



## Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN Members

**LCDC Meeting Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to Kildare LCDC	Date for dissemination
<b>Communities Activities Fund 2022 – Round 2 Running costs</b>	At the September meeting of the LCDC 51 groups were approved for funding towards running costs. To date 30 groups have received their grant. The remaining grants cannot be paid until receipts outstanding from other funding awards are received.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Community Support Fund</b>	Kildare has recently been allocated €332,848 under this fund to support community groups with small grants towards running costs, equipment and repairs. This will be advertised in 2023.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse Network</b>	A successful 200-delegate event, hosted by Kildare CYPSC Domestic Violence & Abuse Network, took place on 22nd November, with funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY) What Works <i>Sharing Knowledge Fund. Widening the Lens: A Closer Look at Perpetrator Accountability in Keeping Families Safe</i> provided a valuable opportunity for networking, knowledge building, and learning with esteemed keynote speakers and workshop facilitators from home and overseas. A follow up training day, funded by SICAP and Kildare CYPSC takes place on 6th December.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Planet Youth</b>	Work has commenced on the feasibility study for Planet Youth in Co. Kildare, being completed by Maynooth University, commissioned by South Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force. Consultation has taken place with young people and services. More information about Planet Youth is available on <a href="http://www.planetyouth.ie">www.planetyouth.ie</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Celbridge Outdoor Teen Space</b>	An online webinar, hosted by Kildare PPN, took place to share the findings from the consultation that took place with young people in Celbridge. A recording of the presentation will shortly be made available on the Kildare County Council website.	<b>Immediately</b>

<p><b>Kildare Children &amp; Young People's Plan 2023-2025</b></p>	<p>Work on the development of the 4th Kildare CYPSC Children &amp; Young People's Plan for Co. Kildare is nearing completion. Over 430 individuals - children, young people, parents and services - were consulted. A facilitated session took place with CYPSC members to agree priority themes &amp; actions for the next 3 years. The Plan is due for completion by year end.</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Childcare Infrastructure Planning &amp; Development</b></p>	<p>Research has been commissioned by Kildare CYPSC Childcare Infrastructure Planning Group to identify childcare pressure points in the county i.e. locations where current service provision does not meet current and/or future demand for childcare and to develop a mechanism for the ongoing monitoring of same to assist with forward planning.</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures 2</b></p>	<p>A date has been set for consultation with CYPSC Coordinators nationally in relation to the development of the updated national policy framework for children &amp; young people: Better Outcomes Brighter Futures 2.</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)</b></p>	<p>Work continues to implement the SICAP programme by the Programme Implementers CKLP. Annual targets are on track to be met, and the budget will be spent. The work centres on a range of actions targeting the most excluded and linked to five national priorities (Traveller/Roma, Long Term Unemployed, Mental Health, Older People, New Communities) and a group identified by the LCDC (Young early school leavers/those at risk of leaving school early). This includes: homework/breakfast clubs, training and education programmes, self employment supports, community development supports.</p> <p>Additional SICAP resources were secured in 2022 to respond to the Ukrainian crisis. A dedicated co-ordinator, employed by CKLP is working to respond to issues and co-ordinate responses across the county. There are indications that further funding will be available in 2023, but this is not yet confirmed.</p> <p>The Dept of Health invited an application from Kildare for a Health and Wellbeing Programme to support Ukrainian refugees with a budget of €19,050. The application has been approved to run a series of family friendly outings/day trips by CKLP in early 2023.</p> <p>The draft SICAP plan 2023 was submitted to the LCDC for consideration. There is a 3% increase to the SICAP budget. The plan was approved in principle, with the final plan being presented for approval at the January meeting.</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>

	<p>Crowleys contracted by Kildare County Council are finalising the audit 2021. The draft findings were presented to the LCDC with a final report expected in January.</p> <p>For further information contact: Nicola Fogarty, SICAP Manager  <a href="mailto:nicolaf@countykildarelp.ie">nicolaf@countykildarelp.ie</a> 0860842986</p>	
<b>Healthy Ireland</b>	<p>A range of health and wellbeing initiatives are currently taking place as part of a programme of work funded through Healthy Ireland Dept of Health funding 2022.</p> <p>Laura Kelly, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator presented indicative priorities and actions for the funding available under Healthy Ireland Round 4 of €75,000. This plan will focus on sustainable health initiatives to improve lifestyle and behaviour and wellbeing with a range of groups including people with disabilities, older people, homeless families, women and other groups. The final plan will be presented at the LCDC in January.</p> <p>For further information contact: Laura Kelly, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator,  <a href="mailto:lkelly@kildarecoco.ie">lkelly@kildarecoco.ie</a>, 086 3654059.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Slaintecare Healthy Communities</b>	<p>Work is progressing very positively in Athy to roll out a range of evidence-based health programmes in addition to local supports to engage people in healthy activities.</p> <p>Minister Frank Feighan TD launched Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Athy on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This was a very well attended local event. Work continues with a range of groups to encourage and support healthy lifestyles. Additional funding has been secured for 2023, to build on this work.</p> <p>For further information contact: Maria Healy, Slaintecare Local Development Officer,  <a href="mailto:mhealy@kildarecoco.ie">mhealy@kildarecoco.ie</a>, 087 9974155</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Local Economic Development Plan 2023- 2028</b>	<p>A presentation was given to inform the commencement of the LECP in 2023. The LECP set out for a six year period the objectives and actions to promote and support the economic and local-community development of the county. The plan is a reserved function of the elected members of the Local Authority with the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Economic Elements- developed by SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Element- developed by LCDC.</li> </ul>	<b>Immediately</b>

	The plan will build on the work of the initial LECP, and take into account key plans and policy documents. AIRO in Maynooth University will collate information to support the planning process.	
<b>LCDC Membership</b>	Kildare LCDC is a 19 member committee, with 10 non statutory members. Three of the five PPN seats are due for renewal in addition to two seats held by the community voluntary sector. Work is underway to manage this process in conjunction with the relevant nominating bodies.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Projects approved by the LAG</b>	<p>There were two projects approved by the LAG for the remaining LEADER funding.</p> <p>Carbury Village Residents Association were approved for LEADER funding of <b>€14,695.96</b> to purchase and install five pieces of outdoor gym equipment on the ground of the new community centre in Carbury. They were also approved for the installation of a contactless water dispenser. This will greatly enhance the area, which has many active runners and walkers.</p> <p>Maynooth GAA were approved for LEADER funding of <b>€160,401.67</b> to further develop an existing pathway with lighting and upgraded walking surface at the Maynooth GAA complex. Funding was awarded to install lighting poles with LED lights, new line marking, drainage, fencing and to enclosure to house a generator.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled to award the final funding available under this LEADER programme in late December.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>EU LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027</b>	The new LEADER programme was announced with Kildare receiving a 3% increase to the current budget. Kildare was one of three counties to receive an increased allocation. Work is commencing to respond to the Department request for expression of interest.	<b>Immediately</b>

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Signed and date: Marian Higgins

**Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer**