



**Kildare  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

**Quarterly Report  
Q2 2021**

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# INTRODUCTION

This quarter saw the new Coordinator Grainne Fleming join the Kildare PPN. Grainne commenced her role on April 6<sup>th</sup> and has worked with the Secretariat and the Support Worker Grace Clarke to get up to speed quickly.

As the Department of Rural and Community Development issued a working handbook in November of 2020, highlighting key directives, this was the focus of Grainne's work this quarter. The 2021 Workplan was reviewed, and amendments were approved by the Secretariat on April 17<sup>th</sup>. These amendments were made in order to prioritise the implementation of changes which needed to be made to comply with Department Directives. The focus was on Governance and Compliance and whilst great progress has been made this work will continue into Q3 and Q4 this year.

Kildare PPN made four submissions on behalf of its member organisations:

- Kildare County Development Plan DECC Climate Conversations
- National Dialogue on Climate Action
- Review for the personal injury's assessment board
- Kildare strategic plan for housing people with disabilities.

## **We also Consulted on:**

- Kildare Diaspora Consultation Meeting
- Well-Being framework for Ireland.
- Public Awareness campaign for the charity and voluntary sector.
- Insurance strategic review with BHP.
- EirGrid Sustainability Survey
- E-Community Forum for the Kildare Meath Grid Upgrade Project
- Structural review of the PPN by the Department of rural & community
- Endorsed the kildare peatlands Park proposal

As we start Q3, we look forward to progressing in a proactive and positive manner strengthening our processes and increasing our engagement with member organisations.

# 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

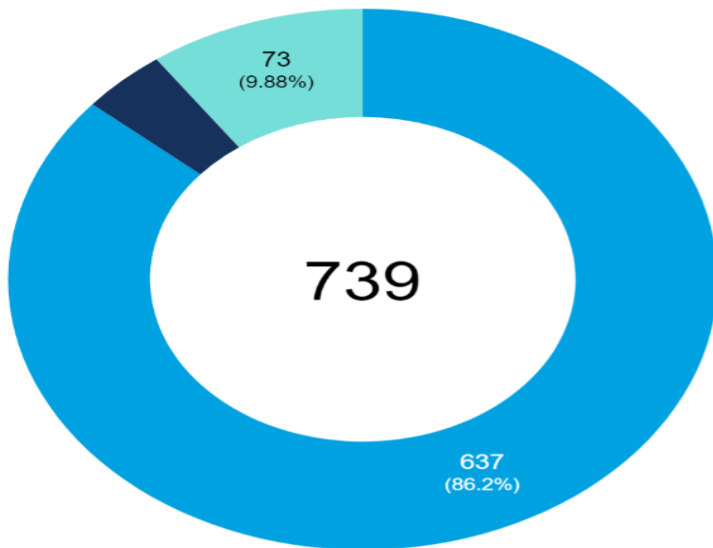
# MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership as of the 20th June 2021

Community = 86.2%

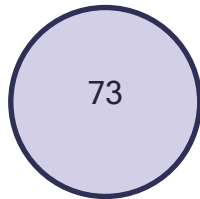
Social Inclusion = 9.88%

Environment = 4.10%

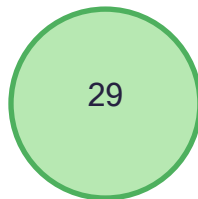


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## Number of Groups



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

# REPRESENTATION

Kildare PPN currently has representation on the following committees:

Committee	College	No.
Local Community Development Committee	Community/Voluntary	2
Local Community Development Committee	Social Inclusion	2
Local Community Development Committee	Environmental	1
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>24</b>

Following Elections held this quarter, three vacant seats have now been filled and we have a full Secretariat.

