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Carlow PPN

Annual Report 2020

Carlow PPN

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Foreword from the Secretariat

We are delighted to present to you our 2020 Annual Report. We hope that you will find this report informative and interesting and that it will give you a good understanding of the range of work undertaken by Carlow PPN in 2020.

We have been committed to ensuring that Carlow PPN accomplishes its goals in a transparent and accountable manner. Despite the challenges posed by the public health crisis, 2020 was a busy year for Carlow PPN, with a variety of events and activities detailed in the report. The Department of Rural Affairs published the new PPN Handbook in late 2020, which was a significant development. This handbook is a valuable resource for Carlow PPN. It will facilitate the review of the PPN Constitution in 2021, assist in developing the strategic plan 2022 – 2025, and to create the PPN 2021 workplan.

For PPN's to work effectively; the Department of Rural and Community Development Guidelines outline three main objectives for PPN's: -

1. Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies
2. Strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate
3. Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sector and act as a hub around which information is distributed and received

Carlow PPN goes into a strong position in 2021, with 435 members, a strong Secretariat, 24 of 32 seats on Council committees filled, and a range of support structures to support public participation in Carlow, including six Linkage Groups. We look forward to building on these successes together and hope to see new people joining the Secretariat as the PPN establishes itself as a vibrant structure supporting public participation in Carlow.

Members of Secretariat

- Eamon Moore, Environmental Sector
- Molly Aylesbury, Environmental Sector
- Claire Howlin, Social Inclusion Sector
- Vacant, Social Inclusion Sector
- Michael Lyons, Community & Voluntary Sector
- Mary Redmond, Community & Voluntary Sector
- Andrea McDonnell, Municipal District of Carlow
- Thomas Kelly, Municipal District of Muinebheag
- Eileen Doyle, Municipal District of Tullow

Claire Howlin
Current Facilitator

Foreword from Carlow County Council Chief Executive

Active citizenship involves people, communities and voluntary organisations having a key role in decision-making which directly affects them. Carlow PPN was established in October 2014 as the conduit to ensure this happens.

The PPN structure enhances the ability of Carlow County Council to reach out to communities and hear their issues. Community members can take advantage of real participation and engagement within our community be it through Carlow County Council committees or other boards/organisations PPN Representatives sit on. This in turn challenges Carlow County Council to improve our services as communities' capacity to participate meaningfully through the PPN is further developed.

Carlow County Council is working and will continue to work with the PPN to establish and maintain this meaningful connection and to change how Carlow County Council consults with the public and communities.

Kathleen Holohan
CEO Carlow County Council

**CARLOW PPN
YEAR
IN
REVIEW
2020**

Carlow PPN



**30 Seats on
Board &
Committees**

**6 Thematic
Linkage
Groups**

**10 Training
Sessions & 3
Workshops**

**Number of Members in 2020
435**

Community & Voluntary: 376

Social Inclusion: 47

Environment: 12

**E-Bulletins in
2020**

12 E-Bulletins published on our website and shared on our social media & 336 posted out to our non-email Members

Facebook

1486

Followers/
1260 Likes

Instagram

14k Reach

353 Followers

201 Likes

- **1 Plenary Meeting**
- **11 Secretariat Meetings**
- **4 Rep Training Sessions**
- **1 Regional Meeting**

Twitter

749

Followers/

896

Tweets

Introduction

Carlow Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent umbrella organisation of environmental, social inclusion and community and voluntary groups/organisations within County Carlow. As a framework for public engagement and participation, the PPN highlights and encourages participation in public life and people's right to influence decisions that affect their lives and communities.

PPN's were established under the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014 and are the main link through which the County Council connects with local groups/organisations.

The purpose of Carlow PPN is to: -

- ✓ Bring together community & voluntary, environmental and social inclusion groups across the County and enable these groups to express a diverse range of views and interests
- ✓ Facilitate community participation in local decision making by providing representation on local decision-making boards and committees
- ✓ Provide the opportunity for networking, information sharing and communication
- ✓ Identify and support training in relevant areas for groups and representatives



Operation of Carlow PPN

Secretariat

The Secretariat is the administrative body of the PPN, elected from the membership to manage the PPN between Plenary meetings and to manage the work. Secretariat membership is balanced on a geographical and college basis and includes one representative from each of the Municipal District areas and two representatives from each of the colleges – Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental. Carlow PPN Secretariat operates to an annual Workplan and meets on a monthly basis.

