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The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions highlighted the importance of the Community and Voluntary sector.

Local knowledge was key to understanding and delivering both information and practical solutions to those in need.

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

941 Representatives on 410 Boards and Committees

Hundreds of supports for Representatives

Continuous engagement with Member Groups

Increased Social Media profile

160 training programmes delivered across more than 523 sessions

Recommendations for future development

PPNs adapted and developed innovative solutions to allow business continuity



13,929

Community and
Voluntary Groups

Highlights of
2020

2,988

Social Inclusion
Groups

613

Environmental
Groups

17,530

Member Groups

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



I am delighted to present to you the fifth annual report on Public Participation Networks. The primary role of PPNs is to facilitate participation and representation of communities on local decision-making bodies in a fair, equitable and transparent manner. By hosting meetings and providing training opportunities, PPNs also enable volunteer-led groups to connect with groups locally to work together to influence the future development of their communities.

The growth of PPNs has continued in 2020, with 17,530 organisations members of the PPN structure nationally by the end of 2020 – an increase of almost 1,000 since last year.

2020 was a year like no other. Throughout cities and counties nationwide, PPNs began the year with business as normal – holding regular workshops and public consultations, facilitating networking and engagement, and discussing the issues impacting on their local communities. However, by mid-March 2020, Ireland had to adapt to a new normal. The Covid-19 pandemic which had travelled halfway across the world had finally arrived on our shores and as a result changed the way we lived our lives.

With the pandemic continuing to impact on our communities and disrupting our daily lives, the PPNs rose to the challenges it presented to deliver for our communities. They mobilised their volunteer groups to assist in the national response. PPN staff and volunteers played their part by staffing helplines to guide community members to local resources, assisting in the delivery of food to needy and hard to reach communities, engaging in mapping exercises to inform communities of where services were available, and collating and distributing vital contact lists throughout the counties, among other activities. PPNs nationwide have continued to carry out other valuable projects for their local communities, such as health-related campaigns, environmental workshops, and reports on disability. Many of these wonderful initiatives undertaken in 2020 are outlined in more detail in this report.

There are also great examples of how the PPNs can give people from marginalised backgrounds a direct voice in shaping local policies that will impact their lives and their communities. It is my hope that direct contacts of this kind between marginalised communities and local government will have a very tangible influence on local policy and will lead to better outcomes for those communities.

As I wrote in last year's PPN Annual Report, now more than ever, the Government sees the value of PPNs as having a key role in our recovery from Covid-19 and this is underpinned in the Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 21: Plan for Living with Covid-19.

I know 2020 was an extremely difficult year for many. I congratulate the PPNs and all concerned for the remarkable achievements outlined in this report, and despite the challenges, there have been many. My Department and the Government as a whole remain committed to continuing our support of PPNs to ensure that local communities have a say in the policies and decisions that impact their lives by ensuring all voices are heard and represented through this participative process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Foreword by the Chairperson of the Public Participation Network (PPN) National Advisory Group

2020 will always be remembered as a challenging one for individuals, businesses and communities across the world as well as here in Ireland. The Covid-19 pandemic and the related public health restrictions made looking out for the needs of vulnerable community members more important than ever.

In this difficult period, the PPNs stepped up to the mark. This Report features an overview of the work that PPNs undertook in response to this national emergency, as well as more detailed accounts from the PPNs in their own words in the Appendices. This makes the 2020 Annual Report a valuable record of the PPNs' achievements and capabilities, and I encourage all stakeholders to take time to read through the range of activities PPNs around the country carried out in response to Covid-19.

The PPNs' role in the Community Call also made PPNs more visible to other organisations that play a key role within our community structures. The PPNs had a seat at the table next to the local Volunteer Centres, ALONE, the HSE, the Gardaí, Citizen's Information, and others. The relationships and links that were formed during 2020 will stand to PPNs in the future. The prominent role played by PPNs in the Community Call also served to increase broader community and national awareness of PPNs, and the number of groups registered with the PPNs nationwide grew to 17,530 by December 2020.

The pandemic also necessitated a move to online systems for all our interactions. Again, PPNs put in place measures to ensure continuity of services and where required, they provided extra online training and capacity building for their members and representatives to ensure they could continue to engage and interact.

2020 also saw the launch of the PPN User Handbook to replace the old User Guide. The Handbook is based on contributions from PPN stakeholders across Ireland who took the time to participate in live consultation workshops or to make a written submission. Thanks to their input, the Handbook is a more robust document that provides practical guidance to PPNs on the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders as well as featuring a large number of templates that are a useful point of reference for PPNs in developing their own governance documentation. The PPN National Advisory Group is delighted to note the positive response of stakeholders to the Handbook, and we are certain it will continue to be a valuable asset to PPNs.

Based on recommendations made by stakeholders in previous PPN Annual Reports, a national training programme was developed, titled 'Creating Capable Communities'. This training was offered to PPN stakeholders, Local Authority staff and Elected Councillors, and it gives an overview of the PPNs' role and of the structures of Local Government. While this was initially intended to involve a hybrid in-person and online approach, the Covid-19 restrictions made it necessary to take this course fully online. The pilot for this training programme was rolled out in autumn 2020, and responses from those who participated suggest that the training has met their needs and broadened their understanding.

I would like to thank my fellow Advisory Group members, who continued to provide great insight and advice to the Department on all things PPN. On behalf of the National Advisory Group, I commend the PPNs for the

contribution they made in this extraordinary year and for the hard work they undertake to giving local communities a voice, and I look forward to further successes as we move forward.

Ciara Bates

Chairperson, National PPN Advisory Group



On behalf of Advisory Group and the PPN community, I would like to pay tribute to one of our valued Advisory Group members, Dr. Terrence Mc Donough, who passed away recently. It is with the greatest regret that we mark the passing of Terry. A former Professor of Economics in NUI Galway, Terry was an active and well-respected member of Galway City Community Network. Terry made an enormous contribution to the community and environmental sectors in the city and beyond, always generous with his time and bringing his thoughtful analysis, commitment, and good humour to bear in all that he did. A former chairperson of the Galway City Local Community Development Committee and member of the PPN National Advisory Group and the Secretariat Network, Terry's contribution will be sorely missed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



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 well-being 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 2020, 17,530 community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations were members of a PPN. Over 941 PPN representatives were elected to 410 committees on issues such as strategic policy, local community development, joint policing and so on.

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. 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 2020

	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	Michael Ewing	Irish Environmental Network
Resource Worker Representative	Helen Howes	Wicklow PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Avril Wilson	Tipperary PPN
Resource Worker Representative	Sarah Wetherald	Sligo PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – C&V Sector	Aileen Eglinton	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – Social Inclusion Sector	Bibiana Savin	South Dublin PPN
PPN Volunteer Representative – Environment Sector	Terrence McDonough	Galway City Community Network (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 2020 was developed by the National PPN Advisory Group for completion by PPNs and Local Authorities.

Methodology

In early 2020, 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 30 PPNs returned reports. The outstanding report was for Cork City. Where possible, comparable data from 2019 is included, however this data will not be directly comparable to that contained in the Annual Report for 2019 as that report concerned 31 of the 31 PPNs. The decision was made this year by the DRCD, for completeness, to use headline membership figures from the CRM and not the survey.

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.

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.

CRM system: A Customer Relationship Management system is a digital system for managing an organisation's relationships and interactions with clients and customers or other key parties 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 LCDs, 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**.

JPC: Joint Policing Committee: A Local Authority Committee comprised of councillors, TDs, 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 JPC's 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 LCDC's 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.

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).

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.

Well-being 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 – 2020

In an addition to the questions asked in previous years, the Department asked each PPN to provide some detail on the impacts the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent health advice restrictions had on the work of their PPN in 2020. All 30 respondents stated that Covid-19 had impacted the work of the PPN in 2020. 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

- ▶ PPNs responded quickly to establish inter-agency county wide networks
- ▶ PPNs reacted swiftly to the move online acknowledging that whilst this facilitated access for some communities, it disadvantaged others and efforts were made to ensure that these communities were supported.
- ▶ Supported the Community Call initiative.
- ▶ Food poverty was a common theme with the PPNs working with other agencies to ensure that vulnerable households were supported by a wide variety of initiatives
- ▶ Information provision was another common theme. There was an awareness that different communities needed up to date and accurate information provided in different ways and the PPNs delivered leaflets, posters, ensured that websites were updated, created and maintained WhatsApp groups
- ▶ PPNs were integral to the set up and maintaining of Community Response Helplines across the country.
- ▶ Physical, mental health and well- being were understandably priorities for communities and the PPNs initiated and supported a wide variety of programmes with a wide variety of groups during lockdowns.
- ▶ The local knowledge and networks already in place available to the PPNs proved invaluable in 2020.

Impacting Deliberative Democracy

- ▶ Local Economic and Community Plan Actions. Decision Making Body – City Council, Proposal – The City Council with other lead civil society partners of LECP Actions made the case that additional resources were required to progress key actions of the LECP. Outcome - The City Council provided the funding to contract a part time LECP Actions Coordinator who began work in 2021.
- ▶ Wellbeing Statement launched in 2019 was used in a submission to Draft Co. Dev. Plan in 2020
- ▶ The PPN encouraged and gained involvement from community in relation to consultation on development of brown field site. PPN reps are involved in Joint Policing Committee. Community Reps have brought new proposals for the operation of these committees to ensure the community voice is heard.
- ▶ Supported Involve on participatory democracy initiative

Impacting Community Wellbeing

- ▶ Local Sports & Recreation Partnership: Proposal: Organise and run a Sports Awards & fund-raising event. Outcome: PPN Rep sat on sub-committee to develop the process for the awards and the event. Project was a wonderful success with many young/present sport

stars and volunteers receiving awards on the night as well as raising significant funds for the local hospice.

- ▶ Collaborating on the JPC provided a community with direct access to the local Gardaí when it was needed to dismantle a large drugs den during the first lockdown and follow up communications have continued. Anti-social behaviour has been monitored, and responded to more seriously as a result, benefiting the whole community.
- ▶ Age Friendly Walkability Study

Impacting Social Inclusion

- ▶ Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Rep put forward a motion regarding the inclusion of Neurodiverse citizens in the Labour Market
- ▶ Representative, Housing SPC: City council agreed that in advance of the next round of Community Grants, consultation with community groups re the social inclusion section will take place to explore possible additions and changes e.g., level of funding available, joint applications for additional funding and shared projects
- ▶ Social Inclusion is one of the pillars of the PPN with this in mind, the PPN held its first Social Inclusion Week in 2020. Throughout the week events were held that benefited and catered for: People with Disabilities, the elderly and the migrant community

Impacting to support the Environment

- ▶ PPN Reps took the initiative to conduct a survey around the Tree Management Strategy (235 responses received), showed slides backing up a local request for protected heritage zone, and compiled research around LED public lighting following research shared by a local activist. Outcome: PPN Reps were twice invited to speak with the Tree Management Strategy Project Leader outside of usual SPC meetings. There was a lot of information exchange including information about protected heritage zones. A separate 90-minute meeting was also organised jointly but always with some assistance and facilitated by Council officials.
- ▶ Environment SPC rep recommended a particular area in the county be considered for new native Woodland Scheme on public lands. Cessation of Glyphosate usage by the council (Parks, and Environment Departments) to become a written council policy. Among other benefits this could also contribute to the City Council's carbon emission reduction targets and serve as a precedent for other local authorities across Ireland. The motion was passed by the SPC and will now go to full council- Environment SPC Rep.
- ▶ Our Environment rep has proposed that our LA investigate the feasibility of an ECO Village for the county through the SPC. This has led to the PPN making a detailed submission to the draft development plan including the same.
- ▶ Environment & Climate Action SPC Rep. When they asked a specific question on the agenda on Funding Criteria under the Support Scheme for Renewable Heat the response was dealt with directly with them outside the meeting. It was suggested that the Repair Directory be made available through Civic Amenity Sites to encourage repair and reuse of furniture, electrical and general household goods. The directory has now been distributed via libraries, citizen's advice offices and council offices as well as CAS.
- ▶ Submission to the Environment and Climate Change SPC: A proposal that the Parks Department should encourage the collection and growing-on of locally sourced tree/shrub/seed planting material to conserve and enhance important sources of biodiversity. Item discussed, outcome pending.

