

Clare PPN Plenary

Wednesday 13th August 2022

Cloughleigh Community Centre, Ennis

Attendance: 15

Facilitator: Pdraig Hayes

Work Report

Sarah Clancy summarised Clare PPN's diverse and extensive work in recent months. Praise all round for the quality and quantity of work being done by volunteers and staff. Details in our Work Report for Quarter 2.

<https://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-work-report-for-april-to-june-2022/work-report-for-clare-ppn-april-to-june-2022/>

Anti-Poverty Strategy: Sarah briefed on preliminary findings of Conor McCabe's research and on plans for launch of report. There was a good discussion about this and about how to proceed/use the strategy.

Finance Report

Details at end of Work Report for Quarter 2.

<https://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-work-report-for-april-to-june-2022/work-report-for-clare-ppn-april-to-june-2022/>

Vacancies: PPN Reps & Secretariat

Two vacancies on Secretariat, one from Shannon area, one from Environmental College.

Two vacancies for Reps, both on the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee) of Clare County Council: one each from the Social Inclusion and Environmental Colleges.

Details of election to be announced via email and our website & social media in coming days.

Forthcoming changes to structure of Joint Policing Committee

Madeline McAleer, who is Clare PPN's Rep on Clare's Joint Policing Committee, updated on these important changes. This is an opportunity to seek to ensure a more community oriented representation.

National Review of PPNs

This review was conducted by Mazars consultants. There are three proposals in the review. PPN workers nationally have discussed the review and don't see anything in them that will fix issues with PPNs. We

think they need to be more proactive; the review approaches PPNs as a problem not as potential.

People can make submissions in relation to the review by 31st August. Clare PPN hopes to hold a meeting for our members in advance of our submission. Social Justice Ireland also plans to hold consultations. You can read the review here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f6fe9-ppn-structural-review-report/>

Community Group training needs for autumn

If your group needs training, let us know by emailing admin@clareppn.ie
For example writing funding applications.

Priorities for next quarter

Environmental: Extractive industries, Fuel poverty, data centres, climate action & adaptation.

Social Inclusion college has many things going on.

AOB

Plan is to hold every second Plenary meeting in person.

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