

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

<http://www.countywicklowppn.ie/>

County Wicklow Public Participation Network (WPPN) was formed in July 2014 and held its inaugural meeting in August 2015. It is part of a national network of PPNs which have been established in every county in the country to link local communities and community groups to each other and to local government. PPNs are funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development and are overseen by a National Advisory Group

What is Co Wicklow PPN?

Co Wicklow PPN is a network of community groups from all the municipal districts in Co Wicklow that focus on environmental, social inclusion and other community activities across the county. Membership is free and we have a diverse membership base that includes: youth groups, residents associations, community councils, sports groups, older people's groups and much more!

What Does It Do?

The PPN has three main functions:

- To provide a structure for Co Wicklow community groups to nominate community representatives to decision and policy making bodies in the county
- To act as a channel for information between various local and national bodies and Co Wicklow community groups
- To support member groups to grow, develop, be informed and have their voices heard

How Does It Do That?

We organise seminars and workshops on various themes. We facilitate and take part in consultations. We attend community meetings and events and all the time we listen to what people and communities are saying.

Sometimes a board or committee wants community expertise in their group so they talk to us and we ask our members to nominate someone suitable to participate on it

Our PPN Representatives highlights the concerns, issues and ideas that we've heard through our community engagement

Sometimes we highlight what we've heard through written submissions to local, national and international bodies

We keep our members informed with a monthly E-bulletin which provides an update of our work, provides reports from our Representatives, information about member events, and any training, awards and funding opportunities that are coming down the track

Why Should A Group Join the PPN?

To keep informed of plans and decisions for your area

To feed into plans and shape local & national policy

To be part of a strong collective voice for communities

To network, raise your profile, share experiences and support each other

Find out about funding opportunities, training and other supports

And It's Free to Join!

For more information, check the WPPN website: <http://www.countywicklowppn.ie/>