



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Fingal PPN Resource Worker Report

24th August 2021

Goal 1: Improving our Network

Action	Activity
<p>Action 1</p> <p>Grow PPN membership in a planned and sustainable way.</p>	<p>Membership numbers (24th August 21):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community: 414 May: 377 • Environment: 30 May: 27 • Social Inclusion: 89 May: 84 <p>Total: 533 May: 488</p> <p>Increase by 45 groups Seven new groups with an additional 38 via re-registration</p> <p>New Groups: Innisfails Gaa club – Community Castlegrange Park Residents Assosiation – Community Garristown Flyers Athletics Club – Community I Will Arise – Community Swords Alternative Sports Association – Community Swords Karate Kyokushinkai – Community Templeville Park Adopt A Patch – Environment</p> <p><u>New Member Groups – Introduction</u></p> <p>All new groups have been sent an Induction Pack along with a copy of the PPN Constitution.</p>
<p>Action 2:</p> <p>Increase the operational capacity of the PPN</p>	<p>Resource Worker Natasha Bagnall recently returned from maternity leave. Laura Barton returns to her role in Estate Management.</p> <p>Fingal PPN Team (August 2021) Resource worker: Natasha Bagnall Support Worker: Adam Rudden Interim Part time Administrator: Lisa Moran</p> <p>PPN Handbook and Strategic Plan Review Prepared by Jamie Moore on behalf of the review subgroup.</p> <p>23 March 21: Fingal PPN setup a working group to oversee this piece of work. The working group consists of representatives of the Secretariat (John Melvin and Todd Pocius), Linkage Group Facilitators (Denise McDermott), PPN Representatives (Alice Davis), PPN Staff (Laura Barton) and Fingal County Council (Sinead Wiley). The subgroup held its kick-off meeting on 21 January 2021 to agree a programme of work. The second meeting of the subgroup took place on Monday 15 February.</p>

	<p>An information night was held in June with the final report presented and recommendations on how to proceed with the strategic plan review. Secretariat now need to approve the next steps with this project.</p>
	<p>PPN Handbook Review The review of the PPN Handbook is complete and the final report was ratified at the Plenary held in June. Resource Worker currently implementing the changes with a constitutional change identified to go forward as a motion at the November Plenary. This motion has already been prepared for the Secretariat for feedback and approval.</p>
<p>Action 3: Operate the network to the highest possible standard.</p>	<p>All vacancies advertised ahead of recent plenary. Only one outstanding vacancy on the Secretariat (Social Inclusion). Any vacancies at linkage group level are being actively filled (further information in the Action 4 of this report).</p>
	<p>Staff Support Subgroup: Establish staff working group in line with the PPN Handbook Review Report before the end of 2021.</p>
	<p>Plenary Subgroup: Plenary Subgroup to be re-established to oversee the planning of the November Plenary with all interested Secretariat members to be invited to be part of this group</p>
<p>Action 4: Further develop Linkage Groups</p>	<p>Linkage Group Updates: Full report will be submitted to next Secretariat meeting as Round 4 is still underway. Esther Onolememen from Sickle Cell Society Ireland has been appointed facilitator of the Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Linkage Group. John Uwhumiakpor from Nigerian Balbriggan Forum has been appointed to the Housing SPC. Three candidates have come forward for the vacancy on the Sports Partnership Committee. Elections will take place in the coming weeks. Nominees will be sought to fill the PPN vacancy on Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC.</p> <p>Current Round of Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th August: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise • 17th August: Housing, Planning and Transport • 24th August: Climate Change, Environment and Water • 26th August: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sport • 2nd September: Community Safety, Crime and Policing
	<p>Induction for New Representatives Catch all induction for new Reps to be organised in early October with proposed dates of 5th/12th October from 7-9pm. All Secretariat members and Reps (new and existing) to be invited to the training which will take place via Zoom. It would be ideal to have existing members to act as peer support to the newer representatives with attendance strongly advised as it has been some time since PPN induction training has been delivered.</p>

Policy Hub

Administrator and Support Worker are working on sourcing all of Fingal County Council's main policies in order to assist in the creation of a policy hub that can help guide linkage groups in the writing of motions. First phase of this work to be completed in early October. The first phase will concentrate on Fingal wide policies with phase two and phase three concentrating on national and European policies that are relevant to the work of Fingal PPN and its linkage groups. Meeting with website provider to be scheduled in early September to progress this project.

