

# Clare Public Participation Network Report January to March 2021

## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

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**Clare COVID-19 Community Response Helpline**

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support, etc. to those who need it.

**Call: Freephone 1800 203 600**  
**Email: [covidsupport@clarecoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@clarecoco.ie)**



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## Introduction

This is the first quarterly work-report of 2021. We are beyond calling our current situation ‘unprecedented’. We have now moved into another space where we must re-imagine our collective future in the face of the climate catastrophe and increasing economic inequality. Giulia Vallone, architect and urban designer, stated at the launch of #OurRuralFuture, 'We cannot design towns from a desktop. We need to observe and listen'. This applies to every area of our lives. Clare PPN is committed to community consultation and participation so that the experience and expertise of those of living in County Clare is reflected in policy and decision-making at a local and national level to deal with a drastically changed society. Now is the time for fully-informed, concrete action, not soundbites and hashtags.

If you have any questions or comments please contact 087 1617375 or [sarah@clareppn.ie](mailto:sarah@clareppn.ie)

## PPN NEWS

### Emergency motion on CETA passed unanimously by Clare County Council

Clare PPN press release on Clare County Council's passing of an emergency motion 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."*

To read the press release in full, go here: <http://clareppn.ie/ceta-motion-feb2021/>



For more information and to view the Wellbeing Statements [CLICK HERE](#)

### Adoption of County Clare Community Wellbeing Statements

In January 2021, the Clare PPN Secretariat formally adopted the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statements which were produced following extensive consultation throughout each municipal district in the County.

These Statements are aspirational and represent what our members and participants would like for their communities. They will inform Clare PPN consultations and submissions throughout 2021. They will also inform our representatives who are mandated through their elections to speak on behalf of the PPN membership on various Clare County Council committees. They are living documents that will be revised annually.

It was also the perfect time to revise Clare PPN's Vision Statement which can be viewed on page 4.

## WORK OVERVIEW

### Administration:

- Management of finances, banking and invoices
- Processed wages
- Updated CLG trustees with CRO
- Maintained lobbying register
- Produced quarterly report
- Held pre-meetings with reps
- Held three secretariat meetings
- Attended two resource workers meetings
- Attended two meetings with Dept. re annual report
- Hosted meeting with LA liaison officers
- Liaised with Department regarding funding
- Prepared 2021 workplan and budget
- Prepared draft Strategic Plan 2022-2026

### Communications:

- Circulation of grant schemes & event notices
- Three newsletters circulated by email and on social media
- Maintained website (newsletters, reps reports) and social media

### Submissions:

- Irish Water Draft NWRFP submission

### Outreach/Policy Work:

- Assisted in organising Failte Isteach and attended
- Attended Clare Community Response Team and Social Inclusion meetings
- Attended LGBTQ+ project team meetings
- Circulated LGBTQ+ questionnaire
- Organised media training for LGBTQ+ reps
- Attended Traveller Group meetings and made two funding applications
- Held National Water Resources Plan consultation event
- Presented to Men's Sheds Ireland
- Preparatory work on Clare Migrant Forum
- Attended Sligo Traveller Support Group IWD event
- Attended online launch of #OurRuralFuture
- Hosted 'Climate Conversations' event

**Do you live in Clare?**  
**Learn English and make friends**

**FREE** 

- Have fun and meet new people
- Talk about things that interest you
- Practice your English skills with volunteers

**FREE COURSE ON ZOOM - Starting 18th January 2021**  
**for more information contact: failteisteachennis@gmail.com**



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**Clare Migrant Forum**

**Have you come to live in Clare from another country?**  
**What are the issues specifically affecting you as a migrant?**  
**Are you interested in having your voice heard in the community?**  
**Are you curious about public participation in local government policy?**

**Date to be decided**

**Training:**

- Attended CETA training
- Hosted 'Understanding & Using the Sustainable Development Goals'

# County Clare Wellbeing Vision Statement

Clare is a county that values, protects and restores its unique landscape, environment and biodiversity, where sustainable livelihoods are prioritised for this and future generations and where citizens, migrants, ethnic minorities and people of all abilities, age groups and genders can reach their potential in an atmosphere of support, respect and inclusion, and where Local Government is open, transparent, accountable and committed to reducing poverty and marginalisation within the County.

**Our vision is for a County to be part of and a County to be proud of.**

## EVENT REPORTS

### National Water Resources Plan consultation

Clare PPN hosted a consultation workshop in relation to Irish Water's public consultation on its first National Water Resources Draft Framework Plan (NWRDFP) for its environmental college and Clare Environmental Network on February 22nd 2021. This submission is the result of that workshop and previous work done by the above groups in relation to consultations on the management of water and catchment areas.

You can view it here: <http://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Irish-Water-Submission-Clare-PPN-February-2021-Clare-PPN.pdf>

### Understanding & Using the Sustainable Development Goals

On 10th March, a large number of enthusiastic attendees joined Development Perspectives and Clare PPN for a two-hour interactive workshop on implementing the SDGs into their work and activism. The training highlighted the potential that Development Education has in creating transformative change in communities. In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals for a better world by 2030. These goals have the power to end poverty, fight inequality and stop climate change. Guided by the goals, it is now up to all of us, governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for everyone.

