



**Fingal  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

**Fingal PPN Support Worker Report**

**(awaiting appointment of the Acting Resource Worker)**

**26th January 2021**

**Goal 1: Improving our Network**

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| <p><b>Action 1:</b></p> <p><b>Grow PPN membership in a planned and sustainable way.</b></p> | <p>Membership numbers (19<sup>th</sup> January):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community: 329                      November: 294</li> <li>• Environment: 23                      November: 22</li> <li>• Social Inclusion: 75                      November: 64</li> <li>• Total: 427                              November: 380</li> </ul> <p>Increase by 47</p> <p>Registration numbers continue to grow as groups continue to re-register. A full list of groups who have not re-registered have been forwarded onto the Community Dept of FCC for Community Officers to follow up with groups with directly.</p> <p>The support Worker sent out 82 new invites for membership due to returned Jotforms through the work of the Community Officers.</p>                                  |
| <p><b>Action 2:</b></p> <p><b>Increase the operational capacity of the PPN.</b></p>         | <p><b>Acting Resource Worker</b></p> <p>Laura Barton was successful in securing the Acting Resource Worker to cover maternity leave of Resource Worker. We are awaiting her release from the Housing Dept</p> <hr/> <p><b>Fingal Migrant Integration Forum:</b></p> <p><b><u>Work done so far:</u></b></p> <p>Dr Kathy Walsh and Breandán Ó Caoimh consultants were engaged by the FPPN (resourced by the FCC) to work with the Fingal Migrant Integration Forum over a ten-week period. From October to mid-December 2020 members of Fingal Migrant Integration Forum participated in a bespoke training and capacity-building programme involving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Citizenship Education Training (22 attended)</li> <li>2. Community Development. (15 attended)</li> </ol> |

3. Development of the Fingal Migrant Integration Forum's objectives and work programme for 2021 (22 attended)

Outstanding work to be completed

The following will be implemented over Jan/ Feb (by Dr Kathy Walsh and Breandán Ó Caoimh consultants)

1. Facilitated Session (1) with the emerging Steering Group to elect the officers
2. Facilitated session (2 & 3) with the Steering Group to:
  - \* Finalise the 2021 work programme;
  - \* Agree the group's terms of reference; and
  - \* Ensure group registers with Fingal PPN and develops the associated linkages and procedures.

3. Handover to the Integration Officer

This will include a briefing on the work done to date and practical items (e.g., the log-on credentials for the Zoom and g-mail accounts).

Fingal Integration Forum Handover to Fingal County Council (as per above)

- FCC Community Office will support the forum with the new senior community officer whose brief will be around integration.
- FCC commenced the recruitment of Senior Community Officer/ Integration Office in Dec 2020 with the expectation that they will be in place in Feb/ March
- Fingal Integration Forum (as per programme of work) will be selecting their officer board in Jan and will be convening their own meetings going forward.
- Dr Kathy Walsh and Breandán Ó Caoimh consultants will be handing over to the integration officer in March

Project Spend Update

- FCC awarded €20,000 to FPPN to engage a facilitator to support the Fingal Integrant Forum in 2020
- Dr Kathy Walsh and Breandán Ó Caoimh consultants were engaged and have been paid €17,290
- Balance of funding €2, 710 will go towards the 'Outstanding Work scheduled for Jan/Feb/ March 2021. (Full cost of this work is €4,719 so FCC will pay the balance of €2,009).