- ▶ The PPN along with members of Environmental Forum and the One Future Group organised a mass TD lobby for faster and fairer Climate action. The PPN co-hosted online meetings with each TD, as part of a nationwide 'TD Lobby for Faster & Fairer Climate Action'. This 'mass lobby', organised by the Stop Climate Chaos coalition, has happened in previous years at a venue next to Leinster House in Dublin, but this was the first time the event took place online. This had the advantage of far more people taking part – nationally, more than 1,000 people joined Zoom calls with their local TDs, to tell them how urgent the need for radical climate action is and the PPN's efforts on this received national media coverage.
- ▶ Climate Action Week

Impacting for the Sustainable Development Goals

- ▶ Local Community Development Committee (LCDC): July 2020 Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Small Grants initiative – recommendations proposed by PPN representative
- ▶ EU Leader Programme - PPN representatives involved in discussion and proposed/seconded individual projects September 2020
- ▶ Reps supported rollout of local food cloud.
- ▶ Workshop on the SDG with Development perspectives, hosting of Make Way Day to highlight accessibility issues for people with disabilities with an introduction from Anne Rabbitte TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, hosted webinars on Town and Village Schemes, CLÁR scheme and on Community enhancement programme and numerous training series for community groups

Impacting to benefit our Member Groups

- ▶ PPN 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.
- ▶ Community Enhancement Programme - PPN representatives suggested that support needs to be offered to groups requiring assistance with grant applications.
- ▶ PPN now has a system in place where community groups can bring forward issues of concern and PPN reps can pursue them within SPCs/JPC and indeed in between formal meetings – Issues brought up under the PPN name are much more likely to receive a response than individual Community groups lobbying Local Authority
- ▶ PPN work in sourcing and promoting funding opportunities allowed a range of groups to access financial support that they would otherwise have been unaware of.

Impacting Integration

- ▶ PPN Disability Network's input in various consultations has led to changes to some regeneration work in the town. A new zebra crossing has been put in place, audio boxes, kerbs repaired etc.
- ▶ Street Furniture submission: to ensure Disability consciousness among vendors is policed by the LA
- ▶ One of our reps on the local Primary Care Centre Board (APCC) suggested that a virtual tour of the new centre would show people what it looked like. This was agreed and the video is in production and will be circulated locally in 2021
- ▶ SITT-Accessibility re Mobility- Pick up Points changed on routes
- ▶ PPN rep proposed that member of the Travelling community would be appointed as the Vice chair of the Local Traveller Housing committee this is an off shoot of the Housing SPC.

Impacting for Human Rights

- ▶ Housing & Corporate Estate SPC: Proposal: Looked for updates on the following: Retrofitting, voids, tenancy sustainment, disability/adaptation grants and Traveller accommodation. Also raised the issue of the lack of community facilities being built along with the new housing in the county. Outcome: Items were discussed, and updates given where there was progress with these areas. However, no action or plan made to address some of the issues.

Impacting Networks

- ▶ Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy- Environmental Rep- Requested that the Office of Public Works (OPW) who has a fundamental role in respect of heritage and tourism sites within the county, be brought before the SPC with a view to discussing areas of collaboration. Director of Service advised that it was possible to invite the OPW to give a presentation to the SPC however, a significant work plan would have to be agreed in advance. This issue will be further pursued throughout the year.

Section 1: 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 2020, PPN membership totalled 17,530 member groups (**including Associate Members**) across the 31 PPNs based on figures from the CRM system. Community and Voluntary organisations continue to account for the majority of members (79.5%), followed by Social Inclusion organisations (17%) and Environmental Organisations (3.5%). Table 2 below provides a breakdown of Membership by type of organisation and shows the comparative changes in each area over 2019.

Table 2: Composition of PPN membership 2019* and 2020*

College	2019 (n=31)	2020 (n=31 - CRM Figures)	Change in No.	% Total 2020
Community and Voluntary	12,083	13,929	+1,846	79.5
Environmental	596	613	+17	3.5
Social Inclusion	2,920	2,988	+68	17
Total	15,599	17,530	+1,931	

*Includes Associate Members

A total of 15 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 312 Associate Members - 249 Community and Voluntary Associate Members, 16 Environmental Associate Members, and 47 Social Inclusion Associate Members (an increase of 38% from 225 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.

Section 2: Representation and Decision Making

For 2020, 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, 2020

Method	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Distributed information to member groups about local consultations	25	4	1	0
Distributed information to member groups about national consultations	17	12	1	0
PPN Reps attended consultation events representing the PPN	7	17	5	1
Resource Worker attended consultation events representing the PPN	8	14	5	3
Made written submissions to consultations as the PPN or as a subgroup (linkage group, etc.)	5	19	1	5
The PPN organised consultations with its membership (i.e., organise meetings and surveys)	4	18	2	6

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'.

30 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, 2020

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)	6	5	16	3

When it comes to Drafting (writing policies, communication plans etc.)	6	4	17	3
When it comes to Decision-making (the process of decision-making about a policy, initiative etc.)	3	8	17	2
When it comes to Implementation (putting policy into practice)	8	7	13	2
When it comes to Monitoring (monitoring and assessing outcomes of a policy or decision)	9	7	12	2
When it comes to Reformulation (using the information gathered through the Monitoring phase to evaluate and reformulate a policy or initiative)	12	5	11	2

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

Vision for Community Well-being

Supported by funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), thirteen PPNs reported having a completed Vision for Community Well-being. Those without one all reported that Covid-19 had been the reason why this work has been delayed and postponed and hope to continue working towards delivering in 2021 and 2022.

Examples of how the Vision influenced decision making

- The Vision fed into Longford County Councils Plans, Policies and strategies such as Corporate Plan, County Development Plan, Intercultural Strategy, Walking Cycling Strategy etc. It was used as basis for groups developing Election Mandates and as the basis for Reps Training and SPC Reps Training.
- The Kerry PPN Community Wellbeing vision has been submitted to the Healthy Kerry framework and will form actions arising from this structure. It was submitted to KCC with regards to the development of the County Development Plan and will likewise be submitted to the LECP when it is being developed. The Kerry PPN developed the community wellbeing digest and all PPN representatives who sit on the various SPC committees, JPC, LCDC, etc. have been trained in the effective use of this document and it has proved an invaluable tool at meetings as it is clear feedback of what the community feel is needed to make the county a great place for this and future generations. It has been the only in person consultations that took place in 2020 so an invaluable document.
- The PPN has used the Vision for Community Wellbeing to influence and communicate the aspirations of the community to state agencies and local representatives, and importantly to inform its work in representing the community and seeking to influence decisions and actions to help realise this vision
- The Wellbeing Visions were ratified at the outset of 2021 however the process of developing them took place in 2020 and so they influenced our submissions to the Draft County Development Plan. The drafting of the wellbeing statements involved groups that we had not engaged with before. After such a significant consultation representatives felt they were

given a mandate to represent PPN member groups on committees and forums and are now aware of the issues at both municipal district and county level. The statements are also used to inform submissions. As living documents, they will be reassessed annually to ensure that they reflect the current views and aspirations of Clare PPN member groups

- The Tipperary Community Wellbeing Vision has already been reflected in the Tipperary County Council corporate plan. It is a key component for the 2020-2024 plan as the community aspect of the 4 components in the plan was taken directly from the CWV.
- 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)
- The Vision has been incorporated into the Terms of Reference for the forthcoming Linkage Groups to better provide a platform of policy informing for reps.

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, 2020

	2020
No. of Representatives	941
Male	493
Female	434
Prefer not to say	14
Proportion Male: Female: Other	53:46:1
No. of new Representatives elected	147
Male	65
Female	82
Proportion Male: Female	44:56
No. of Representatives retired during year	85
Male	41
Female	44
Proportion Male: Female	48:52
Total No. of Boards and Committees	410

The overall number of Representatives reported increased from 928 in 2019 to 941 in 2020, noting that the 2019 report referred to 31 PPNs while the 2020 report is made in respect of 30 PPNs. The number of Boards and Committees on which the Representatives sit decreased slightly from 424 across all 31 PPNs in 2019 to 410 across 30 PPNs in 2020.

The number of seats contested in 2020 was 38, whereas 146 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 2020 was 160.

As can be seen in Table 5, there is almost gender parity across PPN representation on Boards and Committees, with a higher proportion of female representatives elected in 2020. There was also a higher number of female retirees than male retirees in 2020.

Fourteen PPNs (46%) reported that at least one individual represents their PPN on more than one Board or Committee, totally 40 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 2021 given the guidance given in the PPN Handbook of November 2020.

Twenty-two of the 30 PPNs expressed that they experienced difficulties in recruiting representatives in 2020, mostly as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, the time commitment needed to both attend meetings and become familiar with the materials, 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.

Table 6: Supports for PPN Representatives 2020

Type of Support	No. of PPNs	No. of Groups (if applicable)
Linkage Groups	25	127
Thematic / Activity Groups	13	33
Representatives Charter	28	
Specific Training for PPN Representatives	24	
Training for Linkage Groups	11	
Meeting Feedback Forms completed by Representatives	26	
Local PPN Representatives Network	12	
One-to-One Support	25	
Local Authority / Committee Host	18	

Asked to comment on these supports, PPNs reported that 2020 proved a difficult year within which to interact and provide supports at a time where those supports were needed more than ever. The one-to-one supports that traditionally work well in most PPNs, were not possible in person in 2020, with some taking place virtually.

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 127 Linkage Groups reported as being in existence (Table 6), 56 were deemed to be active, that is hold three or more meetings within the year (including virtual meetings). These 56 Linkage Groups are spread across 20 of the 30 PPNs who responded to this question. Comparatively, there were 30 active Thematic Networks. Communications with Linkage Groups and Thematic Networks took place virtually for the better part of 2020.

When asked about the level of participation across Linkage Groups, 6 PPNs reported 'A great deal'; one reported 'A lot'; 11 reported it as 'A moderate amount'; 5 reported it as 'A little'; and 7 reported 'None at all'. When asked the same question about Thematic Groups, 4 PPNs reported participation as 'A great deal'; two reported it as 'A lot'; 8 reported 'A moderate amount'; 3 reported it as 'A little'; and thirteen as 'None at all'.

Municipal District Representatives

Eighteen 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.

Six 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 2020 and are working towards improvements in 2021.

Section 3: 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 30 of the respondent PPNs were actively involved in promoting their PPN in 2020. 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, 2020

Communication Method	No. of PPNs	No. of Communications	No. of Followers / Likes
Printed Newsletter	7	404	
E-Newsletters Online	24	722	
Websites	20		464,374 visits
Facebook	25		31,625
Twitter	22		10,895
Other (Instagram, Tik Tok)	7		2,206
Participation in events hosted by others	17	218	
Local Radio Community and/or Commercial Local Media, i.e., radio print, podcasts, magazines and blogs	22	246	

The PPNs also work with 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. It was noted that 2020 forced much of their communication and promotion work online which may have excluded some stakeholders.

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, 2020

Content Communicated	No. of PPNs (n=30)
PPN Events	29
PPN Activities	28
PPN Vacancies	27
Member Group Activities	28
PPN Representative Reports	22
Funding Information	29
Consultations	29
Other	14

Those who reported 'Other' amongst the content communicated to their membership listed items such as other information which may be relevant to the community; Covid-19 information and community supports; training; public notices; community alerts; notices regarding webinars; surveys and so on.

Salesforce

Salesforce is used as the primary mechanism to manage the membership database and communications with the PPNs. Thirteen PPNs replied that there was nothing that they would like Salesforce to support or support better in 2020. The other respondents would like to see improvements made to Newsletter functions, the targeting of communications, the collation of reports, including the annual report and the ability to hold online elections.