PPN Spring/Summer Training Courses 2021

All training courses delivered this year have been well attended. Scope to provide additional training courses for autumn. Feedback welcome on future training topics. Online Team building for Secretariat and Reps to be considered.

The Department of Rural and Community Development have commissioned Social Justice Ireland with the support of Waterford Institute of Technology to develop a comprehensive training course for PPN Stakeholders. Participants from Fingal PPN have been invited to take part in this training course in September. Six participants from Fingal PPN will join Laois, Kildare, South County Dublin, DLR and Dublin City PPNs in this training programme called 'Creating Capable Communities.'

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Goal 2: Improving our Communications

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Action 5: Showcase our achievements.	Activity report showcasing recent achievements presented at the Plenary in June has been completed. A copy is available on Fingal PPN website. Final Activity report to be presented at the November Plenary
Action 6: Continue to develop communications	<p>Social Media: notifying members of Linkage Groups on Social media. Planned campaign 'Getting to Know Us' for social media platforms now planned for early 2022. Proposal for Secretariat members and Reps to answer some short questions to be created into short social media posts to encourage new members to the Secretariat in the future and to help raise awareness of the PPN in general. Potential to support this action with appropriate video content as budget allows for this in 2021</p> <p><u>Fingal PPN Newsletter July</u></p> <p>The most recent copy of our newsletter can be found here: https://fingalppn.ie/resource/monthly-e-newsletter/</p> <p><u>Mass emails:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PPN acts as an information hub, keeping the community informed of relevant local issues, news, events, resources and supports. We do this through a monthly e-newsletter, bi-annual activity report and the maintenance of our website and social media pages. <p><u>Social media posts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All social media accounts are updated regularly in tandem with our website at Fingal PPN Facebook and Twitter. <p><u>Website Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural Review of Public Participation Networks• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces funding for 20 projects under digital innovation programme• Irish Environmental Network Monthly Meet Up: Secretariat Network• Minister Humphreys published 2020 Annual Report from Department of Rural and Community Development• Free Painting Classes at BCP• BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Corridors Status Update – August 2021• Artist in the Community Scheme 2021 (Round 2) is now open for applications• Intercultural Day – Free Online Zoom Event – Saturday 21st August 2021 – From 3pm• DART+ West public Consultation Number Two is now Live• ADI- Anti Dumping message• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces new €7million Fund to enhance streetscapes & shopfronts in rural towns and villages• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys welcomes increased EU support for LEADER Programme• Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces County Allocations for additional upgrade works to rural roads and laneways

