



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

**LCDC Meeting Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

| Agenda Item                                     | Information for dissemination to PPN Members   | Date for dissemination    |
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| <p><b>Community Support Fund 2023</b></p>       | <p>Kildare LCDC advertised funding of €316,206 under the Community Support Fund targeting community and voluntary groups and women’s sheds to be allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• €154,775 running costs for the period 1 Apr 2022–31 Mar 2023 (max. application €5,000)</li> <li>• €158,103 capital/equipment (max. application €10,000)</li> <li>• Total maximum amount on application €15,000 (combined)</li> <li>• €3,328 women’s sheds running costs - a separate application for Women’s Sheds.</li> </ul> <p>The closing date for applications was 24<sup>th</sup> of February and applications are currently being assessed. It is anticipated that the LCDC will consider the awards at their next meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup></p> | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |
| <p><b>Local Economic and Community Plan</b></p> | <p>A presentation was made by the All-Ireland Research Observatory (AIRO) in Maynooth University providing analysis on socio economic data on Kildare which will inform the draft high-level goals of the LECP. Updated analysis will be provided by AIRO later in the year which will include data from Census 2022.</p> <p>In addition to data collection, a review of LECP 2016-2021, policy analysis and LECP awareness briefings are underway. The first meeting of the LECP Advisory Steering Group took place on 28<sup>th</sup> of March. This forms part of the preparation stage. The next stage is consultation and this is anticipated to commence in May.</p>   | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)</b></p> | <p>SICAP budgets increased nationally by 3% on 2022 budgets bringing Kildare’s budget for 2023 up to <b>€1,465,473.91. This allocation includes additional funding for the SICAP Ukrainian Response of €170,973 for 2023.</b></p> <p>The Plan for 2023 focuses on responding to priorities agreed by Kildare LCDC that fit with current national priorities a) Traveller/Roma, b) Older People, c) Mental Health (including Youth mental health), d) Long Term Unemployed e) New Communities) in addition to young early school leavers/young people at risk of leaving school early.</p> <p>An End of Year Review of SICAP 2022 was approved by the LCDC.</p> <p>For further information contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450</p> | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |
| <p><b>EU LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027</b></p>                             | <p>Kildare County Council with the LCDC as the Local Action Group and County Kildare LEADER Partnership as the Implementing Partner have progressed to Stage 2 of the new LEADER Programme process to develop a Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the delivery of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme for Kildare. The indicative budget for Kildare for 2023-2027 is €5.4m and the LDS is due for submission in July 2023.</p> <p>The current LEADER budget is allocated, with projects having until 31st of December 2023 to complete their work.</p> <p>For further information contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450</p>  | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |
| <p><b>Healthy Ireland</b></p>   | <p>Kildare LCDC submitted a Healthy Ireland Round 4 2023-2025 application to Pobal on 27th of January. This includes a range of programmes to support mental health and physical activities. The LCDC are awaiting final approval of the application from Pobal and the Department of Health.</p>  | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |
| <p><b>Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2023-2027</b></p>              | <p>The A/Age Friendly Co-ordinator for Kildare provided an overview of the new Age Friendly Strategy for 2023-2027 outlining details of the key findings from the consultation and details of the Strategy’s action and implementation plans. A copy of the plan can be provided by contacting Carmel Cashin at <a href="mailto:ccashin@kildarecoco.ie">ccashin@kildarecoco.ie</a></p>   | <p><b>Immediately</b></p> |

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| <b>Slaintecare Healthy Communities</b>                           | 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. Work has concluded to upgrade the Peoples Park and additional work taking place along the river is due for completion over the coming months. The Local Implementation Group continue to meet and communication and collaboration at a community level continues to be a priority of the programme in 2023.  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Funding Point – A ‘one stop shop’ for funding information</b> | Kildare LCDC have engaged The Wheel to provide a bi-monthly publication on EU, national, local, and philanthropic funding for community and voluntary groups in Kildare. The publication will be circulated via the PPN, LCDC, KCC and other social media platforms.   | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Empowering Communities Programme</b>                          | The Department of Community and Rural Development announced a new national programme Empowering Communities Programme (ECP) with funding channelled through LCDCs. This programme targets social exclusion and aims to co-ordinate a community development approach. Athy was selected nationally to benefit from ECP. A dedicated Community Engagement Coordinator commenced in the role in January and is employed by County Kildare LEADER Partnership.   | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Community Recognition Funding</b>                             | Kildare County Council submitted an application to the Department of Rural and Community Development for Community Recognition Funding of €807,328 in areas that have shared their facilities with displaced communities.  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Health and Wellbeing Programme – Dept of Health</b>           | The Dept. of Health have provided funding to Kildare LCDC to support the delivery of a Health and Wellbeing programme for Ukrainian Refugees in early 2023. The programme is being delivered by County Kildare LEADER Partnership and includes the provision of a series of excursions to locations which provide an uplifting environment, healthy outdoor activity and access to nature and culture. This will provide a welcome respite to residents of both emergency accommodation centres and pledged accommodation alike. | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>LCDC Membership</b>   | Francis Doherty, Director of Services from the McVerry Trust and Mary O’Connor, Board Member with County Kildare LEADER Partnership attended their first LCDC meeting replacing Pat Doyle and Pat Leogue respectively. They both attended induction training in advance of the LCDC meeting. Work is underway with Kildare PPN to hold elections to replace three LCDC seats (two community and one social inclusion) in the coming month.   | <b>Immediately</b> |

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| <b>Kildare Children &amp; Young People's Plan 2023-2025</b> | The 4 <sup>th</sup> Kildare CYPSC Children and Young People's Plan for Kildare 2023-2025 has been approved by the Committee for submission to the National Review Group. Over 600 individuals (children, young people, parents, and services providers) were consulted in the development of the Plan. | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Celbridge Outdoor Teen Facilities Project</b>            | The final report from the consultation process with young people in Celbridge has been published. Work is underway to develop a co-design process with local young people to develop some of the facilities identified in the report.  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Self-Harm Webinar for Parents</b>                        | 35 parents attended an online webinar hosted by HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention and delivered by CAMHS and Department of Psychology in Maynooth University.  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Countywide NEETS Working Group</b>                       | A new countywide working group focusing on young people not engaged in education, employment, or training (NEETS) has been established as part of the new Kildare CYPSC Plan with CKLP as the lead agency  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>Tusla Education Support Service (TESS)</b>               | The vacant Education Welfare Officer posts in the county have been filled so there are now four EWOs operating in the Co. Kildare/West Wicklow area  | <b>Immediately</b> |
| <b>National Garda Youth Awards</b>                          | Three students from Athy College who represented Kildare in the Group category, won an award at the National Event   | <b>Immediately</b> |

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Signed and date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer.**