Pandemic

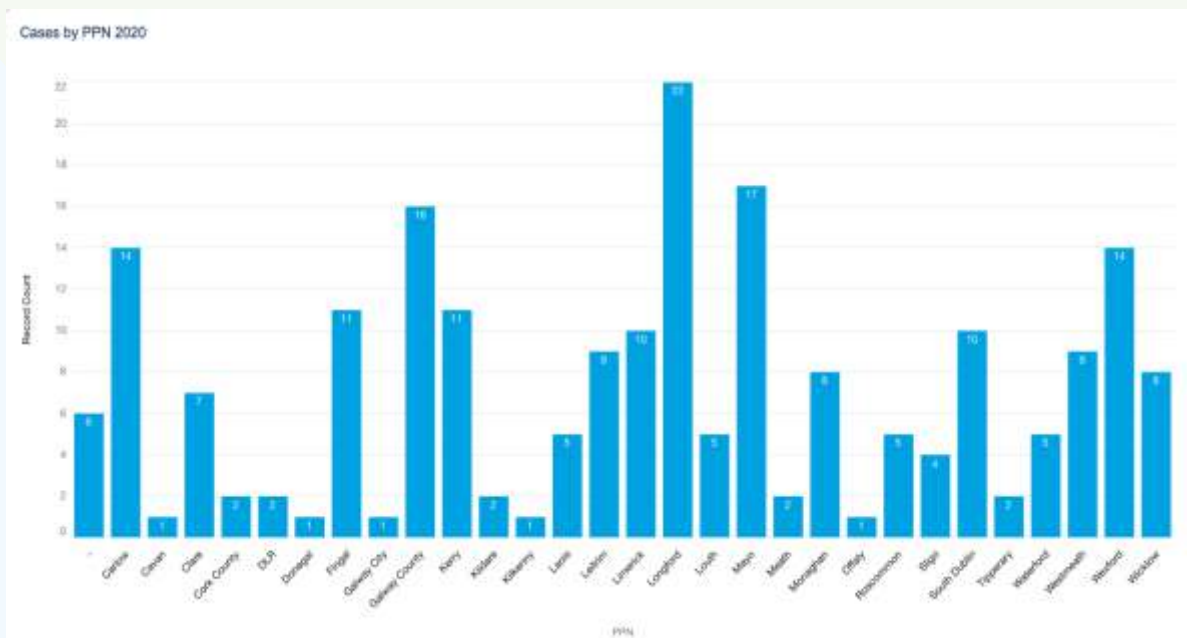
One of the striking things about the use of Salesforce, that showed the benefit of the cloud-based approach, is that it allowed workers to pivot quickly and seamlessly to working from home with no impact on service. Workers were able to access all their data/emails/communications with no effort and no need for any IT hardware solutions.

Comm-IT (the service provider of the PPN Salesforce systems) were requested by the Department to centralise and send urgent government communications on behalf of the PPNs during the initial months of the pandemic to ensure that all member groups nationally were receiving the same important national information. As a result, over 320 hours were put into "National work" throughout 2020 by Comm-IT for the PPNs.

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 160 hours was given to day-to-day case management.

Graph 1: Comm-IT cases raised by PPN



Development

During 2020, Comm-IT developed and rolled out the new Linkage Group Chatter functionality, including delivering training workshops and developing online training videos.

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

They continued to work with PPNs on the re-registration solution, and they also developed an automated process for email management (unsubscribing from mailing lists, managing email preferences) and are awaiting the full adoption of this solution by PPNs.

Website Functionality

Access to information through a dedicated website is a given in this digital age. All 30 respondents reported having a website with varying levels of functionality, as detailed in Table 9.

Table 9: Website Functionality, 2020

Functions	No. of PPNs (n=30)
List/Database of registered members	25
Minutes / Reports of Secretariat Meetings	18
Minutes / Reports of Plenary Meetings	23
Minutes / Reports of Linkage Group Meetings	9
PPN Representative Reports	15
PPN Newsletters	23
Advertising Member Events / News	25
Up to date list of all PPN Representatives	25
Adopted PPN Policies	22
Adopted PPN Budgets / Accounts	17

Section 4: 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 2020

- How to use Zoom/Digital Training
- Grant Information and Application
- GDPR
- Social Media
- Charities Governance Code
- Financial Reporting
- Building a website
- Sustainable Development Goals Workshops
- Introduction to Community Development
- Diversity
- Understanding Local Government
- Role of the PPN
- Facilitation Skills
- Effective Fundraising
- Volunteer Management
- Wellbeing
- Environment Day
- Advocacy and Influencing
- Role of Representatives
- Committee Skills

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, 2020

No. of Training programmes	160
No. of Training Sessions	523
No. of Training Hours delivered	949.5

Training provided to the PPNs

Handbook Training

The PPN Handbook was launched in November 2020. This replaced the PPN User Guide. Training on the changes and use of the Handbook was provided to the PPNs by the DRCD.

Creating Capable Communities

DRCD in conjunction with Social Justice Ireland and Waterford Institute of Technology provided training to the PPNs in 2020. The 'Creating Capable Communities' training was delivered online via a mix of pre-recorded and live online sessions. One cohort engaged with the programme in 2020.

Salesforce training

Whereas Comm-IT had initially looked at delivering regional face to face training, this quickly pivoted to online training. Comm-IT delivered two types of training in 2020:

1. Individual one-to-one training of new users (56.5 hours)
2. Advanced training for ongoing users (40.5 hours).

Section 5: 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 2020, 347 places were allocated across 30 PPN Secretariats, having an average allocation of 11 Secretariat Members (the numbers range from 7 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 2 to 6 years, with an average of 4 years. Of the 347 total allocated places, there are currently 285 filled and 62 vacant seats. All 31 PPNs reported an attendance rate of 50 per cent or more from within the Secretariat membership in 2020, with eight PPNs reporting a rate of 80 per cent or more, and an average rate of 73.03 per cent (see Table 11).

Table 11: Secretariat Allocation, Vacancies and Attendance Rate per PPN, 2020

Name of PPN	Allocation	Vacancies	Attendance Rate (%)
Carlow	9	0	80
Cavan	12	0	75
Clare	10	1	75
Cork County	22	3	70
Donegal	19	4	50
Dublin City	9	3	75
Dún Laoghaire/ Rathdown	9	3	63
Fingal	9	1	90
Galway City	16	7	60
Galway County	11	0	50
Kerry	11	1	80
Kildare	11	1	71
Kilkenny	10	4	90
Laois	12	5	80
Leitrim	9	3	66
Limerick	10	3	95
Longford	9	0	66
Louth	17	1	75
Mayo	14	1	60
Meath	12	2	50
Monaghan	12	4	76
Offaly	7	1	95
Roscommon	9	1	70
Sligo	9	1	70
South Dublin	12	1	70
Tipperary	15	4	75
Waterford	11	1	90
Westmeath	8	0	70
Wexford	11	3	75
Wicklow	12	3	79
TOTAL	347	62	73.03 (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, 2020

Operational Mechanism	No. of PPNs (n=30)
Rotating Facilitator	21
Rotating Roles (Staff Liaison, Finance etc.)	10
Decisions made by consensus	25
Proposals brought to Plenary	22
Terms of Reference emphasising flat structure	21
Minutes / Reports available to all PPN members	19

In addition to the above, 22 PPNs reported that their Secretariat have had at least one subgroup in 2020. These include Finance, HR, Communications, Staff Liaison, Capacity Building, Internet and Social Media, Policy and Procedures, Wellbeing, Communications and Projects.

Meetings

A total of 38 Plenary Meetings were held across 30 PPNs in 2020. Of these, none were held during the day, 36 were held in the evening and two were held at the weekend. In addition, 280 Secretariat Meetings were held across the 30 PPNs in 2020, of which 74 were held during the day and 206 were held in the evening.

Seventeen PPNs held a total of 179 Linkage Group Meetings in 2020, of which 89 were held during the day and 90 were held in the evening. Eleven PPNs held a total of 45 Municipal District meetings, of which 9 were held during the day and 36 were held in the evening.

Twenty-two PPNs held a selection of other meetings (408 in total), which covered topics such as Wellbeing Consultations, Community Awards, Social Inclusion events, Eirgrid consultations and Environmental forums.

Memorandum of Understanding

An active Memorandum of Understanding was in place between 27 PPNs and the Local Authority in 2020. For those PPNs who operated through a host organisation, a Service Level Agreement was in place in respect of seven of them.

Structure of the PPNs

PPNs may be established and operate under a number of legal and administrative structures. Of the 30 PPN respondents, 20 were hosted by the Local Authority; four were hosted by another Community Organisation and four operated as Independent Companies. Two changed structures mid-way through the year, one is still in the process of moving from an independent company to being hosting by the Local Authority and the other is changing host from the Local Authority to a Community organisation.

Staff and Recruitment 2020

In 2020 all 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, 2020

PPN	Resource Worker (WTE)	Administrator / Support Worker (WTE)	Development Worker (WTE)	Volunteer	Other (Detail)
Carlow	1	1	0	0	0
Cavan	1	0.5	0	0	0
Clare	1.6	0.4	0	0	0
Cork County	0	0	0	0	1 Facilitator >Nov
Donegal	1	1	0	0	0
Dublin City	1	1	0	0	DCC Funded Liaison Officer
Dún Laoghaire/ Rathdown	1	0.8	0	0	0
Fingal	1	1	0	0	0
Galway City	0.7	0.75	1	0	0
Galway County	0.5	1.25	0	0	0
Kerry	1	1	0	0	1 PPN Liaison Officer
Kildare	1	1	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1	2	0	0	0
Laois	1	1	0	0	0
Leitrim	0	1	0	0	0
Limerick	1 st 6 months 0.5. 2 nd 6 months 1	1	0	0	0
Longford	1	1	0	0	0
Louth	1	1	0	0	0
Mayo	1	2	0	0	0
Meath	1	1	0	0	0
Monaghan	1	1	0	0	0
Offaly	1	1	0	0	0
Roscommon	1	0	0	0	1 External Facilitator
Sligo	0.6	1	0	0	0
South Dublin	1	0.85	0	0	0
Tipperary	1	1	0	1	0
Waterford	1.5	0.5	0	0	0
Westmeath	1	1	0	0	Clerical staff of Community Sections and Library acted as Support Worker, during periods of support worker vacancy
Wexford	1	1	0	0	0
Wicklow	1	1	0	0	0

Of the 30 PPNs who responded, 17 PPNs recruited staff in 2020– 9 recruited Resource Workers, 9 recruited a Support Worker / Administrator (2 recruited both a SW and a RW) and one recruited a Development Worker. Seven of the 17 PPNs reported recruiting through an open process, while the remaining 8 came through the Local Authority

Staff of 21 PPNs are employed by the Local Authority, four are employed by the PPN Company directly and five 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; six as being managed by the Secretariat only; 17 PPNs reporting shared management between the Local Authority and the Secretariat, one is being managed by a Company Board and Secretariat; four PPNs reporting that their staff were managed by a Host Company and Secretariat; and one entirely by the H.R. function.

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 30 respondent PPNs reported that their office space was located within the Local Authority building; four were located in the Host Organisation's building and six 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. In a departure from previous years, 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 €2,997,534.91* (interim figure does not include Emergency Temporary Resource Worker) was spent across 30 PPNs in 2020.

Agreeing the Annual Budget

The process for approving the annual PPN Budget is much the same across the 30 respondents to this question. The Budget is either drawn up by the Resource Worker and/or the Finance Subcommittee of the Secretariat. 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, 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=28) 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 2021.

Reimbursement of Expenses to Representatives

The largest expenditure item in the total PPN Budget (excluding salaries and related) in previous years has been Representative's 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, 11 PPNs reported that these came from the Core PPN Budget; 13 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, 14 PPNs reported that these expenses were paid by the organisation hosting the meeting; and 16 PPNs reported that they were not.

Hosting Charge

Eight of the 30 PPNs reported that they paid a hosting charge or management fee. The mechanism for determining this fee varied across these PPNs, with six PPNs reporting that they pay a fixed charge, while the remaining two PPNs pay a charge based on a percentage of gross salary costs or desk calculation.

Budget Management

Seven 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 four PPNs reported the transfer of some monies to a PPN Bank account managed by the Secretariat.

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

Table 14: PPN Budget Approval Process, 2020

Approval Process	No. of PPNs
Secretariat approves all expenditure	11
Secretariat and Resource Worker share approval	12
Secretariat, Local Authority and Resource Worker share approval	7

Financial Policy

Nine of the 30 PPNs reported having a formal Financial Policy in place. The remaining respondents to this question reported that their Secretariat or Local Authority approved expenditure decisions within their respective administrative systems.

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 2020.

Table 15: Policies and Procedures in place, 2020

Policy / Procedure	No. of PPNs (n=30)
Constitution	23
Travel and Expenses Policy	28
Grievance / Conflict Procedure	21
Access and Equality Policy	10
HR Policy	15
Driving for Work Policy	10
Data Protection Policy and Guidelines	23
Email and Internet Usage Policy	13
Finance Policy	17
Health and Safety Policy	14
Other	9
<i>Details of 'Other'</i>	
Conflict of Interest; Fraud prevention; Online Voting Procedures; Anti-Bullying and Harassment; Reps Charter; Website & Newsletter advertisement policy; Equipment Loan agreement; Education & Training Policy; Terms of Reference Linkage Groups	

Interagency Collaboration

Despite the impact of Covid-19, twenty-seven PPNs reported engaging in some interagency collaboration in 2020 outside of their work in responding to Covid-19. 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 Age Friendly Ireland; Social Inclusion Networks; Family Resource Centres; Disability Federation of Ireland; Sports Partnership; Community Health Forums; Community Education Forums; Comhairle na nÓg; collaborations with volunteer centres, Fire Safety Week; local development companies and State agencies; 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-six PPNs reported having engaged in social inclusion activities in 2020. Actions taken on behalf of the PPN in furtherance of their social inclusion agenda have included raising awareness (Carlow invited members to an online Access meeting for to highlight accessibility issues for people with a disability for 'Make Way Day', in association with the Disability Federation of Ireland); engagement in community (Galway County established the Galway Intercultural Forum. This Forum surveyed Councillors on the engagement with new communities in Ireland); working with marginalised groups across the country with many PPNs reporting collaboration with local Roma and Traveller groups.

