

**Public Participation
Network Kildare**

Quarterly Report

Q2 2023

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INTRODUCTION

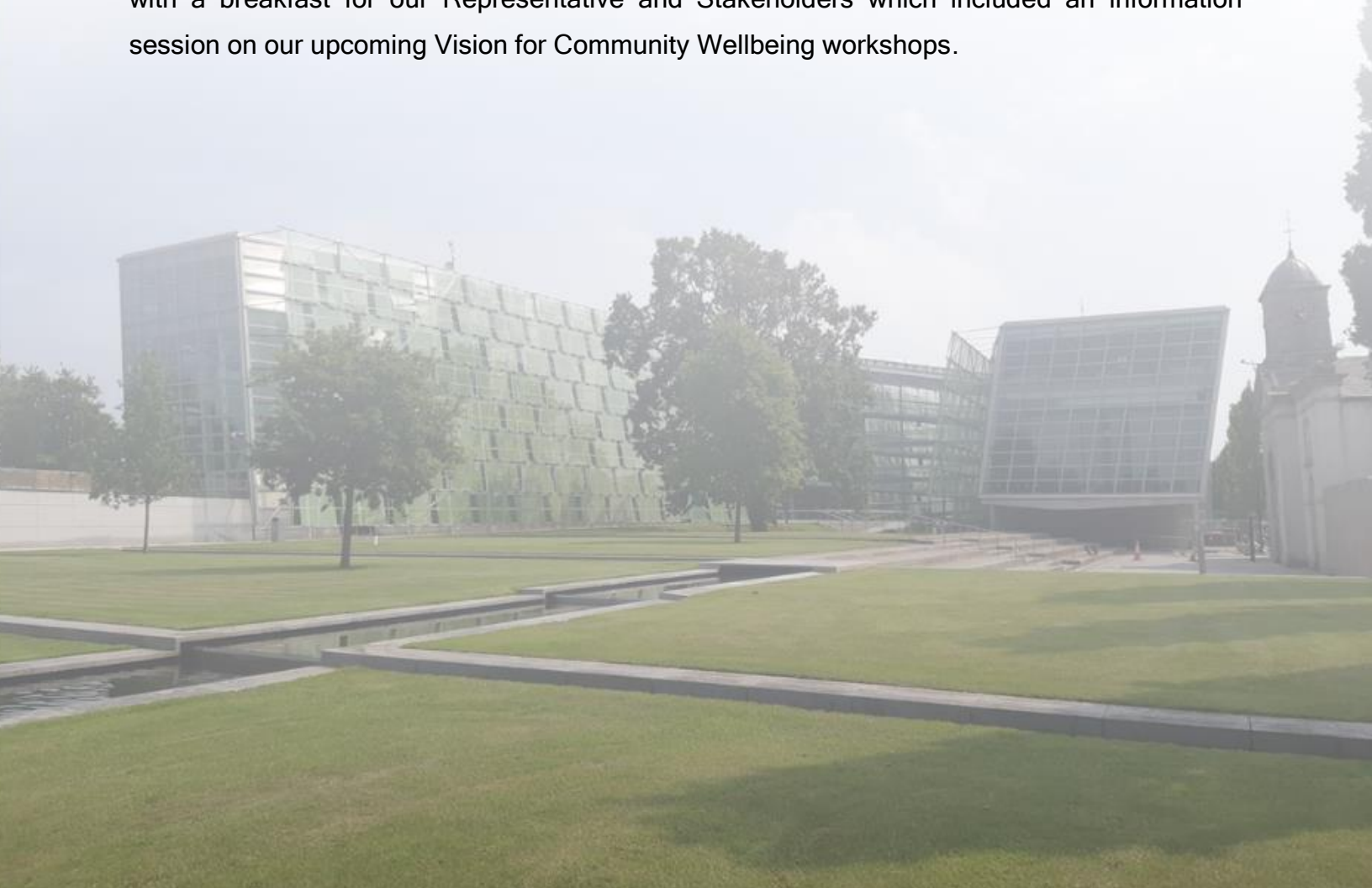
Quarter 2 started with a review of the work plan for 2023 to identify the key priorities for the coming months.

One of the biggest pieces of work undertaken in this quarter was the preparation for the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statements, incorporating the community consultations for the Local Economic Community Development Plan 2023 - 2029 which will begin in July.

Another one of our priorities for the quarter was to run a number of elections for our available PPN representative positions and Secretariat positions.

By May we completed our training calendar for our member groups with our 'Governance for community organisations' module.

We continued to build on our representative events, 'Working together for Public Participation' with a breakfast for our Representative and Stakeholders which included an information session on our upcoming Vision for Community Wellbeing workshops.



