



**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

Quarterly Report

Q4 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Quarter 4 was a really busy and exciting quarter for Kildare Public Participation Network. We held two important in-person events; our final Plenary meeting of 2022 and a collaborative event with Kildare County Council titled 'Working together for Public Participation'. Kildare PPN Representatives, along with Kildare County Council Elected Members and Staff attended a morning of training and capacity building about the PPN, and the committees that the PPN have representation on.

A highlight of the quarter was the launch of the Kildare PPN Strategic Plan 2022-2026. After months of consultation and collaboration, we were delighted to present this document to the Plenary, it will guide the work of Kildare PPN over the coming years.

Another focus of this quarter was on the completion of the workplan which included completing the Winter/Autumn training program and running our final elections for 2022.

During this quarter we began the planning process for 2023, where we look forward to implementing the actions included in our new Strategic Plan and building on the progress made in 2022.

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

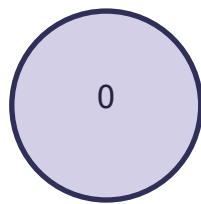
Objectives

- ❖ 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

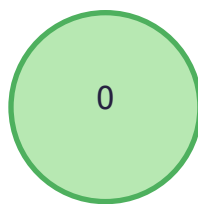
MEMBERSHIP

Kildare PPN's active membership between 1st January 2022 - December 2022.

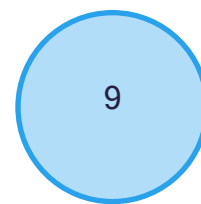
New Membership in Quarter 4



Social Inclusion

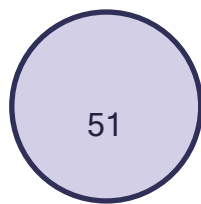


Environmental

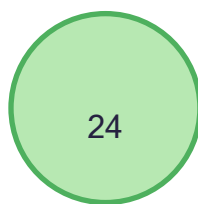


Community & Voluntary

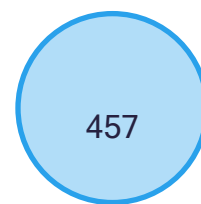
Total Membership as of December 2022



Social Inclusion



Environmental



Community & Voluntary

**Figures from 1st October - 30th November 2022*

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	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	Community & Voluntary	1
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Community & Voluntary	2
County Kildare Heritage Forum	Environmental	1
Drehid Liaison Committee	Community & Voluntary	2
	Total Representatives	21

Kildare PPN Secretariat

Seat	Representative
Athy MD Seat	* Seat Vacant
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	Jill Mulhern
Community & Voluntary Seat	Anthony Egan
Environmental Seat	Cliona Kelleher
Environmental Seat	Paul Leighton
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

EVENTS

Plenary Meeting

The Plenary was held in the Osprey hotel in Naas on November 21st. It was the first in-person Plenary in three years and it was a real pleasure to be able to meet with the members and have real engagement on the night.



The Guest Speaker for the evening was Rory Hearne, Author and Assistant Professor in Maynooth University who spoke about 'Hope in the demos' civil society, empowering citizens & achieving change for social and environmental justice. We were also delighted to have Paula O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer of the Community Department in Kildare County Council in attendance. Paula introduced herself to our members and highlighted the importance of the PPN.

A workshop was held with our member groups to consult on the workplan for 2023. This interactive exercise was well received and a great opportunity for members to really have their say in the planning of 2023.

The launch of the Kildare PPN Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026 was a highlight of the evening. This strategy will guide the priorities, vision and workplans of Kildare Public Participation Network in the years to come. It will ensure that the voices of all voluntary groups in Kildare are heard and that we will increase our influence in policy decisions at local government level.

We were delighted to be joined by a number of community support organisations who were in attendance on the night to speak to our members about what supports they have on offer, including: Kildare Volunteer Centre, Community Finance Ireland, BHP Insurance, Sustainable Energy Community Mentor and ALONE.



It was a fantastic evening, and we look forward to more in person events in 2023.