Section 6: Work with the Local Authority

The PPN User Guide¹ in operation until November 2020 (see PPN Handbook²) provides "The PPN will be the main link through which the Local Authority (LA) 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 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.

Table 16: Local Authority Supports to PPNs, 2020

Support Mechanism	Number
Active Memorandum of Understanding in Place for 2020	28
Memorandum of Understanding Reviewed in 2020	25
Assist, where appropriate, the PPN in achieving its Work Plan	28
Supported the PPN to be active Actors in the LECP	24
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)	15
Provided additional funding for specific PPN projects	13
Specific campaigns to promote the work of the PPN within the local authority	11
<p><i>Details of Specific Campaigns</i></p> <p>Promotion of PPN literature in Council Buildings; LECP Review imminent and involvement of PPN reps in the process; 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; Lunchtime talk was given by the PPN Resource Worker to LA staff across the organisation to increase awareness of the PPN; Campaign to support the PPN undertaken through staff website and newsletter; Supported the development of a Return to Community Activity Guide.</p>	

¹ <https://assets.gov.ie/6843/89a565eed98a4b7fbfdcdf840a46a144.pdf>

² <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9db5e3-ppn-handbook/>

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 2020 and the engagement with PPNs during this process.

Table 17: Local Authority Consultations, 2020

Consultations	No. of
Local Authority Public Consultations in 2020	453
Notifications of Consultations sent to PPNs in 2020	414
Local Authority Consultations carried out via PPNs as the main vehicle in 2020	36
Consultation workshops jointly hosted by the Local Authority and the PPN	49

Many reported that Covid-19 had impacted upon the volume of consultations carried out in 2020. Despite that and the lower number of returns in 2020, the total number of consultations conducted by Local Authorities was higher than in 2019 (when there were 390 consultations reported), however, the number of consultation notifications sent to PPNs in 2020 was lower (from 432 to 414). The number of consultations carried out via PPNs as the main vehicle in 2020 was lower than that in 2019 (from 77 to 36), and the number of consultation workshops jointly hosted has increased slightly, from 46 to 49.

Specific Areas of Collaboration

Local Authorities and PPNs also collaborated on a host of other events and initiatives in 2020. These include:

- Covid-19 Community Call Forum
- Fire Safety Week
- Community Enhancement Programme
- Migrant Integration Strategy
- Environmental Initiatives
- Healthy County Initiatives
- Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Community Awards
- Walkability Studies
- URBACT Health and Greenspaces Project
- National Make Way Day Campaign
- Age Friendly Programmes
- Women's Assembly
- Digital Strategy Consultation Workshops
- Tidy Towns
- Equality and Human Rights Projects
- LECP Review and Implementation Plan
- Grant Information Evenings
- Community Enhancement Programmes

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
- North West Fisheries and Local Advisory Group
- Age Friend Alliance
- Heritage Forums
- Roads and Transportation SPC
- Infrastructure SPC
- Culture, Libraries and Digital Development, Tourism, Enterprise and Economic Development SPC
- LEADER Partnership
- 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
- Economic Development, Enterprise and the Community SPC
- Housing, Corporate and Culture SPC

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 2020, six Local Authorities had this requirement in respect of all grants; eight had this requirement for most, but not all grants; in 16 Local Authorities, groups were advised to join, but it was not compulsory.

Training and Induction by Local Authorities

Twenty-one of the 31 Local Authorities reported providing specific induction or training to newly nominated PPN Representatives in 2020. In terms of training and awareness building of Local Authority staff, 20 Local Authorities reported engaging in training or awareness building activities with staff working in their Community Department, 21 reported engaging in these activities with staff working outside the Community Department. The Local Authorities welcome continued training, funding, promotion and awareness, communications strategies from the DRCD to support the work of the PPNs.

Section 7: Recommendations

Having reviewed the work of the PPNs over 2020, PPNs and Local Authorities were asked to make a series of recommendations to develop the PPNs. These have been categorised under the following headings:

- Governance
- 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. Consider introducing key performance indicators (KPIs)
8. Where applicable, develop and use the Vision for Community Well-being
9. Building awareness of Sustainable Development Goals and linking them to all county & PPN plans

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 during 2020
6. Adopt the basic principles of engagement for local decision-making.
7. Explore the development of thematic linkage groups.
8. Develop a Local Authority handbook, such as that provided by the IPA, to provide a detailed breakdown of each department within the Local Authority.
9. Increased role of PPN in the climate change action agenda

Promotion of PPNs / Communications

1. Development 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. 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
5. Simplify the language used

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. Ensure security of funding.
7. Review the reasons for staff turnover
8. Covid-19 highlighted the need for adequate and where needed, additional resources.
9. Maximise and build on the advances in digital communications
10. Increased supports to newly formed groups

Structure

1. Review the structure of the PPNs
2. Develop 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.

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. Training on the development and uses of the Vision for Community Wellbeing.
5. Information session on the Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities Strategy.
6. Training on guidelines for consultations by Local Authorities.
7. Public engagement and the role of the PPN.
8. IT Skills.
9. Effective engagement of marginalised groups.
10. Human Rights and the Public Sector Duty
11. The Sustainable Development Goals.
12. Communications training.

PPN

1. Salesforce.
2. Advocacy and Influencing Policy.
3. Local Authority structures.
4. Public Speaking and Communications.
5. Governance.
6. Data Protection.
7. Induction for Secretariat Members and Representatives on their respective roles.

8. Policy Development and Decision-making.
9. Human Rights and Equality / Public Sector Duty.
10. The Sustainable Development Goals.
11. Strategic Planning.
12. How to write submissions.
13. Charities Regulation.
14. Holding effective meetings/facilitation
15. Social Media.
16. IT Skills.

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. Collaborative planning with all stakeholders.
5. Increased communications
6. Regular updates from the Local Authority.
7. Local Authorities to provide information on the roles and functions of Local Authority Boards and Committees.
8. PPN to be referenced as a form of participation in the Local Authority Guidelines.
9. Increased knowledge of the importance of the PPN contribution to policy making, drawing on existing Government materials.
10. Other Departments should be made aware of the PPNs and their role

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. Changes to the SPC overall structure.
5. Formal meetings between the PPN and senior Local Authority staff on areas of collaboration.
6. Agreeing a policy-development work programme.
7. Receipt of agendas and reading materials in good time in advance of meetings.
8. Better integration into the Local Authority decision-making process.
9. Greater understanding of the roles of the various committees.
10. Improved communications with Local Authority staff and Representatives on Boards and Committees.
11. Greater equality of input at Committees and Boards.

Appendix 1: PPN Contact Details (July 2021)

PPN	Email	Website
Carlow	carlowppn@carlowcoco.ie	www.carlowppn.ie
Cavan	cavanppn@gmail.com	www.cavancommunity.ie
Clare	admin@clareppn.ie	www.clareppn.ie
Cork City	info@corkcityppn.ie	www.corkcityppn.ie
Cork County	ppn@corkcoco.ie	www.corkcountypn.com
Donegal	donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie	www.donegalppn.ie
Dublin City	info@dublincityppn.ie	www.dublincityppn.ie
Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown	enquiries@dlrppn.ie	www.dlrppn.ie
Fingal	ppn@fingal.ie	www.fingalppn.ie
Galway City	info@galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie	www.galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie
Galway County	administrator@galwaycountypn.ie	www.galwaycountypn.ie
Kerry	ppn@kerrycoco.ie	www.kerryppn.ie
Kildare	kildareppn@gmail.com	www.kildareppn.ie
Kilkenny	ppnkilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie	www.kilkennyppn.ie
Laois	ppn@laoiscoco.ie ;	www.laoisppn.ie
Leitrim	info@leitrimppn.ie	www.leitrimppn.ie
Limerick	ppn@limerick.ie	www.limerickppn.ie
Longford	ppn@longfordcoco.ie	www.longfordppn.ie
Louth	ppn@louthcoco.ie	www.louthppn.ie
Mayo	mayoppn@mayococo.ie	www.mayoppn.ie
Meath	meathppn@meathcoco.ie	www.meathppn.ie
Monaghan	ppn@monaghancoco.ie	www.ppnmonaghan.ie
Offaly	ppn@offalycoco.ie	www.offalypn.ie
Roscommon	info@roscommonppn.ie	www.roscommonppn.ie/
Sligo	ppn@sligococo.ie	www.sligoppn.com/
South Dublin	kieran@sdcppn.ie	www.sdcppn.ie/
Tipperary	coordinator@ppntipperary.ie	www.ppntipperary.ie
Waterford	mtobin@waterfordcouncil.ie	www.waterfordppn.ie
Westmeath	info@westmeathppn.ie	www.westmeathppn.ie/
Wexford	ppn@wexfordppn.ie	www.wexfordppn.ie
Wicklow	info@countywicklowppn.ie	www.countywicklowppn.ie/

Appendix 2: Overview of PPN Activity

PPN	Number of Secretariat places allocated	Number of PPN Representatives	Number of Active Linkage Groups	Number of Plenary Meetings Held	Total Expenditure (2020)	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	27	0	2	105,189.07	12	30	Hosted by Local Authority	435	47	12	376
Cavan	12	29	0	2	101,068.41	50	15	In transition from Company to L.A. Host	316	101	23	192
Clare	10	22	3	2	112,203.99	12	10	Operating as an independent company	291	48	19	224
Cork County	22	8	0	0	2,102.00	0	5	Hosted by Local Authority	945	166	37	742
Donegal	19	53	3	1	112,629.00	12	22	Hosted by Local Authority	593	51	18	524
Dublin City	9	23	1	0	90,700.00	0	14	Hosted by another Community Organisation	771	243	30	498
Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown	9	37	0	1	106,415.47	12	12	Hosted by another Community Organisation	487	90	14	383
Fingal	9	26	5	1	131,945.16	12	9	Hosted by Local Authority	454	79	25	350
Galway City	16	31	5	3	107,019.59	87	18	Operating as an independent company	144	44	11	89

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Galway County	11	40	4	1	98,388.15	14	9	Hosted by Local Authority	123	31	6	86
Kerry	11	11	1	0	120,071.39	0	20	Hosted by Local Authority	774	85	22	667
Kildare	11	24	2	0	87,390.00	67	10	Hosted by another Community Organisation	1100	133	32	935
Kilkenny	10	22	3	2	112,281.12	54	9	Hosted by Local Authority	367	86	24	257
Laois	12	29	0	2	107,762.73	12	12	Hosted by Local Authority	580	74	18	488
Leitrim	9	28	0	0	29,468.63	1	11	Hosted by Local Authority	290	73	10	207
Limerick	10	34	8	2	73,803.11	0	9	Hosted by Local Authority	131	46	10	75
Longford	9	33	0	4	117,018.55	0	14	Hosted by Local Authority	446	59	6	381
Louth	17	37	1	2	129,279.56	52	16	Hosted by Local Authority	399	121	8	270
Mayo	14	17	0	4	101,764.67	6	7	Hosted by Local Authority	986	134	23	829

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Meath	12	46	2	0	117,473.55	24	10	Hosted by Local Authority	1084	103	20	961
Monaghan	12	39	2	1	98,316.25	12	12	Hosted by Local Authority	570	94	34	442
Offaly	7	22	1	1	104,121.71	48	9	Hosted by Local Authority	527	58	8	461
Roscommon	9	31	0	0	45,022.34* interim figure	35	10	Hosted by Local Authority	209	32	11	166
Sligo	9	48	1	2	153,499.91	6	17	Hosted by Local Authority	460	39	14	407
South Dublin	12	20	1	1	109,354.88	0	10	Hosted by another Community Organisation	787	177	31	579
Tipperary	15	50	1	1	75,876.86	15	17	Operating as an independent company	1117	130	27	960
Waterford	11	58	4	0	109,012.00	72	24	Operating as an independent company	739	121	26	592
Westmeath	8	36	5	2	120,612.84	12	18	Hosted by Local Authority	749	168	12	569
Wexford	11	27	0	0	101,377.00	78	13	Hosted by Local Authority	401	69	13	319

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Wicklow	12	33	3	1	116,366.97	17	18	Hosted by another Community Organisation	356	69	22	265
Totals	347	941	56	38	2,997,534.9 1* interim figure	722	410		*16,631	2,771	566	13,294

*Totals here are recorded from the survey completed by 30 of the PPNs and so will differ from the headline membership figures taken from the CRM system.