Flat Structure

The PPN operates as a flat structure, where the Plenary is the decision-making body and there are no permanent officers i.e., Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. Decisions are made on a consensual basis. To implement the flat structure, Carlow PPN Secretariat has a rotating Facilitator. The meeting Facilitator rotates on a quarterly basis to ensure consistency in work. Working Groups were also established in 2017 to allow for the progression of work between Secretariat meetings and are as follows: -

- Support & Strategy Working Group
- Finance Working Group
- Council Liaison Working Group

Staff and Staff Management

The Secretariat and the PPN are supported by two full-time employees. Carlow County Council act as the employer and manage key HR functions. The work of the PPN staff is supported by the Secretariat acting on behalf of the Plenary. 2020 saw the resignation of Grainne O'Neill after 6 years in the position of Coordinator. Fiona Broadbery was appointed as Acting Coordinator from November 2020.

Formal Agreements with Local Authority

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Carlow County Council and an annual Workplan along with a projected Cashflow Statement is agreed yearly with the Chief Executive of Carlow County Council.

Budget

Carlow PPN is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development & by Carlow County Council. The yearly budget is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development with a proportion of funds matched by Carlow County Council.

Total expenditure in 2020 was €105,189.07 and is broken down as follows:

Budget and Expenditure Report 2020

	Local Authority	Department Rural and Community Development	Total
Amount	35,000	75,700	110,700

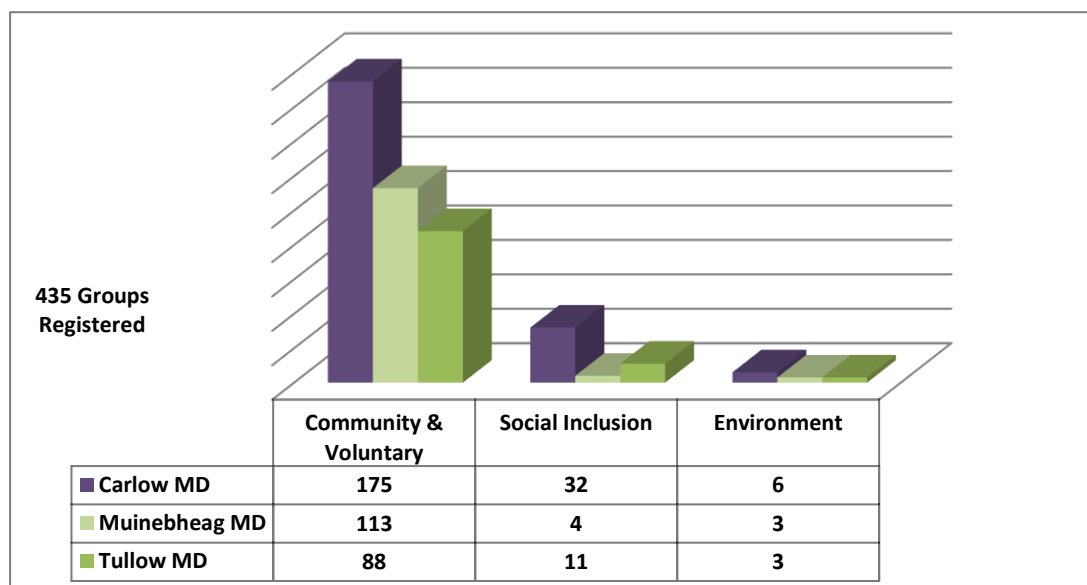
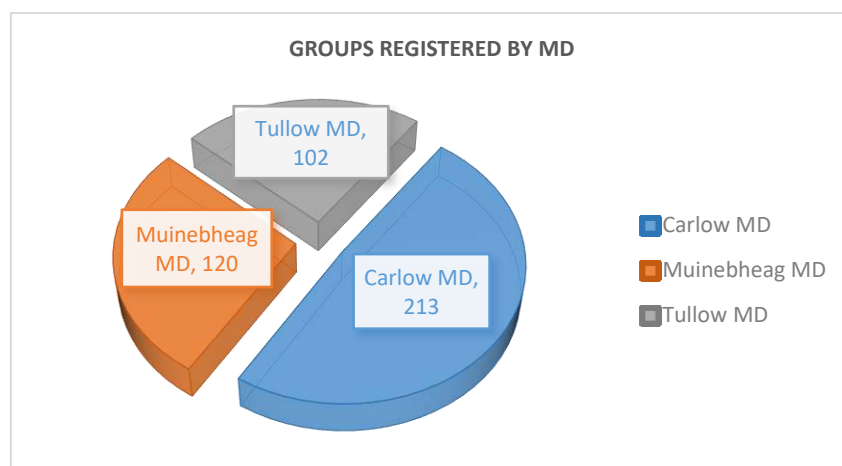
Expenditure – Operational

