



**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

**Quarterly Report
Q4 2021**

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INTRODUCTION

Quarter four saw the completion of the workplan, with the exception of two elements, both of which were out of our control.

- 1) The completion of a wellbeing statement.

This was put on hold by DRCD, it is anticipated that training will resume in the spring of 2022 with social justice Ireland.

- 2) Mapping of Sustainable Development Goals

As always Governance and Compliance was high on the list of priorities and several outstanding policies were finalised in this period.

We Consulted on:

- 2022 Kildare PPN Work Plan
- Housing in Kildare
- LCDC Community Activities Fund

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

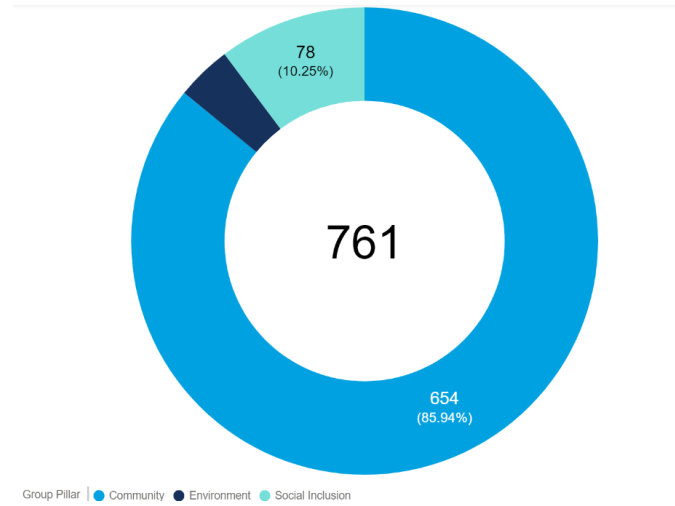
Objectives

- ❖ 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

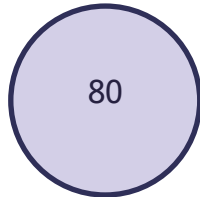
MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership as of the Dec 2021

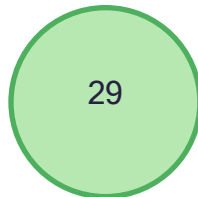
Community = 663
Social Inclusion = 80
Environment = 29



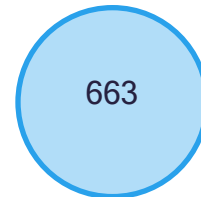
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Social Inclusion



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
	Total Representatives	24

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 Denieffe
Community & Voluntary Seat	James Cotter
Community & Voluntary Seat	Vacant
Environmental Seat	Cliona Kelleher
Environmental Seat	Vacant*
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

*Suzanne Murphy stepped down from her position as Environmental Representative on the Secretariat in November 2021

Q4 PRIORITIES TRAINING

Member Group Training

<https://www.kildareppn.ie/kildare-ppn-launch-training-calendar/>

The first Autumn / Winter Training Programme was completed with great success. The training modules ran in Q4 included:

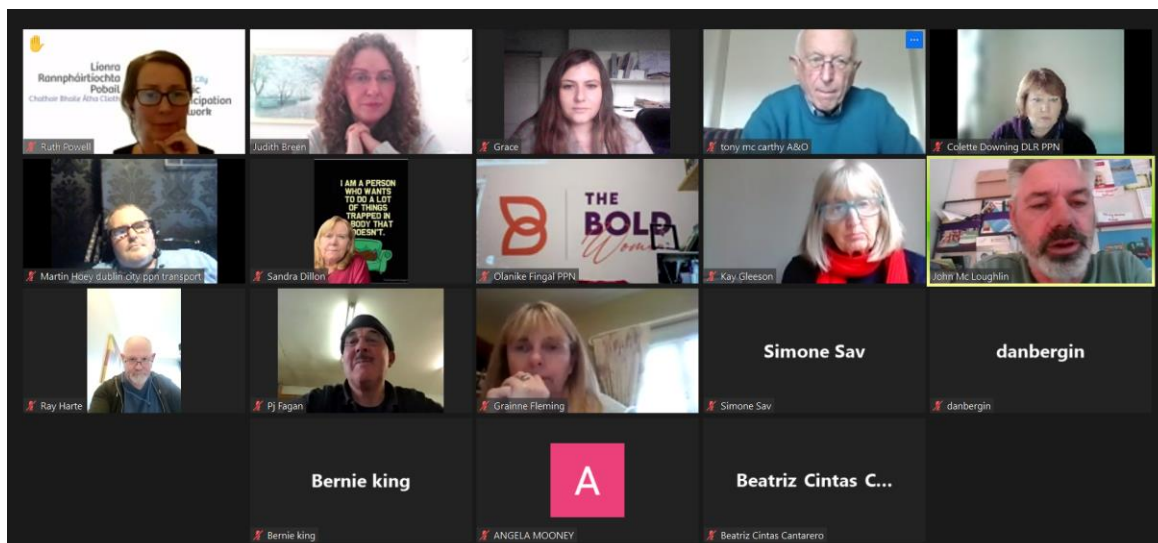
- Using Social Media to Promote Your Work
- New Options for Funding & Grant Applications
- Essentials of Volunteer Engagement