Appendix 3: Impacts of Covid-19 on the work of the PPN

Carlow

- ▶ Events & training that were held throughout 2020 were mostly done online (from March 2020). We found that some of these events were better attended than physical events, as more people were able to attend from the comfort of their own home. However, we found that not all members had the tech know-how to access these meeting and we accommodated that by providing Zoom training and creating & advertising a 'Stay Connected' process document. This was in order to build capacity of the groups during Covid-19, making sure everyone had a chance to participate and engage.
- ▶ We provided a number of training sessions for the Reps and the Linkage group members this year, so we could inform and ensure that all members were fully aware of their roles and responsibilities. The Carlow PPN sits on the Carlow County Council Covid-19 Response Forum. The aim of the forum is to co-ordinate a multi-agency response to deliver supports to those who need it while Covid-19 restrictions are in force.

Cavan

- ▶ Worked with CCLD & Irish RURAL Link to set up Covid-19 Community Supports.
- ▶ Publication of daily updated Covid-19 tab on our website.
- ▶ Liaising with national & local partners to source info & supports available & advice for the public.
- ▶ Support & promotion of Foodcloud initiative.
- ▶ Dispatch of 242 Covid-19 info packs to Cocooning individuals.
- ▶ 740 info packs sent to registered groups on Covid-19.
- ▶ Maintenance of information exchange from national and local partners working on Covid-19 to local groups through website & Enews.
- ▶ Design, publication & post of 500 Covid-19 Mental Health Support Books to all groups.
- ▶ Assistance in developing 'Masksforallireland' Cavan Branch (writing of constitution, guidelines, etc.)

Clare

- ▶ The Clare Community Response Team, (CCRT) was established in early March by Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare PPN, Clare Local Development Company and Clare County Council. It was set up to support organisations who were providing a community-based response to Covid-19. The team worked with communities on putting in place safeguarding and insurance procedures to ensure that the volunteers and the people they were supporting were protected & insured. The team eventually comprised membership from the 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, and worked with a wide range of national and local care support organisations to help identify vulnerable groups and individuals and the necessary supports that could be delivered by community and voluntary groups in Clare. A key role for the team was supporting Clare County Council who were leading out on a major government directed

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initiative to coordinate Covid-19 Agency and Community supports for vulnerable groups and individuals.

- ▶ The Clare PPN response to Covid-19 in collaboration with other agencies and individuals, surveying and mapping of over 500 community & voluntary organisations through the Clare PPN and Clare Volunteer Centre combined databases with a survey designed and collated by Clare PPN; negotiation of insurance with BHP by Clare PPN for volunteer led response to Covid-19, (policy held jointly by Clare PPN, Clare VC and Clare LDC);safeguarding guidelines and access to Garda Vetting Service with over 150 volunteers already engaged in the process, led by Clare Volunteer Centre; printing of an information leaflet, designed by Clare Volunteer Centre, providing a wide range of helpline contact details (including summaries of services provided) to be posted to all households in the county supported by Clare County Council. The helplines in this leaflet are particularly informed by the members of the Clare Community Response Team's knowledge at local level and information gathered through recent increased traffic to national helplines.
- ▶ Online meeting training (Zoom) provided by Clare PPN for all groups participating in the Clare Covid-19 response. Promotion of 'Community Call' funding within groups working with the co-ordinated Clare Community Covid-19 Response. Daily Zoom meetings with the Interagency sub-group to continue addressing issues as they arise. Formation of a Social Inclusion sub-group of agencies to identify and advocate for vulnerable groups and individuals. Use of Clare PPN premises for receiving and sorting donations for food bank organised by Clare Local Development Company. Attendance at the Clare County Council Covid-19 Community Response Forum as part of the Inter-Agency Working group (initially on site but currently online).
- ▶ Dissemination of up to date and accurate information through regular emails via a dedicated Gmail account: clarecovidresponse@gmail.com; a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/clarecommunityresponse/>; and a Twitter account <https://twitter.com/ClareResponse>; all administered by Clare PPN.
- ▶ Countywide structures are now in place with over 50 organisations registered with Clare Community Response Team providing the organised delivery of essential items like food, fuel, medicine with many of whom also providing telephone social contact support. All these groups have their individual helplines linked to the Council's Clare Covid-19 Community Response Helpline 1800 203 600. Some of the issues coming through helplines relate to heightened anxiety levels with our elderly, family and young person's mental health, domestic violence (women/men/children), traveller supports, farm stress supports, and immigrant supports.
- ▶ Clare was very quick off the mark in co-ordinating a county-wide response to the Covid-19 crises and as such had to negotiate many separate issues in the absence of government guidelines such as volunteer support, vetting and insurance. We also note that there was initially some conflicting advice between the Department and HSE regarding interactions between volunteers and members of our communities that are cocooning but this was resolved early. There was also confusion over the role of the Community Champion and concerns about duplication especially when a robust working group was already in place in the County while funding for other badly needed local responses was lacking.

Donegal

- ▶ PPN developed a database for Community Call Helpline. PPN staff worked on the Helpline (inc. weekends & evenings).

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- ▶ Provided Back to Business after Covid-19 Training & Handouts for Community groups- Great response.
- ▶ In conjunction with Age Friendly Donegal PPN sourced, assembled & delivered Spring, Winter & Nursing Home packs for the elderly & vulnerable in Donegal- Fantastic Response.
- ▶ PPN developed a Wellbeing Lockdown Programme in November/December 2020 in conjunction with HSE & An Garda Síochána to develop a Lockdown programme including Minding your Mental Health, Mindfulness, Garda Slot, Nutrition, Exercise & Zoom Training for groups- Invaluable resource for Groups.

Dublin City

- ▶ Dublin City PPN distributed information.

Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown

- ▶ We focused strongly on communication with our members, prioritising research to help inform stakeholder decisions and providing ongoing support. We did this by: Creating a separate web page at the very beginning of the crisis on our website with useful resources: www.dlrppn.ie/covid-19; Regular news updates posted on our website about funding, local initiatives, online resources and much more.
- ▶ Social media posts sharing the news and the DLR Helpline (Facebook and Twitter) multiple times each week.
- ▶ Weekly emails to our membership about updates, services and supports available.
- ▶ Text message to Residents Association promoting the DLR Helpline.
- ▶ DLR PPN E-zine Newsletters sent to all members, we asked groups and communities to send news of how they were responding in order to highlight the vibrant response in our community and the response has been fantastic.
- ▶ Radio programmes - Community Connections - interviews with relevant local organisations providing support.
- ▶ Communication by phone - we rang all Residents Associations and Estate Management companies on our database (almost 100 in total) to inform and obtain feedback.
- ▶ DLR Residents Associations Report. We contacted all Residents Associations in order to get a snapshot of the response happening at local level, with very interesting and relevant results - please see Residents Associations in DLR Respond to the Covid-19 Crisis on dlrppn.ie. The results were widely distributed to local stakeholders.
- ▶ We asked the local groups to give us feedback on the needs that they saw as arising from the Covid-19 crisis. Please see Report on What DLR Groups Identify as funding needs. This helped inform the DLR County Council's funding Guidelines for the Covid-19 Emergency Fund and the Community Wellbeing Initiative. Through this research, as well as through regular contact with different communities by phone, we were able to sense a change of mood and adapt our communication to respond to this change.
- ▶ We researched and shared information on Health and Wellbeing, resources to assist Coconers and the Helplines available.
- ▶ Our post Online Hobby and Cultural Resources was very well received.
- ▶ Community Response Stakeholder Forum. We have been a member of the Forum since the beginning, attending all meetings and providing vital feedback on the response at the local level, thanks to our research and the feedback obtained.

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- ▶ We are part of the separate Community Well-Being Initiative, headed by the Community Department in the Local Authority.
- ▶ Additional mutual support to the DLR Community Champion (Southside Partnership) for promotion of local initiatives.
- ▶ Irish Red Cross about the Nestlé donation for DLR.
- ▶ Surveys - Residents Associations in DLR Respond to the Covid-19 Crisis. Funding Needs. DLR PPN Community Wellbeing Survey. Digital Needs.
- ▶ Martin McEvoy Annual Conference 2020 – Presentation on A Case Study of Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Residents Associations Response to Covid-19. "Public Participation in Times of Crisis".
- ▶ Training - Programme Specifically Developed in Response to Covid-19. This training was aimed at DLR PPN Representatives and members to assist them in continuing their activities throughout the various lockdowns and restrictions.

Fingal

- ▶ Fingal PPN again collaborated with Fingal County Council's Community Department to co-ordinate local volunteer groups to set up appropriate supports in their local areas. Groups from all across Fingal, some new groups and other existing groups, were established to help their community to deal with the Covid-19 emergency.
- ▶ Fingal PPN organised an appropriate insurance policy through BHP Insurance to Fingal PPN members. This insurance was offered free of charge for volunteer groups who had no insurance or whose insurance company did not insure them for the expansion of their volunteering activities in response to Covid-19.
- ▶ Fingal PPN along with Fingal County Council documented a diary of volunteering stories on the Fingal PPN website to capture the level of support and care that was demonstrated through the early stages of the pandemic and continues to be shown around Fingal. There are over 100 stories in this diary, and such is the level of positivity that this diary brings to the local community.

Galway City

- ▶ In the context of the Covid-19 alert, responses to the pandemic took priority for GCCN. The Covid-19 related work was intensive until May 2020, followed by a slow return to 'normal' in the second half of the year. 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 – DEASP, Galway City Partnership, Galway Traveller Movement, Galway Volunteer Centre, COPE Galway and others. As part of the Galway City Community Response Forum, GCCN was tasked with developing the referral pathways subsequently developed into a 'script' for the operators of the Galway City Covid-19 Community Support Helpline. This was an intensive piece of work, regularly revised, verified and re-issued. GCCN also supported the more complex referrals in conjunction with the Galway City Partnership Team.
- ▶ GCCN also collected the information and data for the Map of Services and Supports active in Galway City during the Covid-19 crisis. A GCCN communications campaign was led on Social Media, Website, emails and phone. Significant work went into collecting and cleaning the data before it was submitted to Galway City Council. The data continues to be regularly updated and submitted to the map that is publicly available.
- ▶ GCCN convened an NGO Covid-19 Response Group of civil society organisations including Galway City Partnership, COPE Galway, Vincent De Paul, Volunteer Galway, Galway Traveller Movement

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and Westside Age Inclusion. As well as the collective meetings, GCCN continued to work with each organisation individually on an ongoing basis.

- ▶ In 2020, alongside the regular newsletter and communications, GCCN circulated Covid-19 related information and updates to all member organisations on behalf of HSE, DRCD and other official sources. GCCN also launched a communication campaign aimed at creating a new public database for anyone in Galway City to receive the official Covid-19 related communications. Additionally, a new Covid-19 related webpage was created on the GCCN website displaying the information received from official sources. GCCN and Galway City Partnership, with the support of Galway City Council and Volunteer Galway, produced a Return to Activity Guide for community and voluntary organisations.

Galway County

- ▶ PPN Workers became part of the team on the community call helpline, i.e., responding to calls from community members either requiring or offering help. We ensured people were supported by connecting volunteers on the ground or with vital service like the HSE, Order of Malta or the Garda so that they could attend to the needs of those most isolated or those cocooning.
- ▶ Along with GRD, volunteer Galway and the Galway City PPN, we conducted a survey amongst all community groups asking what kind of supports they required during Covid-19 and how Covid-19 had affected them. Many groups engaged with the survey and based in the survey results we tailored our training programme.
- ▶ We also initiated the PPN Connect Project in response to the need for PPN groups to drastically change the way they work due to Covid-19. The project included a series of activities to connect groups and offer support. This included the support needs survey, a tailored information brief, as well as a 'clinic' platform that offers tailored supports in response to individual queries from groups. The focus was on staying connected and offering relevant, tailored information. In doing so we aimed to help groups continue their important role of community engagement. We provided Volunteering protocols and also helped pack and distribute community 'Well-being packs' along with the 'Keep Well' Initiative of the Galway County Council.

