



**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

**Quarterly Report
Q2 2022**

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INTRODUCTION

Quarter two was busy with a number of areas which we needed to focus on. We were conscious of the ambitious work plan for 2022 and re-aligned work to ensure we would take some pressure off Q3.

Areas of focus:

- Launch Annual Report with the aim of improving the profile of KPPN
- Launch Elections
- Hold MD Meetings to promote the KPPN
- Re-Registration of the full membership
- Submission to the County Development Plan

Consultations Held :

- The County Development Plan - April 13th 2022
- The Kildare Digital Strategy - May 9th 2022

Consultations Attended:

- Kare Strategic Plan/ Communication Strategy - April 26th 2022

Anne Crowe the current facilitator of the Secretariat attended a full day consultation on the Kare Strategic Plan/Communications Strategy on April 26th. This Strategic Plan will have an influence on the Social Inclusion pillar and help to inform the Kildare Public Participation Social Inclusion week aims moving forward. We look forward to the publication of this Strategy.

Workshops Attended:

- Local Economic Community Plan 2030 - April 27th 2022

We had a number of Representatives and Staff attend this workshop to gain a greater understanding and to have input into the direction the Local Economic Community Plans will take.

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

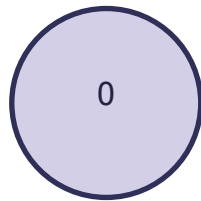
Objectives

- ❖ 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

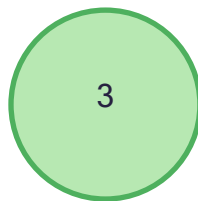
MEMBERSHIP

Kildare PPN's membership between 1st January 2022 - 30th June 2022.

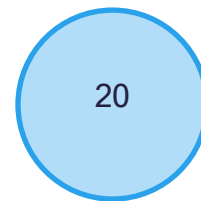
New Membership in Quarter 2



Social Inclusion

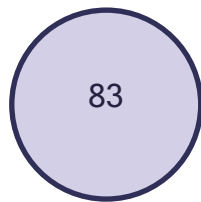


Environmental

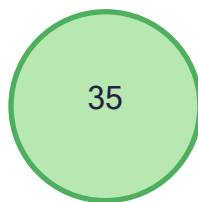


Community & Voluntary

Total Membership as of the 30th of June 2022



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

REPRESENTATION

Representatives

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	0*
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	0
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Community & Voluntary	2
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Environmental	1
Drehid Liaison Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
	Total Representatives	22

*Evoone Boland stepped down from her position as Community & Voluntary Representative on the Environment Services and Water SPC in May 2022.

*Jude Browne stepped down from her position as Climate Action Representative on the Climate Action SPC in June 2022

Kildare PPN Secretariat

Seat	Representative
Athy MD Seat	Declan Nolan* Seat now vacant
Celbridge - Leixlip Seat	Dermot O'Donnell* Re-elected
Clane Maynooth Seat	Naomi Scott Hayward
Kildare - Newbridge MD Seat	Sarah Shakespeare
Naas MD Seat	Liz Denieffe
Community & Voluntary Seat	Jill Mulhern
Community & Voluntary Seat	Anthony Egan
Environmental Seat	Cliona Kelleher
Environmental Seat	Paul Leighton* New Member
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan* Re-elected
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

*Declan Nolan - term expired in May 2022 - seat remains vacant

*Dermot O'Donnell - term expired in May 2022 and he was re-elected in June 2022 for a second term.

*PJ Fagan - term expired in May 2022 and he was re-elected in June 2022 for a second term.

*Paul Leighton was elected to the Secretariat in June 2022

EVENTS



Kildare Volunteers Awards

The Volunteer awards were held in the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge on May 19th and hosted by Kildare County Council in conjunction with the Department of Rural and Community Development and Volunteer Ireland. Two members of the Secretariat, Naomi Scott Hayward and Jill Mulhern represented Kildare PPN. It was a fantastic night held to recognise the amazing work of volunteers in the County.

Midlands Regional PPN

Kildare PPN hosted an in-person meeting of the midlands regional PPNs on June 30th. This was attended by fourteen members. It was an excellent night, sharing information and networking.



Clane/Maynooth Municipal District Meeting

The first in-person MD meeting of 2022 took place at the North Kildare Sports Centre in Kilcock on Wednesday 29th June.

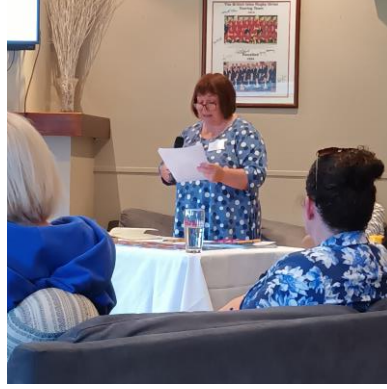
This was a great opportunity for member organisations to meet with the MD representative Naomi Scott Hayward and to network with other groups in the area.

