

**Public Participation
Network Kildare**

Quarterly Report

Q3 2023

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INTRODUCTION

Quarter 3 saw us prioritising a major project and under-taking the “Vision for Community Wellbeing” Statements for each of the five Municipal Districts. Following discussions with Kildare County Council, we agreed to collaborate on this project which saw us incorporate the consultations for the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP).

It was agreed the main priorities for this quarter would be:

- The Community Wellbeing consultation (5 in-person workshops and 5 on-line surveys) phase
- Draft visions to be completed for each of the Municipal Districts
- Host County Kildare Social Inclusion Week



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

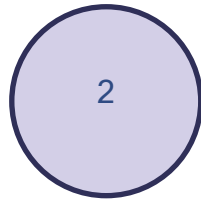
- ❖ Encourage greater participation in public decision making which leads to more effective and better targeted policies and programmes at local level and where necessary at a regional and national level
- ❖ Develop alternative methods and models of working which seek to directly involve and empower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



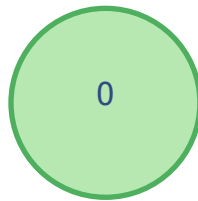
MEMBERSHIP

Kildare PPN's active membership between 1st July 2023 - 30th Sept 2023.

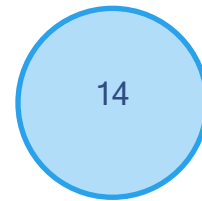
New Membership in Quarter 3



Social Inclusion

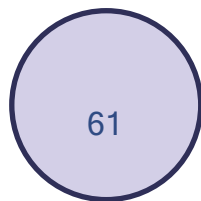


Environmental

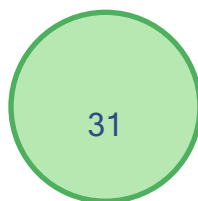


Community & Voluntary

Total Membership as of Sept 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 x5

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	Evelin 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

Vacant Seats (2)

EVENTS

County Kildare Social Inclusion Week

September 25th - September 29th

The opening event for County Kildare Social Inclusion Week was held in Teach Dara in Kildare town on Monday 25th September. The week was launched by Ken Kavanagh along with the Special Olympics medalists from KARE.

County Kildare Social Inclusion week is growing year on year and has become an annual event in the county. This year we had over sixteen events happening right across the county with great participation and inclusion at all venues. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the organizing committee, organisations and all participants for their ongoing support and dedication to this event.



TRAINING

Title	Date	Number Attended
Facilitator training for the Wellbeing Statement Workshops	July 5th	4

PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Submissions

- “Future democracy ahead of the local election June 2024”. Submitted this to the Seanad committee on 9th August.
- “The implementation roadmap” draft plan - Crowe consultants

Input

Kildare County Council Climate Action Plan

Meetings

- Social Inclusion week x 4
- KWETB x 1
- PPN Workers meeting x 1
- Representatives Meeting x 1
- Kildare Integration Strategy Steering committee x 1

Community Wellbeing Consultations

The Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement workshops incorporating the LECP were held as follows:

- Clane/Maynooth MD - July 17th - 18 member groups attended
- Athy MD - July 20th - 16 member groups attended
- Kildare/Newbridge MD - July 24th - 26 member groups attended
- Leixlip/Celbridge MD - July 27th - 20 member groups attended
- Naas MD - Sept 14th - 14 member groups attended

An online survey was sent out following each consultation to ensure maximum participation. The draft Wellbeing Statements were then circulated for comment and approved by the Secretariat on September 18th. All statements will be ratified at the next Plenary, scheduled for Nov 1st 2023.



GOVERNANCE

Meeting Minutes

All meeting minutes are available on the Kildare PPN website

Reports

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

Sustainable Development Goals and Kildare PPN Policies

During Q3 we undertook a mapping exercise, mapping the relevant Sustainable Development Goals across each of our Kildare PPN policy documents.

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

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



7% Increase in Followers
502 Followers



3% Increase in Followers
2,148 Followers



2% Increase in Followers
723 Followers



5 e-Bulletins were sent in Q3 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 JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2023

INCOME*	
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	€85,700.00
Kildare County Council	€35,000.00
Dept. of Rural and Community Development	€500.00
Maximum Potential Total Income *	€121,200.00

EXPENDITURE	
Fixed Expenses	
Resource Worker + Employers PRSI	€52,899.82
Support Worker Salary + Employers PRSI	€38,374.00
Staff Phones	€408.00
CKLP Administration Fee	€3,000.00
Insurance	€528.46
Total Fixed Expenses	€95,210.28
Committed Expenses	
Web Hosting/SSL Certificate	€1,045.00
Canva Subscription	€0.00
Survey Monkey Subscription	€432.00
The Wheel membership	€150.00
Zoom Subscription	€231.45
One drive and share point	€138.75
Training	€2,101.64
MD meetings to incl Wellbeing Statement	€2,277.07
Total Committed Expenses	€6,375.91
Events	
Social Inclusion Week	€148.83
Representative/KCC Event x 2	€760.00
Plenary	€1,468.00
Total Events	€2,376.83
Other	
Stationary (Printer Ink, Paper)	€72.72
Misc/ Expenses	€694.07
Office Equipment	€0.00
Printing / Promotional Products	€337.00
Total Other	€1,103.79
Total Expenditure	€105,066.81