Kerry

- ▶ The Kerry PPN had to adapt very quickly to the changing needs of the community during the Covid-19 pandemic and the forms of communications needed to be inclusive. This further highlighted the IT poverty and social exclusion, which is not recognized at a national level.
- ▶ Sunday 22nd March, a New Advisory Group to coordinate Community Response on Covid-19 in County Kerry was formed. Ireland's National Action Plan on Covid-19 (Coronavirus) has tasked local authorities and other agencies to work closely with the Department of Community and Rural Development to coordinate the community and volunteering response to the current public health emergency. A new Covid-19 Kerry Community Response Advisory Group has been established to coordinate how volunteers are managed and targeted to ensure that vulnerable members of the community can avail of a trusted and coordinated support service over the coming weeks and months. The group wants to harness the energy and generosity of people who have come forward to offer support to people in the community who require assistance and advice. The Covid-19 Kerry Community Response Advisory Group includes representatives of the following organisations: Health Service Executive; Kerry County Council; An Garda Síochána; Kerry Red Cross; Kerry Civil Defence; Kerry Volunteer Centre; North East and West Kerry Development; South Kerry Development Partnership; IRD Duhallow; Kerry GAA; Kerry Public Participation Network (representing 700+ community groups in Kerry); Kerry Age Friendly Network; Local Link Kerry; Citizens Information Service. The new group's core aim is contributing to the community-wide effort to limit the spread of Covid-19. The aim of the Community Response Advisory Group is to ensure that a coordinated, safe and reliable volunteer support

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network is available to those in need and that people in need of that assistance know who to contact for advice. Its work will complement much of the voluntary work which already taking place in communities across Kerry. The core element of the Advisory Group is to ascertain the best way to coordinate an inter-agency volunteer-based service to those in need of support at this time. Initially, there were daily call conferences between the main stakeholders as to the how to of the coordinating effort. The Kerry PPN played a central role in the coordination of the Covid 19 response in County Kerry and initially there were call conference meetings each day at 12 to ensure rapid effective response. This Group came together to complement and reinforce the tremendous work already underway across the county as communities respond to the needs of the community and it aims to ensure that any gaps in existing provision can be addressed and coordinated centrally.

- ▶ 10,000 Covid-19 Response information leaflets. At the first meetings of the Community Response Advisory Group, members of An Garda Síochána and the GAA suggested that it would greatly assist them when going out to the community they would have some important advice and support information that they could share with the people they were calling to. It was agreed that the Age Friendly Coordinator and the PPN Development Officer would look at developing a useful tool. The Age Friendly Officer and PPN Development Officer worked alongside the Community Advisory Response Group in developing an information leaflet. It was agreed that the information leaflet would be a user-friendly size in that it would contain the information it needed to but also small enough that it could be stuck on the fridge. This A5 leaflet includes details of the new Freephone number and other localized information that would be useful and supportive to the community. The printing firm undertook the job to ensure it was circulated to the community in a timely fashion to help alleviate stress and anxiety. The leaflets were produced by Monday 30th March. Distribution took place through the existing networks like the Kerry Public Participation Network, sporting organizations, local development companies and hundreds of community and voluntary groups across the county. Members of An Garda Síochána, distributed thousands of the leaflets to the community and found it an invaluable source of accessing the community. The initial print of 10,000 has now been distributed. The feedback from the community guards is that it provided an opportunity to call to houses and to have discussion with older people and vulnerable in the community, to enquire as to how they are, and to leave information with them. Local Development, FRCs and other organisations delivering food hampers, shopping and meals on wheels have included them in their hampers and again the localised information was a great source of comfort to the community to have the telephone numbers and contacts on hand. The three Local Development Companies also took the leaflets and distributed them to the community as have the HSE who distributed them to their own personnel who work with the community, such as the public health nurses etc. The leaflet has now been evaluated and based on the suggestions and additions that people have submitted, while also acknowledging the different phase of the Pandemic we are moving into.
- ▶ Potential Scenarios for Community Support Helpline, the Age Friendly Officer and PPN Development Officer developed various scenarios to present to the Community Response Advisory group for discussion so they could be teased out and expanded on in preparation for the Helpline and possible issues and concerns that could be presented there.
- ▶ 29th March, COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE – NEW FREEPHONE LINE launched. PHONE: 1800 807 009 TEXT 'SUPPORT' and your NAME to 50555, EMAIL: covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie. COVID-19 KERRY COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM LEADS THE RESPONSE • INFORMATION LEAFLET BEING DISTRIBUTED TO KERRY HOUSEHOLDS THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS MOBILISE TO SUPPORT THE VULNERABLE. A new telephone helpline has been launched in Kerry to assist members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical services and to provide support and advice to people during the current public health emergency. The free, confidential phone line service has been established by the new Covid-19 Kerry Community Response Forum which includes over a dozen agencies and organizations who have come together to mobilize and coordinate the community and voluntary response to the current crisis, particularly in

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responding to the needs of vulnerable households and individuals. The FREEPHONE number 1800 807 009 is now up and running and will be available from 8am to 8pm seven days a week. A text line (text 'SUPPORT' followed by your NAME to 50555) is also available for the hearing impaired or those who require a call-back from the service while requests can also be e-mailed to covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie. The helpline, which is manned by trained volunteers, is focused primarily on ensuring that vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries of essential items like groceries, medicine and fuel. Where another agency or organization can provide more appropriate information or advice, the caller will be connected with other organizations or services if required. Due to the strong connection of the Kerry PPN to the deaf community in County Kerry, we were able to highlight the importance of texters receiving a text back and not a call back that happened in the early days but was rectified once it was brought to the attention of the Helpline. Circulation of information through the Kerry PPN database and Face book page.

- ▶ The Department of Rural and Community Development send the Kerry PPN regular communications to circulate to the community and have used the data base successfully in getting the information out to the public. The Kerry PPN have also had their Facebook like increase by over 370% and covering reaching out to over 20,000 people. In order to insure that as wide a community audience was reached as possible, we established WhatsApp groups to keep the PPN Secretariat informed of all information and activities, but also to target our information out to different sectors of the community. Initiative with a sign language interpreter. The Sign Language interpreter approached Kerry PPN with a proposal to interpret the official information through the use of WhatsApp. Kerry PPN has set up the SIGN WhatsApp group and the Sign Language interpreter will sign using this tool and this will then be circulated through social media. This is being done on a voluntary capacity. The Kerry PPN has now included KCC into the WhatsApp group so any information we share, KCC can lift it and share through the KCC twitter account, the viewings are in the 100's., reaching over 1K for one of the signing. Also, any member of the deaf community can contact the Sign Language interpreter and we can signpost them into the appropriate services. This initiative was covered in the Age Friendly News update on the 17th April 2020, and other PPN'S, the Department and An Garda Síochána are now providing such a service.
- ▶ Initiative with Irish Red Cross, Tralee Branch. The Irish Red Cross along with the PPNs received an offer from Nestle foods to provide a supply of foods and water nationwide through the Irish Red Cross. In order to best distribute this and support the government community support plan, the first option was to link this generous offer to community helplines nationwide. Product categories range from coffee, water, confectionery, cereals, noodles and pet food. Following discussions at Community Response meeting, Kerry Red Cross representative, Majella Forde discussed with Caroline and a process is now in place to work with this generous offer. The consignment of food arrived 28th April and a discussion followed that as it was coffee and mainly chocolate bars, it could be used in Phase 2 of Covid-19 in a creative uplifting way.
- ▶ Kerry PPN / KCC Interactive map. The Kerry PPN brought a proposal to the Community Response Advisory Group about the possibility of developing an online map which would outline the groups/organisations that are still operating during the Covid-19 alert and are providing supports to the community. It would be a live map, in that it could be updated daily so once the initial map was put up on the Kerry PPN and KCC websites, it would trigger other groups to inform us of the work being carried out. This will represent organisations that are providing services, supports and information for those who need them most during this time, including maintaining usual services, collecting groceries, prescriptions, medication, Meals -on-Wheels and the offer of a helping hand or a friendly voice at the end of the telephone. Of importance is an Eircode for each service provider and we can than map this information. The initial information gathered from the survey was sent to the IT section of KCC on the 31st March. The Kerry PPN were to be provided with the technical expertise. The PPN Development Officer uploaded individually all the submissions from the survey and generate a map with this information. This information and

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map were then sent to the IT Department so they could add the finishing touches to the map prior to it being launched. The Interactive maps were displayed on both the KCC website and Kerry PPN website www.kerryppn.ie on Friday 24th April and have been actively used by the helpline. Other groups operating in the county have also been in touch to be included on the map. This is certainly a visual tool that may have various uses to the PPN going forward. Any further updates or changes come through the Kerry PPN, who then update the map accordingly.

- ▶ Phase 2 COVID -19. The community are now moving into phase 2 of Covid-19, the Kerry PPN along with the Age Friendly are looking at ways to support the community during this phase, which is moving into health and wellbeing and focusing on the element of Staying Connected while being apart. We are presently exploring the idea of a gratitude journal interlinked with word searches and mindful colouring as a different type of workbook. This gratitude journal will be included within a #InThisTogether bag which will include some of the supplies from Nestle foods and the support of the local Red Cross, the Kerry PPN pen, an updated information leaflet, supported by the local Cara Credit Union and a few other self-care items such as a pedometer. We are presently costing the bag and pedometer. We are also working closely with the Kerry Sports Partnership and Healthy Kerry with regards an effective strategic response to the community.
- ▶ In order to complement the work already being carried out in County Kerry and not to replicate it, but to complement it, the Kerry PPN undertook a survey of the local Development Companies and Family Resource Centres to ascertain the activities taking place regarding being active, connected and mental health and wellbeing. June 2020 - On the 4th June, "In the Bag" the second initiative in the #InThisTogether campaign was launched. The campaign #InThisTogether which the Government launched encourages everyone to pick a new activity which could help them to feel a little healthier or a little better as we deal with Covid-19. Reinforcing this campaign, a national media campaign entitled "Hold Firm" was launched. This campaign encourages people to Hold Firm and was inspired by the poem, "Take Care", written by our President, Michael D. Higgins. (Gratitude Journal attached). Each week a new initiative will be launched and promoted. With this in mind, the Kerry Public Participation Network working collaboratively with Kerry Age Friendly Programme coordinator who produced a Gratitude Journal and an updated list of Kerry Community Supports and contacts. Hard copies of this journal and information sheet were produced for a targeted audience, that is the person in the community without computers, iPad or smart telephones, not connected to organisations and may not have family. Recipients were identified by An Garda Síochána, The Red Cross and the Public Health Nurses. Also, the Kerry PPN Development officer from going on Radio Kerry and discussing printed versions of the information sheet was contacted by several members of the community by telephone requesting one was posted out to them as they had no facilities and took the opportunity to take their details for the wellbeing packs. These bags will be distributed by the Red Cross in County Kerry. The bag contains a fridge magnet so that the information sheet which has a space again for Eircode can be kept on the fridge for easy access.
- ▶ Stop Food Waste and the Kerry PPN. One of the many ways that the Kerry PPN is supporting this initiative is by providing Stop Food Waste items such as rice cups, spaghetti measures, stop food waste pocket guide and a shopping list planner. Stop Food Waste has been working with local authorities and community-based groups since 2009. They have carried out local training on composting and food waste prevention, attended local festivals and events, given talks to schools and tidy towns groups and have supported communities in the work that they do locally. Working with and in communities is one of the most effective ways of getting out message out. This element holds firmly to the environmental pillar and is very complementary of this.

Kildare

- ▶ Interactive Map. Covid-19 Community Response Interactive Map: Kildare PPN was the first to initiated/launch a Covid-19 interactive map, through our network. The map contained a list of all

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the community groups that were offering assistance and supports to the vulnerable members of the community. On our website community and voluntary groups in County Kildare could submit their services and supports which in turn acted as a support for the community call when it was launched. All information and services which we gathered were forwarded on to Kildare County Council for inclusion in the Kildare Community Call. Forty two (42) groups registered to our map. A total of 112 groups throughout Kildare registered their services and supports.

- ▶ Other Covid-19 initiatives and collaborations included: Re-opening the Community & Voluntary Sector post Covid-19 Webinar; Keep Kildare Talking campaign; Access to Technology Survey; Community Fundraising Support Campaign Information Hub. Kildare PPN circulated and distributed vital information and resources on Covid-19.

