

# Clare Public Participation Network Report April to June 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

PPNs throughout the country continue to bring diverse voices to policy and decision-making. Clare PPN is no different, leading a Pobal funded project to enshrine a just transition and socio-economic rights in the Local Economic & Community Plan this quarter.

Clare PPN also welcomed a new Secretariat member and two new representatives on board. More elections will be held in September to fill some environmental representative vacancies so keep an eye out for those notices.

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



**Just Transition Workshop and brainstorming session  
at East Clare Community Co-op, Scariff**

## PPN NEWS

### LECP Research and training pilot project on Just Transition and Socio-Economic Rights in Clare

Clare PPN has been in every Municipal District this quarter with TASC as part of our research and training pilot project to inform the Local Economic & Community Plan. Just Transition training was held in Shannon, Scariff, Ennistymon and Ennis while focus groups were held with the assistance of Family Resource Centres in Shannon, Killaloe, Kilrush & Ennistymon. Another focus group was on transport options and was facilitated by Friends of the Earth. Other consultation events were held with young Traveller men, the Ukrainian community. The early findings were shared with elected representatives at a training workshop in Ennis. Clare PPN is delighted with the depth of discussion that has taken place so far and is planning more focus groups before the end of July.

This project has been a huge focus of Clare PPN's work in the last quarter with the help of funding from Pobal through the Dormant Accounts fund, and will inform not just the LECP but will be of huge benefit to all policy and decision-makers when drawing up future plans.



*LECP Project Focus Group in Kilrush Family Resource Centre*



## PPN NEWS

### Successful elections

Clare PPN held elections for various representative roles this quarter. While some were filled a number did not receive nominations and will be advertised again in September. We would like to congratulate those who put their names forward and will support their participation as they represent their college. If you would like to know more about what reps and Secretariat members do, please visit:

Secretariat: <https://clareppn.ie/secretariat/>

Representatives: <https://clareppn.ie/your-ppn-reps/>

In the meantime, let us introduce you to the following successful candidates:

#### Welcome Mary Coffey – Secretariat member for Killaloe Municipal District



Clare PPN is delighted to welcome Mary to the Secretariat of Clare PPN after many years as our community & voluntary representative on the Clare Rural Development Forum. Mary is an active member of the Tuamgraney Development Association and has led projects including the redevelopment of the Parish House to function as a Community Centre and a Biodiversity plan involving the children in the National School. She is also involved with activities in the village including the Community Weekend and the Tuamgraney Harp Festival promoting the village and its environs. Mary is working with Failte Isteach which is a community project involving volunteer English tutors and is currently part of a group assisting with facilitating conversation classes with Ukranian refugees. Mary has worked with both national and international groups relating to improving the safety and quality of radiotherapy delivered to patients as part of their cancer pathway. She has experience of working on a wide range of professional and social groups.

### Welcome Eddie O’Gorman – Community & Voluntary LCDC representative

Eddie has been involved with local groups over the last few years, including Tidy Towns, Killaloe Community Council and Killaloe Ballina Family Resource Centre. Eddie has also organised several community events during Christmas and Easter to help raise money for local families feeling financial stress. Eddie was also involved in the welcoming of Ukrainian refugees and the ongoing support of their needs. Eddie has very strong ties to Killaloe and Clare and often organises community cleanups and repairs on historical sites, school and church grounds and public areas. Eddie is the Vice Chairperson of the recently established Killaloe Community Council.



### Welcome Mary Anne Kearns – Community & Voluntary Rural Development SPC representative

Mary Anne originally from Dublin and living in Clare since the 90’s. A mother who is involved with Family Carers Ireland and Ennis Voices for Autism, she wants to commit to deeper active involvement in the community for present and future generations. She believes that equality, diversity and inclusion are the pillars to creating a positive environment in our community. She also believes in the power of education to have a varied outlook on life. Mary Anne is a passionate fundraiser, working with Laura Lynn, Clare Crusaders, Family Carers Ireland, Haven Horizons and Irish Cancer Society. Her volunteering Mna Ag Gaire started in 2022.



