



Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN members

LCDC Meeting Date: 6th July 2022

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to LCDC members	Date for dissemination
Youth Mental Health Proposal	A meeting took place between Kevin Brady, HSE Head of Mental Health, Emma Berney Children and Young Peoples Services Committee Co-ordinator and Susan Bookle, LCDC Co-ordinator, to discuss the youth mental health proposal developed by CYPSC. A number of actions have progressed e.g., the establishment of a new CAHMS Team in South Kildare, Psychologist posts for North Kildare, additional funding for In Sync for youth counselling. Work is underway to fill posts and to clarify if the counselling funding will be continued in 2023. A commitment to get further information on the expansion of Jigsaw was agreed. A follow up meeting is scheduled.	Immediately
Communities Activities Fund 2022	The successful applicants have received their grant payments. The funding unallocated for running costs of €76,282.72 is being considered with a further application process being explored.	Immediately

PPN Structural Review	On the 20 th June, Minister Joe O’Brien announced the publication of an independent report reviewing the Public Participation Network structures. The key recommendations in the report include clarifying roles and responsibilities, ensuring independence is maintained, and providing more proactive and clarifying how to incorporate Comharile na nOg and Older Peoples Council into the PPN.	Immediately
EU Child Guarantee Ireland’s National Action Plan	On the 15th June, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, published Ireland’s National Action Plan for the EU Child Guarantee. The EU Child Guarantee seeks to prevent and combat social exclusion by guaranteeing access for children who need a range of key services. The Guarantee also aims to promote equal opportunity for children at risk of poverty or social exclusion, and to break cycles of intergenerational disadvantage. Pilot schemes are being considered nationally.	Immediately
Empowering Communities Programme	The Department of Rural and Community Development recently announced a new programme Empowering Communities, whereby €2m has been allocated for a programme to 14 small areas nationally. Kildare is included in this programme focusing on Athy. The purpose of the funding is to integrate area-based programmes through a dedicated worker. The worker will be employed through the Local Development Company (CKLP).	Immediately
Community Response Forum – Ukraine	Since the last LCDC meeting the Community Response Forum have met twice.	Immediately
Celbridge Outdoor Teen Space (CYPSC report)	The consultation phase with young people has been completed and the analysis of findings is underway. 350 young people in Celbridge participated in the in-person	Immediately

	consultation, with a further 190 completing the online survey. The findings from the consultation will inform the nature & location(s) of the outdoor facilities to be provided.	
Domestic Violence and Abuse Network (CYPSC report)	An application has been submitted on behalf of the Network to the What Works Sharing Knowledge Fund for an inter-agency seminar to mark the 16 Days of Action in November, with a focus on working with perpetrators. A new post of TLCKidz Coordinator has been established in Teach Tearmainn to support the delivery of the TLCKidz support programme for women & children affected by domestic violence & abuse. Niamh Booth: niamhbooth@teachtearmainn.ie The programme was launched this month and training was provided for programme facilitators from a range of organisations throughout Co. Kildare.	Immediately
Cannabis-related Harm Working Group (CYPSC report)	This current focus of the group is addressing the perceived information gap and concern in relation to vaping. Plans are underway to gather clear facts and present them in an accessible way for young people, parents, and professionals through www.cannabisandyou.ie and other relevant platforms.	Immediately
Childcare Infrastructure Planning & Development Working Group (CYPSC report)	This group is looking at analysing available data e.g., demographics, birth rate, planned housing developments, Pobal Childcare Sector profile of existing services, to identify childcare infrastructure pressure points/gaps in the county. This work was deemed to be a very high priority by LCDC members.	Immediately
Kildare Children & Young People's Plan 2023-2025 (CYPSC report)	Kildare CYPSC have tendered for the development of the fourth Children & Young People's Plan (CYPP) for Co. Kildare. Details available here: www.activelink.ie/node/91698 Closing date for submissions is 15th July	Immediately

