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Highlights of 2021

 **18,121** 
MEMBER GROUPS

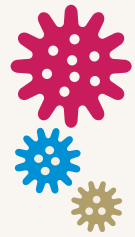
14,443 
**COMMUNITY
AND VOLUNTARY
GROUPS**

3,001 
**SOCIAL
INCLUSION
GROUPS**

655 
**ENVIRONMENTAL
GROUPS**

2021 was another uncertain year as the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic highlighted just how necessary and vital the Community and Voluntary sector is. Local knowledge was key to understanding and delivering information, support and practical solutions to those experiencing need.

The PPNs responded swiftly and effectively to ensure widespread and varied community supports.



1,013

REPRESENTATIVES

on **397** Boards and Committees bringing the voice of the community to the decision making table.

Hundreds of supports for Representatives, allowing them to fully engage and participate.

Continuous engagement with Member Groups, ensuring that vital information was widely disseminated.

Increased Social Media profile.



206

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

delivered across more than **491** sessions.



Recommendations for future development, acknowledging areas for growth.

PPNs continued to adapt and develop innovative solutions during challenging times to allow business continuity.



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Foreword

by Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Minister Joe O'Brien

I am delighted to introduce the PPN Annual report for 2021. This was an important year for the PPNs, one that offered many opportunities.

Despite the challenges brought about by the continued Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions required to safeguard public health, 2021 marked another year of growth for the PPNs. The total number of groups registered with a local PPN stood at 17,500 at the start of 2021 and crossed the 18,000 mark during the year. This steady increase is a testament to the hard work that PPN staff and volunteers put in to reaching out to volunteer-led groups, and is just one indicator of how PPNs continue to develop.

As the Covid pandemic continued, PPNs around the country remained active on their local Community Response Fora throughout 2021, acting as a vital conduit for information between local community groups and other local services, charities and agencies. They also continued to assist in delivering services to local communities.

The PPNs also broadened their scope in 2021 by partaking in national consultations on matters such as the national Wellbeing Indicators, bringing the perspectives they gained in their local Wellbeing consultations to the table.

PPNs also played a role in national climate policy by taking part in focus groups on the national Climate Action Plan. Through these focus groups, volunteers had the opportunity to bring a local perspective into the national conversation – a perspective that will help us, as a nation, to address climate change in a way that acknowledges local impacts.

In addition, the Climate Action Act came into law in 2021. This was a priority for our government and represents an important milestone in Ireland's effort to address climate change and the impact it is having on both Ireland and the world.

I am very pleased to note that the PPNs have been acknowledged in this legislation as key players at local level: the Climate Action Act requires Local Authorities to develop Climate Action Plans for their local areas every five years, and mandates the Local Authorities to consult with the PPNs in the development of those local plans.

Given the growth and change that has occurred since PPNs were established, the structural review research and consultations carried out by Mazars in 2021 is an important stepping-stone towards adapting the existing structures to enable PPNs to thrive. Taking stock of these structures will require planning and collaboration, and given the huge level of engagement with the review consultations, I have every confidence that the PPNs will emerge from this process stronger.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank the PPN volunteers and staff for their time, effort and energy and to give my commitment to continuing to support the PPNs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe O'Brien".

Joe O'Brien

Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities

Foreword

by the Chairperson of the Public Participation Network (PPN) National Advisory Group, Ciara Bates

Ireland continued to face the impact of Covid-19 in 2021. Public health restrictions continued with the first 4 months of the year spent in lock-down. With new variants developing, it was an uneasy time for communities across the country. In the second half of 2021, the very welcome introduction of the vaccination roll out allowed our country to open up once again.

During this difficult time, the PPNs stepped up to the challenge. PPNs continued to play a significant role in the Community Call throughout 2021. PPNs were represented on local authority Community Support/Response Forums. They also served as a crucial information hub, passing information from national sources such as the HSE and Pobal down to local level. This is just to name a few of the areas in which the PPNs provided essential supports during Covid-19 restrictions – reading this report really highlights the continued dedication from workers and volunteers involved in the PPN. Your work and commitment is truly exceptional and appreciated.

In 2021, the Department appointed Mazars to review the structure of PPNs. Mazars used a highly consultative process with PPN stakeholders to conduct this review. There was a tremendous level of engagement from across the PPN Community. The survey accumulated 665 responses, 13 focus groups were held involving 206 participants, and 34 written submissions were received. I want to thank all stakeholders who participated and contributed to this review. The high level of engagement just proves how passionate stakeholders are about the future of PPNs. I look forward to working on the implementation plan in the coming months, as I want the absolute best for all PPNs for the future.

Following a successful pilot in 2020, the bespoke blended learning course, 'Creating Capable Communities' was made more widely available in 2021.

This fulfilled a recommendation made by stakeholders in a number of previous annual reports, requesting this type of bespoke training for stakeholders. In 2021, 251 participants enrolled in this training.

The Secretariat Network made great strides in its development throughout the year. They met 6 times with these meetings providing the network an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas. I wish to thank the Secretariat Network for the valuable time they give to the PPN on a voluntary basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Advisory Group Members. The Advisory Group had many important decisions to make in 2021. Your support, advice and dedication to everything PPN-related is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the National Advisory Group, I want to thank the PPN Community for your hard work and dedication in 2021. With the upcoming awareness campaign it is an exciting time for PPNs and their bright future. The Advisory group look forward to continuing these developments in collaboration with the PPN community.



Ciara Bates

Chairperson, National PPN Advisory Group



Introduction

Involving people in making the decisions that affect them and their lives is a core principle of democracy. Real participation goes beyond voting (representative democracy) to a situation where people and government work in partnership to co-create infrastructure and services, solve problems and work towards the wellbeing of all for this generation and the generations to come (deliberative democracy). By definition, such an approach requires a leaving aside of power differentials and making a specific effort to ensure that the voices and views of people who are not traditionally influential are heard and considered.

In 2014, the Local Government Act was amended to introduce Public Participation Networks (PPNs). The PPN recognises the contribution of volunteer-led organisations to local economic, social, and environmental capital. It facilitates input by these organisations into local government through a structure that ensures public participation and representation on decision-making committees within local government. These PPNs have been established in every local authority area in Ireland. By the end of 2021, 17,548 community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations were members of a PPN. Over 1,013 PPN representatives were elected to 397 committees on issues such as strategic policy, local community development, joint policing and so on. 2021 was another challenging year, full of uncertainties.

The PPNs continued to provide invaluable and necessary supports all throughout, displaying resilience and adapting to meet a wide variety of community needs.

Local authorities and PPNs work together collaboratively to support communities and build the capacity of member organisations to engage meaningfully on issues that concern them. PPNs have a significant role in the development and education of their member groups, sharing information, promoting best practice, and facilitating networking. By bringing local knowledge and expertise to decision making groups, they work to ensure that many different viewpoints are heard, ensuring more robust outcomes and ultimately better communities. Local authorities also have a vital role to play in facilitating participation through open consultative processes and active engagement.

Role of the National Advisory Group

The report of the Working Group on Citizen Engagement with Local Government which was set up in September 2013 made recommendations on more extensive and diverse input by citizens into the decision-making processes at local government level. The Working Group Report was published in February 2014.

That report outlined the ways in which structures and processes for securing the engagement of organised civil society with local government could be strengthened. To do this, the Report recommended that a Public Participation Network (PPN) be established in each local authority area to enable the public to take an active formal role in relevant policy making and oversight committees of the local authority.

The Working Group Report recommended that the work of PPNs should be monitored and evaluated regularly in line with best practice. The first National PPN Advisory Group was established in 2016 for this purpose and ran until September 2018.

A second National PPN Advisory Group, established immediately after the term of office of the first group ended, is fully representative of all stakeholders. The Group now includes one representative each from the Community and Voluntary, Environmental and Social Inclusion sectors, three PPN Volunteers – one each representing the three different sectors, three PPN resource workers and two Local Authority staff (one at Director of Service level and one directly supporting a PPN). The Group is chaired by the Department of Rural and Community Development who also provide the secretariat services for the Group. Membership of the Advisory group is set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Membership of the National Advisory Group during 2021

	Name	Organisation
Chair	Ciara Bates	Department of Rural and Community Development
Community & Voluntary Sector Representative	Catherine Lane	National Women's Council of Ireland
Social Inclusion Sector Representative	Seán Healy	Social Justice Ireland
Environmental Sector Representative	Charles Stanley Smith	Tipperary PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Helen Howes	Wicklow PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Avril Wilson	Tipperary PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Sarah Wetherald	Sligo PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Kieran Walsh	South Dublin PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – C&V Sector	Lynda O'Shea	Waterford PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – Social Inclusion Sector	Bibiana Savin	South Dublin PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – Environment Sector	Terrence McDonough	Galway City Community Network (PPN)
PPN Volunteer Representative – Environment Sector	Clíona Kelliher	Kildare PPN
CCMA Representatives	Alan Farrell/ Rebecca Loughrey	Galway County/ Cork City

Along with its monitoring role, the Advisory Group is also charged with advising and supporting the Department of Rural and Community Development to develop the PPNs. This is being achieved through the development of key performance indicators for PPNs and local authorities in conjunction with the Department. This Annual Report, which gives an overview of the work done by PPNs in 2021 was developed by the National PPN Advisory Group for completion by PPNs and Local Authorities.

Methodology

In early 2022, a consultation template was devised and agreed by the National Advisory Group and circulated to all PPNs and Local Authorities via survey monkey for completion. The completed returns were collated for analysis purposes.

We can report that all 31 PPNs returned reports. Where possible, comparable data from 2020 is included, however this data will not be directly comparable to that contained in the Annual Report for 2020 as that report concerned 30 of the 31 PPNs.

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Glossary of Terms

There are a broad range of definitions covering the nature and scope of public participation and local government. Some of these are explained below:

Advisory Group means The National PPN Advisory Group (see also **NAG**).

Associate Members are groups that do not fulfil the full criteria for membership of the PPN.

CCMA: The County and City Management Association is the 'representative voice' of the local government management network. CCMA members are chief executives of the county and city councils and the assistant chief executives of Dublin City Council.

Comhairle na nÓg: These are councils for the youth located in 31 locations in the Republic Of Ireland, which gives the youth in Ireland the opportunity to be involved in the progress of local services and policies.

Community refers to a place (such as a neighbourhood or wider area), identity (such as belonging to an ethnic group), or interest (such as a commitment in common with others, for example, disability rights).

Community Call was announced in April 2020, linking local and national Government with the community and voluntary sectors to coordinate community activity, direct community assistance to where it is needed, focusing on the elderly and most vulnerable in the community and harnessing the volunteering energy of the country in response to Covid-19.

Community Safety Partnership is a government initiative which brings together the community and voluntary sector, the community, various other statutory services, and local councillors to work together in identifying and tackling community safety issues on a local level. Local Community Safety Partnerships are being piloted for 24 months in Dublin's North Inner City, Longford and Waterford.

CRM system: A Customer Relationship Management system is a digital system for managing an organisation's relationships and interactions with clients and customers and allows for the collection and analysis of large amounts of data.

DoS means Director of Services (Local Authority).

The **Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government** oversees the operation and development of the local government system and provides the policy framework within which local authorities work and deliver services to the communities that they represent and serve. From July 2017, the policy framework regarding LCDCs, LECPs and PPNs transferred from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to the Department of Rural & Community Development. Article 28A of the Irish Constitution recognises the role of local government in providing a forum for the democratic representation of communities and in exercising and performing powers conferred by law.

The **Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD / the Department)** was established in July 2017 to promote rural and community development and to support vibrant, inclusive and sustainable communities throughout Ireland. In relation to the PPNs, the Department is the majority funder, provides the Chair of the National Advisory Group and has overall responsibility for the development and oversight of the PPNs.

The Elected Council is the policy making forum of the local authority; the municipal district members make decisions that affect their Municipal District area. Elected Councils (operating at local authority or municipal district level) exercise 'reserved functions' defined in law across a range of legislation. The day-to-day management of a local authority is carried out by the executive, i.e. the full-time officials led by the chief executive. The chief executive has a duty to advise and assist the Elected Council in the exercise of their functions.

Handbook: A composite set of Guidelines and advice issued in November 2020 to assist PPNs and other stakeholders, replacing the User Guide.

HSE: The Health Service Executive is the publicly funded healthcare system in the Republic of Ireland.

JPC: Joint Policing Committee: A Local Authority Committee comprised of councillors, T.D.s, Senators, the Gardaí and external stakeholders such as PPNs which makes policy proposals on policing issues. Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act provided for the establishment of JPCs in each Local Authority administrative area and as part of the Local Government structures.

LAGS: The Leader Programme is administered at local level through Local Action Groups (LAGs).

LCDC: Local Community Development Committee – a Local Authority Committee with public and private members which oversees community development programmes in an area including LEADER and SICAP. PPNs typically have 5 members on that committee. The aim of the LCDCs is to develop, coordinate and implement a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

LEADER: A funding programme delivered through the LAGS, which aims to support economic, social and environmental development of rural areas. LEADER is a programme that supports both private enterprise and community groups in delivering projects aimed at improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of economic activity in rural areas.

LECP: Local Economic Community Plan - The purpose is to set out for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant Local Authority area, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

Linkage Group: A group of PPN stakeholders in a particular issue who meet to make policy recommendations and work closely with a PPN representative on a relevant Board or Committee.

Local Authorities (LA): City or County Councils. Play a key role in supporting economic development and enterprise at a local level. Local Government support on the ground is critical to the success of many initiatives which drive local communities. These include local festivals and events; design of streetscapes and village renewal schemes; support for micro-enterprises, business parks and incubation units; involvement in energy efficiency projects; promotion of rural broadband and planning for major investments in the green economy.

Local Development Companies (LDC): Organisations with a remit to support economic and social development in their catchment area. LDCs are typically contracted to deliver programmes such as the Rural Development Programme (LEADER), Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and Tús.

Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for a range of changes to the organisation and work of local authorities. Among other things, it provides for the amalgamation of a number of local authorities; the abolition of town councils; the abolition of city and county development boards; the establishment of local community development committees and it provides for a range of changes to the functions carried out by local authorities. Section 46 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 commenced on 1 June 2014 and provides the legislative basis which gives effect to the Framework for Public Participation and the Public Participation Networks (PPNs).

MOU means Memorandum of Understanding (agreement between LA and PPN).

Municipal District (MD): A subdivision of a Local Authority area. Councillors meet at Municipal District level as well as in full council. MDs were established following the Local Government Reform Act in 2014.

(n=XXX) Denotes number e.g., number of replies, number who answered question.

NAG means the National PPN Advisory Group.

Not for profit organisations are organisations that work for the good of society, communities and/or specific interest. They do not make a profit and any income they do make that is above what they need to keep the organisation running is invested back into the organisation to improve it or to keep it going. No payments are made to any shareholders. It includes a vast range of organisations from very small groups with no income to large charities.

Plenary: All the member groups in a PPN. The Plenary is the ultimate decision-making body of the PPN.

PPN Budget means the annual amount a PPN has available to it, derived from DRCD, the LA & other sources.

Salesforce: a data and information management system that is common to all PPNs. The system itself allows PPNs to capture and manage information regarding member groups, store details on organisations and community and network groups, manage funding, manage campaigns such as email communications, generate custom reports and much more.

Secretariat means the administrative body of the PPN whose role is to put into practice the decisions of the Plenary; ensure that the PPN runs smoothly in between Plenaries; coordinate the activities of the PPN; communicate regularly with all PPN Member Groups and spread information about all PPN activities as widely as possible; and facilitate and enable the PPN Workers in their day to day activities to deliver PPN objectives.

SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme): is designed to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality. Each SICAP provider works with both individuals and community groups in a city / county or subdivision thereof, with a focus on people experiencing disadvantage and areas which are designated disadvantaged.

SLA means Service Level Agreement (generally between PPN and a service provider or the Local Authority and a service provider).

Sláintecare is a 10 year Government policy which aims to reform the health system and deliver universal health care.

Social Inclusion: activity centred on working to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment using community development approaches to build sustainable communities, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected.

SPC (Strategic Policy Committee): local authority committees in city and county councils whose membership includes Elected Councillors, representatives of business, farming interests, environmental/conservation groups, trade unions and community and voluntary members. It is the task of the Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), as committees of the council, to advise and assist the council in the formulation, development and review of policy. They have no remit in relation to routine operational matters regarding the delivery of services. The SPC system is intended to give councillors and relevant sectoral interests an opportunity for full involvement in the policy making process from the early stages.

Sustainable Development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Thematic Group: A group of PPN stakeholders working on a cross-cutting policy theme, e.g., disability, social inclusion, sustainability.

Tusla: The Child and Family Agency, the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children.

User Guide: A composite set of Guidelines and advice issued in 2016 to assist PPNs and other stakeholders replaced by the Handbook in November 2020.

Volunteer-led organisations are those which are governed by a group of volunteers acting as a committee, board or other structure. They may also have paid staff who act on behalf of the Board.

Wellbeing describes a community whose basic needs are met, where people have a sense of purpose and feel able to achieve important goals, to participate in society and to live the lives they value and have reason to value.

Working Group means the Working Group on Citizen Engagement with Local Government. This group was set up in September 2013. Its role was to make recommendations on more extensive and diverse input by citizens into the decision making at local government level. The Report of the Working Group was published on 28 February 2014 and its recommendations led to the establishment of the PPNs.

Worker means Resource Worker, Support Worker or other worker engaged by the PPN to carry out its duties.



Public Participation Networks – 2021

In 2021, in addition to the questions asked in previous years, the Department asked each PPN to provide some detail on the impacts the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent health advice restrictions had on the work of their PPN. As 2021 was a year in which the impacts of Covid-19 continued to reverberate, the extra questions were retained.

30 respondents stated that Covid-19 continued to impact on the work of the PPN. In 2021, only one noted that it did not. Some common themes are listed below with more detail on impacts reported by each PPN and in their own words included in Appendix 3. As well as responding to the pandemic, PPNs were also asked to give examples of specific proposals or actions that the PPN representatives have brought to decision making boards and committees and to outline the impacts their PPN has had.

Covid-19 Responses

- Over the course of 2021, public health guidance changed from central, legislative direction to individual responsibility and risk management. The PPN delivered training and workshops to help groups to plan a safe return to activity, manage the risks around Covid-19 and safely meet the needs of communities to meet and work together after a long period of isolation and limited contact.

- The PPN created an Interactive Map of Community Groups offering supports during Covid-19. There was a group available to offer supports in every urban and rural community in the County. The Interactive Map was utilised by the County Council Community Helpline. The benefits of the Interactive Map were highlighted by the Chief Executive, Councillors and vulnerable people in the county.
- During the early part of Covid-19, the PPN alongside the City and County Council, Libraries, the Education Training Board, Area Partnership, the Older People's Council, the HSE and the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) worked together to find a solution to improve digital literacy in the community by training people in using their mobile phones, tablets and technology. The PPN carried out surveys to identify support and training needs.
- The PPN role in the Community Response team has been significant; the PPN's communication channels have been the main conduit during the pandemic. They continued to collaborate with the HSE, County Councils and Local Development Committees as a networking and informational exchange with community groups in regard to Covid-19 matters, particularly to highlight services in lockdowns.
- Our suite of training and information sessions delivered in direct response to the community needs analysis has supported many groups to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and expand their work to deliver much needed supports to community members.

Impacting Deliberative Democracy

- The PPN hosted webinars as part of the draft County Development Plan (CDP) consultation process, collaborating closely with the Planning section of the County Council. These were well attended and allowed participants of the webinars from PPN member groups to fully understand the submission process, how to make a submission and what stage the draft plan was at. This led to more focussed submissions and an awareness of how the PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing was being taken as the community position for a healthy and vibrant county.
- Accessibility of the city for all disabled residents is the key focus, for the Traffic and Transport reps. They communicate with their linkage groups and interested stakeholders and input into the committee about disabled parking, access to streets and increased difficulties with mobility issues in the city.
- The National Women's Strategy was omitted from the Appendix of relevant policy documents in the LECP guidelines – This was raised by the PPN Social Inclusion Rep at the LCDC and it was agreed that the strategy would be considered as part of future discussions on the LECP.
- Following a presentation detailing "Active Cities" Framework National initiative by Sports Partnership, the PPN was advised that the Sports Partnership would be requesting a nominee from the PPN for a Steering group to drive the initiative, ensuring that there is a mechanism in place for representation and participation of as many relevant groups and communities as possible.
- The PPN LCDC reps made significant recommendations to the development of the LECP and Vision 2030 and many of these contributions and submissions have been taken on board and substantial changes were made to the consultation questions and the draft documents since the PPN reps saw the first draft.

Impacting Community Wellbeing

- The PPN was part of a successful collaborative application to the Department of Rural and Community Development's Pilot Project Community Development Fund to fund a new Traveller Community Development Project. The PPN's involvement in this project stemmed from concerns raised by their Social Inclusion Member Groups who have sought ways to lend their collective weight to working effectively to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the approximately 900 Travellers who are part of the community. The project will share premises space with the PPN.
- Following feedback from PPN members, the Secretariat members sent a request to the County Council Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety to extend the Public Consultation on the Speed Limit Review 2021. Following this request, the public consultation was extended for a further 3 weeks allowing our members further time to make their submissions.
- A Joint Policing Committee Proposal raised the issue of Domestic Abuse and Anti-Social behaviour. Along with local councillors, they stressed the need for community Gardaí, which was seen as a priority particularly during Covid-19.
- The Sports partnership reps are very interested in the idea of multi-generational fitness. They are working with the sports partnership to deliver exercise programmes to parents who are dropping their children off to training. Instead of dropping them off and leaving, the parents get involved themselves on the side-lines. This initiative comes directly from our reps.
- As part of the Re-imagining our Outdoor Spaces Fund, a meeting was hosted by the PPN between the Arts and Culture Linkage Group and the Council. The Arts community had the opportunity to input into their priorities for the fund and the PPN coordinated a submission which was used as the basis for the application to the fund by the Council. This engagement with arts community meant that the needs of local groups were centred in the proposal.
- The community engagement (through the PPN) and regular workshops and speaking events equipped communities with the confidence and platform to engage positively with Local Authority. The PPN has played a significant role in encouraging more people to get involved / engaged in their local community. The PPN supported people to come together through online opportunities during the pandemic.

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Impacting Social Inclusion

- The PPN worked in collaboration with the Older Person's Council to manage and oversee the delivery of Age Friendly Acorn tablets to older members of the community who were socially isolated. The aim of the project was to work with older people to teach them how to use the Acorn tablet which is a communication tool. This was to mitigate social isolation and loneliness and help individuals to upskill and keep in contact with their loved ones, friends and family.
- The Housing Rep from Social Inclusion has highlighted issues with the current Traveller Action Plan (TAP) programme. Ethnic identifiers are not used in housing applications as was also recommended by the Traveller organisations so it is highly probable that the targets are an under representation of the needs. This is crucial advocacy work. The PPN and the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Development Officer worked on a collaboration that saw summer football camps rolled out for children with autism. This was the first time an initiative like this was held in the country and the FAI plan to roll it out in other counties going forward.
- The PPN brought a proposal to the DoS about Sign language interpretation as it is important regarding messaging and being mindful of being socially inclusive.
- The PPN has been heavily involved in the LGBT network which is a partnership between the council, the PPN & external groups and have successfully increased the profile of LGBT issues in the LA.

Impacting to support the Environment

- A motion on the protection and conservation of hedgerows was discussed and agreed. As part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action, the Linkage Group members hosted and moderated the PPN Climate Conversation.
- The LCDDC/LAG recommended the adoption of sustainable energy and biodiversity options in its consideration and assessment of all projects, where it is reasonably possible to do so without exerting additional expense or exacting obligations on promoters for the transitional LEADER program (2021-2022).
- The PPN hosted webinars around the River Basin Management Plan public consultation, collaborating with the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and the county council water improvement section. This was a great opportunity for all PPN member groups, but particularly, the Environmental pillar to be consulted and be part of such a relevant submission process.
- The PPN suggested that Sustainable Tourism was placed on the agenda as it was seen that sustainable tourism initiatives should demonstrate that they are in line with climate and biodiversity policies at EU & National Level.
- The PPN is a partner with 'Stepping Stones Forests' - which has directly planted over 10 mini forests in schools throughout the county. This has given schools, volunteers and kids a better understanding of the environment around them and also of the work that the PPN does in the environmental college.
- The Planning, Environment, Climate; Bio-Diversity Action, Energy and Agriculture SPC input into Climate Change proposal that a video be made in order to assist public to be more aware of simple things that can be done to improve recycling, reuse and waste in general and requested that our groups be offered an opportunity to participate in production.

Impacting for the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)

- The PPN coordinates the LECP Sustainable Development Goals Working Group that includes members from civil society organisations, agencies and City Councillors. The group has identified the importance of embedding the SDGs in city planning including in the new City Development Plan and Local Economic and Community Plan. Following on from an assessment of the Chief Executive's report of the first stage in the City Development Plan process in May, a collaboration has been initiated to focus on the implementation of the SDGs.
- The Climate Change, Environment and Water Linkage Group delivered a Climate Change Conversation and associated report.
- The PPN, in collaboration with the County Council's Climate Action Office, marked the end of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP 26 in Glasgow with two days of talks, workshops, demonstrations and walks. The event brought together events for youth, community groups, individuals and businesses. This was a space for communities to learn from each other on how to reduce their carbon footprint and to identify supports and funding opportunities that are available.

Impacting to benefit Member Groups

- The PPN provided regular updates to Member Groups on funding opportunities and worked in collaboration with the Sports Section of the County Council to provide information and support to clubs with their Sports Capital Grants applications. A record number of sports clubs were successfully awarded Sports Capital Grants in the county. This will benefit Sports Clubs and their local communities for years to come.

- The PPN devised and delivered a Policy Hub which houses over 120 policies to support PPN reps to impact policy at a local, national and EU level and act as a central location to the wider PPN membership.
- The PPN delivered a wide programme of training events to members in the first half of 2021. Training ranged from funding & finance, social media, facilitation and advocacy skills to strategic planning and GDPR. Training was delivered online as a means of building group capacities during the period of Covid-19 restrictions.
- The impact of the research behind the 5 year strategic plan was to hear from member groups, what they found useful and less useful about the PPN. In particular, this made it possible for wider members to have voices heard, recorded and listened to for the overall benefit of the network.
- The PPN played an active role in consultations such as Heritage Plans, Library Plans, Tree Strategies, Transport Infrastructure and Public Realm Projects, County Development Plans, and Disability Social Care Services to guide plans for the next 4 years (2022-2025).
- As part of the process to meet the mandatory governance requirements contained in the 2020 Handbook, the PPN consulted its membership to develop a governance & principles framework as a base for governance development within the network.
- The PPN sits on the Community Response Team with the Council and all other Key Agencies as an integral element of the process. The PPN is the direct link with the Community sector and can bring key knowledge and information to the table in terms of gaps or areas that are key in terms of actions.

Impacting Integration

- The PPN conducted a Walkability and identified major issues with pavements & crossings with work now commenced to address these issues.
- The PPN in conjunction with the Local Authority and the LEADER Partnership reviewed the Migrant Integration Strategy and developed a Migrant Integration Steering group of which the PPN was tasked with electing 3 members from the Migrant Community.
- The PPN continues to advocate and to raise the issue of putting documents, booklets or presentations together (including the cost) with no colour contrast for people who are visually impaired such as using light blue or light salmon colour on a white background which is impossible to read and to consider not printing on a glossy paper as this causes glare.

Impacting for Human Rights

- A PPN was one of twenty-eight organisations awarded funding by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission under its Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2021. The Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme is part of the Commission's statutory power to provide grants to promote human rights and equality under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014. The aim of this project is for groups representing and comprised of those affected by socio-economic exclusion to collaborate to devise an action based anti-poverty strategy and to advocate effectively for the progressive realisation of social and economic rights. The strategy will be used as a framework to inform all policy submissions to the Local Authorities.

- An Equality and Rights in Action project, supported by The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC), set out to establish a Civil Society Panel. Civil society groups and those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights are best placed to use their expertise as rights holders to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty. The project built the collective capacity of Rights Holders to engage with and support the effective and transparent implementation of the Public Sector Duty by duty bearing organisations and agencies. Those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights use their expertise as rights holders to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty.

Impacting Networks

- The PPNs published weekly newsletters and monthly e-zines containing a members' news section which in particular encourages community spirit and keeps everyone informed about what is happening. It is also a valuable and well received resource of information on Wellbeing, Funding, Consultations and any other information we can source which may be of use to community groups and their membership.
- The promotion of Training in Communication via technology was quite successful. This allowed the PPNs to support the development of new skills, to assist groups to come together in a virtual manner and to address Isolation.

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Membership

Membership of a PPN offers many benefits. By joining a PPN an organisation will get:

- Access to relevant information on funding and grants coming through the Local Authority
- The opportunity to advertise their activities via the PPN newsletter, website, emails etc.
- Access to capacity building and training events which will support them in their work
- Access to information on decisions and proposals being made in their county / city and the ability to comment on and input to them, along with other PPN member organisations
- An opportunity to network with and learn from other organisations in the county / city who may be involved in similar types of projects
- The opportunity to become part of a Linkage Group for a Board or Committee of interest and be able to have their views heard and contribute to local policy
- The opportunity to nominate members to sit on a Board or Committee on behalf of PPN.

Each organisation must then choose to be part of one College which represents their primary interest – Community and Voluntary, Environment or Social Inclusion.

At the end of 2021, PPN membership totalled 18,121 member groups (including Associate Members) across the 31 PPNs. Community and Voluntary organisations continue to account for the majority of members (79.8%), followed by Social Inclusion organisations (16.5%) and Environmental Organisations (3.7%). Table 2 below provides a breakdown of Membership by type of organisation and shows the comparative changes in each area over 2021.

Table 2: Composition of PPN membership 2020* and 2021*

College	2020 (n=31 CRM Figures)	2021 (n=31)	Change in No.	% Total 2021
Community and Voluntary	13,929	14,443	+514	79.8%
Environmental	613	655	+ 42	3.7%
Social Inclusion	2,988	3,001	+13	16.5%
Total	17,530	18,121	+ 591	

*Includes Associate Members


**Please note with regards to the 2021 total amount of 18,121 groups - there are 22 registered to a PPN unassigned to any college.

A total of 16 PPNs offered an Associate Membership, generally for organisations which did not meet the full membership criteria, but who wished to be involved and receive information. In total, PPNs had 362 Associate Members - 273 Community and Voluntary Associate Members, 23 Environmental Associate Members, and 66 Social Inclusion Associate Members (an increase of 16% from 312 the previous year).

Full re-registration was carried out by 17 PPNs, while the remainder updated members' contact details as changes were notified to them.

In total, PPNs had

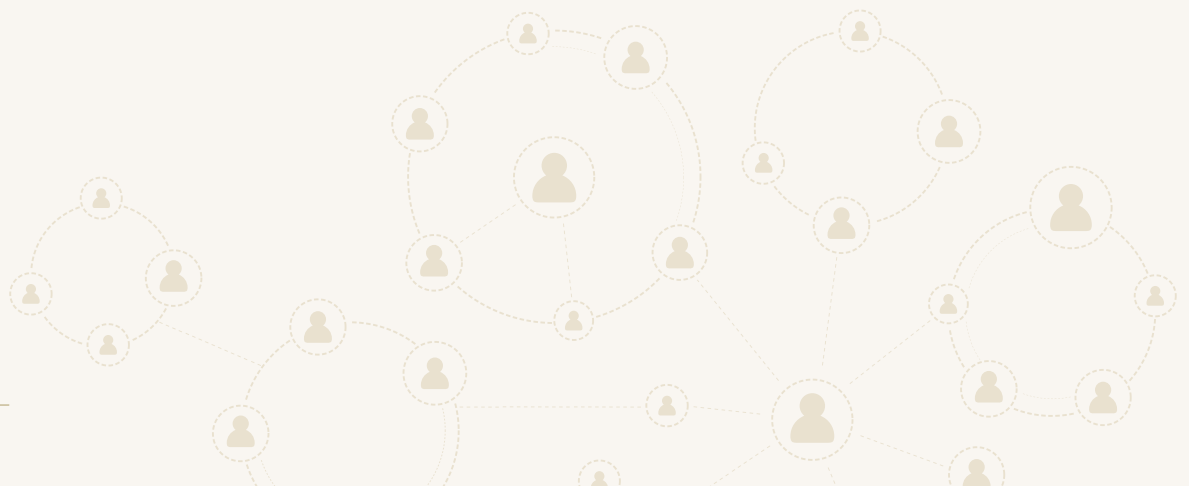
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23 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

66 SOCIAL INCLUSION ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



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Representation and Decision Making

The PPNs were asked to report on how they consulted with their member groups, from distributing information, to attending consultation events and making written submissions. Table 3 provides a summary of the actions taken by PPNs to support their membership to engage in a more deliberative democracy.

Table 3: Participation in Consultations, 2021

Method	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Distributed information to member groups about local consultations	25	4	1	1
Distributed information to member groups about national consultations	22	7	1	1
PPN Reps attended consultation events representing the PPN	4	21	6	0
Resource Worker attended consultation events representing the PPN	5	17	5	4
Made written submissions to consultations as the PPN or as a subgroup (linkage group, etc.)	4	19	3	5
The PPN organised consultations with its membership (i.e., organise meetings and surveys)	3	20	4	4

As can be seen in Table 3 the majority of PPNs always provided their members with information about local and national consultations taking place. Resource Workers or PPNs Representatives attended consultation events on behalf of the PPN 'Always' or 'Sometimes' in the majority of cases, and again a majority reported that it either made written submissions or organised its own consultation events with its members 'Always' or 'Sometimes'.

31 PPNs recorded responding to 190 consultations in 2021.

31 PPNs provided views about how consultations are organised and / or some detail about consultations in which they had participated, contained in Appendix 4.

Support for Representation

Participation and representation requires the real engagement of all parties. PPNs were asked to provide feedback on their perception of the engagement process, set out in Table 4.

Table 4: Support for Representation, 2021

Support	The LA decides or does everything and informs the PPN afterwards	The LA requests inputs from the PPN on certain areas, selected by the LA	The LA retains control of the process, but allows the PPN to suggest inputs	The LA and PPN collaborate in all aspects of the process
When it comes to Agenda-Setting (Setting the agenda for the meeting / new year / 5-year term of office)	9	7	10	5
When it comes to Drafting (writing policies, communication plans etc.)	6	10	13	2
When it comes to Decision-making (the process of decision-making about a policy, initiative etc.)	5	7	16	3
When it comes to Implementation (putting policy into practice)	10	5	13	3
When it comes to Monitoring (monitoring and assessing outcomes of a policy or decision)	13	6	9	3
When it comes to Reformulation (using the information gathered through the Monitoring phase to evaluate and reformulate a policy or initiative)	10	7	11	3

Only two PPNs report consistently that collaboration takes place at every stage of the representation process.

Vision for Community Wellbeing

Supported by funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), seventeen PPNs reported having a completed Vision for Community Wellbeing (VCW). Those without one report that Covid-19 and staff turnover or shortages had been the reason why this work has been delayed and are actively working towards delivering in 2022.

Examples of how the Vision influenced decision making

- We use it as a guide to support the views of representatives and members of the PPN and remind key partners that this was the voice of inputting community on these elements.
 - We use it as a guiding document across all PPN Structures.
 - GCCN transposed the Vision for Wellbeing into a Policies and Positions document that is widely used as the basis for representation on all structures. The document outlines national policy and good practice in relation to each of the issues that GCCN represented, followed by the GCCN aim for the area in question and the positions agreed by GCCN. This document will be updated in 2022.
 - The PPN sometimes use the Vision from the 6 areas to inform ideas and suggestions around consultations. The PPN Reps also use this as their mandate when performing their role and with Linkage Groups correspondence.
 - Clare's Community Wellbeing Statements were ratified by the plenary in January 2021 and remain a living document. The consultation process informed the pre-Draft submission to the County Development Plan and they were a useful lens when reviewing the Draft Plan on its publication in 2021. Our reps feel that they have a mandate to represent their pillar given the significant input from member groups and know that they can reference it on members' behalf when making representation to boards and committees on policy.
- It was one of the source documents for a significant presentation to the LCDC this year on the environment. It is also regularly referenced in our submissions.
- The Kerry PPN representatives endeavour to bring the community wellbeing vision inputs up at the boards and committees they sit on. It's an ongoing process that is challenging. It is hoped that during the LECP process, the information will be used in a more effective manner to influence change.
 - The Vision was used for training PPN Reps to bring community priorities to meetings. It was used for training reps to use data to underpin the visions. It fed in to numerous LCC policies, plans and strategies such as County Development Plan, Corporate Plan, Longford Intercultural Strategy, Healthy Longford Plan etc. It was used as a basis for groups to develop Municipal District Election Mandates in 2019. We screened Film 2040 for Climate Action Week and the visions were used as a basis for discussion on film and to launch Longford Environmental Network. The visions are the mandate for PPN workplan.
 - It was published recently, so we plan to use it to inform the LECP.
 - It is used in Sligo LECP / Vision 2030 . It is used to inform funding applications of other organisations. It informed 'Let's Play Sligo' initiative and programme development. It informs Sligo Climate Mitigation Plan. It is used by reps at SPC table.
 - The Statement was ratified in December 2020 but not officially launched due to Covid-19. Reps were provided with detailed training on same and will use the statement in their representations on council committees in 2022.

- The VCW was used directly in the draft County Development Plan process in 2021 as it was in the TCC Corporate Plan in 2020 and its influence is clearly seen in the draft plan as a key component. Through closer collaboration with the TCC Environment & Climate Action section, the VCW has been viewed and accepted as the mandate for the SPC PPN reps. There were five MD meetings in Q4 of 2021 where Reps and community groups attended and were supported to actively identify aspects of the Vision that would be useful to develop a relevant mandate moving forward. We will continue to embed it in the Reps directive, through training & ensuring a high profile of the VCW as a matter of good practice, to ensure ongoing use of the VCW to support the increase of the PPN community groups voice at local decision-making forums.
- Westmeath Community Wellbeing Vision along with plenary consultations forms the basis for Westmeath PPN 5 Year Strategic plan 2021-2025, and subsequently its annual workplans. Copies of the Westmeath Community Wellbeing vision was distributed to every PPN member group, elected councillors and PPN representatives. The Westmeath Community Wellbeing Vision was submitted to the consultation of the County Development Plan (CDP) and key elements of the vision are being included in the wellbeing section of the CDP. The Community Wellbeing Vision will also be used by new Local Economic Development Plan (LECP).
- It was used in consideration for drafting the County Development Plan.
- It is used as a mandate for PPN Reps and used as the foundation for all PPN submissions. They also provide direction for the Work Plan and identify work priorities.

Representation on Decision-making Bodies

One of the key areas in which PPNs can directly influence the decisions made at local government level is by representation on Boards and Committees, such as Strategic Policy Committees, Joint Policing Committees, County Boards and so on. Table 5 provides a full breakdown of Board and Committee composition.

Table 5: Participation of PPN Representatives on Boards and Committees, 2021

	2021
No. of Representatives	1,013
Male	524
Female	489
Proportion Male: Female: Other	52:48
No. of new Representatives elected	246
Male	126
Female	120
Proportion Male: Female	51:49
No. of Representatives retired during year	97
Male	49
Female	48
Proportion Male: Female	51:49
Total No. of Boards and Committees	397

The overall number of Representatives reported increased from 941 in 2020 to 1,031 in 2021, noting that the 2020 report referred to 30 PPNs while the 2021 report is made in respect of 31 PPNs. The number of Boards and Committees on which the Representatives sit decreased slightly from 410 across 30 PPNs in 2020 to 397 across 31 PPNs in 2021.

The number of seats contested in 2021 was 102, whereas 138 were uncontested (that is, only one nomination per seat was permitted or received for the post). The number of open seats available for PPN representation on Boards and Committees in 2021 was 75.

As can be seen in Table 5, there is almost gender parity across PPN representation on Boards and Committees, with a very slight higher proportion of male representatives elected in 2021. There was also as many female retirees as male retirees in 2021.

Fourteen PPNs (45%) reported that at least one individual represents their PPN on more than one Board or Committee, totally 29 individuals. For many the situation arose due to difficulties in getting adequate numbers of representatives with certain expertise and many are working to remedy this in 2022 given the guidance set out in the PPN Handbook of November 2020.

Twenty of the 31 PPNs expressed that they experienced difficulties in recruiting representatives in 2021, mostly as a result of ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the time commitment needed to both attend meetings and become familiar with the materials, the lack of tangible outcomes and the lack of supports and expertise in certain areas considering that these are all volunteers.

Supports for PPN Representatives

The role of PPN Representatives is acknowledged across the PPN network and their volunteerism and experience are greatly appreciated. A range of supports have been put in place across the PPNs for their Representatives, on which Table 6 provides greater detail.

Type of Support	No. of PPNs	No. of Groups (if applicable)
Linkage Groups	22	115
Thematic / Activity Groups	15	37
Representatives Charter	27	
Specific Training for PPN Representatives	27	
Training for Linkage Groups	13	
Meeting Feedback Forms completed by Representatives	24	
Local PPN Representatives Network	16	
One-to-One Support	28	
Local Authority / Committee Host	16	

Asked to comment on these supports, PPNs reported that 2021 was another difficult year within which to interact and provide supports at a time where those supports were needed more than ever. There is an awareness that representatives require on-going supports. Time and resources were issues for some PPNs.

Linkage and Thematic Groups

Where Linkage or Thematic Groups exist, these can either take the form of overarching areas (for example, Social Inclusion, Environmental, Health and Wellbeing, Community and Voluntary, Planning and Strategic Development, Economic Development, Joint Policing Committee and so on) or more specific areas of interest (for example linked to specific Committees or related to Youth, Older People, Climate Change, People with Disabilities, Culture and the Arts, Environment and Water and so on). Thirteen PPNs reported that their Linkage Groups elected Representatives to sit on Committees and Boards, while in other PPNs the Linkage Groups either were not established / active; or elections were made by the full Plenary or College.

Of the 115 Linkage Groups reported as being in existence (Table 6), 68 were deemed to be active, that is hold three or more meetings within the year (including virtual meetings). These 68 Linkage Groups are spread across 25 PPNs. Comparatively, there were 43 active Thematic Networks. Communications with Linkage Groups and Thematic Networks took place electronically, with some in person, for the better part of 2021.

When asked about the level of participation across Linkage Groups, three PPNs reported 'A great deal'; three reported 'A lot'; 12 reported it as 'A moderate amount'; 5 reported it as 'A little'; and 6 reported 'None at all'. When asked the same question about Thematic Groups, 6 PPNs reported participation as 'A great deal'; two reported it as 'A lot'; 6 reported 'A moderate amount'; 4 reported it as 'A little'; and 7 as 'None at all'.

Municipal District Representatives

Twenty PPNs reported as having Municipal District Representatives. The supports provided to these Representatives were largely the same as referenced in Table 6, with some PPNs holding specific meetings or additional training programmes for their Municipal District Representatives.

Five PPNs reported having no Municipal District Representatives. This would obviously be the case where there was only one Municipal District in the area, however where this was reported in areas with more than one Municipal District, PPNs reported that again, Covid-19 and a lack of staff had an impact in 2021 and are working towards improvements in 2022.

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Communications and Promotion of PPNs

Communicating the role and objectives of the PPN is critical to engaging new and existing member groups and other stakeholders. All 31 of the respondent PPNs were actively involved in promoting their PPN in 2021.

E-bulletins, local events, local radio and local print media were all utilised in 2021. Social media played a key role in the communications programmes of all PPNs, with dedicated websites, Facebook pages and Twitter used extensively.

Being conscious of groups who may not use online platforms, some PPNs also communicated through printed materials. Table 7 provides a breakdown of the communications methods used, including the number of PPNs using each method and the total number of communications involved.

Table 7: Communications by Method Used, 2021

Communication Method	No. of PPNs	No. of Communications	No. of Followers / Likes
Printed Newsletter	9	129	
E-Newsletters Online	29	850	
Websites	31		640,350 visits
Facebook	30		44,657 likes
Twitter	24		19,721 followers
Other (Instagram, Tik Tok)	10		2,863 followers
Participation in events hosted by others	20	235	
Local Radio Community and/or Commercial Local Media, i.e., radio print, podcasts, magazines and blogs	24	220	

The PPNs also work with faith centres, doctor's surgeries, local shops, banks, post offices, local libraries, Citizen Information Centres, Family Resource Centres, Volunteer Centres, local Heritage sites and local Sports sites, and they collaborate with other organisations and media outlets. Some PPNs produced branded pens and trolley tokens, etc. Dublin City PPN has a regular slot on local community radio with 30 interviews conducted in 2021.

On-going restrictions in 2021 meant that much of their communication and promotion work remained solely online, which may have excluded some stakeholders, and lack of funding was also an issue.

What is communicated to members is obviously as important as the methods of communication used. To this end, PPNs were asked to detail the type of content communicated from a set list (see Table 8).

Table 8: Content Communicated to Membership, 2021

Content Communicated	No. of PPNs (n=31)
PPN Events	30
PPN Activities	30
PPN Vacancies	27
Member Group Activities	29
PPN Representative Reports	21
Funding Information	30
Consultations	29
Other	15

Those who reported 'Other' amongst the content communicated to their membership listed items such as national and international policy and legislation that is relevant to public participation, information relating to environmental and social inclusion interests; circulars; training and capacity building opportunities; other information which may be relevant to the community; Covid-19 information and supports; local events; training; public notices; community alerts; notices regarding webinars; health and wellbeing; surveys and so on.

Salesforce

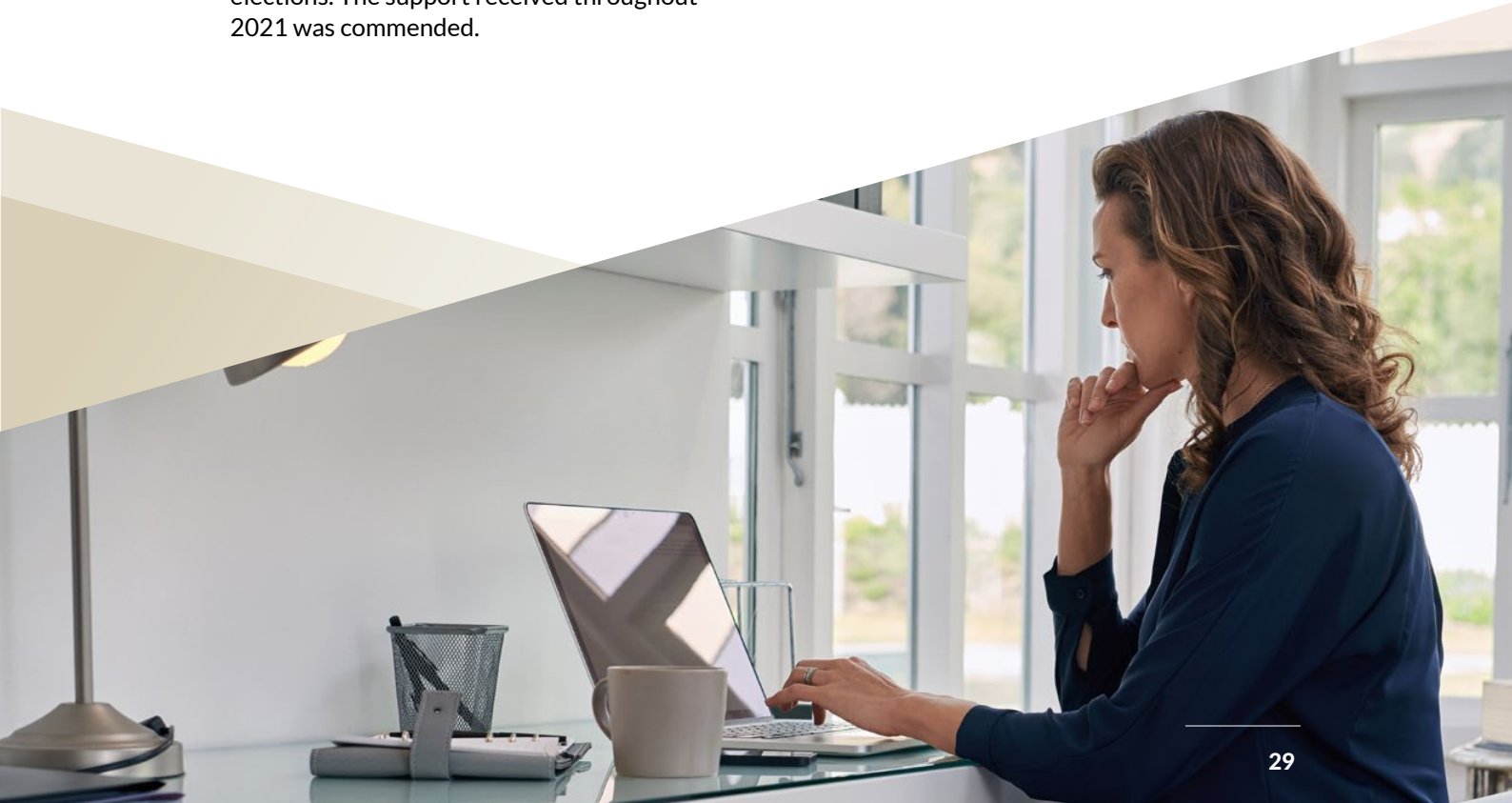
Salesforce is used as the primary mechanism to manage the membership database and communications with the PPNs. Ten PPNs replied that there was nothing that they would like Salesforce to support or support better in 2021. The other respondents would like to see an easier to use, simplified up-to-date user interface; further refinement of group cause identifiers; the ability to send word or pdf documents en masse; more how to videos and other PPN resources on the Hub; improvements made to Newsletter functions and the Chatter function; the improved targeting of communications; refinements made to the registration procedures; more effective collation of reports, including the annual report and the ability to hold online elections. The support received throughout 2021 was commended.

Pandemic

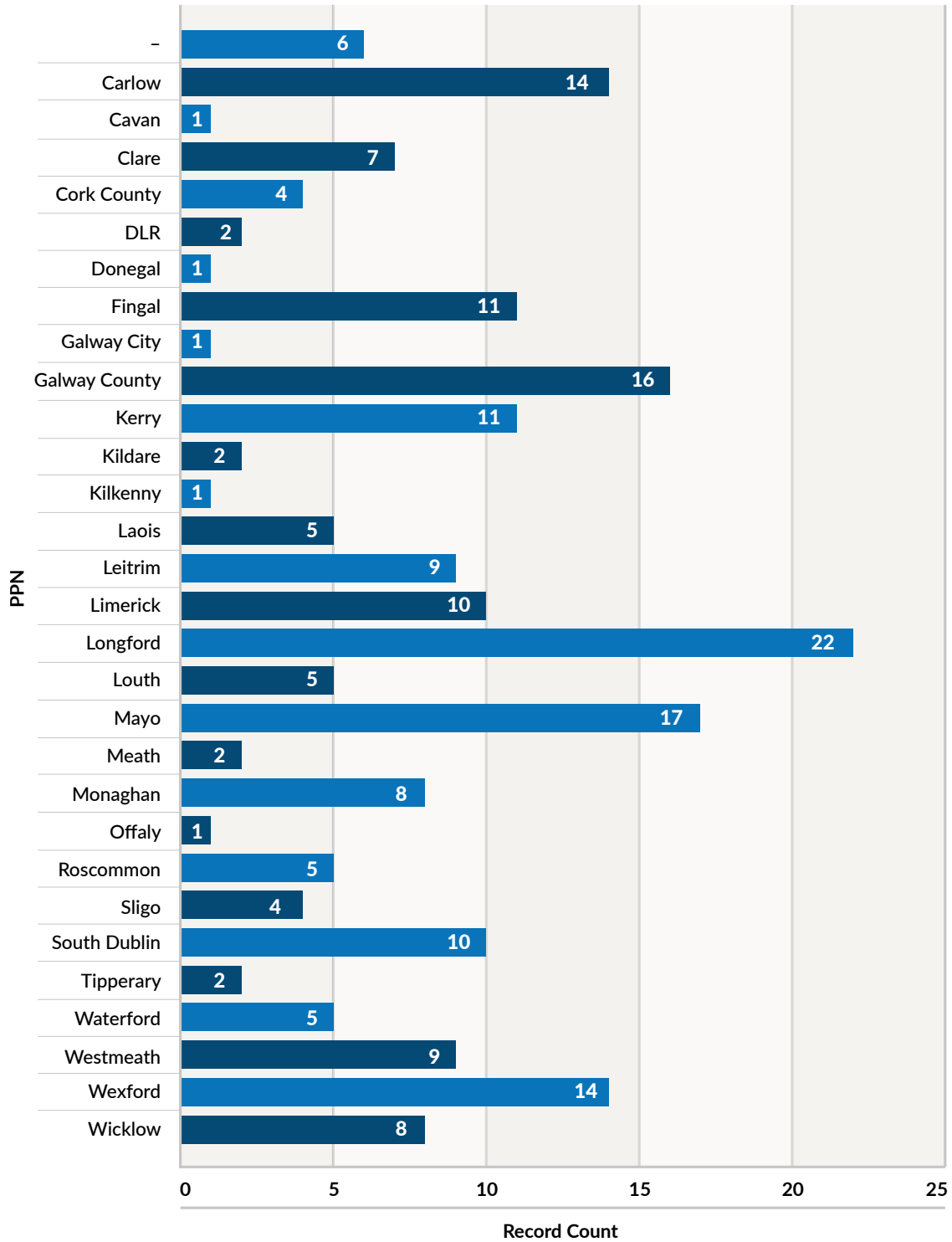
As working from home conditions continued during much of 2021, the value of having a cloud based solution for PPNs to work with allowed a seamless work from home experience for PPNs. Most of our meetings with PPNs were online but we were also able to continue training and support functions remotely as we were working with an online database.

Day to Day cases

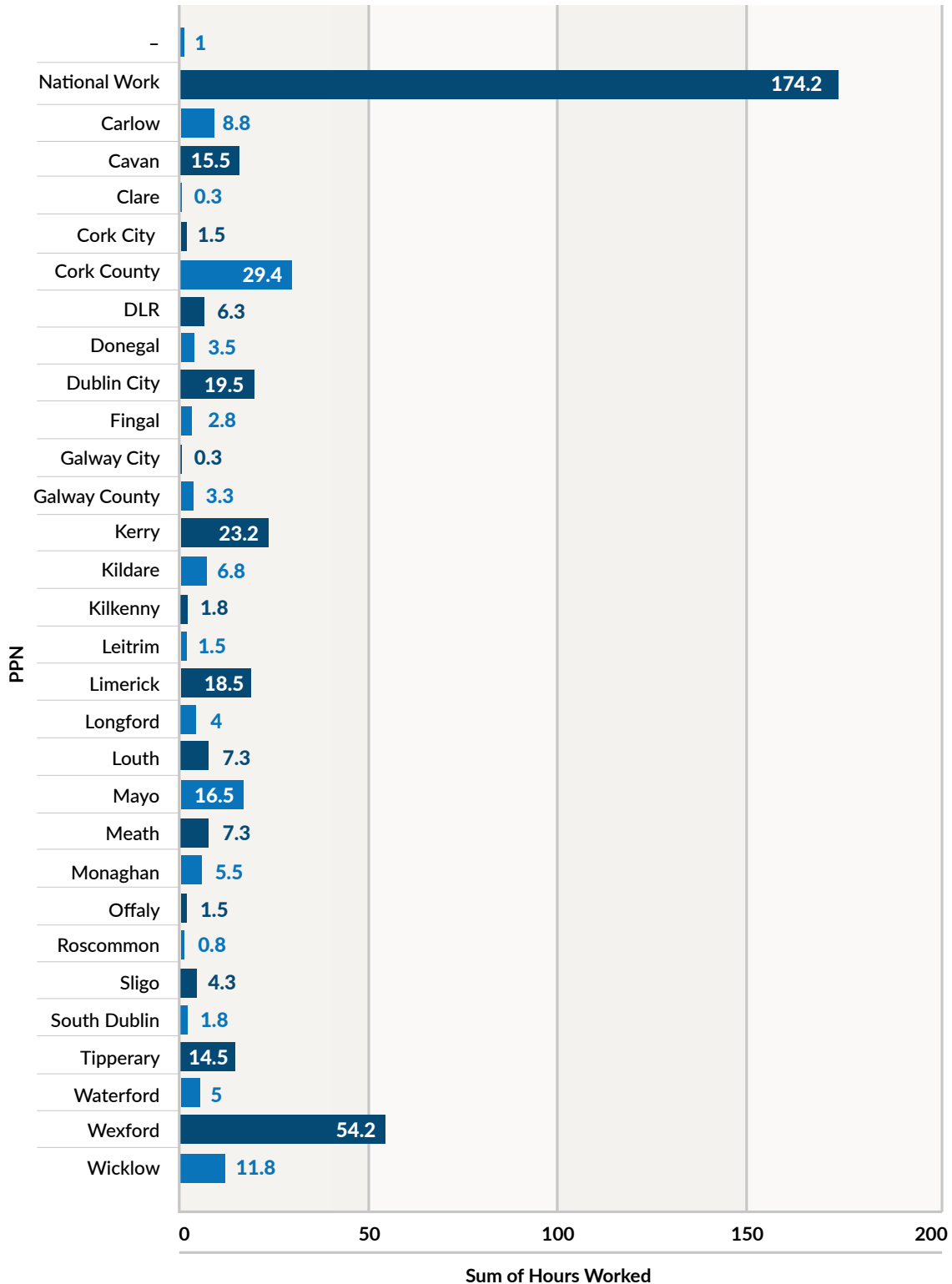
Comm-IT continued to deal with day-to-day cases from the PPNs, with over 220 cases raised by PPNs during the year for basic day to day support issues (see Graph 1). Over 164 hours was given to day-to-day case management. Some PPNs (particularly those with a turnover of workers) raised a significant amount of cases as opposed to some PPNs who raised only 1 or 2 cases. These tend to be PPNs who are using Salesforce long-term and are comfortable with the software.



Graph 1: Comm-IT cases raised by PPN: Cases by PPN 2021

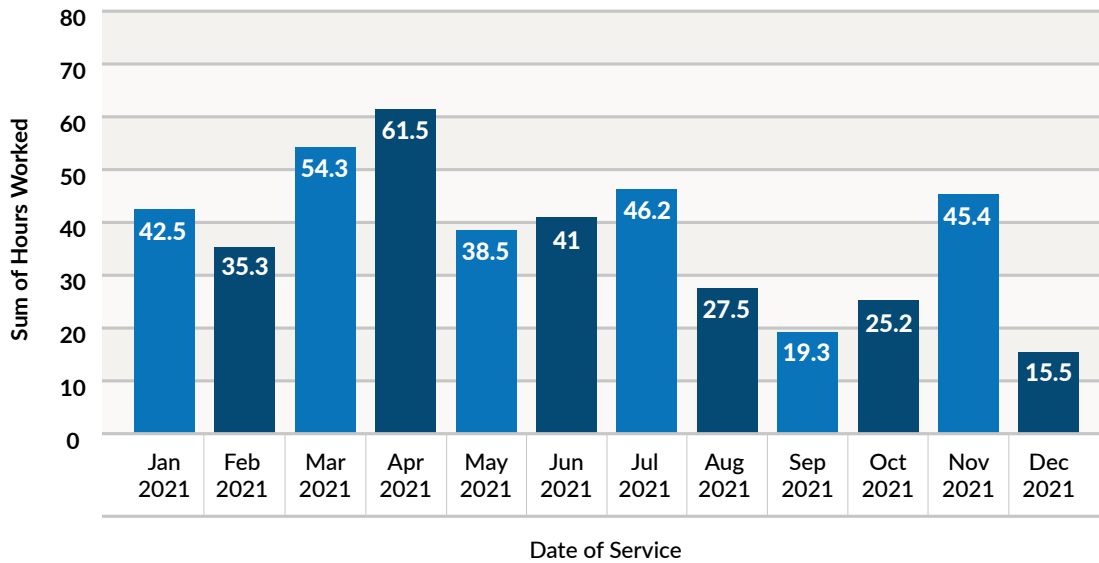


Graph 2: Hours given to PPNs: PPN work by PPN



As in 2021 – a significant amount is given to National work (which includes national training and regional training as well as working on new developments). However, all PPNs received some support hours individually from Comm-IT and we responded to all cases raised in an efficient manner.

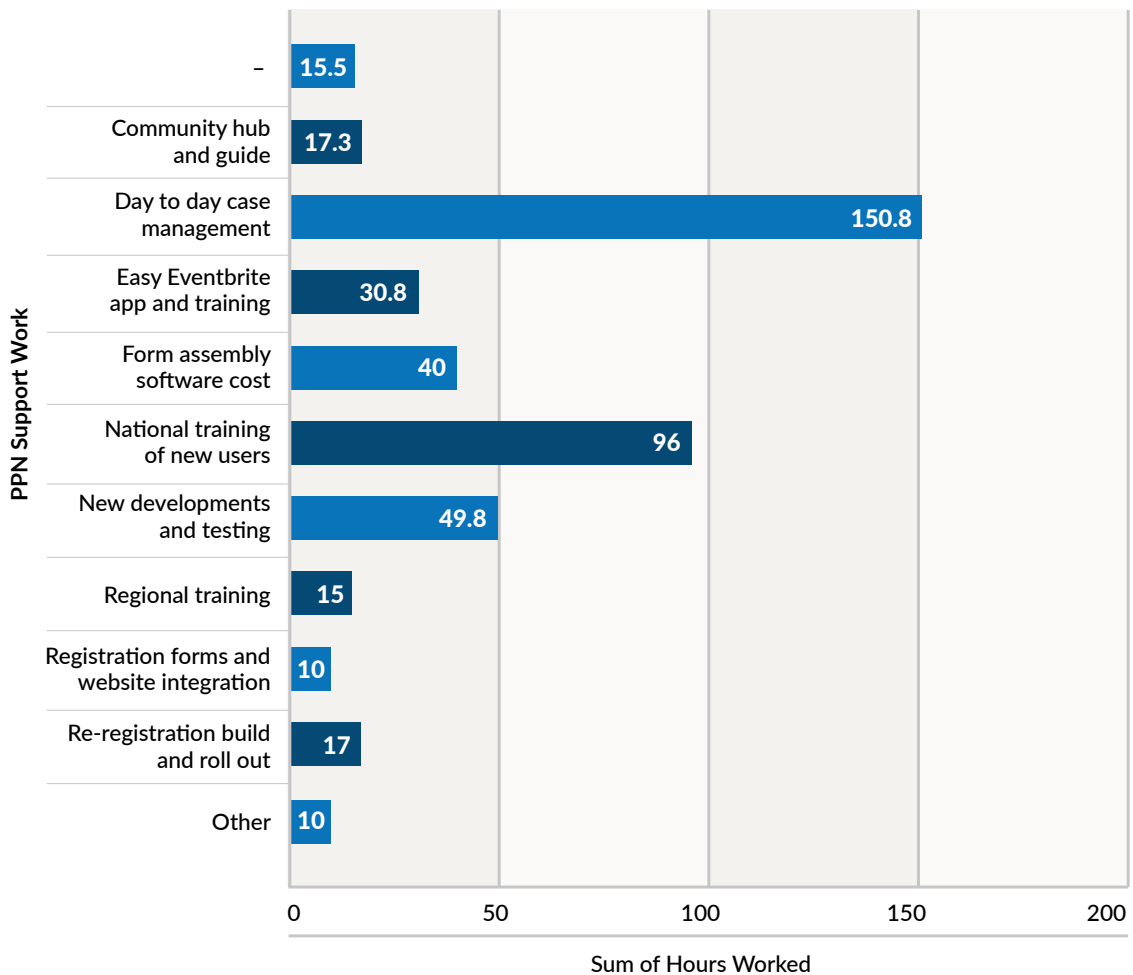
Graph 3: Hours given per month: PPN contract by month 2021



Work was divided out pretty evenly throughout the year except for December as we looked to the Christmas break.

Developments

Graph 4: Support work for PPNs



Comm-IT further developed the community hub to have a full “video” section with several new videos for beginners and advanced training videos.

We carried out a significant piece of work around developing a new app that synchronised Eventbrite (used by PPNs for training) with Salesforce so that we could capture (and report on) all those who sign up for training via Eventbrite.

We also began the process of rolling out Multi-Factor authentication to all PPNs to ensure that data is kept safe by requiring people to respond to a text message to login to the database.

A final piece of development work was a large upgrade to the Mass texting feature that allowed PPNs to send text messages to specific groups of PPN members in a much more coherent way.

Website Functionality

Access to information through a dedicated website is a given in this digital age. All 31 respondents reported having a website with varying levels of functionality, as detailed in Table 9.

Table 9: Website Functionality, 2021

Functions	No. of PPNs (n=31)
List/Database of registered members	28
Minutes / Reports of Secretariat Meetings	19
Minutes / Reports of Plenary Meetings	22
Minutes / Reports of Linkage Group Meetings	12
PPN Representative Reports	16
PPN Newsletters	27
Advertising Member Events / News	27
Up to date list of all PPN Representatives	29
Adopted PPN Policies	21
Adopted PPN Budgets / Accounts	16

Other uses for the website include the sharing of information and knowledge about the role and structure of their PPN and information on consultations, funding opportunities, resource documents, meeting calendars, reports, submissions, accessibility tools, a glossary, training opportunities, charters and constitutions, links to any relevant information from the Department and Local Authority.

The website is used to share newsletters, links to social media, contact details for representatives and feedback forms. Some PPNs have special interest or project pages such as Covid-19 news and updates, Community Wellbeing Statement, Community Connection Radio Programme, registration for PPN Training and Events and Membership Registration. Some PPNs note that their websites need updating and will need to be resourced for that.

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Training and Capacity Building

PPNs provide invaluable free and low-cost training to their membership, Secretariats and Representatives to support them to fully engage within their communities. This training can be technical in nature (for example, how to write funding applications; governance; data protection, adapting to an online environment) or more soft skills based (for example, self-advocacy workshops; community development; thematic showcases).