### Climate Conversations

Clare PPN was chosen by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to host an online Local Climate Conversation on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## UNDERSTANDING AND USING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### ONLINE TRAINING WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH 2021 @ 7PM

- 01 WHAT ARE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?
- 02 HOW CAN THEY BE USED TO INFORM YOUR WORK?
- 03 HOW CAN THEY MAKE YOUR FUNDING APPLICATIONS STRONGER?
- 04 HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE - LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY?

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development perspectives

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## Engagement

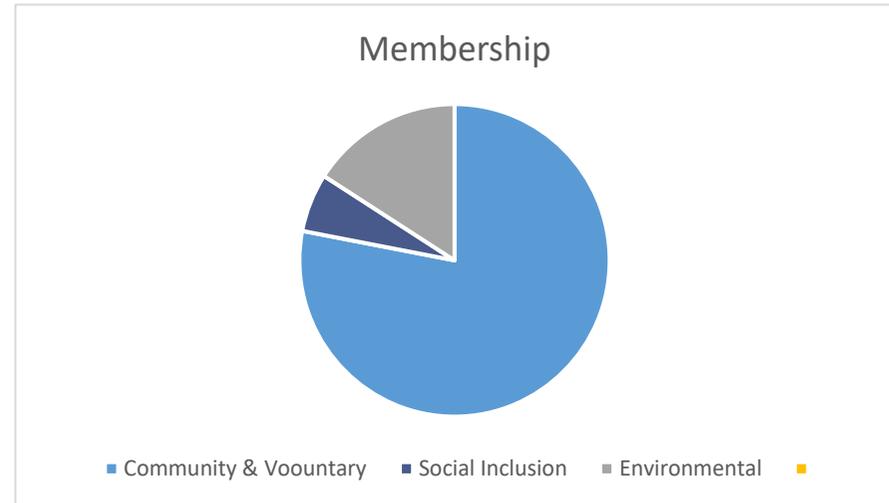
### Membership by college:

Clare PPN currently has 314 member groups:

Community and Voluntary College	245
Environmental College	19
Social Inclusion College	50

### Social Media:

Twitter followers	1,324
Facebook followers	1,887



### *Do you dig the rainbow?*

*Are you part of Clare's LGBTQ+ community? There's still one week to take LGBTQ+ Clare's short survey about the supports and services that would make your life better. LGBTQ+ Clare is a new project that would like to hear from you, and hopefully then we can get a group together to work on the next steps to bringing out the rainbow in the Banner. Survey closes 31st March:*

[https://surveymonkey.com/r/LGBTQ\\_Clare](https://surveymonkey.com/r/LGBTQ_Clare)

## Appendix One:

## Clare PPN mass communications with members – January to March 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject line</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Details</b>
13th Jan	January 2021 Newsletter	All contacts	Newsletter
14th Jan	2021 Workplan, budget and SLA	Secretariat	Documents for review
14th Jan	Launch of report 'Public Participation Networks in Local Government Decision-making	Secretariat	Invite to launch
14th Jan	Launch of report 'Public Participation Networks in Local Government Decision-making	Reps	Invite to launch
21st Jan	Public consultations on issues relating to the environment	Env pillar	Call for consultation
25th Jan	Notice for those who may have travelled from Brazil - for onward circulation	All contacts	COVID notice
3rd Feb	Emergency Council motion on CETA	Env college	Council motion
10th Feb	Notice of Clare PPN Representatives Meeting Wednesday 17th February 7pm	Reps	Meeting notice
10th Feb	CETA motion passed unanimously by Clare County Council	Env college	Council motion
15th Feb	Consultation and information meeting regarding the National Water Resources Plan	All contacts	Call for Consultation
18th Feb	February 2021 Newsletter	All contacts	Newsletter
22nd Feb	Follow up from reps meeting	Reps	Follow up documentation and link
25th Feb	Call for agenda items - Secretariat meeting Tuesday 2nd March 6.30pm	Secretariat	Notice of meeting
2nd Mar	Training, Funding, Free Trees & LGBTQ+Survey	All contacts	Supplementary newsletter
5th Mar	Invitation from Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	All contacts	Invite to Climate Conversations
10th Mar	Financial return 2020	Secretariat	Invite for signatures
22nd Mar	Irish Environmental Network Invitation to Webinar	Env pillar	Invite to webinar
29th Mar	Online Training for Stakeholders of the Public Participation Networks	Reps	Training invite

Appendix Two:

Clare PPN income & expenditure – January to March 2021

### Financial report

Wages	22,431.87
Travel and expenses	-
Rent and Rates	-
Telephone and postage	219.19
Heat & Light	300.00
Insurance	-
Bank charges	80.86
Auditing	-
Training & development	-
IT	536.66
Marketing, promo, advertising	-
Projects & events	-
Meeting costs	51.07
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