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, SEO's, 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 identified, arranged and delivered over 100 care packages to the most vulnerable and marginalised groups within the Traveller, Migrant and Syrian communities.
- ▶ 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. 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.
- ▶ Kilkenny PPN applied for funding under the Keep Well Campaign to buy a further 11 tablets for use. There were 34 tablets in use by December 2020. Kilkenny PPN worked with the ETB and the FRC's 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.
- ▶ Kilkenny PPN developed a simple "How to" Guide in respect of Social Media which teaches you how to set up an email account, a zoom account, a WhatsApp group. This was circulated to outside agencies, to our member organisations and to put up online.

Laois

- ▶ Laois PPN co-ordinated the food donation offer from Nestle. Laois PPN worked with Laois Partnership and Irish Red Cross on this. Laois PPN are being utilized by Laois County Council as one the main ways of contacting Community Groups with updates. Laois PPN carried out a survey as requested by the Chief Executive to see if any Community Groups offering supports during Covid-19 are experiencing volunteer fatigue. No volunteer fatigue was reported.
- ▶ Laois PPN are regularly updating on our Social Media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Laois PPN have provided a number of online training events during Covid-19 to assist PPN Member Groups. The feedback from this training workshops has been positive with PPN Members Groups feeling they have benefited their Groups and members during these challenging times. Covid-19 has significantly impacted PPN Member Groups traditionally fundraising streams and how to get Group message and name out in the public domain. Topics covered online include Writing Successful Funding Applications, Social Media Workshop to assist Groups grow their membership and Funding Strategy 2021.
- ▶ Laois PPN organized a Crime Prevention Talk with the Crime Prevention Officer. This was to assist Community Groups whose properties may have been subject to vandalism when locked down

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- ▶ Laois PPN have organised a number of outdoor events that adhered to the government guidelines during Covid-19. The outdoor events catered to the Community, Social Inclusion and Environmental Pillars of Laois PPN. The outdoor events were very popular and all were fully booked. There was positive feedback from attendees after each event.
- ▶ The spread of Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the Mental Health of people. Laois PPN ran a number of events to help people's Member Health during Covid-19 including START – Suicide Prevention Training, 5 Ways to Wellbeing and 5 Ways to Wellbeing for the Festive Season. Laois PPN is part of "Laois Connects" along with Laois County Council, HSE, Laois Sports Partnership, Laois Partnership. Laois Connects is a week-long series of free events that the people of Laois can avail of. It started on World Mental Health Day on Sat 10th Oct.
- ▶ Laois PPN ran two events for Laois Connects; "The Power of Choice" a talk with 7 time All Ireland medal winner Dublin footballer, Philly McMahon. Philly spoke about the power of choice when faced with life altering events such as Covid-19 or loss of a loved one. Philly is a household name who speaks with real world experience having lost a brother to drug addiction in 2012. This event was very popular and featured a wide range of participants from GAA Clubs, School teachers, Youth Workers, Athletics Clubs, Basketball Clubs, Musical Societies, Scout Groups, Residents Associations and Tidy Towns Groups taking part. There was a Q&A session with Philly at the end.
- ▶ Laois PPN as part of Laois Connects held a free Zoom Workshop "Five ways to Wellbeing" with Mental Health Ireland. Laois PPN in partnership with Laois County Council hosted the Community & Voluntary Awards 2020. In a year like no other never has the words community and volunteer meant so much to so many.
- ▶ Laois PPN have been involved in the Laois Community Response Forum from the beginning. Laois PPN is represented by Laois PPN Secretariat Member and the Resource Worker. Laois PPN have created an Interactive Map of Community Groups that are offering supports during Covid-19 to the vulnerable in the county and uploaded it to the Laois PPN website. You can view it here by clicking on <https://www.laoisppn.ie/>.

If you click on a pin on the map it provides you with the following:

- Community Group Name
 - Summary of Services offered during COVID-19
 - Contact Details.
- ▶ The Interactive Map is also available on the Laois County Council website. The Interactive Map has been positively received by the public in Laois. The local newspapers, the Leinster Express and the Laois Nationalist both ran articles on how useful and user friendly it was for vulnerable people in Laois. There are now 99 Community Groups and organizations groups offering supports on the Laois PPN Interactive Map. There is a Community Group available to offer supports to the vulnerable in every locality in the County. This information has been shared with Laois County Council Community Response Helpline and has been uploaded to their CRM system. Laois PPN have been providing regular updates to the 580 PPN Member Groups who have been circulating this info to their members. This info has been positively received by the PPN Member Groups.

Leitrim

- ▶ The PPN was involved in the COVID-19 Community Call initiative. The PPN Support Worker sat on this forum. The PPN supported the distribution of relevant information in support of public health and the community response. The PPN also, in partnership with the Council and Local Development Company, developed an online Covid-19 community map identifying supports and services. In addition to this, the PPN through the support worker, participated in the Food

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Poverty subcommittee of the Community Call Forum. This subcommittee focused on the provision of emergency food and food availability.

Limerick

- ▶ Limerick PPN maintained a dedicated section on its website with links to reliable information and resources in response to the pandemic. Eight information emails from national Covid-19 Health. Communications Stakeholder Support and eleven other related information emails were sent to PPN members during the early weeks of the pandemic.
- ▶ The Secretariat Facilitator attended the Covid Community Response Forum meetings where briefings were provided by Limerick City and County Council staff on the local response to Covid-19 in Limerick.

Longford

- ▶ Continued to provide support to the most vulnerable over the Christmas holidays. Organised “A Call For Christmas” initiative as part of the “Keep Well” Campaign under the theme “Stay Connected” in association with all the ICA guilds in the county to help combat isolation over the holidays particularly for those living on their own; Co-hosted “Make Way Day” virtual call with Longford County Council; Presented at the National Environmental Protection Agency virtual call on Wellbeing Vision Statements; PPN Meetings moved online through Zoom meeting and MS Teams; Rolled out the 2nd Phase of HEAR FOR YOU Initiative which was Longford Community Food Appeal.
- ▶ Food donations were made by individuals and community groups. Food packages were delivered by Longford Civil Defence. Worked with the Longford Community Champion to develop and roll out the HEAR FOR YOU initiative. Flyers delivered to every house in County Longford by An Post. Organised a leaflet to be inserted in every Longford Leader newspaper.
- ▶ Initiative connected people with similar interests, made referrals to doctors, counsellors, Longford Women’s Link Domestic Violence Unit etc. Worked with Irish Red Cross Co-ordinator to bring Nestle food packages to Longford. Organised the drop off and deliveries with Longford Civil Defence and Lus na Gréine Family Resource Centre, Granard.
- ▶ Supported Local Response Groups to set up in response to Covid19 and worked with BHP Insurance so they could avail of free insurance; Maintained the PPN Disability Network so people with disabilities experiencing isolation and fear could stay linked to each other and the PPN. This included circulating information directly relating to particular types of disabilities, check- ins by phone and visit, doctor follow up calls etc.
- ▶ Maintained the PPN Intercultural Forum so members of all communities received translated information on COVID19 and members from different communities could keep in touch by phone and social media; PPN Dev Worker was working to immobile groups prior to the set-up community call; Supported the development of the Community Map for Longford Call Centre; Represented the wider PPN membership in the Community Response Forum; Disseminated all relevant information by email to community groups and PPN social media outlets.

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 webpage on our PPN website; Design and delivery of a local COVID-19 information leaflet to over 5000 elderly and

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vulnerable residents in Louth; Purchase of a licensed PPN Zoom account for PPN Members in order to keep them connected; Preparation and delivery of 65 'PPN COVID 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.

- ▶ 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 worked in close collaboration with Mayo County Council Community Engagement Section and Mayo County Council Community Call Stakeholder Forum. Mayo Community Engagement Section designed a survey requesting groups who are providing services for Covid 19 in Mayo to register with them to create a database of services/supports for the Helpdesk queries. This survey was widely publicised and shared to all Mayo PPN members and promoted on Social Media. Through Mayo PPN's 900 registered members we participated and helped to source a register of local community support groups and groups that had come together to support the most vulnerable in our communities.
- ▶ Mayo PPN is part of a sub-group set up to liaise with other stakeholders, e.g.: Local Volunteer Centre, Community Champion, Local Community Development Committees, Age Friendly etc., to provide vital feedback on the response at the local level, through our research and the feedback obtained.
- ▶ A designated Covid 19 page was set up on Mayo PPN website to display the Covid 19 Interactive Map along with other useful resources received from the Department of Rural & Community Affairs and other stakeholders' information and resources. This was updated on a regular basis to reflect the most up-to-date information on Covid 19 on resources available to the general public and volunteers.
- ▶ Mayo PPN through the medium of Social media dispatched posts and news on the Covid 19 Helpline (Facebook and Twitter). Mayo PPN delivered regular emails to our membership about updates, services and supports available.
- ▶ Mayo PPN in conjunction with the Community Section of Mayo County Council contacted local groups to give feedback on the needs that they saw arising from the COVID-19 crisis. A webinar was set-up with local stakeholders to evaluate how groups would continue the services they are providing considering volunteers returning to work. As a result of this webinar we were able to sense a change of mood and adapt our communication to respond to this change. Mayo PPN Resource Worker was part of the team attached to the rota on the Covid helpline.
- ▶ Mayo PPN disseminated information and guidelines to Community Groups in relation to the COVID -19 Emergency Fund. We were in touch with the Irish Red Cross about the Nestlé donation for Mayo Red Cross, who cover the vast county that Mayo is. Mayo PPN provided specific support and guidance for groups and communities about locating resources: e.g., videos/resources for the Deaf and Blind community in Mayo, people with disabilities, children with special needs, minority groups, etc.
- ▶ Mayo PPN asked groups and communities to send news of how they were responding in order to highlight the vibrant response in our community and the response has been fantastic. Mayo PPN are showcasing positive examples of volunteering by inviting community groups to submit a short summary/video of how they assisted in their communities during the Covid 19 pandemic. This will be displayed on the PPN website and social media channels. Mayo PPN acknowledge

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and value the community-based volunteer response that is mobilising due to Covid 19 and felt the need to capture the fantastic activities undertaken by community groups across County Mayo. This project was called MAYO PPN COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19. Six Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN were interviewed and videoed and this will make up a two-part documentary which filmed community groups across every part of the county and covered covid related activities in rural areas. It will be broadcast on iMayo TV Show – Sky Channel 192 and available to view on You Tube and will also be displayed on Mayo PPN website.

- ▶ The PPN staff presented regular updates to Secretariat and organised the April Secretariat Convenors meeting online.
- ▶ What has been learned so far from the experience? The importance of the PPN's working in collaboration with County Councils and other Stakeholders. Community members set about organising themselves in an informal way/coming together to help the most vulnerable. The importance of the PPN's and having immediate access to providing information to Community Groups. A key role for the team is ensuring the structures and supports groups need are in place in order to support Mayo County Council who were mandated to convene a Community Response Forum to coordinate Covid-19 Agency and Community supports for vulnerable groups and individuals.

Meath

- ▶ Meath Community Covid Response Network. Ref: <https://www.meathppn.ie/meath-community-response-to-covid-19/> The PPN worked with community groups to develop and promote a local support network across Meath. The network was developed and mapped in time for the start of the national Covid lock-down in March 2020. The network was built upon members groups with local community knowledge and trust and provided assurance to communities that local supports were available if required.
- ▶ PPN member groups provided a range of cocooning supports including shopping and prescription collection, contact to combat isolation and the delivery of Food Bank programmes. The development of local networks allowed for the dispersal of support to meet local community demand and reduced the risk of centralized bottlenecks/constraints. The PPN support network formed part of the collective county campaign in partnership with statutory agencies (MCC, Community Gardaí, etc.). The PPN acted as a coordinating mechanism for community action and fed into the Community Call reporting structure. Publication and circulation of health guidance from central authorities by the PPN promoted standard practice for protection and risk management. The network is volunteer-based and continues to operate with PPN as direct communication link and support. The management of Covid transmission remained an ongoing risk over the course of 2020. The support of volunteer community infrastructure is necessary to supplement the national and county health campaign.

Monaghan

- ▶ The PPN carried out a survey amongst its members in April 2020 enquiring what activities were they undertaking those vulnerable in their own communities. The responses were then forwarded to the staff in the Community Call Helpline so that they could assign calls for support to volunteers in those areas coming into the helpline. The PPN was a member of the Community Response Forum from the beginning and provided updates from its members at each meeting. The PPN ensured all national and local information was distributed to members from HSE, Government Departments, Keep Well Campaigns and many more. PPN Social Inclusion Representative set up a food support hub in May 2020 and food parcels continue to be distributed to those in need across our county.