The organisation and provision of this training and capacity building function is time and resource intensive and more so by the restrictions imposed during the year. However, it is an important part of the work of the PPNs to support their community groups to participate in local decision-making and all adapted to meet both the changing training needs and the new methods of delivery. Some examples of the types of training provided are listed below and a breakdown of the time involved is provided in Table 10.

Examples of Training and Capacity Building programmes provided by PPNs in 2021

- How to use Zoom/Digital Training
- Grant Information and Application
- GDPR/ FOI/AIE
- Social Media
- Charities Governance Code/ CRO
- Financial Reporting
- Sustainable Development Goals Workshops
- Introduction to and maintaining Community Development
- Understanding Local Government

- Signposting
- Role of the PPN
- Graphic Design skills
- Public Sector Duty
- Facilitation Skills
- Effective Fund-raising
- Volunteer Management
- Risk and Impact Assessment
- Leadership skills
- Community Energy initiatives
- Wellbeing/Resilience
- Wide variety of sustainable and environmental practices
- Advocacy and Influencing
- Role of Representatives
- Committee Skills
- Effective Submissions
- Diversity, inclusion, inter-cultural and anti-racism awareness
- Strategic planning

In line with their community ethos, where appropriate, training is available to all members and groups in the area. Specific training is, of course, reserved for specific groups / bodies (for example the Secretariat and Representatives).

Table 10: Training and Capacity Building, Resources and Reach, 2021

No. of Training programmes	206
No. of Training Sessions	491
No. of Training Hours delivered	1219.5

Training provided to the PPNs

Creating Capable Communities

DRCD in conjunction with Social Justice Ireland and Waterford Institute of Technology provided training to the PPNs in 2021. The 'Creating Capable Communities' training was delivered online via a mix of pre-recorded and live online sessions. Eleven cohorts engaged across three programmes in total in 2021.

Salesforce training

We continued our online training to new users and advanced users. We specifically rolled out 1-1 support online to individual users.

- 96 hours was given to training new users
- 15 hours given to regional training.

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Management, Administration and Finance

The administration of the PPN is supported by a voluntary Secretariat drawn from the membership. This body reports to the Plenary of the PPN, which should meet at least twice every year. PPNs may also meet on a Municipal District or other local level. The Secretariat is also responsible for facilitating and enabling the day-to-day activities of the PPN Workers and implementation of the Work Plan.

In 2021, 362 places were allocated across 31 PPN Secretariats, having an average allocation of just over 11 Secretariat Members (the numbers range from 8 to 22). Allocation of membership is based primarily on a distribution to the PPNs Colleges/Pillars (Community & Voluntary; Social Inclusion; and Environment) as well as a role in respect of their Municipal Districts (where applicable).

The term of office of a Secretariat member ranges from 3 to 6 years, with an average of 4 years. Of the 362 total allocated places, 30 PPNs reported 53 vacant seats. 30 PPNs reported an attendance rate of 50 per cent or more from within the Secretariat membership in 2021, with 13 PPNs reporting a rate of 80 per cent or more, and an average rate of 75.77 per cent (see Table 11).

Table 11: Secretariat Allocation, Vacancies and Attendance Rate per PPN, 2021

Name of PPN	Allocation	Vacancies	Attendance Rate (%)
Carlow	9	2	100
Cavan	12	1	80
Clare	10	0	75
Cork City	9	4	80
Cork County	22	6	75
Donegal	19	0	60
Dublin City	9	0	75
DúnLaoghaire/Rathdown	9	1	78
Fingal	12	0	75
Galway City	16	9	80
Galway County	11	0	85
Kerry	11	0	80
Kildare	11	2	79.5
Kilkenny	10	4	90
Laois	12	4	77
Leitrim	9	0	66
Limerick	10	1	50
Longford	9	0	70
Louth	17	0	75
Mayo	14	2	70
Meath	12		
Monaghan	12	2	80
Offaly	9	1	80
Roscommon	9	1	55
Sligo	9	2	80
South Dublin	12	2	80
Tipperary	15	5	68.6
Waterford	11	1	90
Westmeath	8	0	70
Wexford	11	0	69
Wicklow	13	3	80
Total	362	53	75.77 (Average)

Managing a Flat Structure

The PPNs are established on the basis of a Flat Structure. Having a Flat Structure ensures that no single voice or group of voices controls the PPN. It means that there is collective responsibility for getting things done and achieving the aims of the workplan. This develops the capacity of the whole group and means that all members understand all aspects of the process. The flat structure is maintained in a number of ways across the PPNs, as detailed in Table 12.

Table 12: Managing a Flat Structure, 2021

Operational Mechanism	No. of PPNs (n=31)
Rotating Facilitator	26
Rotating Roles (Staff Liaison, Finance etc.)	12
Decisions made by consensus	28
Proposals brought to Plenary	26
Terms of Reference emphasising flat structure	23
Minutes / Reports available to all PPN members	21

In addition to the above, 25 PPNs reported that their Secretariat have had at least one subgroup in 2021. These include Finance, HR, Staff Liaison, Recruitment, Inclusion, Capacity Building, Internet and Social Media, Tenders, Handbook review, MOU, Policy and Procedures, Wellbeing, Complaints, Communications and Projects, Support and Strategy.

Meetings

A total of 59 Plenary Meetings were held by 25 PPNs in 2021. Of these, four were held during the day, 53 were held in the evening and two were held at the weekend. In addition, 30 PPNs held 321 Secretariat Meetings in 2021, of which 48 were held during the day and 273 were held in the evening.

Twenty two PPNs held a total of 268 Linkage Group Meetings in 2021, of which 97 were held during the day and 167 were held in the evening and four at the weekend. Thirteen PPNs held a total of 54 Municipal District meetings, of which twelve were held during the day and 42 were held in the evening.

Twenty-two PPNs held a selection of other meetings (443 in total), which covered topics such as Wellbeing Consultations, Community Awards, Social Inclusion events and Environmental forums. Offering different types of meetings at different times and maintaining a blended approach between digital and in person worked well.

Memorandum of Understanding

An active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was in place between 27 PPNs and the Local Authority in 2021. For those PPNs who operated through a host organisation, a Service Level Agreement was in place in respect of ten of them.

Structure of the PPNs

PPNs may be established and operate under a number of legal and administrative structures. Of the 31 PPN respondents, 19 were hosted by the Local Authority; six were hosted by another Community Organisation and four operated as Independent Companies. Two are still mid-way through changing structures; one is in the process of moving from an independent company to being hosting by the Local Authority, and the other is changing host.

Staff and Recruitment 2021

In 2021, 29 PPNs had at least one member of staff and some had contracted some support work. A breakdown of the staffing arrangements is provided in Table 13.

Table 13: Staffing Arrangements per PPN, 2021

PPN	Resource Worker (WTE)	Administrator / Support Worker (WTE)	Development Worker (WTE)	Volunteer	Other (Detail)
Carlow	1	1	0	0	0
Cavan	1	.5	0	0	0
Clare	1.6	.4	0	0	0
Cork City	0	0			1 Facilitator
Cork County	1	1	0	0	1 Mediator
Donegal	1	1	0	0	0
Dublin City	1	1	0	0	0
Dún Laoghaire/ Rathdown	1	.8	0	0	0
Fingal	1	1.6	0	0	0
Galway City	.5	.5	1	0	0
Galway County	1	1.5 (.5 is RSS)	0	11 Secretariat	0
Kerry	1	1	0	0	0
Kildare	1	1	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1	1	0	0	0
Laois	1	1	0	0	0
Leitrim	0	0	0	0	2 Facilitators
Limerick	1	1	0	0	0
Longford	1	1	0	0	0
Louth	1	1	0	0	0
Mayo	1	1	0	0	0
Meath	1	1	0	0	0
Monaghan	1	.8	0	0	0
Offaly	1	1	0	0	0
Roscommon	1	0	0	0	1
Sligo	.66	1	0	0	0
South Dublin	1	.85	0	0	0
Tipperary	1	1	0	0	0
Waterford	1	.5	0	0	0
Westmeath	1	1	0	0	0
Wexford	1	1	0	0	0
Wicklow	1	1	0	0	0

13 PPNs recruited staff in 2021 – 10 were vacancies for Resource Workers, 7 for Support Workers, meaning that some PPNs had to recruit all new staff in 2021. The vacancies took an average of four months to fill. Four of the PPNs reported recruiting from established panels, six vacancies were filled using an open process, while the remaining three came through the Local Authority.

Staff of 19 PPNs are employed by the Local Authority, five are employed by the PPN Company directly and seven are employed by the Host Organisation. PPNs also differ in how, and by whom, staff are managed, with one PPN reporting their staff as being managed by the Local Authority only; five as being managed by the Secretariat only; 14 PPNs reporting shared management between the Local Authority and the Secretariat, two by a Company Board and Secretariat; seven PPNs reporting that their staff were managed by a Host Company and Secretariat; and two had no staff employed for 2021.

Where the management of staff is shared, the Secretariat manage the workplan, while the administrative and HR functions were the remit of the Local Authority / Host organisation.

Twenty of the 31 respondent PPNs reported that their office space was located within the Local Authority building; four were located in the Host Organisation's building and seven were in standalone rented spaces.

Finance

Funding for PPNs is provided between the Department of Rural and Community Development (the Department) and the Local Authorities. While the Department provides the bulk of the core funding for PPNs, a small number receive amounts in excess of their expected allocation from their own Local Authorities to support their work. A breakdown of funding allocations and expenditure headings is not provided within this Annual Report as this information was sought by the Department in advance of the preparation of the Annual Report. However, a total of €3,035,040.79 was spent across 31 PPNs in 2021.

Agreeing the Annual Budget

The process for approving the annual PPN Budget is much the same across the 31 respondents to this question. The Budget is either drawn up by the Resource Worker and/or the Finance Subcommittee of the Secretariat in line with policy. This is then approved by the Secretariat before being presented to the Plenary and Local Authority (in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding in place).

Spending the Annual Budget

Spending by the PPNs is overseen by the Secretariat and discussed at Secretariat meetings in line with the workplan and finance policies, either on foot of a financial report to the meeting or as a standing item. Where the PPN uses the Local Authority Agresso system to manage its budget, the approval system inherent in that system is followed.

Informing the Plenary

Most respondents (n=29) reported that their PPN either posts its Budget online or discusses its Budget at Plenary meetings. Two PPNs reported that there was no process currently in place for approval of the Budget by the Plenary and that this issue will be addressed in 2022.

Reimbursement of Expenses to Representatives

The largest expenditure item in the total PPN Budget (excluding salaries and related) in previous years has been Representatives' Expenses. It is therefore important for the PPNs to have an agreed method of recouping expenses. For expenses related to Local Authority Boards and Committees, 10 PPNs reported that these came from the Core PPN Budget; 15 PPNs reported that these were paid by the Local Authority and six PPNs reported that it was some combination of both. Where the answer was both, there was an arrangement between the PPN and the Local Authority for the reimbursement of these expenses or exchange for services.

Where PPN Representatives are invited to sit on non-PPN and non-Local Authority Boards and Committees, 13 PPNs reported that these expenses were paid by the organisation hosting the meeting; and 18 PPNs reported that they were not.

Hosting Charge

Eleven of the 31 PPNs reported that they paid a hosting charge or management fee. The mechanism for determining this fee varied across these PPNs, either a fixed charge or one based on a percentage of gross salary costs or desk calculation.

Budget Management

Nine of the 30 PPNs had their full Budget transferred to a PPN bank account; the Budget of nineteen PPNs was managed by the Local Authority and one PPN reported the transfer of some monies to a PPN Bank account managed by the Secretariat. One reported that the budget was managed by the host company and one said that there was no staff activity in 2021.

A breakdown of how Budget expenditure is approved is set out in Table 14.

Table 14: PPN Budget Approval Process, 2021

Approval Process	No. of PPNs (n=31)
Secretariat approves all expenditure	13
Local Authority approves all expenditure	1
Secretariat and Resource Worker share approval	12
Secretariat, Local Authority and Resource Worker share approval	5

Funding for PPNs is provided between the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Local Authorities



Policies and Procedures

In order to ensure best practice in the governance of PPNs, each PPN has developed a set of Policies and Procedures to support its Secretariat, Representatives, Staff and Members. Table 15 provides a breakdown of the policies and procedures in place during 2021.

Table 15: Policies and Procedures in place, 2021

Policy / Procedure	No. of PPNs (n=31)
Constitution	28
Travel and Expenses Policy	29
Grievance / Conflict Procedure	25
Access and Equality Policy	10
HR Policy	17
Driving for Work Policy	15
Data Protection Policy and Guidelines	27
Email and Internet Usage Policy	17
Finance Policy	24
Vulnerable Adults Policy	13
Dignity in the Workplace Policy	21
Health and Safety Policy	18
Other	12
Details of 'Other' Conflict of Interest; Fraud prevention; Online Voting Procedures; Flexitime Policy; Anti-Bullying and Harassment; Reps Charter; Website & Newsletter advertisement policy; Host organisation Policies; Equipment Loan agreement; Education & Training Policy; Terms of Reference for various stakeholders; Complaints procedures; Re-registration Protocol; Board Recruitment, Evaluation & Succession Policy; Data Protection/GDPR Data Breach Policy; Green Office Policy; Work Station Assessment Policy; Tendering Policy.	

Interagency Collaboration

Despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19, twenty nine PPNs reported engaging in some interagency collaboration in 2021 outside of their work in responding to Covid-19. The PPNs all reported consultations and inputs into national surveys & consultations. It was noted that collaboration with other organisations/agencies adds huge value to PPN activities.

This took the form of partnerships with the Community Development section of the Local Authority; inter-agency collaboration on the implementation of the Healthy Ireland strategy at local level; collaborations with CYPSC; Age Friendly Ireland; FAI Safeguarding & Disability Awareness; Migrant groups; Social Inclusion Networks; Roma and Traveller groups; Educational facilities; Farming organisations; A Playful City; Family Resource Centres; Social Prescribing programmes; Disability Federation of Ireland; Operation Blue Santa; Women's Shed;

Men's Shed; Sports Partnership; Community Health Forums; Inclusion Week; Community Education Forums; Comhairle na nÓg; Mental Health support agencies; LGBTIQ+ organisations; Women's Organisations; SHE programme (See Her Elected); collaborations with volunteer centres, Fire Safety Week; Volunteer Awards; Transport groups; local development companies and State agencies; various Government Departments and Environmental groups.

Social Inclusion

PPNs are uniquely placed within communities to engage a whole range of marginalised groups and to support them to engage in democratic processes. Twenty nine PPNs reported having engaged in social inclusion activities in 2021. Some examples of actions taken on behalf of the PPN in furtherance of their social inclusion agenda have included;

Supporting research

- Carlow PPN supported Carlow Library research by promoting surveys to the local community to help Carlow Library with their research in developing their 'Towards a Literacy-Friendly County Carlow' strategy. The full report has been published.
- Clare PPN was one of twenty-eight organisations awarded funding by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission under its Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2021. The Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme is part of the Commission's statutory power to provide grants to promote human rights and equality under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014. Clare PPN's application 'Developing a Participative County Level 5 Year Anti-Poverty Strategy for Clare' was successful. This aim of this project is for groups representing and comprised of those affected by socio-economic exclusion to collaborate to devise an action based anti-poverty strategy and to advocate effectively for the progressive realisation of social and economic rights in Clare.

The strategy will be used as a framework to inform all policy submissions to the Local Authorities in Clare. On International Human Rights Day, author, academic and activist Dr Conor McCabe presented a discussion document outlining the initial stages of the research project. He presented his initial analysis of the policies at a national and local level which provide the framework under which the economic development of Clare is being conducted.

- Limerick PPN through a subgroup of the Secretariat, developed tender documents regarding the 2020 underspend that was approved to fund a research piece on developing capacity for under-represented groups in the community. These Tender documents were completed at the end of 2021.

Representation

- Cavan PPN maintained its representation of Traveller and New Community voices and a wide range of sectors throughout 2021.
- Cork County PPN reached out to Traveller advocacy groups and Comhairle na nÓg.

Raising awareness

- Offaly PPN works in conjunction with and partners on projects to gain traction with the most marginalised. This included the Local Development Company, Sports Partnership, Family Resource Centres and the Local Community Training facilities. Through these interactions we build trust and confidence and inform the public of opportunities to participate and become the voices of their sectors.
- Kilkenny PPN is incredibly active in identifying issues that affect their community and those most vulnerable.

Supporting inclusion

- Donegal PPN were actively involved with the first Donegal Migrant Integration Strategy.
- Dublin City PPN has worked to include groups experiencing discrimination to join the Migrant Thematic Group in 2021.
- Fingal PPN promote Fingal Inclusion Week.
- Wicklow PPN collaborated with County Wicklow Partnership, Signal Arts Centre & Aughrim Sports & Leisure Centre Committee to run “Connecting Communities” event for Social Inclusion Week. The event brought together an LGBT+ youth group and representatives from various other groups. 38 people discussed “What could supporting communities look like?”
- Waterford PPN works with amongst others, the Migrant Forum and Traveller Interagency Group.
- South Dublin PPN identified a need to support LGBT groups as part of its Social Inclusion strategy and the coordinator facilitates the LGBT network.
- Laois PPN increased the Social Inclusion Member Groups to 79 in 2021.

Providing a wide variety of supports

- A small selection of the work done by Clare PPN includes involvement in the steering group of Clare Failte Isteach as it got re-established. This is a group giving voluntary English classes throughout Clare to migrants and refugees. Quare Clare, a group for LGBTQ+ people in Clare was established in 2021, following funding from Clare County Council. A steering group was formed including Clare PPN in conjunction with Women’s Collective Clare, Clare Local Development Company and Rape Crisis Midwest. Clare PPN actively reached out to Men’s Sheds and Women’s Sheds in the county offering training on participative democracy for the former and advice on funding streams for the latter. Clare PPN attended the Sligo Traveller Support Group International Women’s Day event and attended regular Traveller CDP worker meetings.

- Longford PPN collaborated with FRCs to support our Syrian Communities.
- Kildare PPN co-host Social Inclusion Week which aims to support social inclusion in communities in the county and actively support SICAP with the transfer of information through our database to all marginalised groups in our social inclusion pillar.

Promoting rights

- GCCN has worked collaboratively in Galway City to promote quality and number rights and specifically to promote and support the implementation of the public sector duty, including the development of a Civil Society Panel, that is made up of Rights Holders.
- Meath PPN works to effectively support community participation, representation and effective advocacy for social inclusion objectives.
- Monaghan PPN remains an active member of the LCDC Equality Sub Group.

Engagement in community

- Tipperary PPN engaged with the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project group who attended one of the autumn MD meetings. Mentoring occurred to encourage a group member to be a Social Inclusion rep on the Secretariat. This is ongoing and positive. Specifically targeted emails are sent to the Social Inclusion pillar groups around events/training/ opportunities that are of particular benefit to support inclusion and reduce barriers resulting in social exclusion.
- Westmeath PPN assisted in the administering of community grants, administered Covid-19 Community Response Forum and the PPN Staff work on the Community helpline approx. 7 days per month.
- Louth PPN actively supports minorities, people from disadvantaged areas, immigrants and the Roma and Travelling communities to participate in Louth PPN.

Effective communication

- DLR PPN circulated and published information from groups working in the area of social inclusion/integration for example Women4Women; Southside Women's Action Network (SWANN); DLR Integration Forum; Age Friendly DLR; the Older People's Council and Southside Partnership. This information includes self-development courses, employment, training, wellbeing and social prescribing programmes and requests for volunteers.
- Wexford PPN provided Zoom training and Information bulletins.
- Sligo PPN has worked on improving communications by using less official terminology in PPN communications and providing one-to-one meetings with representatives of harder to reach groups.



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Work with the Local Authority

The PPN Handbook¹ provides “The PPN will be the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the community, voluntary, environmental and social inclusion sectors” and “PPN will enable the public to take an active formal role in the policy making and oversight activities of the LA’s area of responsibility.” The intention is for a collaborative partnership approach. Positive relationships between PPN and the LA are essential for success.

As part of the Annual Report process, Local Authorities were asked to provide examples of how they had supported the development of PPN, and the active participation of the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary organisations in policy and decision making, information sharing and capacity building (other than the provision of the Budget allocation or the core duties of the Resource Worker, where the Resource Worker is employed by the Local Authority).

Table 16 provides a breakdown of supports identified in respect of all 30 Local Authority areas for which responses were received.

¹ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9db5e3-ppn-handbook/>

Table 16: Local Authority Supports to PPNs, 2021

Support Mechanism	Number (n=30)
Active Memorandum of Understanding in Place for 2021	27
Memorandum of Understanding Reviewed in 2021	24
Assist, where appropriate, the PPN in achieving its Work Plan	27
Supported the PPN to be active Actors in the LECP	21
Cross-departmental participation in PPN Events	23
Involvement of Local Authority PPN Contact Person in PPN	23
Provided additional core funding to the PPN to support its work (additional to the €80,000)	18
Provided additional funding for specific PPN projects	7
Specific campaigns to promote the work of the PPN within the local authority	5
Details of Specific Campaigns The Local Authority is the main sponsor of the annual Waterford PPN Community Awards; A wide variety of presentations made; Community Response Helpline; County Development Plans; Promotion of PPN literature in Council Buildings; LECP Reviews; Encouragement for Community Groups to join PPN by Council's Rural & Community Development Officers, Rural Staff and through communication on grant funding opportunities within the organisation.	

Local Authority Consultations

The PPNs can and should be a key mechanism for Local Authorities to gather the views of their communities in response to calls for consultations. They are best placed to engage with a membership of community groups and have a track record in producing and supporting submissions. Table 17 provides an overview of the number of consultations undertaken by Local Authorities in 2021 and the engagement with PPNs during this process.

Table 17: Local Authority Consultations, 2021

Consultations	No. of (n=30)
Local Authority Public Consultations in 2021	358
Notifications of Consultations sent to PPNs in 2021	254
Local Authority Consultations carried out via PPNs as the main vehicle in 2021	22
Consultation workshops jointly hosted by the Local Authority and the PPN	35

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic impacted upon the volume of consultations carried out in 2021. The total number of consultations conducted by Local Authorities was lower than in 2020 (when there were 453 consultations reported). The number of consultation notifications sent to PPNs in 2021 was also lower (from 414 to 254). The number of consultations carried out via PPNs as the main vehicle in 2021 was lower than that in 2020 (from 36 to 22), and the number of consultation workshops jointly hosted has also decreased, from 49 to 35.

Specific Areas of Collaboration

Local Authorities and PPNs also collaborated on a host of other events and initiatives in 2021. These include:

- County Development Draft Plan
- Fire Safety Week
- Community Enhancement Programme
- Migrant Integration Strategy
- Environmental Initiatives
- Healthy County Initiatives
- Community Awards
- Walkability Studies
- Covid-19 Response Forum
- Disability Forum
- Climate Action Plan
- Digital Skills Training for Beginners
- Library Development plan
- Sports Capital Grant Funding Promotion
- Equality and Human Rights Projects
- LECP Review and Implementation Plan
- Community Enhancement Programmes
- Creative Ireland
- Wellbeing initiatives
- County Heritage Plans
- Smoke Free Playgrounds
- Joint Peace Programme
- Tree Management Strategy Consultation
- See Her Elected campaign
- Age Friendly Programmes
- Tidy Towns

Allocation of Community Seats

Local Authorities are responsible for a range of Boards and Committees in respect of areas of local interest. Examples of these Boards and Committees include:

- Joint Policing Committee
- Local Community Development Committee
- Arts, Culture, Recreation and Leisure SPC
- Peace IV Partnership Committee
- East/North West/South East Fisheries LAG
- Community Liaison Committee
- Sports Partnership
- Regional Drugs and Alcohol Taskforces
- Housing, Community and Wellbeing SPC
- Arts, Culture and Language SPC
- Climate Change, Environment and Energy SPC
- Age Friendly Alliance
- Heritage Forums
- Roads and Transportation SPC
- Infrastructure SPC
- Economic Development, Enterprise and the Community SPC
- Housing, Corporate and Culture SPC
- Planning and Strategic SPC
- County Childcare Committee
- Good Governance SPC
- SláinteCare Healthy Communities Local Implementation

- Community Liaison Committee
- Community, Culture & Libraries
- Housing & Disability Steering Group
- Rural Task Force
- Smart Dublin Advisory Group
- Local Link
- LEADER Partnership
- Limerick URBACT Health and Greenspace
- Culture, Libraries and Digital Development SPC
- Migrant Integration Forum
- Traveller Interagency Group
- Place Names
- Tourism, Enterprise and Economic Development SPC
- Music Generation
- Local Policing Fora
- Social Prescribing Steering Group

Grant Eligibility

PPNs act as an information hub for community groups in accessing information and supports about Local Authority grants. In recognition of this, and the role of PPNS in enhancing the efficacy of community groups through capacity building, training, networking and so on, some Local Authorities have made membership of the PPN an eligibility requirement for accessing grants. In 2021, from the 30 replies, eight Local Authorities had this requirement in respect of all grants; nine had this requirement for most, but not all grants; in 10 Local Authorities, groups were advised to join, but it was not compulsory and three had no stipulations.

Training and Induction by Local Authorities

Eighteen of the 30 Local Authorities reported providing specific induction or training to newly nominated PPN Representatives in 2021. In terms of training and awareness building of Local Authority staff, 21 Local Authorities reported engaging in training or awareness building activities with staff working in their Community Department, 23 reported engaging in these activities with staff working outside the Community Department and 18 reported engaging with other Local Authority Staff. The Local Authorities welcome continued training, funding, promotion and awareness, communications strategies from the DRCD to support the work of the PPNS.

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PPNs act as an information hub for community groups in accessing information and supports about Local Authority grants.”

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Recommendations

Having reviewed the work of the PPNs over 2021, PPNs and Local Authorities were asked to make a series of recommendations to develop the PPNs. These have been categorised under the following headings:



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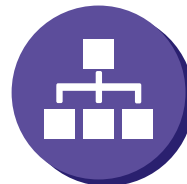
PARTICIPATION



**PROMOTION OF PPNs
/ COMMUNICATIONS**



RESOURCES



STRUCTURE

Governance



1. Ensure current governance structures are in place and operating effectively.
2. Development and standardisation of policies for the operation of the PPNs.
3. Provision of detailed guidance on the respective roles involved in the PPNs.
4. Develop a strategic vision for PPNs.
5. Ensure a MOU is in place and fit for purpose.
6. Clarify the ratifications process of the Environmental Pillar.
7. Where applicable, develop and use the Vision for Community Wellbeing.
8. Building awareness of Sustainable Development Goals and linking them to all county & PPN plans.
9. Revise the PPN Handbook.
10. All national policy documents should include PPN as the consultation structure.

Promotion of PPNs / Communications



1. Development and delivery of a national promotional and information campaign for PPNs.
2. Greater national recognition of PPNs across all relevant Government Departments.
3. Develop a methodology pack for Local Authority staff on public engagement.
4. Ongoing development of relationships at local level.
5. Continued promotion of the PPN to the local community as well as nationally by inclusion in programmes by stakeholders/partners to ensure we reach as many organisations as possible, under each pillar.
6. Simplify the language used.
7. Build on and enhance the awareness of the PPNs and the value of input from communities as an essential element in the local democratic landscape.
8. Target young people and their advocate organisations to get involved.

Participation



1. Enhance the collaboration between the PPN and the Local Authority through training and capacity building.
2. Ensure Local Authorities adhere to the requirement that PPNs act as the main route for community consultation and representation.
3. Senior Local Authority staff to engage with PPNs.
4. Develop and implement more effective communications structures for Representatives and their Boards / Committees, to include updates on community development initiatives.
5. Build on relationships and links forged – increase collaboration – meet regularly,
6. Adopt the basic principles of engagement for local decision-making.

Resources



1. Increased budget for PPNs at local and national level.
2. Ensure sustainability of funding for PPNs.
3. Ensure Support Workers are permanent staff.
4. Implementation of a National Resource Worker to support the PPNs at national level.
5. Review grading structure of PPN staff.
6. Review the reasons for staff turnover.
7. Covid-19 highlighted the need for adequate and where needed, additional resources.
8. Maximise and build on the advances in digital communications.
9. Increased supports to newly formed groups.
10. Recognise that as the PPN grows, extra resources will be required.
11. Deliver training at times that suit.

Structure



1. Review the structure of the PPNs.
2. Develop and staff a National Structure – Public Participation Ireland.
3. Simplify the structure of the PPNs.
4. Enable the establishment of the role of Chairperson of the Secretariat, rotating annually.
5. Make the PPNs part of the statutory development plan for the Local Area Plans and Co-Development Plans.
6. Research how PPNs can be the legal independent employers or to encourage and support all PPNs to create a legal company to employ the PPN staff.
7. A widening of the value placed on having community voices on social structures through the PPN.

In addition to overarching recommendations, set out above, all PPNs and Local Authorities were asked to make specific recommendations on training requirements and how to enhance partnership. These were as follows:

Training

Local Authority

1. Refresher training on the role and function of the PPN, and how it is of benefit to the Local Authority.
2. Community Development training and briefing sessions.
3. Induction training for Local Authority staff and elected members, procured at a national level for consistency.
4. Develop a video/training webinar on the role of the PPN that can be easily shared and circulate it through CCMA, DOS and Senior Management fora.
5. Public engagement and the role of the PPN.
6. Equality Proofing.
7. Continuation of Creating Capable Communities.
8. Conflict Resolution.
9. Governance Training.
10. Event management.
11. Financial management training.
12. Corporate Governance.
13. Human Rights and the Public Sector Duty.
14. The Sustainable Development Goals.
15. Communications training.

PPN

1. Salesforce.
2. Advocacy and Influencing Policy.
3. Local Authority structures.
4. Conflict Resolution.
5. Community Development.
6. Public Speaking and Communications.
7. Support for Hybrid Working.
8. Training for Transformation.
9. Data Protection.
10. Maintaining the flat structure.
11. Induction for Secretariat Members and Representatives on their respective roles.
12. Induction training for new staff.
13. Policy Development and Decision-making.
14. Human Rights and Equality Acts (e.g. UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities) / Public Sector Duty.
15. The Sustainable Development Goals.
16. Strategic Planning.
17. Traveller Cultural Awareness Training.
18. How to write submissions.
19. How to write minutes.
20. Implementing Linkage/Thematic Groups.
21. Holding effective meetings/facilitation.
22. Managerial training.
23. Financial Reporting Training.
24. Procurement Training.
25. Social Media.
26. Development of Vision for Community Wellbeing.
27. IT Skills.
28. Anti-discrimination training.
29. Trauma-informed practice.
30. Continuation of Creating Capable Communities.
31. Accredited Training.

Partnership

Local Authority

1. Greater awareness raising of the PPN and its functions and objectives.
2. Induction for Representatives on Local Authority Boards and Committees.
3. More lead-in time for initiatives, meetings, consultations and other collaborations between Local Authorities and PPNs.
4. Increased funding and security for the PPN worker resulting in no loss of institutional memory.
5. Collaborative planning with all stakeholders.
6. Increased communications.
7. Increased use of thematic/linkage groups.
8. Regular updates from the Local Authority.
9. The completion of the 'Community Wellbeing statement'.
10. Local Authorities to provide information on the roles and functions of Local Authority Boards and Committees.
11. Adopt a policy approach for government funded projects and plans which require the local authority to demonstrate the effective involvement of the PPN in the project/plan development and roll-out/implementation.
12. Increased knowledge of the importance of the PPN contribution to policy making, drawing on existing Government materials.
13. Other Departments should be made aware of the PPNs and their role.
14. An Annual Meeting of Senior Staff with the PPN Secretariat.

PPN

1. Link with other statutory partners through their parent Departments to ensure policy consistency.
2. Encouragement of PPN Representative input into the agenda and meetings by the Local Authority.
3. Strengthening member engagement.
4. Instruction from the governing body responsible for Local Authorities to actively and meaningfully engage with the PPNs.
5. Agreeing a policy-development work programme.
6. Receipt of agendas and reading materials in good time in advance of meetings.
7. Better integration into the Local Authority decision-making process.
8. Greater understanding of the roles of the various committees.
9. Improved communications with Local Authority staff and Representatives on Boards and Committees.
10. Greater equality of input at Committees and Boards - Recognition from County Council of the work and benefits to the local community that PPNs offer.
11. Increased training for Representatives.
12. Widespread respect and resourcing for the ideals of the Aarhus convention



Appendix 1

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Appendix 2

Overview of PPN Activity in 2021

PPN	Number of Secretariat places allocated	Number of PPN Representatives	Number of Active Linkage Groups	Number of Plenary Meetings Held	Total Expenditure (2021)	Number of E-Newsletters Produced	Number of Decision-Making Committees PPN Sits On	Hosting Arrangement	Total Membership (incl. Assoc.)	Social Inclusion Pillar Members	Environment Pillar Members	Community Pillar Members
Carlow	9	20	0	2	92,428	24	10	Hosted by Local Authority	454	48	14	392
Cavan	12	33	1	4	97,191.98	50	13	In transition from Company to Host	316	94	26	196
Clare	10	24	3	3	114,679.85	10	10	Operating as an independent company	332	52	19	261
Cork City	9	20	0	2	10,485	0	8	Hosted by another Community Organisation	211	88	12	111
Cork County	22	33	0	1	89,808	26	12	Hosted by Local Authority	411	63	25	323
Donegal	19	61	3	1	111,104	135	21	Hosted by Local Authority	613	56	19	538
Dublin City	9	27	4	2	90,056.95	40	9	Hosted by another Community Organisation	824	261	32	531
Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown	9	35	3	2	113,017.32	12	10	Hosted by another Community Organisation	523	95	13	415
Fingal	12	41	5	2	120,755.78	12	10	Hosted by Local Authority	548	94	31	423
Galway City	16	40	5	3	145,281.69	34	18	Operating as an independent company	163	47	11	105

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Galway County	11	32	1	0	119,731.53	12	16	Hosted by Local Authority	1075	209	32	834
Kerry	11	11	1	0	94,420.54	55	12	Hosted by Local Authority	835	94	24	717
Kildare	11	24	3	1	104,838.46	18	10	Hosted by another Community Organisation	779	81	29	669
Kilkenny	10	27	3	2	103,281.99	44	9	Hosted by Local Authority	403	90	27	286
Laos	12	29	4	5	109,098.43	10	12	Hosted by Local Authority	634	79	21	534
Leitrim	9	39	0	2	31,289.32	13	13	In transition from LA to Host	289	72	11	206
Limerick	10	38	8	2	54,145.11	10	8	Hosted by Local Authority	161	52	10	99
Longford	9	40	0	5	129,104.33	44	14	Hosted by Local Authority	399	50	6	343
Louth	17	40	3	2	104,424.49	52	18	Hosted by Local Authority	481	126	13	342
Mayo	14	17	0	5	118,295	5	7	Hosted by Local Authority	1108	146	41	924
Meath	12	20	2	0	63,185.68	23	10	Hosted by Local Authority	447	40	7	400
Monaghan	12	37	1	2	113,045.90	0	14	Hosted by Local Authority	596	103	38	455

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Offaly	9	26	1	1	114,310.89	30	9	Hosted by Local Authority	573	62	19	492
Roscommon	9	24	0	0	61,803.20	19	7	Hosted by Local Authority	266	39	12	215
Sligo	9	37	1	2	98,179.97	5	16	Hosted by Local Authority	525	45	14	466
South Dublin	12	28	3	2	94,370.39	1	11	Hosted by another Community Organisation	827	184	30	613
Tipperary	15	47	2	2	119,371.39	14	19	Operating as an independent company	1362	156	40	1166
Waterford	11	53	0	0	110,419	14	22	Operating as an independent company	768	120	26	622
Westmeath	8	35	5	2	115,017.59	12	18	Hosted by Local Authority	811	177	12	622
Wexford	11	27	0	0	77,794.56	88	13	Hosted by Local Authority	436	74	16	346
Wicklow	13	48	3	2	114,104.45	38	18	Hosted by another Community Organisation	378	71	25	282
Totals	362	1,013	65	59	3,035,040.79	850	397		17,548	2,968	655	13,925

Appendix 3

Impacts of the PPN in 2021

Carlow

2021 was another difficult year for PPNs in general. Normal routines and processes were changed by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. This meant alternative ways had to be explored in which to manage PPN meetings and to keep the community well informed and up to date. To facilitate engagement, meetings and training sessions were conducted online. For those who were not up to date with technology, additional training was offered to communities, a step by step document was prepared on how to use online technologies and disseminated to groups.

We also provided support to Alone Ireland in advertising and bringing awareness to the work that they do for older people in Ireland especially during Covid-19; we also supported Age Friendly Ireland by advertising and disseminating their Newsletter to our members.

Planning, Environment, Climate; Bio-Diversity Action, Energy and Agriculture SPC. Input into Climate Change. Proposal: Video to be made in order to assist public to be more aware of simple things that can be done to improve recycling, reuse and waste in general. Requested that our groups be offered an opportunity to participate in production.

Culture, Libraries and Digital Development, Tourism SPC made a proposal on the Impact of Wind Farms on Rural Tourism.

Carlow PPN promoted Mensana Festival for Carlow Mental Health Association. This year it was held again online, with some great advice on minding your mental health through difficult times.

Planning, Environment, Climate; Bio-Diversity Action, Energy and Agriculture SPC. Proposal: Possibility of SPCs being offered a tour of reclaimed landfill to show the new areas of biodiversity. Action: Video to be made to create awareness.

Creating accessibility to online resources.

PPN provided Covid-19 response and training for community groups.

Events and training that were held throughout 2021 were mostly done online, apart from towards the end of 2021 when there was scope to attend events in person. We found some online events were better attended than physical events, as more people were able to attend from the comfort of home. However, we found not all members had the tech know-how to access these meeting and we accommodated that by providing Zoom training and creating and advertising a 'Stay Connected' process document. This assisted in building capacity of member groups during Covid-19, making sure everyone had a chance to participate and engage.

Carlow PPN also facilitated the purchase of a smart device through the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI). The device is offered for use by individuals and groups registered with the PPN and the County Carlow Universal Access Movement to attend meetings online. PPN liaised with the local Carlow County Development Company to cover the cost of a screen protector and cover to ensure the safety of the device.

Cavan

We continued to collaborate with the HSE, Cavan County Council & Local Development Committee as a networking and informational exchange with community groups in regard to Covid-19 matters, particularly to highlight services in lockdowns.

Deployed various training suites to community groups in the county.

Proposal by PPN Reps on Local Link to provide transport to Vaccination Centres at free/discounted rate.

Clare

Clare PPN continued to collaborate with Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare PPN, Clare Local Development Company, Clare County Council, An Garda Síochána, Family Resource Centres, Burren Community Meitheal, Love Shannon, Clarecare, Clare Women's Network, Clare Leader Forum, Citizens Information and Clare Youth Service as part of the Community Response Team. In particular, Clare PPN continued to highlight the issues facing of those facing socio-economic exclusion as part of a social inclusion sub-group.

Clare PPN again negotiated insurance cover for all volunteer efforts in collaboration with Clare Volunteer Centre.

LCDC reps worked well on collaborative decision-making regarding SICAP and community grants.

The environmental rep on the LCDC made a presentation on outcomes from the pilot project run by Clare PPN on the topic of 'Climate Action Plan and Fund' for the Department of the Environment, Climate Action and Communications. It was agreed that based on the Clare PPN pilot project outcomes, for an effective Local Community Development Committee and for an effective Local Economic and Community Plan, Climate Action and Biodiversity need to be given centre-stage in all decisions and all of the time.

Clare PPN administered a dedicated Facebook page and Twitter account for dissemination of information.

Clare PPN was part of a successful collaborative application to the Department of Rural and Community Development's Pilot Project Community Development Fund to fund a new Traveller Community Development Project for Clare. Clare PPN's involvement in this project stemmed from concerns raised by their Social Inclusion Member Groups who have sought ways to lend their collective weight to working effectively to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the approximately 900 Travellers who are part of the community in Clare. The project will share premises space with Clare PPN.

Clare County Council unanimously passed a motion calling on the Irish Government to propose a global ban on fracking at United Nations General Assembly "on climate-mitigation, public-health, environmental-protection and human-rights grounds". Proposing the motion, Cllr Pat Hayes (FG) pointed out that Clare was the first local authority in Ireland to ban fracking, in 2012, which led to a national ban in 2017. He praised the "wonderful organisations here in Clare who have supported this ban, including Futureproof Clare, Fridays for Future Clare and Clare PPN," and said the environment was the most important issue for the Council to have on its agenda.

Emergency motion on CETA passed unanimously by Clare County Council calling for a full, democratic debate ahead of the Dáil vote on ratification of CETA. The motion was brought on foot of a request by a majority of member groups in Clare PPN's Environmental College "Members of Clare PPN have serious concerns about the lack of public and political debate and scrutiny of CETA. We are very happy that our County Councillors in Clare respect that and we thank them for standing up for that principle".

Clare PPN was chosen by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to host an online Local Climate Conversation on 15th March. These conversations are taking place across Ireland as part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action, to inform the development of the Government's 2021 Climate Action Plan and also the roll out of the Climate Action Fund.

Following this conversation our notes were submitted to the Department of the Environment Climate and Communications.

Clare PPN began to offer meeting space to member groups as restrictions started to ease. It was challenging to manage at times due to differing guideline interpretation between the PPN and stakeholders. Groups particularly affected by the many aspects of Covid-19 who were given space included the Haven Hub – Out of hours Suicide Awareness Support.; ongoing engagement and educational opportunities for young women parenting alone, engaged with Novas and residing in local hub; Food Bank to facilitate distribution of food for those in need and experiencing increased economic and food deprivation.

Our environmental representative on the Economic Development SPC requested focus groups on environmental matters at the County Development Plan pre-drafting stage given the wide-reaching consequences and the expertise in the county. This was refused on the grounds that all the environmental assessments had already been done (even though public consultations were still ongoing at the time of the request).

Cork City

3 Members of the Secretariat had a presence on the Community Response Forum.

Cork County

Published a weekly newsletter.

Delivered training to community groups.

Re-engaged with PPN members.

Delivered a new PPN website and animation.

Promoted and filled 33 PPN seats.

Donegal

Donegal PPN developed a database for Community Call Helpline. Donegal PPN staff worked on the Helpline (including weekends & evenings). Donegal PPN were involved with Donegal Community Forum. The PPN developed a Community Resilience & Spring Lockdown Programme from January until June 2021 in conjunction with HSE & An Garda Síochána to include Minding your Mental Health, Mindfulness, Garda Slot, Nutrition, Exercise & Zoom Training for groups. Invaluable resource for Groups.

Donegal PPN organised in conjunction the Dept. of Environment 'Climate Conversation' in 2021. There was a fantastic response within the County.

Donegal LCDC/LAG supports an internal LEADER project in which, IPs (implementing partners) will deliver a training project targeting communities throughout Donegal as a proactive approach to climate mitigation and biodiversity loss, thereby devising a strategy for the next LEADER programme, starting in 2023, for integrating climate and biodiversity positive mitigation and/or adaptation across all sub-themes of LEADER and hence integrate same into all projects.

The Donegal LCDC/LAG recommends the adoption of sustainable energy and biodiversity options in its consideration and assessment of all projects, where it is reasonably possible to do so without exerting additional expense or exacting obligations on promoters for the transitional LEADER program (2021-2022).

Community Resilience- Staying Connected- Developed by Donegal PPN during lockdown which was invaluable for groups.

Donegal PPN conducted a Walkability Audit of Ballybofey/ Stranorlar in 2021- Identified major issues with pavements & crossings- works now commenced to address these issues.

The JPC conducted a Pilot Project to hold Gardaí Clinics in Resource Centres and Community Centres. This is ongoing.

Dublin City

The PPN supported the host, Dublin City Volunteer Centre in the following ways. The resource worker volunteered several shifts at the Aviva Mass Vaccination Centre, which DCVC was responsible for stewarding. These voluntary roles were advertised on the PPN Bulletin, and social media. Dublin City PPN shared information with and from the wider PPN in its PPN Bulletins and through social media; for example, information about volunteering at the Aviva Mass Vaccination Centre. The target groups were all PPN member groups, however, we did not track the outcomes of sharing this information. We assume people saw the advertising and offered to volunteer in the centre, but we didn't track the outcome of this work.

The impact of an autumn series of training sessions increased the capacity of some PPN member groups.

The Traffic and Transport reps communicate with their linkage groups and interested stakeholders via Facebook and have updated PPN members with ongoing issues in this SPC. In particular, accessibility of the city for all disabled residents is the key focus, and the reps have made numerous comments to the committee about disabled parking, access to streets and increased difficulties with mobility issues in the city.

The impact of two plenaries re-invigorated some member groups to get back involved with the PPN and send enquiries to find out more about the core work and information about committee and working groups within the council.

The impact of the PPN's improved communication benefited all members who could find information about the PPN more easily through weekly updates, and a more dynamic social media presence.

The impact of the research behind the 5 year strategic plan was to hear from member groups, what they found useful and less useful about the PPN. In particular, this made it possible for the wider members to have voices heard, recorded and listened to for the overall benefit of the network.

The Migrant Thematic Group will be a strong and robust group, but spent 2021 being established and trying to set goals and boundaries for its work. This is the most challenging group as the groups working with migrant issues are some of the least resourced in the country and have the least support.

The Disability Thematic Group worked on accessibility issues to the Mansion House, challenges met with the cycling infrastructure, there were discussions on disability and housing and the group met with the St Patrick's Day committee to ensure access to the parade.

Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown

Survey: Feedback on training needs for Digital Skills participants.

Training programme specifically designed to enable members to communicate and function using online platforms and digital tools. E.g. Zoom, Best practice in Zoom, Video and Photo editing for mobile phones.

Circulation of KeepWell/ Wellbeing materials and government guidelines by email and on website, social media and e-zine.

"That more bee hives be located in DLR." Proposal was brought to the Environment and Climate Action SPC. It was discussed, approved and completed.

Active role in consultations - We co-facilitated several consultations undertaken by the Local Authority, such as the draft Heritage Plan workshops, draft Library Plan, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) Tree Strategy, and more. Furthermore, submissions were made to the following consultations: Review of the Implementation of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Transport Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects; DLR County Development Plan; Disability Social Care Services to guide plan for the next 4 years (2022-2025).

That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) should liaise with BusConnects and National Transport Authority (NTA) re tree felling in Shankill. The proposal was brought to the Environment and Climate Action SPC. It was discussed, approved and completed.

Community Stakeholder Forum Meeting attendance.

Climate Action Conversation Workshops - The DLR PPN was selected to be one of the PPNs involved in the national Climate Change conversation workshops. We scheduled and organised 2 workshops, with great feedback from the participants. This helped identify and contour the community aspirations for the upcoming Climate Action funding.

Academic paper published- "Public participation in a time of crisis: A case study of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown residents' associations' response to Covid-19" (Simone Sav & Colette Downing), published in Administration, vol. 69, no. 4 (2021).

Age Friendly - Bealtaine Festival - Digital Skills for Seniors.

Fingal

We continued to conduct Secretariat meetings, linkage group meetings, information sessions online. We provided insurance for PPN member groups to respond to Covid-19 where their insurance did not provide cover.

We acted as information hub and helped to network groups.

Review of PPN Handbook and implementing mandatory and best practice to strengthen the governance and operations of Fingal PPN in line with guidance from DRCD.

We submitted motion on two-bedroom accommodation to replace one-bedroom developments to Housing SPC.

Review of Strategic Plan to evaluate and refocus the work of Fingal PPN for the benefit of the wider membership.

Climate Change, Environment and Water Linkage Group delivered Climate Change Conversation and associated report.

Delivery of a Policy Hub which houses over 120 policies to support Fingal PPN reps to impact policy at a local, national and EU level and act as a central location to the wider PPN membership.

Protection and conservation of hedgerows - Motion discussed and agreed. As part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action, the Linkage Group members hosted and moderated the Fingal PPN Climate Conversation Workshop which took place on 7th April 2021.

We contacted Fingal Events Department requesting that Fingal light up Fingal buildings green for St. Patrick's Day 2021 which was agreed and delivered.

Galway City

GCCN is a member of the Galway City Community Response Forum, established at the start of the first set of Covid-19 restrictions that is led by Galway City Council and includes a range of stakeholders such as the Health Service Executive, An Garda Síochána, Community Welfare Service – Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP), Galway City Partnership, Galway Traveller Movement, Galway Volunteer Centre, COPE Galway and others. As part of the Galway City Community Response Forum, GCCN continued to support the more complex referrals to the Covid-19 Community Support Helpline in conjunction with the Galway City Partnership Team. GCCN also continued to update the information and data for the Map of Services and Supports active in Galway City during the Covid-19 crisis.

Engagement in City Development Plan process - Town halls and meetings with Councillors The GCCN Submission on the City Development Plan 2023-2029 was made based on 14 thematic and area based workshops organised or supported by GCCN, in collaboration with Galway City Partnership and the ARD Family Resource Centre, and aimed at facilitating participation and engagement with the Pre-Draft Public Consultation process. The workshops were attended by over 400 people, including GCCN members, City Councillors and others. Staff from the Galway City Planning Office also attended. The GCCN process was noted by the Office of the Planning Regulator in their submission.

Following the community consultation process to inform the Galway City Development Plan in March, GCCN held an event in May to review the Chief Executive's report. Many of the participants who attended the initial stages of the consultation process also engaged in this process which developed collective recommendations from the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. GCCN then held a well-attended follow up meeting with Councillors in June to discuss these recommendations and issued a priorities paper to Councillors to inform the next stage of the planning process. Impact/Deliverable: -community engagement on thematic areas of the plan and community issues raised with Councillors ahead of their input in the plan.

GCCN continued holding meetings of the NGO Covid-19 Response Group of civil society organisations established at the onset of the pandemic. This Response group includes Galway City Partnership, COPE Galway, Vincent De Paul, Volunteer Galway, Galway Traveller Movement and Westside Age Inclusion. As well as the collective meetings, GCCN continued to work with each organisation individually on an ongoing basis.

National Parks City Motion. Decision Making Body – Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity SPC. Proposal - a motion to support Galway's designation as a National Parks City was voted on unanimously at the September 2020 meeting of the Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity SPC. This motion should have gone before a full meeting of Galway City Council, but the Executive blocked the motion from progression. Reps continued to engage with Councillors on the topic and a Councillor proposed it as a motion in the new City Development Plan. Outcome – this motion was rejected but suggested it could be included in the new LECP.

Proposal for Non Statutory Consultation on Speed Limit Review. Decision Making Body - Transport SPC. Proposal - a non-statutory consultation be held as the next step in the Speed Limit. Outcome; Chair never brought proposal to Council meeting.

Civil Society Panel - Equality and Human Rights Assessment of Arts Strategy: The Equality and Rights in Action Galway project, supported by The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC), set out to establish a Civil Society Panel. Civil society groups and those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights are best placed to use their expertise as rights holders to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty. The Panel brought together Rights Holders from across the ten grounds to utilise this expertise. The project built the collective capacity of Rights Holders to engage with and support the effective and transparent implementation of the Public Sector Duty by duty bearing organisations and agencies in Galway City. This work included an assessment of the Galway City Arts Strategy. Impact/Deliverable: those with lived experience of discrimination, inequality and a denial of human rights use their expertise as rights holders to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty. Equality and human rights issues centred when reviewing the strategy - equality grounds plus socio-economic considered.

Re-imagining our Outdoor Spaces Fund
GCCN hosted a meeting between our Arts and Culture Linkage Group and Galway City Council on the Re-imagining our Outdoor Spaces Fund. The Arts community had the opportunity to input into their priorities for the fund and GCCN coordinated a submission which was used as the basis for the application to the fund by GCC. Impact/Deliverable: -engagement with arts community so the needs of local groups were centred in the proposal.

Housing First Motion. Decision Making Body - Housing and Social Inclusion SPC. Proposal: a motion 'To request that Galway City Council approves a motion to write to the Minister or the Department to ask for a relaxation of restriction to one beds only for Housing First Programme in order that targets can be met.' Outcome: This was supported and GCC wrote to the Department with this request.

Park Wardens Motion. Decision Making Body – Council. Proposal - a motion to employ Park Wardens for Merlin, Terryland and Barna Woods. This proposal was developed by GCCN reps on the Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity SPC. Outcome: Councillors voted in favour however the new positions that were created were Community Wardens rather than Park Wardens.

SDG Work - Embedding SDGs in city planning. In what is an innovative, cross-sectoral approach to making the UN Sustainable Development Goals visible in Galway City, GCCN coordinates the LECP Sustainable Development Goals Working Group that includes members from civil society organisations, agencies and Galway City Councillors. The group has identified the importance of embedding the SDGs in city planning including in the new City Development Plan and Local Economic and Community Plan. Following on from an assessment of the Chief Executive's report of the first stage in the City Development Plan process in May a collaboration has been initiated to focus on the implementation of the SDGs. The Working Group in collaboration with Galway City Council will support the work of Galway City Councillors in relation to embedding the SDGs in city planning. A workshop for Councillors and Planners entitled 'SDGs and City Planning' was held in July 2021. Speakers from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications discussed the national context. NUIG speakers presented their model of applying the SDGs in the NUIG strategic planning and the lessons learned from this process. Impact/Deliverable: -Developing more understanding of importance of embedding SDGs in city planning.

In 2021, alongside the regular newsletter and communications, GCCN continued to circulate Covid-19 related information and updates to all member organisations and the new public database created in 2020 for anyone in Galway City wishing to receive the official Covid-19 related communications. In 2021 GCCN continued updating the Covid-19 information webpage created the year before.

Securing funding for Gold Star Initiative. GCCN worked with Access for All and Galway City Partnership to secure funding to support the implementation of a Gold Star Initiative in Galway city drawn from the model used in Tipperary. The project works with public, private and community sectors to support the implementation of the UNCRPD at a local level. The Gold Star Initiative will: Support the community, public and private sector to make adaptations and take measures to have their buildings, amenities and services made more welcoming and accessible to all people; Work across sectors to respond to a wide range of access barriers and issues that people with disabilities and the general community identify at the beginning of the project; Establish a Task Group consisting of people with disabilities, reps from agencies providing services for people with disabilities, universal design professional(s) and representatives from the public, private and community sectors will develop an action plan to address these issues and work with relevant stakeholders to implement this action plan; Work with the public, private and community sectors to improve disabled peoples participation in community life by creating more accessible spaces and services. The initiative will offer guidance and training on improving the accessibility of services through: 1.Implementation of universal design standards and principles and 2.Creating disability friendly services. Impact/Deliverable: identified need for more resources to focus on access issues. Proposal development led by those with lived experience of disability.

Galway County

We took part in the Covid-19 community support helpline with Galway County Council to provide support and assistance to the community. We collaborated with Galway Roscommon ETB to provide the Five Ways to Wellbeing workshops for mental health. We provided training for groups to help them in their online skills.

Advocating for Disability Housing needs on SPC.

Capacity Building - through our various PPN training workshops.

Addressing Climate Action at local level through our Environmental training series.

Representation - ensuring PPN reps are supported and happy in their roles.

Information sharing - getting information on funding out to members was especially important during 2021 as groups were attempting to re-establish themselves after Covid-19.

Kerry

Community response Forum. Sign Language interpretation of Government messages and circulated to community voluntary and statutory sector. Biodiversity spotter sheets to support people cocooning. #inthistgether wellbeing bags. Regular updates from HSE, LA and Government Depts shown on home page of website. Interagency collaboration with Age Friendly Kerry, local development companies and the PPN to produce "Living and Ageing Well in County Kerry". Interagency collaborations with Healthy Kerry to produce a community wellbeing toolkit. #In this together interagency collaboration and this was aimed at vulnerable members of the community to produce a wellbeing pack to help with mental health and wellbeing. Public Sector and Human Rights duty, internal meeting to look at the implementation within the LA, taking the learning from the community involvement and participation and the "Access for All" document. Interagency collaborations with Age Friendly, KCC and BROADBAND Connection Points with regards to training and capacity building.

2021 Disability Awareness Funding Call. The purpose of Disability Participation and Awareness Fund (DPAF) 2021 is to provide funding for Local Authorities across Ireland to support the participation of people with disabilities in local activities, to help remove barriers to community involvement, and to support the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in communities. A total of €2.5m will be made available in 2021 to Local Authorities to carry out projects in their local area. Grants under the Fund will be to a maximum of €80,000.

This funding can be used for both once-off initiatives and short to medium term projects. Projects and initiatives should promote the rights of people with disabilities by removing barriers to the participation of people with disabilities in their local communities, raising awareness of the UNCRPD, and increasing accessibility. Local authorities can use this fund directly, or in partnership with local organisations, in order to carry out actions that will: remove barriers to, and improve the accessibility of community life or community activities, for people with disabilities; provide funding to networks and clubs at local level to expand the involvement and participation of people with disabilities in their activities; promote awareness, understanding, and implementation of the UNCRPD; support disability capacity building within local authorities. The Kerry PPN has partnered with KCC with regards to this funding stream and the 2019 PPN "Access for All" report was used extensively to support the funding application, the recommendations contained within the report may now have the opportunity to be embedded in KCC policy. This highlights the continued importance to keep bringing the recommendations contained within the "Access for All" consultation report to the attention of the committees that the PPN representatives sit on.

Issue paper developed in consultation with the PPN membership "Opportunities for Sustainable Economic and Community Development in County Kerry" This was presented to the Economic, Enterprise and Community Development SPC.

Training Links Programme: As outlined in previous correspondence to the PPN Secretariat representatives, the great training opportunity for community groups to prepare for 2022 with Strategic Planning and Financial Planning. It will give the groups the opportunity to plan and identify key areas that they may need to address, identify overall aims, goals and put an action plan in place for 2022. Also, with the Financial Planning, groups will have the opportunity to identify project/organisation financial commitments and identify funding and revenue streams to meet these commitments. Both courses delivered in December 2021.

It had been planned to have blended learning coming from 2 locations initially, Valentia Island Community Centre, one of the BCP (Broadband Connection Points) and Moyvane Community Centre. Valentia Island community centre has a capacity for 6 people to attend the training session and PPN Staff carried out a test run with the centres coordinator to ensure it works correctly. It is important the all the PPN Secretariat members encourage their membership to attend the training that is being delivered by the PPN. The Kerry PPN publicized all sessions through Eventbrite and recorded all the training sessions so that it could be available as a community resource and are available on the Kerry PPN YouTube Channel.

Sign language interpretation regarding messaging and being mindful of being socially inclusive. The Kerry PPN brought this to the attention of the Director of Services, and it has now been put in place.

PPN Rep at the Economic Development Enterprise & Community sought and achieved in ensuring proper governance and practice at this meeting where minutes previously were not up for approval.

Kildare

Kildare PPN continued to disseminate information to all member groups. Kildare PPN also had two representatives on the Covid-19 Community Response Forum.

Social Inclusion Week – 24 events promoting social inclusion in Kildare.

Following feedback from Kildare PPN members, the Secretariat members sent a request to the Kildare County Council Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety to extend the Public Consultation on the Speed Limit Review 2021. Following this request, the public consultation was extended for a further 3 weeks allowing our members further time to make their submissions.

PPN Representative has requested that the LCDC implement climate proofing policies in all programmes/grants that are administered. The suggested has been positively received and is being actively considered.

Kilkenny

Kilkenny PPN has been part of the Local Community Action and Social Isolation Sub Group of the Community Call within Kilkenny Local Authority. The group comprised of the CEO of Kilkenny LA, SEOs, DOS, other Agencies such as the HSE, Alone, An Garda Síochána, Age Friendly Alliance, Civil Defence, Kilkenny LEADER Partnership, GAA, Ring-a-link and others. Kilkenny PPN managed the Covid-19 Transportation Hub which coordinated the Voluntary Emergency Transport Services such as the Civil Defence, the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, the Army and the Gardaí in responding to the transport needs of the public.

Kilkenny PPN worked in collaboration with the Older Person's Council to manage and oversee the delivery of Age Friendly Acorn tablets to older members of our community who were socially isolated as per previous year 2020. The aim of the project was to work with older people to teach them how to use the Acorn tablet which is a communication tool. This was to mitigate social isolation and loneliness and help individuals to up skill and keep in contact with their loved ones, friends and family. Kilkenny PPN worked with the ETB and the FRCs to provide additional IT supports for the participants. Some of the tablets were assigned to residents of community and voluntary Nursing homes and Full Time Residential Care facilities.

Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism, Planning & Development: The Social Inclusion and Community & Voluntary Representative put forward a proposal for support for the development of a Braille Trail on the Abbey Quarter Site in Kilkenny. This proposal is a collaborative project by the National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI), Kilkenny PPN and the Kilkenny Access Group (the advocacy group for people with disabilities in Kilkenny). The proposal included wayfinding measures throughout the area; and the development of a Braille Trail on the dedicated pedestrian pavement. The Braille Trail is an innovative and world class access solution for people who are blind or visually impaired and would be the first of its kind in Ireland.

The proposal was supported and Kilkenny PPN, NCBI and Kilkenny Access Group have since been working with the Senior Engineer, Architects and team to incorporate the Braille trail into the site.

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Kilkenny PPN undertook a targeted media campaign in conjunction with Carlow PPN over a 3 month period to highlight the work and supports available to Community groups/ non for profits/social enterprises. This was channelled through KCLR96FM and led to a direct increase in membership.

Social inclusion Representative raised the issue that Disability Implementation plan within Kilkenny County Council had not been reviewed since its formulation in 2008. This was considered and the plan will be reviewed in 2022.

Kilkenny PPN in conjunction with Kilkenny Volunteer Centre undertook the very 1st Community and Voluntary Awards ceremony in Kilkenny which had two dedicated Covid-19 categories both individual and Group which showcased the level of volunteerism throughout Covid-19 and how many groups in Kilkenny City and County responded to the crisis. It also afforded an opportunity to celebrate and congratulate these organizations for the voluntary work they undertook over a 2 year period.

Kilkenny PPN in conjunction with Kilkenny LA and Kilkenny LEADER Partnership reviewed the Migrant Integration Strategy for Kilkenny and developed a Migrant Integration Steering group of which the PPN was tasked with electing 3 members from the Migrant Community.

Community and Voluntary and Social Inclusion Representatives asked that provision be made to cover insurance costs as part of the utility bill inclusion of the Community Enhancement Scheme for 2021 to offset/ mitigate additional financial burden on groups especially during Covid-19. The LCDC Administrator agreed that this could be included under the scheme as the scheme is broad and does not mention this as an exclusionary item.

Laois

Laois PPN played an integral role in the Covid-19 response in Laois. Laois PPN created an Interactive Map of its member groups that are offering supports to the vulnerable in Laois. There are 100 groups live on the map with a group available in every locality across the County. The Interactive Map received positive feedback from Councillors, Senior Management of Laois County Council and the public in Laois. It was available on both the Laois PPN and Laois County Council websites. The Map was shared with the Community Call Helpline. The Interactive Map was valuable resource in linking vulnerable people with a Community Group offering supports during the national lock down from Jan to April 2021. Laois PPN was part of the Community Response Forum from the beginning. Laois PPN was represented by PPN Secretariat Member & Community Champion and Resource Worker.

One of the 3 key functions of the PPN is Training and Capacity Building of its Member Groups. Laois PPN provided training and capacity building across all 3 Pillars and across all 3 MDs in Laois e.g. Grant Writing Tips & Tricks, Social Media Training, Crime Prevention Talks, Mental Health Talks, Environmental Workshops.

Community Groups premises especially Sports Clubs facilities were targeted by Criminal elements during the national lockdown from Jan to April 2021. Laois PPN organised a Crime Prevention Talk with An Garda Síochána to support Community Groups. This initiative received positive feedback from Sports Clubs across the County.

Covid-19 had a significant impact on people's mental health. Laois PPN organised number of number of mental health talks including Suicide Prevention Training Programme with HSE and 5 Ways to Wellbeing with Mental Health Ireland. Laois PPN in collaboration with Healthy Ireland, Laois County Council organised Laois Check In Cards. This initiative supported people who may be feeling isolated due to Covid-19. Laois PPN circulated over a 1,000 Laois Check Cards to PPN Member Groups. The initiative linked in vulnerable people who were feeling isolated with their local Community Group or the Community Call Helpline.

The issue of fraudulent phone/text scams was raised at a JPC Meeting. Outcome - Laois PPN organised a talk with the Gardaí Crime Prevention Officer for JPC Members. A separate talk was also provided to PPN Member Groups.

Gardening has physical and mental health benefits. Laois PPN organised a 4 week Spring Gardening workshop. Community Groups praised the initiative which was a positive outlet during the national lockdown, allowed participants to maximise their garden space and help them bond with children and grandchildren.

Laois PPN Rep requested that a booklet previously issued in 2018 be issued to Members of the Housing & Planning SPC detailing vacant dwellings and upcoming housing projects be issued on a periodic basis. Seconded by a Councillor. Outcome - LA agreed to action this.

Laois PPN organised Social Media training for PPN Member Groups. This allowed Groups to raise their profile while traditional means such as open days and school visits were not allowed.

One of the 3 key functions of the PPN is to serve as a information hub. Laois PPN provide regular updates to Member Groups on funding opportunities. Laois PPN worked in collaboration with the Sports Section of Laois County Council to provide information and support to clubs with their Sports Capital Grants applications. A record 55 sports clubs were successfully awarded Sports Capital Grants in Laois. This will benefit Sports Clubs and their local communities for years to come.

Laois PPN created an Interactive Map of Community Groups offering supports to the vulnerable during Covid19. 100 Community Groups offered supports. There was a group available to offer supports in every urban and rural community in the County. The Interactive Map was utilised by Laois County Council Community Helpline. The Interactive Map supported linked vulnerable people with supports when Ireland was locked down from Jan to April 2021. The benefits of the Interactive Map were highlighted by the Chief Executive, Councillors and vulnerable people in Laois.

Laois PPN were part of the Steering Group for We're Breastfeeding Friendly Laois. The aim was for Community Groups such as Sports Clubs and business to support breast feeding mothers. Laois became only to 2nd County to launch the initiative. Laois PPN approached Laois Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) who became the first County Board to support the initiative and O'Moore Park became the first GAA County Grounds to support the initiative. A large number of PPN Member Groups supported the initiative.

Laois PPN organised Grant Writing Tip & Tricks Workshops. Covid-19 impacted Community Groups ability to raise funds through traditional means such as Club lottos, raffles and gate collections. Demand was so high for the Grant Writing Tips and Tricks Workshop that a second date was added. There was an increase in the number of grant applications to Laois County Council.

Laois Connects coincides with World Mental Health Day. It is a Laois initiative that brings together Laois PPN, Laois County Council, HSE, Mental Health Ireland and other partners to promote good mental health and wellbeing. Due to the impact of Covid-19 for 2021 it was extended from a week long event to a month long event. Laois PPN organised 2 events - a Self Harm Support Talk with the HSE and Rory's Story Mental Health Talk. Rory O'Connor is a mental health advocate, best selling author, comedian and has over 1 million Social Media followers. There was a large attendance for this in person event with attendees of all ages and backgrounds praising the benefits of the talk.

With the easing of restrictions, Laois PPN organised a number of outdoor events such as Heritage Walks with the Laois Heritage Office. Community Groups in Laois welcomed the opportunity to network outdoors and learn about the rich heritage of Laois.

Laois PPN organised outdoor Environmental Events including foraging workshops. As we emerged from Covid-19 it allowed an opportunity for communities to reconnect with the natural world. Attendees benefited from learning about edible plants and berries and herbal remedies.

Phone and text scams became an issue during Covid-19. This matter was raised at a Laois JPC meeting. Laois PPN organised a talk with the Crime Prevention Officer for JPC Members, Councillors and PPN Member Groups.

Laois PPN in collaboration with Laois County Council, Healthy Ireland launched the Laois Check In Cards. This was circulated to vulnerable people in Laois through our large network of Member Groups. It allowed vulnerable people who may be feeling isolated during Covid-19 to link in with the Community Call Helpline or their local Community Group.

Laois PPN provided regular updates during Covid-19 to PPN Member Groups via Salesforce and social media.

Leitrim

Instrumental in circulating information in relation to Covid-19 interventions and supports.

Limerick

Question from LPPN Representative to SPC re effect of Covid-19 on the Arts and Culture in Limerick- Working group set up and funding for researcher approved.

Following the agenda item that was agreed in the LPPN Plenary meeting in December 2020, it was put forward to the full council meeting in March that standing orders for SPCs should include the following "in so far as practical meeting documentation should be circulated two days in advance of a meeting to allow sectoral representatives and opportunity to consult within their sector in relation to same. Lack of receipt of documentation by any member or members of the committee shall not affect the validity of the meeting". This was passed at full council meeting and standing orders for SPCs was adjusted. This was also included in LPPN's MOU with LCCC in 2021.

Community, Leisure and Culture SPC July 2021 Following a presentation detailing "Active Cities" Framework National initiative Sports Partnership stated the next step was to convene a Steering Group to drive the initiative. A LPPN Rep queried the mechanism in place for representation and participation of as many relevant groups and communities as possible. He was advised that Sports Partnership would be requesting a nominee from the PPN for this Steering group.

A PPN representative queried the University of Limerick's (UL) proposed goal to secure Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) status for lands near its campus. An SDZ status would enable the fast-track delivery of new residential and non-residential development. A development of a new town near the campus were labelled "an issue of concern" at a Limerick City and County Council strategic policy committee.

The proposed SDZ is a 200-acre plot at the Clare side of the campus. In the December SPC, the issue was returned to with a representative, speaking on behalf of the Limerick Public Participation Network (PPN), asked what impact the SDZ proposal would have on the “ongoing welfare of Limerick city centre.” “We believe that the development further removes the university from the life of the city, rather than moving the two together. It will inhibit and delay the welcome development of the city centre component of the university’s development”. A senior official in the Local Authority thanked the PPN for raising the issue, adding that it is an issue of concern for Limerick City and County Council, as well as city centre traders. A spokesperson for the University said UL remains committed to the city centre campus despite the SDZ proposal. The PPN representatives asked specific questions regarding whether UL’s goals are in line with the Limerick draft development plan 2022-2028 and if there has been any consultation or research to determine the effect of UL’s proposed development on Limerick City Centre. The PPN view and the issue itself made national news in an Irish Examiner Article.

Community, Leisure and Culture SPC - Following a suggestion by a PPN rep in an early 2021 SPC meeting an Autism Working Group was set up with the remit to look at ways of making Limerick more inclusive and autism friendly. The Draft Autism Working group reported back to the SPC with recommendations from their findings. The main one is that Limerick City and council be a pilot organisation in the development of an Autism friendly City and County and that Phase one will be in areas where LCCC intersect with the community directly such as Support services, Community tourism and culture, environmental and place-making. They will aim that as a pilot the agreed actions will be deliverable, meaningful and sustainable and they will collaborate with key stakeholders and seek expert advice where appropriate. An action plan has been put in place regarding the next steps.

Longford

PPN collaborated with all Irish Countrywomen’s Association (ICA) guilds in the county under the Keep Well Campaign funded by the Community Resilience Fund. All ICA members checked on people living on their own, made phone calls, send cards/ letters etc. A lot of ICA members are elderly and living on their own so this was a great way for them to get involved and combat the feeling of isolation.

Circulated information on Covid-19 to all members.

During Climate Action week in October 2021, Longford PPN screened Film 2040 with 100 members receiving the licence to watch the film in the comfort of their home. We also supported the launch of the Longford Local Environmental Network (LLEN). Presentations from the PPN Development Officer, LCC Senior Executive Engineer and Irish Environmental Network (IEN) Coordinator were well received at the launch resulting in an increased understanding of climate change throughout the network and enabling individuals joining LLEN.

Social Inclusion Longford PPN Development Officer and Longford FAI Development Officer worked on a collaboration that saw summer football camps rolled out for 15 children with autism. This was the first time an initiative like this was held in the country and the FAI plan to roll it out in other counties going forward. Since the first camp in August 2021 parents have completed FAI Safeguarding & Disability Awareness training. They also participated in a 5 week Autism programme in Edgeworthstown which involved parents assisting as coaches with the view of building a club in Longford that can implement a “Football for All” structure so community programmes like these become more sustainable. Because parents saw positive results, they were more opening to hearing how they can their voices heard at local government level through the PPN and how important it is to be part of the consultation process.

Set up a Minority Women's group in response to a need raised by the community. Funded a facilitator to work with the group. Women from new communities across the county were supported and information on various services was delivered over three phases. This was a community collaboration between the PPN, Longford Women's Link, Lus na Greine & Bridgeways Family Resource Centres (FRCs). 26 women participated.

The National Women's Strategy was omitted from the Appendix of relevant policy documents in the LECP guidelines – This was raised by the PPN Social Inclusion Rep at the LCDC and it was agreed that the strategy would be considered as part of future discussions on the LECP.

PPN Reps having difficulty adding items to SPC agendas. Reps told they could not put an item on the agenda as it had already been sent out so they asked to be informed before the next meeting agenda was circulated. This is now happening for this particular SPC and PPN Reps on other SPCs are following suit. Items on the agenda are included in the minutes so Reps can ask for updates under matters arising. It's one of the challenges of being a PPN rep, getting used to the ways of working and using them to our advantage. An example of an issue is the PPN Rep on the Infrastructural SPC wants to be included in the consultation of the new Homeless Action Plan. The draft minutes show she has the item on the agenda so now it's a question of keeping it on the agenda.

Supported the Disability Network members.

PPN Disability Rep on the Infrastructural SPC continues to raise the issue of putting documents/booklets/presentations together (including the cost) with no colour contrast for people who are visually impaired such as using light blue or light salmon colour on a white background which is impossible to read. Also printing on a glossy paper causes glares. She has been advised that the guidelines are being met but she continues to advocate. To date issue has not been resolved.

PPN Reps on the LCDC asked about the creation of a Library of Tools - during discussion, the possibility of creating a Social Enterprise focused on training was raised as a beneficial option/inclusion. It was suggested at the LCDC meeting that the PPN Secretariat could apply for funding to conduct a feasibility study. The LCDC was advised this is not possible due to the current capacity limitations of the PPN.

Longford PPN was the first PPN in the country to get involved and sponsor the Graduate programme. The Graduate programme is a government, local government and EU funded citizenship and democracy programme for secondary school students in Ireland. The programme mission is to engage, inform and inspire young people as they participate in an on-line education programme which is basically a weekly quiz and it is focused on a target audience of over 360,000 second level students. The prize for winning students was the opportunity to experience how European democracy works by visiting Brussels, Luxembourg and one full day at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Throughout the programme all students got to learn about various topics like financial literacy, democracy & participation, environment & waste, sustainability, climate change, health & wellbeing, rights & welfare, regulations & telecommunications, entrepreneurship, careers, and courses. There was great discussion in schools about the PPN and great feedback from teachers, students and parents.

The PPN Environmental Rep on the LCDC asked about over-sight and accountability for rewarded funding, specifically that for Remote Working Hubs. She was advised there is no current over-sight for certain Remote Working Hub funding streams. This is quite concerning as people seem to be able to set up a hub (probably without a feasibility study), and apply repeatedly for funding for a hub that may not be needed, is unfit for purpose, and is exclusionary for financial and/or physical reasons. No action taken yet.

Louth

Louth PPN played a key role in Covid-19 Communications with members of the public: provision of ongoing Covid-19 updates and important information from key stakeholders on health, funding, training, webinars, supports, advice and much more through our weekly newsletter the Friday Communiqué and our social media platforms; Covid-19 specific web page on our PPN website; free use of a licensed PPN Zoom account for PPN Members in order to keep them connected and facilitate meetings; Preparation and delivery of 'PPN Covid-19 Support Packs' containing vital items including facemasks, gloves, hand-sanitiser, disinfectant and information posters to PPN Members to assist them in re-opening their services after lock-down. Details of funding grants to help with Covid response and protection in groups given out to our members through our weekly Communiqué.

PPN Reps on the LCDC are heavily involved within the committee having valid input and assisting in approvals of grants.

Louth PPN played a key role in the delivery of the Super Connectors inter-generational programme aiming to encourage older people to embrace and learn digital technology with younger people committing to teach them. As part of this programme, the PPN ran a Super Connectors competition inviting members of the public to submit photos of them connecting with a loved one using FaceTime, skype, zoom or other means with all entries included in a draw to win a 'shop local' voucher.

Mayo

Mayo PPN held online Community Workshops: The workshops included break-out rooms where community groups got an opportunity to meet and connect online with groups in their respective areas. In this facilitated event, groups were invited to explore and look at tips on how to work together and share resources online due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. How groups could seek support, network and share ideas. Advice on the benefit of community groups working together on funding opportunities for their communities.

The spotlight was on Ballina on November 12-13th 2021 when Mayo PPN in collaboration with the Climate Action Office, Mayo Co Council marked the end of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP 26 in Glasgow with two days of talks, workshops, demonstrations and walks around Ballina. The event brought together events for youth, community groups, individuals and businesses. This was a space for Mayo communities to learn from each other on how to reduce their carbon footprint and to identify supports and funding opportunities that are available.

The Head of Each Municipal District were invited to speak at each MD workshop on how they can support community groups during the Pandemic.

A Rep on a Strategic Policy Committee was part of a subcommittee to review a policy. Recommendations were brought forward to the committee on the policy. The subcommittee were informed, their recommendations are pending on Co Council and Councillors approval. The PPN Rep raised a query as to why they are on committees if their decision can be over-ridden by the Councillors. This issue is to be raised by the Secretariat NAG rep at a National Secretariat Meeting.

Mayo PPN supported 'OutWest Social Inclusion Educational Webinar'. OutWest is a voluntary social, support and advocacy group for LGBT+ people in the West of Ireland. As well as doing advocacy and awareness work, including educational sessions, to benefit the LGBT+ community, both in Connacht and on a national level. The group aims to organise social outings and events several times a year in various venues in the West of Ireland, as well as doing advocacy and awareness work, including educational sessions, to benefit the LGBT+ community, both in Connacht and on a national level. OutWest was one of the founding members of the National LGBT Helpline, as well as Mayo Pride which has taken place every year since 2017. More recently, the group has opened a Drop-In Centre for LGBT+ people in Castlebar, Mayo.

This serves as a safe social space to give LGBT+ people an opportunity to meet together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and to discuss group events and LGBT+ issues. New faces appear regularly and are always welcome. Mayo PPN were delighted to support the OutWest webinar, a large attendance was present, and the feedback was both positive and educational.

Mayo PPN Community Virtual Open Day - Oct 2021. This Social Inclusion Event was called 'Connecting communities while staying apart'. This was a continuation of the Municipal District meetings Mayo PPN held earlier in June 2021 and was open to full Plenary members. This was an opportunity for groups to connect with other organisations in their area. It looked at community assets, supports and solutions for community groups. This event provided groups with a toolkit to crowd source information about their locality and look at tips on how to work together with other organisations in their area. The aim is to develop an interactive PPN Community Map that will list all community groups registered with Mayo PPN. The map will list groups facilities and resources in each of the Municipal Districts. This initiative was part of Mayo Social Inclusion Week.

Highlighted the on-line events taking place in Mayo communities and raised awareness of workshops and training run by other stakeholders especially in relation to Covid-19 activities.

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The map will list groups' facilities and resources in each of the Municipal Districts. This initiative was included as part of Mayo Social Inclusion Week.

Mayo PPN delivered a suit of FREE online training and workshops for PPN Community Groups. A Wellbeing element along with a slot on staying safe in your community was included in all PPN workshops at MD meetings, Friday Features – showcasing Community Groups events and activities during the pandemic.

PPN presentation to Men's Shed on PPN training and the benefits of the Men's Shed group availing of PPN training with a view to increase the membership and going online.

Meath

The Meath Community Support Network was maintained into 2021.

First developed in March 2020, the PPN worked with community groups to develop and promote a local support network across Meath. The network was built upon member groups with local knowledge and provided assurance to communities that local supports were available if required. The Meath PPN provided sanitary supplies as a protective measure to groups active in community support activities.

With ongoing restrictions in place during the pandemic, the Meath PPN utilised Zoom for online meetings (such the Social Inclusion network) and training sessions to maintain links and contact within the network.

The Meath PPN delivered a full programme of training events to members in the first half of 2021. Training ranged from funding & finance, social media, facilitation and advocacy skills to strategic planning and GDPR. Training was delivered online as a means of building group capacities during the status period of Covid-19 restrictions.

The Meath PPN functioned as communication link to communities across the county. Regular bi-monthly newsletters shared useful resources, programme and consultation notifications and events to network members. Ongoing health guidance was incorporated into communications along with practical advice from health authorities.

The PPN developed its role as an independent resource to support and coordinate local community action. As a central and common structure, the PPN supported a move away from fragmented community actions to a cohesive whole. The Covid-19 community campaign illustrates this impact.

Over the course of 2021, public health guidance changed from central, legislative direction to individual responsibility and risk management. The Meath PPN delivered a Ready and Able to Reopen training workshop with Carmichael to help groups to plan a safe return to activity, manage the risks around Covid-19 and safely meet the needs of communities to meet and work together after a long period of isolation and limited contact. Circulation of guidance from central government and agencies was also beneficial.

During the stasis period imposed by the pandemic, the Meath PPN thus maintained its function as a communication channel to communities in Meath through direct group member contact and open publication of information on its website. Meath Community Covid Response Network: <https://www.meathppn.ie/meath-community-response-to-covid-19/>

The map of available community supports was maintained during 2021. Publication on the PPN website and promotion to the network provided a visible structure to communities and provided assurance that local supports were available.

As part of the process to meet the mandatory governance requirements contained in the 2020 Handbook, the Meath PPN consulted its membership to develop a governance & principles framework as a base for governance development within the network.

Meath PPN maintained a frequently updated newsfeed blog during 2021. Items of interest to member groups and communities were published with posts ranging from funding programme updates, consultations, member events, general event and programme notifications in addition to pandemic health guidance over the course of the year. Items published on the website were incorporated into mass newsletters to member group contacts through Salesforce database list email function.

In Q4, the Meath PPN undertook a re-registration of its members. PPN membership was de-coupled from local authority grants administration prior to re-registration. A strong response was received with the value of the communication and networking functions and potential within the network and policy model cited by members. Following re-registration, Meath PPN maintained a diverse membership, reflective of communities across the county.

The need for greater input from community & voluntary organisations into strategies such as the National Volunteering Strategy was raised at Meath SPC & full Council with correspondence sent to and received from the Minister of State for Community Development and Charities.

Impact of insurance costs on community groups was raised by Reps through Meath County Council SPC & full Council. Correspondence on the issue sent to and received from the Minister of State for Community Development and Charities, Minister of State for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance & the Department of Finance.

The Impact of the Charities Governance Code on small community groups was raised through Meath SPC & full Council, with correspondence sent to and received from the Minister of State for Community Development and Charities.

Over the course of 2021, the desire for a return to normal activities was tempered by the evolution of the Covid-19 risk. The expectation of a full release of restrictions in early autumn was impacted by the prevalence of the Omicron variant. The Meath PPN ran a dedicated workshop with Carmichael to support groups to safely manage risk and plan for a return to activities when feasible. Guidance and advice was of practical benefit to member groups as the pandemic response changed to a matter of individual judgement and assessment.

Monaghan

Conducted Back to Business Plan for groups to get back to normal organisational business after Covid-19.

In 2020 the PPN carried out a survey amongst its members asking who was doing what and where to support their local people during Covid-19. The responses were used by staff on the Community Call Helpline in 2021 when assigning calls on the Helpline.

LCDC & LAG: To bring reps and Leader team together to find solution to the lack of engagement from PPN groups to apply for Leader funding. The outcome was that the Community Development Officer (CDO) ran Project Development Clinics for groups that had an idea or application for funding and helped further develop & progress the application. The PPN Resource Worker made appointments with the CDO and groups and several projects were developed for Leader funding.

MPPN Rep suggested that Sustainable Tourism was placed on the agenda as it was seen that sustainable tourism initiatives should demonstrate that they are in line with climate and biodiversity policies at EU & National Level. Outcome: LA are awaiting climate action guidelines from Dept. of Environment and updated members that MCC have received a target of 48.56% for reduction in energy consumption over a target of 33%.

Lets Talk Climate Action consultations with the PPN contributed to MCC's Climate Adaptation Strategy which will have an impact on our community.

MPPN provided Strategic Plan training for our groups to enable them to produce a Strategic Plan for their own community group which they can use for funding applications etc.

In 2021 MPPN carried out a focus groups session with PPN reps on the Peace Plus Programme. The feedback from the workshop were compiled under the themes from our Wellbeing Statement and corresponded to the structure of the consultation document, representing a position of consensus of our members. If the information provided in the submission is implemented, this will have a fantastic impact on our community groups and achieve a key deliverable.

Offaly

Offaly PPN Resource Worker met with groups/group members on a one to one basis at outdoor venues and walk & Talk opportunities. Regular phone calls with groups to ensure engagement.

Secretariat presented to Director of Services on the need for greater understanding among Council staff and Councillors of the role of the PPN Agreement reached to provide Induction to new reps and also to all SPC members and to encourage participation on the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT)/ Social Justice Ireland (SJI) Training.

Just transition Biodiversity Consultation via LCDC Environmental Rep to the Climate Change SPC. Agreement reached to Consult with Key Staff from all Sections of the County Council.

The PPN Linkage Group: Offaly Disability Equality Network meet on a monthly basis with staff from Offaly Co. Co. to look at ways to address concerns of People with Disabilities in the County. This includes Area Engineers, Planners and Housing technical staff alongside the Community team.

Social Inclusion reps brought an Outdoor Recreation proposal for Trishaws to afford people with mobility challenges an opportunity to access the Blue/ Green ways – Deferred for Planning permission.

The PPN sits on the Community Response Team with the Council and all other Key Agencies as an integral element of the process. The PPN is the direct link with the Community sector and can bring key knowledge and information to the table in terms of Gaps or areas that are key in terms of actions.

Roscommon

Roscommon PPN was a member of the Covid-19 Response Forum.

The Secretariat has proposed online training for virtual meetings for our groups during Covid-19.

Sligo

Continued collaboration with community forum. Ongoing management of member groups in the emergency response forum. Support to centres and organisations for re-opening information. Coordination of PPN to member groups.

Our work in sourcing and promoting funding opportunities allowed a range of groups to access financial support that they would otherwise have been unaware of.

Our suite of training and information sessions delivered in direct response to the community needs analysis has supported many groups to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and expand their work to deliver much needed supports to community members.

The one moment that I can think of that felt influential in some ways was during the Social Inclusion & SICAP Monitoring Subcommittee/ Pobal's Annual Engagement meeting in October. During the facilitated discussion on local and national SICAP priorities for 2022/23 I mentioned that I was surprised not to see climate justice or a just transition mentioned anywhere. There was no mention of environmental issues at all. Many SICAP target groups are particularly vulnerable in terms of being affected by the climate crisis.

Like so often, although I felt I was adding some enlightenment to the committee, it was also one of those very sobering moments where I had to realise yet again how little consideration environmental issues receive and how important it is to mention them. The facilitator from Pobal acknowledged the contribution as a very interesting one and also said that it hadn't been mentioned in any other subcommittee before. Also LEADER and Council staff picked it up acknowledging it as a good point with LEADER/SICAP staff asking if we could have a separate meeting on this to see how SICAP programmes could act on this need in the future.

The PPN LCDC reps made significant recommendations to the development of the Sligo LECP and Vision 2030 and many of these contributions and submissions have been taken on board and substantial changes were made to the consultation questions and the draft documents since the PPN reps saw the first draft.

Sligo PPN reps on SPC1 have helped to amend the way the committee is organized on an annual basis from the inclusion of an annual priority agenda list to an extended period for receipt of agenda and call for submission of items. This is all working to facilitate them to now put in place steps to ensure the broader community can feed into the decision making process.

South Dublin

'Training week' is an annual online event held by the PPN - we spend 3 evenings delivering training to all our member groups. In 2021 the focus was on managing Social Media, Fundraising and Governance. These topics are generated by the groups themselves by way of a survey. This provides real benefits to the groups as they are getting the training that they are really interested and it allows the PPN to better understand the needs of member groups within the county.

We participated in the Covid-19 community call on SDCC. We pivoted our training programmes to target struggling groups in order to help keep them running. The main aim of all groups in 2021 was to get through the pandemic in a functional manner, our support complimented those aims.

Our JPC reps are very interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme that would link various neighbourhoods across the county to better inform policing within the community. They have been raising the issue on an ongoing basis.

SDCPPN made a detailed contribution to the county development plan. There was an open call for submissions to our groups under a thematic format and this allowed groups to come together as a collective voice. The CEO noted our submission and hopefully this has informed the shape of the development plan itself.

The PPN is a partner with 'Stepping Stones Forests' - which has directly planted over 10 mini forests in schools throughout the county. This has given schools, volunteers and kids a better understanding of the environment around them and also of the work that the PPN does in the environmental college.

Our Sports partnership reps are very interested in the idea of multi generational fitness. They are working with the sports partnership to deliver exercise programmes to parents who are dropping their children off to training. Instead of dropping them off and leaving, the parents get involved themselves on the sidelines. This initiative comes directly from our reps.

The PPN has been heavily involved in the LGBT network which is a partnership between SDCC, PPN & external groups. We have successfully increased the profile of LGBT issues in the LA and have recently had our first 'Rainbow Crossing' installed by the LA. For pride 2022, we will have park benches painted in LGBT colours following extensive lobbying by the PPN.

The Housing Rep from Social Inclusion has been mandated to bring up issues around Traveller Housing in SDCC. So far, they have highlighted many issues with the current TAP programme. Ethnic identifiers are not used in housing applications as was also recommended by the Traveller orgs so it is highly probable that the targets are an under representation of the needs. This is crucial advocacy work - and whilst a slow process, it is important to highlight.

One rep at the local Primary Care Centre Board (APCC) has brought forward a novel solution to the APCC board, by introducing the concept of a virtual tour of the facility where members of the public could get to see what the new facility looked like. This was at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic when people were restricted in movement. The APCC were pleased with the suggestion as it wasn't something they had considered themselves.

Tipperary

County Community Response Forum - this forum continued to meet actively from 2020 into the first quarter of 2021. The need for the forum was downgraded before the new coordinator came on board and so they were only involved in quarterly check-ins.

South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDATF)- The rep works closely with the other four counties PPN community Reps on this forum. In 2021, the reps proposed that, to progress the SERDATF strategic plan that was flagging, a subcommittee structure needed to be set up with members of SERDATF, relevant workers in the field & people with lived experience. These subgroups needed to work co-productively & their terms of references needed to reflect that. The Tipperary PPN rep (only the south of the county is involved in the South East region task force unfortunately) now is the chair of the Education & Prevention sub group and regularly informs the full SERDATF board of the progress of any actions relevant to that sub-group.

Environment & Climate Action SPC Rep - There have been huge timely moves in 2021 around this board. One particular rep has been very active and working with the PPN coordinator to create an operational collective of all the registered Environment Pillar groups. These started to meet quarterly in 2021 with the county council staff being invited to attend to discuss issues and inform the groups of the work undertaken in this section. They then offered to fund each Environmental Pillar meeting up to €100 per quarterly meeting. This has resulted in a Community Rep item now added on to the SPC agenda.

Also, the dates of the Environmental Pillar meetings are deliberately made to precede the SPC meeting date. This ensures that the points to be made by the PPN groups are current and fast to reach the agenda of the SPC. Such issues as the urgent training around hedgerow cutting for council staff and the need to cease using chemical herbicides have been strongly noted by the SPC members and actions on both are now in motion. All four Environmental & Climate Action SPC reps have attended the Pillar meetings. Now there is a process of recording issues identified at the Environmental Pillar meeting that are to be brought to the next SPC meeting. It is the reps themselves that note the minutes, not the PPN staff, making it a capacity building and empowering exercise.

Healthy Tipperary training – A suite of Digital wellbeing & competencies trainings was developed directly due to the pandemic. It consisted of: Video Creation, Facebook for Beginners (a particularly strong training, which was run twice, due to the Covid-19 induced online presence required for group survival), Human Resources, Finance for Community Groups, Setting Up a Company (Charitable Status), Restore, Renew, Revive (a personal development empowering course). The training was open to all PPN member groups with the aim to support skills building, governance and mental resilience in the challenges of early 2021. All trainings were well attended and the groups that engaged enhanced the capacity of their groups to survive the Covid-19 restrictions and remain together.

The PPN also hosted two webinars around the River Basin Management Plan public consultation, collaborating with LAWPRO, the county council water improvement section. This was a great opportunity for all PPN member groups, but particularly, the Environmental pillar to be consulted and be part of such a relevant submission process. Support Document for participating in public consultations through the consultation processes held by the PPN, it was decided that Tipperary PPN could produce a document to support its members.

A submission guide to support member groups to engage actively & confidently in consultations and increase the number of groups that may then choose to participate and get their views heard was produced and disseminated to all members.

Five MD meetings were held in the autumn of 2021 in person, to begin the re-engagement and re-activation of member groups in their own MDs so that they could meet, get PPN information and start to emerge from the Covid-19 created isolation. All five evaluated very positively and there are now plans for 2022 to create MD subgroups to continue to plan networking meetings and any other relevant reasons, such as, public consultations.

County Roma Health Project Steering Group – the PPN coordinator is a member of this steering group. It has a strong community development focus and although, initially to identify Roma in the county and ensure they have basic services and health requirements, the PPN supports the group to keep the focus also on growing the Roma voice & creating Roma support groups that then can become members of the PPN in the future. This has resulted in a draft strategic plan with an action around creating safe spaces to strengthen Roma participation in decision-making.

Webinar Hosting - The PPN hosted two webinars as part of the draft County Development Plan (CDP) consultation process, collaborating closely with the Planning section of Tipperary County Council. These were well attended & allowed participants of the webinars from PPN member groups to fully understand the submission process, how to make a submission and what stage the draft plan was at. This led to more focussed submissions and, also, an awareness of how the PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing was being taken as the community position for a healthy & vibrant county.

One of the three PPN reps on the board worked with the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) coordinator to bring a national CYPSC directive into force. This was that a Family Resource Centre (FRC) seat can be activated on every county CYPSC. The result is that now there is an FRC seat and the nomination for this goes through the PPN, thus, increasing the 3 seats to 4 for the PPN member groups.

Waterford

Closely involved with the successful launch of the Community Safety Programme – coordinating PPN representation (11 reps); ensuring PPN rep Vice Chair; coordinated agenda setting and agreed positions. This bodes well for PPN role in the CSP in Waterford and across Ireland after the Pilot phase.

LCDC reps argued successfully for greater PPN representation/engagement in Sláintecare.

We have developed close links with the new Waterford Volunteer Centre, this will benefit Waterford and enhances the Network.

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) reps have raised several issues – outside CSP formal meetings on issues relevant to PPN groups (e.g. disabled parking spaces, dredging channels, etc); not earth shattering but key for community groups to see that their reps are working for them; - CSP Coordinator – action taken.

The PPN role in the Community Response team has been significant; the PPN's communication channels have been the main conduit during the pandemic.

During the early part of Covid 19, Waterford City and County Council, Waterford Libraries, Waterford Wexford Education Training Board, Waterford PPN, Waterford Area Partnership and the Waterford Older People's Council, the HSE and the Disability Federation of Ireland worked together to find a solution to improve digital literacy in the community by training people in using their mobile phones, tablets and technology. Waterford PPN carried out surveys to identify support and training needs.

As in 2020, Covid-19 knocked everyone including the PPN off course somewhat but we managed to stick to our 2021 work plan except that we didn't have an awards ceremony and didn't get as far as we thought with our Strategic Plan. We continued to contribute to the Covid-19 Waterford Community Response Forum. Apart from our involvement in the Forum we have continued to act as the channel of communication for our 760+ member groups. Waterford PPN played a key part in collaborating on sub group of the CRF to tackle Digital Exclusion in Waterford where we designed, built and distributed a survey.

Submission to the Metropolitan Transport Plan pressing for wider coverage of the remit to include cycling Plan, links to County, legislating e-scooters etc, pedestrian safety; bus services etc – Transport For Ireland (TFI) – awaiting response.

Westmeath

We held a Capacity Building & Reopening post Covid-19 Webinar.

Westmeath PPN received 56 submissions from members groups to Mullingar/Kinnegad Municipal district for 2021 Budgets. These submissions were categorised into 8 main themes as follows: Access/facilities, Covid-19 related, Environment, Footpaths/pavements, public lighting, public places and other. The results of the submissions were as follows: Acted on /Completed 28, Referred 15, Deferred due to Budgetary constraints 1, Other 4.

We provided Digital Skills training to allow members to partake in virtual meetings.

WPPN encouraged and gained involvement from community in relation to consultation on development of the Blackhall Site in Mullingar.

The Community Response helpline was covered by PPN staff (7days a month).

WPPN influenced the decision to make two of the community grants available to community & voluntary groups for day to day running expenses, in a year in which they could not do normal fundraising.

The PPN was a key distribution point for accurate and timely Covid-19 information.

A training survey was sent to all members to establish what training was needed to support the communities.

Westmeath PPN received 44 submissions from the members groups to the Athlone/Moate Municipal District for 2021 Budget. These submissions were categorised into 6 main themes as follows: Environment, Road Safety, Footpaths/Pavements, Green Spaces, Access and other. The results of the submission were as follows: 30 Acted upon/ Completed 30, Delayed due to Budgetary Constraints in 2021 7, Referrals 4.

WPPN was on and administered the Covid-19 Community Response Forum.

Westmeath PPN were invited to have 2 representatives on the Columb Barracks LDA committee. A representative has been present at 3 LDA Advisory Committee meetings and Westmeath PPN held 7 subcommittee meetings in relation to the consultation and development of Columb Barracks. This consultation and PPN subcommittee are still ongoing.

Wexford

We continued to support the Covid-19 Community Call and gave regular updates of information bulletins to all members when staff in situ.

Wicklow

Wicklow Community Response Forum (WCRF) – A WCC committee set up to coordinate the county response to the Covid-19 health crisis, actively participated in fortnightly online meetings to highlight community issues/concerns as well as share information & support.

A Community Cultural & Social Development SPC made a proposal that the government should aid community groups, with large outgoings, to meet their financial commitments during the lockdown period of the pandemic. The outcome was that it was discussed and initiated. Influence was applied and groups were aided.

WCRF Staying Connected & Managing Your Mood Sub-group was set up as part of the Keep Well Campaign to coordinate, communicate, publicise and support local initiatives set up to promote & facilitate community wellbeing & resilience in accordance with the national Keep Well – Growing Our Resilience Campaign.

Joint Policing Committee Proposal: Raised the issue of Domestic Abuse and Anti-Social behaviour. 2. Along with local councillors stressed the need for community Gardai, who's low numbers are seen as a big problem in Co. Wicklow. Outcome: 1. This item was taken on board as a priority particularly during Covid; 2. Informed that all Gardai are community Gardai, but hopefully numbers will improve. However, the matter has been highlighted many times since in local press.

The community engagement (through the PPN) and regular workshops and speaking events equips communities with the confidence and platform to engage positively with Local Authority. The PPN has played significant role in encouraging more people to get involved / engaged in their local community The PPN did a great job of supporting people to come together through online opportunities during the pandemic.

The Community Climate Action Programme: Climate Education, Capacity Building and Learning by Doing (Strand 2) significant funding stream was announced mid November. A meeting of PPN Environmental & Social Inclusion Reps was held to explore the possibility of collaborating with other counties and organisations in developing an application for this. Since then our PPN facilitated conversations & meetings have taken place with PPNs, Local Authorities, Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) and SEC Mentors in Kildare and Meath as well as possible lead organisations including IEN, Three Energy, National University of Ireland (NUI), Maynooth, and Irish Rural Link. There is interest in progressing an application for funding to support SECs in counties Wicklow, Kildare and Meath to progress past the development of their Energy Plans to implementation stage. Irish Rural Link has agreed to take the lead role in the funding application.

We Collaborated in developing a Staying Connected and Minding Your Mood Webinar to showcase how some groups are staying connected and looking after their members during lockdown and to signpost groups to useful resources. Through the CRF Staying Connected & Managing Your Mood Sub-group, we supported Wicklow Travellers Group to access funding from the Keep Well Programme for actions including a day of memory for those who passed due to Covid-19 as well as activities that will re-connect people through positive ageing & inclusion activities.

During Covid-19, because of links established through the JPC, our community benefited greatly with Gardaí and volunteers liaising to look after elderly and vulnerable members of our community. Also, when particular problems or areas are brought to the Gardaí's attention by PPN members, as was the case with a (local) drugs den, the benefit to the community was instant, with the reduction of drugs available.

Community Call: PPN Resource Worker presented the role and learnings of Wicklow PPN and the PPNs nationally at the Dept. Rural & Community Development webinar, Community Call: Learning for the Future. Over 300 delegates attended representing, national government, local government, PPNs, and community & statutory agencies.

The Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC made a number of proposals: Tree Management Policy overhaul and 3 rounds of submissions; the use of LEDs overhaul; 3. Appeal, Powerpoint for protection of hillfort sites, 4. Request presentation on management of waters, 5. Request protection of biodiversity of mature trees and hedgerow corridors with the following outcomes: 1. Published 2. under consideration 3. Under consideration 4. Given 5. Ongoing, separate Policy for Management of Hedgerows now agreed in part.

Children & Young Peoples Services Committee Proposal: An idea for a peer led educational programme for young people. Outcome: A proposal is being worked on and the committee hopes to apply for funding for it when it becomes available.

The PPN is constantly informing community groups about upcoming funding opportunities. It is also constantly providing access to training modules for communities on governance, funding applications, ways to approach Local Authorities and government bodies etc.

Appendix 4

Views on Representation/Consultation/ Consultation Examples

Carlow

PPN Reps still have a difficult time when trying to exercise their role as a representative. This is mainly due to a delay on information coming through from the SPC Chairs, (Agendas & Minutes). Also, there is a lack of understanding in the language that is used at these meetings (for Reps), so training needed. The Elected Representative also need to better understand the role of the PPN and the role of the reps, for future success. To increase the use of the Carlow PPN Consultation Toolkit. It has many useful tips and tools for effective consultation. Also, advocacy training is required.

Cavan

More inclusive activity in the process.

Clare

Reps experiences vary quite broadly across committees. While some feel very supported by the local authority in their role, others feel that their contributions and submissions are rarely reflected in policy. Some reps have been successful in suggesting initiatives to their committee while many others feel that the committees they sit on do not influence decision-making but rather the time is taken up with presentations, informing the committee of what is already decided rather than inviting input. Reps find it difficult to see what actual actions come out of committees have asked for a Statement of Outcomes at the end of each meeting. Some reps feel as though they are not seen as an asset but rather viewed as a hindrance or 'watchdog'.

Overall there is a sense of disillusionment which translates into difficulty in recruiting reps and a majority of elections being uncontested. Reps who took part in the Creating Capable Communities training found it very beneficial and feel that more stakeholders should take part in order to raise the profile and understanding of PPNs.

Clare PPN puts huge effort into submissions, from holding consultations, engaging with experts (including our reps and member group) to drafting and circulating prior to submitting. Currently it is difficult to ascertain how submissions are handled, evaluated and weighted once received by the local authority or other consultative body. A development of a framework by which consultations are evaluated and feedback provided would be beneficial and would offer transparency and facilitate improvements to subsequent submissions. The Government's online consultation portal still seems to be at beta stage, the filters are inadequate, and it is poorly populated. Clare PPN suggests that the portal be brought up to an acceptable standard and that all Local Authorities and Government Department are directed to post their consultations there in a timely manner.

Cork County

Consultation bodies organise dedicated PPN consultation events where PPN input is gathered.

Donegal

Training needed for Committee Chairpersons/ Changes needed within SPC Structures. Longer Timeframes needed.

Dublin City

Dublin City PPN has a good working relationship with Dublin City Council. In particular, with the LCDC, the Integration Officer, and the Walking and Cycling working group. At present, the PPN is sent information to disseminate to the wider PPN on an ad hoc basis. If possible, it would be beneficial to the network if the PPN could be sent information about consultations with plenty of time to plan them into other core work, such as linkage group meetings already planned or other activities. In this way, the consultation might be more integrated into other PPN work, and less jarring for people to contextualise and incorporate into their already filled diaries. Local Authorities might like to share the PPNs workplan with all departments, so that planning is possible, or else perhaps more departments would like to come to already planned meetings and PPN events.

Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown

Based on our experience, we would like to suggest the following, the term 'Wellbeing' is often interpreted by participants in the context of mental health solely. This makes for a difficult and sometimes confusing sell, as people are not willing to participate in something that they do not understand or can not identify with. It is a very large project - planning the process, collecting and collating data is time consuming, for which adequate and real resources are needed. Unfortunately, we found that resources that were put at the disposal of PPNs before the pandemic were no longer in place during the pandemic. This put all the burden of the project in its online version (due to the restrictions imposed by the Government) solely on the DLR PPN Secretariat and staff. We need to underline that the value of this project is in the data collected, not in the end statement. A specific system of archiving the data collected should have been developed and the same system used by all PPNs to ensure uniformity in the process.

Fingal

Consultation process should start before issuing a call for submissions. Consultations should use appropriate language to ensure that it is easily understood by all.

Galway City

PPN representatives report frustration in relation to their lack of impact on policy formation, development and monitoring. Despite the SPC's function which is to 'assist the council through the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy' SPC reps are given little opportunity to engage in policy formation, development, monitoring and review. This resulted in the withdrawal of participation of reps on the Transport and Planning SPCs in October 2020. A mediation process was undertaken between GCCN and GCC to address some of these issues however the outcomes of the process have not been implemented since the ending of the mediation process in June 2021. The majority of the time of SPCs are taken up with presentations with little time for discussion focused on policy. Some reps have been successful at proposing motions which have then been taken forward to full Council meetings to be voted on. In other instances, proposals/motions which have been agreed at the SPC are not brought forward to full council meetings.

GCCN member organisations regularly feedback that, though significant amounts of times are devoted to developing evidence-based responses to consultations, these are rarely included or reflected in the final drafts. Consultation could be improved by engaging more meaningfully at earlier stages of the process when the policy can be influenced. Public consultations tend to give equal weight to individual submissions, that may be based on individual opinion, and collective responses based on thought-out positions. We believe this would be improved by giving submissions from organisations and networks such as GCCN additional weight and consideration. In addition, insufficient notice or time is often given to allow for GCCN and members to follow any type of meaningful consultation or engagement in the process.

'Guidelines for Successful Community Engagement' that reflect the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DEPR) guidelines on consultation were produced by GCCN and it would be helpful if they were followed. This would include holding consultations in geographical areas outside the city centre, making consultations more accessible, engaging with groups who are directly affected by the decision making process and looking at alternative and more interactive methods of consultation. In order to avoid tokenism, and ensure participation is meaningful, the concept of feedback has been introduced into participatory practices for children and young people. This concept is well developed in Policy at a National Level (National Framework for Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making, 2021). This is drawn from the work of Laura Lundy (2007, 2019) who recommends a four 'Fs' feedback process for consultations or collective decision-making processes with children and young people. These are:

Full: Provide comprehensive feedback to children and young people outlining which of their views were accepted, which were not accepted and the reasons for these decisions. This feedback should also note who is implementing their views and what is happening next;

Friendly: Feedback or responses given by decision-makers to children or young people need to be in a format and language they understand. They need to be informed about the findings of a consultation or survey and about how their views were given due weight;

Fast: Children and young people quickly grow up and move on from things they are involved with, so decision-makers need to give them feedback acknowledging their contribution, outlining initial progress and giving information on next steps as soon as possible. This applies to all key stages and developments;

Followed-up: Decision-makers need to provide ongoing feedback and information to children and young people throughout the policy- or decision-making processes.

If public participation processes are to ensure accountability, manage realistic expectations, avoid tokenism and consultation fatigue, while supporting meaningful engagement this aspect of participation needs integration into practice. This is something that is at an early stage of consideration in the Scottish National Standards for Community Engagement where ongoing communication was seen to be a vital part of the processes, however the youth guidelines provide an example of how accountability and transparency can be enhanced through the specific focus on decision making processes and rationale.

Galway County

Information on consultations should be sent out in a timely manner to ensure PPN members have sufficient time to engage.

Kerry

That linking in with the PPN is embedded in policy, all departments are informed and educated with regards to PPNs. It's never ending and exhausting having to explain on a constant basis, what the PPNs are. DRCD could really support this direction to the LAs. Presently the connection is more of a tick box exercise and very hit and miss, depending on who and what you are connecting with rather than to do with PPNs. It needs to be real and authentic collaboration and partnership to enable effective long-term change and effectiveness.

Kildare

Generally good. The LA control the process & little PPN representation welcome. The challenge is getting the PPN reps on the committee to collaborate. If collaboration amongst PPN reps was stronger, the PPN agenda would be much easier to implement. Maybe the national communications strategy will help as not everyone understands the importance of consultations and the purpose of them. Even with the PPNs pushing them, if a national campaign gave some focus to them it would help. Feedback after a submission has been made so we can measure the success of submission on behalf of member organisations.

Kilkenny

It remains the same as previous years despite outlining the experience with the Director of Service. The relationship with Kilkenny County Council is primarily good however, there is a lack of understanding as to the work of the PPN by all echelons. The experience of our representatives has been a negative one in respect of the SPCs and the LCDC albeit the latter has improved somewhat in recent months. Many find it difficult to get items on the agenda and attain information in advance of a meeting. They feel the relationship is tokenistic with many decisions completed or agreed in advance of a meeting. One representative detailed an example where local representatives will propose and second an agreement on an item without any discussion. Lack of a timely response to queries and representations has proven a problem with many of the representatives and the linkage group members feeling there is a lack of regard and respect for their respective positions and the PPN as a whole.

They need to be simplified as the process was too complex and lengthy. Condensing the information attained from each workshop into an overall "Vision for Community Well Being" resulted in a loss of meaning and irrelevance.

Laois

Be informed in a timelier manner. The PPN should be to the fore with regard to the notification of consultations.

Limerick

The Secretariat, PPN reps and Linkage Groups are working well the local authority. Sufficient advance notice for upcoming consultations would be helpful as the process when a rep is requested for a new steering group or an SPC seat is a lengthy one.

Longford

Keep blended approach. Online works well for some members. Be aware of people's educational backgrounds. Ensure people with disabilities are catered for.

Louth

Evening time consultations would assist as Volunteers are often working their full-time jobs during days.

Mayo

Using a different title to 'Wellbeing Vision'. From our experience in advertising the Wellbeing Statement it is perceived as a mental health and wellbeing vision. While it does cover wellbeing its much more than that. Suggestions to include using mainly an online platform and one in person consultation workshop. As Mayo is a large rural County, a community group would still have to travel 30km to one of the consultation workshops. Mayo PPN have had record numbers attending online information and training courses since Covid-19 began in 2020.

Meath

Timeframes for dates for SPC set at relatively short notice; presents a challenge to share and get input from PPN members and to be present at all these meetings with limited notice. In order for a rep to carry out their role effectively, a set of dates and documents for review needs to be set out in advance so that views can be accessed. The development of structured networks within the PPN would improve consultation targeting and preparation of collaborative submissions. Consultation notices are issued to the network as a whole. Collaborative cross-pillar structures would improve the quality and coordination of consultation engagement and submissions. Clarity and visibility on the impact of submissions in terms of decision/planning/evaluation processes would also improve consultation actions.

Monaghan

More time to be given to properly consult with members, and give members feedback after any consultations.

Offaly

LA Internal directive that all Community Consultation are circulated via the PPN.

Roscommon

A longer lead in time for consultation on draft documents.

Sligo

Positive getting items on the agenda and time to speak at meetings but no obvious change on the ground. The LA apply local government acts/legislative regulations. They are obliged to put up with the PPN but don't have to implement anything. We should support the independent stance of the PPN as an entity. The PPN reps role is useful as a professional for networking.

The formal workshop is very engaging and effective. Should be done as a joint approach with other key organisations / LCDC as PPN led limits sphere of influence as unfortunately the work of PPN is not always supported by other key statutory organisations and there is not enough emphasis from the top with regard to how LAs should engage with the work of PPNs.

South Dublin

More notice given to the PPN on upcoming consultations. LA sometimes forget to inform - but this has rapidly improved in 2021.

Tipperary

The SPCs have been directed by the Director of Services to engage more with the PPN & its reps to make them more participatory. As the LCDC is more interagency focused, it continues to be more awareness of equality of participation. However, the role as PPN rep on the LCDC, and other boards can be extremely burdensome as they are not paid workers whose job is to know what is going on. This means there is a lot of extra time demanded to be fully informed to read documents and follow any relevant policy updates. A newly elected Social Inclusion LCDC PPN rep resigned after only a few months due to the daytime LCDC meetings, as he worked full time and changing the meeting time was non-negotiable. In SPCs, there continues to be a heavy council dominance that can feel intimidatory to inexperienced reps which can prohibit them from fully contributing. Although the county officially merged in June 2014, in many agencies and funding organisations, Co.Tipperary is still, strategically, divided into two very separate areas, especially through the HSE (Community Healthcare Organisations) CHOs. This complicates any consultation process via TPPN that has not taken a whole county focus. It would require a general agreement, that is probably impossible e.g. HSE areas, North & South Tipperary Development Company, SERDATF, to work with the full county. Quite often a longer run into the consultation deadline is required as a practical support to enable the PPN to increase and activate MD participation, through awareness raising & offering supports around submitting to the consultation.

If there were more resources, it would be a good piece of work to develop, now that Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, in person, drop-in, submission support sessions. These might increase connection with individual member groups as well as increasing interest & confidence in engaging in public consultation opportunities. To be acknowledged as an automatic part of any national consultation would increase opportunities for PPNs and their groups to engage more frequently in consultations and allow this piece of work to be a regular aspect and so increasing experience in engagement, improving the quality of the submissions.

Waterford

Relationship with LA is good but very much driven by the LA; increasingly however the PPN are able to get issues on agendas. Communication from the Depts and easier jargon, make it easy and inviting for people to feedback. Most people think consultations are for negative feedback, positive needs to be encouraged more and easy to do. These must not be tick box exercises and citizens need to be encouraged to feedback in numerous ways.

Westmeath

Documentation should be issued for meeting in a timely manner, to allow for PPN reps to consult with PPN plenary and/or Linkage groups. PPN should be able to include items on agendas. Meeting times do not always suit PPN volunteer representatives. Consideration that PPN should be a standing item on agendas. Induction training should be provided by committee to PPN representatives. The PPN should be included in all LA and Governmental consultations. More time - In many cases consultations are open for too short a period of time for adequate consultation. Also, PPNs are not notified in a timely manner. Information of consultations should be easily understood, to allow for more informed consultations. Committees/fora should ask PPNs to create focus groups and include this as part of the consultation. Bearing in mind the digital divide, as many methods as possible should be open to people to consult (online/post/meetings etc).

Wexford

More communication with Reps particularly at MD meetings.

Wicklow

Representatives report that while (in the main) there are good relationships and project collaboration between the Local Authority & PPN/Community groups, there is very little input into policy. Meetings are mostly focused on presenting work that has either been done or has been agreed and is imminent. The main advantage of PPN participation is the opportunity for information exchange. Consultations should be avoided when traditionally most people are on holiday i.e. Christmas, Easter and Summer. If consultations must be run during these times, the time frame should take holiday time into consideration. Timeframes for consultation should be long enough, at least 2 months, for the PPN to consult with member groups, member groups to consult with each other & feed-back to PPN in time for PPN to make written submission. A timetable for consultations should be issued at the end of each year to notify communities in advance and help them to prepare for the ones they particularly want to contribute to. Departments should consult with each other to ensure there is not a high level of different consultations in the same time-frame. A better system of acknowledging and valuing community input would encourage more engagement e.g. always acknowledging what the community said, and indicating why what was said was or wasn't developed into an action. There should be more synergies and collaboration in relation to consultations for local plans including County Development Plans, Local Economic and Community Plans and LEADER Plans. This would save financial and staffing resources as well as consultation fatigue. PPNs should be on circulation lists for all local & national government consultations.





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Buaicphointí na bliana 2021

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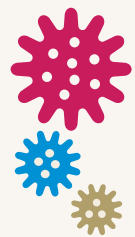
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Bliain neamhchinnte eile a bhí sa bhliain 2021 agus paidéim leanúnach Covid-19 ag cur béim ar chomh riachtanach is atá an earnáil Phobail agus Dheonach. Bhí an t-eolas áitiúil ar an rud ba thábhachtaí ó thaobh tuiscint a fháil ar an dream a bhí i ngátar agus eolas agus cabhair phraiticiúil araon a thabhairt dóibh.

D'fhreagair na PPNanna go sciobtha agus go héifeachtach d'fhonn a chinntiú go raibh tacaíocht fhorleathan agus éagsúil ar fáil do na pobail.



THUG

1,013

Ionadaí ar 397 Bord agus Coiste guth an phobail chuig an mbord cinnteoireachta.

Na céadta cineál tacaíochta ar fáil do na hionadaithe, ag cur ar a gcumas a bheith páirteach go hiomlán.

Rannpháirtíocht leanúnach le Grúpaí Comhaltais, ag cinntiú go ndéantar eolas ríthábhachtach a scaipeadh go forleathan.

Próifíl mhéadaithe ar na Meáin Shóisialta.



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curtha ar fáil le linn breis agus 491 seisiún.



Moltaí maidir le forbairt don toadhchá, ag aithint limistéir le haghaidh fáis.

Lean PPNanna orthu ag dul in oiriúint agus ag forbairt réitigh nuálaíochta le linn amanna dúshlánacha chun leanúnachas gnó a chumasú.



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Réamhrá

ón Aire Stáit atá freagrach as Forbairt Pobail agus Carthanachtaí, an tAire Joe O'Brien

Tá ríméad orm Tuarascáil Bhliantúil na Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Pobail (LRP) a thabhairt isteach don bhliain 2021. Bliain thábhachtach do na LRPanna a bhí sa bhliain 2021, bliain inar cuireadh go leor deiseanna ar fáil.

In ainneoin na ndúshlán a bhí ann mar gheall ar phaindéim leanúnach Covid-19 agus na srianta a bhí de dhíth chun an tsláinte phoiblí a chosaint, tháinig fás ar na LRPanna arís sa bhliain 2021. Is é 17,500 an líon iomlán grúpaí a bhí cláraithe le LRP áitiúil ag tús na bliana 2021 agus méadaíodh an líon sin go 18,000 le linn na bliana. Is léiriú é an méadú seasta sin ar an obair chrua a dhéanann foireann agus oibrithe deonacha an LRP chun teacht ar ghrúpaí faoi stiúir oibrithe deonacha, agus níl sa mhéadú sin ach ceann de na comharthaí ar mar atá na LRPanna ag forbairt i gcaitheamh an ama.

De réir mar a bhí paindéim Covid fós ag dul ar aghaidh, bhí LRPanna ar fud na tíre fós gníomhach ar a bhFórait Freagartha Pobail le linn na bliana 2021, agus iad ag feidhmiú mar chainéal ríthábhachtach faisnéise idir grúpaí pobail áitiúla agus seirbhísí, carthanachtaí agus gníomhaireachtaí áitiúla eile. Lean siad freisin ag cuidiú le seirbhísí a chur ar fáil do phobail áitiúla.

Cuireadh leis an scóip a bhí acu sna LRPanna sa bhliain 2021 trí pháirt a ghlacadh i gcomhairliúcháin náisiúnta maidir le cúrsaí amhail Comharthaí Folláine náisiúnta, ina roinn siad na dearcthaí a tháinig chun cinn ina gcomhairliúcháin Folláine áitiúla.

Bhí ról freisin ag na LRPanna sa bheartas náisiúnta aeráide trí pháirt a ghlacadh i ngrúpaí fócais maidir le Plean náisiúnta um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide. Tríd na grúpaí fócais sin, bhí deis ag oibrithe deonacha dearcadh áitiúil a thabhairt isteach sa phlé náisiúnta - dearcadh a gcuideoidh linn, mar náisiún, aghaidh a thabhairt ar an athrú aeráide ar bhealach lena n-aithnítear tionchair áitiúla.

Ina theannta sin, rinneadh dlí den Acht um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide sa bhliain 2021. Bhí sé sin ina thosaíocht don rialtas agus is ionann é agus cloch mhíle thábhachtach maidir

le hiarrachtaí na hÉireann chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar an athrú aeráide agus an tionchar atá aige ar Éirinn agus ar an domhan araon.

Tá an-áthas orm a lua go dtugtar aitheantas do na LRPanna sa reachtaíocht seo mar phríomhpháirtithe ag an leibhéal áitiúil: Leis an Acht um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, iarrtar ar Údarás Áitiúla Pleananna Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide a fhorbairt dá gceantair áitiúla gach cúig bliana, agus tugtar údarás d'Údarás Áitiúla chun dul i gcomhairle leis na LRPanna chun na pleananna áitiúla sin a fhorbairt.

Mar gheall ar an bhfás agus ar an athrú atá tagtha ar na LRPanna ó bunaíodh iad, is céim aistir thábhachtach é taighde an athbhreithnithe struchtúraigh agus na comhairliúcháin a rinne Mazars sa bhliain 2021 maidir leis na struchtúir atá ann cheana a chur in oiriúint ionas go mbeadh na LRPanna in ann dul ó neart go neart. Beidh gá le pleanáil agus comhoibriú a dhéanamh d'fhonn machnamh a dhéanamh ar na struchtúir sin, agus mar gheall ar an leibhéal ollmhór rannpháirtíochta leis na comhairliúcháin athbhreithnithe, tá lánmhuinín agam go mbeidh na LRPanna níos láidre de thoradh an phróisis seo.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt d'oibrithe deonacha agus d'fhoireann an LRP agus buíochas a ghabháil leo as a gcuid ama, iarrachtaí agus fuinnimh a thabhairt agus ba mhaith liom gealltanais a thabhairt go leanfaidh mé orm ag tacú leis na LRPanna.

Joe O'Brien

An tAire Stáit atá freagrach as Forbairt Pobail agus Carthanachtaí

Réamhrá

Le Cathaoirleach Ghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta an Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPN) Ciara Bates

Bhí tionchar Covid-19 fós ag cur isteach ar Éirinn sa bhliain 2021. Leanadh leis na srianta sláinte poiblí agus caitheadh na chéad 4 mhí den bhliain faoi dhianghlasáil. De réir mar a bhí athraithe nua ag teacht chun cinn, tréimhse mhíshuaimhneach a bhí ann do phobail ar fud na tíre. Sa dara leath den bhliain 2021, cuireadh fáilte mhór roimh rolladh amach na vacsaínithe a tugadh isteach, trínar ligeadh don tír oscailt arís.

Le linn an ama dheacair seo, tugadh aghaidh ar an dúshlán sna LRPPanna. Leanadh sna LRPPanna den ról suntasach a bhí acu i nGlaó an Phobail le linn na bliana 2021. Rinneadh ionadaíocht do na LRPPanna ar Fhóraitim um Fhreagairt/Tacaíocht Phobail an údaráis áitiúil. Chuir siad seirbhís ar fáil freisin mar mhol ríthábhachtach faisnéise, iad ag cur faisnéise ó fhoinsí náisiúnta amhail FSS agus Pobal ar aghaidh chuig an bpobal ag an leibhéal áitiúil. Níl anseo ach cúpla shampla de na réimse inar cuireadh tacaíochtaí riachtanacha ar fáil a bhuí le lucht na LRPPanna le linn shrianta Covid-19 - caitheann an tuarascáil seo solas ar thiomantas leanúnach na n-oibrithe agus na n-oibrithe deonacha atá bainteach leis an LRP. Tá do chuid oibre agus tiomantais thar barr ar fad agus tá muid fíorbhuíoch astu.

Sa bhliain 2021, cheap an Roinn Mazars chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar struchtúr na LRPPanna. Bhain Mazars leas as próiseas fíor-chomhairleach le páirtithe leasmhara an LRP chun an t-athbhreithniú seo a dhéanamh. Bhí leibhéal iontach rannpháirtíochta i gceist fud fad an Phobail LRP. Fuarthas 665 freagairt ar an suirbhé, reáchtáladh 13 grúpa fócais ina raibh 206 duine rannpháirteach, agus fuarthas 34 aighneacht i scríbhinn. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis na páirtithe leasmhara uile a ghlac páirt san athbhreithniú agus a thug cúnaimh leis. Léirítear leis an leibhéal ard rannpháirtíochta chomh paiseanta agus atá páirtithe leasmhara maidir le todhchaí na LRPPanna. Tá mé ag tnúth le bheith ag obair ar an bplean cur i bhfeidhm sna míonna amach romhainn, mar nach bhfuil uaim ach an rud is fearr ar fad do na LRPPanna uile san am atá amach romhainn.

I ndiaidh cúrsa píolótach ar éirigh go maith leis sa bhliain 2020, cuireadh an cúrsa

saincheaptha foghlama cumaisc ‘Pobail Chumasacha a Chruthú’ ar fáil ar bhealach níos forleithne sa bhliain 2021. Leis sin, comhlíonadh moladh a rinne páirtithe leasmhara i roinnt tuarascálacha bliantúla roimhe seo, moladh lena n-iarraidh an cineál sin oiliúna saincheaptha do pháirtithe leasmhara. Chláraigh 251 rannpháirtí don oiliúint seo sa bhliain 2021.

Rinneadh dul chun cinn iontach sa Líonra Rúnaíochta ó thaobh na forbartha le linn na bliana. Casadh 6 huaire ar a chéile iad agus cuireadh líonra ar fáil sna cruinnithe sin mar dheis iontach chun tuairimí a roinnt. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis an Líonra Rúnaíochta as an am luachmhar a thugann siad don LRP ar bhonn deonach.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun buíochas a ghabháil le mo Chomhghleacaithe sa Ghrúpa Comhairleach. Bhí go leor cinntí tábhachtacha le déanamh ag an nGrúpa Comhairleach sa bhliain 2021. Tá meas mór ar do thacaíocht, do chomhairle agus do thiomantas maidir le gach uile ní a bhaineann leis na LRPPanna. Thar ceann an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh Náisiúnta, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le Pobal an LRP as do chuid oibre díograisí agus do thiomantas sa bhliain 2021. Leis an bhfeachtas feasachta atá le teacht, is am iontach é do na LRPPanna agus an saol maith atá i ndán dóibh. Tá an Grúpa Comhairleach ag tnúth leanúint leis na forbairtí sin i gcomhar le pobal an LRP.



Ciara Bates

Cathaoirleach, Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta an LRP



Réamhrá

Tá rannpháirtíocht a thabhairt do dhaoine i gcinnteoireacht a théann i bhfeidhm orthu féin agus ar a saol i gcoirlár an daonlathais. Tá níos mó i gceist leis an bhfhíor-rannpháirtíocht ná vótáil (daonlathas ionadaíoch) le go mbíonn na pobail agus an rialtas ag obair i bpáirt chun bonneagar agus seirbhísí a chruthú in éineacht, fadhbanna a réiteach agus oibriú ar mhaithe le leas na ndaoine uilig don ghlúin seo agus do na glúnta atá le teacht (daonlathas plé ghrúpa). De réir an t-sainmhíne, éilíonn cur chuige den chineál sin go bhfágfar ar leataobh na difríochtaí cumhachta agus go ndéantar iarracht ar leith a chinntiú go n-éistear le guthanna agus tuairimí na ndaoine nach mbíonn tionchar acu go traidisiúnta agus go gcuirtear sa mheá iad.

Sa bhliain 2014, leasaíodh an tAcht Rialtais Áitiúil chun Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPNanna) a thabhairt isteach. Aithníonn an PPN an cion atá eagraíochtaí faoi cheannas oibrithe deonacha a chur le caipiteal áitiúil eacnamaíochta, sóisialta agus comhshaoil. Éascaíonn sé ionchur ó na heagraíochtaí sin le haghaidh obair an rialtais áitiúil trí struchtúr lena gcinntítear rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht phoiblí i gcoistí cinnteoireachta laistigh den rialtas áitiúil. Tá na PPNanna seo bunaithe i ngach ceantar údarás áitiúil in Éirinn. Faoi dheireadh 2021, bhí 17,548 eagraíocht phobail agus dheonach, eagraíocht cuimsithe shóisialta agus eagraíocht chomhshaoil ina mbaill den PPN. Toghadh os cionn 1,013 ionadaí PPN ar 397 coiste a bhí ag plé saincheisteanna ar nós, beartas straitéiseach, forbairt pobail áitiúil, comhphóilíneacht agus mar sin de. Ba bhliain dhúshlánach eile a bhí sa bhliain 2021, lán le neamhchinnteachtaí. Lean na PPNanna de thacaíochtaí nárbh fhéidir luach a

chur orthu agus tacaíochtaí riachtanacha a chur ar fáil le linn na bliana, ag léiriú teacht aniar agus ag dul in oiriúint chun réimse leathan de riachtanais phobail a bhaint amach.

Oibríonn údaráis áitiúla agus PPNanna i gcomhar lena chéile chun tacú le pobail agus cur le hacmhainneacht na n-eagraíochtaí comhaltais ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas a bheith rannpháirteach go stuama ó thaobh saincheisteanna a bhaineann leo. Tá ról suntasach ag na PPNanna ó thaobh forbairt agus oideachas a mballghrúpaí, faisnéis a roinnt, dea-chleachtas a chur chun cinn, agus líonrú a éascú. Trí eolas agus saineolas áitiúil a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí cinnteoireachta, oibríonn siad lena chinntiú go dtugtar cluas do go leor tuairimí éagsúla, ag cinntiú torthaí níos daingne agus pobail níos fearr sa deireadh thiar thall. Tá ról fíorthábhachtach ag údaráis áitiúla freisin i ndáil le rannpháirtíocht a éascú trí phróisis oscailte comhairliúcháin agus trí rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach.

Ról an Ghrúpa Náisiúnta Chomhairligh

Rinneadh moltaí sa tuarascáil ón nGrúpa Oibre maidir le Rannpháirtíocht Saoránach leis an Rialtas Áitiúil a bunaíodh i mí Mheán Fómhair 2013, maidir le hionchur níos leithne agus níos ilchineálaí ó shaoránaigh i leith na bpróiseas cinnteoireachta ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil. Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre i mí Feabhra 2014.

Tugadh breac-chuntas sa tuarascáil ar na bealaí ina bhféadfaí struchtúir agus próisis a aimsiú, le rannpháirtíocht na sochaí eagraithe sibhialta leis an rialtas áitiúil a neartú. Ina leith sin, moladh sa Tuarascáil go ndéanfaí Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPN) a bhunú i ngach limistéar údaráis áitiúil leis an bpoibal a chumasú le ról gníomhach foirmiúil a bheith acu i gcoistí ábhartha déanta beartais agus maoirseachta an údaráis áitiúil.

Moladh i dTuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre gur cheart monatóireacht agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar obair na PPNanna ar bhonn rialta ag teacht le dea-chleachtas. Bunaíodh an chéad Ghrúpa Náisiúnta Comhairleach PPN sa bhliain 2016 chun na críche sin agus bhí sé ar bun go dtí go dtí mí Meán Fómhair 2018.

Bunaíodh an dara Grúpa Náisiúnta Comhairleach PPN díreach tar éis dheireadh théarma oifige an chéad ghrúpa agus tá sé ionadaíoch go hiomlán ar na páirtithe leasmhara go léir. Áirítear sa Ghrúpa anois, ionadaí amháin ó gach aon cheann de na hearnálacha Pobail agus Deonach, Comhshaoil agus Cuimsithe Shóisialta, triúr Oibrí Deonach PPN – agus beidh gach ionadaí acu sin ag déanamh ionadaíocht ar na trí earnáil éagsúla, triúr oibrí acmhainní PPN agus beirt chomhalta foirne ón Údarás Áitiúil (duine amháin ag leibhéal Stiúrthóra Seirbhíse agus duine amháin a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht dhíreach don PPN). Tá an Grúpa faoi chathaoirleacht na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus cuireann an Roinn seirbhísí rúnaíochta ar fáil don Ghrúpa freisin. Leagtar comhaltas an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh amach i dTábla 1.