	Budget	Actual
Salary (incl. PRSI)	77,000	77,134.06
Staff Expenses	400	358.05
PPN Rep T&D Expenses	5500	5510
Rent/Housing	4,000	4,000
Postage/Telephone	350	347
Office Supplies/Supplies/Stationery	1000	1219.4
Light & Heat	-	-
Insurance	577.50	577.50
Bank Charges	60	69
Auditing/Accounting	-	-
Training & Development	6500	495
Equipment	-	-
Website/Hosting	393.25	393.25
IT Support/Maintenance/Zoom	1550	1612.65
Marketing & Promotion	10000	11720.63
Projects/Activities/Events	2000	1195.5
Room Hire/Refreshments/Meetings	1500	583.27
PPN Awards	-	-
Consultancy	1500	1200
Total	111,938	€105,189.07

Membership

Membership of Carlow PPN is open to all volunteer led / not for profit organisations within the county. Groups are divided into three colleges based on their area of interest: Environment, Social Inclusion and Community and Voluntary¹.

The Public Participation Network is required to ask all its members to re-register every two years in order to keep the information valid and up to date. We are communicating with all our contacts on an ongoing basis to re-register with the Carlow PPN. At the end of 2020, 435 organisations/groups were members of Carlow PPN.



¹ Organisations self-select the 'College' they wish to be part of. Groups wishing to be part of the Environmental College must have their application approved by the National Environmental Pillar. Further details are available on <http://environmentalpillar.ie>

Implementation of Salesforce

The Department, in conjunction with the South Dublin Volunteer Centre developed a Client Relationship Management (CRM) software package Salesforce to manage PPN databases all over the country and facilitate targeted communications. This was rolled out to PPN's via group training sessions and support.

The database provides a means for each PPN Resource Worker to gather and manage the database of member organisations, and contact details within their PPN area. It also provides a facility for the Resource Worker to manage a variety of communication processes and events such as email campaigns, newsletters, workshops and training events and to log and track meetings and attendances at meetings. The information gathered also provides useful data for reporting.



Representation and Decision Making

One of the core objectives of Carlow PPN is to facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion and community & voluntary colleges on decision making bodies. A variety of methodologies are used to ensure this.

Representation on Boards/Committees

Where a Local Authority or any other Board/Committee within the county requires community & voluntary, social inclusion or environmental representation on a Board/Committee, they must source this person via the PPN. Thus, PPN members can play a part in policy development and decision making within their county.

According to the guidelines, an individual should represent the PPN on only one Board/Committee to which Carlow PPN is compliant which ensures fairness.

In 2020, Carlow PPN had 30 seats on 10 committees across the County. 24 seats were filled with 6 seats vacant on the Joint Policing Committee.



Support for PPN Representatives

It is imperative that PPN representatives bring forward the views of the PPN and not their own personal views. To facilitate this, the Linkage Group structure comes in whereby the PPN stakeholders on a particular issue come together to elect and advise their representative(s) on each board/committee. PPN representatives consult with their Linkage Group and each other before each meeting to discuss the agenda items and inputs. After each meeting, a summary template of the outcomes of the meeting is completed and disseminated to the relevant Linkage Group. This builds capacity and understanding of the policy process within the community.