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|   | <p><b>Funding Award to Fingal Integration Forum (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration &amp; Youth)</b></p> <p>Fingal PPN in association with FCC was awarded Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration &amp; Youth funding for the Fingal Migrant Integration Forum to the tune of €22,500 in Dec 2020.</p> <p>This funding will be used on 3 key projects over the term of the funding to 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Your Vote Your Voice – An easy to read guide to voting and training manual</li> <li>-‘Know me’ exhibition and road show</li> <li>-Translation service – research project</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">FCC Principal Officer, Linda Office has advised that the funding will be held in the PPN job code however all reporting and administration will be carried out by FCC administration staff and the Fingal Integration Officer (expected to be appointed in Feb/March).</p> <hr/> <p><b>Governance Review:</b></p> <p><b>External Consultant</b></p> <p>External Consultant, Jamie Moore was successfully awarded the tender to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan (and revised 1 year plan)</li> <li>• Implementation of the National PPN Guidelines</li> <li>• Assessment and planned programme of supports to develop the capacity of secretariat members</li> <li>• Assessment and planned programme of supports to develop the capacity of linkage groups facilitators</li> </ul> <p>Progress Update</p> <p>FCC(Sinead Willey) has held an initial meeting with the consult on 11th Jan and will continue to support the process.</p> <p>A working group is proposed to take place on Thur 21st to oversee the work of the consultant comprising of 2 x secretariat, 1 Representative, 1 Facilitator, PPN A/ Resource Worker, FCC</p> <p>Nominations received to date include</p> <p>Secretariat: Todd Pocius, Denise McDermott, John Melvin Facilitators: Denise McDermott</p> |
| <p><b>Action 3:</b></p> <p><b>Operate the network to the highest possible standard.</b></p> | <p><b>MOU:</b> Signed on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Task Completed</p> <hr/> <p><b>National PPN Review Meeting:</b> Next meeting June 2020</p> <hr/> <p><b>Staff Support Subgroup:</b> No update on Staff Subgroup. To be discussed at the Feb Secretariat meeting.</p>  |

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|   | <p><b>Plenary:</b> Plenary steering committee to be discussed at the Jan meeting and nominations sought established for plenary on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p> <p>Secretariat vacancies to be filled in May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Environment</li> <li>• 1 Social Inclusion</li> </ul> <p>LCDC Reps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Environment</li> <li>• 1 Community</li> <li>• 1 Social Inclusion</li> </ul>  |
|   | <p><b>Induction for new Reps</b></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. This proposal is being deferred till June.</p> <p>Meeting with new representatives will be convened in February for an link in and update on how they are getting on.</p>  |
| <p><b>Action 4:<br/>Further develop Linkage Groups.</b></p> | <p><b>Linkage Group Updates</b></p> <p>Please see accompanying Round 5 Linkage Group report 2020.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting Schedule</u></b></p> <p>29th October 2020: Climate Change, Water and Environment<br/> 3rd November 2020: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports<br/> 17th November 2020: Community Safety, Crime and Policing.<br/> 19th November 2020: Housing, Planning and Transport<br/> 26th November 2020: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise</p> <p><b>Update of Development</b></p> <p><b>Bringing the voice of Young People to Linkage Groups</b></p> <p>The Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Linkage group is inviting Youth Organisations to next Linkage Group in order to see if there is a way in getting young people’s voices represented at Linkage Group level.</p> |

**Policy Hub**

Support Worker is current 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 – No Progress

**PPN Representative Elections:**

LCDC seats to be filled: Máire O'Brien (Environment), Tony Brennan (Community), and Alice Davis (Social Inclusion)

New Representative:

Angela Rogers was nominated as JPC representative at Community Safety, Crime and Policing Linkage Meeting on 29th October 2020

New Facilitator:

Olanike Adesemowo was nominated Facilitator of Housing, Planning and Transport Linkage Group on 19th November 2020

**Training:** Consultant has been engaged to assess training needs of four facilitators. Training to commence in April with a Spring/Summer schedule

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### Goal 2: Improving our Communications