#### Kildare PPN Secretariat

Seat	Representative
Athy MD Seat	Declan Nolan
Celbridge - Leixlip Seat	Dermot O'Donnell
Clane Maynooth Seat	Naomi Scott hayward
Kildare - Newbridge MD Seat	Sarah Shakespeare
Naas MD Seat	Liz Danieffe
Community & Voluntary Seat	James Cotter
Community & Voluntary Seat	Louise Allen
Environmental Seat	Cliona Kelliher
Environmental Seat	Suzanne Murphy
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

# EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## The Plenary

On June 15<sup>th</sup> we held our Plenary Meeting. This was well attended with thirty-five member organisations present. The objective of the Plenary meeting was to ensure that all new and amended documentation, along with the workplan and budget for 2021 was ratified and approved.

## Meetings

It was a busy quarter for meetings:

Company meetings x 1

Social Inclusion meetings x 2

Coordinators Meetings CKLP x 6

MRPPN x 1

Secretariat Meetings x 4

Kildare Integration Strategy x 2

Climate Action Activation in the Community (Graduate Programme) x1

LCDC Coordinator Meeting x 1

Comhairle Na nOg x 1

Representative Meetings x 5

KCC Climate Action Team Meetings x2



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Social Media



5% increase in Followers



9% increase in Followers

Kildare PPN Twitter Activity between April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30th 2021

**25.3K impressions**

Facebook Reach between April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30th 2021

**Reach: 51,846 people**

National Public Consultations advertised: 8

Regional Public Consultations advertised: 4

Funding Opportunities shared: 18

Training Opportunities shared: 10

PPN and Community Information: 17

Useful Resources and Reports: 9

Covid-19 Information and Resources: 0



3 E-bulletins were sent in Q2 of 2021 via Salesforce containing information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training and anything we felt was beneficial to our member groups.

# TRAINING

During Q2, a Welcome & Introduction video was recorded for new members of the Secretariat. This video highlights the roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat and will become part of the Training Programme for Secretariat members moving forward.

A Training Needs Analysis was circulated to all member groups on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was live for two weeks. Based on the findings and priorities of member groups, a training programme will be designed to cover 2021/2022. This will be advertised on the website and circulated to all member groups once complete.

# ADMINISTRATION

## 2021 Work Plan

Following a review of the workplan, the Secretariat approved changes based on recommendations from the Coordinator. These changes were enacted on April 19<sup>th</sup> and ratified by the Plenary on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It can be viewed on the following link:

<https://www.kildareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Work-Plan.pdf>

# Policies

During Q2 several new policies were developed & amended.

The Constitution - Following a three week members consultation, amendments were made to the Constitution to align with the Department of Rural & Community, PPN Handbook. This was Ratified at the Plenary meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Additional documents that were ratified included: The Terms of Reference for Secretariat members - Terms of Reference Linkage Groups, Representative & Facilitators - Representatives Charter and Travel & Out of Pocket Expenses.

# Q1 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>INCOME*</b>	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	€65,630.51
Kildare County Council	€58,310.00
<b>Maximum Potential Total Income *</b>	<b>€123,940.51</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>	
Old Resource Worker Salary + PRSI * 1 Month	€3,478.45
Staff Salaries + PRSI	€71,225
CKLP Administration Fee	€3,000.00
Insurance	€569.00
<b>Total Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>€78,272.68</b>
<b>January</b>	
Zoom Subscription	€162.72
Stationary (Printer Ink, Paper)	€618.42
<b>Total January</b>	<b>€781.14</b>
<b>February</b>	
Facilitator Fees (CPD)	€369.00
Resource Worker Laptop and Equipment	€999.98
<b>Total February</b>	<b>€1,368.98</b>
<b>March</b>	
Postage	€17.50
<b>Total March</b>	<b>€17.50</b>
<b>April</b>	
N/A	
<b>Total April</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
<b>May</b>	
The Wheel Membership Fee	€150.00
<b>Total May</b>	<b>€150.00</b>
<b>June</b>	
Survey Monkey Subscription	€432.00
<b>Total June</b>	<b>€432.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€81,022.30</b>
<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>€42,918.21</b>