Carlow PPN provides training and capacity building to its representatives every year which has always been well attended and were involved in the development of a Representatives Charter. All policies and procedures can be viewed on our website – www.carlowppn.ie

Linkage Groups

Carlow PPN operates a thematic Linkage Group structure and have 6 Linkage Groups: -

- Community
- Health & Wellbeing
- Culture & Amenity
- Social Inclusion
- Environment & Infrastructure
- Economy & Industry

Linkage Groups are thematic sub-groups of the PPN which correspond directly to Council services. They bring together PPN members that have either a remit or an interest in these services. Linkage Groups provide a mechanism through which the PPN influences policies and decisions made by the Council. Linkage Groups elect representatives from amongst their membership to sit on Council committees and other fora on behalf of the PPN. Through these representatives, the PPN participates in shaping policies that affect Carlow communities, and is kept informed of developments within the Council.



Communications

Communicating the existence and activity of Carlow PPN is essential in its functioning and one of the main aims of Carlow PPN is to provide the opportunity for networking, information sharing and communication. The 2016 Annual Report on PPN's, commissioned by the National PPN Advisory Group and published in 2017, recognised the lack of awareness and understanding of PPN's across the country. The Department of Rural and Community Development is planning to roll out a public awareness campaign in 2021.

Information on PPN Events; PPN Plenary's; PPN Vacancies for Secretariat Seats/Rep. Seats; Training Programmes; Member Group Activities; PPN Rep Reports; Events/Funding Information; Consultations; Workshops.

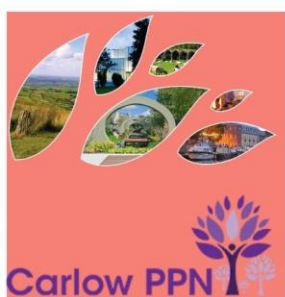
Information on 'Calls for Input' from the Department of Rural Community Development.

Information on Submissions that can be made on different issues, national and local.

Carlow PPN has been making strides in this area by introducing a number of initiatives: -

E-Bulletin	In 2020 Carlow PPN issued 12 E-Bulletins by email to all members and was sent by post to those with no email address.
Website	Carlow PPN's website is at - www.carlowppn.ie .
Social Media	Our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages can be found @CarlowPPN. At the end of 2020, Carlow PPN had 1260 interactions/likes on Facebook and 749 Followers on Twitter and 353 Instagram followers.
Radio I	Radio interviews were conducted throughout the year to publicise upcoming events and Plenary Meetings. Carlow PPN and Kilkenny PPN's Advert Campaign on KCLR96FM ran from the months of December 2020 and January/February 2021
Local Newspapers	Posters and press releases appeared in local papers throughout the year to promote the PPN and upcoming events.
Training Programmes	Training programmes and workshops were delivered in 2020 which helped to promote the PPN and build capacity of our members.
Branded Materials	Pens, trolley keyrings, fleece vests, mugs and tote bags were distributed to raise awareness of Carlow PPN.

In addition, Carlow PPN worked with Carlow County Council in giving presentations on Carlow PPN to various audiences such as elected members, LCDC etc.



CARLOW PPN SOCIALS IN REVIEW 2020

E-Bulletins in 2020

12 E-Bulletins
published on
our website
and shared on
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media & 336
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Members

Facebook

1486
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Strategy Underpinning Communications

The PPN is a recognised mechanism for public participation in Carlow. There is strong engagement between local communities and Carlow County Council and Carlow citizens feel that their views are valued. Our members are well informed and motivated. There are effective structures and processes underpinning a well-managed PPN. We build capacity of communities and representatives to engage by promoting best practice in community consultation and public participation.

Capacity Building and Training

One of the functions of Carlow PPN is to identify and support training in relevant areas for groups and representatives. The aim of capacity building is to strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environment, social inclusion and community & voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside.

