



**Kildare  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

**Quarterly Report  
Q2 2020**

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# INTRODUCTION

Kildare PPN had another very busy quarter. With the Covid-19 pandemic, we have focused a lot of our activities on collaborating with other organisations on initiatives to support community and voluntary groups in this difficult period. The initiatives included the 'Keep Kildare Talking' initiative, the Community Fundraising support campaign, the Access to Technology Survey and the Food Provision Survey.

Similar to last quarter, we continued to act as a hub of information for the community sector in Kildare, updating our groups regularly through email and our social media channels.

Unfortunately our Networking for Nature event, our Plenary along with other plans and events that were part of our work plan had to be cancelled this quarter due to Covid-19, but we are in the process of looking at rescheduling and reformatting some of these events for later in the year to adapt to the current situation.

We held our first webinar this quarter, which was a joint venture with the Kildare Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) mentor. We were very pleased with how the webinar went and are enthusiastic to continue holding useful webinars for our members during the year. We also look forward to continuing to promote the establishment of Sustainable Energy Communities throughout Kildare.

One of the highlights for Kildare PPN this quarter has been the successful launch of the Climate Action Linkage Group. The members of the Linkage Group are passionate and proactive and we look forward to the working closely with them on the work they have planned for Climate Action in Kildare.

We are looking forward to another busy quarter ahead.

# 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

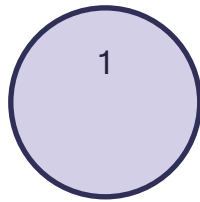
## Objectives

- ❖ 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

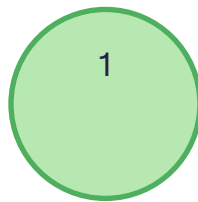
# MEMBERSHIP

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, Kildare PPN's membership has risen by 1.7%.

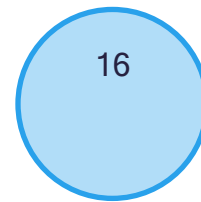
## New Membership in Quarter 2



Social Inclusion

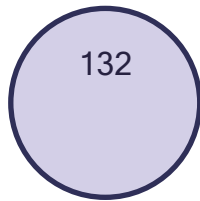


Environmental

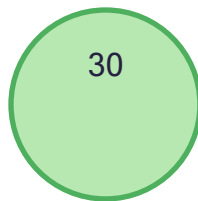


Community & Voluntary

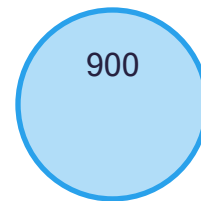
## Total Membership as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

# REPRESENTATION

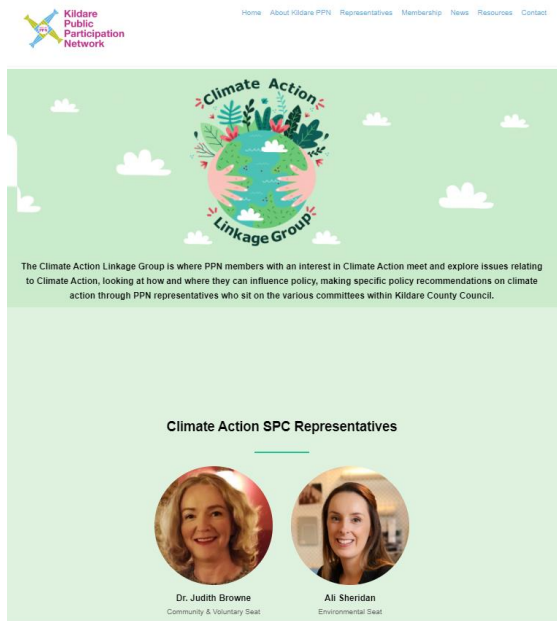
Kildare PPN currently has representation on the following committees:

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
	<b>Total Representatives</b>	<b>23</b>

# CLIMATE ACTION LINKAGE GROUP

The Kildare PPN Climate Action SPC Linkage Group was formed during quarter two. The Climate Action Linkage Group is where PPN members with an interest in Climate Action meet and explore issues relating to Climate Action, looking at how and where they can influence policy, making specific policy recommendations on climate action through PPN representatives who sit on the various committees within Kildare County Council.