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| <b>Action 5:</b><br><b>Showcase our achievements.</b>          | <p>Activity report in 2020 was collated in conjunction with the Plenary. Soft copies of this report available on the website November with hard copies available to PPN members.</p> <p>It was also circulated members via Fingal PPN Newsletter: November 2020</p>  |
| <b>Action 6:</b><br><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 for early 2021. Will not progress until June 2021</p> <p><b>Consultation Friday Email Reminder:</b> On Fridays PPN Consultation reminder emails will be going to group's highlighting Fingal's Consultation portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed development of 62 no. dwellings &amp; associated site works at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush,</li><li>• Draft Heritage Signage Guidance.</li><li>• The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal</li><li>• Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy.</li><li>• Department of Finance: Public Consultation on the exercise of the national discretion</li><li>• Department of Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment : Public consultation to review certain aspects of Competition Law in Ireland</li><li>• Department of Health: Public Consultation regarding community-rated health insurance</li></ul> <p><b>Social media posts</b></p> <p>Facebook/Twitter December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• December's PPN Newsletter is now available on our website: <a href="https://fingalppn.ie/.../Fingal-PPN-Newsletter-December...">https://fingalppn.ie/.../Fingal-PPN-Newsletter-December...</a></li><li>• Empower are running a Christmas Toy Appeal. Please check out the link to our website for full details:</li><li>• Check out Fingal's Christmas House Decorating Competition. Winners will receive a €100 One4All Voucher.</li><li>• Have your say on the development of a 10-Year Strategy for Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy</li></ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dublin's Energy Agency Codema will be hosting an online event on Dec 10th sharing top tips and case studies to get you saving energy.</li> </ul> <p><b>PPN Branded Merchandise:</b> None currently on order at this time</p>  |
| <p><b>Action 7:</b></p> <p><b>Work closely with Fingal County Council in communicating to citizens.</b></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><b><u>Newsletter and mail out.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Fingal County Council</u></b></p> <p>R132 Connectivity Project - Non-Statutory Consultation<br/> Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025<br/> The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal<br/> Ministers launch €40m sports grant scheme for 2021<br/> Financial Assistance for Festival and Events 2021<br/> Community Facilities (non FCC owned) Remedial Works Scheme 2020<br/> Fingal County Council Digital Poverty Funding Scheme 2020 -<br/> 27 Fingal Chamber Community Fund 2021:</p> <p><b><u>Other</u></b></p> <p>Core Bus Corridor - 3rd Round Public Consultation<br/> Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy</p> |

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### Goal 3: Improving our Representation

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| <b>Action 8:</b><br><b>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. To be progressed in June 2021  |
| <b>Action 9:</b><br><b>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. To be progressed in June 2021   |
| <b>Action 10:</b><br><b>Establish the PPN as a mandatory consultative and participatory structure.</b>           | <p>PPN has fed into Corporate Plan. PPN Strategic Plan to be included as reference document supported by the Corporate Plan.</p> <p><b>PPN Climate Change, Environment and Water Linkage Group</b> will be making a submission to The Forest of Fingal in March 2021.</p> <p>Climate Action Plan consultation being carried out by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC)</p> <p>They will be contacting the PPN about getting PPN-based moderators to run consultation workshops beginning in mid-February.</p> |
| <b>Action 11:</b><br><b>Provide more information sharing opportunities and supports for PPN Representatives.</b> | PPN Reps forum scheduled to take place early in 2021. To be progressed June 2021.  |
| <b>Action 12:</b><br><b>Develop the Social Inclusion Pillar.</b>   | <p>Fingal Inclusion Week – completed 2020.</p> <p>2021 event planned for September 2021</p>  |
| <b>Action 13:</b><br><b>Develop policies to make the PPN more accessible.</b>                                    | Pilot access and participation fund agreed for 2020 – this to be explored further in light of Covid 19. This has been included in the workplan for 2021 in line with the 2018-2021 strategy. There is no progress for this December/January.   |



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### Goal 4: Improving our Membership Supports

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| <b>Action 14:</b><br>Provide a range of training supports.                    | Acting Resource Worker to lead on Spring/ Summer Training Schedule when they commence work.   |
| <b>Action 15:</b><br>Establish an efficient signposting and referral service. | Signposting on an ad-hoc basis. No further progress.<br>Resource Worker will examine a referral system in June 2020   |
| <b>Action 16:</b><br>Develop an open data membership database online.         | Open database available on website. Task completed  |
| <b>Action 17:</b><br>Collaborate across the Greater Dublin Area.              | Slaintecare: FPPN have stepped away from the Slaintecare project while the Resource Worker is on Maternity Leave. Will revisit in June 2020<br><br>Acting Resource Worker will sit on Healthy Ireland Committee when appointed. |
| <b>Other</b>  |   |
| <b>Annual Leave</b>   | Resource Worker Maternity Leave Start Date 30 <sup>th</sup> November. Provisional Return date June 2021.<br><br>Acting Support Worker: No annual leave booked yet for 2021  |