

Clare Public Participation Network Report October to December 2022

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Clare PPN co-ordinator Sarah Clancy at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment and Climate Action

Introduction

Clare PPN would like to thank all our volunteer reps and Secretariat member for all their hard work in 2022. It was a very busy year, and we could not do it all without the time, dedication and expertise of the community. For information on our 2022 work report and the proposed 2023 work plan please see PPN News. Also, there you will find a link to the 2021 National Annual Report which was published in November 2022.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact 087 1617375 or sarah@clareppn.ie

PPN NEWS

National PPN Annual Report 2021

The 31 Public Participation Networks around Ireland now boast more than 18,000 member groups and growing. To find out more about what PPNs around the Country are up to, the Annual Report 2021 is available to download from the link below:

<https://assets.gov.ie/241560/6658b85e-79e8-43e6-87deee862ec8f566.pdf>

Clare PPN Annual work report and workplan

At the final plenary meeting of 2022, we presented our Work Report for 2022 and draft Work Plan for 2023. The plan will be ratified in January, and up until that time we welcome your input. If you have any suggestions or comments about the draft Work Plan, please email sarah@clareppn.ie before 15th January.

- The 2022 work report slides can be read here: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Work-report-for-plenary-Dec-2022.pdf>
- You can read our draft work plan for 2023 via this page on our website: <https://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-draft-work-plan-2023/>

Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment and Climate Action

Representatives of three PPNs testified before an Oireachtas Committee this month on the Irish experience of community-led climate action and opportunities for its enhancement. Clare PPN co-ordinator Sarah Clancy was representing the Resource Workers Network of the PPNs across Ireland, while Charles Stanley-Smith and Cliona Kelliher spoke on behalf of Tipperary PPN and Kildare PPN respectively.

You can read the opening statement on behalf of the PPN Resource Workers Network here: <https://clareppn.ie/opening-statement-for-the-jointcommittee-on-the-environment-and-climate-action/>

And here you can watch a video of the (three-hour) Committee session: <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/oireachtas-tv/videoarchive/committees/6721>

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5 Year Anti-Poverty Strategy Update

Clare County Council held a forum to present the Clare PPN Anti-Poverty Strategy to LECP stakeholders. Dr. Conor McCabe made the presentation followed by a questions and answers session. Clare PPN is currently working with Clare County Council on a pilot project that will see socio-economic rights enshrined in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). This work is being funded by POBAL and a tender is currently drawn up for a researcher to lead the project.

WORK OVERVIEW

Administration:

- Management of finances, banking and invoices
- Processed wages
- Produced quarterly report
- Maintained membership register
- Maintained lobbying register
- Held 3 pre-meetings with reps
- Held 2 secretariat meetings
- Held two plenary meetings (online and in person)
- Attended annual report steering group meeting
- Attended Roadmap steering group meeting
- Attended resource workers meeting
- Completed final IHREC accounts and report

Communications:

- Circulation of grants schemes and event notices
- Maintained website (newsletters, reps reports) and social media
- October newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/oct-2022-newsletter.pdf>
- November newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/nov-2022-newsletter.pdf>
- December newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/dec-2022-newsletter.pdf>

Submissions/public consultations this quarter:

Clare PPN's Environmental College recently made two submissions on the topic of biodiversity as part of separate public consultation processes. You can download PDFs of these submissions at the links below.

- Clare PPN submission to the Citizen's Assembly on Biodiversity Loss:
<https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Clare-PPN-Submission-to-Citizens-Assembly-on-Biodiversity-Loss.pdf>
- Clare PPN submission to the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan:
<https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Clare-PPN-Submission-4th-Nat-Biodiversity-Action-Plan-9-Nov-2022.pdf>

The following was submitted to Clare County Council in relation to the Clare Rural Development Strategy

- <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Clare-PPN-Submission-to-the-Review-of-Clare-County-Councils-Rural-Development-Strategy.pdf>

Training/Events

- Presented at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Change
- Delivered 'How to publicise your event' training
- Delivered 'Media Training for Community Activists' training

Media training for community activists

- Dealing with mainstream media
- Writing a press release
- Broadcast interview skills

Saturday 12th November, 10am-4pm

Clare PPN offices, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis

Open to all Clare PPN members

Email newsletter@clareppn.ie to book a place



Clare Public Participation Network

Training: how to publicise your event

How to promote an event using social media, Eventbrite and a simple press release

Tuesday 8th November, 6:30-8:30pm

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Outreach/Policy Work

- Liaised with GOSSH, CLDC, Quare Clare and Women's Collective Clare re Clare Pride Festival and Christmas Party
- Attended Local Community Safety Partnerships Meeting with Joint Policing Committee
- Worked with Clare Co. Co. on pilot community engagement project
- Presented Anti-poverty Strategy to Clare Local Development Network board
- Liaised with HSE, CLDC & WC FRC on Traveller CDP steering group
- Attended LECP forum on the Anti-Poverty Strategy
- Attended two Traveller CDP Steering Group meetings
- Attended the National PPN conference in Portlaoise



Photos of our fantastic Secretariat members from the National PPN conference.