We have had several organisation's approach us looking to collaborate for training in 2022. These options are now being considered.



Creating Capable Communities Training

6 stakeholders from Kildare PPN completed the Creating Capable Communities training with W.I.T and Social Justice Ireland this quarter, including two staff members, two members of the Secretariat and 2 Representatives. The training consisted of 7 training modules to support the Public Participation Networks and the Local Authorities to engage meaningfully in participation in local decision-making.



Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026

JVC consulting was engaged in November and initial consultations commenced. Staff, Secretariat and Representative consultations have commenced, with further consultations planned with member organisations in the new year. It is anticipated that the final draft will be complete in March 2022.

Work Plan 2022

The Kildare PPN, Work Plan 2022 consultation survey was circulated to the Plenary, Secretariat and Representatives in November, to have their input into Kildare PPN's 2022 Work Plan. The final workplan was approved in December by the Secretariat and awaits ratification by the Plenary in Q1 2022.

Finance Sub-Committee

A finance sub-committee was established in Q4 consisting of two members of the Secretariat along with the Coordinator.

Policies

Policy	New/Reviewed	Approved by Secretariat
Data Protection/GDPR	Y	November 2 nd 2021
Data Breach	Y	November 2 nd 2021
Re-Registration Protocol	(Re-viewed) Y	November 2 nd 2021
Finance & Procurement	Y	December 13 th 2021
Terms of Reference WG	Y	December 13 th 2021
Terms of Reference SLC	Y	December 13 th 2021

Events

Kildare PPN Climate Action Weekend

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

Kildare Public Participation Network, Climate Action Weekend took place from Friday the 26th to Sunday the 28th of November. There were 10 events held throughout the weekend both virtual and in-person including a cycle repair clinic, sustainable living talk, biodiversity walk and our headline event, 'Ireland's Climate Response: Where are we now?', a panel discussion amongst some of Ireland's Climate experts. The weekend aimed to inspire, educate and highlight the different ways to get involved and to feel positive about our contribution to change.



(KCC) Kildare County Council Climate (Action) and Energy Week

As part of the Kildare Climate (Action) and Energy Week, we hosted the Community Activations event live from the Chamber on Friday 29th Oct. They looked at how communities in Kildare are inspiring and creating change around energy saving and the establishment of Sustainable Energy Communities across the County. It was a pleasure to collaborate at such as inspiring event.



KPPN Coordinator Grainne Fleming hosting the Climate Activation Event

Meetings

It was a busy quarter for meetings:

Social Inclusion x 1

Staff Liaison x 1

Coordinators Meetings CKLP x 4

MRPPN x 1

Secretariat Meetings x 3

(WIT Training (SJI) x 7)

Representative Meetings x1

KCC Climate Action Team Meetings x 2

Resource workers meeting x 1

The Working Group x 1

The Strategic Plan x 3

Launch of Climate Conversations Report x 1

Kildare Integration Steering Group x 1

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media



1,570 Followers
25% increase in Followers



529 Followers
10% increase in Followers

Kildare PPN Twitter Activity from Oct 1st - Dec 2021

12601 impressions

Facebook Reach between Oct 1st - Dec 2021

Reach: 31477 people

National Public Consultations advertised: 9

Regional Public Consultations advertised: 6

Funding Opportunities shared: 6

Training Opportunities shared: 14

PPN and Community Information: 24



5 E-bulletins were sent in Q4 of 2021 via Salesforce containing information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training, and anything we felt was beneficial to our member groups.