



## Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN members

**LCDC Meeting Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to LCDC members	Date for dissemination
<b>Youth Mental Health</b>	The next meeting between Kildare LCDC/KCC, HSE, Tusla and Children and Young Peoples Service's Committee continue to work to progress the recommendations of the Youth Mental Health report is scheduled for the 1 <sup>st</sup> week in February.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Youth Project Celbridge</b>	The KWETB Youth Officer communicated that the national submission for a Youth Project in Celbridge was not successful. This was disappointing for all involved and feedback is being sought by the ETB.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Connected Hub – Osprey Business Centre</b>	The new Business Centre has recently opened. Opportunities for community/voluntary groups to use the space are presenting. The LCDC Co-ordinator is scheduled to meet with the manager and a proposal will be brought to the LCDC through the SICAP subgroup at the next meeting.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Grants – CEP 2020 Audit</b>	Ten projects were selected by the Local Government Auditor for CEP 2020 audit. This commenced on the week prior to Christmas with queries currently being responded to.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Social Inclusion &amp; Community Activation Programme (SICAP)</b>	<p>The SICAP budget allocation for Kildare increased by 15% (€164,000) for 2022. This followed a national increase of 10%. The additional increase related to recognition of underfunding in Kildare.</p> <p>County Kildare LEADER Partnership, who are contracted to run SICAP in Kildare, presented their plan for 2022. This focuses on responding to priorities agreed by Kildare LCDC that fit with current national priorities a) Traveller/Roma, b) Older People, c) Mental</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

	<p>Health (including Youth mental health), d) Long Term Unemployed e) New Communities (particularly direct provision) in addition to young early school leavers/young people at risk of leaving school early.</p> <p>The plan for 2022 was approved by the LCDC.</p> <p>For further information contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership  <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450</p>	
<b>Social Enterprise Fund</b>	<p>The Minister approved grants totalling €40,882 for six groups under the Social Enterprise Fund. These are:</p> <p>The Acre Project- €9,568  Piers Café and Coffee Shop- €4,800  Rathangan Daycare Centre - €4,710  Willow Counselling Service - €4,995  McAuley Place -€7,469  Monasterevin Community Centre- €10,000</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LGBTI Funding</b>	<p>In Sync made a successful application to DRCD through the LCDC and were awarded funding of € <b>€22,365 to</b> deliver LGBTI programmes throughout the county in 2022.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Community Activities Funding</b>	<p>Details on this funding scheme which is now open was circulated last week. Closing date: February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 5pm</p> <p><a href="https://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/AllServices/Community/CommunityGrants/CommunityActivitiesFund/">https://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/AllServices/Community/CommunityGrants/CommunityActivitiesFund/</a></p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Healthy Ireland</b>	<p>Work to progress the Healthy Ireland Programme of the LCDC and CYPSC continues to take place. A Healthy Kildare Plan is currently being written and consultations are commencing. Further information on Healthy Ireland is available by contacting:</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

	Laura Kelly Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator: 086 8858508 <a href="mailto:healthyirecoord@countykildarelp.ie">healthyirecoord@countykildarelp.ie</a>	
<b>Slaintecare Athy</b>	Slaintecare meetings are continuing with the HSE/Tusla locally. Kildare County Council are finalising the recruitment of the Slaintecare Local Development Officer. The People's Park project in Athy is underway with upgrading commencing shortly.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LECP</b>	The Department held an online Introductory Event on the Local Economic and Community Plan on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of December 2021. Work to prepare for this plan is commencing.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LCDC Priorities 2022</b>	A presentation on the LCDC Priorities for 2022 was agreed at the meeting which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departmental, audit and reporting requirements</li> <li>• LECP</li> <li>• LEADER</li> <li>• Healthy Ireland</li> <li>• Youth Mental Health</li> <li>• Slaintecare</li> <li>• SICAP</li> <li>• CEP and other grants</li> </ul>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LEADER Monthly Administration Return Inspection</b>	The District Inspector from the Department of Rural and Community Development carried out an inspection of the October LEADER administration claim. Confirmation was received that all procedures are in place and that the claim is eligible.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LEADER Publicity and Promotion</b>	Plans are commencing to invite Minister Humphreys to launch of the newly refurbished kitchen at the Peter McVerry facility in Kerdiffstown House. The kitchen will be used for the preparation of meals for homeless persons and to provide activation and employment opportunities for participants. This renovation received LEADER grant aid. The launch will be an opportunity to showcase LEADER and highlight the need for ongoing funding through LEADER when this programme ends later in 2022.	<b>Immediately</b>

<p><b>LEADER Projects Approved by the LAG</b></p>	<p>Freshwater Ecosystems project was approved by the LCDC/LAG on 26th January for LEADER grant aid totalling <b>€18,450.00</b>.</p> <p>This project consists of six training session on all aspects of freshwater ecosystems. This training will take place in three distinct groups -north, middle and south of the county. Sessions will be a mix of indoor workshop-type training and outdoor hands-on training at site of relevance to the theme of water resources. Recruitment for the training will be largely publicised.</p> <p>For further information contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership  <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>EU LEADER Programme 2023-2027</b></p>	<p>A position paper is being developed between Kildare LCDC, County Kildare LEADER Partnership and Kildare County Council to highlight the need for additional funding in any future LEADER programme. This will be used to highlight the work to date and to raise awareness of the need for increased funding for Kildare.</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>

**Signed and date:**

*Marian Higgins*

28/1/2022 | 5:25 PM GMT

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**Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer.**