2020 was a difficult year for PPNs in general. Normal routines and processes were changed by the Covid-19 pandemic. This meant alternative ways had to be explored in which to manage PPN meetings and to keep the community well informed and up to date. To facilitate engagement, meetings and training sessions were conducted online. For those who were not up to date with technology training was offered to communities.

Carlow PPN offered training programmes in 2020 in the following subject areas: -

- Representative Induction Training
- Charities Governance Code Principles 1&2
- Charities Governance Code Principles 3&4
- Charities Governance Code Principles 5&6
- Local Committee & Representative Role Training
- GDPR Training
- SJI Effective Advocacy & Representative Training
- Media Relations Training
- SJI Facilitation Skills Training
- SJI Zoom Meeting Linkage Group Training
- Zoom for Beginners - Workshops
- New Options for Funding Workshops
- Meet Share Learn Workshop
- Stay Connected

The collage features several promotional materials for Carlow PPN 2020. On the left, a pink poster titled 'CARLOW PPN 2020 WORKSHOPS' lists five workshops: 1. Charities Governance Code Principles 1 and 2 (Thursday 10 May 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.), 2. Charities Governance Code Principles 3 and 4 (Thursday 10 May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.), 3. GDPR (Thursday 10 May 12 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.), 4. Charities Governance Code Principles 5 and 6 (Thursday 10 May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.), and 5. New options for funding for voluntary organisations (11 a.m. Wednesday 7th & 14th October). To the right, a white poster for the '~PPN Members~ Window Flower Box Competition' details the rules and prizes (1st Prize-€200, 2nd Prize-€150, 3rd Prize-€100, 4th Prize-€50). Below this, another pink poster titled 'CARLOW PPN 2020 WORKSHOPS' lists five workshops: 1. Zoom for beginners (Friday 10 July 10 a.m.), 2. Fundraising (Friday 10 July 10 a.m.), 3. Facebook (Friday 10 July 10 a.m.), 4. Social Enterprise (Monday 13 July 10 a.m.), and 5. Twitter (Monday 13 July 10 a.m.). At the bottom, a blue and white poster for the '11 a.m. Wednesday 7th & 14th October' event provides details about the funding workshop.

As Carlow PPN has a small resource base, collaboration with other organisations/agencies adds huge value to PPN activities. Also, by working with other organisations/agencies with common objectives, more awareness is created.

- County Carlow Universal Access Movement (CCUAM)
- Disability Federation of Ireland
- Carlow County Council
- Carlow Council Environment Office
- National PPN's from the South East Region
- Carmichael Ireland
- Healthy Carlow
- Development Perspectives
- The Wheel
- Carlow Mental Health Association
- Local Enterprise Office Carlow
- Local Health Forum
- County Carlow Environmental Network
- Comhairle na nOg Committee
- Carlow Community Response Forum
- Carlow Community Department
- Carlow Local Mental Health Forum
- Carlow Mental Health Association
- Social Justice Ireland
- Carlow Healthy Ireland Sub-group
- Carlow Connection for Life Committee
- Carlow Social Prescribing Service



CCUAM – County Carlow Universal Access Movement

County Carlow Universal Access Movement (CCUAM) is an independent group comprised of members from local community and voluntary agencies, County Carlow Development Partnership, the Public Participation Network (PPN), disability service and support agencies, Carlow mental health, the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI), Carlow Sports Partnership and Carlow County Council. Meetings take place once a month. Carlow PPN have an active role in the development and the implementation of purpose of this group

The objectives are to:

- Raise awareness
- Provide training and capacity Building
- Lobby on issues relating to Access
- Provide information to promote positive change

County Carlow Universal Access Movement
Opening Doors and Breaking Down Barriers

DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND

Carlow PPN
Public Participation Network
Influencing the decisions that shape your community

Make Way Day.com

Make way on our streets for people with disabilities!

Make Way Day is a campaign that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we all share.

Carlow PPN invite you to an online Access meeting for 'Make Way Day', to discuss accessibility issues for people with disabilities within the County.