There are 34 members of the Linkage Group made up from each of the three pillars from all around the County. 5 meetings have taken place to date.



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**Climate Action SPC Representatives**

**Dr. Judith Browne**  
Community & Voluntary Seat

**Ali Sheridan**  
Environmental Seat

A dedicated webpage on the PPN website has been set up for the Climate Action Linkage Group, where it features minutes from the Climate Action Linkage Group meetings, summary documents, Climate Action SPC agenda and minutes, along with useful resources.

All of the information can be accessed by the members of the public so they can keep informed on their activities.

You can visit the Climate Action Linkage Group webpage at the following link:

<https://www.kildareppn.ie/climate-action-linkage-group>

# KILDARE PPN COVID-19 INITIATIVES

## Keep Kildare Talking

Keep Kildare Talking was a joint initiative with Kildare PPN, Kildare County Council, County Kildare LEADER Partnership and the Kildare Community Champion, The objective of the campaign was to encourage community groups to reach out those in their community who may be isolated and lonely. The campaign was posted on the Kildare PPN website, Kildare PPN Facebook, and the Kildare PPN Twitter to advertise it. It was also emailed out to Kildare PPN members.

**Lets Keep Kildare Talking**

Kildare COVID-19 Community Response Forum are calling on neighbours, friends and community groups to 'Keep Kildare Talking' and together, reduce the feeling of loneliness.

**What can you do?**  
Keep Kildare Talking by reaching out to a neighbour. Smile, chat at a safe distance, make a friendly phone call or let them know your contact details. Family members, neighbours and friends can all play their part by recognising that even though we have to stay apart, we can still take the time to talk to each other and this can really reduce loneliness.

**What can Community Groups do?**  
Keep Kildare Talking by asking your members to make regular 'comfort calls' to vulnerable citizens by telephone or video call. Help people stay connected and get online. Remember some people may be reluctant to ask for help and thus we need to offer them a friendly chat as well as practical supports.

**Lets Keep Kildare Talking**

**T** - Take the time to chat. Together, we can get through.  
**A** - Ask your neighbour how they're doing  
**L** - Let your neighbours have your contact details  
**K** - Keep in regular contact by telephone and video call.  
**I** - Initiate conversations with a friendly wave or smile.  
**N** - Never feel alone - Kildare Community Call Helpline is here to help you.  
**G** - Get Talking, it's good for you and your community

Kildare Covid-19 Community Response Forum is reminding people that anyone who needs help or is experiencing loneliness can call the Kildare Community Call Helpline at 1800 300 174, 8am-8pm, seven days a week or the national ALONE Helpline 0818 222 024. Other supports are also available at [YourMentalHealth.ie](http://YourMentalHealth.ie)

Two Kildare befriending services are also available, Good Morning Kildare 045 859037 or [goodmorning@kildare.ie](mailto:goodmorning@kildare.ie) and Older Voices Kildare (OVK), Denise Croke, 087-1411069 and Susan Higgins, Befriending Support Worker, 087-1149175.

The national, 'In this together' campaign, aims to promote wellbeing during the current pandemic. It offers a range of activities and supports, for mental health, staying fit and active, and staying connected which can be found on [go.inthis.together](http://go.inthis.together) or on the dedicated wellbeing section of Kildare County Council website

Protection from coronavirus – It's in our hands  
#ItsInOurHands #InThisTogether  
#KeepKildareTalking

COMMUNITY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM  
Kildare County Council

## Access to Technology Survey

The partners involved in this initiative were Older Voices Kildare, Muintir Na Tire, Kildare PPN, County Kildare Leader Partnership and the Age Friendly Programme. The access to technology link was sent out to all of the Kildare PPN members, a hard copy of the survey was also sent to members of Older voices Kildare to complete the survey. The purpose of the survey was to see if people are suffering in a particular way because of lack of access to technology, and to identify if there is a need, or how much of a need to develop a strategy around this.