Tábla 1: Comhaltas an Ghrúpa Náisiúnta Chomhairligh le linn na bliana 2021

	Ainm	Eagraíocht
Cathaoirleach	Ciara Bates	An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Ionadaí na hEarnála Pobail agus Deonáí	Catherine Lane	Comhairle Náisiúnta na mBan in Éirinn
Ionadaí na hEarnála Cuimsithe Shóisialta	Seán Healy	Ceartas Sóisialta Éireann
Ionadaí na hEarnála Comhshaoil	Charles Stanley Smith	PPN Thiobraid Árann
Ionadaí Oibríthe Acmhainní	Helen Howes	PPN Chill Mhantáin
Ionadaí Oibríthe Acmhainní	Avril Wilson	PPN Thiobraid Árann
Ionadaí Oibríthe Acmhainní	Sarah Wetherald	PPN Shligigh
Ionadaí Oibríthe Acmhainní	Kieran Walsh	PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas
Ionadaí Oibríthe Deonacha – an Earnáil Phobail agus Dheonach	Lynda O'Shea	PPN Port Láirge
Ionadaí Deonach PPN – an Earnáil Cuimsithe Shóisialta	Bibiana Savin	PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas
Ionadaí Deonach PPN – an Earnáil Comhshaoil	Terrence McDonough	Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe (PPN)
Ionadaí Deonach PPN – an Earnáil Comhshaoil	Cliona Kelliher	PPN Cill Dara
Ionadaithe CCMA	Alan Farrell/ Rebecca Loughrey	Contae na Gaillimhe/ Cathair Chorcaí

Chomh maith leis an ról monatóireachta, tá sé de chúram ar an nGrúpa Comhairleach comhairle agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail maidir le forbairt na PPNanna. Tá sé sin á dhéanamh trí phríomhtháscairí feidhmíochta le haghaidh PPNanna agus le haghaidh údaráis áitiúla a fhorbairt i gcomhar leis an Roinn. Tugtar forléargas sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo ar an obair a rinne PPNanna sa bhliain 2021 agus ba é an Grúpa Náisiúnta Comhairleach PPN a d'fhorbair í lena comhlánú ag PPNanna agus ag Údaráis Áitiúla.

Modheolaíocht

I dtús na bliana 2022, cheap agus chomhaontaigh an Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta teimpléad comhairliúcháin agus scaipeadh é le líonadh ar gach PPN agus Údarás Áitiúil trí survey monkey. Tionsaíodh na tuairisceáin chomhlánaithe chun go bhféadfaí anailís a dhéanamh.

Is féidir linn a thuairisciú gur chuir gach ceann den 31 PPN tuarascálacha ar ais. Sa chás é a bheith indéanta, cuireadh sonraí inchoimparáide ón mbliain 2020 san áireamh, mar sin féin, ní bheidh na sonraí seo inchoimparáide go díreach leis na sonraí atá san áireamh i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020 mar gur bhain an tuarascáil le 30 de na 31 PPN.

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Chomh maith leis an ról monatóireachta, tá sé de chúram ar an nGrúpa Comhairleach comhairle agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail maidir le forbairt na PPNanna.”



Gluais

Tá raon leathan sainmhínte ann a chlúdaíonn cineál agus scóip na rannpháirtíochta poiblí agus an rialtais áitiúil. Tugtar sainmhíniú ar roinnt acu seo thíos:

Ciallaíonn **Grúpa Comhairleach** Grúpa Náisiúnta Comhairleach PPN (féach **NAG** freisin).

Is ionann **Comhaltaí Comhlacha** agus na grúpaí nach gcomhlíonann na critéir le haghaidh comhaltas sa PPN.

CCMA: Is é Cumann na Bainistíochta Contae agus Cathrach ‘guth ionadaíoch’ an líonra bainistíochta rialtais áitiúil. Tá baill an CCMA ina bpríomhfheidhmeannaigh ar na comhairlí contae agus cathrach agus ina bpríomhfheidhmeannaigh chúnta i gComhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Comhairle na nÓg: Is comhairlí don óige iad seo atá lonnaithe in 31 áit i bPoblacht na hÉireann, a thugann deis don óige in Éirinn a bheith páirteach i ndul chun cinn seirbhísí agus polasaithe áitiúla.

Pobal tagraíonn sé seo d’áit (comharsanacht nó limistéar níos mó), d’fhéiniúlacht (amhail grúpa eitneach) nó réimse spéise (amhail tiomantas in éineacht le daoine eile, mar shampla, cearta lucht míchumais).

Fógraíodh **Glaó an Phobail** i mí Aibreáin 2020, chun an rialtas áitiúil agus an rialtas náisiúnta a nascadh leis na hearnálacha pobail agus deonacha ar mhaithe leis an ngníomhaíocht phobail a chomhordú, an cúnamh pobail a chur i dtreo na háite ina dteastaíonn sé, ag díriú ar dhaoine scothaosta agus ar an dream is leochailí sa phobal agus leas á bhaint as fuinneamh na n-oibrithe deonacha na tíre mar fhreagairt ar Covid-19.

Is tionscnamh rialtais atá sa Chomhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail a thugann an earnáil phobail agus dheonach, an pobal, seirbhísí reachtúla éagsúla eile, agus comhairleoirí áitiúla chun oibriú le chéile chun saincheisteanna sábháilteachta pobail a aithint agus dul i ngleic leo ar leibhéal áitiúil. Táthar ag cur tús le Comhpháirtíochtaí Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúla ar bhun póilítach ar feadh 24 mí i dTuaisceart Lár Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, sa Longfort agus i bPort Láirge.

Córas CRM: Is córas digiteach é an córas Bainistíochta Caidrimh le Custaiméirí a dhéanann bainistiú ar an gcaidreamh agus ar an idirghníomhaíocht le cliaint agus le custaiméirí agus tugann sé deis lear mór sonraí a bhailiú agus a anailísiú.

Ciallaíonn **DoS** Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí (Údarás Áitiúil).

The **Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government** oversees the operation and development of the local government system and provides the policy framework within which local authorities work and deliver services to the communities that they represent and serve. From July 2017, the policy framework regarding LCDCs, LECPs and PPNs transferred from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to the Department of Rural & Community Development. Article 28A of the Irish Constitution recognises the role of local government in providing a forum for the democratic representation of communities and in exercising and performing powers conferred by law.

Déanann an **Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil** maoirseacht ar fheidhmiú agus ar fhorbairt an chórais rialtais áitiúil agus soláthraíonn sí an creat beartais a n-oibríonn údaráis áitiúla laistigh de agus a sholáthraíonn seirbhísí do na pobail a ndéanann siad ionadaíocht thar a gceann agus a bhfreastalaíonn siad orthu. Ó mhí Iúil 2017, aistríodh an creat beartais maidir le LCDCanna, LECPanna agus PPNanna ón Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil chuig an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail. Aithnítear in Airteagal 28A de Bhunreacht na hÉireann ról an rialtais áitiúil maidir le fóram a chur ar fáil d’ionadaíocht dhaonlathach na bpobal agus na cumhachtaí a thugtar le dlí a úsáid agus a chur i bhfeidhm.

Bunaíodh an **Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail (DRCD / an Roinn)** i mí Iúil 2017 chun forbairt tuaithe agus pobail a chur chun cinn agus chun tacú le pobail bhríomhara, cuimsitheacha agus inbhuanaithe ar fud na tíre. Maidir leis an PPNanna, is í an Roinn an príomh-mhaoinitheoir, cuireann an Roinn Cathaoirleach ar fáil don Ghrúpa Náisiúnta Comhairleach agus tá an Roinn freagrach as forbairt agus maoirseacht fhoriomlán na PPNanna.

Is ionann an **Chomhairle Thofa** agus fóram ceapadh beartais an údaráis áitiúil; déanann comhaltaí na gceantar bardasach cinntí a mbíonn tionchar acu ar limistéar an cheantair bhardasaigh. Feidhmíonn Comhairlí Tofa (a fheidhmíonn ar leibhéal údaráis áitiúil nó ceantair bhardasaigh) ‘feidhmeanna forchoimeáda’ de réir mar atá sainmhínithe ar fud raon leathan reachtaíochta. Is í an fheidhmeannacht a dhéanann bainistíocht ar údarás áitiúil ó lá go lá m.sh. na hoifigigh lánaimseartha faoi cheannas an príomhfheidhmeannaigh. Tá sé de dhualgas ar an bpríomhfheidhmeannach comhairle agus cúnamh a thabhairt don Chomhairle Thofa le linn di a feidhmeanna a fheidhmiú.

Lámhleabhar: Sraith ilchodach Treoirlínte agus comhairle a eisíodh i mí na Samhna 2020 chun cabhrú leis na PPNanna agus le páirtithe leasmhara eile, agus é ag teacht in ionad an **Treoir Úsáideora**.

FSS: Is í Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte an córas cúraim sláinte a mhaoinítear go poiblí i bPobalacht na hÉireann.

JPC: An Comhchoiste Póilíneachta Coiste Údaráis Áitiúil a chuimsíonn, comhairleoirí, Teachtaí Dála, Seanadóirí, na Gardaí agus páirtithe leasmhara seachtracha ar nós na PPNanna a dhéanann moltaí beartais maidir le saincheisteanna póilíneachta. Déantar foráil in Alt 36 d’Acht an Gharda Síochána i leith bunú JPC i ngach ceantar riaracháin Údarás Áitiúil agus mar chuid de struchtúir Rialtas Áitiúil.

LAGS: Riartar an Clár Leader ag an leibhéal áitiúil trí Ghrúpaí Gníomhaíochta Áitiúla (LAGanna).

LCDC: Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil – Coiste Údaráis Áitiúil ar a bhfuil comhaltaí poiblí agus comhaltaí phríobháideacha agus a dhéanann maoirseacht ar chláir forbartha pobail i gceantair áirithe, lena n-áirítear, LEADER agus SICAP. De ghnáth, bíonn 5 chomhalta ag PPNanna ar an gcoiste sin. Tá sé mar aidhm ag LCDCanna cur chuige comhleanúnach, comhtháite a fhorbairt, a chomhordú agus a chur i bhfeidhm i réimse na forbartha áitiúla agus na forbartha pobail.

LEADER: Clár maoinithe a chuirtear ar fáil trí LAGS, a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leis tacaíocht a thabhairt d’fhorbairt eacnamaíochta, sóisialta agus comhshaoil i gceantair thuaithe. Is clár é LEADER trína dtugtar tacaíocht d’fhiontair phríobháideacha agus do ghrúpaí pobail chun tionscadail a chur i gcrích atá dírithe ar fheabhas a chur ar an gcaighdeán maireachtála i gceantair thuaithe agus ar spreagadh a thabhairt maidir le héagsúlú a dhéanamh ar ghníomhaíocht eacnamaíochta i gceantair thuaithe.

LECP: Plean Pobail Eacnamaíochta Áitiúil - Is é is aidhm leis an bplean ná na cuspóirí agus gníomhartha atá de dhíth chun forbairt eacnamaíochta agus forbairt áitiúil agus phobail an limistéir Údaráis Áitiúil ábhartha a chur chun cinn agus tacú leo ar feadh tréimhse sé bliana, as féin go díreach agus i gcomhar le páirtithe leasmhara forbartha eacnamaíochta agus pobail eile.

Nascghrúpa: Grúpa de pháirtithe leasmhara PPN atá ag plé le saincheist áirithe a thagann le chéile chun moltaí beartais a dhéanamh agus a oibríonn go dlúth le hionadaí an PPN ar Bhord nó ar Choiste ábhartha.

Údarás Áitiúla (ÚÁ): Comhairlí Cathracha nó Contae. Tá ról lárnach acu ó thaobh tacaíocht a thabhairt d’fhorbairt eacnamaíochta agus fiontraíocht ag leibhéal áitiúil. Tá tacaíocht an Rialtais Áitiúil ar an talamh ríthábhachtach do rathúlacht an líon mór tionscnaimh a chuireann treallús faoi phobail áitiúla. Ina measc seo tá féilte agus imeachtaí áitiúla; dearadh sráid-dreacha agus scéimeanna athnuachana sráidbhailte; tacaíocht do mhicrifhiontair, páirceanna gnó agus aonaid ghoir; rannpháirtíocht i dtionscadail éifeachtúlachta fuinnimh; leathanbhanda tuaithe a chur chun cinn agus pleanáil le haghaidh infheistíochtaí móra sa gheilleagar glas.

Cuideachtaí Forbartha Áitiúla (LDC):

Eagraíochtaí a bhfuil sé de chúram orthu tacú le forbairt eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta sna ceantair ar a bhfuil siad ag freastal. De ghnáth, déantar conarthaí le LDCanna chun clár a sheachadadh, ar nós, an Clár Forbartha Tuaithe (LEADER), an Clár um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail (SICAP) agus Tús.

Déantar foráil san **Acht um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil 2014** do raon athruithe ar eagrú agus ar obair na n-údarás áitiúil. I measc nithe eile, déantar foráil do chónascadh líon údarás áitiúil, maidir le deireadh a chur le comhairlí baile, maidir le deireadh a chur le boird forbartha cathrach agus le boird forbartha contae agus maidir le bunú coistí áitiúla forbartha pobail agus déantar foráil do raon athruithe ar na feidhmeanna a dtugann údarás áitiúla fúthu. Cuireadh tús le hAlt 46 den Acht um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil 2014 an 1 Meitheamh 2014 and soláthraíonn sé an bonn reachtach a thugann éifeacht don Chreat um Rannpháirtíocht Phoiblí agus do na Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPNanna).

Ciallaíonn **MOU** Meabhrán Tuisceana (comhaontú idir LA agus PPN).

Ceantar Bardasach (MD): Fo-rannán de chuid ceantar Údarás Áitiúil. Tagann Comhairleoirí le chéile ar leibhéal Ceantair Bhardasaigh agus, chomh maith leis sin, ag leibhéal na comhairle ina hiomláine. Bunaíodh Ceantair Bhardasacha (MDanna) tar éis an Achta um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil 2014 a achtú.

(n=XXX) Léiríonn sé uimhir e.g., líon na bhfreagraí, líon na ndaoine a d'fhreagair ceist.

Ciallaíonn **NAG** an Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta PPN.

Is ionann **eagraíochtaí seachbhrabúsacha** agus eagraíochtaí a oibríonn ar mhaithe le leas na sochaí, leas an phobail agus/nó ar mhaithe le sainleas. Ní dhéanann siad aon bhrabús agus aon ioncam farasbairr nach dteastaíonn uathu leis an eagraíocht a réachtáil déanann siad an t-ioncam sin a infheistiú ar ais san eagraíocht chun nithe a fheabhsú nó a choinneáil ag imeacht. Ní dhéantar aon íocaíochtaí le scairshealbhóirí. Áirítear ann raon ollmhór eagraíochtaí idir ghrúpaí beaga gan aon ioncam agus charthanais mhóra.

Iomlánach: Grúpaí comhaltais go léir i PPN. Is é an PPN Iomlánach comhlacht críochnaitheach cinnteoireachta an PPN.

Ciallaíonn **Buiséad PPN** an tsuim bhliantúil a bhíonn ar fáil don PPN ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail DRCD, ón Údarás Áitiúil agus ó fhoinsí eile.

Is ionann **Salesforce** agus córas bainistíochta sonraí agus faisnéise a úsáideann gach PPN. Ligeann an córas do PPNanna faisnéis faoi ghrúpaí comhaltais a fháil agus a bhainistiú, mionsonraí a stóráil maidir le heagraíochtaí, grúpaí pobail agus líonra, bainistíocht a dhéanamh ar mhaoiniú ó eagraíochtaí, bainistíocht a dhéanamh ar fheachtais ar nós cumarsáidí ríomhphoist agus tuarascálacha saincheaptha a chruthú agus mar sin de.

Ciallaíonn **Rúnaíocht** comhlacht riaracháin an PPN a bhfuil sé mar ról aige cleachtas agus cinntí an PPN Iomlánach a chur i bhfeidhm; a chinntiú go bhfuil an PPN á réachtáil gan stró idir na Cruinnithe Iomlánacha; gníomhaíochtaí an PPN a chomhordú; cumarsáid rialta a dhéanamh le Grúpaí Comhaltais go léir an PPN agus faisnéis a scaipeadh chomh forleathan agus is féidir maidir le gníomhaíochtaí go léir an PPN; agus Oibríthe an PPN a éascú agus a chumasú ina ngníomhaíochtaí laethúla chun cuspoirí an PPN a sheachadadh.

Tá **SICAP** (An Clár um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail) ceaptha chun laghdú a dhéanamh ar bhochtaineacht agus chun cuimsiú sóisialta agus comhionannas a chur chun cinn. Oibríonn gach soláthróir SICAP le daoine aonair agus le grúpaí pobail araon i gcathair/i gcontae nó i bhforannán de chathair/chontae agus iad ag díriú ar dhaoine atá thíos le míbhuntáiste agus ar cheantair atá ainmnithe mar cheantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste.

Ciallaíonn **SLA** Comhaontú Seirbhíse (de ghnáth idir an PPN agus soláthróir seirbhíse nó an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus soláthróir seirbhíse).

Is beartas Rialtais 10 mbliana é **Sláintecare** a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leis athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar an gcóras sláinte agus cúram sláinte do chách a sholáthar.

Cuimsiú Sóisialta: gníomhaíocht atá dírithe ar fheabhas a chur ar sheansanna agus ar dheiseanna saoil daoine atá ar an imeall sa tsochaí, atá ag maireachtáil faoi bhochtaineacht nó atá dífhostaithe trí leas a bhaint as cur chuige forbartha pobail chun pobail inbhuanaithe a bhunú ina ndéantar luachanna an chomhionannais agus an chuimsithe a chur chun cinn agus ina bhfuil meas ar chearta an duine.

SPC (Coiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha): coistí áitiúla de chuid comhairlí cathrach agus contae atá comhdhéanta de Chomhairlí Tofa agus d'ionadaithe ón réimse gnó, ón réimse talmhaíochta, ó ghrúpaí comhshaoil/caomhantais agus ó na ceardchumann, mar aon le comhaltaí ón earnáil phobail agus dheonach. Tá sé mar dhualgas ar na Coistí um Beartais Straitéiseacha (SPCanna), mar choistí de chuid na comhairle, comhairle agus cúnaimh a thabhairt don chomhairle maidir le ceapadh, forbairt agus athbhreithniú beartais. Níl aon chúram orthu maidir le gnáthchúrsaí oibríochtúla maidir le seirbhísí a sholáthar. Tá sé i gceist le córas SPC deis a thabhairt do chomhairleoirí agus do leasanna earnála ábhartha ról iomlán a bheith acu sa phróiseas ceaptha beartais ó na céimeanna is luaithe den phróiseas sin.

Ciallaíonn **Forbairt Inbhuanaithe** forbairt a fhreastalaíonn ar riachtanais faoi láthair gan dochar a dhéanamh do chumas na nglúnta amach anseo freastal ar a gcuid riachtanas féin.

Grúpa Téamach: Grúpa de pháirtithe leasmhara an PPN a oibríonn ar théama beartais a bhfuil baint aige leo ar fad, m.sh., míchumas, cuimsiú sóisialta, inbhuanaitheacht.

Tusla: An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, ghníomhaireacht thiomnaithe Stáit atá freagrach as folláine agus torthaí níos fearr do leanaí.

Treoir Úsáideora: Sraith ilchodach Treoirlínte agus comhairle a eisíodh in 2016 chun cabhrú leis na PPNanna agus na páirtithe leasmhara eile, cuireadh an **Lámhleabhar** ina ionad i mí na Samhna 2020.

Is ionann **Eagraíochtaí faoi cheannas oibrithe deonacha** agus eagraíochtaí atá á rialú ag grúpa oibrithe deonacha agus iad ag gníomhú mar choiste, mar bhord nó de réir struchtúr éigin eile. D'fhéadfadh comhaltaí foirne íoctha a bheith acu freisin chun gníomhú thar ceann an Bhoird.

Déanann **Folláine** cur síos ar phobal a bhfuil freastal á dhéanamh ar a bhunriachtanais agus ina mothaíonn daoine go bhfuil ról fiúntach acu agus go bhfuil siad in ann spriocanna tábhachtacha a bhaint amach, páirt a ghlacadh sa tsochaí agus saol a chaitheamh a bhfuil meas acu air agus a bhfuil cúis acu le meas a bheith acu air.

Ciallaíonn **Grúpa Oibre** an Grúpa Oibre um Rannpháirtíocht na Saoránach atá ag an Rialtas Áitiúil. Bunaíodh an grúpa seo i Meán Fómhair 2013. Bhí sé mar ról ag an nGrúpa moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le hionchur níos leithne agus níos ilchineálaí a bheith ag saoránaigh sa phróiseas cinnteoireachta ar leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil. Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre an 28 Feabhra 2014 agus d'eascair bunú na PPNanna as a chuid moltaí.

Ciallaíonn **Oibrí, Oibrí Acmhainní, Oibrí Tacaíochta** nó oibrí eile atá fostaithe ag PPN le tabhairt faoina chuid dualgas.



Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí – 2021

In 2021, chomh maith leis na ceisteanna a cuireadh sna blianta roimhe seo, d'iarr an Roinn ar gach PPN roinnt sonraí a chur ar fáil maidir leis an tionchar a bhí ag paindéim leanúnach Covid-19 agus na srianta um chomhairle sláinte ina dhiaidh sin ar obair a PPN. De bharr gur bliain a bhí sa bhliain 2021 inar raibh tionchair Covid-19 fós le brath, coinníodh na ceisteanna breise.

Luaigh 30 freagróir gur lean Covid-19 ag imirt tionchair ar obair an PPN in 2021, ní raibh ach ceann amháin a thug le fios nach raibh. Tá cuid de na téamaí coitianta liostaithe thíos agus in Aguisín 3 cuirtear san áireamh mionsonraithe ar thionchair a thuairiscigh gach PPN agus é ina bhfocail féin. Chomh maith le freagairt don phaindéim, iarradh ar na PPNanna samplaí a thabhairt freisin de thograí nó de ghníomhartha sonracha a thug ionadaithe an PPN chuig na boird agus na coistí cinnteoireachta agus chun cur síos a dhéanamh ar na tionchair a d'imir a PPN féin.

Freagraí maidir le Covid-19

- I gcaitheamh na bliana 2021, athraíodh an treoir sláinte poiblí ó threoir lárnach, reachtach i dtreo freagracht aonair agus bainistiú riosca. Chuir an PPN oiliúint agus ceardlanna ar fáil chun cuidiú le grúpaí filleadh go sábháilte ar ghníomhaíocht a phleanáil, rioscaí maidir le Covid-19 a bhainistiú agus riachtanais pobal casadh agus oibriú lena chéile a chomhlíonadh ar bhealach sábháilte i ndiaidh tréimhse ina raibh leithlisiú agus teagmháil theoranta i gceist.

- Chruthaigh an PPN Léarscáil Idirghníomhach de Ghrúpaí Pobail a bhí ag cur tacaíochtaí ar fáil le linn COVID- 19. Bhí grúpa ar fáil chun tacaíochtaí a sholáthar i ngach pobal tuaithe agus uirbeach sa Chontae. Bhain Líne Chabhrach Pobail na Comhairle Contae úsáid as an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach. Chuir an Príomhfheidhmeannach, na Comhairleoirí agus daoine leochaileacha sa chontae béim ar na buntáistí a bhain leis an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach.
- Le linn thréimhsí luatha de Covid-19, d'oibrigh an PPN i dteannta na Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae, Leabharlanna, an Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna, an Chomhpháirtíocht Cheantair, Comhairle na Seandaoine, an FSS agus Cónaidhm na hÉireann um Míchumas i gcomhar lena chéile chun réiteach a fháil i ndáil le litearthacht dhigiteach sa phobal a fheabhsú trí oiliúint a chur ar dhaoine chun úsáid a bhaint as a ngutháin shoghluaiste, táibléid, agus teicneolaíocht. Chuaigh an PPN i mbun suirbhéanna chun riachtanais tacaíochta agus oiliúna a aithint.
- Bhí ról an PPN san fhoireann Freagartha Pobail ina ról suntasach; bhí cainéil chumarsáide an PPN ar an bpríomhchainéal le linn na paindéime. Lean siad den chomhoibriú leis an FSS, le Comhairlí Contae agus le Coistí Forbartha Áitiúla trí líonrú agus malartú faisnéise le grúpaí pobail maidir le cúrsaí COVID-19, go háirithe, chun léiriú a thabhairt ar sheirbhísí le linn na dianghlasála a léiriú.
- Mar gheall ar ár sraith seisiúin oiliúna agus faisnéise a cuireadh ar fáil mar fhreagra díreach ar anailís a rinneadh ar riachtanais pobail, tugadh tacaíocht do go leor grúpaí téarnamh ó éifeacht na paindéime Covid-19 agus a gcuid oibre a mhéadú chun tacaíochtaí a bhfuil géarghá leo a chur ar fáil do bhaill den phobal.

Tionchar i nDaonlathas Pléghrúpa

- D'óstáil an PPN seimineáir gréasáin mar chuid den phróiseas comhairliúcháin don Dréachtphlean Forbartha Contae (CDP), ag comhoibriú i ndlúthchomhar le rannóg Pleanála na Comhairle Contae. Bhí freastal maith orthu seo agus cuireadh ar chumas rannpháirtithe na seimineár gréasáin ó ghrúpaí comhaltaí an PPN tuiscint iomlán a fháil ar an bpróiseas aighneachta, conas aighneacht a dhéanamh agus an chéim ag a raibh an dréachtphlean. Bhí aighneachtaí níos dírithe mar thoradh air seo agus, chomh maith leis sin, feacht ar an mbealach ina raibh Fís an PPN i leith Folláine an Phobail á ghlacadh mar sheasamh an phobail do chontae sláintiúil agus bríomhar.
- Is é an príomhfhócas atá ag na hionadaithe Tráchtá agus Iompair ná go mbeidh na cónaitheoirí faoi mhíchumas uile in ann teacht ar an gcathair. Bíonn siad i dteagmháil lena nascghrúpaí agus le páirtithe leasmhara agus cuireann siad a dtuairimí in iúl don choiste maidir le páirceáil do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, rochtain ar shráideanna agus níos mó deacrachtaí a bhaineann le saincheisteanna soghluaisteachta sa chathair.
- Fágadh Straitéis Náisiúnta na mBan as an Aguisín i ndoiciméid pholasaí ábhartha i dtreoirilínthe an LECP – Chuir Ionadaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta an PPN é sin in iúl ag an LCDC agus aontaíodh go gcuirfí an straitéis san áireamh mar chuid de chainteanna amach anseo maidir leis an LECP.
- I ndiaidh cur i láthair inar mionsonraíodh “Cathracha Gníomhacha” i gCreat Náisiúnta an Tionscnaimh ó Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt, moladh don PPN go mbeadh ainmniúchán á lorg uathu ag an gComhpháirtíocht Spóirt do Ghrúpa Stiúrtha chun an tionscnamh a chur chun cinn, lena chinntiú go bhfuil meicníocht i bhfeidhm d'ionadaíocht agus do rannpháirtíocht an oiread grúpaí agus coistí ábhartha agus is féidir.
- Thug ionadaithe LCDC PPN moltaí suntasacha i ndáil leis an LECP agus Fís 2030 a fhorbairt agus cuireadh go leor de na hionchuir agus aighneachtaí san áireamh agus rinneadh athruithe suntasacha ar na ceisteanna comhairliúcháin agus ar na dréacht-doiciméid ó chonaic na hionadaithe PPN an chéad dréacht.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar Fholláine an Phobail

- Bhí an PPN ar cheann de na comhiarrthóirí rathúla maidir le Tionscadal Píolótach Chiste Forbartha Pobail na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail chun maoiniú a dhéanamh ar Thionscadal Forbartha Phobal an Lucht Siúil don Chlár. D'éascair rannpháirtíocht an PPN sa tionscadal seo ó údar imní a d'ardaigh Grúpaí Comhaltais um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a bhí a lorg bealaí chun oibriú go héifeachtach agus feabhas a chur ar choinníollacha maireachtála agus folláine do thart ar 900 duine de Phobal an Lucht Siúil atá mar chuid den phobal. Cuirfear spás ar fáil don tionscadal san áitreabh ina bhfuil an PPN.
- Sheol comhaltaí na Rúnaíochta, tar éis aiseolas a fháil ó chomhaltaí an PPN, iarratas chuig Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí Bóithre, Iompair agus Sábháilteachta Pobail na Comhairle Contae ag lorg síneadh ar an gComhairliúchán Poiblí maidir le hAthbhreithniú na dTeorainneacha Luais don bhliain 2021. Cuireadh síneadh leis an gcomhairliúchán, tar éis an iarratais seo, ar feadh 3 seachtaine eile chun tuilleadh ama a thabhairt dár gcomhaltaí chun aighneachtaí a chur faoi bhráid.
- Le Togra ón gComhchoiste Póilíneachta, ardaíodh an cheist maidir le Drochíde Baile agus iompraíocht Frithshóisialta. Leagadh béim, in éineacht le comhairleoirí áitiúla, ar an ngá atá le Gardaí pobail, rud a bhí mar thosaíocht go háirithe le linn Covid-19.
- Tá an-suim ag ionadaithe comhpháirtíochta Spóirt sa smaoinemh maidir le corpacmhainn ilghlúine. Tá siad ag obair leis an gcomhpháirtíocht spóirt chun cláir aclaíochta a chur ar fáil do thuismitheoirí a scaoileann a leanaí amach ag traenáil. In ionad iad a scaoileadh amach agus fágáil, bíonn na thuismitheoirí féin rannpháirteach ar na taobhlínte. Tagann an tionscnamh seo go díreach ónár n-ionadaithe.
- Mar chuid den Chiste um Athshamhlú Spásanna Amuigh Faoin Aer, d'óstáil an PPN cruinniú idir Nascghrúpa na nEalaíon agus Cultúir agus an Chomhairle. Bhí an deis ag pobal na n-ealaíon ionchur a bheith acu sna tosaíochtaí don chiste agus rinne an PPN comhordú ar aighneacht ar bhain an Chomhairle úsáid as mar bhonn chun iarratais a chur faoi bhráid an chiste. Chiollaigh an rannpháirtíocht seo le pobal na n-ealaíon go mbeidh riachtanais ghrúpaí áitiúla lárnach sa togra.
- Trí rannpháirtíocht an phobail (tríd an PPN) agus ceardlanna rialta agus imeachtaí óráide, cuireadh muinín agus ardán ar fáil do phobail chun teagmháil dhearfach a dhéanamh leis an Údarás Áitiúil. Bhí ról suntasach ag an PPN ó thaobh níos mó daoine a spreagadh le páirt a ghlacadh / bheith rannpháirteach ina bpoal áitiúil. Thacaigh an PPN le daoine teacht le chéile trí dheiseanna ar líne le linn na paindéime.

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Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar an gCuimsiú Sóisialta

- D'oibrigh an PPN i gcomhar le Comhairle na Seanóirí chun bainistiú agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar sheachadadh Táibléid Aoisbháúil Acorn do dhaoine breacaosta a bhí scoite amach ón gcuid eile den phobal. Ba é aidhm an tionscadail oibriú le daoine aosta agus múineadh dóibh leis an táibléad Acorn a úsáid mar uirlis chumarsáide. Rinneadh é seo chun an t-aonrú sóisialta agus an t-uaigneas a laghdú agus cabhrú le daoine aonair scilbhisiú a dhéanamh agus coinneáil i dteagmháil lena ngaolta, lena gcairde agus lena dteaghlaigh.
- Tá léiriú déanta ag an Ionadaí Tithíochta ó Chuimsiú Sóisialta ar shaincheisteanna a bhaineann le clár Plean Gnímh an Lucht Siúil (TAP) reatha. Ní bhaintear úsáid as aitheantóirí eitneacha sna hiarratais tithíochta a bhí molta ag eagraíochtaí an Lucht Siúil agus mar sin tá gach cosúlacht ann go bhfuil gannionadaíocht riachtanais ann ó thaobh na spriocanna. Is obair thábhachtach abhcóideachta atá i gceist anseo. D'oibrigh an PPN agus Oifigeach Forbartha Chumann Peile na hÉireann (FAI) i gcomhar le chéile chun campaí samhraidh peile a leagan amach do leanaí a raibh uathachas orthu. Ba é seo an chéad uair a reáchtáladh tionscnamh den chineál seo sa tír agus tá sé beartaithe ag an FAI an tionscnaimh a reáchtáil i gcontaetha eile amach anseo.
- Chuir an PPN togra maidir le hateangaireacht teanga chomharthaíochta faoi bhráid na Stiúrthóireachta Seirbhíse (DoS) mar go bhfuil sé rithábhachtach maidir le seoladh teachtaireachtaí agus a bheith aireach ó thaobh cuimsiú sóisialta.
- Tá baint mhór ag an PPN le líonra LGBT arbh ionann é agus rannpháirtíocht idir an chomhairle, an PPN agus grúpaí seachtracha agus tá curtha acu le próifíl saincheisteanna LGBT san Údarás Áitiúil.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm chun tacú leis an gComhshaol

- Pléadh agus comhaontaíodh rún ar chosaint agus ar chaomhnú fála sreach. Rinne an Nascghrúpa, mar chuid den Chomhphlé Náisiúnta ar Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, óstach agus modhnú ar Chaomhnú Aeráide an PPN.
- Mhol an LCD/LAG glacadh le roghanna fuinnimh inbhuanaithe agus bithéagsúlachta i mbreithniú agus i measúnú gach tionscadal, sa chás a leithéid a bheith indéanta go réasúnacha gan costais bhreise a bhrú nó oibleagáidí a éileamh ar thionscnóirí do chlár idirthréimhseach LEADER (2021--2022).
- Rinne an PPN óstach ar sheimineáir ar chomhairliúchán poiblí maidir leis an bPlean Bainistíochta Abhantraí i gcomhar le Clár Uisce na nÚdarás Áitiúil (LAWPRO) agus le rannóg feabhsúcháin uisce na comhairle contae. Deis iontach a bhí inti seo do gach grúpa comhaltais an PPN, ach go háirithe, dul i gcomhairle leis an bpiléar Comhshaoil agus a bheith mar chuid de phróiseas aighneachtaí ábhartha den sórt sin.
- Mhol an PPN Turasóireacht Inbhuanaithe a chur ar an gclár mar gheall go raibh sé feicthe gur chóir go léireodh tionscnaimh turasóireachta inbhuanaithe go bhfuil siad ar aon dul le beartais aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta ag leibhéal an AE agus ag leibhéal Náisiúnta.
- Tá an PPN mar chomhpháirtí le 'Stepping Stones Forests' – a bhfuil os cionn 10 mionfhoraois plandáilte go díreach acu i scoileanna ar fud an chontae. Tugann sé seo tuiscint níos fearr ar an gcomhshaol atá thart timpeall orthu do scoileanna, d'oibríthe deonacha agus do leanaí agus tuiscint níos fearr freisin ar an obair atá idir lámha ag an PPN sa choláiste comhshaoil.
- Mhol an SPC Pleanála, Comhshaoil, Aeráide; Gnímh Bithéagsúlachta, Fuinnimh agus Talmhaíochta ionchur sa togra faoi Athrú Aeráide go dtabharfaidh faoi fhíseán ar mhaithe le cuidiú leis an bpobal a bheith níos feasaí maidir le nithe simplí is féidir a dhéanamh chun feabhas a chur ar athchúrsáil, athúsáid agus ar dhramhail go ginearálta agus rinne éileamh go dtabharfaidh an deis dár grúpaí a bheith rannpháirteach sa táirgeadh.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe (SDGanna)

- Déanann an PPN comhordú ar Ghrúpa Oibre Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe an LECP, lena n-áirítear comhaltaí ó eagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta, gníomhaireachtaí agus Comhairleoirí Cathracha. Tá an tábhacht a bhaineann le SDGanna a neadú sa phleanáil chathrach aitheanta ag an ngrúpa, lena n-áirítear an Plean Forbartha Cathrach nua agus an Plean Áitiúil Eacnamaíochta agus Pobail nua. Ag leanúint ar aghaidh ón measúnú ar thuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh maidir leis an gcéad chéim i bpróiseas an Phlean Forbartha Cathrach i mí na Bealtaine, tá tús curtha le comhoibriú ó thaobh díriú ar chur i bhfeidhm na SDGanna.
- Chuir an Nascgrúpa um Athrú Aeráide, Comhshaol agus Uisce, Comhrá maidir le hAthrú Aeráide agus tuarascáil ghaolmhar ar fáil.
- Chuir an PPN, i gcomhar leis an Oifig na Comhairle Contae um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, clabhsúr le Comhdháil na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir leis an Athrú Aeráide, COP 26 i nGlaschú, le dhá lá de chainteanna, ceardlanna, taispeántais agus siúlóidí. Reáchtáladh imeachtaí do dhaoine óga, do ghrúpaí pobail, do dhaoine aonair agus do ghnólachtaí. Is spás a bhí anseo do phobail chun foghlaim óna chéile maidir lena lorg carbóin a laghdú agus le deiseanna tacaíochta agus maoinithe atá ar fáil a aithint.

Ag Dul i bhfeidhm chun leasa Ballgrúpaí

- Chuir an PPN an fhaisnéis is déanaí ar fáil do Bhallgrúpaí ar bhonn rialta maidir le deiseanna maoinithe agus d'oibrigh an PPN i gcomhar le Rannóg Spóirt na Comhairle Contae chun faisnéis agus tacaíocht a chur ar fáil do chlubanna lena n-iarratais ar Dheontais Caipitil Spóirt. Fuair an líon is mó riamh de chlubanna spóirt sa chontae Deontais Caipitil Spóirt. Rachaidh sé seo chun leasa do Chlubanna Spóirt agus do na pobail áitiúla go ceann na mblianta.

- Chuir an PPN Mol Beartais le chéile agus cuireadh an Mol sin ar fáil, mol ina bhfuil os cionn 120 beartas chun tacú le hionadaithe an PPN chun dul i bhfeidhm ar bheartas ag leibhéal áitiúil, náisiúnta agus an AE agus chun feidhmiú mar shuíomh lárnach do chomhaltas an PPN níos leithne.
- Chuir an PPN clár leathan d'imeachtaí oiliúna ar fáil do chomhaltaí sa chéad leath den bhliain 2021. Bhí maoiniú agus airgeadas, meán shóisialta, scileanna éascaithe agus abhcóideachta i leith pleanáil straitéiseach agus GDPR i gceist leis an oiliúint. Cuireadh an oiliúint ar fáil ar líne mar bhealach chun cur le hacmhainneacht grúpa le linn na tréimhse ina raibh srianta Covid-19.
- Cloisteáil ó ghrúpaí comhaltais a bhí i gceist leis an tionchar ar an taighde a bhí taobh thiar den phlean straitéiseach 5 bliana, maidir leis an méid a bhí úsáideach dóibh agus nach raibh chomh húsáideach sin maidir leis an PPN. Bhí sé sin indéanta do chomhaltaí níos leithne, go háirithe, ó thaobh guthanna a chloisteáil, iad a thaifeadadh agus a éisteacht le dul chun leasa an líonra ina iomláine.
- Bhí ról gníomhach ag an PPN i gcomhairliúcháin amhail, Pleananna Oidhreachta, Pleananna Leabharlainne, Straitéisí Crainn, Tionscadail Bonneagar Iompair agus Réimse Poiblí, Pleananna Forbartha Contae agus Seirbhísí Cúraim Sóisialta Míchumais, chun treoir a chur ar fáil don phlean sna 4 bliana atá amach romhainn (2022--2025).
- Mar chuid den phróiseas chun freastal ar na ceanglais rialachais éigeantacha atá i Lámhleabhar 2020, chuaigh an PPN i gcomhairle leis an gcomhaltas chun creat rialachais agus prionsabail a fhorbairt mar bhonn d'fhorbairt rialachais laistigh den líonra.
- Tá an PPN ar an bhFoireann Freagartha Pobail leis an gComhairle agus leis na Príomhghníomhaireachtaí eile go léir mar ghné lárnach den phróiseas. Is ionann an PPN agus nasc díreach leis an Earnáil Pobail agus tá ar a gcumas faisnéis agus taithe a roinnt leis na comhaltaí eile maidir le bearnaí nó réimsí atá lárnach i dtaca le gníomhartha.

Dul i bhFeidhm ar an Lánpháirtíocht

- Thug an PPN faoi Insiúltacht agus aithníodh saincheisteanna móra maidir le cosáin agus le trasrianta agus tá tús curtha le hobair anois chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na saincheisteanna seo.
- Rinne an PPN athbhreithniú ar an Straitéis Lánpháirtíochta Imirceach i gcomhar leis an Údarás Áitiúil agus le Comhpháirtíocht LEADER agus bhunaigh an PPN Grúpa Stiúrtha Lánpháirtíochta Imirceach agus cuireadh mar chúram ar an PPN 3 chomhalta a thoghadh ón bPobal Imirceach.
- Tá an PPN ag leanúint ar aghaidh le habhcóideacht a dhéanamh agus le saincheist a ardú maidir le doiciméid, leabhráin nó cur i láthair a chur le chéile (lena n-áirítear an costas) gan aon chodarsnacht dathanna do dhaoine a bhfuil lagú radhairc orthu amhail, dath gorm éadrom nó dath bándearg éadrom a úsáid ar chúlra bán nach féidir a léamh agus gan an phriontáil a dhéanamh ar pháipéar snasta mar go mbíonn sé sin mar chúis le dallrú.

Dul i bhFeidhm ar Chearta an Duine

- Bhí an PPN ar cheann de na hocht eagraíocht is fiche a fuair maoiniú ó Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas faoina Scéim Deontais um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas don bhliain 2021. Tá an scéim Deontais um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas mar chuid de chumhachtaí reachtúla an Choimisiúin chun deontais a chur ar fáil ar mhaithe le cearta an duine agus comhionannas a chur chun cinn faoin Acht fá Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas, 2014. Tá sé mar aidhm leis an tionscadal seo comhoibriú idir grúpaí a dhéanann ionadaíocht air agus a chuimsíonn na daoine siúd atá faoi thionchar ag eisiámh socheacnamaíoch, gníomh atá bunaithe ar straitéis in aghaidh na bochtaineachta a bheartú chun abhcóideacht a dhéanamh go héifeachtach ar mhaithe le tuiscint fhorásach ar chearta sóisialta agus geilleagracha. Bainfear úsáid as an straitéis mar chreat chun faisnéis a dhéanamh do na haighneachtaí beartais go léir chuig na hÚdaráis Áitiúla.

- Socraíodh leis an tionscadal Comhionannais agus Cearta ag Feidhmiú, lenar thacaigh Coimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas (IHREC), Painéal Sochaí Sibhialta a bhunú. Tá grúpaí na sochaí sibhialta agus iadsan a bhí faoi réir ag idirdhealú, éagothroime agus ag diúltú chearta an duine sa riocht is fearr lena saíneolas a úsáid mar shealbhóirí cearta chun tacú le Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí a chur i bhfeidhm Leis an tionscadal, cuireadh le comhacmhainneacht Sealbhóirí Cearta chun a bheith rannpháirteach agus tacú le cur i bhfeidhm éifeachtach agus trédhearcach Dhualgas na hEarnála Poiblí ag gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí a bhfuil an dualgas seo orthu. Baineann na daoine siúd a bhí faoi réir ag taithí idirdhealaithe, comhionannais agus ag diúltú chearta an duine, úsáid as a gcuid saíneolais mar shealbhóirí ceart chun tacú le cur i bhfeidhm Dhualgas na hEarnála Poiblí.

Dul i bhFeidhm ar Líonraí

- D'fhoilsigh na PPNanna nuachtlitreacha seachtainiúla agus ríomhírisí míosúla ina bhfuil píosaí nuachta na gcomhaltaí a spreagann spiorad pobail agus a choinníonn gach uile dhuine ar an eolas maidir leis an méid atá ag tarlú. Acmhainn faisnéise luachmhar a bhfuil glacadh maith leis atá i gceist anseo maidir le Folláine, Maoiniú, Comhairliúcháin agus aon fhaisnéis eile atá ar a gcumas a bhailiú a d'fhéadfadh a bheith úsáideach do ghrúpaí pobail agus dá gcomhaltas.
- D'éirigh thar barr le cur chun cinn Oiliúna sa Chumarsáid tríd an teicneolaíocht. Thug sé seo an deis do na PPNanna tacú le scileanna nua a fhorbairt chun cuidiú le grúpaí a theacht le chéile ar bhealach fíorúil agus le haghaidh a thabhairt ar aonrú.

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Comhaltas

Tá go leor buntáistí ag gabháil le comhaltas an PPN. Trí chláru leis an PPN, beidh an méid seo a leanas á fháil ag eagraíocht:

- Rochtain ar fhaisnéis ábhartha maidir le maoiniú agus deontais a thagann tríd an Údarás Áitiúil.
- An deis a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a fhógairt trí nuachtlitr, láithreán gréasáin, ríomhphoist an PPN srl.
- Rochtain ar fhorbairt acmhainní agus ar imeachtaí oiliúna a thacóidh leo ina gcuid oibre.
- Rochtain ar fhaisnéis faoi chinntí agus faoi mholtaí atá á ndéanamh ina gcontae/ ina gcathair agus an cumas chun tuairimí agus ionchur a chur ar fáil ina leith, chomh maith le heagraíochtaí comhaltais eile an PPN.
- Deis chun nasc a chruthú le heagraíochtaí eile sa chontae / sa chathair atá b'fhéidir bainteach leis an gcineál céanna tionscadal oibre agus foghlaim uathu.
- An deis a bheith mar chuid de Nascgrúpa ar son Bord nó Coiste leasa agus a bheith in ann a dtuairimí a chur in iúl agus cur le beartais áitiúla.
- Deis chun comhaltaí a ainmniú le bheith ar Bhord nó ar Choiste thar ceann an PPN.

Ní mór do gach eagraíocht ar leith rogha a dhéanamh ansin a bheith mar chuid d'aon Choláiste amháin a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar a bpríomhábhar spéise – Pobal agus Deonach, Comhshaol agus Cuimsiú Sóisialta.

Ag deireadh na bliana 2021, b'ionann comhaltas an PPN agus 18,121 grúpa comhaltais (lena n-áirítear Comhaltaí Comhlacha) ar fud na 31 PPN. Déanann eagraíochtaí Pobail agus Deonacha suas tromlach na gcomhaltaí i gcónaí (79.8%), eagraíochtaí Cuimsithe Shóisialta ina dhiaidh sin (16.5%) agus Eagraíochtaí Comhshaoil (3.7%). Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 2 thíos ar an gcomhaltas bunaithe ar an gcineál eagraíochta agus léiríonn sé na hathruithe comparáideacha i ngach réimse le linn 2021.

Tábla 2: Comhdhéanamh chomhaltas an PPN do na blianta 2020* agus 2021*

Coláiste	2020 (n=31 Figiúirí CRM)	2021 (n=31)	Athrú ar Uimh.	% Iomlán 2021
Pobal agus Deonach	13,929	14,443	+514	79.8%
Comhshaol	613	655	+ 42	3.7%
Cuimsiú Sóisialta	2,988	3,001	+13	16.5%
Iomlán	17,530	18,121	+ 591	

*Comhaltaí Comhlacha san Áireamh

** Tabhair faoi deara i dtaobh méid iomlán 2021 de 18,121 ghrúpa - tá 22 cláraithe leis an LRP neamhsananta d'aon choláiste.

Chur 16 PPN ar an iomlán Comhaltas Comhlach ar fáil, go ginearálta d'eagraíochtaí nár gcomhlíon na critéir iomlána comhaltais, ach ar mian leo a bheith bainteach agus faisnéis a fháil. Ar an iomlán, bhí 362 Comhalta Comhlach ar na PPNanna – 273 Comhalta Comhlach ón Earnáil Pobail agus Deonach, 23 Comhalta Comhlach ón Earnáil Comhshaoil, agus 66 Comhalta Comhlach ón Earnáil Cuimsithe Shóisialta (ardú 16% ón 312 sa bhliain roimhe seo).

Rinne 17 PPN athchlárú iomlán agus rinne an chuid eile mionsonraí teagmhála na gcomhaltaí a uasdátú de réir mar a fuair siad faisnéis faoi athruithe.

Ar an iomlán, bhí

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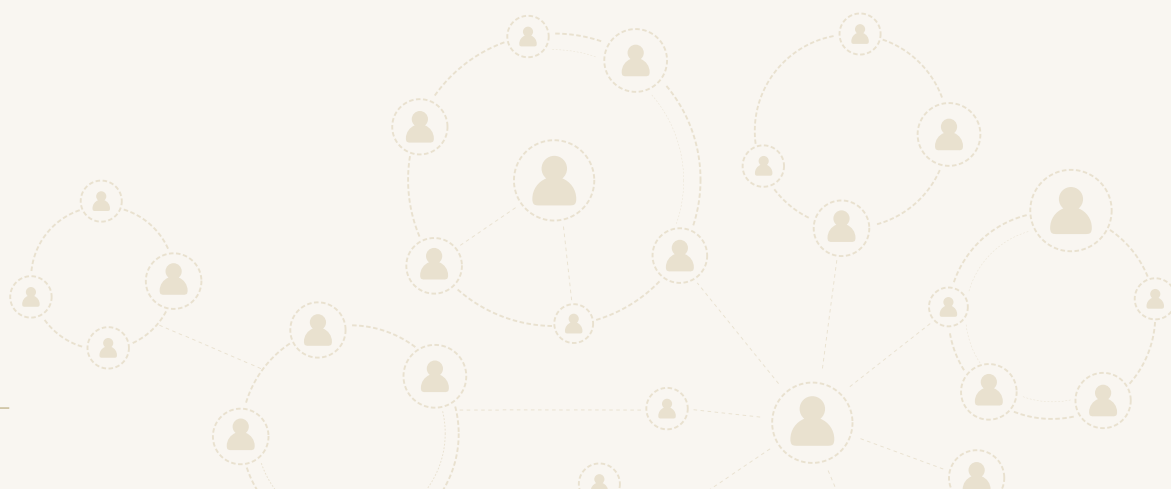
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2

Ionadaíocht agus Cinniteoireacht

Iarradh ar na PPNanna tuairisc a thabhairt ar an mbealach ina ndeachaigh siad i gcomhairle lena ngrúpaí comhaltais, ó dháileadh faisnéise, go freastal ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin agus le haighneachtaí i scríbhinn a dhéanamh. Cuirtear achoimre ar fáil i dTábla 3 de na gníomhaíochtaí a ghlac na PPNanna chun tacú lena gcomhaltas lena bheith rannpháirteach i ndaonlathas pléghrúpa.

Tábla 3: Rannpháirtíocht i gComhairliúcháin, 2021

An Modh	I gcónaí	Uaireanta	Go hannamh	Riamh
Dáileadh faisnéise ar ghrúpaí comhaltais maidir le comhairliúcháin áitiúla	25	4	1	1
Dáileadh faisnéise ar ghrúpaí comhaltais maidir le comhairliúcháin náisiúnta	22	7	1	1
D'fhreastail ionadaithe an PPN ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an PPN	4	21	6	0
D'fhreastail an tOibrí Acmhainní ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an PPN	5	17	5	4
Rinneadh aighneachtaí i scríbhinn maidir le comhairliúcháin, mar an PPN nó mar fhoghrúpa (nascgrúpa srl.)	4	19	3	5
D'eagraigh an PPN comhairliúcháin leis na comhaltaí (i.e., cruinnithe agus suirbhéanna a eagrú)	3	20	4	4

Mar atá le feiceáil i dTábla 3 chuir formhór na PPNanna faisnéis ar fáil dá gcomhaltaí i gcónaí maidir le comhairliúcháin áitiúla agus náisiúnta a bhí ar siúl. D'fhreastail Oibríthe Acmhainní nó Ionadaithe an PPN ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin thar ceann an PPN 'I gCónaí' nó 'Uaireanta' i bhformhór na gcásanna, agus thuairiscigh a bhformhór go ndearna siad aighneachtaí i scríbhinn nó gur eagraigh siad a n-imeachtaí comhairliúcháin féin lena gcomhaltaí 'I gCónaí' nó 'Uaireanta'.

Thaifead 31 PPN gur thug siad freagra ar 190 comhairliúchán sa bhliain 2021.

Thug 31 PPN a dtuairimí maidir leis an gcaoi a n-eagraítear comhairliúcháin agus /nó thug siad roinnt sonraí faoi chomhairliúcháin ar ghlac siad féin páirt iontu, mar atá in Aguisín 4.

Tacaíocht don Ionadaíocht

Leis an rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht, is gá go mbeadh na páirtithe ar fad rannpháirtíocht i ndáiríre. Iarradh ar PPNanna aiseolas a thabhairt maidir lena dtuairim faoin bpróiseas rannpháirtíochta agus tá an fhaisnéis sin leagtha amach i dTábla 4.

Tábla 4: Tacaíocht don Ionadaíocht, 2021

Tacaíocht	Déanann an LA cinneadh nó cuireann sé gach rud i gcrích agus cuireann sé an PPN ar an eolas ina dhiaidh sin	Iarrann an LA ionchur ón PPN maidir le réimsí áirithe, a roghnaíonn an LA	Coinníonn an LA smacht ar an bpróiseas, ach tugann sé deis don PPN ionchur a mholadh	Comhoibríonn an LA agus an PPN mar a bhaineann le gach gné den phróiseas
Mar a bhaineann le Socrú Cláir Oibre (An clár oibre a leagan amach don chruinniú / don bhliain nua / téarma oifige 5 bliana)	9	7	10	5
Mar a bhaineann le Dréachtú (beartais, pleananna cumarsáide a scríobh etc.)	6	10	13	2
Mar a bhaineann le Cinnteoireacht (próiseas cinnteoireachta faoi bheartais, tionscnaimh srl.)	5	7	16	3
Mar a bhaineann le Cur i bhfeidhm (ag cur beartais i bhfeidhm)	10	5	13	3
Mar a bhaineann le Monatóireacht (monatóireacht agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar thorthaí beartais nó cinnidh)	13	6	9	3
Mar a bhaineann leis an Athchóiriú (úsáid a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis a bailíodh sa chéim Mhonatóireachta chun beartas nó tionscnamh a mheas agus a athchóiriú)	10	7	11	3

Níor thuairiscigh ach dhá PPN go dtarlaíonn comhoibriú go seasta ag gach céim den phróiseas ionadaíochta.

Fís d'Fholláine an Phobail

Le tacaíocht ó mhaoiniú ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail (DRCD), thuairiscigh seacht PPN déag go raibh Fís críochnaithe acu mar a bhain le Folláine an Phobail. Thuairiscigh dóibhsean nach raibh fís críochnaithe acu go bhfuil moill leis an obair seo mar gheall ar Covid-19, ráta athraithe foirne nó ganntanais agus tá siad ag obair go gníomhach chun é a chur i gcrích sa bhliain 2022.

Samplaí den tionchar a bhí ag an bhFís ar chinnteoireacht

- Bainimid úsáid as mar threoir chun tacú le tuairimí ionadaithe agus chomhaltaí an PPN agus meabhraítear do na príomhpháirtithe gurbh é seo an glór maidir le hionchur an phobail sna gnéithe seo.
- Bainimid úsáid as mar dhoiciméad treorach ar fud gach Struchtúr an PPN.
- D'aistrigh an GCCN an Fhís d'Fholláine go doiciméad Beartais agus Riochtaí a bhfuil úsáid leathan á baint as mar bhunús le hionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar na struchtúir go léir. Tugtar breac-chuntas sa doiciméad ar an mbeartas náisiúnta agus ar dhea-chleachtas maidir le gach aon cheann de na saincheisteanna a raibh an GCCN ag déanamh ionadaíochta orthu, agus ina dhiaidh sin aidhm an GCCN don réimse atá i gceist agus do na riochtaí atá comhaontaithe ag an GCCN. Tabharfar an doiciméad seo cothrom le dáta sa bhliain 2022.
- Baineann an PPN úsáid uaireanta as an bhFís ó réimse chun faisnéis a chur ar fáil do smaointe agus do mholtaí maidir le comhairliúcháin. Baineann Ionadaithe an PPN úsáid as seo freisin mar shainordú agus a ról á gcur i bhfeidhm acu agus i gcomhfhreagrú le Nascghrúpaí.
- Daingníodh Ráitis Folláine Pobail an Chláir ag cruinniú iomlánach in Eanáir na bliana 2021 agus is doiciméad beo atá ann i gcónaí. Chuir an próiseas comhairliúcháin faisnéis ar fáil do réamhdhréacht Aighneachta chuig Plean Forbartha an Chontae agus bhí siad ina lionsaí úsáideacha agus athbhreithniú á dhéanamh ar an Dréachtphlean nuair a foilsíodh an plean sa bhliain 2021. Tá na hionadaithe den tuairim go bhfuil sainordú acu a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar a bpiléar nuair a thógtar san áireamh an t-ionchur suntasach ó ghrúpaí comhaltais agus tá a fhios acu gur féidir leo tagairt a dhéanamh dó thar ceann na gcomhaltaí agus iad i mbun ionadaíochta ar bhoird agus ar choistí maidir le beartas. Bhí sé ar cheann de na bundoiciméid do chur i láthair shuntasach ar an gcomhshaoil don LCDC i mbliana. Rinneadh tagairt dó go rialta inár n-aighneachtaí.
- Rinne ionadaithe PPN Chiarraí iarracht ionchur maidir le fís folláine pobail a chur i láthair ar na boird agus ar na coistí a bhfuil siad ag freastal orthu. Is próiseas leanúnach é atá dúshlánach. Táthar ag súil go mbainfear úsáid as an bhfaisnéis le linn phróiseas an LECP ar bhealach níos éifeachtaí ar mhaithe le tionchar a bheith ar athrú.
- Baineadh úsáid as an bhFís chun oiliúint a chur ar Ionadaithe an PPN ar mhaithe le tosaíochtaí an phobail a chur i láthair ag cruinnithe. Baineadh úsáid as chun oiliúint a chur ar ionadaithe chun úsáid a bhaint as sonraí mar bhonn taca leis na físeanna. Baineadh úsáid as in go leor beartas, pleananna agus straitéisí an LCC, amhail Plean Forbartha an Chontae, an Plean Corparáideach, Straitéis Idirchultúrtha an Longfoirt, Plean Folláine an Longfoirt, srl. Baineadh úsáid as mar bhunús do ghrúpaí chun forbairt a dhéanamh ar Shainorduithe Thoghcháin na gCeantar Bardasach sa bhliain 2019. Rinneamar Scannán 2040 do Sheachtain Ghníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus baineadh úsáid as na físeanna do dhíospóireacht ar an scannán agus le Líonra Comhshaoil an Longfoirt a sheoladh. Is ionann na físeanna agus sainordú do phlean oibre an PPN.
- Foilsíodh le gairid é agus tá sé beartaithe againn é a úsáid chun faisnéis a sholáthar don LECP.
- Baineadh úsáid as i bhFís/LECP Shligigh sa bhliain 2030. Baineadh úsáid as chun faisnéis a sholáthar d'iarratais mhaoinithe eagraíochtaí eile. Chuir sé faisnéis ar fáil do thionscnaimh agus d'fhorbairt cláir 'Let's Play Sligo'. Cuireann sé faisnéis ar fáil do Phlean Maolaithe Aeráide Shligigh. Baineann ionadaithe ar bhord an SPC úsáid as.
- Daingníodh an Ráiteas i mí na Nollag 2020 ach níor seoladh go hoifigiúil é mar gheall ar COVID-19. Cuireadh oiliúint mhionsonraithe ar fáil do na hionadaithe maidir leis an méid sin agus bainfidh siad úsáid as an ráiteas ina gcuid ionadaíochta ar choistí na comhairle sa bhliain 2022.

- Baineadh úsáid as an bhFís d'Fholláine an Phobail go díreach i bpróiseas Dréachtphlean Forbartha an Chontae sa bhliain 2021 mar a baineadh úsáid as i bPlean Corparáideach an TCC sa bhliain 2020 agus tá a thionchar le feiceáil go soiléir mar phríomhchomhpháirt sa dréachtphlean. Trí chomhoibriú níos dlúithe le rannóg Comhshaoil agus Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide san TCC, féachadh agus glacadh leis an bhFís d'Fholláine an Phobail mar shainordú d'ionadaithe PPN an SPC. Bhí cúig chruinniú maidir le Ceantar Bardasach ann i Ráithe 4 den bhliain 2021 agus d'fhreastail Ionadaithe agus grúpaí pobail ar na cruinnithe sin agus fuair siad tacaíocht chun gnéithe den Fhís a aithint go gníomhach a bheadh úsáideach chun sainordú ábhartha a fhorbairt amach anseo. Leanfaimid leis an méid seo a neadú i dTreoir na nIonadaithe, trí oiliúint agus trí phróifíl ard na Físe d'Fholláine an Phobail a chinntiú mar ábhar dea-chleachtais, chun úsáid leanúnach na Físe d'Fholláine an Phobail a chinntiú chun tacaíocht a thabhairt ó thaobh cur le glór ghrúpaí pobail an PPN ag fóraim chinnteoireachta áitiúla.
- Tá Fís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí mar aon le comhairliúcháin iomlánacha mar bhonn do Phlean Straitéiseach 5 Bliana PPN na hIarmhí do na blianta 2021--2025, agus ina dhiaidh sin a phleananna oibre bliantúla. Scaipeadh cóipeanna d'fhís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí ar gach grúpa comhaltais an PPN, comhairleoirí tofa agus ionadaithe an PPN. Cuireadh Fís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí faoi bhráid chomhairliúcháin Phlean Forbartha an Chontae (CDP) agus tá príomhghnéithe na físe á gcur san áireamh sa rannóg folláine de Phlean Forbartha an Chontae. Bainfear úsáid as an bhFís d'Fholláine an Phobail freisin sa Phlean Forbartha Eacnamaíochta Áitiúil (LECP) nua.
- Baineadh úsáid as sa bhreithniú chun Plean Forbartha an Chontae a dhréachtú.
- Baintear úsáid as mar shainordú d'ionadaithe an PPN agus mar bhonnchloch d'aighneachtaí uile an PPN. Cuireann siad treo ar fáil freisin don Phlean Oibre agus aithníonn siad tosaíochtaí oibre.

Ionadaíocht ar Chomhlachtaí Cinnteoireachta

Ar cheann de na príomhréimsí a bhfuil sé ar chumas PPNanna tionchar díreach a bheith acu ar chinntí a dhéantar ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil, tá ionadaíocht ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí, amhail Coistí um Beartais Straitéiseacha, na Comhchoistí Póilíneachta, na Boird Chontae agus mar sin de. Cuirtear briseadh síos iomlán ar fáil i dTábla 5 maidir le comhdhéanamh an Bhoird agus an Choiste.

Tábla 5: Rannpháirtíocht Ionadaithe an PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí sa bhliain 2021

	2021
Líon na nIonadaithe	1,013
Fear	524
Bean	489
Cion Fir: Mná: Eile	52:48
Líon na nIonadaithe nua a toghadh	246
Fear	126
Bean	120
Cion Fir: Bean	51:49
Líon na nIonadaithe a chuaigh ar scor le linn na bliana	97
Fear	49
Bean	48
Cion Fir: Bean	51:49
Líon Iomlán na mBord agus na gCoistí	397

Tháinig méadú ar líon iomlán na nIonadaithe ó 941, mar a bhí in 2020, go dtí 1,031 in 2021, ag tabhairt ar aird gur tagraíodh i dtuarascáil 2020 do 30 PPN agus go mbaineann tuarascáil 2021 le 31 PPN. Tháinig laghdú beag ar líon na mBord agus na gCoistí ar a bhfuil na hIonadaithe ó 410 i gcás na 30 PPN in 2020 go dtí 397 i gcás na 31 PPN in 2021.

Ba é 102 líon na suíochán a raibh iomaíocht fúthu sa bhliain 2021, cé nach raibh aon choimhlint i gceist le 138 suíochán (sé sin, níor ceadaíodh ach aon ainmniúchán amháin in aghaidh an tsuíocháin nó ní bhfuarthas ach aon ainmniúchán amháin don phost). Ba é 75 líon na suíochán oscailte a bhí ar fáil d'ionadaíocht an PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí sa bhliain 2021.

De réir mar atá le feiceáil i dTábla 5, tá líon na bhfear agus líon na mban, maidir le hionadaíocht an PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí beagnach comhionann, agus bhí líon na bhfear a toghadh sa bhliain 2021 beagán níos airde. Chomh maith

leis sin chuaigh an méid céanna ban agus fear ar scor in 2021.

Thuairiscigh ceithre PPN déag (46%) go bhfuil duine amháin ar a laghad a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar son an PPN ar níos mó ná Bord nó Coiste amháin, 29 duine san iomlán. I gcás go leor acu, tharla sé seo toisc go raibh sé deacair dóibh teacht ar a ndóthain ionadaithe a raibh saineolas ar leith acu agus tá cuid mhaith acu ag obair chun leigheas a fháil air seo in 2022 i bhfianaise na treorach a tugadh i Lámhleabhar an PPN i mí na Samhna 2020.

Chuir fiche de na 31 PPN in iúl go raibh deacracht acu ionadaithe a earcú in 2021. Tharla sé seo den chuid is mó mar thoradh ar shrianta leanúnacha Covid-19, an tiomantas ama atá riachtanach le freastal ar chruinnithe agus a bheith eolach ar na hábhair araon, agus easpa torthaí follasacha agus easpa tacaíochtaí agus saineolais i réimsí áirithe nuair a chuirtear san áireamh gur oibrítithe deonacha iad seo ar fad.

Tacaíochtaí d'Ionadaithe an PPN

Aithnítear ról Ionadaithe an PPN ar fud líonra an PPN agus tá meas mór ar an obair dheonach a dhéanann siad agus ar an taithí atá acu. Tá raon tacaíochtaí i bhfeidhm ar fud PPNanna do na hIonadaithe, agus cuirtear níos mó mionsonraí ar fáil i dTábla 6.