#MAKEWAYDAY20

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020 @ 11AM

ZOOM MEETING

Contact: Gráinne O'Neill
carlowppn@carlowcoco.ie/0872760139

Carlow County Development Partnership
Commitment to Sustainable Development

We invited members to an online Access meeting for to highlight accessibility issues for people with a disability for 'Make Way Day', in association with the Disability Federation of Ireland. Raising awareness; Training/Capacity building; Lobbying/Activism.

Community Supports

We also provided support to Alone Ireland in advertising and bringing awareness to the work that they do for older people in Ireland especially during Covid-19; we also supported Age Friendly Ireland by advertising and disseminating their Newsletter to our members.

We supported Amber Women's Refuge throughout Carlow/Kilkenny to raise awareness of abuse against women in our society on social media.

We supported Healthy Carlow, by promoting Healthy Carlow Information on our E-Bulletin and Social Media.

As we do every year, we promoted Mensana Festival for Carlow Mental Health Association, this year it was held online, with some great advice on minding your mental health through these difficult times.

During the year we worked closely with Carlow County Council on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) as Carlow County Council are SDG Champions from Q1 2019 to Q2 2021. This is primarily to raise public awareness of the SDGs, and secondarily to illustrate practical ways in which organisations and individuals can contribute to achieving the SDGs using Champion organisations' practices as examples.

We also ran 2 successful SDG Training workshops with Development Perspectives.

We had a number of training sessions for our Representative and Linkage Group members from Social Justice Ireland, which started in March with Induction Training for the Representatives. Local Committee & Representative Role Training took place in May; Effective Advocacy & Representative Training in May; Facilitation Skills Training in June and Linkage Group Training in July. This training ensures they have full knowledge and understanding when it comes to fulfilling their role and responsibility as a representative.

The representatives maintain contact with the Linkage Group to ensure two-way communication between the PPN and that committee/board. They play a pivotal role in ensuring that the PPN achieves its overall purpose.

Events / Projects

Events & training that were held throughout 2020 were mostly done online (from March 2020). We found that some of these events were better attended than physical events, as more people were able to attend from the comfort of their own home. However, we found that not all members had the tech know-how to access these meetings and we accommodated that by providing Zoom training and creating & advertising a 'Stay Connected' process document. This was in order to build capacity of the groups during Covid-19, making sure everyone had a chance to participate and engage.

We provided a number of training sessions for the Reps and the Linkage group members this year, so we could inform and ensure that all members were fully aware of their roles and responsibility going forward.

Plenary

Carlow PPN held one Plenary Meeting in 2020. Our Community Check-In was held on Tuesday 20th October @ 7pm. We launched our 'County Carlow Community Wellbeing Vision' and provided a PPN update. The Wellbeing Vision was developed through various consultations in the county last year. It will be used to guide the PPN in its future work and representations on behalf of our members. Carlow Mental Health Association talked about their newly launched website and offered some great advice on the supports available for your mental health. We closed the meeting with a two-minute meditation.

Carlow PPN Plenary Meeting

Carlow PPN
Public Participation Network

Community Check-In



Health, Wellbeing & Resilience

Environment & Sustainability

Community Wellbeing

Values, Culture & Meaning

Participation, Empowerment & Good Governance

Education & Research

Social & Community Development

Join Carlow PPN for an update on their activities throughout the year and for the launch of the *County Carlow Community Wellbeing Vision*. This vision, which was developed through various consultations in the county, will guide the PPN in its future work and representations on behalf of our members.

Carlow Mental Health Association will join us and offer advice on supports available on their newly launched website, to help during these difficult times. The Plenary will be closed out with a two minute meditation. Something we all need now! All our welcome.

This Plenary Meeting will be delivered through Zoom on Tuesday,
20th October 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

To register contact Gráinne carlowppn@carlowcoco.ie or call 087 276 0139

The Wheel Community Event

The Wheel hosted a community event in Carlow on Tuesday, 25th February in An Gairdin Beo - Meet, Share and Learn. Carlow PPN presented at this event.