EVENT REPORTS

National PPN conference

Clare PPN staff and Secretariat members attended the National PPN conference in Portlaoise for the first time since it was cancelled in 2020. It was wonderful to meet colleagues from across the country and to put faces to the names and to get our heads together to share ideas and support each other

Quare Clare Christmas Party

Quare Clare had a fantastic Christmas Party which started with a bus from Shannon, through Ennis and on to Doolin for an afternoon of either boardgames by the fire or a hardy walk along the Cliffs of Moher. This was followed by dinner and dancing into the small hours. Clare PPN is a steering group member of Quare Clare.

For more information on please visit the website <https://www.quareclare.ie/> or check out the Facebook and Twitter profiles.

Winter Plenary Meeting

Clare PPN held two plenary meetings in December, one online and one in person, to facilitate maximum participation.. The plenary is the main decision-making body of the PPN and the meetings are for member groups to review the work of the previous quarter and to decide the priorities for the next quarter. Groups also have the option to put forward motions for ratification by the membership.

This December we were warmly welcomed by Mná ag Gáire (Ennis Women's Shed & Ukrainian Hub) for this event and reviewed our work for the year. The plenary minutes can be accessed here: <https://clareppn.ie/plenary-minutes-dec-2022/>



Quare Clare Christmas Party

ENGAGEMENT

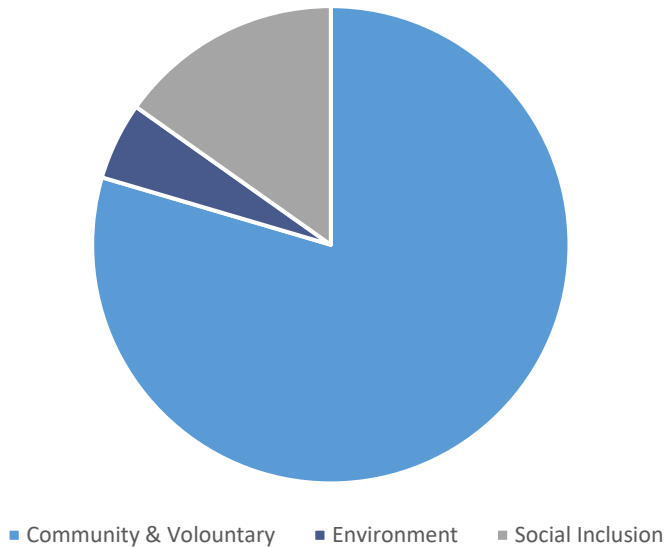
Membership by college:

Clare PPN currently has 362 member groups:

Community and Voluntary College 288

Environmental College 19

Social Inclusion College 55



Social Media:

Twitter followers 1,611

Facebook followers 2,301



Poster for December's plenary meetings

Appendix One:

Clare PPN mass communications with members – October to December 2022

Date	Subject line	Recipients	Reason
15th December	December 2022 Newsletter	All members	Newsletter
15th November	FUNDING- Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS)	All contacts	Funding notice
17th November	Notice of Winter Plenary Meetings – 8th December 2022	All contacts	Plenary notice
17th October	Environmental events and updates	Env College	Notices
20th October	October 2022 Newsletter	All members	Newsletter
23rd November	November 2022 Newsletter	All members	Newsletter
27th October	Biodiversity Meeting and two free media and communications training events	All contacts	Training and meeting notice
5th October	Notice of Secretariat meeting	Secretariat	Meeting notice
5th October	Death Notice	Secretariat	Death notice re: former secretariat member
5th October	Secretariat meeting ZOOM invite Thursday 13th October 7pm	Secretariat	Meeting notice
6th December	Just two days left to register for Clare PPN's Winter Plenary	All contacts	Plenary notice
9th December	Extraordinary Meeting of Clare PPN members Monday 12th December 6.30 pm	All contacts	LCDC & LEADER

Appendix Two:

Clare PPN income & expenditure – October to December 2022

Financial report

Wages	28,007.75
Travel and expenses	1,469.88
Rent and Rates	4,000.00
Telephone and postage	284.01
Printing & Office	256.72
Online communications	51.63
Heat & Light	734.43
Insurance	-
Bank charges	91.64
Auditing	-
Website	500.00
Marketing, promo, advertising	-
Projects & events	3,405.97
Plenary costs	142.04
Meeting expenses	397.42
Maintenance	42.90
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