



**Fingal  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

**Fingal PPN Resource Worker Report**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

**Goal 1: Improving our Network**

Action	Activity
<p><b>Action 1</b></p> <p><b>Grow PPN membership in a planned and sustainable way.</b></p>	<p>Membership numbers (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community: 420                      August: 414</li> <li>• Environment: 30                      August: 30</li> <li>• Social Inclusion: 89                      August: 89</li> </ul> <p><b>Total: 539                                  August: 533</b></p> <p>Increase by six groups Three new groups with an additional three via re-registrations</p> <p><b>New Groups</b> Corbal Residents Association Fortlawn Flower Power Mount Symon Residents Association</p> <p><b><u>New Member Groups – Introduction</u></b></p> <p>All new groups have been sent an Induction Pack along with a copy of the PPN Constitution.</p>
<p><b>Action 2:</b></p> <p><b>Increase the operational capacity of the PPN</b></p>	<p><b>Fingal PPN Team</b> Resource worker: Natasha Bagnall Support Worker: Adam Rudden Interim Part time Administrator: Lisa Moran</p> <p><b>PPN Handbook and Strategic Plan Review</b> 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. Subgroup Meeting took</p>

	<p>place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and decided to meet again on 29<sup>th</sup> September in order to further consider the associated documentation and related correspondence.</p>
	<p><b>PPN Handbook Review</b> 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><b>Action 3:</b> <b>Operate the network to the highest possible standard.</b></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><b>Staff Support Subgroup:</b> Establish Staff Liaison group in line with the PPN Handbook Review Report before the end of 2021.</p> <p><b>Plenary Subgroup:</b> 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. Meeting to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September with a report to follow.</p>
<p><b>Action 4:</b> <b>Further develop Linkage Groups</b></p>	<p><b>Linkage Group Updates:</b> Full report submitted to Secretariat postponed due to the rearrangement of the Community Safety, Crime and Policing Linkage Group meeting to 28<sup>th</sup> September. Report to be issued asap.</p> <p><b>Next Round of Meeting Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> October: Housing, Planning and Transport</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> October: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> November: Climate Change, Environment and Water</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> November: Community Safety, Crime and Policing</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> November: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sport</li> </ul> <p><b>Induction for New Representatives</b> Catch all induction for new Reps taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> October from 7-9pm. All Secretariat members and Reps (new and existing) have been 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> <p><b>Policy Hub</b> All relevant policies from local, national, regional and European perspective have been sourced by the Fingal PPN team to assist with the creation of a policy hub that can help guide linkage groups in the writing of motions. Fingal PPN had anticipated having the local aspect online in a first phase but all relevant policies now available to complete this project before the November Plenary. Meeting with website provider scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September to progress this project. Further information required from Fingal PPN and all material to be transferred to website developer by 1<sup>st</sup> October. It is anticipated that the library will be live before the end of October with a launch of this project at the November plenary.</p>

**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.'

Training for Autumn being finalised with trainer providers and will be issued shortly.

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### Goal 2: Improving our Communications

Action	Activity
<b>Action 5:</b> <b>Showcase our achievements.</b>	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
<b>Action 6:</b> <b>Continue to develop communications</b>	<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/videos 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><b><u>Fingal PPN Newsletter</u></b></p> <p>The most recent copy of our newsletter can be found here: <a href="https://fingalppn.ie/resource/monthly-e-newsletter/">https://fingalppn.ie/resource/monthly-e-newsletter/</a></p> <p><b><u>Mass emails:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Social media posts</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All social media accounts are updated regularly in tandem with our website at Fingal PPN <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">Twitter</a>.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Website Updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The latest website updates can be found here: <a href="http://www.fingalppn.ie/latest-news/">www.fingalppn.ie/latest-news/</a></li></ul>
<b>Action 7:</b> <b>Work closely with Fingal County Council in communicating to citizens.</b>	<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><b><u>Newsletter and mail out</u></b></p> <p>Many items in the news section of Fingal PPN Website also featured in the Newsletter and some mail outs.</p> <p><b><u>Fingal County Council</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed Temporary Closure of a section of Windgate Road, Howth</li><li>• Youth Sports Grant 2021</li><li>• Fingal Heritage X Climate: Monitoring the impact Survey</li><li>• Introductory video to Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project</li></ul> <p><b><u>National Transport Authority</u></b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTA Survey on Taxi's and Hackneys.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Irish Rail</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DART+ West Preferred Option – Open until 29th September</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Gov Departments</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Consultation on Ireland’s Nitrates Action Programme</li> <li>• €800,000 in funding for community gardens, outdoor spaces and allotments</li> <li>• €500,000 Awareness Raising Initiative for Social Enterprise (ARISE) Scheme 2021</li> </ul>
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<b>Goal 3: Improving our Representation</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Action 8: Further develop relationships between the PPN and Public Representatives.</b>	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.
<b>Action 9: Foster key partnerships and explore further public participation initiatives.</b>	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. Actively cultivating relationships within and outside FCC to the benefit of Fingal PPN
<b>Action 10: Establish the PPN as a mandatory consultative and participatory structure.</b>	PPN has fed into Corporate Plan. PPN Strategic Plan to be included as reference document supported by the Corporate Plan. <b>Linkage Groups actively preparing and submitting motions to the relevant SPCs with success in having items adopted.</b>
<b>Action 11: Provide more information sharing opportunities and supports for PPN Representatives.</b>	PPN Reps forum scheduled to reconvene early in 2022 following the induction training scheduled for October 2021.
<b>Action 12: Develop the Social Inclusion Pillar.</b>	Fingal Inclusion Week to be held in November. Project meeting and steering committee to be formed 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.
<b>Action 13:</b>	Pilot access and participation fund agreed but no update on this.

Develop policies to make the PPN more accessible.	
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**Goal 4: Improving our Membership Supports**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Action 14:</b> Provide a range of training supports.	Training needs identified on an ongoing basis. Autumn Training Calendar in the process of being finalised. RW contacted The Wheel and Carmichael Centre and awaiting trainer availability and dates.  Training for JPC members has been committed but no date fixed as yet.
<b>Action 15:</b> Establish an efficient signposting and referral service.	Signposting on an ad-hoc basis.
<b>Action 16:</b> Develop an open data membership database online.	Open database available on website which is actively updated with new members.
<b>Action 17:</b> Collaborate across the Greater Dublin Area.	Resource Worker is sitting on Healthy Ireland Committee.
<b>Other</b>	
<b>Annual Leave</b>	Resource Worker working 4 days/week until the end of 2021