## WORK OVERVIEW

### Administration:

- Routine management of finances, banking and invoices
- Liaised with external auditor
- Processed wages and Revenue returns
- Continued re-registration of membership
- Maintained lobbying register
- Held 8 pre-meetings with reps
- Held elections for reps
- Held information meeting with new reps
- Held plenary meeting
- Held 3 secretariat meetings
- Attended two resource workers meetings
- Quarterly report submitted to Clare County Council
- Held LCDC, SPC and Secretariat elections
- Completed 2022 financial return to Department

### Outreach/Policy Work

- Managed Refugee Fund
- Co-facilitated Just Transition Training in: Shannon, Scariff, Ennistymon and Ennis
- Co-facilitated FRC focus groups in: Shannon, Killaloe, Kilrush & Ennistymon
- Co-facilitated focus group with young Traveller Men
- Co-facilitated focus group with Ukrainian community
- Co-facilitated LECP project meeting with elected officials
- Co-facilitated Transport Workshop with Friends of the Earth
- Attended one annual report steering group meeting
- Attended one Implementation Roadmap steering group meeting
- Marshalled Clare Leader Forum march for services
- Assisted Clare Leader Forum re:
- Co-facilitated MASI training in East Clare Community Co-op
- Continued to liaise with Pobal & Clare Co. Co. on pilot LECP project
- Liaised with HSE, CLDC & WC FRC on Traveller CDP steering group
- Attended launch of Clare Traveller CDP Strategic Plan
- Use of premises by various community groups
- Attended two day Worker's Retreat



TOP: Just Transition event in Templegate Hotel, Ennis

BOTTOM: Focus group with Ukrainian community in Mná ag Gáire



## TRAINING & EVENTS



### Information session on refugees and asylum seekers with Bulelani Mfaco of MASI

Following the upswing in right-wing action against refugees and migrants, Clare PPN ran an in-person information session for community groups and activists in East Clare to dispel the myths being propagated online. Following a factual presentation, Bulelani Mfaco of MASI took questions. It was a very well attended event which was difficult to bring to a close due to the interested participation. A follow up session was requested by those in attendance which will be organised in due course.

### Launch of Clare Traveller CDP Strategic Plan

Clare Traveller CDP's Strategic Plan was launched in May by Minister Joe O'Brien. Clare PPN continues to support the project on the acting steering group as it reaches its goal of becoming fully independent and led by the Traveller community in Clare. The very existence of the Traveller CDP has enriched public consultation in County Clare already, with the participation of an ethnic group that experiences an intersection of discrimination and marginalisation and who have historically struggled to be heard and respected by policy-makers. Traveller input was integral to the report 'Towards and Anti-Poverty strategy for Clare' and will also be included in our current project to enshrine socio-economic rights in the Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2029



## Photos from LECP project training and focus groups



### ENGAGEMENT

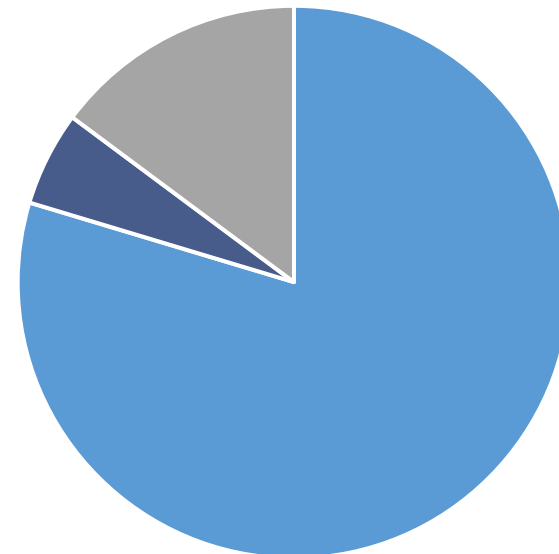
#### Membership by college:

Clare PPN currently has 398 member groups:

Community and Voluntary College	317
Environmental College	22
Social Inclusion College	59

#### Social Media:

Twitter followers	1,648
Facebook followers	2,363



■ Community & Voluntary ■ Environment ■ Social Inclusion



## SUBMISSIONS & CONSULTATIONS

- **Clare PPN Submission to Clare LECP Draft High Level Goals and Socio-Economic Statement**