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulhuddart Community Centre Open Day • Minister Humphreys attends Cabinet remotely from Highspeed Broadband Hub on Bere Island • Structural Review of Public Participation Networks • Enter the 2021 Pakman Awards Today! • Minister O’Brien & Minister Ryan announce the successful applicants under the €3 million Pilot Bike and E-Bike Upcycling Initiative. • Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €8.8 million in funding under the Connected Hubs Scheme • Minister Humphreys announces €4.5m Libraries Capital Programme Funding for Kilkenny City Library and Monaghan PEACE Campus Library • Fingal Ethnic Network(FEN) – Intercultural Day Event • Minister Humphreys Announces €800,000 Social Enterprise Start-up Fund • Age Friendly Ireland Weekly Newsletter – 16 July 2021 • Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien announce €650,000 Funding for Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities • Minister Rabbitte seeks Expressions of Interest to join Ireland’s Disability Stakeholder Group • Ministers Humphreys, McGrath and O’Brien announce €4.5 million in COVID-19 Stability funding for community and voluntary groups • Grants Available for Training Networks • Community Finance Ireland launches €10million All-Island Recovery Loan Fund • Meet & Code 2021 • Create: Artist in the Community Scheme bursaries in 2021 • Become a Certified Story Exchange Facilitator – 10 bursaries available for Teachers and Youth / Community Workers • Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drug and Alcohol Task Force strategic plan (interim) 2020-2021 • Age Friendly Newsletter – July 2021 • First Report on Well-being Framework for Ireland July 2021 • Reminder – Fingal PPN Strategic Plan Information Session – Tomorrow Thursday 8th July 6.00p.m • Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces new €1 million ferry contract to Clare Island in Co. Mayo • Taoiseach and Minister O’Brien acknowledge Programme that provides supports for those most in need • Fingal Age Friendly Healthy Homes Programme
<p>Action 7: Work closely with Fingal County Council in communicating to citizens.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Newsletter and mail out</u></p> <p>Fingal PPN Linkage Group Round 4</p> <p>Department of Rural and Community Development has engaged Mazars to undertake a structural review of the PPNs.</p> <p>Inside Fingal Podcast</p> <p>July’s Council Meeting: Monday 12th July at 5pm</p> <p>FCC Chief Executive Monthly Management Report</p>

	<p>Age Friendly Ireland Update</p> <p>Many items in the news section of Fingal PPN Website also featured in the Newsletter and some mail outs.</p> <p><u>Fingal County Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 – Proposed refurbishment of and extension to The Carnegie Free Library, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin • Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal • Part 8 – The Ballymastone Recreational Hub Development Project, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin
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Goal 3: Improving our Representation

Action	Activity
Action 8: Further develop relationships between the PPN and Public Representatives.	Further work to build on the relationship with elected representatives to be scheduled in 2021. This action should be an ongoing concern. All Councillors to receive a copy of the final Fingal PPN Activity Report after the November Plenary. Feedback on appropriate projects to further develop this relationship always welcome and will be explored further.
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. Key involvement in Fingal Inclusion Week in November which highlights a key partnership with Fingal County Council.
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. Linkage Groups actively preparing and submitting motions to the relevant SPCs with success in having items adopted.
Action 11: Provide more information sharing opportunities and supports for PPN Representatives.	PPN Reps forum scheduled to reconvene early in 2022 following the induction training scheduled for October 2021.
Action 12: Develop the Social Inclusion Pillar.	Fingal Inclusion Week to be held in November. Project meeting and steering committee to be established in September in partnership with FCC and the Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Linkage Group. This is a key project of the Social Inclusion Pillar each year for Fingal PPN.
Action 13: Develop policies to make the PPN more accessible.	Pilot access and participation fund agreed but no update on this.

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Goal 4: Improving our Membership Supports

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Action 14: Provide a range of training supports.	<p>Training needs identified on an ongoing basis. Autumn Training Calendar to be examined and put in place.</p> <p>DRCD is providing a training programme for PPN stakeholders but on a limited and pilot basis. Demand for this course far outstripped the supply of training places. Fingal PPN to look at the topics being offered to identify if these may be rolled out to general PPN members</p> <p>Training for JPC members has been committed but no date fixed as yet.</p>
Action 15: Establish an efficient signposting and referral service.	<p>Signposting on an ad-hoc basis.</p>
Action 16: Develop an open data membership database online.	<p>Open database available on website which is actively updated with new members.</p>
Action 17: Collaborate across the Greater Dublin Area.	<p>Slaintecare: This project has drawn to a completion in early 2021.</p> <p>Possibility of reengaging a network of Dublin-based PPNs to aid both the RW/SW and the general PPN membership. Meeting of Dublin RW to take place in September.</p> <p>Resource Worker is sitting on Healthy Ireland Committee.</p>
Other	
Annual Leave	<p>Resource Worker now returned from maternity leave (working 4 days/week until the end of 2021)</p>