Youth Employment Initiative (CYPSC report)	<p>A new initiative to support young people aged 16-21 years not in education, training or employment is established by In Sync with funding through KWETB. Further details are available from joyce.brennan@insync.ie.</p>	Immediately
Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme	<p>The SICAP sub group of the LCDC met on June 22nd.</p> <p>The LCDC focussed on reviewing progress as part of the Mid Year Review. It was highlighted that work to reach targets is progressing well and while there are some underspends in the budget, it is also on track to be spent by year end.</p> <p>The Mid Year Review was approved by the LCDC members</p> <p>Further to the recent Government announcement of additional SICAP resources of €100,585 to assist the Ukrainian refugee response. The LCDC approved County Kildare LEADER Partnership to appoint Helen Mulhall to act as Ukrainian Emergency Response Project Coordinator. Helen will liaise with and assist key stakeholders to respond to the needs of refugees in emergency accommodation and in pledged accommodation, by linking them into existing services and also by supporting voluntary organisations who are providing community-based supports. Helen's contact details are: helen@countykildarelp.ie telephone: 086 8360901.</p> <p>This additional funding was also approved by the LCDC to support translation costs, emergency provisions, transport and counselling.</p>	Immediately

	For further information contact County Kildare LEADER Partnership 045 895450 or info@countykildarelp.ie	
Connected Hub – Osprey Business Centre	There are five community groups/organisations recommended for office space in the Osprey Business centre. Three of the proposed users for office space in the Osprey Business Centre did not have requirements that fit with the business centre and work is ongoing with the other two referrals. The LCDC will promote another expression of interest process to highlight this opportunity for community and voluntary groups.	Immediately
Health and Wellbeing Update	<p>The Healthy Ireland subgroup met on June 14th</p> <p>Following the recruitment process for a Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Kildare as part of Kildare County Council, Laura Kelly was successful and will take up the appointment as Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator with Kildare County Council on the 18th of July.</p> <p>It is proposed that given the additional programmes such as Sláintecare a reconfigured subgroup and terms of reference for a health and wellbeing subgroup will be prepared and presented to the LCDC meeting on the 28th September. This will build on the very positive way that the HI subgroup works and expand the focus to include a broader look at health and wellbeing programmes.</p>	Immediately

Healthy Ireland – Minister Frank Feighan visit to Athy	Frank Feighan, Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy is due to visit Athy Library on Monday July 11th. He will be hosted by members of the Health and Wellbeing team from the HSE, the LCDC Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator and members of Kildare County Council and Tusla.	Immediately
Sláintecare Healthy Communities	Work continues to roll out this programme with several HSE funded initiatives taking place. The Sláintecare Local Development Officer (Maria Healy) who commenced work in March continues to meet key personnel and is working closely with the HSE lead (Aine Buggy). A meeting took place on 30th May with HSE/Tusla to focus on the launch of the programme expected in the Autumn. Work is near completion on the Peoples Park Athy, which has received funding under Sláintecare Healthy Communities	Immediately
Local Economic and Community Plan Update	Work on the Local Economic and Community Plan is at an early planning phase.	Immediately
Projects Approved by the LAG	<p>The following project was approved by the LCDC/LAG on 6th July 2022 for LEADER grant aid totalling €19,512.90</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sallins Canal Stores Ltd were grant aided €19,512.90 towards the purchase of bicycles and accessories, tools, software for the business and a promotional website plus signage costs. This project will support this new bike hire business in Sallins. <p>Contracts are currently being finalised for this project.</p>	Immediately

Publicity and Promotion of Transitional Programme	Updates on the implementation of the LEADER Programme are contained in the LEADER News for May – June 2022. Copy attached	Immediately
Rural Pact Conference Brussels	CKLP RDP Manager attended the Rural Pact Conference in Brussels on the 15 th & 16 th June which was opened by Ursula von der Leydon President of the European Commission. The key message from the Conference was the importance of developing local representation in the LAG structure, as well as the increasing awareness of the importance of rural areas following the pandemic experience, and “Rural Proofing” all actions taken at local government level. Kildare will develop its vision for rural areas in the county through a mechanism for involving local communities in the workings of the LAG.	Immediately

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Signed and date: _____ **Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer.**