<https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Clare-PPN-Submission-to-Clare-LECP-Draft-High-Level-Goals-and-Socio-Economic-Statement.pdf>

- **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>

## COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Circulation of grants schemes and event notices
- Maintained website (newsletters, reps reports) and social media
- Radio Corca Baiscinn interview on Clare PPN
- April newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/newsletter-april-2023.pdf>
- May newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/may-2023-newsletter.pdf>
- June newsletter: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/june-2023-newsletter.pdf>



## Clare PPN mass communications with members – April to June 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject line</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Reason</b>
11/04/2023	Clare Just Transition and Socio Economic Rights Project Request for Steering Group Members	Social inclusion Pillar	Request for participation
11/04/2023	Clare Just Transition and Socio Economic Rights Project Request for Steering Group Members	Environmental Pillar	Request for participation
12/04/2023	Clare PPN Work Report January to March 2023	All contacts	Work Report
20/04/2023	Notice of Summer Plenary Meeting – 10th May 2023	All contacts	Meeting notice
24/04/2023	April 2023 newsletter	All contacts	Newsletter
28/04/2023	Join Clare PPN and TASC for a free training workshop and brainstorming session on socio-economic rights and just transition in	Shannon MD	Training event
02/05/2023	REMINDER - Just transition and socio-economic rights workshop Shannon Library	Shannon MD	Training event
03/05/2023	Join Clare PPN and TASC for a free training workshop and brainstorming session on socio-economic rights and just transition in Scariff	Killaloe MD	Training event
04/05/2023	Link for registering in Scariff	Killaloe MD	Training event
08/05/2023	REMINDER Just Transition and Socio-Economic Training in Scariff TONIGHT"	Killaloe MD	Training event
08/05/2023	REMINDER - Clare PPN Summer Plenary meeting Wednesday 10th May at 7pm	All contacts	Meeting notice
08/05/2023	REMINDER Plenary meeting Wednesday 10th May - All reps please attend if possible	Reps	Meeting notice
08/05/2023	Join Clare PPN and TASC for a free training workshop and brainstorming session on socio-economic rights and just transition in	West Clare MD	Training event
08/05/2023	Fighting for better transport in Clare: Workshop Tue 16th May, 11am	Environmental Pillar	Meeting notice
09/05/2023	Fighting for better transport in Clare: Workshop Tue 16th May, 11am	All contacts	Meeting notice
15/05/2023	Invitation to Just Transition Training & Consultation with Clare PPN and TASC in Ennis	Ennis MD	Training event
15/05/2023	Reminder: Just Transition & Socio-economic Rights training in Ennistymon,	West Clare MD	Training event
18/05/2023	27th May: Training, brainstorming on Just Transition, catch-up & lunch	Environmental Pillar	Meeting notice
22/05/2023	REMINDER Just Transition and Socio-Economic Training in Ennis TOMORROW	Ennis MD	Training event
25/05/2023	May 2023 newsletter	All contacts	Newsletter
01/06/2023	Two important public consultations with June 23rd deadlines	All contacts	Consultation notice
12/06/2023	Seeking Environmental Board Members for Clare Local Development Company	Environmental Pillar	Request for participation
21/06/2023	Clare PPN pre-draft submission re Climate Action Plan for Clare	Environmental Pillar	Submission
22/06/2023	Local Economic & Community Plan survey closes tomorrow	All contacts	Consultation notice
26/06/2023	Have your say on Clare's libraries: deadline 30th June	All contacts	Consultation notice
28/06/2023	June 2023 newsletter	All contacts	Newsletter

## Clare PPN income & expenditure – April to June 2023

### Financial report

Wages	27,470.13
Travel and expenses	201.62
Rent and Rates	-
Telephone and postage	229.84
Printing & Office	-
Online communications	-
Heat & Light	-
Insurance	-
Bank charges	91.57
IT	19.99
Website	-
Marketing, promo, advertising	75.30
Projects & events	16,820.20
Plenary costs	-
Meeting expenses	55.32
Maintenance	443.69
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