Public Consultations

Carlow PPN attended and disseminated information on two public consultations in the Seven Oaks Hotel: -

- Digital Strategy
- Waterside Activity Hub

We called for input on: -

- The development of a Digital Strategy for the County in March.
- A call for collaborative cross-county action for PPN Reps to discuss all things environment in February.
- Attended and promoted a consultation session in respect of the proposed development of a Water/Riverside Activity Hub for Carlow in March.
- A survey to gather information to explore the idea of establishing Carlow as a literacy-friendly county in March.
- Developed a Community Resilience Programme for our Communities to deal with COVID-19 in March.
- Invited community groups to comment/give feedback on the Draft Vision for Community Wellbeing in May.
- Invited Submissions for the Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which included informing the community of Public Information Sessions that were being held in the 3 Municipal Districts in August – June
- Staying Connected: Solution based Workshops for Carlow PPN Members to learn about social media platforms – June
- Resources for Community & Voluntary Sector on Reopening - June

- Ready & Able: How to re-open safely during Covid-19 workshop – July
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Training with Development Perspectives - July
- Online consultation on the pre-draft County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 – August
- Online Consultation: Project Carlow 2040 – Future Development of Carlow Town – October
- Public Consultation on the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2023
- Public Consultation on Carlow County Council’s Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024
- Regulation and Compliance workshop with Carmichael – April
- Make Way Day: Online Access meeting to discuss accessibility issues for people with disabilities within the County – September
- Options for Funding for voluntary organisations workshops – 2 in October
- Invitation of submissions from the community for the Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) for Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch for Carlow County Council and Kilkenny County Council in November
- Invited interested parties to apply to become members of Ireland’s Disability Participation and Consultation Network in November
- Sought interest with a public consultation on a new 10-year Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (ALND) Strategy in December
- Emailed out information on a meeting for the DFI to discuss funding opportunities for people in need of software, equipment or assistive technology to the Social Inclusion College of the PPN in December

Window Flower Box Competition

This competition offered an opportunity to PPN members to win vouchers for their community group from local businesses. 1st prize Tinryland I.C.A., 2nd prize Marian Terrace Residents Association, 3rd prize Hacketstown Development Association, 4th prize Coolnacuppogue/Ballyloughan Residents Association.

~PPN Members~

Window Flower Box Competition

You are invited to participate in our Window Box Competition for all ages. The challenge is to transform a standard window box, or alternative, with color, design, texture and height to be in with a chance of winning a number of shopping vouchers for local businesses. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your skill and creativity!

#ShopLocal

1st Prize-€200
2nd Prize-€150
3rd Prize-€100
4th Prize-€50

Contact Gráinne on 087/2760139 or
 carlowppn@carlowcoco.ie.
 All entries will be judged by Carlow
 PPN Secretariat Members.



Carlow PPN 2020 Workshops

Carlow PPN help a number of solution-based workshops on compliance and regulation with Carmichael Ireland during the month of May.

CARLOW PPN 2020 WORKSHOPS

A series of practical solutions-based workshops to help organisations with compliance and regulations delivered by Carmichael. These participative workshops will be delivered online. A link to each workshop will be sent in advance and all participants must have access to broadband and a laptop / computer.



Carlow PPN
Public Participation Network

1. Charities Governance Code Principles 1 and 2
Trainer: Derek O'Beilly
Thursday 7th May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A live webinar on principle 1: Advancing your charitable purpose, and principle 2: Behaving with integrity. Attendees will have an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar.

2. Charities Governance Code Principles 3 and 4
Trainer: Michael Quirke
Thursday 14th May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A live webinar on principle 3: Leading people, and principle 4: Exercising control. Attendees will have an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar.

3. GDPR
Trainer: Liam Lynch
Thursday 18th May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A live webinar on practical skills to follow through on obligations of accountability under GDPR. Attendees will be shown the tools to create a Data Protection Policy for their organization and will have an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar.

4. Charities Governance Code Principles 5 and 6
Trainer: Andrew Madden
Thursday 21st May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A live webinar on principle 5: Working effectively, and principle 6: Being accountable and transparent. Attendees will have an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar.

5. Media Relations
Trainer: Emily Brennan
Thursday 25th May 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A practical approach to different types of media. Defining and developing your key messages. Preparing press releases and media interviews. Attendees will have an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar.