It was well attended with several member organisations promoting their programmes. We would like to thank Mairead McHale from Maynooth Autism Friendly Town and Emer Conway from Sustainable Energy Communities who both spoke on the night.



The 2021 Annual Report Launch

It was a pleasure to have Anne Crowe from the Secretariat launch the Annual Report for 2021. This report highlights the work undertaken and the progress achieved in the past year.



TRAINING

Secretariat and Staff Training

Secretariat and staff training took place on May 18th. This training focused on the flat structure, highlighting, roles and boundaries. It also covered the background, ethos, and values of the Public Participation Network. It was conducted by Social Justice Ireland. Feedback was excellent.



PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Submission to the Draft County Development Plan

In April, Kildare PPN held a facilitated workshop online for our member organisations to give them the opportunity to feed into Kildare PPN's submission to the Draft Kildare County Development Plan. Caroline O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner with Kildare County Council gave PPN members an overview of the draft plan, and gave participants the opportunity to ask any questions.

For PPN members who were unable to attend the workshop, their input was collected via email and an online form. This input was then collated to form Kildare PPN's submission which can be viewed on the Kildare PPN website.

Climate Conversations

The Kildare PPN Climate Conversations are part of a series of conversations taking place throughout Ireland connected to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication's National Dialogue on Climate Action.

Our Climate conversation took place on the 20th of June and was facilitated by Cliona Kelliher, Environmental Representative on the Secretariat.

The notes and feedback from the Climate Conversations were submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, to build on the 2021 findings to track progress and identify regional barriers, along with understanding what could drive further behavioural change amongst the population now and in the future.

Kildare Digital Strategy

Kildare PPN held an online focus group with our member organisations in collaboration with Nollaig McGuinness of PNG Consult on the 9th of May. This focus group was held as part of the development of Kildare County Council's new Digital Strategy, to discuss the opportunities and the challenges that digital technology presents for local communities and how the new strategy can respond to these.

Elections

Elections for vacant positions with Kildare PPN were launched on May 25th and nominations were sought for the following seats:

- 1 x Social Inclusion (Secretariat)
- 1 x Athy MD (Secretariat)
- 1 x Celbridge/Leixlip MD (Secretariat)
- 1 x Environmental seat (Secretariat)

Three of the four seats were filled. The Athy MD seat remains vacant.

GOVERNANCE

Policies Reviewed

The Representatives Charter	May 2022
The Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure	May 2022
The Code of Conduct	May 2022
The Constitution	May 2022
The Travel and Out of Pocket Expenses	May 2022
The Secretariat Terms of Reference	May 2022
The Linkage group & Representatives TOR	May 2022

Department of Rural and Community Development Annual Report

The Annual Report for the Department of Rural and Community Development was completed by Kildare PPN and submitted to the Department in April 2022.

ADMINISTRATION

Re-registration of member groups

Kildare PPN began the process of re-registering all our member groups who have not re-registered with us in the past two years. This is to ensure the information we hold is valid and up-to-date.

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

In quarter two, Kildare PPN's social media saw the following growth:



24% Increase in Followers

216 Followers



4% Increase in Followers

1,728 Followers



5% Increase in Followers

597 Followers



6 E-bulletins were sent in Q2 of 2022 via Salesforce containing information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training, and anything that may be beneficial to our member groups.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Report (Jan - June 2022)

	Amount
INCOME*	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	€75,000.00
Kildare County Council	€35,000.00
Maximum Potential Total Income *	€110,000.00
EXPENDITURE	
Fixed Expenses	
Staff Phones	€400.00
Staff Salaries + PRSI & Hosting Fees	€82,363
CKLP Administration Fee	€3,000.00
Total Fixed Expenses	€85,763.00
January	
BHP Insurance	€528.46
Total January	€528.46
February	
Zoom	€344.15
Graces Expences	€27.46
Total February	€371.61
March	
Total March	€0.00
April	
Full Circle Change (Plenary 2021 Prize)	€350.00
Rita Burtenshaw - County Development Plan Consultation Facilitation	€369.00
Total April	€719.00
May	
Social Justice Ireland Training	€400.00
Osprey Room Hire - Training	€145.00
Total May	€545.00
June	
Printing of Annual Report	€413.45
Wheel Membership	€150.00
Total June	€563.45
Total Spent to Date	€88,490.52

Budget Remaining	€21,509.48
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