There were 59 responses to the survey and A working group has been set up to explore access to devices and possible funding.

## Food Provision Survey

Kildare PPN in collaboration with Kildare Children & Young People's Services Committee conducting a survey to try and map out all of the services that are offering food provision services across Kildare during the Covid-19 outbreak to try and identify gaps and specific areas in need. The survey was sent to Kildare PPN members and posted on our social media channels. There were 25 responses in total. No immediate or urgent requirement for food provision were identified in the survey.



## Community Fundraising Support Campaign

Due to Covid-19, many fundraising events that community groups and charities rely on to carry out their activities throughout the year have sadly been cancelled.

A number of our member groups provided vital services supporting vulnerable people in their community at their own expense.

As a lot of our member groups depend heavily on fundraising events, some groups are in urgent need of donations to maintain their services/activities.

County Kildare LEADER Partnership and Kildare Public Participation Network ran a campaign on KFM beginning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and ending on 11<sup>th</sup> of July, asking members of the public to support their local community groups with their up and coming fundraisers.

Kildare PPN set up a dedicated fundraising page on the Kildare PPN website to highlight and promote organisations/community groups who are organising fundraising events in the coming months. Community groups could submit their planned fundraisers through our dedicated fundraising form to be featured on the page.

### Community Fundraising Support Campaign

Due to Covid-19, many fundraising events that our members groups would have been organising have sadly been cancelled. As a lot of our member groups rely heavily on their fundraising events to help support their services/activities, sadly due to Covid-19 this has resulted in a loss of income for these community groups/charities.

Below we have featured member groups who require donations from the public and details on how you can donate.

If you are a PPN group and would like to feature your organisation on this page, please fill out the form by clicking on the button below

[Submit Fundraising Details](#)



Dara Community Living

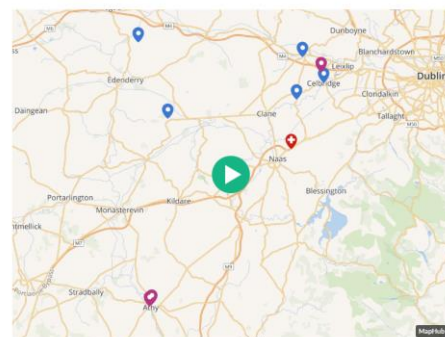


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Irish Wheelchair Association