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

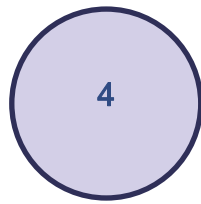
- ❖ Encourage greater participation in public decision making which leads to more effective and better targeted policies and programmes at local level and where necessary at a regional and national level
- ❖ Develop alternative methods and models of working which seek to directly involve and empower groups and individuals within the community
- ❖ Support Kildare PPN representatives to achieve the policy objective of Kildare PPN



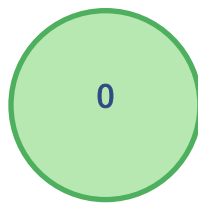
MEMBERSHIP

Kildare PPN's active membership between 1st April 2023 - 30th June 2023.

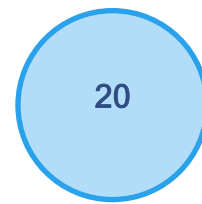
New Membership in Quarter 2



Social Inclusion

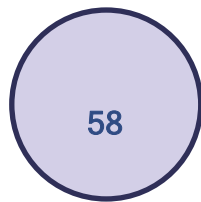


Environmental

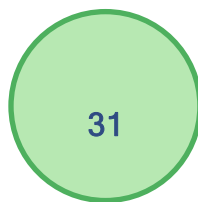


Community & Voluntary

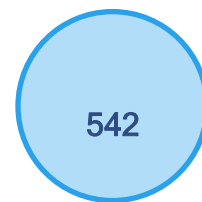
Total Membership as of June 30th 2023



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	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	Environmental	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	24

Vacant Seats

* John McLoughlin retired from his position on the Housing SPC in April.

* Gerry Dornan stepped down from his position on the Transportation, Safety and emergency Services SPC in June.

Kildare PPN Secretariat



Anne Crowe
Social Inclusion



Liz Deniffe
Naas MD



Anthony Egan
Community/Voluntary



Paul Leighton
Environmental



Jill Mulhern
Community/Voluntary



P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion



Evelyn O'Rourke
Athy MD



Dermot O'Donnell
Celbridge/Leixlip MD



Naomi Scott-Hayward
Clane/Maynooth MD

Seat	Representative
Athy MD Seat	Evelyn O'Rourke
Celbridge - Leixlip Seat	Dermot O'Donnell
Clane Maynooth Seat	Naomi Scott Hayward
Kildare - Newbridge MD Seat	Vacant
Naas MD Seat	Liz Denieffe
Community & Voluntary Seat	Jill Mulhern
Community & Voluntary Seat	Anthony Egan
Environmental Seat	Vacant
Environmental Seat	Paul Leighton
Social Inclusion Seat	P.J. Fagan
Social Inclusion Seat	Anne Crowe

EVENTS

PPN Stakeholders Breakfast, and launch of the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statements incorporating the community consultations for the Local Economic Community Plan

The Stakeholder breakfast event took place on May 15th in the Osprey. Twenty-five people were in attendance including PPN Representatives and Secretariat members along with Kildare County Council elected members and staff.

The event focused on building capacity and relationship building between our different stakeholders. The beginning of the event focused on recapping our 'working together for public participation' which took place in November highlighting the role, remit and statutory basis of the PPN along with the committee processes and structure with Kildare County Council.



Marian Higgins, Director of Service for Climate, Community, Environment & Water delivered a



presentation on the policy journey from pre-development of a policy right down to the implementation.

This event was very well received, it worked on closing gaps between all stakeholders, sharing information and strengthening the role of the PPN representatives on all SPCs and committees.

BUILDING VIBRANT RURAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH LEADER

County Kildare LEADER Partnership CLG invites everyone with ideas on how to build a vibrant rural community to attend. We want to work with community and voluntary groups, farm families, rural business, and social enterprises to shape the priorities of LEADER for the 2023-2027 funding Programme. Your ideas will help us to develop the funding strategy to move them forward.

Scan the QR Code below to find out more.

19th April 2023 7:00pm
McCausley Place, Naas, W91 D62E

24th April 2023 7:00pm
Teach Diarmada, Castledermot, R14 YF61

25th April 2023 7:00pm
Lisliq Youth and Community Centre, W23 TBW5

27th April 2023 1:00pm
Kildare Community Development Centre, R51 RF88

27th April 2023 7:00pm
ACDAL, Allenwood, W91 F141

REGISTER AT: WWW.KILDAREPPN/LEADER

Building Vibrant Rural Communities through LEADER

Kildare PPN collaborated with County Kildare LEADER Partnership to help host a series of roadshows where community groups could share their ideas on how to build a vibrant rural community to help and shape the priorities of LEADER for the 2023-2027 funding Programme and to help develop the funding strategy to move them forward. 5 workshops were held throughout each of the 5 Municipal Districts in Kildare.