DELIVERY

Delivery of webinars will be via GoToWebinar and Google Hangouts. Participants need to have access to a computer or laptop and good quality internet access. The webinars are delivered and recorded live. Questions and comments can be submitted by participants and dealt with by the presenter during the session. Participants are also given access to all training materials and the recordings.

Contact Gráinne O'Neill on 087 276 0139 or carlowppn@carlowcoco.ie to book.

New Options for Funding Workshop

Carlow PPN offered workshops on new ways to raise funds, to help members who were no longer able to operate normally due to the Pandemic.

New options for funding for voluntary organisations

Carlow PPN are delighted to offer FREE workshops on new options for funding for voluntary organisations that will help adjust your organization to survive throughout and after the pandemic. These workshops are for Board members, managers and all those with responsibility for the financial viability of their voluntary organisations and all those challenged with loss of any type of income from traditional sources as a result of Covid-19.



11a.m. Wednesday 7th & 14th October

OUTLINE

Course material will include how to make effective applications for funds, new ways of fundraising for these times, digital fundraising, up-to-date information on grant and loan sources for the development of social, community, health, enterprise, educational, arts and other objectives and preparing your own forward plan as a result of the training.

Course participants will receive presentations, take part in live Q&As and be able to access a specially designed manual: "A Manual for the Not-for-Profit sector: New Options for Funding in Covid-19". The manual will enable people to take step by step actions to improve their organisation's finances.

LIAM SCOLLAN BIO

Liam Scollan's background includes CEO of an international airport and of a government development agency. He is also rooted in the voluntary sector with a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges faced by communities. He facilitates capacity building, action planning, healthy governance, effective management and more recently how to manage re-opening during Covid-19.

His experience of funding includes raising over €50m for the not-for-profit sector, rebuilding organisations and transforming the vision and practices of not-for-profit bodies which he has directed.

He is conducting this training in association with Carmichael, a long established and respected specialist in supporting the not-for-profit sector.

OUTCOMES

Those attending will learn to:

- Map out their own plan for improving the flow of funds into their organisation
- Be more ready to answer c.20 key questions commonly asked when applying for funds
- Learn how to create strong team support and public backing for their fund raising actions
- Become up-to-date with a wide variety of available grants and funds
- Identify over 30 new ways of raising money and saving resources within the restrictions of Covid-19
- Choose the online and digital applications best suited to assist in raising funds and resources
- Gain more confidence in the work of attracting funds.

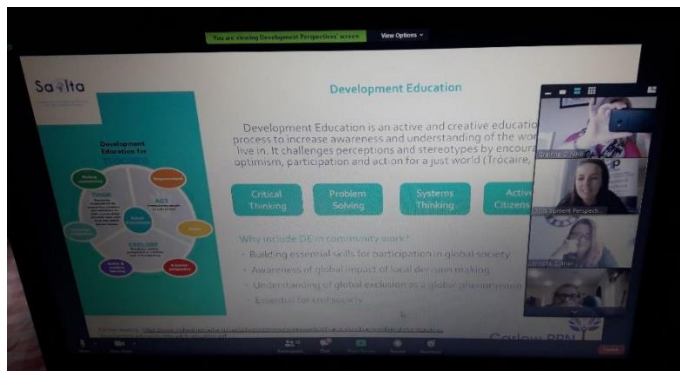
Workshops will be delivered online through Zoom over two 1.5 hour sessions.



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Environmental Training with Development Perspectives

Carlow PPN in partnership with Carlow County Council and Development Perspectives ran a successful Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Workshop in July.



Regional Meetings

- National PPN Resource Workers Network Meeting
- DFI Regional Access Group Meetings
- Resource Workers Meeting

National Meetings

National Co-ordinator meetings take place quarterly in Dublin and the Co-ordinator or PPN colleague attends all meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to network with all other PPN Co-ordinators.

Strategic Plan

Carlow PPN is nearing the end of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021. The next step is to carry out a review of the plan during 2021. Carlow PPN will begin the next Strategic Plan 2022-2025, early in 2021.

Strategic Plan 2018-2021: <https://www.carlowppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Carlow-PPN-Strategic-Plan-Booklet-2018-2021.pdf>





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