounting to over 1,000 community groups all throughout Kildare, our database acted as an invaluable source to circulate information through from both the HSE and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Interactive Map

Due to the incredible community response to Covid-19 the was being seen throughout the County, Kildare PPN decided to display this community response on an interactive map, showing what services community groups were offering all across the County, including how vulnerable people in these communities could avail of these services.

The map can be accessed here: <https://www.kildareppn.ie/resources/covid-19-community/>



Map views on website: **463 Views**

Facebook reach: **4,032**

Website

On the Kildare PPN website we displayed designated posts related to Covid-19 on the Homepage. These posts included:

- Covid-19 resources and links for community groups
- Covid-19 communications pack

- Covid-19 public information booklet.

Page views: 352

Social Media

Kildare PPN's social media channels were being used each day to circulate updates from the different governmental departments, the HSE and the local authority.

Kildare COVID 19 Community Response Forum

Kildare PPN has 6 representatives on the Kildare COVID 19 Community Response Forum.

The forum was set up by Kildare County Council and assists at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice during the current public health emergency.

Operational Measures during Covid-19

Due to the disruption brought about by Covid-19, Kildare PPN will be taking the following measures as a way of reducing the disruption moving forward:

- Upcoming meetings to be held through conference calling
- Future training and capacity building to be held through webinars
- Remote working for staff

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY – MARCH 2020

INCOME	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	75700.00
Kildare County Council	35000.00
Total Income	110700.00
Fixed Expenses	
Resource Worker Salary	37587.96
Employer PRSI	4115.88
Support Worker Salary	27492.00
Employer PRSI	3011.64
CKLP Administration Fee	1500.00
Insurance	510.00
Total Fixed Expenses	74,216.52
January	
Travel Expenses	64.56
Total January	64.56
February	
Venue for Grant Info night (Kildare Town)	100.00
Refreshments for Grant Information Evenings	40.00
Linkage Group Info Session Venue Hire	202.50
Linkage Group Info Session Facilitator	350.00
Total February	692.50
March	
Ink for Printer	298.27
Total March	298.27
Total Income	110700.00
Total Expenditure	75,271.00
Balance	35,429