### Fundraising Interactive Map

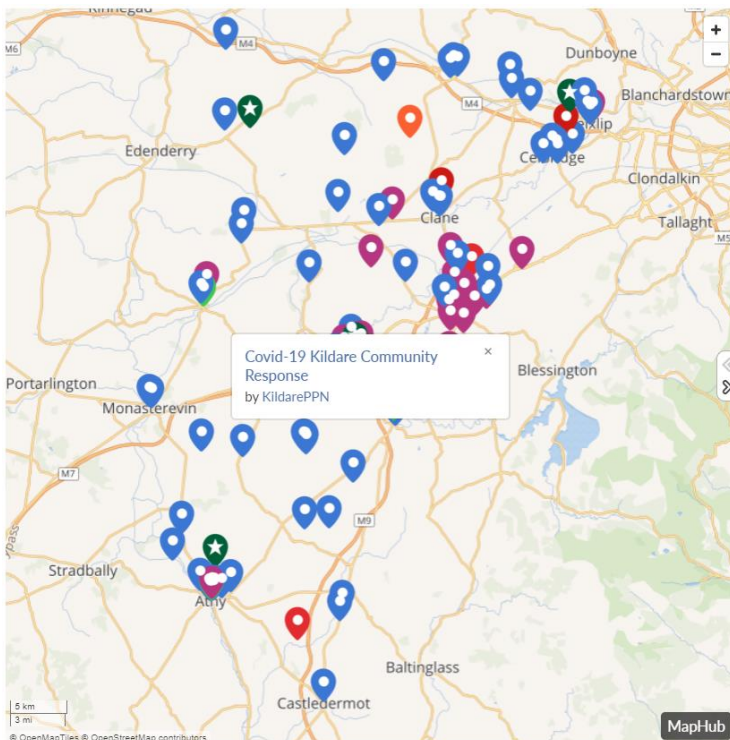


# COVID-19 KILDARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Kildare PPN continued to support the Covid-19 Community Call with the Kildare PPN Covid-19 interactive map. The map contains a list of all of the community groups that were offering assistance and supports to the vulnerable members of the community and what area that group are covering, making it easy to locate support in your area

On our website we had the feature where community and voluntary groups in County Kildare could submit their services and supports for the community call. These were then forwarded on to Kildare County Council for inclusion in the Kildare Community Call.

42 groups registered to our map this quarter. A total of 112 groups throughout Kildare registered their services and supports to the Community Call.



# WEBINARS

## Information Session on Sustainable Energy Communities in Kildare

The graphic is a blue rectangular poster. At the top left is the 'seai' logo. At the top right is the 'Kildare Public Participation Network' logo. The main title is 'Information Session on Sustainable Energy Communities in Kildare'. Below the title is the text 'Want your club or group to save money, energy & play a positive climate action role in Kildare?'. On the left side, there is a circular portrait of Emer Conway, with text below it: 'Hosted by: Emer Conway, Community Energy Mentor with Special Guest'. In the center, it says 'Join our free webinar on May 27th at 7:00pm'. At the bottom center, it says 'Register your place at: [kildareppn.ie/SECWebinar](http://kildareppn.ie/SECWebinar)'. The bottom of the graphic features a stylized illustration of a community with houses, a wind turbine, and a solar panel.

Kildare PPN, in collaboration with Emer Conway SEC Community Energy Mentor, held a webinar on Sustainable Energy Communities in Kildare, on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm.

The aim of the webinar was to give participants information surrounding Sustainable Energy Communities, including who can be a sustainable energy community, how they can benefit your community and even lead to the creation of jobs. There were 29 webinar registrations from PPN members all across Kildare.

# COMMUNICATIONS

## Social Media



652 of Followers  
17.5% increase



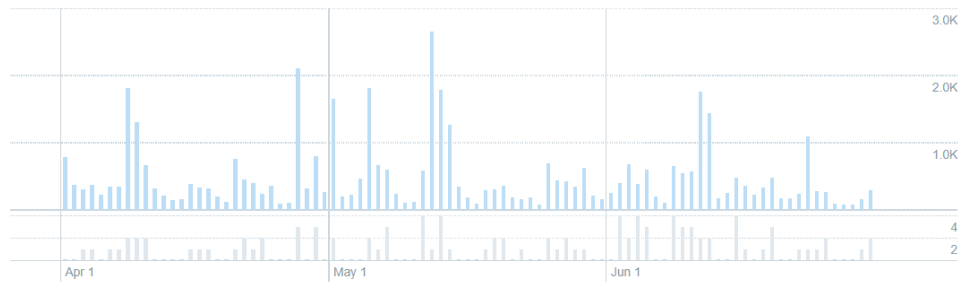
214 of followers  
20% increase

### Tweet activity

Apr 1 – Jun 30, 2020

Export data

Your Tweets earned **44.9K impressions** over this **91 day** period



**YOUR TWEETS**  
During this 91 day period, you earned **494 impressions** per day.

### Facebook Reach between 1st April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - 82,548

#### Post Reach

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

Create Post



**BENCHMARK**  
Compare your average performance over time.

Organic

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National Public Consultations advertised: 3