Cineál Tacaíochta	Líon na PPNanna	Líon na nGrúpaí (más infheidhme)
Nascgrúpaí	22	115
Grúpaí Téamacha/Gníomhaíochta	15	37
Cairt Ionadaithe	27	
Oiliúint Shonrach d'Ionadaithe an PPN	27	
Oiliúint do Nascgrúpaí	13	
Foirmeacha Aiseolais ó Chruinnithe comhlánaithe ag Ionadaithe	24	
Líonra Áitiúil Ionadaithe an PPN	16	
Tacaíocht Duine le Duine	28	
Údarás Áitiúil/Óstach Coiste	16	

Nuair a iarradh a dtuairim maidir leis na tacaíochtaí seo a thabhairt, chuir na PPNanna in iúl gur bhliain dheacair eile a bhí in 2021 le bheith ag idirghníomhú agus ag cur tacaíochtaí ar fáil, tráth a raibh gá níos mó ná riamh leis na tacaíochtaí sin. Tá tuiscint ann go bhfuil tacaíochtaí leanúnacha ag teastáil ó ionadaithe. Bhí cúrsaí ama agus acmhainní ina saincheist do roinnt PPNanna.

Nascghrúpaí agus Grúpaí Téamacha

Sa chás go mbíonn Nascghrúpaí nó Grúpaí Téamacha ann, d'fhéadfadh sé go mbainfidís le réimsí uileghabhálacha (mar shampla, Cuimsiú Sóisialta, Comhshaol, Sláinte agus Folláine, Pobal agus Deonach, Pleanáil agus Forbairt Straitéiseach, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Comhchoiste Póilíneachta agus mar sin de) nó le réimsí sainleasa (mar shampla nasctha le Coistí ar leith nó bainteach leis an Óige, Daoine Aosta, Athrú Aeráide, Daoine faoi Mhíchumas, an Cultúr agus na hEalaíona, an Comhshaol agus an tUisce agus mar sin de). Thuairiscigh trí cinn déag de na PPNanna gur thogh a gcuid Nascghrúpaí Ionadaithe le suí ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí agus thuairiscigh PPNanna eile nach raibh Nascghrúpaí bunaithe/gníomhach; nó rinneadh toghcháin a reáchtáil trí Chruinniú lomlánach nó trí Choláiste.

Maidir leis na 115 Nascghrúpa a thuairisciú go raibh siad ag feidhmiú (Tábla 6), measadh go raibh 68 acu gníomhach, is é sin le rá go dtionólaí siad trí chruinniú nó níos mó laistigh den bhliain (lena n-áirítear cruinnithe fíorúla). Tá na 68 Nascghrúpa seo scaipthe ar fud 25 PPN. Go comparáideach, bhí 43 Líonra Téamacha ann a bhí gníomhach. Rinneadh an chumarsáid go leictreonach leis na Nascghrúpaí agus na Líonraí Téamacha agus rinneadh roinnt cumarsáide ar an láthair den chuid is mó den bhliain 2021.

Nuair a cuireadh ceist faoin leibhéal rannpháirtíochta i measc na Nascghrúpaí ar fad, dúirt trí PPN go mbíonn 'An-lear' ann; thuairiscigh trí cinn acu go mbíonn 'Go leor' ann; dúirt 12 PPN go mbíonn 'Méid áirithe' ann; thuairiscigh 5 PPN gur 'Beagán' a bhíonn ann; agus thuairiscigh 6 PPN nach mbíonn 'aon rannpháirtíocht ann'. Nuair a cuireadh an cheist chéanna maidir leis na Grúpaí Téamacha, thuairiscigh 6 PPN go mbíonn 'An-lear' rannpháirtíochta ann; thuairiscigh 2 PPN go mbíonn 'Go leor' ann; thuairiscigh 6 PPN go mbíonn 'Méid áirithe' ann; thuairiscigh 4 PPN gur 'Beagán' a bhíonn ann; agus dúirt seacht gcinn nach mbíonn 'aon rannpháirtíocht ann'.

Ionadaithe Ceantair Bhardasaigh

Thuairiscigh fiche PPN go raibh Ionadaithe Ceantair Bhardasaigh acu. Bhí na tacaíochtaí a cuireadh ar fáil do na hIonadaithe sin beagnach mar a chéile leo sin dá dtagraítear dóibh i dTábla 6 agus reáchtáil roinnt PPNanna cruinnithe sonracha nó cláir bhreise oiliúna dá nIonadaithe Ceantair Bhardasaigh.

Thuairiscigh cúig PPN nach raibh aon Ionadaithe Ceantair Bhardasaigh acu. Tuigtear go mbeadh sé amhlaidh sa chás nach raibh ach Ceantar Bardasach amháin sa limistéar, ach sa chás gur tuairiscíodh é sin áfach i limistéir ina raibh níos mó ná Ceantar Bardasach amháin, thuairiscigh na PPNanna arís go raibh tionchar ag Covid-19 agus ag easpa foirne orthu in 2021 agus go bhfuil siad ag obair ar an scéal a fheabhsú in 2022.

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Cumarsáid agus PPNanna a Chur Chun Cinn

Tá cur in iúl ról agus chuspóirí an PPN fíorthábhachtach i leith teagmháil a dhéanamh le grúpaí comhaltais atá ann cheana féin agus le grúpaí comhaltais nua agus le páirtithe leasmhara eile. Bhí gach aon cheann de na 31 PPN a chur freagra ar fáil rannpháirteach go gníomhach i gcur chun cinn an PPN sa bhliain 2021.

Baineadh úsáid as ríomh-fheasacháin, imeachtaí áitiúla, an raidió áitiúil agus na meáin chlóite áitiúla sa bhliain 2021. Bhí ról tábhachtach ag na meáin shóisialta maidir le cláir chumarsáide na PPNanna go léir agus baineadh úsáid fhorleathan as láithreáin ghréasáin thiomanta, as leathanaigh Facebook agus as Twitter.

Agus iad airdeallach go bhfuil grúpaí ann nach n-úsáideann na hardáin ar líne, bhain cuid de na PPNanna úsáid as ábhair chlóite freisin chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh. Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 7 de na modhanna cumarsáide ar baineadh úsáid astu, lena n-áirítear an líon PPNanna a bhaineann úsáid as gach aon mhodh agus líon iomlán na cumarsáide a bhí i gceist.

Tábla 7: Cumarsáid de réir an Mhodha a Úsáideadh, 2021

An Modh Cumarsáide	Líon na PPNanna	An Líon Cumarsáide	An Líon Lucht Leanúna / 'Is Maith Liom'
Nuachtlitir Phriontáilte	9	129	
Ríomh-Nuachtlitreacha Ar Líne	29	850	
Láithreáin Ghréasáin	31		640,350 cuairt
Facebook	30		44,657 'Is maith liom'
Twitter	24		19,721 leantóir
Eile (Instagram, Tik Tok)	10		2.863 leantóir
Rannpháirtíocht in imeachtaí a d'óstáil dreamanna eile	20	235	
Raidió Pobail Áitiúil agus/nó Meáin Áitiúla Tráchtála, i.e. Cló raidió, podchraoltaí, irisí agus blaganna	24	220	

Oibríonn na PPNanna freisin le hionaid chreidimh, clinicí dochtúra, siopaí áitiúla, bainc, oifigí an phoist, leabharlanna áitiúla, Ionaid Faisnéise do Shaoránaigh, Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh, Ionaid na nOibrithe Deonacha, Láithreáin Oidhreachtá áitiúla, agus Ionaid Spóirt áitiúla, agus comhoibríonn siad le heagraíochtaí agus le meáin eile. Tháirg roinnt PPNanna pinn bhrandáilte agus licíní tralaí, etc. Tá mír rialta ag PPN Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an raidió pobail áitiúil agus rinneadh 30 agallamh sa bhliain 2021. Mar

gheall ar na srianta leanúnacha sa bhliain 2021, bhí orthu an chuid is mó den obair chumarsáide agus fógraíochta a dhéanamh ar líne amháin, rud a d'fhéadfadh roinnt páirtithe leasmhara a fhágáil ar lár, agus bhí easpa maoinithe mar shaincheist acu freisin.

Tá an fhaisnéis atá á cur in iúl do na comhaltaí chomh tábhachtach céanna leis na modhanna cumarsáide a bhfuiltear ag baint úsáid astu. Chuige sin, iarradh ar na PPNanna mionsonraí a thabhairt maidir leis an gcineál ábhar a cuireadh ar fáil ó sheitliosta (féach Tábla 8).

Tábla 8: Ábhar a Cuireadh in Iúl don Chomhaltas, 2021

Ábhar a cuireadh in iúl	Líon na PPNanna (n=31)
Imeachtaí an PPN	30
Gníomhaíochtaí an PPN	30
Folúntais an PPN	27
Gníomhaíochtaí Grúpaí Comhaltais	29
Tuarascálacha ó Ionadaithe an PPN	21
Faisnéis faoi Mhaoiniú	30
Comhairliúcháin	29
Eile	15

An dream a thuiriscigh go raibh ‘Eile’ i measc an ábhair a chuir siad an comhaltas ar an eolas faoi, liostaigh siad míreanna amhail beartas náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta agus reachtaíocht a bhaineann le rannpháirtíocht phoiblí, faisnéis a bhaineann le hábhair spéise chomhshaoil agus cuimsithe shóisialta; imlitreacha; deiseanna oiliúna agus deiseanna um fhorbairt acmhainne; faisnéis eile a d’fhéadfadh a bheith ábhartha don phobal; faisnéis agus tacaíochtaí Covid-19; imeachtaí áitiúla; oiliúint; fógraí poiblí; foláirimh phobail; fógraí maidir le seimineáir ghréasáin, sláinte agus folláine; suirbhéanna agus mar sin de.

Salesforce

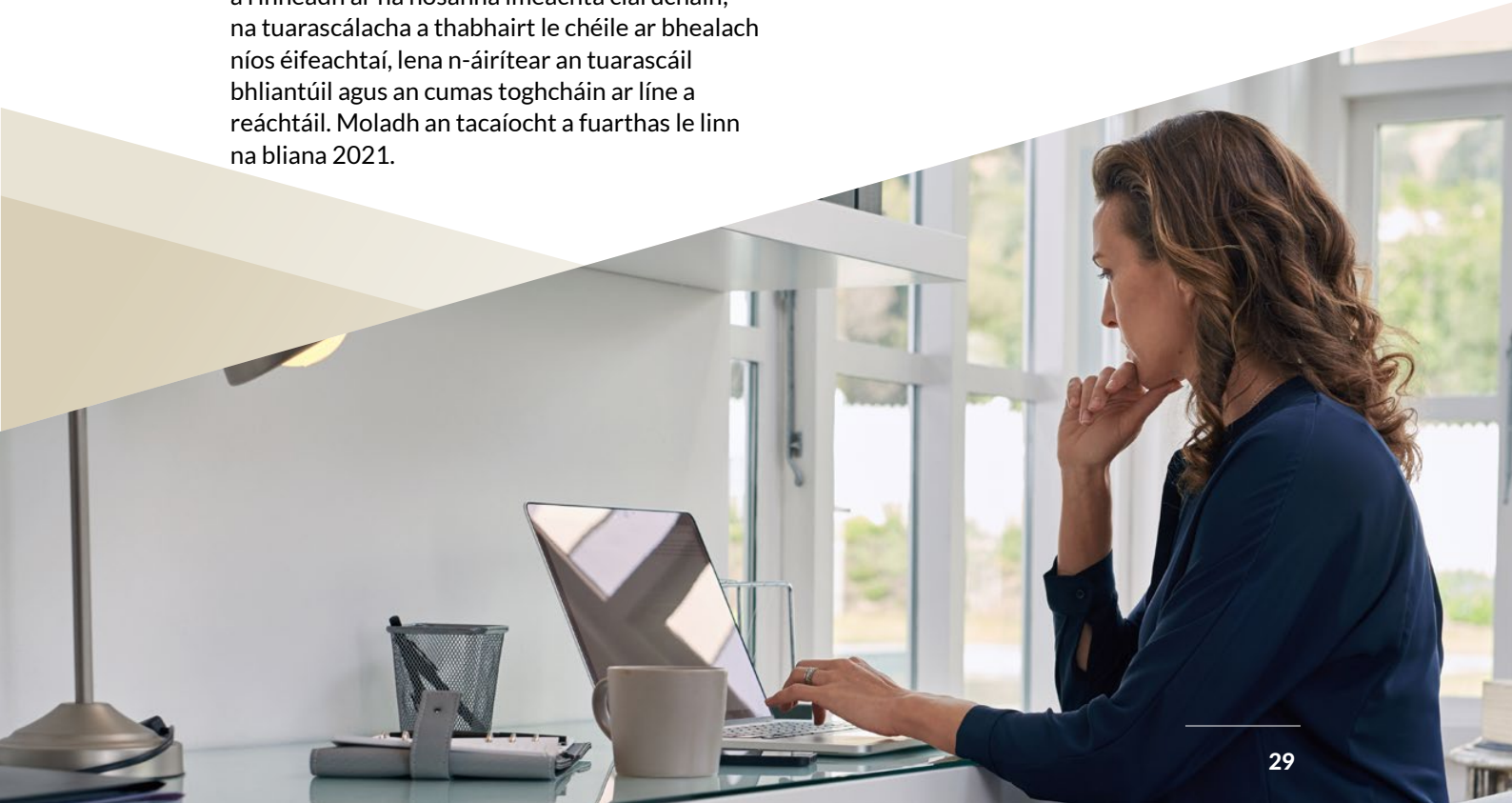
Is é Salesforce an phríomh-mheicníocht a bhíonn in úsáid chun bunachar sonraí an chomhaltais agus an chumarsáid leis na PPNanna a bhainistiú. D’fhreagair deich PPN nach raibh aon ní ann a dteastódh uathu go dtacódh Salesforce leis nó a dtabharfadh sé tacaíocht dó ar bhealach níos fearr in 2021. Ba mhaith leis na freagróirí eile na nithe seo a leanas a fheiceáil, comhéadan úsáideora atá níos éasca le húsáid, simplithe agus cothrom le dáta; tuilleadh mionleasuithe ar aitheantóirí grúpa; an cumas doiciméid Word nó PDF a sheoladh en masse; níos mó fiseán a léiríonn cén chaoi nithe a dhéanamh agus acmhainní eile an PPN maidir leis an Mol; feabhsuithe a rinneadh d’fheidhmeanna na Nuachtlitreach agus d’fheidhmeanna Chatter; díriú níos fearr ar an gcumarsáid; mionleasuithe a rinneadh ar na nósanna imeachta clárúcháin; na tuarascálacha a thabhairt le chéile ar bhealach níos éifeachtaí, lena n-áirítear an tuarascáil bhliantúil agus an cumas toghcháin ar líne a réachtáil. Moladh an tacaíocht a fuarthas le linn na bliana 2021.

An Phaindéim

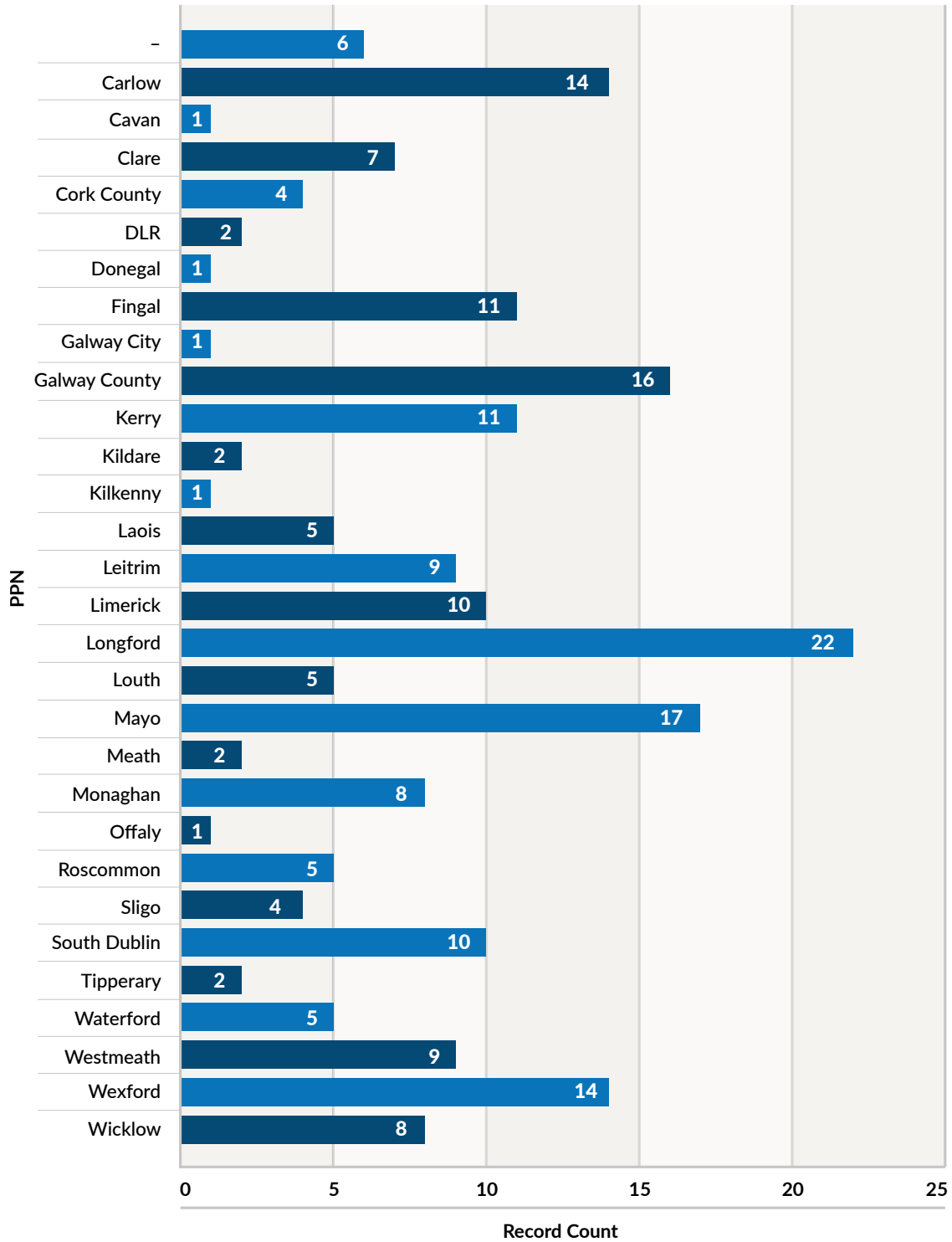
De réir mar a leanadh leis na coinníollacha maidir le daoine a bheith ag obair ón mbaile le linn an chuid is mó den bhliain 2021, tugadh cead do na PPNanna taithí réidh a bheith acu maidir le bheith ag obair ón mbaile mar gheall ar an luach atá le réiteach bunaithe ar an néal a bheith ann. Bhí an chuid is mó de na cruinnithe a bhí againn leis na PPNanna ar siúl ar líne ach bhí muid in ann freisin leanúint leis na feidhmeanna oiliúna agus tacaíochta ó chian mar go raibh muid ag obair le bunachar sonraí ar líne.

Cásanna ó lá go lá

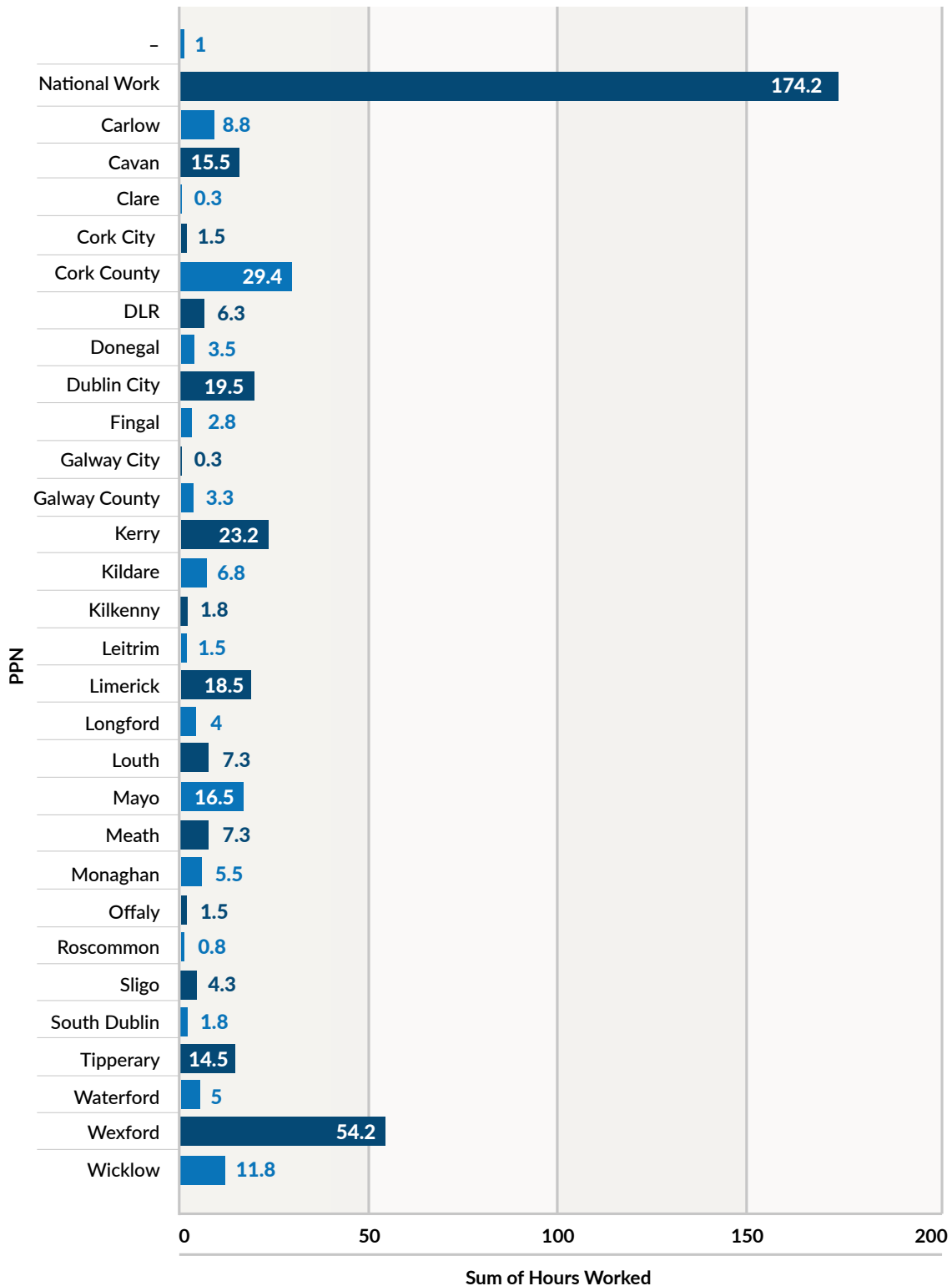
Lean Comm-IT ar aghaidh ag déileáil le cásanna a tháinig ó na PPNanna ó lá go lá, agus i rith na bliana tharraing na PPNanna aird ar os cionn 220 cás a bhain le fadhbanna bunúsacha tacaíochta a tharla ó lá go lá (féach Graf 1). Tugadh níos mó ná 164 uair an chloig don bhainistíocht ar chásanna a tharla ó lá go lá. Tharraing roinnt PPNanna (go háirithe na PPNanna a raibh ráta athraithe d’oibríthe acu) aird ar mhéid suntasach de chásanna seachas roinnt PPNanna nár tharraing aird ach ar 1 nó 2 chás. Baineann sé sin de ghnáth le PPNanna atá ag úsáid Salesforce go fadtéarmach agus atá compordach leis na bogearraí a úsáid.



Graf 1: Cásanna Comm-IT ar tharraing an PPN aird orthu

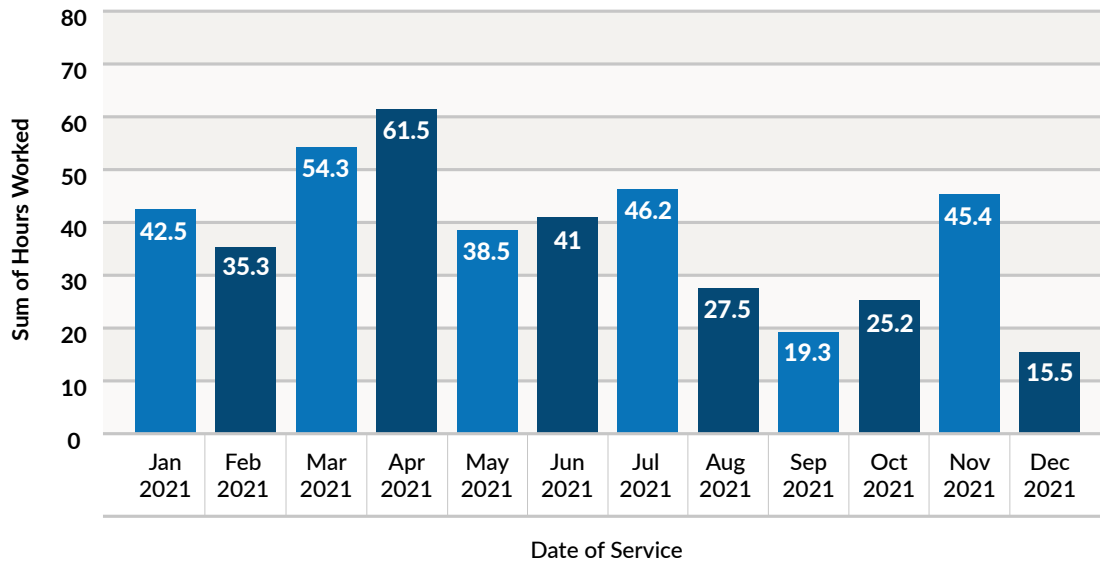


Graf 2: Na huaireanta a tugadh do na PPNanna



Mar a bhí sa bhliain 2021 - tugadh méid suntasach d'uaireanta don obair Náisiúnta (lena n-áirítear oiliúint náisiúnta agus oiliúint réigiúnach chomh maith le bheith ag obair ar fhorbairtí nua. Mar sin féin, fuair na PPNanna uile roinnt uaireanta tacaíochta ar bhonn indibhidiúil ó Comm-IT agus thug muid freagra ar na cásanna uile ar tarraingníodh aird orthu ar bhealach éifeachtúil.

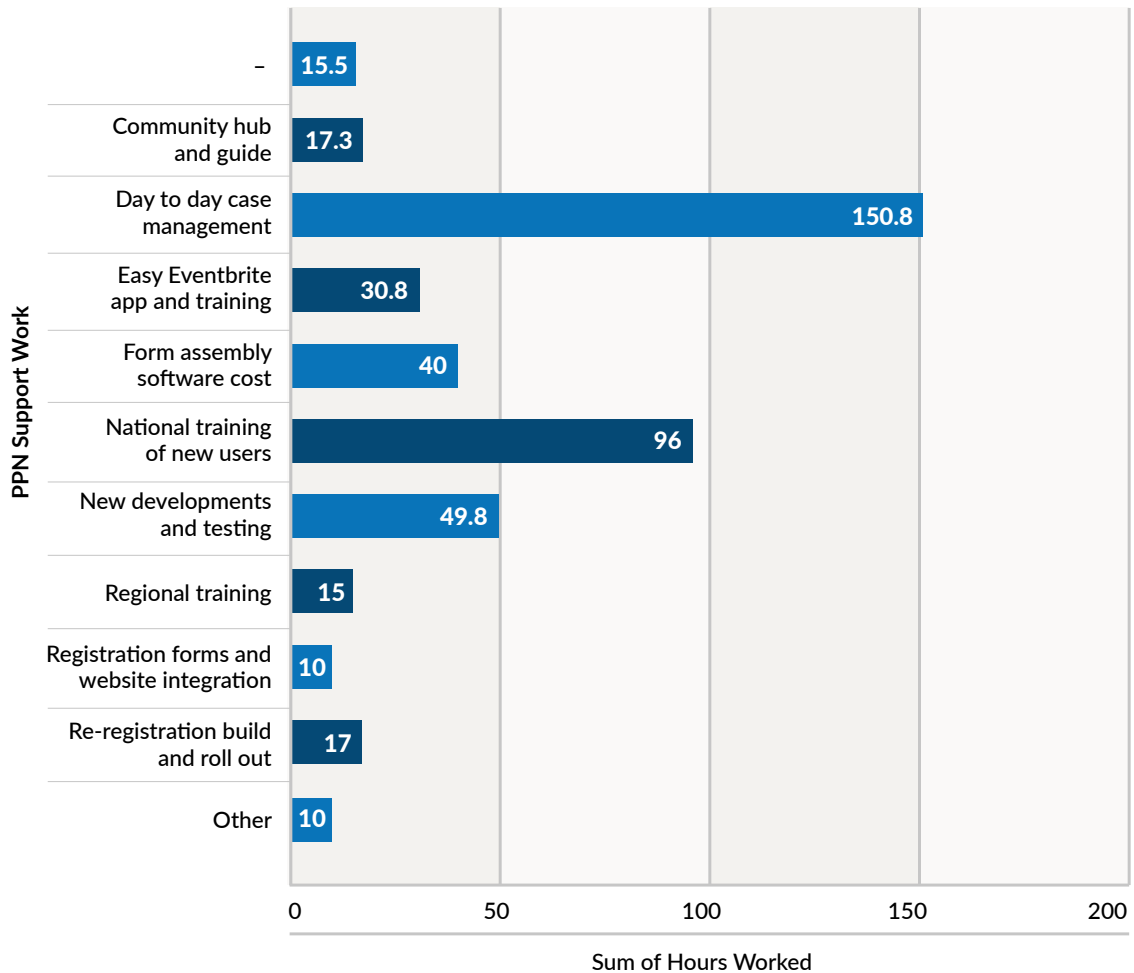
Graf 3: Na huaireanta a tugadh in aghaidh na míosa.



Roinneadh an obair go cothrom le linn na bliana seachas i mí na Nollag mar go raibh briseadh na Nollag ann.

Forbairtí

Graf 4: Obair thacaíochta do PPNanna



Rinne Comm-IT forbairt bhreise ar an mol pobail le go mbeadh mír iomlán ann faoi “físeán” ann ina mbeadh roinnt físeáin nua do thosaítheoirí chomh maith le físeáin ardoiliúna.

Chuir muid méid suntasach oibre i gcrích maidir le haip nua a fhorbairt, aip lena sioncronaítear Eventbrite (aip a úsáideann na PPNanna le haghaidh oiliúna) le Salesforce ionas go mbeadh muid in ann dul i dteagmháil (agus tuairisc a thabhairt orthu) le dóibhsean a chláraigh don oiliúint trí Eventbrite.

Chuir muid tús leis an bpróiseas freisin maidir le fíordheimhniú Uile-Fhachtóirí do na PPNanna uile lena chinntiú go gcoinnítear sonraí sábháilte trí iarradh ar dhaoine freagra a thabhairt ar theachtaireacht téacs chun logáil isteach ar an mbunachar sonraí.

Is éard a bhí sa chuid dheireanach den obair forbartha ná uasghrádú mór ar an ngné Téacsála Oll-Seoltaí lena dtugtar cead do na PPNanna teachtaireachtaí téacs a sheoladh chuig grúpaí ar leith chomhaltaí an PPN ar bhealach i bhfad níos ciallmhaire.

Feidhmiúlacht an Láithreáin Gréasáin

Tugtar rochtain ar fhaisnéis trí láithreán gréasáin tiomanta san aois dhigiteach seo. Thuairiscigh gach duine de na 31 freagróir go bhfuil láithreán gréasáin le leibhéal éagsúla feidhmiúlachta acu, mar atá mionsonraithe i dTábla 9.

Tábla 9: Feidhmiúlacht an Láithreáin Gréasáin, 2021

Feidhmeanna	Líon na PPNanna (n=31)
Liosta/Bunachar Sonraí Comhaltaí Cláraithe	28
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe Rúnaíochta	19
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe Iomlánacha	22
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe an Nascghrúpa	12
Tuarascálacha ó Ionadaithe an PPN	16
Nuachtlitreacha an PPN	27
Fógraíocht/Nuacht faoi Imeachtaí na gComhaltaí	27
Liosta cothrom le dáta d'Ionadaithe uile an PPN	29
Beartais PPN atá glactha	21
Buiséid/Cuntais an PPN atá glactha	16

I measc fheidhmeanna eile an láithreáin gréasáin, tá faisnéis agus eolas faoi ról agus struchtúr an PPN agus faisnéis maidir le comhairliúcháin a roinnt, deiseanna maoinithe, doiciméid acmhainne, féilirí do chruinnithe, tuarascálacha, aighneachtaí, uirlisí inrochtaineachta, gluais, deiseanna oiliúna, cairteacha agus comhairliúcháin, naisc chuig aon fhaisnéis ábhartha ón Roinn agus ón Údarás Áitiúil. Baintear úsáid as an láithreán gréasáin chun nuachtlitreacha, naisc chuig na meáin shóisialta, sonraí teagmhála

d'ionadaithe agus foirmeacha aiseolais a roinnt. Tá spéis ar leith ag roinnt PPNanna nó tá leathanaigh na dtionscadal acu amháil nuacht agus an t-eolas is déanaí faoi Covid-19, Ráiteas Folláine an Phobail, Clár Raidió um Pobail a Nascadh, clárúchán d'Oiliúint agus Imeachtaí an PPN agus Clárúcháin Comhaltais. Tugann roinnt PPNanna ar aird go bhfuil uasdátú ag teastáil óna láithreáin ghréasáin agus beidh gá le acmhainní a chur ar fáil dó sin.

4

Oiliúint agus Forbairt Acmhainne

Cuireann na PPNanna oiliúint luachmhar a bhíonn saor in aisce nó ar chostas íseal ar fáil dá mballraíocht, dá Rúnaíochtaí agus dá nIonadaithe chun cabhrú leo páirt iomlán a ghlacadh ina bpobail. D'fhéadfadh gur oiliúint theicniúil a bheadh i gceist (mar shampla, conas iarratais ar mhaoiniú a scríobh; rialachas; cosaint sonraí, oiriúnú do thimpeallacht ar líne) nó go mbainfeadh sé níos mó le scileanna boga (mar shampla, ceardlanna féinabhcóideachta; forbairt pobail; taispeántais théamacha).

Tá eagrú agus soláthar na feidhme oiliúna agus na forbartha acmhainne seo dian ar am agus ar acmhainní agus níos déine fós mar gheall ar na srianta a cuireadh i bhfeidhm i rith na bliana. Mar sin féin, is cuid thábhachtach d'obair na PPNanna é ionas gur féidir leo tacú leis na grúpaí pobail atá acu chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chinnteoireacht áitiúil agus chuir siad uilig iad féin in oiriúint le go bhféadfaidís freastal ar riachtanais oiliúna atá ag athrú agus do mhodhanna nua seachadta. Tá roinnt samplaí de na cineálacha oiliúna a chuirtear ar fáil liostaithe thíos agus tá briseadh síos den am atá i gceist curtha ar fáil i dTábla 10.

Samplaí de chlár Oiliúna agus Forbartha Acmhainne a chuir na PPNanna ar fáil sa bhliain 2021

- Conas Zúm a úsáid/Oiliúint Dhigiteach
- Faisnéis agus Iarratas maidir le Deontas
- GDPR/ FOI/AIE
- Na Meáin Shóisialta
- Cód Rialachais na gCarthanachtaí/ CRO
- Tuairisciú Airgeadais
- Ceardlanna ar Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe
- Tús a chur le Forbairt Pobail agus í a choinneáil

- Tuiscint ar an Rialtas Áitiúil
- Comharthaí bóthair
- Ról an PPN
- Scileanna Deartha Ghrafaigh
- Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí
- Éascú Scileanna
- Tiomsú airgid go héifeachtach
- Bainistiú Oibríthe Deonacha
- Measúnú Riosca agus Tionchair
- Scileanna Ceannaireachta
- Tionscnaimh um Fhuinneamh Pobail
- Folláine/Teacht Aniar
- Réimse leathan de chleachtais inbhuanaithe agus chomhshaoil
- Abhcóideacht agus Tionchar
- Ról na nIonadaithe
- Scileanna an Choiste
- Aighneachtaí Éifeachtacha
- Éagsúlacht, cuimsiú, feasacht idir-chultúir agus frithchiniúchais
- Pleanáil straitéiseach

Ag teacht lena n-éiteas pobail, sa chás gur cuí, tá oiliúint ar fáil do chomhaltaí agus do na grúpaí go léir sa cheantar. Déantar oiliúint shonrach a fhorchoimeád, ar ndóigh, do ghrúpaí/comhlachtaí sonracha (mar shampla an Rúnaíocht agus Ionadaithe).

Tábla 10: Oiliúint agus Forbairt Acmhainne, Acmhainní agus Rochtain, 2021

Líon na gClár Oiliúna	206
Líon na Seisiún Oiliúna	491
An líon uaire an chloig oiliúna a cuireadh ar fáil	1219.5

Oiliúint a cuireadh ar fáil do na PPNanna

Pobail Chumasacha a Chruthú

Chuir an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail i gcomhar le Ceartas Sóisialta Éireann agus Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Phort Láirge oiliúint ar fáil do na PPNanna in 2021. Cuireadh an oiliúint maidir le ‘Pobail Chumasacha a Chruthú’ ar fáil ar líne trí mheascán de sheisiúin réamhthaifeadta agus seisiúin bheo ar líne. Ghlac aon chohórt déag páirt ar fud na trí chlár san iomlán sa bhliain 2021.

Oiliúint Salesforce

Lean muid orainn leis an oiliúint ar líne a chur ar fáil d’úsáideoirí nua agus d’ardúsáideoirí. Roll muid amach go sonrach tacaíocht ar líne duine le duine d’úsáideoirí aonair.

- Tugadh 96 uair an chloig chun oiliúint a chur ar úsáideoirí nua.
- Tugadh 15 uair an chloig don oiliúint réigiúnach.

5

Bainistíocht, Riarachán agus Airgeadas

Tugtar tacaíocht do riarachán an PPN trí Rúnaíocht dheonach atá comhdhéanta den chomhaltas. Tuairiscíonn an comhlacht sin do Chomhlacht Iomlánach an PPN agus ní mór an cruinniú sin a bheith ann dhá uair sa bhliain ar a laghad. D'fhéadfadh sé freisin go dtiocfadh na PPNanna le chéile ar leibhéal Ceantair Bhardasaigh nó ar leibhéal áitiúil eile. Tá freagracht ar an Rúnaíocht freisin maidir le gníomhaíochtaí laethúla Oibrithe an PPN a éascú agus a chumasú agus maidir leis an bPlean Oibre a chur i bhfeidhm.

In 2021, leithdháileadh 362 áit ar 31 Rúnaíocht an PPN trí chéile, le meán-leithdháileadh de 11 Comhalta Rúnaíochta (tá na huimhreacha idir 8 agus 22). Bíonn an leithdháileadh comhaltais bunaithe go príomha ar dháileadh Choláistí/ Chólúin na PPNanna (Pobal agus Deonach; Cuimsiú Sóisialta; agus an Comhshaol) chomh maith le ról ar na Ceantair Bhardasacha (más infheidhme). Idir 3 agus 4 bliana a bhíonn téarma oifige comhalta den Rúnaíocht, 4 bliana ar an meán.

As na 362 áit atá leithdháilte, thuairiscigh 30 PPN go raibh 53 suíochán folamh. Thug 30 PPN le fios go raibh ráta tinrimh de 50 faoin gcéad nó níos mó ó laistigh de chomhaltas na Rúnaíochta in 2021, agus thuairiscigh 13 PPN go raibh ráta 80 faoin gcéad nó níos mó ann, agus meánráta de 75.77 faoin gcéad (féach Tábla 11).

Tábla 11: Leithdháileadh Rúnaíochta, Folúntais agus Ráta Freastail in aghaidh gach PPN, 2021

Ainm an PPN	Leithdháileadh	Folúntais	Ráta Freastail (%)
Ceatharlach	9	2	100
An Cabhán	12	1	80
An Clár	10	0	75
Cathair Chorcaí	9	4	80
Contae Chorcaí	22	6	75
Dún na nGall	19	0	60
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	9	0	75
Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	9	1	78
Fine Gall	12	0	75
Cathair na Gaillimhe	16	9	80
Contae na Gaillimhe	11	0	85
Ciarraí	11	0	80
Cill Dara	11	2	79.5
Cill Chainnigh	10	4	90
Laois	12	4	77
Liatroim	9	0	66
Luimneach	10	1	50
An Longfort	9	0	70
Lú	17	0	75
Maigh Eo	14	2	70
An Mhí	12		
Muineachán	12	2	80
Uíbh Fhailí	9	1	80
Ros Comáin	9	1	55
Sligeach	9	2	80
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	12	2	80
Tiobraid Árann	15	5	68.6
Port Láirge	11	1	90
An Iarmhí	8	0	70
Loch Garman	11	0	69
Cill Mhantáin	13	3	80
IOMLÁN	362	53	75.77 (Meán)

Struchtúr Cothrom a Bhainistiú

Tá na PPNanna bunaithe ar bhonn Struchtúr Cothrom. Cinntítear leis an Struchtúr Cothrom a bheith i bhfeidhm nach rialaíonn aon ghuth amháin nó aon ghrúpa de ghuthanna aon PPN. Ciallaíonn sé go bhfuil comhfhreagracht ann i leith nithe a dhéanamh agus i leith aidhmeanna an phlean oibre a bhaint amach. Forbraíonn sé sin acmhainneacht an ghrúpa ina iomláine agus ciallaíonn sé go bhfuil tuiscint ag na comhaltaí ar fad ar gach gné den phróiseas. Déantar cothabháil ar struchtúr cothrom ar roinnt bealaí ar fud na PPNanna, mar a shonraítear i dTábla 12.

Tábla 12: Struchtúr Cothrom a Bhainistiú, 2021

Meicníocht Oibríochtúil	Líon na PPNanna (n=31)
Éascaitheoir Uainíochta	26
Róil Uainíochta (Idirchaidreamh Foirne, Airgeadas srl.)	12
Cinntí a rinneadh ar bhonn comhthola	28
Tograí a chur faoi bhráid an Chomhlachta Iomlánaigh	26
Téarmaí Tagartha ina leagtar béim ar struchtúr cothrom	23
Miontuairiscí/Tuarascálacha ar fáil do gach comhalta an PPN	21

Chomh maith leis an méid thuas, thuairiscigh 25 PPN go raibh foghrúpa amháin ar a laghad ag a Rúnaíocht sa bhliain 2021. Áirítear orthu sin Airgeadas, Acmhainní Daonna, Idirchaidreamh Foirne, Earcaíocht, Cuimsiú, Forbairt Acmhainne, Idirlíon agus na Meáin Shóisialta, Tairiscintí, athbreithniú ar Lámhleabhar, MOU, Beartas agus Nósanna Imeachta, Folláine, Gearáin, Cumarsáid agus Tionscadail, Tacaíocht agus Straitéis.

Cruinnithe

Thionóil cúig PPN is fiche 59 Cruinniú Iomlánach san iomlán in 2021. Astu seo, reáchtáladh ceithre cinn i rith an lae, bhí 53 acu ar siúl sa tráthnóna agus bhí dhá cheann ar bun ag an deireadh seachtaine. Ina theannta sin, thionóil tríocha PPN 321 Cruinniú Rúnaíochta in 2021, agus reáchtáladh 48 díobh sin i rith an lae agus reáchtáladh 273 sa tráthnóna.

Thionóil dhá PPN is fiche 268 Cruinniú Nascghrúpaí san iomlán in 2021, bhí 97 díobh seo ar siúl i rith an lae agus 167 acu sa tráthnóna agus bhí ceithre cinn ar siúl ag an deireadh seachtaine. Thionóil trí PPN déag 54 cruinniú Ceantair Bhardsaigh, tionóladh dhá cheann déag acu sin le linn an lae agus 42 sa tráthnóna.

Bhí meascán de chruinnithe eile ag dhá PPN is fiche (443 san iomlán) agus iad ag plé le ceisteanna amhail Comhairliúcháin Folláine, Dámhachtainí Pobail, Imeachtaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta, agus fóraim Chomhshaoil. D'éirigh go maith le cineálacha difriúla cruinnithe a chur ar fáil ag amanna difriúla agus le cur chuige cumaiscthe idir cúrsaí digiteacha agus cúrsaí ar an láthair a choinneáil.

Meabhrán Tuisceana

Bhí Meabhrán Tuisceana (MOU) gníomhach i bhfeidhm idir 27 PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil sa bhliain 2021. Maidir leis na PPNanna sin a d'oibrigh trí ósteagraíocht, bhí Comhaontú Leibhéil Seirbhíse i bhfeidhm i gcás deich gcinn acu.

Struchtúr na PPNanna

Is féidir PPNanna a bhunú agus a fheidhmiú faoi líon struchtúir dlí agus riaracháin. As na 31 PPN a d'fhreagair, bhí 19 díobh á n-óstáil ag an Údarás Áitiúil; d'óstáil Eagraíocht Pobail eile sé cinn acu agus bhí ceithre cinn acu ag feidhmiú mar Chuideachtaí Neamhspleácha. Tá dhá cheann fós leathbhealach tríd na struchtúir a athrú; tá ceann amháin ag aistriú ó bheith ina chuideachta neamhspleách go dtí a bheith á óstáil ag an Údarás Áitiúil agus tá an ceann eile ag athrú an óstaigh atá acu.

Foireann agus Earcaíocht 2021

Sa bhliain 2021 bhí comhalta foirne amháin ar a laghad ag 29 PPN agus bhí líon eile ag tabhairt faoi roinnt oibre ar bhonn conartha. Tá briseadh síos de na socrúithe foirne curtha ar fáil i dTábla 13.

Tábla 13: Socrúithe Foirne in aghaidh an PPN, 2021

PPN	Oibrí Acmhainní (WTE)	Riarthóir / Oibrí Tacaíochta (WTE)	Oibrí Forbartha (WTE)	Oibrí Deonach	Eile (Tabhair mionsonraí)
Ceatharlach	1	1	0	0	0
An Cabhán	1	.5	0	0	0
An Clár	1.6	.4	0	0	0
Cathair Chorcaí	0	0			1 Éascaitheoir
Contae Chorcaí	1	1	0	0	1 Eadránaí
Dún na nGall	1	1	0	0	0
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	1	1	0	0	0
Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	1	.8	0	0	0
Fine Gall	1	1.6	0	0	0
Cathair na Gaillimhe	.5	.5	1	0	0
Contae na Gaillimhe	1	1.5 (ar .5 é an RSS)	0	11 Rúnaíocht	0
Ciarraí	1	1	0	0	0
Cill Dara	1	1	0	0	0
Cill Chainnigh	1	1	0	0	0
Laois	1	1	0	0	0
Liatroim	0	0	0	0	2 Éascaitheoir
Luimneach	1	1	0	0	0
An Longfort	1	1	0	0	0
Lú	1	1	0	0	0
Maigh Eo	1	1	0	0	0
An Mhí	1	1	0	0	0
Muineachán	1	.8	0	0	0
Uíbh Fhailí	1	1	0	0	0
Ros Comáin	1	0	0	0	1
Sligeach	.66	1	0	0	0
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	1	.85	0	0	0
Tiobraid Árann	1	1	0	0	0
Port Láirge	1	.5	0	0	0
An Iarmhí	1	1	0	0	0
Loch Garman	1	1	0	0	0
Cill Mhantáin	1	1	0	0	0

D'earcaigh 13 PPN baill foirne in 2021 - Folúntais d'Oibrítheoirí Acmhainní a bhí i 10 gcinn acu, bhí 7 gcinn acu d'Oibrítheoirí Tacaíochta, rud a chiallaigh go raibh ar roinnt PPNanna baill foirne nua a earcú sa bhliain 2021. Thóg sé ceithre mhí ar an meán chun na folúntais a líonadh. Thuairiscigh ceithre cinn de na PPNanna gur earcaigh siad daoine ó phainéil sheanbhunaithe, líonadh sé fholúntas trí úsáid a bhaint as próiseas oscailte, agus líonadh na 3 cinn atá fágtha tríd an Údarás Áitiúil.

I gcás 19 de na PPNanna tá an fhoireann fostaithe ag an Údarás Áitiúil, tá cúigear fostaithe go díreach ag an gCuideachta PPN agus tá seachtar fostaithe ag an Ósteagraíocht. Tá difríochtaí freisin idir na PPNanna mar a bhaineann leis an gcaoi a ndéantar an fhoireann a bhainistiú agus cé a dhéanann an bhainistíocht, agus thuairiscigh PPN amháin go bhfuil an fhoireann á bainistiú ag an Údarás Áitiúil amháin; cúig cinn a dúirt go raibh an fhoireann á bainistiú ag an Rúnaíocht amháin; thug 14 de na PPNanna le fios go raibh an bhainistíocht comhroinnte idir an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an Rúnaíocht; tá dhá cheann á bhainistiú ag Bord Cuideachta agus ag Rúnaíocht; thug seacht PPN le fios go raibh a bhfoirne á mbainistiú ag Cuideachta Óstach agus Rúnaíocht; agus ní raibh foireann ar bith fostaithe ag dhá cheann acu don bhliain 2021.

Sa chás go ndéantar comhroinnt ar bhainistíocht na foirne, déanann an Rúnaíocht bainistiú ar an bplean oibre, agus tagann na feidhmeanna riaracháin agus Acmhainní Daonna faoi réim chúram an Údaráis Áitiúil/na hÓsteagraíochta.

Chuir fiche de na 31 PPN a d'fhreagair in iúl go raibh an spás oifige atá acu lonnaithe taobh istigh d'fhoirgneamh an Údaráis Áitiúil; bhí ceithre cinn lonnaithe i bhfoirgneamh na hÓsteagraíochta agus bhí seacht gcinn i spás neamhspleách a bhí ar cíos.

Airgeadas

Cuirtear maoiniú ar fáil do na PPNanna idir an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail (an Roinn) agus na hÚdaráis Áitiúla. Cé go gcuireann an Roinn formhór an chroí-mhaoinithe ar fáil do na PPNanna, faigheann líon beag acu méideanna sa bhreis ar an leithdháileadh a bhfuil siad ag súil leis óna nÚdarás Áitiúil féin chun tacú lena gcuid oibre. Ní chuirtear ar fáil miondealú ar leithdháiltí maoinithe agus ar cheannteidil chaiteachais laistigh den Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo, toisc gur iarr an Roinn an fhaisnéis seo sula raibh an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil réitithe. Bhí caiteachas iomlán de €3,035,040.79, áfach, ar fud na 31 PPN sa bhliain 2021.

An Buiséad Bliantúil a Chomhaontú

Tá an próiseas maidir le Buiséad bliantúil an PPN a cheadú mórán mar a chéile ar fud na 31 PPN a d'fhreagair an cheist seo. Is é an tOibrí Acmhainne agus/nó Fochoiste Airgeadais na Rúnaíochta a dhréachtaíonn an Buiséad i gcomhréir le beartas. Ceadaíonn an Rúnaíocht an buiséad sin ansin sula gcuirtear faoi bhráid an Chomhlachta Iomlánaigh agus an Údaráis Áitiúil é (i gcomhréir leis an Meabhrán Tuisceana atá i bhfeidhm).

An Buiséad Bliantúil a Chaitheamh

Déanann an Rúnaíocht maoirseacht ar chaiteachas na PPNanna agus pléitear é ag cruinnithe na Rúnaíochta i gcomhréir leis an bplean oibre agus beartais airgeadais, de bhun tuarascáil airgeadais chuig an gcruinniú nó mar mhír bhuan. Sa chás go mbaineann an PPN úsáid as Córas Agresso an Údaráis Áitiúil chun a bhuiséad a bhainistiú, déantar an córas ceadaithe atá ann a leanúint.

Faisnéis a Chur ar Fáil don Chomhlacht Iomlánach

Thuairiscigh formhór na bhfreagróirí (n=29) go gcuireann a PPN an Buiséad ar líne nó go ndéantar a bhuiséad a phlé ag cruinnithe Iomlánacha. Thuairiscigh dhá PPN nach raibh aon phróiseas i bhfeidhm faoi láthair chun an Buiséad a cheadú ag an Seisiún Iomlánach agus go dtabharfar aghaidh ar an gceist seo in 2022.

Costais a Aisíoc le hIonadaithe

Ar an mhír chaiteachais ba mhó i mBuiséad iomlán an PPN (gan tuarastail agus caiteachas gaolmhar a áireamh) sna blianta roimhe seo bhí Costais na hIonadaithe. Dá bhrí sin, tá sé tábhachtach go mbeadh modh comhaontaithe ag na PPNanna i leith aisíoc costas. Maidir le costais a bhain le Boird agus Coistí na nÚdarás Áitiúil, thuairiscigh 10 de na PPNanna gur tháinig siad seo as Croíbhuiséad an PPN; thuairiscigh 15 PPN gur íoc an tÚdarás Áitiúil astu; agus thuairiscigh sé PPN gur meascán éigin den dá rud a bhí i gceist. Sá chás gur raibh an péire i gceist sa fhreagra, bhí socrú idir an PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil maidir le haisíocaíocht na gcostas seo nó maidir le seirbhís a mhalartú.

Sa chás go dtugtar cuireadh d'lonadaithe an PPN glacadh le suíochán ar Bhoird nó ar Choistí nach Coistí Údaráis Áitiúla nó PPN iad, thuairiscigh 13 PPN gur íoc an eagraíocht a bhí ag óstáil an chruinnithe as na costais seo; agus thuairiscigh 18 PPN nár íocadh na costais.

Muirear Óstála

Thuairiscigh aon cheann déag de na 31 PPN gur íoc siad muirear óstála nó táille bainistíochta. Tá éagsúlacht sa mheicníocht ar fud na PPNanna seo lena gcinntear an táille seo, muirear seasta nó muirear bunaithe ar chéatadán de na hollchostais turastail nó ríomh deisce.

An Buiséad a Bhainistiú

D'aistrigh naoi gcinn de na 30 PPN a mBuiséad iomlán chuig cuntas bainc de chuid an PPN; bhí buiséad naoi gcinn déag de na PPNanna á bhainistiú ag an Údarás Áitiúil agus thuairiscigh PPN amháin gur aistríodh roinnt airgid chuig cuntas Bainc de chuid an PPN atá á bhainistiú ag an Rúnaíocht. Thuairiscigh ceann amháin acu go raibh an buiséad á bhainistiú ag an gcuideachta óstach agus dúirt ceann amháin acu nach raibh aon ghníomhaíocht foirne ar siúl in 2021.

Tá briseadh síos maidir leis an mbealach ina gceadaítear caiteachas an Bhuiséid leagtha amach i dTábla 14.

Tábla 14: Próiseas Ceadaithe Bhuiséad an PPN, 2021

An Próiseas Ceadaithe	Líon na PPNanna (n=31)
Ceadaíonn an Rúnaíocht an caiteachas ar fad	13
Ceadaíonn an tÚdarás Áitiúil an caiteachas ar fad	1
Roinneann an Rúnaíocht agus an tOibrí Acmhainní an ceadú	12
Roinneann an Rúnaíocht, an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an tOibrí Acmhainní an ceadú	5

Cuirtear maoiniú ar fáil do PPNanna idir an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus an Údarás Áitiúla



Beartais agus Nósanna Imeachta

Ar mhaithe le dea-chleachtais a chinntiú i rialachas na PPNanna, tá forbairt déanta ag gach PPN ar shraith Beartas agus Nósanna Imeachta chun tacú leis an Rúnaíocht, leis an bhFoireann agus le Comhaltaí. Cuirtear briseadh síos ar fáil i dTábla 15 maidir le beartais agus nósanna imeachta a bhí i bhfeidhm sa bhliain 2021.

Tábla 15: Beartais agus Nósanna Imeachta atá i bhfeidhm, 2021

Beartas / Nós Imeachta	Líon na PPNanna (n=31)
Bunreacht	28
Beartas i leith Taistil agus Costas	29
Nós Imeachta Gearáin/Coimhlinte	25
Beartas i leith Rochtana agus Comhionannais	10
Beartas i leith Acmhainní Daonna	17
Beartas i leith tiomáint don obair	15
Beartas agus Treoirínite um Chosaint Sonraí	27
Beartas i leith Ríomhphoist agus Úsáid Idirlín	17
Beartas Airgeadais	24
Beartas i leith Aosaigh Leochaileacha	13
Beartas i leith Dínit san Áit Oibre	21
Beartas maidir le Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht	18
Eile	12

Mionsonraí maidir le 'Eile'

Coimhlint Leasa; Calaois a chosc; Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Vótáil ar Líne; Beartas Fleisc-ama; Frith-bhulaíocht agus Ciapadh; Cairt an Ionadaí; Beartas fógraíochta do Láithreán Gréasáin agus Nuachtlitr; Beartais na hósteagraíochta; Comhaontú lasachta Trealaimh; Beartas Oideachais agus Oiliúna; Téarmaí Tagartha do pháirtithe leasmhara éagsúla; Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Gearáin; Prótacail maidir le hAth-Chlárú; Earcú an Bhoird; Beartas Measúnaithe agus Comharbais; Beartas um Chosaint Sonraí/ um Shárú ar Shonraí an GDPR; Beartas na hOifige Glaise; Beartas Measúnaithe an tStáisiúin Oibre; Beartas Tairiscintí.

Comhoibriú Idirghníomhaireachta

In ainneoin thionchar leanúnach Covid-19, thuairiscigh naoi PPN is fiche go raibh siad i mbun roinnt comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta in 2021, taobh amuigh dá gcuid oibre, chun freagra a thabhairt ar Covid-19. Thuairiscigh na PPNanna uile comhairliúcháin agus ionchur i suirbhéanna agus comhairliúcháin náisiúnta. Tugadh ar aird go gcuirtear luach ollmhór le gníomhaíochtaí an PPN nuair a théitear i gcomhar le heagraíochtaí/gníomhaireachtaí eile.

Tharla sé seo i bhfoirm comhpháirtíochtaí leis an rannóg Forbartha Pobail san Údarás Áitiúil; comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta maidir le cur i bhfeidhm na straitéise Éire Shláintiúil ag an leibhéal áitiúil; comhoibriú le CYPSC; Aoisbhá Éireann; Feasacht ar Chosaint agus ar Mhíchumas an FAI; grúpaí Imirceach; Líonraí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta; grúpaí na Romach agus grúpaí den Lucht Siúil; Saoráidí Oideachais; Eagraíochtaí feirmeoireachta; Cathair Spreaúil; Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaidh; cláir maidir le hOideasú Sóisialta; Cónaidhm na hÉireann um Míchumas; Oibríocht Blue Santa; Bothán na mBan; Bothán na bhFear; Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt;

Fórais Sláinte Pobail; Seachtain um Chuimsiú; Fórais Oideachais Pobail; Comhairle na nÓg; gníomhaireachtaí Tacaíochta Meabhairshláinte; eagraíochtaí LGBTIQ+; Eagraíochtaí do Mhná; Clár SHE; comhoibriú le hionaid d'oibrithe deonacha, Seachtain um Shábháilteacht ar Dhóiteán; Dámhachtainí d'Oibrithe Deonacha; Grúpaí Iompair; cuideachtaí forbartha áitiúla agus gníomhaireachtaí Stáit; Ranna Rialtais éagsúla agus grúpaí comhshaoil.

Cuimsiú Sóisialta

Tá deis ar leith ag na PPNanna laistigh de phobail le bheith rannpháirteach le raon iomlán de ghrúpaí atá ar an imeall agus chun tacú leo le bheith rannpháirteach sna próisis dhaonlathacha. Thuairiscigh naoi PPN is fiche go raibh siad i mbun gníomhaíochtaí cuimsithe shóisialta in 2021. I measc roinnt de na samplaí de ghníomhartha a rinneadh thar ceann an PPN ar mhaith lena gclár oibre um chuimsiú sóisialta a chur chun cinn, tá na nithe seo a leanas;

Ag tacú le taighde

- Thacaigh PPN Cheatharlach le taighde Leabharlann Cheatharlach trí shuirbhéanna chuig an bpobal áitiúil a chur chun cinn agus cabhrú le Leabharlann Cheatharlach leis an taighde maidir le forbairt a dhéanamh ar 'Straitéis Chontae Cheatharlach atá Báúil don Lítearthacht. Tá an tuarascáil iomlán foilsithe.
- Bhí PPN an Chláir ar cheann de na hocht eagraíocht is fiche a fuair maoiniú ó Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas faoina Scéim Deontais um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas don bhliain 2021. Tá an scéim Deontais um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas mar chuid de chumhachtaí reachtúla an Choimisiúin chun deontais a chur ar fáil ar mhaithe le cearta an duine agus comhionannas a chur chun cinn faoin Acht fá Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas, 2014. D'éirigh le hiarratas PPN an Chláir 'Straitéis 5 Bliana in aghaidh na Bochtaineachta ag Leibhéal Rannpháirtíochta Contae' a Fhorbairt do Chontae an Chláir. Tá sé mar aidhm leis an tionscadal seo comhoibriú idir grúpaí a dhéanann ionadaíocht air agus a chuimsíonn na daoine siúd atá faoi thionchar ag eisiáimh socheacnamaíoch, gníomh atá bunaithe ar

straitéis in aghaidh na bochtaineachta a bheartú chun abhcóideacht a dhéanamh go héifeachtach ar mhaithe le tuiscint fhorásach ar chearta sóisialta agus geilleagracha i gContae an Chláir. Bainfear úsáid as an straitéis mar chreat chun faisnéis a sholáthar do na haighneachtaí beartais go léir chuig Údarás Áitiúla i gContae an Chláir. Chuir an t-údar, acadóir agus an gníomhaí, an Dr Conor McCabe, plédhóiciméad i láthair ar Lá Idirnáisiúnta Chearta an Duine, inar tugadh breac-chuntas ar chéimeanna tosaigh an tionscadail taighde. Chuir an Dr Conor McCabe anailís tosaigh i láthair ar bheartais ag leibhéal náisiúnta agus leibhéal áitiúil lena gcuirtear an creat ar fáil lena bhfuiltear ag tabhairt faoi fhorbairt gheilleagrach an Chláir.

- Rinne PPN Luimnigh, trí fhoghrúpa na Rúnaíochta, forbairt ar dhoiciméid tairisceana maidir le gannchaitheamh na bliana 2020 a ceadáidh chun maoiniú a dhéanamh ar pháirt taighde maidir le hacmhainn forbartha do ghrúpaí sa phobal faoi ghannionadaíocht. Tugadh na doiciméid tairisceana seo chun críche i ndeireadh na bliana 2021.

Ionadaíocht

- Rinne PPN an Chabháin cothabháil ar ionadaíocht ar ghlórtha an Lucht Siúil agus ghlórtha an Phobail Nua agus ar raon leathan earnálacha ar feadh na bliana 2021.
- Chuidigh PPN Chorcaí le grúpa abhcóideachta an Lucht siúil agus le Comhairle na nÓg.

Ag cur le feasacht

- Oibríonn PPN Uíbh Fhailí i gcomhar le comhpháirtithe ar thionscadail chun a theacht orthu siúd is mó atá ar an imeall. Áiríodh orthu seo, an Chuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil, an Chomhpháirtíocht Spóirt, na hionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh agus saoráidí Oiliúna an Phobail Áitiúil. Chuireamar le hiontaobhas agus le muinín tríd na hidirghníomhaíochtaí sin agus chuireamar an pobal ar an eolas maidir le deiseanna ó thaobh a bheith rannpháirteach agus a bheith mar ghlórtha ina n-earnálacha.
- Tá PPN Chill Chainnigh thar a bheith gníomhach ó thaobh saincheisteanna a chuireann as don phobal agus iad siúd is leochailí a aithint.

Ag tacú le cuimsiú

- Bhí PPN Dhún na nGall bainteach go gníomhach leis an gcéad Straitéis um Imeascadh Imirceach do Dhún na nGall.
- D'oibrigh PPN Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath chun grúpaí a bhfuil idirdhealú ag cur as dóibh a thabhairt isteach sa Ghrúpa Téamach Imirceach sa bhliain 2021.
- Chuir PPN Fhine Gall Seachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta Fine Gall chun cinn.
- Chomhoibrigh PPN Chill Mhantáin le Comhpháirtíocht Chontae Chill Mhantáin, leis an Signal Arts Centre agus le Coiste Ionad Spóirt agus Chaitheamh Aimsire Eachroma chun imeacht "Ag Nascadh Pobail" a reáchtáil don tSeachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta. Leis an imeacht, tugadh grúpa óige LGBT+ agus ionadaithe ó ghrúpaí éagsúla eile le chéile. Rinne 38 duine plé ar "What could supporting communities look like?"
- D'oibrigh PPN Phort Láirge, i measc grúpaí eile, leis an Fhóram Imirceach agus le Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil.
- D'aithin PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas an gá atá le tacú le grúpaí LGBT mar chuid dá straitéis um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus déanann an comhordaitheoir éascú ar líonra an LGBT.
- Mhéadaigh PPN Laoise a Ghrúpaí Comhaltais um Chuimsiú Sóisialta go dtí 79 sa bhliain 2021.

Ag soláthar réimse leathan tacaíochtaí

- Áirítear ar bheagán den obair a bhíonn idir lámha ag PPN an Chláir, rannpháirtíocht i ngrúpa stiúrtha Fháilte Isteach an Chláir de réir mar a athbhunaítear é. Is grúpa é seo a thugann ranganna deonacha Béarla d'imircigh agus do theifigh ar fud Chontae an Chláir. Bunaíodh Quare Clare, grúpa do dhaoine an LGBTQ+ i gContae an Chláir sa bhliain 2021, tar éis maoiniú a fháil ó Chomhairle Contae an Chláir. Bunaíodh grúpa stiúrtha, ar a n-áirítear, PPN an Chláir i gcomhar le Women's Collective Clare, Comhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir agus Ionad Éigeandála um Éigniú don Mheániarthar. Chuidigh PPN an Chláir go gníomhach le Bothán na bhFear agus le Bothán na mBan sa chontae trí oiliúint a chur ar fáil maidir le daonlathas rannpháirteach don chéad

dream agus comhairle maidir le sruthanna maoinithe don dara dream. D'fhreastail PPN an Chláir ar imeacht Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan Ghrúpa Tacaíochta Lucht Siúil Shligigh agus d'fhreastail siad go rialta ar chruinnithe oibríthe CDP an Lucht Siúil.

