



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Fingal PPN Resource Worker Report

20th October 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 (20th October 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community: 428 September: 420 • Environment: 30 September 30 • Social Inclusion: 91 September: 89 <p>Total: 549 September: 539</p> <p>Increase by ten groups Two new groups with an additional eight via re-registrations</p> <p>New Groups Deerpark and Claremont Residents Association St Lukes Active Retirement</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>Fingal PPN Team Resource worker: Natasha Bagnall Support Worker: Adam Rudden Interim Part time Administrator: Lisa Moran</p> <p>Strategic Plan Review Following the recommendation of the Strategic Plan Review subgroup, Fingal PPN have agreed to extend the Strategic Plan until the end of 2022 providing that all Linkage Groups are given the opportunity of reviewing the recommendations and offering feedback on the actions. Report to be prepared once all Linkage Group Meetings have taken place for the subgroup to review in January. It was also recommended to commence the work on the next Strategic Plan as early as possible in 2022.</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 number of constitutional changes identified to go forward as a motion at the November Plenary. A briefing note has been prepared for the Secretariat for</p>

	<p>feedback and approval with the RW contacting DRCD for some clarity on the proposed constitutional changes. Awaiting confirmation in writing about how we proceed. An information session on the proposed constitutional changes is scheduled for 3rd November.</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 Liaison group in line with the PPN Handbook Review Report before the end of 2021.</p> <p>Plenary Subgroup: Plenary Subgroup has been established and has meet twice to oversee the planning of the November Plenary. The most recent report has been prepared and circulated to the Secretariat.</p>
<p>Action 4: Further develop Linkage Groups</p>	<p>Linkage Group Updates: 5th Round Linkage Group report has been compiled and circulated to the Secretariat</p> <p>Final Round of Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th October: Housing, Planning and Transport • 21st October: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise • 4th November: Climate Change, Environment and Water • 16th November: Community Safety, Crime and Policing • 18th November: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sport <p>Induction for New Representatives</p> <p>Catch all induction for new Reps took place on 5th October from 7-9pm. All Secretariat members and Reps (new and existing) were invited to the training which will took place via Zoom. Both Resource Worker and Support Worker delivered the training with positive feedback from the reps who took part. It also acted as a much need networking opportunity for reps, many who have not yet face to face for some time.</p> <p>Policy Hub</p> <p>Great progress has been made in the creation of the Fingal PPN Policy Hub. All relevant policies from local, national, regional and European perspective have been sourced by the Fingal PPN team to help guide linkage groups in the writing of motions and making Linkage Group meetings more effective. 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> <p>PPN Training Courses 2021</p> <p>Autumn training has been well received and most training courses are fully booked or have one or two places available. 60 training places are available across four training topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running an Effective Meeting • Managing Events Online • More Zoom Adventures • Diversity and Inclusion in your Organisation

	<p>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 commenced 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.' Feedback from participants has been very positive.</p>
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Goal 2: Improving our Communications

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<p>Action 5: Showcase our achievements.</p>	<p>Final Activity Report is currently being worked on with a report to be presented at the November Plenary</p>
<p>Action 6: Continue to develop communications</p>	<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. Awaiting Secretariat approval for the finances for this project.</p> <p><u>Fingal PPN Newsletter</u></p> <p>The most recent copy of our newsletter can be found here: https://fingalppn.ie/resource/monthly-eneewsletter/</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"> • The latest website updates can be found here: www.fingalppn.ie/latest-news/
<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>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 dwelling at 50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Existing shop site), Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 • Part 8- Part 8 - Lanesborough Park Development Project, Meakstown, Dublin 11 • Section 177AE: Application to An Bord Pleanála - Racecourse Park Development Project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 - The Naul Village Park Development Project, Naul, Co. Dublin • Part 8 - Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown Village, Garristown, Co. Dublin • Men on the Move • LCDC: The Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 <p><u>EirGrid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EirGrid Information Webinar on Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) <p><u>The National Disability Authority</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Authority Annual Conference 2021 <p><u>Age Friendly Ireland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Friendly Ireland announce International Webinar Series <p><u>Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland – Let’s Get Back campaign <p><u>Gov Departments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces almost €3.5 million in additional funding for 12 landmark rural regeneration projects • Budget 2022: Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien deliver €376 million for Rural and Community Development • Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland – Let’s Get Back campaign • The Department of Rural and Community Development: Rural Ideas Fora Event
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Goal 3: Improving our Representation	
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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.

<p>Action 9: Foster key partnerships and explore further public participation initiatives.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Action 10: Establish the PPN as a mandatory consultative and participatory structure.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Action 11: Provide more information sharing opportunities and supports for PPN Representatives.</p>	<p>PPN Reps forum scheduled to reconvene early in 2022 following the induction training scheduled for October 2021.</p>
<p>Action 12: Develop the Social Inclusion Pillar.</p>	<p>Fingal Inclusion Week to be held in November. Project meeting and steering committee have been formed in partnership with FCC and the Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Linkage Group. Four members of the linkage group have joined the steering committee to oversee this project. Almost 70 events proposed to take place from 15th - 21st November. This is a key project of the Social Inclusion Pillar each year for Fingal PPN.</p>
<p>Action 13: Develop policies to make the PPN more accessible.</p>	<p>Pilot access and participation fund agreed but no update on this.</p>

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Goal 4: Improving our Membership Supports

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<p>Action 14: Provide a range of training supports.</p>	<p>Autumn training calendar finalised and almost fully booked. Training for Staff Liaison Sub Committee to be confirmed as soon as the committee is formed. Training for JPC members has been confirmed for early November.</p>
<p>Action 15: Establish an efficient signposting and referral service.</p>	<p>Signposting on an ad-hoc basis.</p>
<p>Action 16: Develop an open data membership database online.</p>	<p>Open database available on website which is actively updated with new members.</p>

Action 17: Collaborate across the Greater Dublin Area.	Resource Worker is sitting on Healthy Ireland Committee.
Other	
Annual Leave	Resource Worker working 4 days/week until the end of 2021