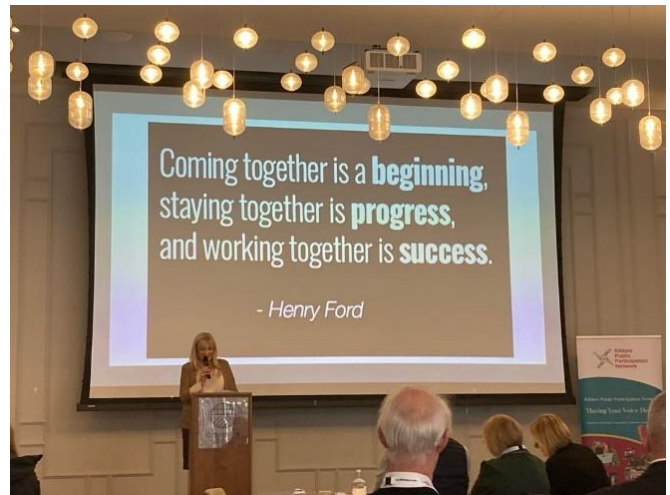
Working together for Public Participation

This event was a first of its kind, with Kildare Public Participation Network collaborating with Kildare County Council to further strengthen public participation through capacity building. It brought together Kildare County Council, Elected Members, with Kildare PPN Representatives, Secretariat and Staff.

Susanne Rogers of Social Justice Ireland provided an overview of the PPNs including their legislative remit and the roles and responsibilities of Representatives with the PPN.

Susan Bookle, LCDC coordinator with Kildare County Council presented on the processes and procedures of statutory committees in Kildare County Council discussing the requirements for representatives to have real input into meetings, hence having the voice of community voices heard.

A questions and answer session then followed with Susanne Rogers, Susan Bookle and Paula O'Brien, SEO of the Community Department in Kildare County Council.



TRAINING

The Winter/Autumn training programme was busy with a number of different topics on offer. The programmes covered were:

- Building Community Capacity
- Let's Unpack Conflict Management
- Writing Successful Submissions
- Sustainable Gardening
- SDG Workshop



One hundred and fifty-eight (158) organisations took part in training in 2022

PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Elections

Elections for vacant positions with Kildare PPN were launched in November and nominations were sought for the following seats:

- 1 x Athy MD (Secretariat)
- Climate Action Representative Seat - Community & Voluntary seat
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC - Environmental seat
- Environmental Services & Water SPC - Environmental seat

Consultations Held

- [Kildare PPN Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026](#)
- [Kildare PPN Workplan 2023](#)

Findings from Outdoor Teen Facility Consultation in Celbridge

On the 9th of November, Kildare PPN hosted an online event for Kildare County Council to facilitate a Presentation on the Findings from the Outdoor Teen Facility Consultation for our member groups MD and members of the community in Celbridge.



GOVERNANCE

The Strategic Plan 2022-2026

The Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026 was launched on November 21st at the Plenary. It was very well received, and we look forward to having this as a guiding document in the years to come.

Meeting Minutes

All Secretariat meeting minutes are uploaded on the Kildare PPN Website.

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

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



10% Increase in Followers

330 Followers



3% Increase in Followers

1880 Followers



3% Increase in Followers

658 Followers



5 E-bulletins were sent in Q4 of 2022 via Salesforce containing information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training, and anything that may be beneficial to our member groups.

**Above figures from 1st October - 30th November 2022*

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Report (Jan - November 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
Support Worker Expenses	€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

Doggett (Printing of Annual Report)	€413.45
Wheel Membership	€150.00
Harvey Norman (Microsoft Office)	€149.00
Graphedia (Website Hosting)	€1,045.50
Total June	€1,757.95

July

MRPPN (Room Hire & Refreshments)	€520.00
Survey Monkey Subscription	€434.00
Total July	€954.00

August	
Printing (Annual Report Samples)	€45.00
RW Travel Expenses	€186.75
Promotional Products (General PPN)	€510.45
Promotional Products (Climate Action Weekend)	€172.20
RW Travel Expenses	€34.48
MD Meeting Refreshments	€79.19
Total August	€1,028.07

September	
SW Travel Expenses	€72.38
Social Inclusion Week Stickers	€146.00
Yoga (Climate Action Weekend)	€150.00
ESD Training (Sustainability: Doing more for less)	€676.50
Total September	€1,044.88

October	
Social Inclusion Week Refreshments	€1,269.21
Training (Carmichael)	€1,200.00
Training (Social Justice Ireland)	€400.00
Sharepoint	€123.98
Resource Worker Travel and Subsistence	€164.81
Support Worker Travel and Subsistence	€120.05
Sustainable Gardening Course	€1,414.50
Graphedia	€261.38
Promotional Products (Plenary)	€1,186.95
Total October	€6,140.88

November	
Strategic Plan Printing	€796.00
Secretariat Expenses	€74.00
Osprey (Plenary)	€250.00
Rory Hearne	€400.00
Naas Men's Shed	€250.00
Osprey (KCC & Reps Training)	€947.50
Social Justice Ireland	€400.00
Stationary	€136.90
Total November	€3,254.40

Total Spent to Date	€102,107.25
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Budget Remaining	€7,892.75
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