- Chomhoibrigh PPN an Longfoirt leis na FRCanna chun tacú leis na Pobail Shiriacha.
- Rinne PPN Chill Dara comhóstach ar an tSeachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a bhfuil sé mar aidhm léi tacú le cuimsiú sóisialta sna pobail sa chontae agus tacú go gníomhach leis an SICAP maidir le haistriú eolais inár mbunachar sonraí do na grúpaí go léir atá ar an imeall sa philéar um chuimsiú sóisialta.

Ag cur cearta chun cinn

- D'oibrigh an GCCN i gcomhar le Cathair na Gaillimhe chun cáilíocht agus cearta daoine a chur chun cinn agus chun dualgas na hearnála poiblí, lena n-áirítear, Painéal Sochaí Sibhialta, a fhorbairt atá déanta suas de Shealbhóirí Cearta.
- Oibríonn PPN na Mí chun tacaíocht éifeachtach a thabhairt do rannpháirtíocht pobail, d'ionadaíocht agus d'abhcóideacht éifeachtach do chuspóirí um chuimsiú sóisialta.
- Tá PPN Mhuineacháin mar chomhalta gníomhach i gcónaí d'Fhoghrúpa Comhionannais an LCDC.

Rannpháirtíocht sa phobal

- Bhí PPN Thiobraid Árann rannpháirteach le grúpa Tionscadail Lucht Siúil Tuaithe Thiobraid Árann, a d'fhreastail ar cheann de chruinnithe an Fhómhair an Cheantair Bhardasaigh. Bhí meantóireacht ar siúl chun comhalta an ghrúpa a spreagadh le bheith ina ionadaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta don Rúnaíocht. Táthar ag leanúint ar aghaidh leis sin agus tá an toradh dearfach. Seoltar ríomhphoist atá dírithe go sonrach ar ghrúpa an Philéir um Chuimsiú Sóisialta maidir le himeachtaí/oiliúint/deiseanna a théann chun leasa go háirithe ó thaobh tacú le cuimsiú sóisialta agus fáil réidh le bacainní a mbíonn eisiámh sóisialta mar thoradh orthu.

- Chuidigh PPN na hIarmhí le riaradh a dhéanamh ar dheontais phobail, rinne an PPN Fóram Freagartha COVID- 19 a riaradh agus d'oibrigh foireann an PPN ar an líne cabhrach pobail thart ar 7 lá in aghaidh na míosa.
- Tacaíonn PPN Lú go gníomhach le mionlaigh, le daoine ó cheantair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste, le himircigh agus leis na pobail Romach agus le pobail an Lucht Siúil chun a bheith rannpháirteach i PPN Lú.

Cumarsáid éifeachtach

- D'fhoilsigh PPN Dhún Laoghaire/Rath an Dúin faisnéis ó ghrúpaí oibre sa réimse maidir le cuimsiú sóisialta/lánpháirtíú, mar shampla, Mná do Mhná; Líonra Gníomhaíochta na mBan Dheisceart Bhaile Átha Cliath (SWANN); Fóram Lánpháirtíochta Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin; Aoisbháil Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin; Comhairle na Seanóirí agus Comhpháirtíocht Dheisceart Bhaile Átha Cliath. Áirítear ar an bhfaisnéis seo, cúrsaí féin-fhorbartha, fostaíocht, oiliúint, folláine agus clár maidir le hoideasú sóisialta agus iarratais ar oibríthe deonacha.
- Chuir PPN Loch Garman oiliúint agus feasacháin faisnéise ar fáil.
- D'oibrigh PPN Shligigh ar chumarsáid a fheabhsú trí úsáid a bhaint as téarmaíocht nach bhfuil chomh hoifigiúil i gcumarsáid an PPN agus trí chruinnithe duine le duine a chur ar fáil d'ionadaithe ó ghrúpaí nach bhfuil sé éasca teacht orthu.



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Ag Obair leis an Údarás Áitiúil

Soláthraítear i lámhleabhar¹ an PPN go “mBeidh an PPN ar an bpríomhnasc lena nascann an tÚdarás Áitiúil (LA) leis na hearnálacha pobail, deonacha, comhshaoil agus cuimsithe shóisialta” agus “cuirfidh an PPN ar chumas an phobail ról foirmiúil gníomhach a ghlacadh i mbeartais a dhéanamh agus i maoirseacht ar ghníomhaíochtaí réimse freagrachta an Údarás Áitiúil.” Is éard atá beartaithe ná go mbeidh cur chuige comhoibríoch comhpháirtíochta ann. Tá caidreamh dearfach idir an PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil ríthábhachtach chun go n-éireoidh leis.

Iarradh ar Údarás Áitiúla, mar chuid den phróiseas maidir leis an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, samplaí a thabhairt maidir leis an mbealach ar thug siad tacaíocht d’fhorbairt an PPN agus do rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach eagraíochtaí comhshaoil, cuimsithe shóisialta, pobail agus deonacha i gceapadh beartais agus i gcinnteoireacht, i gcomhroinnt faisnéise agus i bhforbairt acmhainní (seachas leithdháileadh Buiséid a sholáthar nó croídhualgais an

Oibrí Acmhainní, sa chás go bhfuil an tOibrí Acmhainní fostaithe ag an Údarás Áitiúil). Cuirtear briseadh síos ar fáil i dTábla 16 de na tacaíochtaí a aithníodh maidir le gach ceantar sna 30 Údarás Áitiúil a bhfuarthas freagraí uathu.

¹ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9db5e3-ppn-handbook/>

Tábla 16: Tacaíochtaí Údaráis Áitiúil do na PPNanna, 2021

Meicníocht Tacaíochta	An Líon (n=30)
Meabhrán Tuisceana gníomhach i bhFeidhm don bhliain 2021	27
Athbhreithniú déanta ar an Meabhrán Tuisceana sa bhliain 2021	24
Cúnamh a thabhairt, sa chás é a bheith cuí, do PPN leis an bPlean Oibre a bhaint amach	27
Tacú leis an PPN le bheith mar Ghníomhaithe gníomhacha san LECP	21
Rannpháirtíocht trasroinne in Imeachtaí PPN	23
Rannpháirtíocht Theagmhálaí PPN an Údaráis Áitiúil sa PPN	23
Cuireadh croímhaoiniú breise ar fáil don PPN chun tacú lena chuid oibre (sa bhreis ar an €80,000)	18
Cuireadh maoiniú breise ar fáil do thionscadail shonracha an PPN	7
Feachtais shonracha chun obair an PPN a chur chun cinn laistigh den údarás áitiúil	5
<p>Mionsonraí maidir le Feachtais Shonracha</p> <p>Is é an tÚdarás Áitiúil an príomh-urraitheoir i nDámhachtainí Pobail PPN Phort Láirge a bhíonn ar siúl gach bliain; an réimse leathan cur i láthair a rinneadh; Líne Chabhrach Freagartha Pobail; Pleananna Forbartha an Chontae; Litríocht PPN i bhFoirgnimh na Comhairle a Chur Chun Cinn; Athbhreithnithe an LECP; Misneach a thabhairt do Ghrúpaí Pobail chun páirt a ghlacadh sa PPN trí Oifigh Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail na Comhairle, an Fhoireann Tuaithe agus trí chumarsáid maidir le deiseanna maoinithe deontais laistigh den eagraíocht.</p>	

Comhairliúcháin an Údaráis Áitiúil

Tá sé ar chumas PPNanna a bheith agus ba chóir go mbeadh siad ina phríomhmheicníocht ag Údaráis Áitiúla, le tuairimí a gcuid pobal a bhailiú mar fhreagra ar ghairmeacha comhairliúcháin. Tá na PPNanna san áit is fearr chun rannpháirtíocht a bheith acu le grúpaí comhaltais agus deacháil bainte amach acu ó thaobh aighneachtaí a chur ar fáil agus tacú leo. Cuirtear forléargas ar fáil i dTábla 17 den líon comhairliúcháin ar thug Údaráis Áitiúla fúthu sa bhliain 2021 agus an rannpháirtíocht le PPNanna le linn an phróisis seo.

Tábla 17: Comhairliúcháin Údaráis Áitiúil, 2021

Comhairliúcháin	Líon na (n=30)
Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí an Údaráis Áitiúil sa bhliain 2021	358
Fógraí faoi Chomhairliúcháin a seoladh chuig PPNanna sa bhliain 2021	254
Comhairliúcháin an Údaráis Áitiúil a rinneadh trí PPNanna mar phríomh-mheán sa bhliain 2021	22
Ceardlanna comhairliúcháin a d'óstáil an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an PPN i gcomhpháirt lena chéile	35

Bhí tionchar ag paindéim Covid-19 ar líon na gcomhairliúcháin a rinneadh in 2021. Bhí líon iomlán na gcomhairliúcháin a rinne an tÚdarás Áitiúil níos ísle ná mar a bhí sa bhliain 2020 (inar raibh 453 comhairliúcháin tuairiscithe). Bhí líon na bhfógraí comhairliúcháin a seoladh chuig na PPNanna níos ísle freisin (ó 414 go 254). Bhí líon na gcomhairliúcháin a tharla agus na PPNanna ina bpríomh-mheán níos ísle in 2021 ná mar a bhí siad in 2020 (ó 36 go 22), agus bhí laghdú freisin tagtha ar líon na gceardlann comhairliúcháin a bhí óstáilte i gcomhpháirt, ó 49 go 35.

Réimsí Sonracha Comhoibrithe

Comhoibrigh na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus PPNanna freisin ar líon imeachtaí agus tionscnaimh eile sa bhliain 2021. Áirítear orthu seo:

- Dréachtphlean Forbartha an Chontae
- Seachtain na Sábháilteachta ar Dhóiteán
- An Clár um Fheabhsú Pobail
- An Straitéis um Imeachadh Imirceach
- Tionscnaimh Comhshaoil
- Tionscnaimh do Chontae Folláin
- Gradaim Phobail
- Staidéir Insiúltachta
- Fóram Freagartha Covid-19
- Fóram maidir le Míchumas
- Plean um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide
- Oiliúint um Scileanna Digiteacha do Thosaitheoirí
- Plean Forbartha Leabharlainne
- Maoiniú a Chur Chun Cinn do Dheontas Caipitil Spóirt
- Tionscadail maidir le Cearta an Duine agus Comhionannas
- Plean Athbhreithnithe agus Cur Chun Feidhme an LECP
- Cláir Feabhsúcháin Pobail
- Éire Ildánach
- Tionscnaimh Folláine
- Pleananna Oidhreachta Contae

- Clós Súgartha atá Saor ó Thobac
- Clár Comh-shíochána
- Comhairliúcháin maidir le Straitéis Bainistíochta Crann
- Feachtas See Her Elected
- Cláir atá Aoisbháúil
- Bailte Slachtmhara

Suíocháin Phobail a Leithdháileadh

Tá na hÚdaráis Áitiúla freagrach as raon Bord agus Coistí maidir le ceantair ar díol spéise iad go háitiúil. Áirítear ar shamplaí de na Boird agus Coistí seo:

- An Comhchoiste Póilíneachta
- Coiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil
- SPC Ealaíon, Cultúir, agus Fóillíochta
- Coiste Comhpháirtíochta Síochána IV
- Iascach LAG an Oirthir/an Iarthuaiscirt/an Oirdheiscirt
- An Coiste Idirchaidrimh Pobail
- Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt
- Na Tascfhórsaí Réigiúnacha um Dhrugaí agus Alcóil
- SPC Tithíochta, Pobail agus Folláine
- SPC Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Teanga
- SPC Athraithe Aeráide, Comhshaoil agus Fuinnimh
- Comhaontas Aoisbháúil
- Fóraim Oidhreachta
- Bóithre agus Iompair an SPC
- SPC Bonneagair
- SPC d'Fhorbairt Eacnamaíochta, Fiontraíochta agus Pobail
- SPC Tithíochta, Corparáideach agus Cultúir
- SPC Pleanála agus Straitéiseach
- Coiste Cúraim Leanaí an Chontae
- SPC Rialachais Mhaith
- Pobail Fholláine SláinteCare a Chur i bhFeidhm go háitiúil

- An Coiste Idirchaidrimh Pobail
- An Pobal, Cultúr agus Leabharlanna
- Grúpa Stiúrtha um Thithíocht agus Míchumas
- Tascfhórsa Tuaithe
- Grúpa Comhairleach maidir le Baile Átha Cliath Cliste
- Nasc Áitiúil
- Comhpháirtíocht LEADER
- Spás Glas agus Sláinte Luimneach URBACT
- Cultúr, Leabharlanna agus Forbairt Dhigiteach an SPC
- Fóram um Imeachadh Idirceach
- Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil
- Logainmneacha
- Turasóireacht, Fiontar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíochta an SPC
- Music Generation
- Fóraim Áitiúla Phóilíneachta
- Grúpa Stiúrtha um Oideasú Sóisialta

Cáilitheacht le haghaidh Deontais

Feidhmíonn PPNanna mar mhol faisnéise do ghrúpaí pobail chun rochtain a fháil ar fhaisnéis agus ar thacaíochtaí maidir le deontais Údarás Áitiúil. Mar aitheantas air sin, agus do ról na PPNanna maidir le feabhsú éifeachtacht grúpaí pobail trí chur le hacmhainneacht, trí oiliúint, trí líonrú agus mar sin de, tá roinnt Údarás Áitiúil tar éis comhaltas i PPN a áireamh sna riachtanais a bhaineann le hincháilitheacht chun deontas a rochtain. In 2021, as na 30 freagra a fuarthas, bhí seo ina riachtanas ag ocht gcinn de na hÚdarás Áitiúla mar a bhain le gach uile dheontas; bhí sé ina riachtanas ag naoi gcinn acu i gcás fhormhór na ndeontas ach níor bhain sé le gach deontas; i 10 Údarás Áitiúil, moladh do ghrúpaí a bheith páirteach, ach ní raibh sé éigeantach agus ní raibh aon choinníollacha i bhfeidhm ag trí cinn de na húdarás áitiúla.

Oiliúint agus Ionduchtúchán ag Údarás Áitiúla

Thuairiscigh ocht gcinn déag de na 30 Údarás Áitiúil gur chuir siad ionduchtú sonrath nó oiliúint ar fáil d'ionadaithe nua-ainmnithe PPN sa bhliain 2021. Maidir le hoiliúint agus forbairt feasachta d'fhoireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil, chuir 21 Údarás Áitiúil in iúl go raibh siad i mbun gníomhaíochtaí oiliúna nó forbartha feasachta le baill foirne atá ag obair ina Rannóg Pobail, thuairiscigh 23 acu go raibh siad páirteach sna gníomhaíochtaí seo le baill foirne atá ag obair taobh amuigh den Rannóg Pobail agus thuairiscigh 18 eile go raibh siad i mbun rannpháirtíochta le Baill Foirne eile Údarás Áitiúil. Fáiltíonn na hÚdarás Áitiúla roimh oiliúint leanúnach, maoiniú, cur chun cinn agus feasacht, agus straitéisí cumarsáide ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail a thacaíonn le hobair na PPNanna.

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Feidhmíonn PPNanna mar mhol faisnéise do ghrúpaí pobail chun rochtain a fháil ar fhaisnéis agus ar thacaíochtaí maidir le deontais Údarás Áitiúil.”

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Moltaí

Tar éis athbheithniú a dhéanamh ar obair na PPNanna ar feadh na bliana 2021, iarradh ar PPNanna agus ar Údaráis Áitiúla sraith moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le PPNanna a fhorbairt. Rinneadh na moltaí a rangú faoi na ceannteidil seo a leanas:



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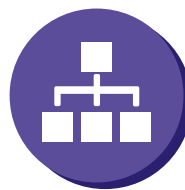
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STRUCHTÚR

Rialachas



1. A chinntiú go bhfuil struchtúir rialachais reatha i bhfeidhm agus iad ag feidhmiú go héifeachtach.
2. Forbairt agus caighdeánú beartais maidir le feidhmiú PPNanna.
3. Soláthar treoir mionsonraithe ar na róil faoi seach atá i gceist leis na PPNanna.
4. Fís straitéiseach a fhorbairt do na PPNanna.
5. Cinntigh go bhfuil MOU i bhfeidhm agus é oiriúnach don fheidhm
6. Próiseas Daingniúcháin an Philéir Comhshaoil a shoiléiriú.
7. An Fhís d'Fholláine an Phobail a fhorbairt agus a úsáid nuair a oireann.
8. Feasacht i leith Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe a fhorbairt agus iad a nascadh le pleananna uile an chontae agus an PPN.
9. Lámhleabhar PPN a athbhreithniú.
10. Ba chóir PPN a bheith san áireamh mar an struchtúr comhairliúcháin i ngach cáipéis beartais náisiúnta.

Rannpháirtíocht



1. Feabhas a chur ar an gcomhoibriú idir an PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil trí oiliúint agus forbairt acmhainne.
2. A chinntiú go gcloíonn Údarás Áitiúla leis an gceanglas go bhfeidhmíonn na PPNanna mar phríomhbhealach do chomhairliúcháin agus ionadaíocht phobail.
3. Foireann shinsearach an Údarás Áitiúil chun déileáil leis na PPNanna.
4. Struchtúir chumarsáide níos éifeachtaí a chur i bhfeidhm d'ionadaithe agus dá gcuid Bord / Coistí, chun nuashonrúcháin a thabhairt san áireamh maidir le tionscnaimh forbartha pobail.
5. Cur le caidrimh agus naisc atá cothaithe - an obair i gcomhar a mhéadú - teacht le chéile go rialta,
6. Glacadh le bun-phrionsabail rannpháirtíochta do chinnteoireacht áitiúil.

7. Forbairt nascghrúpaí téamacha a fhiosrú.
8. Ról níos lárnaí a bheith ag an PPN sa chlár oibre a bhaineann leis an ngníomhú ar son na haeráide.
9. Díriú arís ar fhorbairt beartais
10. Riachtanais ar leith gach PPN agus Údarás Áitiúil a aithint.

Cur Chun Cinn PPNanna / Cumarsáid



1. Feachtas náisiúnta bolscaireachta agus faisnéise a fhorbairt agus a chur ar fáil do PPNanna.
2. Aitheantas náisiúnta níos fearr do na PPNanna ar fud gach Roinn Rialtais ábhartha.
3. Pacáiste modheolaíochta a fhorbairt maidir le rannpháirtíocht phoiblí d'fhoireann an Údarás Áitiúil.
4. Caidrimh ag leibhéal áitiúil a fhorbairt go leanúnach.
5. An PPN a bheith á chur chun cinn go leanúnach sna pobail áitiúla agus go náisiúnta trí iad a chur san áireamh i gcláir na bpáirtithe leasmhara/na gcomhpháirtithe chun a chinntiú go sroichimid an oiread eagraíochtaí agus is féidir, faoi gach colún.
6. An teanga atá in úsáid a shimpliú.
7. Cur leis an bhfeasacht atá ag daoine ar PPNanna agus í a fheabhsú agus ar an luach atá le hionchur ó phobail ina ghné riachtanach sa tírdhreach daonlathach áitiúil.
8. Díriú ar dhaoine óga agus ar eagraíochtaí a dtacaíonn siad leo chun iad a spreagadh le bheith páirteach.

Acmhainní



1. Buiséad méadaithe do PPNanna ag leibhéal áitiúil agus náisiúnta.
2. Inbhuanaitheacht maidir le maoiniú do na PPNanna a chinntiú.
3. A chinntiú gur foireann bhuan atá sna hOibrithe Tacaíochta.
4. Oibrí Acmhainní Náisiúnta a fheidhmiú chun tacú leis na PPNanna ag leibhéal náisiúnta.
5. Struchtúr maidir le grádú d'fhoireann an PPN a athbhreithniú.
6. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar na cúiseanna go mbíonn foirne ag síorathrú.
7. Tharraing Covid-19 aird ar an ngá atá le acmhainní leordhóthanacha agus, nuair is gá, acmhainní breise.
8. An oiread úsáide agus is féidir a bhaint as an dul chun cinn atá déanta sa chumarsáid dhigiteach agus cur leis.
9. Tacaíochtaí sa bhreis do ghrúpaí atá nuabhunaithe.
10. A aithint go mbeidh acmhainní breise ag teastáil de réir mar a bheidh an PPN ag forbairt.
11. Oiliúint a chur ar fáil ag amanna a fheileann.

Struchtúr



1. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar struchtúr na PPNanna.
2. Struchtúr Náisiúnta a Fhorbairt agus foireann a chur ar fáil ann – Rannpháirtíocht Phoiblí Éireann.
3. Struchtúr na PPNanna a shimpliú.
4. Bunú ról Cathaoirleachta ar an Rúnaíocht a chumasú, a bheidh ag athrú go bliantúil ar bhonn uainíochta.
5. Na PPNanna a bheith mar chuid den phlean forbartha reachtúil do na Pleananna Ceantair Áitiúla agus do na Pleananna Comhfhorbartha.
6. Taighde a dhéanamh maidir leis an mbealach a bhféadfadh PPNanna a bheith ina bhfostóirí neamhspleácha de réir an dlí nó PPNanna a spreagadh agus tacú leo cuideachta dhlíthiúil a chruthú chun foireann PPN a fhostú.

7. An luach a leagtar ar ghuth a bheith ag pobal ar struchtúr shóisialta a leathnú tríd an PPN.

Chomh maith leis na moltaí uileghabhálacha, atá leagtha amach thuas, iarradh ar na PPNanna agus ar na hÚdaráis Áitiúla go léir, moltaí sonracha a dhéanamh maidir le riachtanais oiliúna agus maidir leis an mbealach le feabhas a chur ar an gcomhpháirtíocht. Is mar seo a leanas a bhí na moltaí:

Oiliúint

An tÚdarás Áitiúil

1. Oiliúint athnuachana a chur ar fáil maidir le ról agus feidhm an PPN, agus conas a théann sé chun leasa don Údarás Áitiúil.
2. Seisiúin oiliúna agus faisnéise maidir le Forbairt Pobail.
3. Oiliúint ionductúcháin d'fhoireann agus do chomhaltaí tofa an Údaráis Áitiúil, arna soláthar ag leibhéal náisiúnta ar mhaithe le comhsheasmhacht.
4. Seimineár gréasáin físeáin / oiliúna a fhorbairt ar ról an PPN a bheifear ábalta é a roinnt go héasca agus a scaipeadh trí CCMA, DOS agus fóraim Bainistíochta Sinsearaí.
5. Rannpháirtíocht Phoiblí agus ról an PPN.
6. Comhionannas-díonadh.
7. Leanúint de Phobail Chumasacha a Chruthú.
8. Réiteach aighnis.
9. Oiliúint rialachais.
10. Bainistiú imeachtaí.
11. Oiliúint i mbainistiú airgeadais.
12. Rialachas Corparáideach.
13. Cearta Daonna agus Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí.
14. Na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe.
15. Oiliúint maidir le Cumarsáid.

PPN

1. Salesforce.
2. Abhcóideacht agus Tionchar ar Bheartas.
3. Struchtúir Údaráis Áitiúil.
4. Réiteach aighnis.
5. Forbairt Pobail
6. Labhairt go Poiblí agus Cumarsáid.
7. Tacaíocht don Obair Chumaisc.
8. Training for Transformation.
9. Cosaint Sonraí.
10. An struchtúr cothrom a Chothabháil
11. Ionduchtú do Chomhaltaí Rúnaíochta agus d'Ionadaithe maidir lena gcuid ról faoi seach.
12. Oiliúint ionduchtúcháin do bhaill foirne nua.
13. Forbairt Beartais agus Cinnteoireachta.
14. Na hAchtanna um Chearta an Duine agus na hAchtanna Comhionannais (e.g. Coinbhinsiún um Chearta Daoine faoi Mhíchumas na Náisiún Aontaithe / Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí.
15. Na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe.
16. Pleanáil Straitéiseach.
17. Oiliúint i dtaobh Fheasacht ar Chultúr an Lucht Siúil.
18. An bealach le haighneachtaí a scríobh.
19. Conas miontuairiscí a scríobh.
20. Nascghrúpaí/Grúpaí Téamacha a chur i bhfeidhm.
21. Cruinnithe éifeachtacha a thionól/a éascú.
22. Oiliúint Bhainistíochta.
23. Oiliúint i dTuairisicíú Airgeadais.
24. Oiliúint Soláthair
25. Na Meáin Shóisialta.
26. Fís d'Fholláine an Phobail a fhorbairt.
27. Scileanna IT.
28. Oiliúint i gcoinne an idirdhealaithe.
29. Cleachtas trámathreoraithe.
30. Leanúint de Phobail Chumasacha a Chruthú.
31. Oiliúint Chreidiúnaithe.

Páirtnéireacht

An tÚdarás Áitiúil

1. Cur le feasacht níos fearr ar an PPN agus ar a chuid feidhmeanna agus cuspóirí.
2. Ionduchtú d'Ionadaithe ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí Údaráis Áitiúil.
3. Tuilleadh ama do thionscnaimh, cruinnithe, comhairliúcháin agus comhoibrithe eile idir na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus na PPNanna.
4. Tuilleadh maoinithe agus slándála don oibrí PPN chun nach mbeidh aon chailteanas ann i dtaobh cuimhne institiúideach.
5. Pleanáil chomhoibríoch leis na páirtithe leasmhara go léir.
6. Níos mó cumarsáide.
7. Úsáid níos mó as grúpaí téamacha/nascghrúpaí.
8. Nuashonrúcháin rialta ón Údarás Áitiúil.
9. "Ráiteas Folláine Pobail" a thabhairt chun críche.
10. Na hÚdaráis Áitiúla le faisnéis a sholáthar maidir le ról agus feidhmeanna Boird agus Coistí Údaráis Áitiúil.
11. Cur chuige beartais a ghlacadh i dtaobh tionscadail atá maoinithe ag an Rialtas agus pleananna a éilíonn ar an údarás áitiúil rannpháirtíocht éifeachtach an PPN a léiriú i bhforbairt an tionscadail/an phlean agus mar a cuireadh i bhfeidhm é.
12. Tuilleadh faisnéise ar thábhacht chion an PPN i leith déanamh beartais agus úsáid á bhaint as ábhair Rialtais atá ann cheana féin.
13. Ba cheart Ranna eile a chur ar an eolas faoi na PPNanna agus an ról atá acu.
14. Cruinniú bliantúil na Foirne Sinsearaí leis an Rúnaíocht PPN.

PPN

1. Nasc le comhpháirtithe reachtúla eile trína máthairRanna chun leanúnachas beartais a chinntiú.
2. An tÚdarás Áitiúil le hionchur Ionadaíoch PPN i gclár oibre agus cruinnithe a spreagadh.
3. Rannpháirtíocht comhalta a láidriú.
4. Treoir ón mbord rialaithe atá freagrach as Údarás Áitiúla a bheith rannpháirteach go gníomhach agus ar bhealach tairbheach leis na PPNanna.
5. Clár oibre maidir le forbairt beartais a chomhaontú.
6. Clár oibre agus ábhar léitheoireachta a bheith faighte in am agus i dtráth roimh chruinnithe.
7. Lánpháirtiú níos fearr i bpróiseas cinnteoireachta an Údarás Áitiúil.
8. Tuiscint níos fearr ar ról na gcoistí éagsúla.
9. Cumarsáid feabhsaithe idir foireann an Údarás Áitiúil agus Ionadaithe ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí.
10. Cothromaíocht níos fearr maidir le hionchur do Choistí agus do Bhoird - Aitheantas ó Chomhairle Contae i dtaobh na hoibre agus na mbuntáistí a chuireann PPNanna ar fáil don phobal áitiúil.
11. Níos mó oiliúna d'Ionadaithe.
12. Meas agus acmhainneacht fhorleathan i dtaobh idéil choinbhinsiún Aarhus.



Aguisín 1

Sonraí Teagmhála na PPNanna (Meitheamh 2022)

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Aguisín 2

Forbheathnú ar Ghníomhaíocht an PPN in 2021

PPN	An líon áiteanna Rúnaiochta a leithdháileadh	An líon Ionadaithe PPN	An líon Nascghrúpaí Gníomhacha	An líon Cruinnithe Comhlachta lómánaigh a Tionóladh	Caiteachas Iomlán (2021)	An líon r-Nuachtlitracha a Cuireadh ar Fáil	An Líon Coistí Cinnteoireachta a bhfuil an PPN orthu	Socrú Óstála	Comhaltas Iomlán (comhaltai san áireamh)	Comhaltai an Philéir Cuimsithe Shóisialta	An Piléar Comhshaoil	Comhaltai an Philéir Pobail
Ceatharlach	9	20	0	2	92,428	24	10	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	454	48	14	392
An Cabhán	12	33	1	4	97,191.98	50	13	Ag aistriú ó bheith ina Chuideachta go dtí Óstáich	316	94	26	196
An Clár	10	24	3	3	114,679.85	10	10	Ag Feidhmiú mar Chomhlacht Neamhspleách	332	52	19	261
Cathair Chorcaí	9	20	0	2	10,485	0	8	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	211	88	12	111
Contae Chorcaí	22	33	0	1	89,808	26	12	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	411	63	25	323
Dún na nGall	19	61	3	1	111,104	135	21	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	613	56	19	538
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	9	27	4	2	90,056.95	40	9	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	824	261	32	531
Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin	9	35	3	2	113,017.32	12	10	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	523	95	13	415
Fine Gall	12	41	5	2	120,755.78	12	10	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	548	94	31	423
Cathair na Gaillimhe	16	40	5	3	145,281.69	34	18	Ag Feidhmiú mar Chomhlacht Neamhspleách	163	47	11	105

PPN	An líon áiteanna Rúnaíochta a leithdháileadh	An líon Ionadaithe PPN	An líon Nascghrúpaí Gníomhacha	An líon Cruinnithe Comhlachta Iomlánaigh a Tionóladh	Caiteachas Iomlán (2021)	An líon r-Nuachtlitríochta a Cuireadh ar Fáil	An Líon Coistí Cinnteoireachta a bhfuil an PPN orthu	Socrú Óstála	Comhaltas Iomlán (comhaltai san áireamh)	Comhaltai an Philéir Cuisiúithe Shóisialta	An Piléar Comhshaoil	Comhaltai an Philéir Pobail
Contae na Gaillimhe	11	32	1	0	119,731.53	12	16	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	1075	209	32	834
Ciarráí	11	11	1	0	94,420.54	55	12	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	835	94	24	717
Cill Dara	11	24	3	1	104,838.46	18	10	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	779	81	29	669
Cill Chainnigh	10	27	3	2	103,281.99	44	9	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	403	90	27	286
Laois	12	29	4	5	109,098.43	10	12	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	634	79	21	534
Liatroim	9	39	0	2	31,289.32	13	13	Ag aistriú ó bheith ina Údarás Áitiúil	289	72	11	206
Luimneach	10	38	8	2	54,145.11	10	8	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	161	52	10	99
An Longfort	9	40	0	5	129,104.33	44	14	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	399	50	6	343
Lú	17	40	3	2	104,424.49	52	18	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	481	126	13	342
Maigh Eo	14	17	0	5	118,295	5	7	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	1108	146	41	924
An Mhí	12	20	2	0	63,185.68	23	10	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	447	40	7	400
Muineachán	12	37	1	2	113,045.90	0	14	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	596	103	38	455

PPN	An líon áiteanna Rúnaíochta a leithdháileadh	An líon Ionadaithe PPN	An líon Nascghrúpaí Gníomhacha	An líon Cruinnithe Comhlachta Iomlánaigh a Tionóladh	Caiteachas Iomlán (2021)	An líon r-Nuachtlitracha a Cuireadh ar Fáil	An Líon Coistí Cinnteoireachta a bhfuil an PPN orthu	Socrú Óstála	Comhaltas Iomlán (comhaltas san áireamh)	Comhaltas an Philéir Cuimsithe Shóisialta	An Piléar Comhshaoil	Comhaltas an Philéir an Phoblaithe
Uibh Fhailí	9	26	1	1	114,310.89	30	9	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	573	62	19	492
Ros Comáin	9	24	0	0	61,803.20	19	7	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	266	39	12	215
Sligeach	9	37	1	2	98,179.97	5	16	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	525	45	14	466
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	12	28	3	2	94,370.39	1	11	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht	827	184	30	613
Tiobraid Árann	15	47	2	2	119,371.39	14	19	Ag Feidhmiú mar Chomhlacht Neamhspleách	1362	156	40	1166
Port Láirge	11	53	0	0	110,419	14	22	Ag Feidhmiú mar Chomhlacht Neamhspleách	768	120	26	622
An Iarmhí	8	35	5	2	115,017.59	12	18	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	811	177	12	622
Loch Garman	11	27	0	0	77,794.56	88	13	Óstáilte ag Údarás Áitiúil	436	74	16	346
Cill Mhantáin	13	48	3	2	114,104.45	38	18	Óstáilte ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	378	71	25	282
Iomlán	362	1,013	65	59	3,035,040.79	850	397		17,548	2,968	655	13,925

Aguisín 3

Tionchair an PPN sa bhliain 2021

Ceatharlach

Ba bhliain dheacair eile a bhí sa bhliain 2021 do na PPNanna, go ginearálta. Chuir paidéim leanúnach COVID-19 athrú ar ghnáthchúrsaí agus ar ghnáthphróisis. Chiollaigh sé sin go m'éigean bealaí eile a fhiosrú chun cruinnithe PPN a bhainistiú agus leis an bpobal a choinneáil ar an eolas agus cothrom le dáta. Chun rannpháirtíocht a éascú, rinneadh cruinnithe agus seisiúin oiliúna a stiúradh ar líne. Dóibh siúd nach bhfuil cothrom le dáta ó thaobh na teicneolaíochta de, cuireadh oiliúint bhreise ar fáil do phobail, ullmhaíodh doiciméad céim ar chéim maidir le teicneolaíocht ar líne a úsáid agus scaipeadh an doiciméad ar ghrúpaí.

Chuireamar tacaíocht ar fáil do Alone Ireland freisin trí fhógraíocht agus aird a tharraingt ar an obair atá á dhéanamh acu do dhaoine breacaosta in Éirinn, go háirithe le linn COVID-19; thacaíomar freisin le hAoisbhá Éireann trí fhógraíocht agus trína Nuachtlitir a scaipeadh ar a gcuid comhaltaí.

SPC Pleanála, Comhshaoil, Aeráide; Gníomhú ar son na Bithéagsúlachta, Fuinnimh agus Talmhaíochta. Ionchur in Athrú Aeráide. Togra: Físeán le déanamh ar mhaithe le cuidiú leis an bpobal a bheith níos feasaí maidir le nithe simplí is féidir a dhéanamh chun feabhas a chur ar athchúrsaí, ar athúsáid agus ar dhramhaíl go ginearálta. Rinneamar éileamh go dtabharfaí an deis dár ngrúpaí a bheith rannpháirteach sa phróiseas.

Rinne an SPC Cultúir, Leabharlann, Forbartha Digití agus Turasoíreachta moladh maidir le Tionchar Feirmeacha Gaoithe ar Thurasoíreacht Tuaithe.

Chuir PPN Cheatharlach Féile Mensana chun cinn do Chumann Meabhairshláinte Cheatharlach. Reáchtáladh an fhéile ar líne arís i mbliana le comhairle mhaithe maidir le haire a thabhairt don mheabhairshláinte nuair a bhíonn cúrsaí deacair.

SPC Pleanála, Comhshaoil, Aeráide; Gníomhú ar son na Bithéagsúlachta, Fuinnimh agus Talmhaíochta. Togra: An fhéidearthacht go bhfaigheadh na SPCanna tairiscint ar thuras ar líonadh talún míntírithe chun réimsí nua bithéagsúlachta a thaispeáint. Gníomh: Físeán le déanamh chun feacht a chruthú.

Inrochtaineacht chuig acmhainní ar líne a chruthú.

Chuir an PPN freagra agus oiliúint maidir le COVID-19 ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail.

Reáchtáladh na himeachtaí agus an oiliúint a cuireadh ar fáil le linn na bliana 2021 ar líne den chuid is mó, bhí scóip ann ag tarraingt le deireadh na bliana 2021 le freastal go fisiciúil ar imeachtaí. Fuaireamar amach go raibh freastal níos fearr ar imeachtaí ar líne seachas mar a bhí ar imeachtaí fisiciúla mar go raibh go leor daoine in ann freastal agus iad ar a sáimhín só sa bhaile. Mar sin féin, fuaireamar amach nach raibh an saineolas teicneolaíochta ag na comhaltaí go léir chun freastal ar na cruinnithe seo agus rinneamar freastal air sin trí oiliúint a chur ar fáil maidir le cruinnithe Zúm agus trí phróiseas doiciméid 'Fan Nasctha' a chruthú agus a fhógairt. Chuidigh sé seo ó thaobh cur le hacmhainneacht na ngrúpaí comhaltais le linn COVID-19, agus cinntíodh go raibh an deis ag cách a bheith rannpháirteach.

Rinne PPN Cheatharlach éascú freisin chun gaireas cliste a cheannach trí Chónaidhm na hÉireann um Míchumas (DFI). Cuirtear an gaireas ar fáil do dhaoine aonair agus do ghrúpaí atá cláraithe leis an PPN agus le Universal Access Movement Chontae Cheatharlach lena úsáid chun freastal ar chruinnithe ar líne. Bhí an PPN i mbun plé le Comhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil Chontae Cheatharlach chun costas an chosantóra scáileáin a chlúdach agus chun sábháilteacht an ghairis a chinntiú.

An Cabhán

Leanamar den chomhoibriú leis an HSE, le Comhairle Contae agus le Coiste Forbartha Áitiúil an Chabháin trí líonrú agus malartú faisnéise le grúpaí pobail maidir le cúrsaí COVID- 19, go háirithe, chun léiriú a dhéanamh ar sheirbhísí le linn na dianghlasála a léiriú.

Baineadh feidhm as sraitheanna éagsúla oiliúna do ghrúpaí pobail sa chontae.

Moladh ó Ionadaithe an PPN maidir le Local Link chun iompar a sholáthar chuig Ionaid Vacsaínithe saor in aisce nó ar ráta lascaine.

An Clár

Lean PPN an Chláir ag comhoibriú le hIonad Oibríthe Deonacha an Chláir, le PPN an Chláir, le Comhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir, le Comhairle Contae an Chláir, leis an nGarda Síochána, leis na hIonaid Acmhainní Teaghlacha, le Meitheal Pobail Bhoirne, le Love Shannon, le Cúram an Chláir, le Líonra Ban an Chláir, le Fóram LEADER an Chláir, le Faisnéis do Shaoránaigh agus le Seirbhís Óige an Chláir mar chuid den Fhoireann Freagartha Pobail. Go háirithe, lean PPN an Chláir ar aghaidh le saincheisteanna a léiriú atá i ndán dóibh siúd atá ag tabhairt aghaidh ar eisiáimh socheacnamaíoch mar chuid d'fhoghrúpa um chuimsiú sóisialta.

Rinne PPN an Chláir idirbheartaíocht arís maidir le clúdach árachais d'iarrachtaí go léir na n-oibríthe deonacha i gcomhar le hIonad Oibríthe Deonacha an Chláir.

D'oibrigh ionadaithe an LCDDC go maith ar chomhchinnteoireacht maidir leis an SICAP agus le deontais phobail.

Rinne ionadaí comhshaoil an LCDDC cur i láthair maidir leis na torthaí ón tionscadal píolótach atá á reáchtáil ag PPN an Chláir ar an ábhar 'Plean agus Ciste um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide' na Roinne Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil. Comhaontaíodh, bunaithe ar thorthaí thionscadal píolótach PPN an Chláir, nach mór, ar mhaithe le Coiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil Éifeachtach agus ar mhaithe le Plean Áitiúil Eacnamaíochta agus Pobail atá éifeachtach, Gníomh ar son na hAeráide agus na Bithéagsúlachta a chur i gcroílár gach cinnidh i gcónaí.

Rinne PPN an Chláir riaradh ar leathanach tiomanta Facebook agus ar chuntas Twitter le faisnéis a scaipeadh.

Bhí PPN an Chláir ar cheann de na comhiarrthóirí rathúla maidir le Tionscadal Píolótach Chiste Forbartha Pobail na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail chun maoiniú a dhéanamh ar Thionscadal Forbartha Phobal an Lucht Siúil don Chlár.

D'eascair rannpháirtíocht an PPN sa tionscadal seo ó údar inní a d'ardaigh Grúpaí Comhaltais um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a bhí a lorg bealaí chun oibriú go héifeachtach agus feabhas a chur ar choinníollacha maireachtála agus folláine do thart ar 900 duine de Phobal an Lucht Siúil atá mar chuid den phobal sa Chlár. Cuirfear spás ar fáil don tionscadal san áitreabh ina bhfuil PPN an Chláir.

Ghlac Comhairle Contae an Chláir d'aon ghuth le rún a d'iarr ar Rialtas na hÉireann cosc domhanda a mholadh maidir le fraiceáil ag Comhthionól Ginearálta na Náisiún Aontaithe "ar fhorais maolaithe aeráide, sláinte phoiblí, cosaint chomhshaoil agus cearta daonna". Agus é ag moladh an rúin, thug an comhairleoir Pat Hayes (FG) le fios go raibh Contae an Chláir ar an gcéad údarás áitiúil in Éirinn a chur cosc ar fhrisceáil sa bhliain 2012, as ar lean cosc náisiúnta sa bhliain 2017. Mhol Pat Hayes "na heagraíochtaí iontacha atá sa Chlár a thacaigh leis an gcosc seo, lena n-áirítear, Futureproof Clare, Fridays for Future Clare agus PPN an Chláir," agus dúirt Pat gurb é an comhshaoil an tsaincheist is tábhachtaí ar an gclár oibre ag an gComhairle.

Ghlac Comhairle Contae an Chláir d'aon ghuth le rún éigeandála maidir le CETA, a d'iarr díospóireacht iomlán dhaonlathach roimh vóta na Dála ar dhaingniú CETA. Ritheadh an rún de bhun iarratas ó thromlach ghrúpaí comhaltais i gColáiste Comhshaoil PPN an Chláir "Tá údar inní tromchúiseach ag Comhaltáí PPN an Chláir maidir leis an easpa díospóireachta poiblí agus polaitiúla agus iniúchadh atá ann ó thaobh CETA de. Táimid thar a bheith sásta go bhfuil meas ag Comhairleoirí Contae sa Chlár ar an méid sin agus táimid buíoch gur sheas siad leis an bprionsabal seo".

Roghnaigh an Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil PPN an Chláir le hóstach a dhéanamh ar Chomhrá Aeráide Áitiúil ar líne an 15 Márta. Tá na comhráite seo ar siúl ar fud na hÉireann mar chuid den Idirphlé Náisiúnta ar Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, chun faisnéis a chur ar fáil d'fhorbairt Phlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2021 an Rialtais agus leathadh amach an Ciste um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide freisin. Tar éis an chomhrá seo chuireamar ár gcuid nótaí faoi bhráid na Roinne Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil.

Chuir PPN an Chláir tús le spás cruinnithe a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí comhaltais agus maolú á dhéanamh ar shrianta COVID- 19. Bhí sé seo dúshlánach le bainistiú uaireanta mar gheall ar léirmhíniú na dtreoirilínte difriúla idir an PPN agus páirtithe leasmhara. Áirítear ar ghrúpaí a bhí thíos go háirithe leis an iliomad gnéithe a bhain le COVID- 19 ar tugadh spás dóibh, Haven Hub – Tacaíocht maidir le Feasacht ar Fhéinmharú lasmuigh d’uaireanta oibre; rannpháirtíocht leanúnach agus deiseanna oideachais do mhná óga atá ag tógáil leanaí leo féin, caidreamh le Novas agus le daoine atá ina gcónaí i mol áitiúil; Banc bia chun dáileadh bia a éascú dóibh siúd a bhfuil gá acu leis agus atá thíos le ganntanas bia agus le cúrsaí geilleagracha atá ag dul in olcas.

D’éiligh na hionadaithe comhshaoil ar an SPC d’Fhorbairt Gheilleagrach ghrúpaí fócais ar chúrsaí comhshaoil ag céim réamhdhréachtaithe Phlean Forbartha an Chontae, ag tógáil san áireamh na hiarmhairtí leathana agus an saineolas atá sa chontae. Diúltaíodh é seo ar an bhforas go raibh na measúnuithe comhshaoil go léir déanta cheana féin (cé go raibh na comhairliúcháin phoiblí fós ar siúl ag tráth an iarratais).

Cathair Chorcaí

Tá 3 Chomhalta den Rúnaíocht ar an bhFóram Freagartha Pobail.

Contae Chorcaí

Foilsíodh nuachtlitir sheachtainiúil.

Cuireadh oiliúint ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail.

I mbun rannpháirtíochta le comhaltaí an PPN arís.

Cuireadh láithreán gréasáin agus beochana nua PPN ar fáil.

Cuireadh chun cinn agus líonadh 33 suíochán PPN.

Dún na nGall

Rinne PPN Dhún na nGall forbairt ar bhunachar sonraí don Líne Chabhrach Phoiblí. D’oibrigh foireann PPN Dhún na nGall ar an Líne Chabhrach (lena n-áirítear, ar an deireadh seachtaine agus san oíche). Bhí PPN Dhún na nGall bainteach le Fóram Pobail Dhún na nGall. Rinne an PPN forbairt ar Chlár Dianghlasála an Earraigh agus ar Theacht Aniar an Phobail ó mhí Eanáir go mí an Mheithimh 2021 i gcomhar leis an HSE agus leis an nGarda Síochána chun Aire a Thabhairt don Mheabhairshláinte, Aireachas, Sliotán na nGardaí, Cothú, Aclaíocht agus Oiliúint Zúm do Ghrúpaí. Acmhainní thar a bheith luachmhar atá iontu seo do Ghrúpaí.

D’eagraigh PPN Dhún na nGall i gcomhar leis an Roinn Comhshaoil ‘Comhrá maidir le hAeráid’ sa bhliain 2021. Bhí an-ghlacadh ar fud an Chontae ar an gcomhrá.

Tacaíonn LCDC/LAG Dhún na nGall le tionscadal inmheánach LEADER lena ndéanfaidh, IPanna (comhpháirtithe do chur i bhfeidhm) seachadadh ar thionscadal oiliúna a dhíríonn ar phobail ar fud Dhún na nGall mar chur chuige onghníomhach i leith maolú aeráide agus cailliúint bithéagsúlachta, ag leagan amach, ar an mbealach sin, straitéis don chéad chlár LEADER eile, a bhfuil tús á chur leis sa bhliain 2023, chun comhtháthú a dhéanamh ar mhaolú dearfach aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta agus/nó oiriúnú ar fud fothéamaí go léir LEADER agus dá réir sin an méid sin go léir a chomhtháthú i ngach tionscadal.

Molann LCDC/LAG Dhún na nGall glacadh le roghanna fuinnimh agus bithéagsúlachta inbhuanaithe i mbreithniú agus i measúnú gach tionscadal, sa chás é bheith indéanta an méid sin a dhéanamh gan costais bhreise nó gan oibleagáidí a chur ar thionscnóirí do chlár idirthréimhseach LEADER (2021-2022).

Bhí Teacht Aniar an Phobail – ag Fanacht Nasctha – a bhí forbartha ag PPN Dhún na nGall, thar a bheith luachmhar do ghrúpaí.

Rinne PPN Dhún na nGall Iniúcháireacht Insiúltachta a stiúradh i mBealach Féich/Srath an Urláir sa bhliain 2021- Aithníodh saincheisteanna móra maidir le cosáin agus trasrianta agus tá tús curtha le hoibreacha anois chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na saincheisteanna seo.

Rinne an JPC stiúradh ar Thionscadal Píolótach chun Clinicí na nGardaí a reáchtáil in Ionaid Acmhainní agus in Ionaid Pobail. Táthar ag leanúint ar aghaidh leis seo.

Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath

Thacaigh an PPN leis an óstach, Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha Bhaile Átha Cliath ar na bealaí seo a leanas: Chuir an t-oibrí acmhainní roinnt sealanna ar fáil go deonach in Ionad Vacsaínithe Aviva, as a raibh an DCVC freagrach as maoirseacht a dhéanamh air. Fógraíodh na rólí dheonacha seo ar Fheasacháin an PPN agus ar na meáin shóisialta. Roinn PPN Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath faisnéis le agus ón PPN níos leithne ina Fheasacháin PPN agus trína meáin shóisialta; mar shampla, faisnéis maidir le hobair dheonach in Ionad Vacsaínithe Aviva. Bhí na spriocghrúpaí go léir ina ngrúpaí comhaltais den PPN, mar sin féin, níor choinníomar súil ar na torthaí ó thaobh na faisnéise seo a roinnt. Ghlacamar leis go bhfaca daoine an fógra agus gur thairg siad oibriú go deonacha san ionad, ach níor choinníomar súil ar torthaí na hoibre seo.

Chuir an tionchar a bhí ag sraith an fhómhair de na seisiúin oiliúna le hacmhainneacht roinnt de ghrúpaí comhaltais an PPN.

Déanann an tlonadaí Tráchtá agus lompair cumarsáid lena nascghrúpa agus le páirtithe leasmhara trí Facebook agus thug an fhaisnéis is déanaí do chomhaltaí an PPN maidir le saincheisteanna leanúnacha san SPC sin. Go háirithe, tá inrochtaineacht chun na cathrach do na cónaitheoirí go léir atá faoi mhíchumas mar phríomhfhócas agus tá go leor ráitis déanta ag na hlonadaithe leis an gcoiste maidir le páirceáil do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, rochtain chun na sráideanna agus deacrachtaí méadaithe maidir le saincheisteanna soghluaisteachta sa chathair.

Rinne tionchar an dá chruinniú iomlánacha athspreagadh ar roinnt grúpaí comhaltais chun a bheith rannpháirteach leis an PPN arís agus chuireadar fiosrúcháin faoi bhráid chun tuilleadh a fháil amach faoin obair croílár agus maidir le grúpaí oibre laistigh den chomhairle.

Chuaigh an tionchar a bhí ag cumarsáid fheabhsaithe an PPN chun leasa do na comhaltaí go léir a bhí in ann faisnéis a fháil níos éasca maidir leis an PPN trí nuashonrúcháin seachtainiúla agus láithreach meáin shóisialta a bhí níos fuinniúla.

Ba é an tionchar a bhí ag an taighde a bhí taobh thiar den phlean straitéiseach 5 bliana ná an fhaisnéis a fuarthas ó na grúpaí comhaltais maidir leis an méid a bhí úsáideach agus nach raibh chomh húsáideach sin ó thaobh an PPN de. Go háirithe, chiallaigh sé sin go raibh sé indéanta éisteacht le glór na gcomhaltaí níos leithne, é a thaifeadadh agus éisteacht leis chun go rachaidh sé chun leas iomlán an líonra.

Beidh an Grúpa Téamach Imirceach ina ghrúpa láidir, ach mar sin féin caitheadh an bhliain 2021 á bhunú, ag iarraidh spriocanna agus teorainneacha a leagan síos dá chuid oibre. Is é seo an grúpa is dúshlánaí mar go bhfuil na grúpaí atá ag obair le saincheisteanna imircigh ar roinnt de na grúpaí sa tír is gainne ó thaobh acmhainní de agus a fhaigheann an tacaíocht is lú.

D'oibrigh an Grúpa Téamach Imirceach ar shaincheisteanna inrochtaineachta chuig Teach an Ardmhéara, na dúshláin maidir le bonneagar rothaíochta, bhí comhráite maidir le míchumas agus le tithíocht agus bhí cruinniú ag an ngrúpa le coiste na Féile Pádraig chun rochtain chun na paráide a chinntiú.

Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin

Suirbhé: Aiseolas maidir le riachtanais oiliúna do rannpháirtithe Scileanna Digiteacha.

Clár oiliúna deartha go sonrach chun comhaltaí a chumasú chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh agus feidhmiú agus úsáid á bhaint as ardán ar líne agus ar uirlisí digiteacha, m.sh. Zúm, dea-chleachtas i Zúm, eagarthóireacht físeán agus grianghraf d'fhóin phóca.

Scaipeadh ábhair maidir le Coinneáil go Maith/ Folláine agus treoirlínte rialtais ar ríomhphost agus ar an láithreán gréasáin, ar na meáin shóisialta agus i ríomhírisí.

“Go ndéanfaí tuilleadh coirceoga a lonnú in DLR.” Cuireadh an togra faoi bhráid an SPC um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaol. Rinneadh an togra a phlé, a cheadú agus tá sé tugtha críche anois.

Ról gníomhach i gcomhairliúcháin – Rinneamar comhéascú ar roinnt comhairliúcháin ar thug an tÚdarás Áitiúil fúthu, ar nós Ceardlanna an Dréachtphlean Oidhreachta, Straitéis Crann Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (DLR) agus go leor eile. Chomh maith leis sin, seoladh aighneachtaí chuig na comhairliúcháin seo a leanas: Athbhreithniú agus Feidhmiú Tionscadail Bonneagair Phoiblí agus an Réimse Poiblí Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (DLR), Plean Forbartha Contae an DLR; Seirbhísí Cúraim Shóisialta do Dhaoine faoi Míchumas chun an plean a threorú sna 4 bliana atá amach romhainn (2022-2025).

Ba cheart do Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (DLR) idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le BusConnects agus leis an Údarás Náisiúnta lompair (NTA) maidir le leagan crann sa tSeanchill. Cuireadh an togra faoi bhráid an SPC um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaol. Rinneadh an togra a phlé, a cheadú agus tá sé tugtha críche anois.

Freastal ar Chruinniú Fóraim na bPáirtithe Leasmhara.

Ceardlanna Comhráite um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide – Roghnaíodh PPN Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (DLR) chun bheith ar cheann de na PPNanna le páirt a ghlacadh sna ceardlanna comhráite náisiúnta um Athrú Aeráide. Shocraíomar agus d’eagraíomar 2 cheardlann as ar tháinig aiseolas iontach ó na rannpháirtithe. Chuidigh sé sin le huaimhianta an phobail a aithint agus cruth a chuir orthu don mhaoiniú atá ar na bacáin do Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide.

Páipéar acadúil foilsithe- “Public participation in a time of crisis: A case study of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown residents’ associations’ response to Covid-19” (Simone Sav agus Colette Downing), published in Administration, vol. 69, no. 4 (2021).

Aoisbháúil – Féile na Bealtaine – Scileanna Digiteacha do Dhaoine Breacaosta.

Fine Gall

Leanamar le cruinnithe Rúnaióchta, cruinnithe nascghrúpaí agus seisiúin faisnéise ar líne a stiúradh. Chuireamar árachas ar fáil do ghrúpaí comhaltais PPN chun freagairt do COVID- 19, sa chás nár chuir a n-árachas féin clúdach ar fáil.

D’fheidhmíomar mar mhol faisnéise agus chuidíomar le grúpaí a chur i mbun líonraithe.

Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar Lámhleabhar an PPN agus cleachtas sainordaitheach agus deachleachtas a fheidhmiú chun rialachas agus oibríochtaí PPN Fine Gall a neartú ag teacht le treoir ón DRCD.

Chuireamar rún faoi bhráid an SPC Tithíochta maidir le cóiríocht dhá sheomra codlata in áit forbairtí aon seomra codlata amháin.

Rinneamar athbhreithniú ar an bPlean Straitéiseach chun measúnú a dhéanamh air agus athdhíriú a dhéanamh obair PPN Fine Gall chun leasa an chomhaltais níos leithne.

Rinne an Nascghrúpa Athrú Aeráide, Comhshaoil agus Uisce seachadadh ar Chomhrá maidir le hAthrú Aeráide agus ar thuarascáil ghaolmhar.

Rinneadh seachadadh ar Mhol Beartais ina bhfuil os cionn 120 beartas chun tacú le hionadaithe PPN Fine Gall dul i bhfeidhm ar bheartas ag leibhéal áitiúil, náisiúnta agus AE agus feidhmiú mar shuíomh lárnach do chomhaltas níos leithne an PPN.

Cosaint agus caomhnú fála sceanach – Pléadh agus comhaontaíodh an rún. Mar chuid den Idirphlé Náisiúnta ar Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, rinne comhaltaí an Nascghrúpa óstach agus bhí siad i mbun na Ceardlainne Comhrá maidir le hAeráid PPN Fine Gall a bhí ar siúl an 7 Aibreán 2021.

Rinneamar teagmháil le Roinn Imeachtaí Fine Gall agus d’éilíomar go lasfaidh suas Fine Gall trí dhath glas a chur ar na foirgnimh do Lá Fhéile Pádraig 2021, comhaontaíodh agus cuireadh an méid sin i gcrích.

Cathair na Gaillimhe

Tá an GCCN mar chomhalta d’Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe, a bunaíodh nuair a tugadh an chéad sraith de shrianta COVID-19 isteach, tá an Fóram faoi stiúir Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe, lena n-áirítear, raon páirtithe leasmhara ar nós Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, an Garda Síochána, an tSeirbhís Leasa Pobail – an Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí (DEASP), Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe, Gluaiseacht Lucht Siúil na Gaillimhe, Ionad Saorálaithe na Gaillimhe, COPE na Gaillimhe agus dreamanna eile. Mar chuid d’Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe, lean an GCCN de thacaíocht a thabhairt d’atreoruithe níos casta chuig Líne Chabhreach Tacaíochta Pobail Covid-19 i gcomhar le Foireann Chomhpháirtíochta Chathair na Gaillimhe. Lean an GCCN freisin d’fhaisnéis agus sonraí a thabhairt cothrom le dáta le haghaidh Léarscáil de na Seirbhísí agus na Tacaíochtaí a bhí gníomhach i gCathair na Gaillimhe le linn ghéarchéim Covid-19.

Rannpháirtíocht i bpróiseas Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach – Halla an bhaile agus cruinnithe le Comhairleoirí. Rinneadh aighneacht an GCCN maidir le Plean Forbartha na Cathrach 2023-2029 bunaithe ar 14 ceardlann théamacha agus ceantar-bhunaithe a bhí eagraithe nó a fuair tacaíocht ón GCCN, i gcomhar le Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe agus Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh ARD, agus a bhí siad dírithe ar rannpháirtíocht leis an bpróiseas Comhairliúcháin don Réamhdhréacht. D’fhreastail os cionn 400 duine ar na ceardlanna, lena n-áirítear, comhaltaí an GCCN, Comhairleoirí Cathracha agus dreamanna eile. Bhí foireann ó Oifig Pleanála Chathair na Gaillimhe i láthair chomh maith. Thug Oifig an Rialálaí Pleanála próiseas an GCCN ar aird ina n-aighneacht. Tar éis phróiseas an chomhairliúcháin phoiblí a raibh sé i gceist leis faisnéis a sholáthar do Phlean Forbartha Chathair na Gaillimhe i mí

an Mháirta, reáchtáil an GCCN imeacht i mí na Bealtaine chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar thuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh. Bhí go leor de na rannpháirtithe a d'fhreastail ar na chéad chéimeanna den phróiseas comhairliúcháin rannpháirteach freisin sa phróiseas seo a rinne forbairt ar chomh-mholtaí ó na hearnálacha pobail, deonacha agus comhshaoil. Ansin reáchtáil an GCCN cruinniú leis na Comhairleoirí i mí an Mheithimh, a raibh freastal maith air, leis na moltaí seo a phlé agus d'eisigh páipéar tosaíochtaí ar na Comhairleoirí chun faisnéis a chur ar fáil don chéad chéim eile den phróiseas pleanála. Tionchar/Insoláthartha: - rannpháirtíocht an phobail ar réimsí téamacha den phlean agus ardaíodh saincheisteanna pobail leis na Comhairleoirí roimh a n-ionchur sa phlean.

Lean GCCN de chruinnithe Ghrúpa Freagartha Covid-19 an NGO a thionóil maidir le heagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta a bunaíodh ag tús na paindéime. Áirítear sa ghrúpa Freagartha seo Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe, COPE na Gaillimhe, Cumann Naomh Uinseann de Pól, Ionad Oibrithe Deonacha na Gaillimhe, Gluaiseacht Lucht Siúil na Gaillimhe agus Cuimsiú Aois an Taoibh Thiar. Chomh maith leis na cruinnithe comhchoiteanna, lean GCCN ar aghaidh ag obair leis na heagraíocht ar fad astu féin ar bhonn leanúnach.

Gluaiseacht Cathartha na bPáirceanna Náisiúnta. Comhlacht Cinnteoireachta - SPC um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, Comhshaoil, Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht. Togra - glacadh d'aon ghuth le rún a thacaigh le hainmniúchán na Gaillimhe mar Chathair Páirceanna Náisiúnta ag an gcruinniú i Meán Fómhair 2020 den SPC um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide, Comhshaoil, Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht. Ba cheart an rún sin a bheith curtha roimh chruinniú iomlán de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe, ach bhlocáil an Feidhmeannas an rún ó dhul tríd. Lean na hionadaithe lena rannpháirtíocht leis na Comhairleoirí ar an ábhar agus mhol Comhairleoir amháin é mar rún sa Phlean Forbartha Cathrach nua. Toradh - diúltaíodh den rún seo ach moladh é a chur san LECP nua.

Moladh maidir le Comhairliúchán Neamhreachtúil ar an Athbhreithniú ar Theorainneacha Luais. Comhlacht Cinnteoireachta - an SPC Iompar. Moladh - comhairliúchán neamhreachtúil a thionóil don chéad chéim eile maidir le Teorainneacha Luais. Toradh; Níor chuir an Cathaoirleach an moladh os comhair an chruinnithe.

Painéal na Sochaí Sibhialta - Measúnú Comhionannais agus Cearta an Duine maidir leis an Straitéis le haghaidh na nEalaíon: Shocraigh

tionscadal na Gaillimhe um Chomhionannais agus Cearta i nGníomh, ar thacaigh Coimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas (IHREC) leis, Painéal na Sochaí Sibhialta a bhunú. Tá grúpaí na sochaí sibhialta agus iadsan a bhí faoi réir ag idirdhealú, éagthroime agus ag diúltú chearta an duine sa riocht is fearr lena saineolas a úsáid mar shealbhóirí cearta chun tacú le Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí a chur i bhfeidhm Thug an Painéal Sealbhóirí Cearta ar fud deich bhforas le chéile ar mhaithe le húsáid a bhaint as an saineolas seo. Chuir an tionscadal le comhacmhainneacht Sealbhóirí Cearta chun bheith rannpháirteach agus tacú le feidhmiú éifeachtach agus trédhearcach Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí ag gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí a bhfuil an dualgas seo orthu i gCathair na Gaillimhe. Áirítear ar an obair seo, measúnú ar Straitéis Ealaíon Chathair na Gaillimhe. Tionchar/Insoláthartha: baineann siad siúd a bhí faoi réir ag idirdhealú, éagthroime agus ag diúltú cearta daoine, úsáid as a gcuid saineolais mar shealbhóirí cearta chun tacú le feidhmiú Dhualgas na hEarnála Poiblí. Díreann ar chomhionannas agus ar chearta daonna nuair atá athbhreithniú á dhéanamh ar an straitéis - breithnítear forais chomhionannais chomh maith le forais shocheacnamaíocha.

An Ciste Spásanna Amuigh faoin Aer a athshamhlú - rinne an GCCN óstach ar chruinniú idir Nascghrúpa na nEalaíon agus an Chultúir agus Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe maidir leis an gCiste um Athshamhlú Spásanna Amuigh faoin Aer. Bhí an deis ag pobal na healaíona ionchur a bheith acu sna tosaíochtaí don chiste agus rinne an GCCN comhordú ar aighneacht ar bhain Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe úsáid as mar bhonn chun iarratais a chur faoi bhráid an chiste. Tionchar/Insoláthartha: -rannpháirtíocht le pobal na healaíona ionas go mbeidh riachtanais ghrúpaí áitiúla lárnach sa togra.

Rún maidir le Tús Áite don Tithíocht. Comhlacht Cinnteoireachta - SPC Tithíochta agus Cuimsithe Sóisialta. Moladh: rún 'Chun iarraidh ar Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe rún a cheadú chun scríobh ag an Aire nó ag an Roinn agus iarratas a dhéanamh orthu maolú a dhéanamh ar na srianta do sheomra codlata amháin sa Chlár Tús Áite don Tithíocht ar mhaithe le freastal ar spriocanna.' Toradh: Tacaíodh leis an rún seo agus scríobh Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe chun na Roinne maidir leis an iarratas.

Rún maidir le Maoir Pháirce. Comhlacht Cinnteoireachta - an Chomhairle. Moladh - rún chun Maoir Pháirce a fhostú do Pháirc Mhuirinne, do Pháirc Thír Oileáin agus do Choillte Bhearna. Rinne ionadaithe an GCCN ar an SPC um Ghníomhú ar

son na hAeráide, Comhshaol, Caitheamh Aimsire agus Áineas forbairt ar an togra seo. Toradh: Vótáil na Comhairleoirí ar a shon, mar sin féin, is Maoir Phobail seachas Maoir Pháirce a bhí sna poist nua.