Meetings

Midlands Regional PPN (MRPPN) Meeting

The MRPPN meeting took place on June 28th, Johnstown Estate, Enfield, hosted by Meath PPN. Liz Denieffe, and P.J Fagan attended. Kildare PPN delivered a presentation on Kildare PPN's annual Climate Action weekend.

Meetings Attended

- Mazars implementation working group - April 17th
- Meeting with LECP Coordinator - community consultations - 20th June
- Kildare Integration Strategy - May 16th
- Social Inclusion Week steering group - 25th of April
- National PPN Staff Meeting - 29th of June

Ministerial Visit

Staff and Secretariat members of Kildare PPN attended a private meeting with Joe O'Brien, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities on Tuesday 16th May. Minister O'Brien was very open and interested about the work of the Kildare PPN.



TRAINING

Training for Member Organisations



In April we concluded the final module on our training calendar, '*Good Governance for Community groups*' in Áras Chill Dara, delivered by Michael Quirke from Carmichael. 8 community groups were in attendance.

Staff Training

Inclusive Community Engagement

Training on Inclusive Community Engagement

Took place on the 20th of June delivered by Community Work Ireland - Attended by Support Worker.



PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Elections

Kildare Local Community Development Committee

Elections for the following three LCDC seats were launched on Monday 27th March:

- Community and Voluntary x2
- Social Inclusion x 1

An additional social inclusion seat was launched on the 27th of April.

All four seats were successfully filled.

Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)

Elections for the following three seats were launched on Tuesday April 11th:

- Climate Action SPC x 2 -
- Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning x 1
- Environmental & Water Services SPC x 1

Both of the Climate Action SPC positions were successfully filled. The remaining seats on the Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC and Environmental & Water Services SPC will be ran again in our next set of elections in Q4.

Kildare PPN Secretariat

Elections for the following three seats were launched on Thursday 25th May for the following vacant seats:

- Athy MD seat
- Kildare/ Newbridge MD seat
- Environmental seat

Following the election process, the Athy MD seat was filled. The remaining seats will be ran in our next set of elections scheduled for Q4.

Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum

Elections for 2 positions on the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum were ran. No nominations were received.

Consultations / Submissions

Kildare PPN made the following submissions this quarter:

- The Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on the Liability of Clubs, Societies and Unincorporated Associations was submitted on Tuesday May 2nd
- “We Act” communications training for Charities & Community groups survey submitted.

Consultation workshops attended by Kildare PPN:

- The formulation of the Climate Action Strategy April 20th - Support Worker
- The formulation of the Climate Action Strategy - May 4th - Coordinator

Linkage Groups

A meeting of the Transport & Emergency Services Linkage group was held on Thursday May 4th.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Annual Report

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

Meeting Minutes

All Secretariat meeting minutes are available to view/download on the Kildare PPN website

Quarterly Reports

All quarterly reports, including the quarterly financial reports are available to view on the Kildare PPN website.

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

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



13% Increase in Followers

Followers

466



3% Increase in Followers

Followers

2,078



3% Increase in Followers

Followers

706



6 bulletins were sent in Q2 of 2023 via Salesforce containing information on, grant opportunities, public meetings, public consultations, training, and anything that may be beneficial to our member groups.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kildare PPN Financial Report January - June 2023	Amount
INCOME*	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	€85,700.00
Kildare County Council	€35,000.00
Maximum Potential Total Income *	€120,700.00
EXPENDITURE *	
Fixed Expenses	
Resource Worker + Employers PRSI	€52,899.00
Support Worker Salary + Employers PRSI	€38,374.00
Staff Phones	€408.00
CKLP Administration Fee	€3,000.00
Insurance	€528.46
Total Fixed Expenses	€95,209.46
Committeed Expenses	
Web Hosting/SSL Certificate	€1,045.50
Zoom Subscription	€231.45
Survey Monkey	€432.00
The Wheel Membership	€150.00
Total Committed Expenses	€1,858.95
Events	
Training Carmichael	€1,800.00
Training Town House	€250.00
Plenary	€1,396.04
Representatives Breakfast (Osprey Hotel)	€760.00
Stationary (Wellbeing Statement workshops)	€305.91
Total Events	€4,511.95
Other	
Election Buddy	€27.10
Printing (Annual Report 2022)	€337.00
Stationary / Equipment	€337.19
Support Worker Travel Expenses	€110.94
Resource Worker Travel Expenses	€187.62
Total Other	€999.85
Total Spent / Ring-Fenced	€102,580.21
Balance	€18,119.79