Regional Public Consultations advertised (Kildare County Council) 11

Funding Opportunities/information: 23

Training Opportunities: 10

PPN and Community Information: 58

Covid-19 Information and Resources: 22

Kildare County Council information: 22



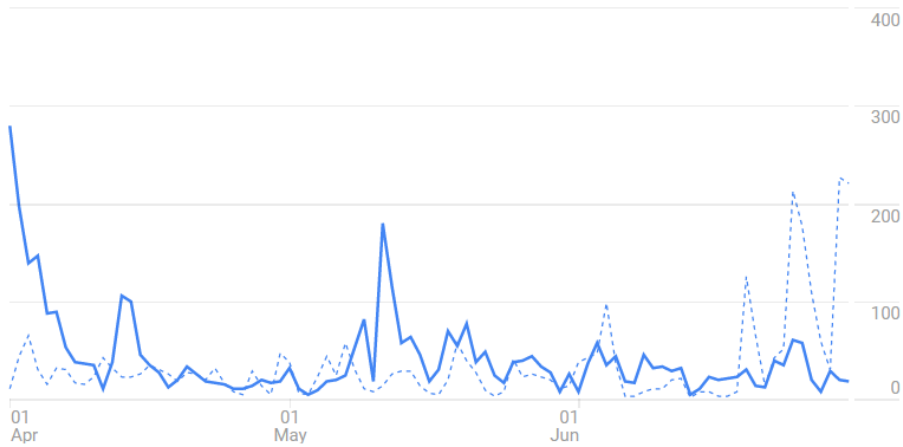
**7** e-mail Newsletters were sent in Q1 of 2020 via Salesforce containing information including funding opportunities, public consultations, Covid-19 information and resources, training opportunities and anything we feel may be of interest to our member groups.

**8** e-mail newsletters were sent to all members on behalf of the Government of Ireland and the HSE via Kildare PPN, containing up to date information and resources related to Covid-19.

## Kildare PPN Website

The statistics for the Kildare PPN website from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Session Duration
3.2K	4.2K	61.92%	1m 33s
↑27.5%	↑16.9%	↓1.0%	↓23.5%



1 Apr 2020 - 30 Jun 2020 ▾

[AUDIENCE OVERVIEW >](#)

# TRAINING

- SEAI Community Engagement Webinar - Support Worker.
- Rebuilding Community Resilience Post Covid19 with IEN - Resource Worker and Support Worker
- SEAI Media Training for Communities - Support Worker.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Membership with The Wheel

Kildare PPN signed up for membership with The Wheel to avail of their services and supports.

## Put Community First Campaign

Kildare PPN supported The Wheel's Put Community First Campaign by e-mailing TD's in our constituency re-iterate how important it is that the community and voluntary sector is supported, in order to support vulnerable people, throughout the next Programme for Government.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## JANUARY – JUNE 2020

<b>INCOME</b>	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	75700.00
Kildare County Council	35000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>110700.00</b>
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>	
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
Rent and Rates to Kildare County Council	
<b>Total Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>74217.48</b>
<b>January</b>	
Secretariat Travel Expenses	64.56
<b>Total January</b>	<b>64.56</b>
<b>February</b>	
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
<b>Total February</b>	<b>692.50</b>
<b>March</b>	
Ink for Printer	298.27
<b>Total March</b>	<b>298.27</b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>Total April</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>May</b>	
Zoom Subscription	17.21
<b>Total May</b>	<b>17.21</b>
<b>June</b>	
Survey Monkey Subscription	432.00
The Wheel Subscription	150.00
Zoom Subscription	17.21
Support Worker Travel Expenses (Jan – June)	101.39
<b>Total June</b>	<b>700.60</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>110700.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>75,990.62</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>34,709.38</b>