



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Fingal PPN Resource Worker Report

27th October 2020

Goal 1: Improving our Network

Action	Activity
Action 1: Grow PPN membership in a planned and sustainable way.	Membership numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community: 243 September: 681 • Environment: 16 September: 28 • Social Inclusion: September: 167 • Total: 314 September: 876 <p>This change in figures is as a result of the first re-registration of all PPN member groups since the PPN was initially established. It is anticipated that this number will continue to grow as groups become aware of funding opportunities.</p>
Action 2: Increase the operational capacity of the PPN.	Position of Acting Resource Worker has been approved to cover maternity leave of current Resource Worker. Recruitment of acting position to be led by HR Dept of Fingal County Council.
Action 3: Operate the network to the highest possible standard.	<p>Governance Review: No report</p> <hr/> <p>MOU: Signed on 28th January 2020</p> <hr/> <p>PPN Review Meeting: To be completed 27th October 2020</p> <hr/> <p>Staff Support Subgroup:</p> <hr/> <p>Plenary: Subgroup meeting has been crucial in relation to Plenary planning. Most recent meeting took place on 7th October. Subgroup report attached to email correspondence and invitation issued on 9th</p>

	<p>October, one month in advance of the Plenary with the appropriate nomination forms attached.</p>
<p>Action 4: Further develop Linkage Groups.</p>	<p>Induction for new Reps</p> <p>Catch all induction for new Reps to be organised in early 2021 with appropriate support training to be made available in line with the recruitment of linkage group facilitators.</p>
	<p>PPN Elections: All appropriate vacancies to be filled at upcoming Plenary in November. Recruitment underway for 2 x LG Facilitators</p>
	<p>Training: Three Zoom training sessions offered to all PPN member groups in October in preparation for support to groups to access the Plenary in November and to participate in Fingal Inclusion Week. Further training in Communicating your Cause and Diversity and Anti-Racism training scheduled during Fingal Inclusion Week.</p>
	<p>Resourcing: Acting Resource Worker to be recruited</p>

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Goal 2: Improving our Communications

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Action 5: Showcase our achievements.	Activity report in 2020 to have section on PPN achievements. Draft attached to the meeting correspondence.
Action 6: Continue to develop communications.	Social Media: notifying members of Linkage Groups on Social media. Planned campaign 'Getting to Know Us' for social media platforms for early 2021
	PPN Branded Merchandise: Wish list of items to be collated by the Secretariat and returned to RW to follow up.
Action 7: Work closely with Fingal County Council in communicating to citizens.	Work ongoing with all Fingal County Council departments in circulating key information to groups. Departments are increasingly contacting Fingal PPN to circulate information so being viewed as the best conduit for disseminating information to groups.

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Goal 3: Improving our Representation

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Action 8: Further develop relationships between the PPN and Public Representatives.	Fingal PPN posted five copies of the Fingal PPN Covid 19 Case Study to all public representatives to demonstrate the level of support delivered by PPN member groups throughout the early stages of the pandemic. Mayor David Healy to participate in the upcoming plenary event via video input.
Action 9: Foster key partnerships and explore further public participation initiatives.	Working with all interested groups to bring diverse and relevant events to the membership of Fingal PPN. Currently working with SEAI to host a Sustainable Energy Communities meeting on 4 th November. All groups invited to participate.
Action 10: Establish the PPN as a mandatory consultative and participatory structure.	PPN has fed into Corporate Plan. PPN Strategic Plan to be included as reference document supported by the Corporate Plan.
Action 11: Provide more information sharing opportunities and supports for PPN Representatives.	PPN Reps forum scheduled to take place on 7 th October did not take place. Possibility of moving these to online meetings.
Action 12: Develop the Social Inclusion Pillar.	Fingal Inclusion Week – scaled down version planned for 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions. SIRDEY Linkage Group members joined the Social Inclusion Steering Group and have been key in overseeing this year's initiative. Budget may be require to support this event this year and it is recommended that some budget be

	allocated to this event on a yearly basis to support its development. Budget Proposal attached.
Action 13: Develop policies to make the PPN more accessible.	Pilot access and participation fund agreed for 2020 – this to be explored further in light of Covid 19. There has been no further action taken on this due to the changing nature of the Covid 19 pandemic and increased restrictions being implemented on 21 st October.

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Goal 4: Improving our Membership Supports

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Action 14: Provide a range of training supports.	<p>Three Zoom training sessions were scheduled for all PPN member groups in advance of the plenary, 14th/21st/28th October 2020.</p> <p>All were well attended and feedback was positive.</p> <p>Inclusion and Diversity Training to be provided as a support for groups during Social Inclusion Week on November 19th at 7pm</p> <p>Communicating your Cause training scheduled for 16th November for all PPN member groups at 7pm</p>
Action 15: Establish an efficient signposting and referral service.	<p>Signposting on an ad-hoc basis. No further progress.</p>
Action 16: Develop an open data membership database online.	<p>Re-registration process is now complete. Three email correspondence issued to all groups throughout September and October. Process was complete in advance of issuing the plenary invitation on 9th October. Any groups that continue to re-register will be added to the database as and when they complete the process.</p> <p>Due to the availability of funding, this number is expected to increase over time. It is anticipated that those who have re-registered are most engaged with the PPN and will assist in making sure that the supports that are delivered are strategically targeted to the members.</p>
Action 17: Collaborate across the Greater Dublin Area.	<p>Working with SEAI and Codema to host an open meeting for all community groups to be able to engage with their Sustainable Energy Communities training and capacity building programme.</p> <p>Date for meeting is confirmed for 4th November</p>

Other

Annual Leave	Anticipated Maternity Leave Start Date 30 th November
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