Obair an SDG – SDGanna a neadú i bpleanáil chathrach. Cur chuige nuálach, trasearnála chun go mbeidh Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe na Náisiún Aontaithe infheicthe i gCathair na Gaillimhe, déanann an GCCN comhordú ar Ghrúpa Oibre Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe an LECP, lena n-áirítear, comhaltaí ó eagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta, ó ghníomhaireachtaí agus Comhairleoirí Chathair na Gaillimhe. Tá an tábhacht a bhaineann le SDGanna a neadú sa phleanáil chathrach aitheanta ag an ngrúpa, lena n-áirítear an Plean Forbartha Cathrach nua agus an Plean Áitiúil Eacnamaíochta agus Pobail nua. Ag leanúint ar aghaidh ón measúnú ar thuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh maidir leis an gcéad chéim i bpróiseas an Plean Forbartha Cathrach i mí na Bealtaine tá tús curtha le comhoibriú chun díriú ar fheidhmiú na SDGanna. Tacóidh an Grúpa Oibre i gcomhar le Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe le hobair Chomhairleoirí Cathrach na Gaillimhe maidir leis na SDGanna a neadú sa phleanáil chathrach. Reáchtáladh ceardlann do Chomhairleoirí agus do Phleanálaithe dar teideal ‘SDGanna agus Pleanáil Chathrach’ i mí Iúil 2021. Rinne cainteoirí ón Roinn Comhshaol, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide plé ar an gcomhthéacs náisiúnta. Chuir cainteoirí ó OÉG samhail i láthair maidir leis na SDGanna a chuir i bhfeidhm i bpleanáil straitéiseach OÉG agus na ceachtanna a foghlaimíodh ón bpróiseas seo. Tionchar/Insoláthartha: - Tuiscint níos fearr a fhorbairt maidir leis an tábhacht a bhaineann le SDGanna a neadú sa phleanáil chathrach.

Sa bhliain 2021, lean an GCCN, chomh maith le nuachtlitir agus cumarsáid rialta, le faisnéis agus nuashonrúcháin maidir le COVID- 19 a scaipeadh ar na heagraíochtaí comhaltais go léir agus an bunachar sonraí poiblí nua a cruthaíodh sa bhliain 2020 do dhuine ar bith i gCathair na Gaillimhe ar mian leo cumarsáid oifigiúil a bhaineann le COVID- 19 a fháil. Sa bhliain 2021 lean an GCCN leis an leathanach gréasáin a bhaineann le faisnéis COVID- 19 a cruthaíodh an bhliain seo caite a thabhairt cothrom le dáta.

Maoiniú do Thionscnamh Gold Star a aimsiú. D'oibrigh an GCCN le Rochtain do Chách agus le Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe chun maoiniú a fháil ar mhaithe le Tionscnamh Gold Star a chur i bhfeidhm i gCathair na Gaillimhe ag teacht leis an tsamhail a úsáideadh i dTiobraid

Árann. Oibríonn an tionscadal leis na hearnálacha pobail, poiblí agus príobháideacha chun tacú le feidhmiú an UNCRPD ag leibhéal áitiúil. Déanfaidh an Tionscnamh Gold Star: Tacaíocht a thabhairt don earnáil phobail, phoiblí agus phríobháideach chun dul in oiriúint agus bearta a ghlacadh chun a gcuid foirgneamh, taitneamhachtaí agus seirbhísí a dhéanamh níos fáiltí agus níos inrochtana don uile dhuine; Oibriú ar fud na hearnála chun freagairt don raon leathan bacainní agus saincheisteanna rochtana a bhí aitheanta ag daoine atá faoi mhíchumas agus ag an bpobal i gcoitinne ag tús an tionscadail; Meitheal a bhunú a chuimsíonn daoine faoi mhíchumas, ionadaithe ó na gníomhaireachtaí atá ag cur seirbhísí ar fáil do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, gairmí/gairmithe an dearaidh uilíoch agus ionadaithe ó na hearnálacha poiblí, príobháideacha agus pobail agus déanfar plean gníomhaíochta a fhorbairt chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na saincheisteanna seo agus oibreofar leis na páirtithe leasmhara ábhartha chun an plean gníomhaíochta seo a chur i bhfeidhm; Oibreofar leis na hearnálacha poiblí, príobháideacha agus pobail chun feabhas a chur ar rannpháirtíocht daoine faoi mhíchumas i saol an phobail chun spásanna agus seirbhísí atá níos inrochtana a chruthú. Tabharfaidh an tionscnamh treoir agus oiliúint maidir le seirbhísí inrochtana a fheabhsú trí: 1. Caighdeán agus prionsabail an dearaidh uilíoch a chur i bhfeidhm, agus 2. Seirbhísí atá báúil le daoine faoi mhíchumas a chruthú. Tionchar/Insoláthartha: Aithníodh an gá le tuilleadh acmhainní chun díriú ar shaincheisteanna inrochtana. Forbairt an togra a bheith faoi stiúir na ndaoine siúd a mhaireann le taithí an mhíchumais.

Contae na Gaillimhe

Ghlacamar páirt i líne chabhrach tacaíochta pobail COVID- 19 le Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe chun tacaíocht agus cúnamh a chur ar fáil don phobal. Chomhoibríomar le ETB na Gaillimhe Ros Comáin chun ceardlanna meabhairshláinte Chúig Bhealach chun na Folláine a sholáthar. Chuireamar oiliúint ar fáil do ghrúpaí chun cuidiú leo ó thaobh scileanna ar líne.

Abhcóideacht do Riachtanais Tithíochta do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas ar an SPC.

Cur le hacmhainneacht – trínár gceardlanna oiliúna éagsúla PPN.

Aghaidh a thabhairt ag leibhéal áitiúil ar Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide trí shraith d'oiliúint Comhshaol.

Ionadaíocht – a chinntiú go bhfuil ionadaithe PPN ag fáil tacaíochta agus go bhfuil siad sásta ina gcuid ról.

Roinnt faisnéise – bhí faisnéis a fháil maidir le maoiniú a fháil amach agus an fhaisnéis sin a thabhairt dár gcomhaltaí thar a bheith tábhachtach le linn na bliana 2021 agus grúpaí ag iarraidh iad féin a atheagrú arís tar éis COVID- 19.

Ciarraí

An Fóram Freagartha Pobail. Ateangaireacht chomharthaíochta ar theachtaireachtaí Rialtais agus iad a scaipeadh ar an earnáil phobail, dheonach agus reachtúil. Bileoga fairtheora bithéagsúlachta chun tacú le daoine a bhí ag cocúnú. Máláí folláine #inthistgether. Nuashonrúcháin rialta ón HSE, ón Údarás Áitiúil agus ó Ranna Rialtais á dtaispeáint ar leathanach baile an láithreáin gréasáin. Comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta le hAoisbháúil Chiarraí, comhlachtaí forbartha áitiúla agus an PPN le “Ag Maireachtáil agus ag Dul in Aois go Folláin i gCiarraí” a chur ar fáil. Comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta le Ciarraí Folláin chun sraith straitéisí don fholláine phobail a chur ar fáil. Comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta #In this together agus bhí sé seo dírithe ar dhaoine leochaileacha sa phobal chun pacáistí folláine a chur ar fáil chun cuidiú le meabhairshláinte agus le folláine. Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí agus Cearta Daonna, cruinniú inmheánach chun féachaint ar an gcur i bhfeidhm laistigh den Údarás Áitiúil, ag tógáil an fhoghlaím ó rannpháirtíocht an phobail san áireamh agus doiciméad “Rochtain do Chách”. Comhoibriú idirghníomhaireachta le hAoisbháúil, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí agus Pointí Teagmhála BROADBAND maidir le hoiliúint agus cur le hacmhainneacht.

Glaoch Maoinithe 2021 maidir le Feasacht ar Mhíchumas. Is éard atá mar chuspóir le Ciste Rannpháirtíochta agus Feasachta maidir le Míchumas (DPAF) 2021, maoiniú a sholáthar do na hÚdarás Áitiúla ar fud na hÉireann chun tacú le rannpháirtíocht daoine atá faoi mhíchumas i ngníomhaíochtaí áitiúla, cuidiú chun fáil réidh le bacainní i leith rannpháirtíochta pobail agus tacú le Coinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe ar Chearta Daoine faoi Mhíchumas (UNCRPD) a chur i bhfeidhm i bpobail. Cuirfear €2.5m ar an iomlán ar fáil sa bhliain 2021 do na hÚdarás Áitiúla chun tabhairt faoi thionscadail ina gceantair áitiúla. Is €80,000 an t-uasmhéid faoin gCiste seo.

Beifear in ann úsáid a bhaint as an maoiniú seo do thionscnaimh aonuaire agus do thionscadail ghearrthéarmacha go meántéarmacha. Ba cheart go gcuirfidh tionscadail agus tionscnaimh cearta daoine faoi mhíchumas chun cinn trí fháil réidh leis na bacainní i leith rannpháirtíocht daoine faoi mhíchumas ina bpobail áitiúla, cur le feasacht ar an UNCRPD, agus cur le hinrochtaineacht. Beidh ar chumas údarás áitiúla an ciste seo a úsáid go díreach nó i gcomhpháirtíocht le heagraíochtaí áitiúla ar mhaithe le tabhairt faoi ghníomhartha: chun fáil réidh le bacainní i leith agus inrochtaineacht a fheabhsú chuig saol an phobail nó chuig gníomhaíochtaí pobail do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas; maoiniú a sholáthar do líonraí agus do chlubanna ag leibhéal áitiúil chun rannpháirtíocht na ndaoine faoi mhíchumas a leathnú ina gcuid gníomhaíochtaí; feasacht, tuiscint agus feidhmiú an UNCRPD a chur chun cinn; tacú le hacmhainneacht míchumais a fhorbairt laistigh den údarás áitiúil. Tá PPN Chiarraí i gcomhpháirtíocht le Comhairle Contae Chiarraí maidir leis an sruth maoinithe seo agus baineadh úsáid leathan as tuarascáil an PPN 2019 “Rochtain do Chách” chun tacú leis an iarratas ar mhaoiniú, d’fhéadfadh sé go raibh an deis ann leis na moltaí a bhí sa tuarascáil a neadú i mbeartas Comhairle Contae Chiarraí faoi seo. Tugtar léiriú leis seo ar an tábhacht leanúnach a bhaineann leis na moltaí atá sa tuarascáil “Rochtain do Chách” a mheabhrú do na coistí a bhfuil ionadaithe an PPN rannpháirteach iontu.

Rinneadh forbairt ar pháipéar eisiúna i gcomhar le comhaltas an PPN “Deiseanna d’Fhorbairt Inbhuanaithe Eacnamaíoch agus Pobail i gContae Chiarraí”. Cuireadh an páipéar seo i láthair an SPC d’Fhorbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontraíochta agus Pobail.

Clár maidir le Naisc Oiliúna: Mar atá mínithe i gcomhfhreagras roimhe seo chuig ionadaithe Rúnaíochta an PPN, is deis iontach atá i gceist anseo do ghrúpaí pobail ullmhú don bhliain 2022 le Pleanáil Straitéiseach agus Pleanáil Airgeadais. Tabharfaidh sé an deis do ghrúpaí pleanáil a dhéanamh do agus príomhréimsí nach mór dóibh aghaidh a thabhairt orthu a aithint, na haidhmeanna, spriocanna foriomlána a aithint agus plean gníomhaíochta a chur i bhfeidhm don bhliain 2022. Le Pleanáil Airgeadais freisin beidh an deis ag grúpaí tiomantais airgeadais tionscadal/eagraíochta a aithint agus maoiniú agus sruthanna maoinithe a aithint chun freastal ar na tiomantais seo. Cuireadh an dá chúrsa ar fáil i mí na Nollag 2021. Bhí sé beartaithe go mbeadh foghlaim chumaisc ag teacht ó dhá ionad ar dtús, Ionad Pobail Dhairbhre, ceann

de na BCPanna (Pointí Nasctha Leathanbhanda) agus Ionad Pobail Mhaigh Mheáin. Tá áit in Ionad Pobail Dhairbhre do sheisear (6) le freastal ar sheisiún oiliúna agus thug foireann an PPN faoi rith tástála le comhordaitheoir an ionaid chun a chinntiú go raibh gach ní ag feidhmiú i gceart. Tá sé tábhachtach go spreagfaidh Comhaltaí Rúnaíochta an PPN a gcomhaltas chun freastal ar an oiliúint atá á cur ar fáil ag an PPN. Rinne PPN Chiarraí poiblíocht ar na seisiúin go léir trí Eventbrite agus rinne taifeadadh ar na seisiúin go léir ionas go mbeadh siad ar fáil mar acmhainn pobail agus tá sé sin go léir le fáil ar Chainéal YouTube PPN Chiarraí.

Tá ateangaireacht chomharthaíochta maidir le teachtaireachtaí aireach ó thaobh a bheith cuimsitheach go sóisialta. Thug PPN Chiarraí an méid sin ar aird an Stiúrthóra Seirbhíse agus tá sé curtha i bhfeidhm anois.

Rinne Ionadaí an PPN ar Fhorbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontraíochta agus Pobail iarracht agus bhí rathúil ó thaobh rialachas agus dea-chleachtas a bhaint amach ag an gcruinniú seo mar nach mbíodh na miontuairiscí roimhe seo faoi réir ag cead.

Cill Dara

Lean PPN Chill Dara d'fhaisnéis a scaipeadh ar na grúpaí comhaltas go léir. Bhí beirt ionadaithe ag PPN Chill Dara ar Fhóram Freagartha Pobail COVID- 19 freisin.

An tSeachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta – bhí 24 imeacht ar siúl i gCill Dara a chuir cuimsiú sóisialta chun cinn.

Sheol comhaltaí na Rúnaíochta, tar éis aiseolas a fháil ó chomhaltaí PPN Chill Dara, iarratas chuig Stiúrthóir Bóithre, Iompair agus Sábháilteachta Pobail Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara ag lorg síneadh ar Athbhreithniú 2021 ar an gComhairliúchán Poiblí maidir le Teorainneacha Luais. Cuireadh síneadh leis an gcomhairliúchán, tar éis an iarratais seo, ar feadh 3 seachtaine eile chun tuilleadh ama a thabhairt dár gcomhaltaí chun aighneachtaí a chur faoi bhráid.

D'éiligh Ionadaithe an PPN go gcuirfeadh an LCDC beartais aeráid-dhíonach i bhfeidhm sna cláir/deontais go léir atá á riaradh. Glacadh go dearfach leis an moladh seo agus tá breithniú gníomhach á dhéanamh air.

Cill Chainnigh

Tá PPN Chill Chainnigh mar chuid d'Fhoghrúpa Gníomhaíochta agus Leithlisithe Sóisialta an Phobail Áitiúil maidir le Glao an Phobail laistigh d'Údarás Áitiúil Chill Chainnigh. Chuimsigh an grúpa seo Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Údarás Áitiúil Chill Chainnigh, SEOanna, DOS, Gníomhaireachtaí eile ar nós an HSE, Alone, an Garda Síochána, an Comhaontas Aoisbhá, an Chosaint Shibhialta, Comhpháirtíocht LEADER Chill Chainnigh, an CLG, Ring-a-link agus dreamanna eile. Rinne PPN Chill Chainnigh bainistiú ar Mhol Iompair COVID- 19 a raibh Seirbhísí Iompair Éigeandála Deonacha amhail an Chosaint Shibhialta, Cumann Croise Deirge na hÉireann, Ord Mhálta, an tArm agus an Garda Síochána á chomhordú acu mar fhreagra ar riachtanais iompair an phobail

D'oibrigh PPN Chill Chainnigh i gcomhar le Comhairle na Seanóirí chun bainistiú agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar sheachadadh Táibléid Aoisbháúil Acorn do dhaoine breacaosta a bhí scoite amach ón gcuid eile den phobal mar a bhí amhlaidh sa bhliain 2020. Ba é aidhm an tionscadail oibriú le daoine aosta agus múineadh dóibh leis an táibléad Acorn a úsáid mar uirlis chumarsáide. Is ar mhaithe le maolú a dhéanamh ar aonrú sóisialta agus ar uaigneas agus cabhrú le daoine aonair cur lena gcuid scileanna agus coinneáil i dteagmháil lena ndaoine muinteartha agus le cairde. D'oibrigh PPN Chill Chainnigh leis an ETB agus le FRCanna chun tacaíochtaí breise IT a sholáthar do na rannpháirtithe. Tugadh cuid de na táibléid do chónaitheoirí na dtithe altranais pobail agus deonacha agus na n-áiseanna Cúraim Chónaithe Lánaimseartha.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Tacaíocht Fiontraíochta agus Turasóireachta, Pleanáil agus Forbairt: Chuir Ionadaí Cuimsiú Sóisialta, Pobail agus Deonach moladh chun cinn a thacaigh le forbairt a dhéanamh ar Chosán Braille ar Shuíomh Cheathrú na Mainistreach i gCill Chainnigh. Is tionscadal comhoibríte atá i gceist leis an togra seo le Comhairle Náisiúnta na hÉireann do na Daill (NCBI), PPN Chill Chainnigh agus Grúpa Rochtana Chill Chainnigh (an grúpa abhcóideachta do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas i gCill Chainnigh). Áiríodh sa togra, bearta treochoimharthaíochta ar fud an cheantair; agus forbairt cosán ar an gcosán coisithe tiomanta. Is réiteach inrochtaineachta nuálach den scoth atá sa Chosán Braille do dhaoine atá dall nó do lucht lagamhairc agus beidh sé ar an gcéad cheann dá leithéid in Éirinn. Fuair

an togra tacaíocht agus tá PPN Chill Chainnigh, an NCBI agus Grúpa Rochtana Chill Chainnigh ag obair leis an Innealtóir Sinsearach, le hAiltirí agus leis an fhoireann ó shin chun Cosán Braille a chuimsiú sa suíomh.

D'oibrigh PPN Chill Chainnigh i gcomhar le Comhairle na nDaoine Scothaosta chun bainistiú agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar tháibléid Acorn Aoisbhách a thabhairt do bhaill níos sine sa phobal a bhí scoite amach go sóisialta. Ba é aidhm an tionscadail oibriú le daoine aosta agus múineadh dóibh leis an táibléad Acorn a úsáid mar uirlis chumarsáide. Rinneadh é seo chun an t-aonrú sóisialta agus an t-uaigneas a laghdú agus cabhrú le daoine aonair scilbhisiú a dhéanamh agus coinneáil i dteagmháil lena ngaolta, lena gcairde agus lena dteaghlach. Rinne PPN Chill Chainnigh iarratas ar mhaoiniú faoin bhFeachtas Fan Folláin chun 11 táibléad eile a cheannach le húsáid. Bhí 34 táibléad in úsáid faoi mhí na Nollag 2020. D'oibrigh PPN Chill Chainnigh leis an BOO agus na FRCanna chun tacaíochtaí breise TF a chur ar fáil do na rannpháirtithe. Tugadh cuid de na táibléid do chónaitheoirí na dtithe altranais pobail agus deonacha agus na n-áiseanna Cúraim Chónaitheigh Lánaimseartha.

Thug PPN Chill Chainnigh faoi fheachtas meán spriocdhírthe i gcomhar le PPN Cheatharlach thar thréimhse 3 mhí chun léiriú a dhéanamh ar an obair agus ar na tacaíochtaí atá ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail/neamhbhrabúis/frontair shóisialta. Rinneadh é seo a léiriú trí KCLR96FM agus chuir ardú ar chomhaltas.

D'ardaigh an tIonadaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta saincheist nach raibh athbhreithniú déanta ar Phlean Cur Chun Feidhme maidir le Míchumas, cuireadh an Plean le chéile sa bhliain 2008. Rinneadh an méid seo a bhreithniú agus tá athbhreithniú le déanamh ar an bplean sa bhliain 2022.

Thug PPN Chill Chainnigh i gcomhar le hIonad Oibrithe Deonacha Chill Chainnigh faoin gcéad searmanas de na Gradaim Phobail agus Dheonacha i gCill Chainnigh ina raibh dhá chatagóir tiomanta COVID- 19, catagóirí aonair agus grúpa araon a thaispeáin an leibhéal saoráláiochais le linn ghéarchéim COVID- 19 agus an líon grúpaí i gCill Chainnigh a d'fhreagair don ghéarchéim. Chuir sé an deis ar fáil freisin chun ceiliúradh agus comhghairdeas a dhéanamh leis na heagraíochtaí seo as an obair dheonach atá déanta acu thar thréimhse dhá bhliain.

Rinne PPN Chill Chainnigh, i gcomhar le hÚdarás Áitiúil Chill Chainnigh agus le Comhpháirtíocht

LEADER Chill Chainnigh, athbhreithniú ar an Straitéis um Imeachadh Imirceach do Chill Chainnigh agus bhunaigh Grúpa Stiúrtha um Imeachadh Imirceach agus cuireadh de chúram ar an PPN 3 chomhalta a thoghadh ón bPobal Imirceach.

Rinne an tIonad Pobail agus Deonach agus Cuimsithe Shóisialta éileamh maidir le soláthar a dhéanamh chun costais árachais a chlúdach mar chuid de chuimsiú bille fónais na Scéime Feabhsúcháin Pobail don bhliain 2021 chun fritháireamh/maolú a dhéanamh ar an ualach breise airgeadais ar ghrúpaí, go háirithe le linn COVID- 19. Chomhaontaigh Riarthóir an LCDC go bhféadfaí é sin a chur san áireamh faoin scéim mar go bhfuil téarmaí na scéime leathan agus nár luadh an méid sin mar mhír eisiatach.

Laois

Bhí ról lárnach ag PPN Laoise sa fhreagra ar COVID- 19 i Laois. Chruthaigh PPN Laoise Léarscáil Idirghníomhach dá chuid comhaltaí atá ag cur tacaíochtaí ar fáil do dhaoine leochaileacha i Laois. Tá 100 grúpa gníomhach ar an léarscáil atá le fáil i ngach ceantar ar fud an Chontae. Fuarthas aiseolas dearfach maidir leis an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach ó na Comhairleoirí, ón Ardbhainistíocht agus ó Chomhairle Contae Laoise agus ó mhuintir an phobail i Laois. Bhí an léarscáil ar fáil ar láithreáin gréasáin an PPN agus Comhairle Contae Laoise araon. Rinneadh an Léarscáil leis an Líne Chabhrach Phobail. Acmhainn luachmhar a bhí sa Léarscáil Idirghníomhach ó thaobh daoine leochaileacha sa phobal a nascadh leis na tacaíochtaí a bhí Grúpaí Pobail a thairiscint le linn na dianghlásála náisiúnta ó mhí Eanáir go mí Aibreáin 2021. Bhí PPN Laoise mar chuid den Fhóram Freagartha Pobail ó thús ama. Rinne Comhalta Rúnaíochta PPN agus Seaimpín Pobail agus Oibrí Acmhainne ionadaíocht ar an PPN.

Tá Oiliúint agus Forbairt Acmhainneachta an Ghrúpa Comhaltais mar cheann de 3 phríomhfheidhm an PPN. Chuir PPN Laoise oiliúint agus forbairt acmhainneachta ar fáil ar fud gach aon cheann de na 3 Philéar ar fud gach aon cheann de na 3 Cheantar Bhardasacha i Laois m.sh. Leideanna agus Cleasa maidir le hIarratais Deontais a Scríobh, Oiliúint ar na Meáin Shóisialta, Cainteanna maidir le Coiriúlacht a Chosc, Cainteanna maidir le Meabhairshláinte, Ceardlanna Comhshaoil.

Dhírigh coirpigh ar áitribh Grúpaí, go háirithe saoráidí Clubanna Spóirt le linn na dianghlásála

náisiúnta ó mhí Eanáir go mí Aibreáin 2021. D'éagraigh PPN Laoise, chun tacú le Grúpaí Pobail Cainteanna maidir le Coiriúlacht a Chosc leis an nGarda Síochána. Fuarthas aiseolas dearfach ó Ghrúpaí Spóirt ar fud an Chontae maidir leis an tionscnamh seo.

Bhí tionchar suntasach ag COVID- 19 ar mheabhairshláinte daoine. D'éagraigh PPN Laoise líon ceardlann ar chainteanna maidir le meabhairshláinte, lena n-áirítear, Clár Oiliúna maidir le Féinmharú a Chosc leis an HSE agus le 5 Bhealach chun na Folláine le Meabhairshláinte Éireann. D'oibrigh PPN Laoise i gcomhar le hÉire Shláintiúil, d'éagraigh Comhairle Contae Laoise Cártaí maidir le Seiceáil Isteach Laoise. Thacaigh an tionscnamh le daoine a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag mothú go bhfuil siad scoite amach mar gheall ar COVID- 19. Scaip PPN Laoise os cionn 1,000 Cárta maidir le Seiceáil Isteach Laoise ar Ghrúpaí Comhaltais PPN. Rinne an tionscnamh seo daoine leochaileacha a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag mothú go bhfuil siad scoite amach a nascadh leis an nGrúpa Pobail Áitiúil nó leis an Líne Chabhrach Phobail.

Ardaíodh an tsaincheist maidir le glaonna teileafóin calaoiseacha/ /téacsanna scéiméireachta ag Cruinniú an JPC. Toradh - D'éagraigh PPN Laoise Lá Domhanda na Meabhairshláinte an Gharda Síochána do Chomhaltaí an JPC. Cuireadh caint ar leithligh ar fáil do Ghrúpaí Comhaltais an PPN.

Gabhann buntáistí fisiciúla agus meabhairshláinte leis an nGarraíodóireacht. D'éagraigh PPN Laoise ceardlann 4 seachtaine maidir le Garraíodóireacht an Earraigh. Mhol Grúpaí Pobail an tionscnamh a bhí mar bhealach dearfach ó thaobh scaoileadh le strus le linn na dianghlasála náisiúnta, ag cur na deise ar fáil do rannpháirtithe cur an méid is fearr is féidir lena spás garraíodóireachta agus chuidigh sé leo ceangal a chruthú lena gclann agus le clann a gclainne.

Rinne PPN Laoise iarratas go n-eiseofaí ar Chomhaltaí an SPC Tithíochta agus Pleanála ar bhonn tréimhsiúil, leabhrán a eisíodh roimhe seo sa bhliain 2018 ina bhfuil mionsonraí ar áitribh atá folamh agus ar thionscadail tithíochta atá ar na bacáin. Chuidigh na Comhairleoirí leis an iarratas. Toradh - Chomhaontaigh an tÚdarás Áitiúil tabhairt faoin ngníomh seo.

D'éagraigh PPN Laoise oiliúint ar na Meáin Shóisialta do Ghrúpaí Comhaltais PPN Laoise.

Chuir sé seo an deis ar fáil do Ghrúpaí cur lena bpróifíl nuair nach raibh na bealaí traidisiúnta ar nós laethanta oscailte agus cuairteanna ar scoileanna ceadaithe.

Feidhmiú mar mhol faisnéise atá ar cheann de 3 phríomhfheidhmeanna atá ag an PPN. Cuireann PPN Laoise nuashonrúcháin rialta ar fáil maidir le deiseanna maoinithe do na Grúpaí Comhaltais. D'oibrigh PPN Laoise i gcomhar le Rannóg Spóirt Chomhairle Contae Laoise chun faisnéis a chur ar fáil agus tacú le clubanna ó thaobh iarratais ar Deontais Caipitil Spóirt. D'éirigh le 55 club spóirt Deontais Caipitil Spóirt a fháil. Rachaidh sé seo chun leasa do Chlubanna Spóirt agus do na pobail áitiúla go ceann na mblianta.

Chruthaigh PPN Laoise Léarscáil Idirghníomhach de Ghrúpaí Pobail a bhí ag cur tacaíochtaí ar fáil do dhaoine leochaileacha le linn COVID- 19. Chuir 100 Grúpa Pobail tacaíochtaí ar fáil. Bhí grúpa ar fáil chun tacaíochtaí a sholáthar i ngach pobal tuaithe agus uirbeach sa Chontae. Bhain Líne Chabhrach Chomhairle Contae Laoise úsáid as an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach. Acmhainn luachmhar a bhí sa Léarscáil Idirghníomhach ó thaobh daoine leochaileacha sa phobal a nascadh leis na tacaíochtaí a bhí Grúpaí Pobail a thairiscint le linn na tréimhse agus an tír faoi dhianghlasáil ó mhí Eanáir go mí Aibreáin 2021. Chuir an Príomhfheidhmeannach, na Comhairleoirí agus daoine leochaileacha i Laois béim ar na buntáistí a bhain leis an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach.

Bhí PPN Laoise mar chuid den Ghrúpa Stiúrtha Táimid Báúil le Beathú Cíche i gContae Laoise. Is éard a bhí i gceist go dtacódh Grúpaí Pobail ar nós Clubanna Spóirt agus gnólachtaí le máithreacha a bhí ag beathú a leanaí ar na cíocha. Is é Contae Laoise an dara (2ú) Contae leis an tionscnamh seo a sheoladh. Rinne PPN Laoise teagmháil le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (CLG) Laoise a bhí ar an gcéad Bhord Contae a thacaigh leis an tionscnamh agus bhí Páirc an Mhúraigh ar an gcéad Pháirc Chontae a thug a dtacaíocht don tionscnamh. Thacaigh líon mór Grúpaí Comhaltais PPN leis an tionscnamh.

D'éagraigh PPN Laoise Ceardlanna ar Leideanna agus Cleasa maidir le hlarratais Deontais a Scríobh. Bhí tionchar ag COVID- 19 ar ábaltacht Ghrúpaí Pobail airgead a bhailiú ar bhealaí traidisiúnta ar nós Lató Clubanna, crannchuir agus bailiúcháin ar an ngeata. Bhí an oiread sin éileamh ar na Ceardlanna ar Leideanna agus Cleasa maidir le hlarratais Deontais

a Scríobh gur eagraíocht dáta eile. Bhí ardú ar líon na n-iarratas deontais a cuireadh faoi bhráid Chomhairle Contae Laoise.

Tá Nasc Laoise ag teacht le Lá Domhanda na Meabhairshláinte. Is tionscnamh de chuid Laoise atá i gceist anseo a thugann PPN Laoise, Comhairle Contae Laoise, an HSE, Meabhairshláinte Éireann agus comhpháirtithe eile le chéile chun meabhairshláinte agus folláine a chur chun cinn. Rinneadh imeacht míosúil de seo mar gheall ar thionchar COVID- 10 sa bhliain 2021 in áit imeacht seachtainiúil. D'eagraigh PPN Laoise 2 imeacht - Dreas Cainte maidir le Féindochar leis an HSE agus Dreas Cainte maidir le Scéal Meabhairshláinte Rory. Is abhcóide meabhairshláinte, údar sárdhíola agus fear grinn é Rory O'Connor agus tá os cionn 1 milliún lucht leanúna ar na meáin shóisialta aige. Bhí líon mór daoine den uile aois agus ón uile chúlra i láthair don imeacht ar an láthair seo agus bhí buntáistí na cainte á mholadh go hard acu.

D'eagraigh PPN Laoise, agus na srianta á n-éascú, líon imeachtaí lasmuigh ar nós, Siúlóidí Oidhreachta le hOifig Oidhreachta Laoise. Chuir Grúpaí Pobail i Laois fáilte roimh an deis ó thaobh dul i mbun líonraithe chun foghlaim faoi oidhrecht shaibhir Laoise.

D'eagraigh PPN Laoise Imeachtaí Comhshaoil Lasmuigh, lena n-áirítear, ceardlanna sealgaireachta. Agus an tír ag teacht as géarchéim COVID- 19 fuair an pobal an deis teagmháil a dhéanamh arís leis an dúlra. Bhain an lucht freastail tairbhe as foghlaim faoi phlandaí agus caora is féidir a ithe agus as leigheasanna luibhe.

Bhain saincheist mhór le linn COVID- 19 le scéimeireacht teileafóin agus téacs. Ardaíodh an t-ábhar seo ag cruinniú JPC Laoise. D'eagraigh PPN Laoise comhrá leis an Oifigeach Coiscthe Coireachta do chomhaltaí an JPC, do Chomhairleoirí agus do Ghrúpaí Comhaltais an PPN.

Sheol PPN Laoise i gcomhar le Comhairle Contae Laoise agus Éire Shláintiúil Cáirtaí maidir le Seiceáil Isteach Laoise. Scaipeadh iad seo ar dhaoine leochaileacha trínar líonra mór de Ghrúpaí Comhaltais. Thug sé seo an deis do dhaoine a bhí ag mothú go raibh siad scoite amach le linn COVID- 19 ceangal leis an Líne Chabhrach Phobail nó lena nGrúpa Pobail áitiúil.

Chuir PPN Laoise nuashonrúcháin rialta ar fáil le linn COVID- 19 do Ghrúpa Comhaltais PPN Laoise trí Salesforce agus trína meáin shóisialta.

Liatroim

Bhíothas chun tosaigh i Liatroim ó thaobh idirghabhálacha agus tacaíochtaí COVID- 19 a scaipeadh.

Luimneach

Ceist ó Ionadaí an LPPN ar an SPC maidir le tionchar COVID- 19 ar Ealaín agus ar Chultúr i Luimneach – Tá grúpa oibre bunaithe agus tá maoiniú do thaighdeoir ceadaithe.

Mar thoradh ar mhír ar an gclár oibre a comhaontaíodh ag cruinniú iomlánach mhí na Nollag 2020, cuireadh an mhír faoi chruinniú Comhairle iomlán i mí an Mhárta gur chóir go n-áireodh buanorduithe do na SPCanna an méid seo a leanas “sa mhéid gur chóir doiciméad praiticiúil cruinnithe a scaipeadh dhá lá roimh chruinniú chun deis a thabhairt chun d'ionadaithe earnála dul i gcomhairle lena gcuid earnálacha maidir leis an ábhar. Níor chóir go mbeadh tionchar ar bhailíocht an chruinnithe sa chás nach bhfaigheann comhalta nó comhaltaí ar bith den choiste na doiciméid”. Glacadh leis seo ag an gcruinniú Comhairle iomlán agus ceartaíodh buanorduithe don na SPCanna. Bhí sé seo san áireamh freisin i Meabhrán Tuisceana an LPPN le Comhairle Contae Luimnigh sa bhliain 2021.

Chuir an SPC Pobail, Caitheamh Aimsire agus Cultúir in iúl i mí Iúil 2021 tar éis cur i láthair inar mionsonraíodh sa Chreat Náisiúnta an Tionscnamh Comhpháirtíochta Spóirt “Cathracha Gníomhacha”, gurbh iad na chéad chéimeanna eile ná Grúpa Stiúrtha a chur le chéile chun treallús a chur faoin tionscnamh. D'fhiosraigh Ionadaí an LPPN na meicníochtaí a bhí i bhfeidhm don léiriúchán agus do rannpháirtíocht an oiread grúpaí agus coistí ábhartha agus is féidir. Cuireadh in iúl go mbeadh ainmniúchán á lorg ag an gComhpháirtíocht Spóirt ón PPN don Ghrúpa Stiúrtha seo.

D'fhiosraigh Ionadaí an PPN sprioc beartaithe Ollscoil Luimnigh (UL) chun stádas Crios Forbartha (SDZ) a bhaint amach do na tailte atá in aice leis an gcampas. Chumasódh stádas SDZ seachadadh mear maidir le forbairtí cónaitheacha agus neamhchónaitheacha nua. Tagraíodh d'fhorbairt an bhaile nua in aice leis an gcampas mar (údar imní) ag coiste beartas straitéiseach Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh. Is ceapach 200 acra ar thaobh an Chláir den champas atá san SDZ beartaithe. I gcruinniú mhí na Nollag den SPC fillleadh arís ar shaincheist an ionadaí, ag labhairt thar ceann Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail (PPN) Luimnigh, cuireadh an cheist maidir leis an tionchar

a bheadh ag an togra beartaithe SDZ ar “leas leanúnach lár na cathrach i Luimneach. “Creidimid go scarann an fhorbairt an ollscoil ó shaol na cathrach seachas an péire a thabhairt le chéile. Cuirfidh sé srian agus moill ar fhorbairt ar ghné lár na cathrach d’fhorbairt na hollscoile a bhfuil an-fháilte roimpi”. Ghlac oifigeach sinsearach de chuid an Údaráis Áitiúil buíochas leis an PPN mar gheall gur ardaíodh an fhadhb, agus dúirt gur fadhb í ar bhain údar imní léi a bhí i gceist do Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh chomh maith le lucht trádála na cathrach. Dúirt urlabhraí ón Ollscoil go raibh UL tiomanta i gcónaí do lár na cathrach beag beann ar thogra an SDZ. Chuir ionadaithe an PPN ceisteanna sonracha maidir le cibé a raibh spríocanna UL ag teacht le dréachtphlean forbartha Luimnigh 2022-2028 agus cibé ar tugadh faoi aon chomhairliúcháin nó taighde chun tionchar forbairt bheartaithe UL ar Lár na Cathrach i Luimneach mheas. Bhí tuairimí agus saincheist an PPN féin sa nuacht náisiúnta in Alt de chuid an Irish Examiner.

SPC Pobail, Caitheamh Aimsire agus Cultúir – Tar éis moladh ó ionadaí an PPN i gcruinniú SPC níos túisce sa bhliain 2021 bunaíodh Grúpa Oibre Uathachais leis an sainchúram féachaint ar bhealaí le Luimneach a dhéanamh níos cuimsí agus níos báúla le huathachas. Thug Dréacht-Ghrúpa Oibre Uathachais tuairisc ar ais chuig an SPC ina raibh na moltaí. Ar an bpríomh-mholadh a bhí ag an nGrúpa bhí, go mbeadh Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh mar eagraíocht phiólótach ó thaobh Cathair agus Contae a fhorbairt, cathair agus contae a bheadh báúil le huathachas agus go mbeadh Céim a haon sna réimsí ina mbeadh Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh ag trasnú go díreach leis an bpobal ar nós i Seirbhísí Tacaíochta, Turasóireachta agus Cultúr Pobail, comhshaol agus comhfhorbairt áite. Beidh sé mar aidhm acu mar eagraíocht phiólótach go mbeidh na gníomhartha comhaontaithe insoláthartha, stuama agus inbhuanaithe agus go gcomhoibreoidh siad leis na príomhchomhpháirtithe leasmhara agus go lorgóidh siad sainchomhairle de réir mar a bheadh gá leis. Tá plean gnímh curtha i bhfeidhm maidir leis na chéad chéimeanna eile.

An Longfort

Chomhoibrigh PPN le gach cuallacht de chuid Bhantracht na Tuaithe (ICA) sa chontae faoin bhFeachtas Keep Well atá maoinithe tríd an gCiste d’Athléimeacht an Phobail. Sheiceáil na baill foirne ar fad de chuid an ICA ar dhaoine atá ag maireachtáil ina n-aonar, cuireadh glaonna gutháin, seoladh cártaí/litreacha etc. Tá go leor comhaltaí den ICA aosta agus ag maireachtáil ina n-aonar agus dá bharr sin, bhí sé seo ina bhealach iontach dóibh bheith páirteach agus dul i ngleic le bheith ag mothú scoite.

Scaipeadh eolas maidir le Covid-19 ar na comhaltaí ar fad.

Le linn na seachtaine um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2021, thaispeáin PPN an Longfoirt Film 2040 ina bhfuair 100 comhalta an ceadúnas chun breathnú ar an scannán ina gcompord sa bhaile. Chomh maith leis sin, thacaíomar le seoladh Líonra Comhshaoil Áitiúil an Longfoirt (LLEN). Glacadh go maith le cuir i láthair ó Oifigeach Forbartha PPN, Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach LCC agus Comhordaitheoir Líonra Comhshaoil na hÉireann (IEN) ag an seoladh a bhí ina chúis le tuiscint níos fearr ar an athrú aeráide ar fud an líonra agus inar cuireadh ar chumas daoine aonair a bhí ag dul isteach i LLEN.

D’oibrigh Oifigeach Forbartha Cuimsithe Shóisialta PPN an Longfoirt agus Oifigeach Forbartha FAI an Longfoirt ar chomhshaothar inar rolladh amach campaí peile samhraidh do 15 leanbh le huathachas. Ciallaíonn sé seo an chéad uair a reáchtáladh tionscnamh den chineál seo sa tír agus tá sé beartaithe ag an FAI an tionscnaimh a reáchtáil i gcontaetha eile amach anseo. Ó bhí an chéad champa ann i mí Lúnasa 2021, chuir tuismitheoirí oiliúint um Chosaint agus Feasacht ar Mhíchumas i gcrích. Chomh maith leis sin, ghlac siad páirt i gclár Uathachais 5 seachtaine i Meathas Troim inar chuidigh tuismitheoirí mar chóitseálaithe d’fhonn club a fhorbairt sa Longfort inar féidir struchtúr “Peil do Chách” a chur i bhfeidhm ionas go mbeidh cláir pobail den chineál seo in ann bheith níos inbhuanaithe. Toisc go bhfaca tuismitheoirí torthaí maithe, bhí siad níos oscailte éisteacht faoin mbealach inar féidir leo a nguthanna a léiriú ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil tríd an PPN

agus faoina thábhachtaí atá sé bheith mar chuid den phróiseas comhairliúcháin.

Bunaíodh grúpa do Mhná Mionlaigh mar fhreagra ar riachtanas a chuir an pobal in iúl. Maoiníodh éascathoir chun oibriú leis an ngrúpa. Tacaíodh le mná ó phobail nua ó ar fud an chontae agus cuireadh faisnéis ar fáil maidir le seirbhísí éagsúla thar thrí chéim. Bhí sé seo ina chomhshaothar pobail idir an PPN, Women's Link an Longfoirt, Lus na Gréine agus Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh (FRCanna) Bridgeways. Ghlac 26 bean páirt ann.

Fágadh Straitéis Náisiúnta na mBan as an Aguisín i ndoiciméid pholasaí ábhartha i dtreoirínte an LECP – Chuir Ionadaí Cuimsithe Shóisialta an PPN é sin in iúl ag an LCDC agus aontaíodh go gcuirfí an straitéis san áireamh mar chuid de chainteanna amach anseo maidir leis an LECP.

Deacracht ag Ionadaithe PPN míreanna a chur le cláir oibre SPC. Insíodh d'Ionadaithe nach bhféadfaidís mír a chur leis an clár oibre toisc go raibh sé seolta amach cheana féin, dá bharr sin, d'iarr siad go gcuirfí iad ar an eolas sula gcuirfí an chéad chlár oibre eile don chruinniú i gcúrsaíocht. Tá sé seo ag tarlú faoi láthair i ndáil leis an SPC áirithe seo agus tá Ionadaithe PPN ar SPCanna eile ag déanamh an rud céanna. Tá míreanna ar an gclár oibre curtha san áireamh sna miontuairiscí ionas gur féidir le hIonadaithe nuashonruithe a iarraidh faoi nithe atá tagtha chun cinn. Tá sé ar cheann de na dúshláin a bhaineann le bheith mar Ionadaí PPN, ag dul i dtáithí ar na modhanna oibre agus iad a úsáid chun tairbhe a dhéanamh dúinn. Sampla de shaincheist is ea go bhfuil Ionadaí PPN ar an SPC Bonneagair ag iarraidh bheith curtha san áireamh sa chomhairliúchán maidir le Plean Gnímh nua do Dhaoine gan Dídean. Léiríonn na dréacht-mhiontuairiscí go bhfuil mír ar an gclár oibre aici, agus is é an cheist atá ann anois é a choinneáil ar an gclár oibre.

Tacaíodh le comhaltaí an Líonra um Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas.

Leanann Ionadaí um Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas PPN ar an SPC Bonneagair den cheist a ardú maidir le doiciméid/leabhráin/cuir i láthair a chur le chéile (costas san áireamh) gan aon chodarsnacht datha do dhaoine lagamhairc ar nós trí bánghorm nó dath bradáin éadrom a úsáid ar chúlra bán nach féidir a léamh. Chomh maith leis sin, tá priontáil ar pháipéar lonrach ina chúis le dallrú. Cuireadh in iúl di go bhfuil

na treoirínte á gcomhlíonadh ach leanann sí i mbun abhcóideachta. Níor réitíodh an tsaincheist go dtí seo.

D'fhiafraigh Ionadaithe PPN ar an LCDC faoi Leabharlann Uirlisí a Chruthú – le linn na cainte, cuireadh an fhéidearthacht maidir le Fiontar Sóisialta a chruthú atá dírithe ar oiliúint mar rogha/iniamh tairbhíúil. Moladh ag an gcruinniú LCDC go bhféadfadh an Rúnaíocht PPN iarratas a dhéanamh ar mhaoiniú chun staidéar indéantachta a chur i gcrích. Cuireadh in iúl don LCDC nach féidir é sin a dhéanamh mar gheall ar shrianta acmhainne reatha an PPN.

Bhí PPN an Longfoirt ar an gcéad PPN sa tír chun páirt a ghlacadh agus urraíocht a dhéanamh ar an gclár do Chéimithe. Tá an clár do Chéimithe ina chlár saoránachta agus daonlathais do dhaltá meánscoile in Éirinn atá maoinithe ag an rialtas, rialtas áitiúil agus an AE. Is é misean an chláir dul i dteagmháil le daoine óga, iad a chur ar an eolas agus inspioráid a thabhairt dóibh le linn dóibh páirt a ghlacadh i gclár oideachais ar líne ar tráth na gceist seachtainiúil é go bunúsach agus tá sé dírithe ar spriocluacht spéise de bhreis agus 360,000 dalta dara leibhéal. Ba é an duais i leith é a bhuachan an deis chun taithí a fháil ar an mbealach ina n-oibríonn daonlathas na hEorpa trí chuairt a thabhairt ar an mBruiséil, Lucsamburg agus lá iomlán amháin i bParlaimint na hEorpa i Strasbourg. Le linn an chláir, fuair na daltaí an deis foghlaim faoi thopaic éagsúla ar nós litearthacht airgeadais, daonlathas agus rannpháirtíocht, an comhshaoil agus dramháil, inbhuanaitheacht, athrú aeráide, sláinte agus folláine, cearta agus leas, rialacháin agus teileachumarsáid, fiontraíocht, gairmeacha agus cúrsaí. Bhí an-chaint sna scoileanna maidir leis an PPN agus fuarthas aiseolas iontach ó mhúinteoirí, daltaí agus tuismitheoirí.

D'fhiafraigh Ionadaí Comhshaoil an PPN ar an LCDC maidir le maoirseacht agus cuntasacht i ndáil le maoiniú a bhronntar, go háirithe maoiniú do Mhoil Chianoibre. Cuireadh in iúl di nach raibh aon mhaoirseacht ann faoi láthair do shruthanna maoinithe do Mhoil Chianoibre. Bhí sé seo ina ábhar imní toisc go mbreathnaíonn sé gur féidir le daoine mol a chur ar bun (gan staidéar indéantachta), agus iarratas a dhéanamh arís is arís eile do mhol a bhféadfadh sé nach mbeadh sé ag teastáil, nach bhfuil sé oiriúnach don fheidhm agus atá eisiatach ar chúiseanna airgeadais agus/nó fisiceacha. Ní dhearnadh aon ghníomh go fóill.

Lú

Bhí ról barrthábhachtach ag PPN Lú i gCumarsáid maidir le Covid-19 le baill den phobal: cuireadh nuashonruithe leanúnacha maidir le Covid-19 agus faisnéis thábhachtach ar fáil ó pháirtithe leasmhara barrthábhachtacha maidir le sláinte, maoiniú, oiliúint, seimineáir ghréasáin, tacaíochtaí, comhairle agus i bhfad níos mó ná sin trínár nuachtlitrí sheachtainiúil an Friday Communiqué agus ar ár n-ardáin meán sóisialta; leathanach gréasáin ar leith maidir le Covid-19 ar ár láithreán gréasáin PPN; úsáid shaor in aisce a bhaint as cuntas Zoom an PPN d'fhonn iad a choinneáil nasctha agus chun éascaíocht a dhéanamh ar chruinnithe; 'Pacáistí Tacaíochta PPN maidir le Covid-19' a ullmhú agus a chur ar fáil ina bhfuil earraí ríthábhachtacha ar nós aghaidhmhaisc, lámhainní, díghalrán lámh, dífhabhtán agus póstaer faisnéise do Chomhaltaí PPN chun cuidiú leo a gcuid seirbhísí a athoscailt i ndiaidh na dianghlása. Mionsonraí maidir le deontais mhaoinithe chun cuidiú leis an bhfreagra i leith Covid agus cosaint i ngrúpaí tugtha amach dár gcomhaltaí trínár Communiqué seachtainiúil.

Tá Ionadaithe PPN ar an LCDC páirteach go mór laistigh den choiste a bhfuil ionchur bailí acu agus a chuidíonn le deontais a cheadú.

Bhí ról lárnach ag PPN Lú i seachadadh an chlár idirghlúine Super Connectors a spreagann daoine aosta chun glacadh leis an teicneolaíocht dhigiteach agus í a fhoghlaim in éineacht le daoine óga atá tiomanta chun iad a mhúineadh. Mar chuid den chlár seo, reáchtáil an PPN comórtas Super Connectors inar tugadh cuireadh don phobal grianghraif díobh a chur isteach agus iad i dteagmháil le duine muinteartha ag baint úsáide as FaceTime, Skype, ZÚM nó bealaí eile agus gach iontráil curtha san áireamh i gcrannchur chun dearbhán 'siopa áitiúil' a bhuanach.

Maigh Eo

Reáchtáil PPN Mhaigh Eo Ceardlanna Pobail: Áiríodh leis na ceardlanna seomraí briseadh amach ina bhfuair grúpaí pobail an deis bualadh lena chéile agus nascadh ar líne le grúpaí ina gceantar faoi seach. San imeacht éascaithe seo, iarradh ar ghrúpaí iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar leideanna maidir leis an mbealach chun oibriú lena chéile agus acmhainní a chomhroinnt ar líne mar gheall ar an bPaindéim Covid-19. Ar an mbealach ina bhféadfadh grúpaí tacaíocht a lorg, líonrú agus smaointe a chomhroinnt. Comhairle maidir leis an

tairbhe a bhaineann le grúpaí pobail a bheith ag oibriú lena chéile maidir le deiseanna ar mhaoiniú dá bpobal.

Ba ar Bhéal an Átha a bhí an spotsolas an 12-13 Samhain 2021 nuair a chomóir PPN Mhaigh Eo, i gcomhar le hOifig um Ghníomhú ar Son na hAeráide Chomhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo deireadh Chomhdháil um Ghníomhú ar Son na hAeráide na Náisiún Aontaithe COP 26 i nGlaschú le dhá lá de chainteanna, ceardlanna, taispeántais agus siúlóidí thart ar Bhéal an Átha. Reáchtáladh imeachtaí do dhaoine óga, do ghrúpaí pobail, do dhaoine aonair agus do ghnólachtaí. Spás a bhí anseo do phobail i Maigh Eo foghlaim óna chéile maidir leis an mbealach chun a lorg carbóin a laghdú agus tacaíochtaí agus deiseanna maoinithe atá ar fáil a aithint.

Tugadh cuireadh do Cheann gach aon Cheantair Bhardasaigh labhairt ag gach aon cheardlann MD maidir leis an mbealach inar féidir leo tacú le grúpaí pobail le linn na Paindéime.

Bhí Ionadaí maidir le Coiste um Pholasaí Straitéiseach ina chuid d'fhochoiste chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar pholasaí. Cuireadh moltaí faoi bhráid an choiste maidir leis an bpolasaí. Cuireadh in iúl don fhochoiste, go raibh a gcuid moltaí ar feitheamh ar cheadú ón gComhairle Contae agus ó Chomhairleoirí. D'ardaigh Ionadaí an PPN ceist maidir leis an gcúis a bhfuil siad ar choiste más féidir leis na Comhairleoirí a gcinneadh a shárú. Tá an tsaincheist le hardú ag Ionadaí NAG na Rúnaíochta ag Cruinniú Náisiúnta Rúnaíochta.

Thacaigh PPN Mhaigh Eo le 'OutWest Social Inclusion Educational Webinar'. Tá OutWest ina grúpa deonach sóisialta, tacaíochta agus abhcóideachta do dhaoine LGBT+ in Iarthar na hÉireann. Mar aon le hobair abhcóideachta agus feasachta a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear seisiúin oideachais, chun tairbhe a dhéanamh don phobal LGBT+, i gConnachta agus ag leibhéal náisiúnta araon. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an ngrúpa, turais agus imeachtaí sóisialta a eagrú roinnt uaireanta sa bhliain i láithreacha éagsúla in Iarthar na hÉireann, mar aon le hobair abhcóideachta agus feasachta a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear seisiúin oideachais, chun tairbhe a dhéanamh don phobal LGBT+, i gConnachta agus ag leibhéal náisiúnta araon. Bhí OutWest ar cheann de bhunaitheoirí den Líne Chabhreach Náisiúnta LGBT, mar aon le Bród Mhaigh Eo a bhíonn ar siúl gach bliain ó 2017. Níos déanaí fós, d'oscail an grúpa Ionad Buail Isteach do dhaoine LGBT+ i gCaisleán an Bharraigh,

Maigh Eo. Is spás sóisialta sábháilte é seo chun deis a thabhairt do dhaoine LGBT+ buaileadh lena chéile in atmaisféar suaimhneach agus cairdiúil agus chun imeachtaí grúpa agus saincheisteanna LGBT+ a phlé. Bíonn aghaidheanna nua le feiceáil go rialta agus bíonn fáilte rompu i gcónaí. Bhí ríméad ar PPN Mhaigh Eo tacú leis an seimineár gréasáin OutWest, bhí freastal níos mó i láthair, agus bhí an t-aiseolas dearfach agus oideachasúil araon.

Lá Oscailte Fíorúil do Phobal PPN Mhaigh Eo – Deireadh Fómhair 2021. Tugadh ‘Connecting communities while staying apart’ ar an Imeacht um Chuimsiú Sóisialta seo. Bhí sé seo ag leanúint de na cruinnithe Ceantair Bhardasaigh PPN Mhaigh Eo a tionóladh níos luaithe i mí an Mheithimh 2021 agus a bhí oscailte do lánchomhaltaí lomlánacha. Bhí sé seo ina dheis do ghrúpaí nascadh le heagraíochtaí eile ina gceantar. Breathnaíodh ar shócmhainní pobail, tacaíochtaí agus réitigh do ghrúpaí pobail. Tríd an imeacht seo, cuireadh foireann uirlisí ar fáil chun faisnéis a shluaifhoinsiú maidir lena gceantar agus breathnú ar leideanna faoin mbealach chun oibriú in éineacht le heagraíochtaí eile ina gceantar. Is é an aidhm atá i gceist Léarscáil Pobail idirghníomhach PPN a fhorbairt ina liostófar na grúpaí pobail ar fad atá cláraithe le PPN Mhaigh Eo. Ar an léarscáil, liostófar saoráidí agus acmhainní na ngrúpaí i ngach aon cheann de na Ceantair Bhardasacha. Bhí an tionscnamh seo ina chuid de Sheachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta Mhaigh Eo.

Tarraingíodh aird ar na himeachtaí ar líne atá ar siúl i bpobail i Maigh Eo agus ardaíodh feasacht ar cheardlanna agus oiliúint arna réachtáil ag páirtithe leasmhara eile go háirithe i ndáil le gníomhaíochtaí Covid-19.

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Chuir PPN sraith oiliúna agus ceardlanna SAOR IN AISCE ar fáil do Ghrúpaí Pobail. Cuireadh gné san áireamh maidir le folláine mar aon le sliotán maidir le fanacht sábháilte i do phobal i ngach ceardlann PPN agus cruinniú MD, Gnénuacht Dé hAoine – inar cuireadh imeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí Grúpaí Pobail le linn na paidéime i láthair.

Cur i láthair PPN do Bhothán na bhFear maidir le hoiliúint PPN agus na tairbhí a bhaineann le grúpa Bhothán na bhFear bheith ag baint leas as oiliúint PPN d’fhonn an bhallraíocht a mhéadú agus dul ar líne.

An Mhí

Coinníodh Líonra Tacaíochta Pobail na Mí isteach sa bhliain 2021.

Agus é á fhorbairt ar dtús i mí an Mhárta 2020, d’oibrigh an PPN le grúpaí pobail chun líonra tacaíochta áitiúil a fhorbairt agus a chur chun cinn ar fud Chontae na Mí. Is iad grúpaí comhaltaí a bhfuil eolas áitiúil acu a rinne forbairt ar an líonra agus cuireadh cinnteacht ar fáil do phobail go raibh tacaíochtaí áitiúla ar fáil má bhí siad ag teastáil. Chuir PPN na Mí soláthairtí sláintíochta ar fáil mar bheart cosanta do ghrúpaí atá gníomhach i gníomhaíochtaí tacaíochta pobail.

Mar gheall ar shrianta leanúnacha bheith i bhfeidhm le linn na paidéime, d’úsáid PPN na Mí Zoom le haghaidh cruinnithe ar líne (ar nós an líonra um Chuimsiú Sóisialta) agus seisiúin oiliúna chun naisc agus teagmháil a choinneáil laistigh den líonra.

Chuir PPN na Mí clár iomlán d’imeachtaí oiliúna ar fáil do chomhaltaí sa chéad leath de 2021. Bhí maoiniú agus airgeadas, meán sóisialta, scileanna éascaithe agus abhcóideachta i leith pleanáil straitéiseach agus GDPR i gceist leis an oiliúint. Cuireadh an oiliúint ar fáil ar líne mar bhealach chun forbairt a dhéanamh ar

inniúlachtaí grúpaí le linn na tréimhse staide i ndáil le srianta Covid-19.

D'fheidhmigh PPN na Mí mar nasc cumarsáide do phobail ar fud an chontae. Roinneadh acmhainní úsáideacha, fógraí maidir le cláir agus comhairliúcháin agus imeachtaí le comhaltaí an líonra trí nuachtlitreacha démhíosúla rialta. Cuireadh treoir sláinte reatha san áireamh sa chumarsáid mar aon le comhairle phraiticiúil ó údarais sláinte.

D'fhorbair an PPN a ról mar acmhainn neamhspleách chun tacú le gníomh an phobail áitiúil agus é a chomhordú. Mar struchtúr lárnach agus comhchoiteann, thacaigh an PPN le himeacht ó ghníomhartha pobail briste i dtreo iomlán comhtháite. Tá feachtas an phobail i leith Covid-19 ina léiriú ar an tionchar sin.

I gcaitheamh na bliana 2021, athraíodh an treoir sláinte phoiblí ó threoir lárnach, reachtach i dtreo freagracht aonair agus bainistiú riosca. Chuir PPN na Mí ceardlann oiliúna Réidh agus Ábalta Athoscailt le Carmichael ar fáil chun cuidiú le grúpaí filleadh go sábháilte ar ghníomhaíocht a phleanáil, rioscaí maidir le Covid-19 a bhainistiú agus riachtanais pobal casadh agus oibriú lena chéile a chomhlíonadh ar bhealach sábháilte i ndiaidh tréimhse ina raibh leithlisiú agus teagmháil theoranta i gceist. Bhí sé tairbheach freisin treoir ón rialtas láir agus gníomhaireachtaí a chur i gcúrsaíocht freisin.

Le linn na tréimhse nach raibh aon chor ar chúrsaí mar gheall ar an bpaindéim, is mar seo a choinnigh PPN na Mí lena fheidhm mar chainéal cumarsáide do phobail i gContae na Mí trí theagmháil dhíreach le grúpaí comhaltaí agus faisnéis a fhoilsiú go hoscailte ar a láithreán gréasáin. Líonra Gníomhaithe Phobal na Mí i leith Covid: <https://www.meathppn.ie/meath-community-response-to-covid-19/>

Coinníodh an léarscáil de na tacaíochtaí pobail atá ar fáil le linn 2021. Trí fhoilsiú ar láithreán gréasáin an PPN agus trí chur ar aghaidh chuig an líonra, cuireadh struchtúr infheicthe ar fáil do phobail agus cuireadh cinnteacht ar fáil go raibh tacaíochtaí áitiúla ar fáil.

Mar chuid den phróiseas maidir lenár riachtanais éigeantacha i leith rialacha a chomhlíonadh i lámhleabhar 2020, chuaigh

PPN na Mí i gcomhairle lena chomhaltas chun creat rialachais agus prionsabal a fhorbairt mar bhun i leith rialachas a fhorbairt laistigh den líonra.

Choinnigh PPN na Mí blag fotha nuachta le linn 2021 agus rinneadh é a nuashonrú go minic 2021. Foilsíodh míreanna spéise do ghrúpaí comhaltaí agus pobail trí phostálacha a chuimsigh nuashonruithe don chlár, comhairliúcháin, imeachtaí do chomhaltaí, fógraí ginearálta maidir le himeachtaí agus cláir de bhreis ar threoir sláinte maidir leis an bpaindéim i gcaitheamh na bliana. Rinneadh míreanna a foilsíodh ar an láithreán gréasáin a thabhairt isteach in oll-nuachtlitreacha do theagmhálacha grúpaí comhaltaí trí fheidhm ríomhphoist bunachar liosta Salesforce.

In R4, thug PPN faoina chomhaltaí a athchlárú. Dícheanglaíodh comhaltas PPN ó riarachán deontas údarais áitiúil roimh athchlárú. Fuarthas freagra láidir le luach na bhfeidhmeanna cumarsáide agus líonraithe agus féidearthacht laistigh den líonra agus samhail pholasaí á lua ag comhaltaí. I ndiaidh athchlárú, choinnigh PPN na Mí comhaltas ilchineálach, ar léiriú é ar phobail ar fud an chontae.

Ardaíodh an gá atá le hionchur níos mó ó eagraíochtaí pobail agus deonacha i ndáil le straitéisí ar nós an Straitéis Náisiúnta um Oibríthe Deonacha ag SPC agus Comhairle iomlán na Mí agus comhfhreagras á sheoladh chuig an Aire Stáit um Fhorbairt Pobail agus Carthanas agus comhfhreagras á fháil ón Aire.

D'ardaigh Ionadaithe an tionchar atá ag costais árachais ar ghrúpaí pobail trí SPC Chomhairle Chontae na Mí agus Comhairle iomlán. Seoladh comhfhreagras maidir leis an tsaincheist chuig an Aire Stáit um Fhorbairt Pobail agus Carthanas, chuig an Aire Stáit um Sheirbhísí Airgeadais, Comhair Chreidmheasa agus Árachas agus an Roinn Airgeadais.

Ardaíodh tionchar an Chóid Rialachais do Charthanais ar ghrúpaí pobail bheaga trí SPC agus Comhairle iomlán na Mí, agus comhfhreagras á sheoladh chuig an Aire Stáit um Fhorbairt Pobail agus Carthanas agus comhfhreagras á fháil.

I gcaitheamh na bliana 2021, ceansaíodh an fonn filleadh ar ghnáthghníomhaíochtaí mar gheall ar fhorbairt an riosca a bhain le Covid-19. D'imir forleithne an athraithigh

Omicron tionchar ar an ionchas go gcuirfí deireadh leis na srianta ar fad i dtús an fhómhair. Reáchtáil PPN na Mí ceardlann thiomnaithe le Carmichael chun tacú le grúpaí an riosca a bhainistiú go sábháilte agus pleanáil a dhéanamh chun filleadh ar ghníomhaíochtaí nuair ab fhéidir é. Bhí tairbhe praiticiúil ag baint leis an treoir agus comhairle do ghrúpaí comhaltaí toisc gur athraigh an freagra i leith na paidéime chuig ceist i ndáil le breithiúnas agus measúnú aonair.

Muineachán

Cuireadh Plean um Filleadh ar Ghnó i gcrích do ghrúpaí chun filleadh ar ghnáthghnó eagraíochtúil i ndiaidh Covid-19.

In 2020, chuir an PPN suirbhé i gcrích i measc a chomhaltaí inar fiafraíodh céard a bhí ar bun ag gach duine ar leith acu agus cén réimse ina raibh siad ag obair d'fhonn tacú le muintir na háite le linn Covid-19. D'úsáid na baill foirne an Líne Chabhrach Glao an Phobail in 2021 nuair a bhí glaonna ar an Líne Chabhrach á sannadh.

LCDC agus LAG: Chun ionadaithe agus an fhoireann Ceannairí a thabhairt le chéile chun réiteach a fháil ar an easpa rannpháirtíochta ó ghrúpaí PPN iarratas a dhéanamh ar mhaoiniú Leader. Ba é an toradh a bhí air gur reáchtáil an tOifigeach Forbartha Pobail (CDO) Clinici Forbartha Tionscadail do ghrúpaí a raibh smaoineamh acu nó a raibh iarratas acu ar mhaoiniú agus cuidíodh leis an iarratas a fhorbairt agus a chur chun cinn tuilleadh. Rinne Oibrí Acmhainní PPN coinní leis an CDO agus grúpaí agus forbraíodh roinnt tionscadail do mhaoiniú Leader.

Mhol Ionadaí MPPN go gcuirfí Turasóireacht Inbhuanaithe ar an gclár oibre toisc go rabhthas den tuairim gur chóir go léireodh tionscnaimh maidir le turasóireacht inbhuanaithe go bhfuil siad i gcomhréir le beartais aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta ag Leibhéal an AE agus Náisiúnta. Toradh: Tá LA ag fanacht ar threoirínte um ghníomhú ar son na haeráide ón Roinn Comhshaoil agus cuireadh nuashonrú ar fáil do chomhaltaí go bhfuair MCC sprioc 48.56% i ndáil le tomhaltas fuinnimh a laghdú seachas sprioc 33%.

Chuir comhairliúcháin Lets Talk Climate Action leis an PPN le Straitéis um Oiriúnú don Aeráid MCC a mbeidh éifeacht aici ar ár bpobal.

Chuir MPPN oiliúint i leith an Phlean Straitéisigh ar fáil dár ngrúpaí le go mbeidh siad in ann Plean Straitéiseach dá gcuid féin a chruthú dá ngrúpaí pobail féin ar féidir leo a úsáid le haghaidh iarratais ar mhaoiniú etc.

In 2021 chuir MPPN seisiún grúpaí fócais i gcrích le hionadaithe PPN ar an gclár Peace Plus. Cuireadh an t-aiseolas ón gceardlann i dtoll a chéile faoi na téamaí ónár Ráiteas Folláine agus bhí sé ag teacht le struchtúr an doiciméid chomhairliúcháin, arbh ionann é agus seasamh comhaontaithe dár gcomhaltaí. Má dhéantar an fhaisnéis a chuirtear ar fáil san aighneacht a chur i bhfeidhm, beidh tionchar iontach aici ar ár ngrúpaí pobail agus bainfear táirge insólathartha barrthábhachtach amach.

Uíbh Fhailí

Chas Oibrí Acmhainne PPN Uíbh Fhailí le grúpa/ grúpaí comhaltaí ar bhonn aonair ag láithreacha allamuigh agus ag failleanna siúl agus Caint. Cuireadh glaonna gutháin ar ghrúpaí ar bhonn rialta chun rannpháirtíocht a chinntiú.

Rinne an Rúnaíocht cur i láthair don Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí maidir leis an ngá atá le tuiscint níos fearr i measc bhaill foirne agus Comhairleoirí an Chontae ar an ról atá ag an gComhaontú PPN a rinneadh chun Ionduchtú a chur ar fáil d'ionadaithe nua agus do chomhaltaí ar fad an SPC freisin agus chun rannpháirteachas in Oiliúint Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Phort Láirge (WIT)/ Ceartas Sóisialta Éireann (SJI) a spreagadh.

Comhairliúchán Bithéagsúlachta um Aistriú Cóir via Ionadaí Comhshaoil LCDC don SPC um Athrú Aeráide. Baineadh comhaontú amach chun dul i gComhairle le Bailí Foirne Barrthábhachtacha ó gach Rannóg den Chomhairle Contae.

Grúpa Nascála PPN: Casann Líonra um Chomhionannas Daoine faoi Mhíchumas Uíbh Fhailí ar bhonn míosúil chun breathnú ar bhealaí le dul i ngleic le húdair imní Daoine faoi Mhíchumas sa Chontae. Áirítear leis sin Innealtóirí Ceantair, Pleanálaithe agus baill foirne teicniúla um Thithíocht mar aon leis an bhfoireann Pobail.

Thug ionadaithe um chuimsiú sóisialta moladh i leith Áineas faoin Aer maidir le Trísheánna chun deis a chur ar fáil do dhaoine a bhfuil fadhbanna soghluaisteachta acu teacht a bheith acu ar na bealaí Gorma/Glasa – Curtha siar le haghaidh Cead pleanála.

Suíonn an PPN ar an bhFoireann Freagartha Pobail leis an gComhairle agus le Gníomhaireachtaí Barrthábhachtacha eile mar ghné lárnach den phróiseas. Is é an PPN an nasc díreach leis an earnáil Pobail agus is féidir leis eolas barrthábhachtach a chur ar fáil ó thaobh Bearnaí nó réimsí atá barrthábhachtach i dtaca le gníomhartha.

Ros Comáin

Bhí PPN Ros Comáin ina chomhalta den Fhóram um Ghníomhú i leith Covid-19.

Mhol an Rúnaíocht go gcuirfí oiliúint ar ár ngrúpaí i ndáil le cruinnithe fíorúla le linn Covid-19.

Sligeach

Comhoibriú leanúnach leis an bhfóram pobail. Bainistiú leanúnach á dhéanamh ar ghrúpaí comhaltaí san fhóram um fhreagra ar éigeandálaí. Tacaíocht d'ionaid agus eagraíochtaí i ndáil le faisnéis a athoscailt. PPN á chomhordú do ghrúpaí comhaltaí.

Tríd an obair a rinneamar chun deiseanna maoinithe a fhoinsiú agus a chur chun cinn, bhí réimse grúpaí in ann teacht a bheith acu ar thacaíocht airgeadais nach mbeadh siad ar an eolas faoi murach sin.

Mar gheall ar ár sraith seisiúin oiliúna agus faisnéise a cuireadh ar fáil mar fhreagra díreach ar anailís a rinneadh ar riachtanais pobail, tugadh tacaíocht do go leor grúpaí téarnamh ó éifeacht na paindéime Covid-19 agus a gcuid oibre a mhéadú chun tacaíochtaí a bhfuil géarghá leo a chur ar fáil do bhaill den phobal.

Is é an t-aon nóiméad is féidir liom cuimhneamh air ar bhraith mé go raibh tionchar aige ar roinnt bhealaí ná an cruinniú um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Fochoiste Monatóireachta SICAP/ an cruinniú Bliantúil um Rannpháirtíocht Pobal i mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Le linn na cainte éascaithe maidir le tosaíochtaí áitiúla agus náisiúnta SICAP do 2022/23 luaigh mé go raibh ionadh orm gan aon trácht ar cheartas aeráide ná aistriú cóir a fheiceáil in áit ar bith. Ní raibh trácht ar shaincheistanna comhshaoil ar bith. Tá leochaileacht ar leith ag baint le go leor spriocghrúpaí SICAP ó thaobh éifeacht bheith ag an ngéarchéim chomhshaoil orthu. Ar nós an oiread tráthanna eile, bhraith mé go raibh mé ag cur léargas áirithe ar fáil don choiste,

chomh maith leis sin, bhí sé ar cheann de na tráthanna fíordháiríre sin ina raibh orm a aithint arís eile an laghad breithnithe a dhéantar ar shaincheistanna comhshaoil agus cé chomh tábhachtach is atá sé iad a lua. D'admhaigh an t-éascaitheoir ó Pobal go raibh an t-ionchur ina ionchur an-suimiúil agus luaigh sé freisin nach ndearnadh trácht air in aon fhochoiste eile riamh cheana. Chomh maith leis sin, thug baill foirne LEADER agus na Comhairle aird air agus d'admhaigh siad gur pointe maith a bhí ann le baill foirne LEADER/SICAP ag fiafraí an bhféadfaimis cruinniú eile a thionól ar an ábhar sin chun breathnú ar an mbealach ina bhféadfadh cláir SICAP gníomhú maidir leis an riachtanas seo sa todhcháil.

Thug ionadaithe LCDP PPN moltaí suntasacha i ndáil le LECP Shligigh agus Fís 2030 a fhorbairt agus cuireadh go leor de na hionchuir agus aighneachtaí san áireamh agus rinneadh athruithe suntasacha ar na ceistanna comhairliúcháin agus ar na dréachtbhuiséid ó chonaic na hionadaithe PPN an chéad dréacht.

Chuidigh ionadaithe PPN Shligigh ar SPC1 leis an gcaoi ina bhfuil an coiste eagraithe ar bhonn bliantúil a leasú idir liosta tosaíochta don chlár oibre bliantúil agus tréimhse níos faide chun clár oibre agus glao ar mhíreanna a chur isteach a fháil. Tá sé seo ar fad ag feidhmiú faoi láthair chun éascaíocht a dhéanamh orthu céimeanna a chur i bhfeidhm lena chinntiú gur féidir leis an pobal níos leithne cur leis an bpróiseas cinnteoireachta.

Baile Átha Cliath Theas

Tá 'Seachtain na hOiliúna' ina imeacht bliantúil ar líne a reáchtálann an PPN – caithimid 3 thráthnóna i mbun oiliúint a chur ar fáil dár ngrúpaí comhaltaí. In 2021, díriodh ar bhainistiú a dhéanamh ar na Meáin Shóisialta, Tiomsú Airgid agus Rialachas. Is iad na grúpaí féin a ghineann na topaicí seo thrí bhíthin suirbhé. Déanann sé seo an-tairbhe do na grúpaí toisc go bhfaigheann siad an oiliúint a bhfuil spéis cheart acu inti agus toisc go gcuirtear ar chumas an PPN tuiscint níos fearr a fháil ar riachtanais a ngrúpaí comhaltaí laistigh den chontae.

Ghlacamar páirt i nglao an phobail Covid-19 ar SDCC. D'athraíomar ár gclár oiliúna chun díriú ar ghrúpaí atá ag streachailt d'fhonn iad a choinneáil ag imeacht. Ba é an phríomhaidhm a bhí ag na grúpaí ar fad in 2021 ná an phaindéim a chur tharstu ar bhealach feidhmiúil, chuir ár dtacaíocht leis na haidhmeanna sin.

Tá an-suim ag ár n-ionadaithe JPC i scéim faire chomharsanachta a chur ar bun ina nascaí comharsanachtaí éagsúla ar fud an chontae d'fhonn bonn eolais níos fearr a chur faoi phóilíneacht laistigh den phobal. Tá siad ag ardú na ceiste ar bhonn leanúnach.

Chuir SDCPPN ionchur mionsonraithe ar fáil maidir leis an bplean forbartha contae. Bhí glao oscailte chuig ár ngrúpaí ar aighneachtaí faoi leagan amach téamach agus chuir sé seo ar chumas grúpaí teacht le chéile mar ghuth comhchoiteann. Thug an CEO ár n-aighneacht faoi deara agus táthar ag súil gur chuir sé seo bonn eolais faoin gcruth a bheidh ar an bplean forbartha féin.

Tá an PPN mar chomhpháirtí le 'Stepping Stones Forests' – a bhfuil os cionn 10 mionfhoraois plandáilte go díreach acu i scoileanna ar fud an chontae. Tugann sé seo tuiscint níos fearr ar an gcomhshaol atá thart timpeall orthu do scoileanna, oibríthe deonacha agus do leanaí agus tuiscint níos fearr freisin ar an obair atá idir lámha ag an PPN sa choláiste comhshaoil.

Tá an-suim ag ár n-ionadaithe comhpháirtíochta Spóirt sa smaoinemh maidir le corpacmhainn ilghlúine. Tá siad ag obair leis an gcomhpháirtíocht spóirt chun cláir aclaíochta a chur ar fáil do thuismitheoirí a scaoileann a leanaí amach ag traenáil. In ionad iad a scaoileadh amach agus fágáil, bíonn na thuismitheoirí féin rannpháirteach ar na taobhlínte. Tagann an tionscnamh seo go díreach ónár n-ionadaithe.

Bhí an PPN rannpháirteach go mór sa líonra LGBT atá ina chomhpháirtíocht idir SDCC, PPN agus grúpaí seachtracha. D'éirigh linn ár bpróifíl i ndáil le saincheisteanna LGBT san LA a mhéadú agus shuiteáil an LA ár gcéad 'Rainbow Crossing' le gairid. Maidir le bród 2022, péinteálfaimid binsí páirce i ndathanna LGBT i ndiaidh stocaireacht fhairsing ón PPN.

Tugadh sainordú don Ionadaí Tithíochta ó Chuimsiú Sóisialta ceisteanna a tharraingt aníos maidir le Tithíocht don Lucht Siúil in SDCC. Go dtí seo, tharraing siad aird ar go leor saincheisteanna maidir leis an gclár reatha TAP. Ní úsáidtear aitheantóirí eitneacha sna hiarratais ar thithíocht de réir mar a mhol na heagraíochtaí Taistealaithe agus dá bharr sin, tá gach cosúlacht ann go bhfuil na spríocanna ina mbréaglériú ar na riachtanais. Is obair abhcóideachta rithábachtach í seo – agus cé gur próiseas mall atá ann, tá sé tábhachtach aird a tharraingt air.

Chuir ionadaí amháin ag Bord áitiúil an Ionaid Cúraim Phríomhúil (APCC) réiteach nuálach faoi

bhráid bhord APCC, tríd an gcoincheap a thabhairt isteach maidir le turas fíorúil a dhéanamh ar an tsaoráid ina mbeadh baill den phobal in ann breathnú ar an gcuma a bhí ar an tsaoráid nua. Tharla sé seo i gcroílár na paindéime Covid-19 nuair a bhí srian ar ghluaiseacht daoine. Bhí APCC sásta leis an moladh mar níorbh rud é ar smaoinigh siad féin air.

Tiobraid Árann

Fóram Freagartha Phobal an Chontae – lean an fóram seo de theacht le chéile ar bhonn gníomhach ó 2020 go dtí an chéad ráithe den bhliain 2021. Rinneadh an gá a bhí leis an bhfóram a íosghrádú sular tháinig an comhordaitheoir nua isteach, agus dá bharr sin, níor ghlac siad páirt ach i seiceálacha isteach amháin.

Tascfhórsa Réigiúnach Thoir Theas um Dhrugaí agus Alcól (SERDATF)- Oibríonn an t-ionadaí i ndlúthchomhar le hionadaithe pobail PPN na gceithre chontae eile ar an bhfóram seo. In 2021, mhol na hionadaithe, d'fhonn plean straitéiseach SERDATF a bhí ag dul i léig a chur chun cinn, nár mhór struchtúr fochoiste a chur ar bun le comhaltai SERDATF, oibríthe ábhartha sa réimse agus daoine a bhfuil taithí saoil acu. Bhí sé riachtanach go n-oibreodh na foghrúpaí seo go tairbheach i gcomhar lena chéile agus bhí sé riachtanach go mbeadh a dtéarmaí tagartha ina léiriú air sin. Tá ionadaí PPN Thiobraid Árann (níl ach deisceart an chontae páirteach i dtascfhórsa an réigiúin Thoir Theas ar an drochuair) ina chathaoirleach ar an bhfoghrúpa um Oideachas agus Chosc agus cuireann sé bord iomlán SERDATF ar an eolas ar bhonn rialta maidir leis an dul chun cinn in aon gníomhartha atá ábhartha don fhoghrúpa sin.

Ionadaí SPC um Chomhshaol agus Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide – Rinneadh céimeanna móra tráthúla chun cinn in 2021 maidir leis an mbord seo. Bhí ionadaí áirithe amháin an-ghníomhach agus ag obair leis an gcomhordaitheoir PPN chun comharghrúpa oibríochtúil a chruthú de na grúpaí cláraithe den Cholún Comhshaoil. Thosaigh siad seo ar chruinnithe ráithiúla a thionól in 2021 agus tugadh cuireadh do bhaill foirne na comhairle contae freastal chun plé a dhéanamh ar shaincheisteanna agus grúpaí a chur ar an eolas faoin obair ar tugadh fúithi sa rannán seo. Ina dhiaidh sin thairg siad gach cruinniú den Cholún Comhshaoil a mhaoiniú suas le €100 ina aghaidh an chruinnithe ráithiúil. Mar gheall air sin, tá mír Ionadaí Pobail curtha le clár oibre an SPC anois. Chomh maith leis sin, déantar na dátaí do chruinnithe den Cholún Comhshaoil a leagan amach

d'aon turas le go dtarlóidh siad roimh dháta chruinniú an SPC. Trí seo, déantar cinnte de go bhfuil na pointí atá le déanamh ag na grúpaí PPN ina bpointí reatha agus gur go mear a chuirfear iad ar chlár oibre an SPC. Thug comhaltaí an SPC an-aird ar fad ar shaincheisteanna ar nós oiliúint phráinneach maidir le gearradh fála sreach do bhaill foirne na comhairle agus an gá atá le deireadh a chur le húsáid a bhaint as luibhicídí ceimiceacha agus tá gníomhartha ar siúl i ndáil leo sin araon faoi láthair. D'fhreastail an ceathrar ionadaithe SPC ar fad um Chomhshaoil agus Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide ar na cruinnithe don Cholún Comhshaoil. Faoi láthair, tá próiseas ar bun chun saincheisteanna a aithníodh ag an gcruinniú don Cholún Comhshaoil a thaifeadadh atá le tabhairt chuig an gcéad chruinniú eile den SPC. Is iad na hionadaithe féin a bhreacann síos na miontuairiscí agus ní baill foirne an PPN, ar gné é a dhéanann cleachtadh forbartha cumais agus cumhachtaíthe as.

Oiliúint i ndáil le Tiobraid Árann sláintiúil – Forbraíodh sraith d'oiliúintí maidir le folláine agus inniúlachtaí Digiteacha díreach mar gheall ar an bpaindéim. Cuimsíodh: Cruthú Físeán, Facebook do Thosaitheoirí (ar oiliúint an-láidir a bhí i gceist, a reáchtáladh faoi dhó, mar gheall ar láithreach ar líne a bhí de dhíth le go mairfeadh an grúpa de bharr Covid-19), Acmhainní Daonna, Airgeadas do Ghrúpaí Pobail, Cuideachta a Chur ar Bun (Stádas Carthanachta), Athbhunaigh, Athnuaigh, Athbheoigh (cúrsa féinforbartha cumhachtaíthe). Bhí an oiliúint oscailte do na grúpaí comhaltaí ar fad de chuid an PPN a raibh sé mar aidhm léi tacú le forbairt scileanna, rialachas agus teacht aniar meabhrach le linn dhúshláin thús na bliana 2021. Bhí freastal maith ar na hoiliúintí ar fad agus chuir na grúpaí a ghlac páirt iontu le cumas a ngrúpaí srianta Covid-19 a chur tharstu agus fanacht le chéile.

Chomh maith leis sin, d'óstáil an PPN dhá sheimineár gréasáin maidir leis an gcomhairliúchán poiblí don Phlean Bainistíochta Abhantraí, ag comhoibriú le LAWPRO, rannóg feabhsaithe uisce na comhairle contae. Deis iontach a bhí inti seo do gach grúpa comhaltais PPN, ach go háirithe, dul i gcomhairle leis an bpiléar Comhshaoil agus a bheith mar chuid de phróiseas aighneachtaí ábhartha den sórt sin. Doiciméad Tacaíochta i ndáil le páirt a ghlacadh i gcomhairliúcháin phoiblí trí na próisis chomhairliúcháin arna reáchtáil ag an PPN, cinneadh go bhféadfadh PPN Thiobraid Árann doiciméad a chruthú chun tacú lena chuid comhaltaí. Rinneadh treoir maidir le

haighneachtaí chun tacú le grúpaí comhaltaí a bheith rannpháirteach go gníomhach agus go muiníneach i gcomhairliúcháin, agus chun líon na ngrúpaí a d'fhéadfadh roghnú ina dhiaidh sin bheith páirteach le go gcloisfí a nguthanna, a chruthú agus a scaipeadh ar na comhaltaí ar fad.

Tionóladh cúig chruinniú MD i bpearsa i bhfómhair na bliana 2021, chun tús a chur le rannpháirtíocht agus gníomhachtú grúpaí comhaltaí an athuair ina MDanna féin ionas go bhféadfaidís casadh ar a chéile, faisnéis a fháil maidir le PPN agus tús a chur le teacht amach as an scoiteacht a cruthaíodh mar gheall ar Covid-19. Rinneadh measúnú an-dearfach orthu ar fad agus tá pleananna ar bun faoi láthair don bhliain 2022 chun foghrúpaí MD a chruthú chun leanúint de chruinnithe líonraithe a phleanáil agus le haghaidh aon chúiseanna ábhartha eile, ar nós comhairliúcháin phoiblí.

An Grúpa Stiúrtha do Chlár Sláinte Romach an Chontae – tá an comhordaitheoir PPN ina chomhalta den ghrúpa stiúrtha seo. Leagtar béim mhór ar fhorbairt pobail agus cé gur bunaíodh é ar dtús chun Romaigh sa chontae a aithint agus cinnte a dhéanamh de go bhfuil seirbhísí bunúsacha agus riachtanais sláinte acu, tacaíonn an PPN leis an ngrúpa díriú freisin ar ghuth na Romach a mhéadú agus grúpaí tacaíochta do Romaigh a chruthú a bheidh in ann, ina dhiaidh sin, bheith ina gcomhaltaí den PPN amach anseo. Bhí sé seo ina chúis le dréachtphlean straitéiseach ina bhfuil beart maidir le spásanna sábháilte a chruthú chun rannpháirtíocht na Romach i gcinnteoireacht a neartú.

Seimineáir Ghréasáin a Óstáil – D'óstáil an PPN dhá sheimineár gréasáin mar chuid den phróiseas comhairliúcháin don Dréachtphlean Forbartha Contae (CDP), ag comhoibriú i ndlúthchomhar le rannóg Pleanála Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann. Bhí freastal maith orthu seo agus cuireadh ar chumas rannpháirtithe na seimineár gréasáin ó ghrúpaí comhaltaí an PPN tuiscint iomlán a fháil ar an bpróiseas aighneachta, conas aighneacht a dhéanamh agus an chéim ag a raibh an dréachtphlean. Bhí aighneachtaí níos dírithe mar thoradh air seo agus, chomh maith leis sin, feachtas ar an mbealach ina raibh Fís an PPN i leith Fholláine an Phobail á ghlacadh mar sheasamh an phobail do chontae sláintiúil agus bríomhar.

D'oibrigh ionadaí amháin den trí ionadaí PPN ar an mbord le comhordaitheoir Coistí Seirbhísí do Leanaí agus Daoine Óga (CYPSC) chun treoir

náisiúnta CYPSC a chur i bhfeidhm. Is éard a bhí i gceist leis sin gur féidir suíochán Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh (FRC) a ghníomhachtú ar gach CYPSC contae. Is é an toradh a bhí air sin go bhfuil suíochán FRC ann anois agus is tríd an PPN a théann an t-ainmniúchán ina leith seo, ar trí sin a mhéadaítear na 3 suíochán chuig 4 cinn do ghrúpaí comhaltaí an PPN.

Port Láirge

Dlúthbhaint le seoladh rathúil an Chláir Sábháilteachta Pobail – ag comhordú ionadaíocht an PPN (11 ionadaithe); ag cinntiú Leaschathaoirleach ionadaí an PPN; chomhordaigh clár oibre a leagan síos agus seasaimh chomhaontaithe. Is dea-chomhartha é seo do ról an PPN sa CSP i bPort Láirge agus ar fud na hÉireann i ndiaidh céim Phiólótach.

D'éirigh le hionadaithe LCDC áitiú d'ionadaíocht/rannpháirtíocht PPN níos mó in Sláintecare.

D'fhorbraíomar naisc níos dlúithe leis an Ionad d'Oibrithe Deonacha Phort Láirge nua, déanfaidh sé seo tairbhe do Phort Láirge agus cuireann sé leis an Líonra.

D'ardaigh ionadaithe ón gComhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail (CSP) roinnt saincheistanna – lasmuigh de chruinnithe foirmiúla CSP maidir le saincheistanna atá ábhartha do ghrúpaí PPN (e.g. spásanna páirceála do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, cainéil dreideála, etc); ní ceistanna ábhalmhóra iad ach tá sé rithábachtach go bhfeiceann grúpaí pobail go bhfuil a gcuid ionadaithe ag obair ar a son; - Comhordaitheoir CSP – gníomh déanta.

Bhí ról an PPN san fhoireann Freagartha Pobail ina ról suntasach; bhí cainéil chumarsáide an PPN ar an bpríomhchainéal le linn na paindéime.

Le linn na dtréimhsí luatha de Covid 19, d'oibrigh Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Phort Láirge, Leabharlanna Phort Láirge, Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Phort Láirge Loch Garman, PPN Phort Láirge, Comhpháirtíocht Cheantar Phort Láirge agus Comhairle Sheandaoine Phort Láirge, an HSE agus Cónaidhm na hÉireann um Míchumas i gcomhar lena chéile chun réiteach a fháil i ndáil le litearthacht dhigiteach sa phobal a fheabhsú trí oiliúint a chur ar dhaoine chun úsáid a bhaint as a ngutháin shoghluaiste, táibléid, agus teicneolaíocht. Chuir PPN Phort Láirge suirbhéanna i gcrích chun riachtanais tacaíochta agus oiliúna a aithint.

Amhail na bliana 2020, chuir Covid-19 gach duine ábhairín dá dtreoir, an PPN san áireamh, ach d'éirigh linn cloí lenár bplean oibre do 2021 seachas an chaoi nach raibh searmanas bronnta againn agus nach ndearnamar an oiread dul chun cinn is a bhíomar ag súil leis lenár bPlean Straitéiseach. Leanamar d'ionchur a chur ar fáil ar Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Covid-19 Phort Láirge. Cé is moite dár rannpháirtíocht ar an bhFóram, leanamar de ghníomhú mar chainéal cumarsáide dár 760+ grúpaí comhaltaí. Ghlac PPN Phort Láirge páirt bharrthábhachtach i ndáil le comhoibriú ar an bhfoghrúpa den CRF chun dul i ngleic le hEisiamh Digiteach i bPort Láirge ina ndearnamar suirbhé a leagan amach, a fhorbairt agus a thabhairt amach.

Aighneacht chuig an bPlean Iompair Cathrach ag lorg clúdach níos leithne den sainchúram le go n-áireofaí Plean rothaíochta, naisc chuig an gContae, reachtaíocht a rith i leith scútair leictreonacha etc, sábháilteacht coisithe; seirbhísí bus etc – Transport For Ireland (TFI) – ag fanacht ar fhreagra.

An Iarmhí

Reachtálar Seimineár Gréasáin maidir le Forbairt Acmhainní agus Athoscailt i ndiaidh Covid-19.

Fuair PPN na hIarmhí 56 aighneacht ó ghrúpaí comhaltaí chuig Ceantar Bardasach an Mhuilinn gCearr/Cionn Átha Gad do Bhuiséid na bliana 2021. Rinneadh na haighneachtaí seo a chatagóiriú ina 8 bpríomhthéama de réir mar a leanas: Rochtain/saoráidí, gnéithe a bhaineann le Covid-19, an Comhshaol, Cosáin/pábhálacha, soilsiú poiblí, áiteanna poiblí agus eile. Is mar seo a leanas a bhí torthaí na n-aighneachtaí: Gníomh déanta /Curtha i gCrích 28, Atreoraithe 15, Curtha siar mar gheall ar shrianta Buiséid 1, Eile 4.

Chuireamar oiliúint ar fáil i ndáil le Scileanna Digiteacha chun cur ar chumas comhaltaí páirt a ghlacadh i gcruinnithe fíorúla.

Spreag WPPN rannpháirtíocht ón bpobal agus fuarthas rannpháirtíocht i ndáil le comhairliúchán maidir le Suíomh Blackhall sa Mhuileann gCearr.

Chlúdaigh baill foirne an PPN an líne chabhrach Freagartha Pobail (7 lá in aghaidh na míosa).

Bhí tionchar ag an WPPN ar an gcinneadh go mbeadh fáil ag grúpaí pobail agus do ghrúpaí deonacha ar dhá cheann de na deontais phobail le haghaidh costais reatha ó lá go lá, i mbliain nach bhféadfaidís gnáth-thiomsú airgid a dhéanamh.

Bhí an PPN ina pointe dailte bharrthábhachtach le haghaidh faisnéis chruinn agus tráthúil i ndáil le Covid-19.

Seoladh suirbhé traenála chuig na comhaltaí ar fad lena fháil amach cén traenáil a bhí ag teastáil chun tacú le pobail.

Fuair PPN na hlarmhí 44 aighneacht ó ghrúpaí comhaltaí ó Cheantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha Luain/An Mhóta do Bhuiséad 2021. Rinneadh na haighneachtaí seo a chatagóiriú ina 6 phríomhthéama de réir mar a leanas: Comhshaol, Sábháilteacht Bóthair, Cosáin/Pábhálacha, Spásanna Glasa, Rochtain agus eile. Is mar seo a leanas a bhí torthaí na n-aighneachtaí: 30 Gníomh déanta /Curtha i gCrích 30, Curtha siar mar gheall ar shrianta Buiséid in 2021 7, Atreoraithe 4.

Bhí WPPN ar, agus ag riar, an Fóram Freagartha Pobail i leith Covid-19.

Iarradh ar PPN na hlarmhí 2 ionadaí a chur ar choiste LDA Dhún Mhic Coluim. Bhí ionadaí i láthair ag 3 chruinniú de Choiste Comhairleach an LDA agus thionóil PPN na hlarmhí 7 gcruinniú fochoiste i ndáil leis an gcomhairliúchán agus forbairt i ndáil le Dún Mhic Coluim. Tá an comhairliúchán agus fochoiste an PPN fós ar siúl.

Loch Garman

Leanaimid de thacú le Glao an Phobail i leith Covid-19 agus chuireamar nuashonraithe ar fáil maidir le feasacháin faisnéise do na comhaltaí ar fad nuair a bhí na baill foirne i láthair.

Cill Mhantáin

Fóram Freagartha Pobail Chill Mhantáin (WCRF) – Cuireadh coiste WCC ar bun chun comhordú a dhéanamh ar fhreagra an chontae i leith na géarchéime sláinte Covid-19, glacadh páirt ghníomhach i gcruinnithe coicise ar líne chun aird a dhíriú ar shaincheisteanna/údair imní an phobail mar aon le faisnéis agus tacaíochtaí a chomhroinnt.

Mhol SPC um Fhorbairt Chultúir agus Forbartha Sóisialta Pobail SPC gur chóir don rialtas cúnamh a thabhairt do ghrúpaí pobail, a bhfuil eisíocaíochtaí móra acu, d'fhonn a gcuid ceangaltas airgeadais a chomhlíonadh le linn thréimhse dianghlásála na paidéime. Ba é an

toradh a bhí air gur pléadh é agus gur cuireadh tús leis. Cuireadh tionchar i bhfeidhm agus tugadh cúnamh do ghrúpaí.

Cuireadh Foghrúpa WCRF um Fhanacht Nasctha agus Do Ghiúmar a Bhainistiú ar bun mar chuid den Fheachtas Keep Well chun tionscnaimh áitiúla a chomhordú, a chur in iúl, a phoibliú, agus tacú leo ar cuireadh ar bun iad chun folláine agus teacht aniar an phobail a chur chun cinn agus a éascú i gcomhréir leis an bhfeachtas náisiúnta Keep Well – Growing Our Resilience.

Moladh ó Chomhchoiste Póilíneachta: Ardaíodh an cheist maidir le Drochíde Baile agus iompraíocht Frithshóisialta. 2. Leagadh béim, in éineacht le comhairleoirí áitiúla, ar an ngá atá le Gardaí pobail, a mheastar gur fadhb mhór is ea líon beag díobh i gContae Chill Mhantáin. Toradh: 1. Cuireadh an mhír seo san áireamh mar thosaíocht go háirithe le linn Covid; 2. Cuireadh in iúl go bhfuil na Gardaí ar fad ina nGardaí pobail, ach go bhfuiltear ag súil go dtiocfaidh feabhas ar uimhreacha. Mar sin féin, tarraingíodh aird ar an gceist go minic sa phreas áitiúil ó shin.

Trí rannpháirtíocht an phobail (tríd an PPN) agus ceardlanna rialta agus imeachtaí óráide, cuirtear muinín agus ardán ar fáil do phobail chun teagmháil dhearfach a dhéanamh leis an Údarás Áitiúil. Bhí ról suntasach ag an PPN ó thaobh níos mó daoine a spreagadh le páirt a ghlacadh / a bheith rannpháirteach ina bpobal áitiúil. Rinne an PPN sárbair i ndáil le tacú le daoine teacht le chéile trí dheiseanna ar líne le linn na paidéime.

Fógraíodh an sruth maoinithe suntasach, an Clár Pobail um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide: Oideachas Aeráide, Forbairt Acmhainní agus Foghlaim trí Ghníomhaíocht (Snáithe 2) i lár mhí na Samhna. Tionóladh cruinniú d'ionadaithe um Chomhshaol agus Chuimsiú Sóisialta an PPN chun iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar an bhféidearthacht i ndáil le comhoibriú le contaetha agus eagraíochtaí eile chun iarratas a fhorbairt dó seo. Ó shin i leith, rinne ár PPN éascaíocht ar chomhráití agus tionóladh cruinnithe le PPNanna, Údaráis Áitiúla, Pobail um Fhuinneamh Inbhuanaithe (SEC) agus Meantóirí SEC i gCill Dara agus sa Mhí mar aon le ceanneagraíochtaí féideartha, lena n-áirítear IEN, Three Energy, Ollscoil na hÉireann (NUI), Má Nuad, agus Nasc Tuaithe na hÉireann. Tá spéis ann an t-iarratas ar mhaoiniú

a chur chun cinn chun tacú le SEC i gContae Chill Mhantáin, Chill Dara agus na Mí chun dul ar aghaidh óna bPleananna Fuinnimh a fhorbairt go dtí an chéim fhorfheidhmithe. Chomhaontaigh Nasc Tuaithe na hÉireann an príomhról a ghlacadh san iarratas ar mhaoiniú.

Chomhoibríomar ar an Seimineár Gréasáin Fanacht Nasctha agus Do Ghiúmar a Bhainistiú chun an bealach ina bhfuil roinnt grúpaí ag fanacht nasctha agus ag tabhairt aire dá gcomhaltaí le linn na dianghlasála a chur i láthair mar aon le grúpaí a threorú chuig acmhainní úsáideacha. Trí fhoghrúpa an CRF Fanacht Nasctha agus Do Ghiúmar a Bhainistiú, thacaíomar le Grúpa Taistealaithe Chill Mhantáin teacht a bheith acu ar mhaoiniú ón gClár Keep Well le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí lena n-áirítear lá cuimhneacháin do dhaoine a fuair bás mar gheall ar Covid-19 mar aon le gníomhaíochtaí ar tríothu sin a athnascfar daoine trí ghníomhaíochtaí um aosú dearfach agus cuimsiú.

Le linn Covid-19, mar gheall ar naisc a bunaíodh tríd an JPC, rinneadh tairbhe mór dár bpobal le Gardaí agus oibríthe deonacha i dteagmháil lena chéile chun aire a thabhairt do sheandaoine agus daoine leochaileacha inár bpobal. Chomh maith leis sin, nuair a chuireann comhaltaí den PPN fadhbanna nó réimse áirithe faoi bhráid na nGardaí, arbh amhlaidh an cás le pluais drugaí (áitiúil), rinneadh leas don phobal ar an toirt, mar gheall ar an laghdú ar dhrugaí a bhí ar fáil.

Glao an Phobail: Chuir Oibrí Acmhainní PPN ról agus an méid a d'fhoghlaim PPN Chill Mhantáin agus PPNanna ar bhonn náisiúnta i láthair ag seimineár gréasáin na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, Glao an Phobail: Ag Foghlaim don Todhchaí. D'fhreastail breis agus 300 toscaire agus ionadaíocht á déanamh ar an rialtas náisiúnta, rialtas áitiúil, PPNanna, agus gníomhaireachtaí pobail agus reachtúla.

Rinne an SPC um Chomhshaol agus Gníomhaíocht Bhithéagsúlachta roinnt moltaí: An Polasaí um Chrainn a Bhainistiú a athrú ó bhonn agus 3 bhabhta aighneachtaí; an úsáid a bhaintear as LEDanna a athrú ó bhonn; 3. Achomharc, Powerpoint chun dúnta cnoic a chosaint, 4. Iarr cur i láthair maidir le huiscí a bhainistiú, 5. Iarr go ndéanfaí crainn aibí agus conairí fálda sreach a chosaint trí na torthaí seo a leanas: 1. Foilsithe 2. á thógáil 3. Á bhreithniú 4. Tugtha 5. Leanúnach, Polasaí ar leith maidir le Fálda Sreach a Bhainistiú comhaontaithe i bpáirt faoi láthair.

Moladh ón gCoiste um Sheirbhísí do Leanaí agus Daoine Óga: Smaoineamh le haghaidh clár oideachais piarthreoraithe do dhaoine óga. Toradh: Táthar ag obair ar mholadh agus tá an coiste ag súil le hiarratas a dhéanamh dó nuair a bheidh sé ar fáil.

Cuireann an PPN grúpaí pobail ar an eolas i gcónaí maidir le deiseanna maoinithe atá ag teacht aníos. Chomh maith leis sin cuireann sé rochtain ar fáil i gcónaí ar mhodúil thraenála do phobail maidir le rialachas, iarratais ar mhaoiniú, bealaí chun dul chun cainte le hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus comhlachtaí rialtais etc.

Aguisín 4

Tuairimí maidir le hIonadaíocht/Comhairliúchán/ Samplaí de Chomhairliúchán

Ceatharlach

Bíonn deacrachtaí ag Ionadaithe PPN fós nuair a dhéanann siad iarracht a ról mar ionadaí a fheidhmiú. Is mar gheall ar mhoill ar fhaisnéis ag teacht tríd ó na Cathaoirligh SPC, (Cláir Oibre agus Miontuairiscí) é seo go príomha. Chomh maith leis sin, tá easpa tuisciana ar an teanga a úsáidtear ag na cruinnithe seo (d'Ionadaithe), agus dá bharr sin, tá oiliúint ag teastáil. Tá sé riachtanach don Ionadaí Tofa freisin tuiscint níos fearr a fháil ar ról an PPN agus ról na n-ionadaithe, le go n-éireodh leis amach anseo. D'fhonn an úsáid a bhaintear as Foireann Uirlisí PPN Cheatharlach. Tá go leor leideanna agus uirlisí úsáideacha ann i leith comhairliúcháin éifeachtach. Chomh maith leis sin, tá oiliúint abhcóideachta ag teastáil.

An Cabhán

Tuilleadh gníomhaíochta cuimsithe sa phróiseas.

An Clár

Bíonn éagsúlacht mhór idir eispéiris Ionadaithe ar na coistí. Cé go mbraitheann cuid acu go dtugann an t-údarás áitiúil an-tacaíocht dóibh ina ról, braitheann roinnt eile gur annamh a léirítear a n-ionchur agus aighneachtaí sa pholasáí. D'éirigh le roinnt ionadaithe tionscnaimh a mholadh dá gcoiste ach braitheann go leor eile nach n-imríonn na coiste ar a suíonn siad tionchar ar chinnteoireacht ach go gcaitear an t-am le cuir i láthair, ina gcuirtear an coiste ar an eolas faoin méid atá cinnte cheana féin seachas fáilte a chur roimh ionchur. Bíonn sé deacair ar Ionadaithe na gníomhartha dáiríre a thagann as na coistí a fheiceáil agus d'iarr siad Ráiteas Torthaí ag deireadh gach aon chruinnithe. Braitheann roinnt ionadaithe nach meastar iad bheith ina n-acmhainn ach ina ionad sin meastar iad bheith ina gconstaic nó ina 'madra faire'.

Tríd is tríd, tá mothú díomá i gceist agus dá bharr sin, bíonn deacrachtaí i gceist le hionadaithe a earcú agus gan aon iomaíocht i gceist i bhformhór na dtoghcháin. Bhain na hionadaithe a ghlac páirt in oiliúint Pobail Inniúla a Chruthú an-tairbhe aisti agus braitheann siad gur chóir do níos mó páirtithe leasmhara páirt a ghlacadh d'fhonn próifíl agus an tuiscint atá ar PPNanna a mhéadú.

Cuireann PPN an Chláir iarracht mhór in aighneachtaí, idir chomhairliúcháin a reáchtáil, dhul i dteagmháil le saineolaithe (ár n-ionadaithe agus grúpa comhaltaí san áireamh) agus dréachtú agus scaipeadh roimh chur isteach. Faoi láthair, tá sé deacair a dhearbhu an bealach ina ndéantar aighneachtaí a láimhseáil, a mheas agus a ualú i ndiaidh don údarás áitiúil nó comhlacht comhairleach eile iad a fháil. Bheadh sé tairbheach creat a fhorbairt ar trí sin a ndéanfaí comhairliúcháin a mheas agus aiseolas a chur ar fáil agus ar trí sin a chuirfí trédhearcacht ar fáil agus a ndéanfaí éascaíocht ar fheabhsuithe ar aighneachtaí ina dhiaidh sin. Is cosúil go bhfuil tairseach comhairliúcháin an Rialtais fós ag céim na béite, tá na scagairí uireasach, agus níl mórán faisnéis ann. Molann PPN an Chláir go n-ardófaí an tairseach go caighdeán inghlactha agus go n-ordófaí do gach Údarás Áitiúil agus Roinn Rialtais a gcuid comhairliúcháin a phostáil ansin go tráthúil.

Contae Chorcaí

Eagraíonn comhlachtaí comhairliúcháin imeachtaí tiomnaithe comhairliúcháin PPN ina mbailítear ionchur ón PPN.

Dún na nGall

Tá oiliúint ag teastáil do Chathaoirligh Coiste/ Tá athruithe ag teastáil laistigh de struchtúir SPC. Creataí ama níos faide de dhíth.

Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath

Tá caidreamh maith oibre ag PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath le Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath. Go háirithe leis an LCDC, an t-oifigeach Cuimsithe, agus an grúpa oibre um Shiúl agus Rothaíocht. Faoi láthair, seoltar faisnéis chuig an PPN lena scaipeadh ar an PPN níos leithne ar bhonn ad hoc. Más féidir, bheadh sé tairbheach don líonra dá bhféadfaí faisnéis a sheoladh chuig an PPN maidir le comhairliúcháin le neart ama chun iad a phleanáil isteach in obair lárnach eile, ar nós cruinnithe den ghrúpa nascála atá beartaithe cheana féin nó gníomhaíochtaí eile. Ar an gcaoi sin, d'fhéadfadh an comhairliúchán bheith níos comhtháite in obair eile de chuid an PPN, agus ní bheadh daoine curtha as alt an oiread sin i ndáil le hiad a chur i gcomhthéacs agus iad a ghlacadh isteach ina ndialanna atá lán cheana féin. D'fhéadfadh sé gur mhaith le hÚdarás Áitiúla plean oibre an PPN a chomhroinnt leis na ranna ar fad, ionas go bhféadfaí pleanáil a dhéanamh, nó seachas sin d'fhéadfadh sé gur mhaith le níos mó ranna teacht chuig cruinnithe agus imeachtaí den PPN atá beartaithe cheana féin.

Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin

Bunaithe ar an taithí atá againn, ba mhaith linn an méid seo a leanas a mholadh, is minic go mbaineann rannpháirtithe ciall as an téarma 'Folláine' i gcomhthéacs na meabhairshláinte amháin. Dá bharr sin, bíonn sé deacair agus ina údar mearbhaill do dhaoine é a chur faoina mbráid, toisc nach bhfuil siad toilteanach páirt a ghlacadh i rud éigin nach dtuigeann siad nó nach féidir leo iontamhlú leis. Is tionscadal an-mhór é – an próiseas pleanála, glacann sé am sonraí a bhailiú agus a thiomsú, a bhfuil acmhainní leordhóthanacha agus cearta ag teastáil ina leith. Ar an drochuair, chonaiceamar nach raibh acmhainní a chuireamar ar fáil do PPNanna roimh an bpaindéim i bhfeidhm a thuilleadh le linn na paindéime. Mar gheall air sin, cuireadh ualach ar fad an tionscadail ina leagan ar líne (mar gheall ar na srianta a chuir an Rialtas i bhfeidhm) ar Rúnaíocht agus ar bhail foirne an PPN DLR. Ní mór dúinn a threisiú go bhfuil an luach atá leis an tionscadal seo sna sonraí a bhailítear, agus ní sa ráiteas deiridh. Bhí sé de cheart córas ar leith chun sonraí a chartlannú a fhorbairt agus an córas céanna bheith á úsáid ag na PPNanna ar fad d'fhonn aonfhoirmeacht sa phróiseas a chinntiú.

Fine Gall

Ba chóir tús a chur leis an bpróiseas comhairliúcháin sula n-eisítear glao ar aighneachtaí. Ba chóir úsáid a bhaint as teanga chúí lena chinntiú gur féidir le gach duine é a thuiscint go héasca.

Cathair na Gaillimhe

Tá frustrachas léirithe ag ionadaithe PPN i ndáil leis an easpa tionchair atá acu ar pholasaí a chruthú, a fhorbairt agus a mhonatóiriú. In ainneoin fheidhm an SPC arb é 'cuidiú leis an gcomhairle trí pholasaí a leagan amach, a fhorbairt, a mhonatóiriú agus a athbhreithniú' níor tugadh mórán de dheis d'ionadaithe SPC tabhairt faoi pholasaí a leagan amach, a fhorbairt, a mhonatóiriú agus a athbhreithniú. Mar gheall air sin, d'éirigh na hionadaithe as páirt a ghlacadh ar na SPCanna um lompar agus Pleanáil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2020. Tugadh faoi phróiseas idirghabhála idir GCCN agus GCC chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar roinnt de na saincheisteanna seo ach níor cuireadh torthaí an phróisis i bhfeidhm ó shin áfach ó cuireadh deireadh leis an bpróiseas pleanála i mí an Mheithimh 2021. Caitear formhór den am atá ag SPCanna le cuir i láthair agus níor cuireadh mórán ama ar fáil chun plé a dhéanamh maidir le polasaí. D'éirigh le roinnt ionadaithe rúin a mholadh a tugadh ar aghaidh chuig cruinnithe iomlána den Chomhairle le vóta a chaitheamh orthu. I gcásanna eile, ní thugtar moltaí/rúin a comhaontaíodh ag an SPC ar aghaidh chuig cruinnithe iomlána den chomhairle.

Tugann eagraíochtaí comhaltaí GCCN aiseolas go rialta in ainneoin go gcaitear méid suntasach ama ar fhreagraí fianaisebhunaithe a fhorbairt bunaithe ar fhreagra ar chomhairliúcháin, is annamh a chuirtear iad san áireamh ná a léirítear iad sna dréachtaí deiridh. D'fhéadfaí an comhairliúchán a fheabhsú dá ndéanfaí teagmháil níos fiúntaí le linn na gcéimeanna tosaigh den phróiseas nuair a d'fhéadfaí tionchar a imirt ar an bpolasaí. Tá claonadh ag comhairliúcháin phoiblí an tábhacht chéanna a thabhairt d'aighneachtaí aonair, a d'fhéadfadh bheith bunaithe ar thuairim aonair, agus freagraí comhchoiteanna bunaithe ar sheasaimh réamhbheartaithe. Creidimid go ndéanfaí é seo a fheabhsú trí thábhacht agus breithniúchán breise a thabhairt d'aighneachtaí ó eagraíochtaí agus líonraí ar nós GCCN. Ina theannta sin, is minic nach dtugtar fógra nó am leordhóthanach le go bhféadfadh an Líonra Pobail

Chathair na Gaillimhe Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe agus na baill aon chineál comhairliúcháin nó rannpháirtíochta fiúntach a bheith acu sa phróiseas. Chruthaigh GCCN ‘Treoirínte le haghaidh Rannpháirtíocht Rathúil an Phobail’ ina léirítear treoirínte na Roinne Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe (DEPR) maidir le comhairliúchán agus bheadh sé ina chuidiú dá gcloífi leo. D’áireofaí leis sin comhairliúcháin a reáchtáil i gceantair gheografacha lasmuigh de lár na cathrach, ar trí sin a bheadh teacht níos éasca ar chomhairliúcháin, agus ar trí sin a rachfaí i dteagmháil le grúpaí a n-imríonn an próiseas cinnteoireachta tionchar díreach orthu agus ina mbreathnófaí ar mhodhanna malartacha agus níos idirghníomhaí le haghaidh comhairliúcháin. D’fhonn cur i gcéill a sheachaint, agus lena chinntiú go bhfuil an rannpháirtíocht ina rannpháirtíocht fhiúntach, tugadh coincheap an aiseolais isteach i cleachtais rannpháirtíochta do leanaí agus daoine óga. Tá forbairt mhaith déanta ar an bPolasaí seo ag an Leibhéal Náisiúnta (An Creat Náisiúnta do Rannpháirtíocht Leanaí agus Daoine Óga i gCinnteoireacht, 2021). Is obair de chuid Laura Lundy (2007, 2019) é seo, a mholann ceithre ‘F’ sa phróiseas aiseolais do chomhairliúcháin nó próisis chinnteoireachta le leanaí agus daoine óga. Is iad seo:

Iomlán: Aiseolas cuimsitheach a chur ar fáil do leanaí agus daoine óga ina leagtar amach na tuairimí a bhí acu ar glacadh leo, nár glacadh leo agus na cúiseanna i leith na gcinntí sin. Chomh maith leis sin, ba chóir go luafaí san aiseolas seo cé atá chun a dtuairimí a chur i bhfeidhm agus céard é an chéad rud eile a tharlódh;

Cairdiúil: Ní mór go mbeadh aiseolas nó freagraí a thugann cinnteoirí ar leanaí nó daoine óga a bheith i leagan amach agus teanga a thuigeann siad. Ní mór iad a chur ar an eolas maidir le torthaí an chomhairliúcháin agus faoin gcaoi inar tugadh tábhacht chuif dá dtuairimí;

Tapa: Fásann leanaí agus daoine óga aníos go tapa agus bogann siad ar aghaidh ó rudaí a bhfuil baint acu leo, dá bharr sin, ní mór do chinnteoirí aiseolas a thabhairt dóibh ina n-admhaítear a n-ionchur, ina leagtar amach dul chun cinn ar dtús agus ina dtugtar faisnéis maidir leis na chéad chéimeanna eile chomh

luath agus is féidir. Baineann sé seo le gach céim agus forbairt;

Leanacht Suas: Ní mór do chinnteoirí aiseolas agus faisnéis a chur ar fáil do leanaí agus daoine óga ar bhonn leanúnach ar fud na bpróiseas déanta polasaí nó cinnteoireachta.

Má tá próisis rannpháirtíochta poiblí ann chun cuntasacht a chinntiú, ionchais réalaíocha a bhainistiú, cur i gcéill agus tuirse comhairliúcháin a sheachaint, le linn tacú le rannpháirtíocht fhiúntach, ní mór an ghné seo de rannpháirtíocht a thabhairt isteach sa chleachtas. Is rud é seo atá ag an luathchéim bhreithnithe sa Scottish National Standards for Community Engagement, ina bhfacthas go raibh cumarsáid leanúnach ina chuid ríthábhachtach den phróiseas, mar sin féin, cuireann na treoirínte don óige sampla ar mar is féidir cuntasacht agus trédhearcacht a fheabhsú trí fhócas ar leith ar na próisis agus réasúnaíocht i ndáil le cinnteoireacht.

Contae na Gaillimhe

Ba chóir faisnéis maidir le comhairliúcháin a sheoladh amach go tráthúil lena chinntiú go bhfuil a ndóthain ama ag comhaltaí an PPN páirt a ghlacadh.

Ciarraí

Ós rud é go bhfuil nascadh leis an PPN neadaithe sa pholasaí, cuirtear na ranna ar fad ar an eolas maidir le PPNanna agus cuirtear oideachas orthu mar gheall orthu. Is obair gan deireadh agus obair an-tuirsiúil a bheith ag míniú ar bhonn seasta, cad iad na PPNanna. D’fhéadfadh an DRCD tacaíocht cheart a thabhairt sa treoir seo do na LANNA. Faoi láthair, níl mórán sa nasc ach cleachtadh ticbhosca agus ní féidir brath air, ag brath ar an duine lena bhfuil tú ag nascadh seachas mar a bhaineann leis na PPNanna. Ní mór go mbeadh comhoibriú agus comhpháirtíocht cheart agus iontaofa ann d’fhonn athrú agus éifeachtacht fhadtéarmach a chumasú.

Cill Dara

Go maith tríd is tríd. Rialaíonn an LA an próiseas agus cuirtear fáilte roimh a laghad ionadaíochta PPN. Is é an dúshlán atá i gceist a chur ina luí ar na hionadaithe PPN comhoibriú. Dá mbeadh comhoibriú níos láidre i measc ionadaithe PPN, bheadh sé i bhfad níos éasca an clár oibre PPN a chur i bhfeidhm. B'fhéidir go mbeadh an straitéis náisiúnta cumarsáide ina cuidiú toisc nach dtuigeann gach duine an tábhacht atá le comhairliúcháin agus an cuspóir atá leo. Fiú agus na PPNanna á mbrú, dá dtabharfaí roinnt fócais dóibh trí fheachtas náisiúnta, bheadh sé ina chuidiú. Rinneadh aiseolas i ndiaidh aighneachta agus dá bharr sin, is féidir linn rath na haighneachta a thomhas thar ceann eagraíochtaí comhalta.

Cill Chainnigh

Tá sé mar a chéile le blianta roimhe seo i gcónaí in ainneoin achoimre a thabhairt ar an eispéireas leis an Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse. Mar sin féin, go príomha, tá an caidreamh le Comhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh go maith, tá easpa tuisceana i gceist maidir le hobair an PPN i ngach aicme. Bhí eispéireas ár n-ionadaithe ina eispéireas diúltach i ndáil le SPCanna agus an LCDC bíodh is gur tháinig feabhas ar an gceann deiridh le míonna beaga anuas. Bíonn sé deacair ag go leor daoine míreanna a chur ar an gclár oibre agus faisnéis a fháil roimh chruinniú. Braitheann siad go bhfuil an caidreamh ina chur i gcéill agus go leor cinntí déanta nó comhaontaithe roimh chruinniú. Chuir ionadaí amháin síos ar shampla ina ndéanfaidh ionadaithe áitiúla comhaontú i ndáil le mír a mholadh agus a aontú gan plé ar bith a dhéanamh. Fadhb amháin ab ea easpa freagra tráthúil a thabhairt ar cheisteanna agus aighneachtaí agus braitheann go leor ionadaithe agus comhaltaí an ghrúpa nascála go bhfuil easpa measa ar a bpoist faoi seach agus ar an PPN ar an iomlán.

Ní mór iad a shimpliú toisc go raibh an próiseas ró-chasta agus ró-fhada. Mar gheall ar an fhaisnéis a fuarthas ó gach aon cheardlann a chomhdhlúthú ina "Fís d'Fholláine an Phobail" san iomlán, cailleadh brí agus bhí neamhábharthacht i gceist.

Laois

A bheith curtha ar an eolas ar bhealach tráthúil. Ba cheart go mbeadh tosaíocht ag an PPN maidir le fógraí faoi chomhairliúcháin.

Luimneach

Tá an Rúnaíocht, ionadaithe an PPN agus Grúpaí Nascála ag obair go maith leis an údarás áitiúil. Bheadh sé ina chuidiú réamhfhógra leordhóthanach a fháil maidir le comhairliúcháin atá ar tí tarlú toisc gur próiseas fada atá i gceist nuair a iarrtar ionadaí do grúpa stiúrtha nua nó suíochán SPC.

An Longfort

An cur chuige cumaiscthe a choinneáil. Tá an cur chuige ar líne ag obair go maith do roinnt comhaltaí. Bí feasach ar chúlra oideachais daoine. Cinntigh go bhfreastalaítear ar dhaoine faoi mhíchumas.

Lú

Chuideodh comhairliúcháin tráthnóna, mar gur minic a bhíonn Oibrithe Deonacha ag obair i bpoist lánaimseartha i gcaitheamh an lae.

Maigh Eo

Úsáid a bhaint as teideal eile seachas 'Fís Folláine'. Ónár dtaithí i bhfógraíocht, meastar an Ráiteas Folláine bheith ina fhís mheabhairshláinte agus folláine. Cé go gclúdaíonn sé folláine, tá i bhfad níos mó ná sin i gceist. Moltaí atá le cur san áireamh ná úsáid a bhaint as ardán ar líne agus ceardlann comhairliúcháin amháin i bpearsa. Ós rud é gur contae mór tuaithe is ea Contae Mhaigh Eo, bheadh ar ghrúpa pobail fós taisteal 30km chuig ceann de na ceardlanna comhairliúcháin. Tá an líon is mó daoine ná riamh ag freastal ar chúrsaí faisnéise agus oiliúna ar líne de chuid PPN Mhaigh Eo ó tháinig Covid-19 chun cinn in 2020.

An Mhí

Creataí ama do dhátaí do SPC leagtha síos faoi ghearrfhógra; tá sé dúshlánach iad a roinnt le comhaltaí PPN agus ionchur a fháil uathu agus a bheith i láthair ag na cruinnithe seo ar fad gan mórán fógra a fháil. D'fhonn go mbeadh ionadaí in ann a ról a chur i gcrích go héifeachtach, ní mór sraith dátaí agus doiciméid a leagan amach roimh ré ionas go mbeidh teacht ar thuairimí. Dá ndéanfaí forbairt ar líonraí struchtúrtha laistigh den PPN thioctadh feabhas ar an gcaoi a mbíonn na comhairliúcháin dírithe agus ar ullmhú aighneachtaí comhoibríocha. Eisítear fógraí comhairliúcháin chuig an líonra ina iomláine. Chuirfeadh struchtúir chomhoibríocha trascholúin feabhas ar chaighdeán agus ar chomhordú na rannpháirtíochta sa chomhairliúchán agus ar na haighneachtaí. Chuideodh soiléireacht agus feiceálacht maidir leis an tionchar a bhíonn ag na haighneachtaí ar na próisis chinnteoireachta/phleanála/mheastóireachta le feabhas a chur ar an bpróiseas comhairliúcháin.

Muineachán

Níos mó ama a thabhairt chun dul i gcomhairle le comhaltaí mar is ceart, agus aiseolas a thabhairt do chomhaltaí i ndiaidh aon chomhairliúcháin.

Uíbh Fhailí

Treoir inmheánach ón LA go ndéanfaí gach Comhairliúchán Pobail a scaipeadh tríd an PPN.

Ros Comáin

Tréimhse ama níos faide i leith comhairliúcháin maidir le dréachtdhoiciméid.

Sligeach

Dearfach ó thaobh míreanna a chur ar an gclár oibre agus am a fháil chun labhairt ag cruinnithe ach níl aon athrú follasach le sonrú ar an talmh. Cuireann an LA achtanna/rialacháin reachtacha rialtais áitiúil i bhfeidhm. Tá sé d'óibleagáid orthu cur suas leis an PPN ach níl orthu aon rud a chur i bhfeidhm. Ba chóir dúinn tacú le seasamh neamhspleách an PPN mar eintiteas. Tá ról an ionadaí PPN ina ról úsáideach mar ghairmí chun líonrú a dhéanamh. Tá an cheardlann fhoirmiúil an-tarraingteach agus éifeachtach. Ba chóir é a dhéanamh mar chur chuige comhphárteach le heagraíochtaí

barrthábhachtacha eile / LCDC mar cuireann ceannaireacht PPN teorainn leis an réimse tionchair mar, ar an drochuair, ní i gcónaí a thacaíonn eagraíochtaí reachtúla eile le hobair an PPN agus ní leagtar a dóthain béime ón mbarr maidir leis an mbealach inar chóir do LAnna dul i ngleic leis an obair a dhéanann PPNanna.

Baile Átha Cliath Theas

Fógra níos mó a thabhairt don PPN maidir le comhairliúcháin atá le teacht. Déanann an LA dearmad eolas a chur ar fáil uaireanta - ach tá feabhas mór tagtha air sin in 2021.

Tiobraid Árann

Thug an Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí treoir do SPCanna tuilleadh teagmhála a dhéanamh leis an PPN agus a chuid ionadaithe le go mbeadh páirt níos mó acu. Ós rud é go bhfuil díriú idirghníomhaireachta níos mó ag an LCDC, leanann sé d'fheasacht níos mó bheith aige ar chomhionannas rannpháirtíochta. Mar sin féin, d'fhéadfadh an ról mar ionadaí PPN ar an LCDC, agus ar bhoird eile bheith ina ról thar a bheith tuirsiúil toisc nach oibríthe íoctha iad a bhfuil sé mar chuid dá bpost é fíos a bheith acu céard atá ag tarlú. Ciallaíonn sé sin go bhfuil a lán ama breise ag teastáil le bheith go hiomlán ar an eolas, doiciméid a léamh agus aon nuashonruithe ábhartha ar pholasaí a leanúint. D'éirigh ionadaí nuathofa PPN LCDC um Chuimsiú Sóisialta as gan ach cúpla mí caite mar gheall ar na cruinnithe LCDC i rith an lae, toisc gur oibrigh sé go lánaimseartha agus ní raibh aon phlé i dtaca leis an am cruinnithe a athrú. Tá tromlach mór ag an gcomhairle in SPCanna i gcónaí a d'fhéadfadh bheith scáfar d'ionadaithe ar bheagán taithí agus ar féidir cosc a chur orthu páirt iomlán a ghlacadh. Cé gur comhcheanglaíodh an contae go hoifigiúil i mí an Mheithimh 2014, in go leor gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí maoinithe, tá Contae Thiobraid Árann fós deighilte go straitéiseach in dhá cheantar ar leith, go háirithe trí CHOnna (Eagraíochtaí Cúraim Sláinte Pobail) an HSE. Déanann sé seo aon phróiseas comhairliúcháin tríd an TPPN nach bhfuil dírithe ar an gcontae san iomlán níos casta. Theastódh comhaontú ginearálta ina leith, ar dócha go bhfuil sé dodhéanta e.g. ceantair HSE, Cuideachta Forbartha Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh agus Theas, SERDATF, le hoibriú leis an gcontae san iomlán. Is minic a bhíonn tréimhse níos faide ag teastáil roimh an spriocdháta don chomhairliúchán mar thacaíocht phraiticiúil le go mbeadh an PPN in ann rannpháirtíocht MD a mhéadú agus a ghníomhachtú, trí fheasacht a ardú agus tacaíochtaí a chur ar fáil maidir le haighneacht a dhéanamh i ndáil leis an gcomhairliúchán.

Dá mbeadh níos mó acmhainní ar fáil, bheadh sé ina píosa maith oibre seisiúin buail isteach, i bpearsa, tacaíochta d'aghneachtaí a fhorbairt ós rud é go bhfuil deireadh le srianta Covid-19 anois. Tríthu seo, d'fhéadfaí nascadh le grúpaí comhaltaí aonair a mhéadú mar aon le spéis agus muinín a mhéadú ó thaobh tabhairt faoi dheiseanna comhairliúcháin phoiblí. Trí aitheantas a fháil mar chuid uathoibríoch d'aon chomhairliúchán náisiúnta, mhéadófaí deiseanna do PPNanna agus dá ngrúpaí gníomhú níos minice i gcomhairliúcháin agus d'fhéadfadh an píosa oibre seo bheith ina gné rialta ar dá réir sin a mhéadófaí taithí i leith rannpháirtíochta agus a n-ardófaí caighdeán na n-aghneachtaí.

Port Láirge

Tá an caidreamh leis an LA ina chaidreamh maith ach tá sé go mór faoi stiúir an LA; mar sin féin, tá ag éirí níos fearr leis an PPN saincheisteanna a chur ar na cláir oibre. Mar gheall ar chumarsáid ó na Ranna agus béarla gearr níos éasca, tá sé éasca agus tarraingteach do dhaoine aiseolas a thabhairt. Ceapann an chuid is mó de dhaoine go bhfuil comhairliúcháin ann chun aiseolas diúltach a thabhairt, ní mór aiseolas dearfach a spreagadh tuilleadh agus ní mór go mbeadh sé níos éasca a dhéanamh. Caithfidh siad seo gan bheith ina gcleachtaí ticbhosca agus ní mór saoránaigh a spreagadh chun aiseolas a chur ar fáil ar bhealaí éagsúla.

An Iarmhí

Ba chóir doiciméid don chruinniú a eisiúint go tráthúil, chun cur ar chumas ionadaithe PPN dul i gcomhairle le grúpaí iomlánacha agus/nó Nascála PPN. Ba chóir go mbeadh an PPN in ann míreanna a chur san áireamh ar chláir oibre. Ní i gcónaí a oireann amanna cruinnithe d'ionadaithe deonacha PPN. Breithniú a dhéanamh gur chóir go mbeadh PPN ina mhír sheasta ar chláir oibre. Ba chóir don choiste oiliúint ionduchtaithe a chur ar fáil d'ionadaithe PPN. Ba chóir an PPN a chur san áireamh i ngach comhairliúchán LA agus Rialtais. Tuilleadh ama – In go leor cásanna, bíonn comhairliúcháin oscailte ar feadh tréimhse ama ró-ghearr le haghaidh comhairliúcháin leordhóthanach. Chomh maith leis sin, ní chuirtear na PPNanna ar an eolas go tráthúil. Ba cheart go mbeadh an t-eolas faoi na comhairliúcháin éasca le tuiscint, chun go mbeifí níos fearr ar an eolas agus an comhairliúcháin ar bun. Ba chóir go n-iarrfadh na coistí/na fóraim ar na PPNanna grúpaí fócais a bhunú agus é seo a chur san áireamh

mar chuid den chomhairliúchán. Agus an deighilt dhigiteach á cur san áireamh, ba chóir go mbeadh an oiread modhanna agus is féidir oscailte do dhaoine lena gceadú (ar líne/post/cruinnithe etc).

Loch Garman

Níos nó cumarsáide le hlonadaithe go háirithe ag cruinnithe MD.

Cill Mhantáin

Tuairiscíonn ionadaithe cé go bhfuil caidrimh mhaithe agus obair i comhar thionscadail (go príomha) idir an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an PPN/grúpaí Pobail, is beag ionchur a dhéantar i dtaobh polasaí. Tá cruinnithe dírithe den chuid is mó ar obair a chur i láthair atá déanta nó sin atá aontaithe agus ar tí tarlú. Is é an príomhbhuntaíste a bhaineann le rannpháirtíocht sa PPN ná an deis atá ann eolas a mhalartú. Ba chóir comhairliúcháin a sheachaint nuair a bhíonn, go hiondúil, formhór na ndaoine ar saoire i.e., i rith na Nollag, um Cháisc nó sa Samhradh. Má theastaítear comhairliúcháin a reáchtáil le linn na n-amanna seo, ba chóir don tréimhse saoirí a ghlacadh san áireamh. Ba cheart na tréimhsí ama a thugtar do na comhairliúcháin a bheith sách fada, 2 mhí ar a laghad, chun go bhféadfadh an PPN dul i gcomhairle le ballgrúpaí, ballgrúpaí dul i gcomhairle lena chéile agus aiseolas a thabhairt don PPN in am le go mbeadh aighneacht i scríbhinn déanta ag an PPN. Ba chóir clár ama do chomhairliúcháin a eisiúint ag deireadh gach bliana chun fógraí a thabhairt do phobail roimh ré agus chun cuidiú leo ullmhú do na cinn atá siad ag iarraidh cur leo go háirithe. Ba cheart do Ranna dul i gcomhairle lena chéile lena chinntiú nach mbíonn comhairliúcháin éagsúla ar ardleibhéal á reáchtáil ag an am céanna. Dá mbeadh córas níos fearr ann chun ionchur an phobail a aithint agus luach a chur air spreagadh sé níos mó rannpháirtíochta e.g., aitheantas a bheith tugtha i gcónaí don rud a bhí le rá ag an bpobal agus léargas a thabhairt ar an gcúis go raibh nó nach raibh na rudaí a bhí ráite á fhorbairt i bhfoirm gnímh. Ba cheart níos mó sineirgí agus comhoibrithe a bheith ann maidir le comhairliúcháin i dtaca le pleananna áitiúla lena n-áirítear Pleananna Forbartha Contae, Pleananna Áitiúla Eacnamaíochta agus Pobail agus Pleananna LEADER. Shábhálfadh sé sin acmhainní airgeadais agus foirne chomh maith leis an tuirse a bhaineann le comhairliúcháin. Ba chóir na PPNanna a bheith ar liostaí cúrsaíochta do gach comhairliúchán rialtais áitiúil agus náisiúnta.