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Offaly

- ▶ RW on the Community Response Forum.
- ▶ PPN staff supporting and manning the Community Helpline. RW was Team Leader for Helpline on weekends.
- ▶ Supported the Local Dev Company with a project for the new Direct Provision Centres in the county.
- ▶ Supported Healthy Ireland/Offaly and CYPSC with initiatives for more vulnerable parents with young children. Assisted with organising hampers for older people living alone at Christmas 10,000.
- ▶ Magazines for families across Offaly 4,000 copies of Age Friendly magazines bi monthly; to encourage engagement, to stimulate fun and learning and to provide contact details for services and supports, to reduce boredom and help prevent friction and stress.
- ▶ Supported Meals on wheels service & Care packs for the most vulnerable across the county.

Roscommon

- ▶ Roscommon PPN was a member of the Covid Response Forum.
- ▶ Zoom training was provided to members to support them to the move online

Sligo

- ▶ Sligo PPN are a member of the newly formed Sligo Community Response Forum. Meetings were initially held 3 times a week but now occur once a week. We are also members of the forum subgroups on, volunteering, support & documentation for volunteers, emergency fund and helpline operation. Sligo LCDC has reconvened and Sligo PPN have reported on updates.
- ▶ We put a survey out across the whole community and have created and mapped a network of all registered community and voluntary groups who are offering expanded services at this time under the community call. <https://www.sligoppn.com/sligo-community-responses-under-covid-19/>. This map is used directly by the community but also by the dedicated Sligo helpline to allocate volunteers to support callers in need. We continue to put out the call for groups to register and update the map daily. We meet with the helpline regularly to discuss the main issues coming in, how to deal with them, where to look for help. Many of the initial calls to the helpline focused on requests for hot meals and shopping information, so we expanded this project to create a map of local businesses providing essential services and this is also used by the helpline <https://www.sligoppn.com/shops-open-during-covid-19/>. The Sligo town element of this mapping runs as a weekly feature in the Sligo Weekender in partnership with Sligo BID.
- ▶ A training guide was developed and presented to helpline staff on all aspects of using the PPN information.
- ▶ In the registration survey we also asked groups to identify local gaps in service and issues they are facing to carry out their roles. These issues are regularly presented to the Sligo Community Response Group led by SCC where we identify appropriate organisations to step in and help, for example the issue of insurance arose for groups to take on these additional activities so Sligo PPN has now organised a blanket insurance to cover all groups registered in the community response programme (do not have to be registered PPN members). Likewise, the issue of permission to travel documentation is now being resolved by a partnership between the PPN and SCC whereby a template of a letter is being developed that will be sent to all groups as they register - volunteers will be issued with a copy to keep in the car as they undertake driving related activities. We work closely with Sligo Volunteer Centre to assign appropriate volunteers to groups in need of a helping hand.
- ▶ Secretariat meetings are taking place remotely to keep members up to date. To ensure wellbeing

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initiatives are accessible to broader sectors of the community, we are adding them to our own website which has translation and accessibility functions

- ▶ We are partnering with SCC on the Health and Wellbeing plan / campaign for the county. We are working to ensure that initiatives respond directly to some of the issues that were raised as part of the PPN Wellbeing vision process and we hope this will give a broader approach to wellbeing rather than the more traditional focus on physical exercise/mindfulness etc. Examples include a birdwatch challenge to get community engaged with spotting native species, a Sligo dragonfly survey, a programme encouraging people to make heritage discoveries within their 2km radius etc.
- ▶ We are partnering with some of our member groups who work with the most vulnerable groups in our community such as refugees and asylum seekers, travellers, people with physical and intellectual disabilities to find out the unique challenges facing these groups and to develop targeted health and wellbeing responses.
- ▶ We have created an information page on our PPN website which pulls together in one place all the official and relevant information. This is organised under various post headings such as health and community resources, information for people with communication difficulties and financial assistance <https://www.sligoppn.com/covid-19/>. This is regularly updated to ensure the most up to date information is available and the most relevant information disseminated directly to groups and promoted on social media.
- ▶ We are working with Sligo Leader and Sligo Volunteer Centre to develop an information pack for groups to ensure that they have all the information in relation to things such as collecting prescriptions, social distancing, Garda vetting.
- ▶ We have a weekly communication with groups to check in, identify new issues or problems, ask for ideas.
- ▶ We are in ongoing communication with Secretariat and Community Reps discussing and raising issues that might form part of the SPC response once social distancing is eased.
- ▶ We have adapted our Social Media Guide for Community Groups which was published in 2018 to include a new section on the use of social media across the crisis.
- ▶ Sligo PPN have been working with the Irish Red Cross to source a donation of food from Nestle scheduled to be delivered to Sligo this week. We are connecting with Tusla and SLPCo to make sure the food is allocated to those most in need – working with local community champion.
- ▶ We are just beginning a social media campaign with the organisation One Step Closer to try and capture and celebrate the work of the community sector in Sligo under the crisis. This will fit also under the Healthy Ireland aims for the county and will involve members of Comhairle na nÓg and Foróige. This will respond to an identified need that young people are struggling with finding a place in the Covid-19 response and this will allow them to use their unique social media skills to support the community response.
- ▶ We have worked closely with SCC in the application process for the emergency response fund. Informing the fund through ongoing discussions with member groups about programme ideas ie we heard through discussions with FRCs about an emerging issue with the cessation of English language classes for new communities so we are now working with Sligo Leader Partnership, Sligo Volunteer Centre and Sligo Family Resource Centre to try and get an online programme operational that will also use the lesson structures to impart important health information and advice.
- ▶ We have worked with SCC to secure funding to provide volunteer groups with PPE equipment and will be coordinating the allocation. We are also working on the distribution of face shields produced by IT Sligo to the most in need community groups.

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- ▶ Sligo PPN are working on a research piece with ITSligo that will try to capture the contribution that the community and voluntary sector is making to society under the Covid crisis. The aim of this research is to try and ensure that, once the crisis is over, the community sector does not suffer its usual fate in terms of pulled resources and increased financial pressure. We want to attempt to put a value on the current community effort, from an economic and societal perspective, and to make the case that the community sector should be given equal support and footing when it comes to investment to get the country into recovery. There will be a number of phases to the research starting with a volunteer survey which we hope will be supported by the national PPN network.
- ▶ We are currently beginning a project with SLPCo and SVC to put together a guide for community groups to re-open and start operation safely. This will be in the form of a simple guide /checklist tailored to the nature of groups, i.e., informal interest groups, sports clubs, community centres and charity shops.
- ▶ We worked with Age Friendly Sligo, Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership on the promotion of the Ageing Well at Home Leaflet and live radio programme
- ▶ The PPN are partnering with Sligo Heritage Office to promote a range of biodiversity and heritage initiatives under the health and wellbeing campaign
- ▶ We are working with Sligo Cycle campaign to try and raise awareness about the abuse of empty roads in terms of reckless and dangerous driving and the implications as more pedestrians are using local roads.

Observations

- ▶ There has been some confusion about the introduction of the community champions initiative after many PPNs had already started a range of the processes allocated to this role.
- ▶ Given that PPNs are officially defined as the main communication channel between LAs and the community sector, their positioning as part of the national community response has not been as strong as it had the potential to be. All work undertaken by PPNs has come from ongoing dialogue across the network and through individual initiative and commitment from workers and community representatives – there has been no national directive on collective action.
- ▶ Lack of digital equipment and knowledge is appearing as a major barrier to participation in this new way of working and will be even more evident as community groups and organizations get back to delivering core services using these methods.
- ▶ One of the biggest concerns among groups is how they will return safely to operation of normal services – there are no definitive guidelines or direction on this. Sligo PPN made an approach to The Wheel to see if they would support us (and SVC and SLPCo) in the development of some kind of toolkit but perhaps it is something that could instead be developed in partnership across the PPN Resource worker network if there was interest.
- ▶ This process has strengthened relationships between the PPN and Community and Enterprise staff and we hope that there is renewed recognition and support going forward for the role of PPNs in connecting local government and community
- ▶ Some issues that have emerged could have been more easily resolved if addressed at the start of the crisis such as Garda Vetting clarification
- ▶ PPN Resource Workers have proven that key elements of their role can be successfully carried out remotely. The PPN role is unique and does not always conform to a Local Authority way of working in terms of core hours, travel and availability. It is hoped that as working routines return to normal, LAs do not naturally fall back into older ways of working and allow resource workers to maintain some degree of flexibility in their working arrangements.

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South Dublin

- ▶ South Dublin PPN will continue to be an active member of the South Dublin Co Community Response Forum and attend and contribute to online meetings of the Forum. The Covid-19 Resources page on SDC PPN's website containing contact details of groups providing help and supports will be updated regularly. SDC PPN will continue to distribute all Covid-19 related information including updates from DRDC, SDCC and other agencies. SDC PPN will continue to promote the "Community Call" initiative particularly the Helpline, through mailers to the network and through social media channels.

Tipperary

- ▶ Community Response – A fast reacting, initial community response team to the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic, created in March & ran through April, when the more formal structure of the County Community Call Forum was set up. The organisations, collaborating hugely with the PPN around this, were the Tipperary Volunteer Centre & Tipp County Council and the Civil Defence. The PPN became the main conduit to link services together to groups, accessing group insurance & information to Covid-19 updates/restrictions etc. This forum mapped community resources, provided community groups with Health & Safety advice & Health & Wellbeing information, created the early information resilience packs with stick on car stickers for volunteers to be identified during the Level 5 initial lockdown. Community Call Forum - this is still an ongoing countywide collaborative response to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The organisations are working with the lead agency, who are Tipperary County Council. The agencies are PPN, Tipperary Volunteer Centre, North & South Tipperary Development Companies, Civil Defence, Muintir Na Tíre, Garda Síochána, HSE, GAA, An Post, ALONE, Local Link & Tusla. Opportunities to showcase the PPN to other agencies were taken & it is felt that for the PPN it enhanced relationships already there & built new alliances with others. 3 Resilience food packs through the Community Call team and Nestle were delivered for the vulnerable families in local communities through volunteer groups, as well as other resilience pack for older adults.
- ▶ TPPN organised a Covid-19 Grant subgroup with members of the secretariat involved along with PPN staff to assess applications and distribute Covid-19 small grants for community groups (maximum grant - €500). This grants fund was from funding donated from the former South Tipperary Community & Voluntary Forum.
- ▶ Through the Covid-19 pandemic, training that was designed specifically to the needs and reacting to the voice of the member groups. Training such as, CPR, Community Wellbeing Vision Reps training, Governance, IT training, FB business group pages, SDGs.
- ▶ Through a collaboration of funding between Tipp County Council, PPN and TVC, a project is administered through the Age Friendly Network to encourage virtual connection & reduce isolation due to Covid-19 cocooning of the older persons, through providing suitably adapted devices & internet access. Financing and supporting the distribution of Acorn tablets and the access to training to use the devices were all part of the Digital Connections project.
- ▶ There was an added dedicated 'In This Together' section on the PPN website plus a Covid-19 Stories told and transferred on to video project, again with Tipp County Council & TVC. There is also a designated Covid-19 section on the website.

Waterford

- ▶ Waterford PPN are members of the Waterford Covid-19 Community Response Forum which

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meets by Telecon once a week, there are approx. 35 on this group. Waterford PPN also sits on the Coordination & Supports Sub-Group and the Voluntary/Emergency Fund sub groups which comprises of Waterford Library/Helpdesk/GIS, Waterford LA Community Dept Staff, and Waterford Area Partnership. Waterford PPN compiled a contact list of supports ie, support groups, hospitals, banks, pharmacy's etc. covering all municipal districts of Waterford County for the Covid-19 helpdesk.

- ▶ Waterford LA designed a survey requesting groups who are providing services for Covid-19 in Waterford to register with them for a database for the Helpdesk queries...This survey was widely publicised and shared to all PPN members and promoted on Facebook. All information gathered is held by and managed by Waterford LA for the purpose of information for the Helpdesk queries.
- ▶ Promoted on Facebook. All information gathered is held by and managed by Waterford LA for the purpose of information for the Helpdesk queries. Waterford do not have a live mapping like some counties, this is internal and information is only used by the Helpdesk, any groups that registered on the survey were assessed and activated once certain conditions were met i.e.; Garda Vetting was in place. Approx. 2 weeks after the Helpdesk went live Waterford PPN devised a questionnaire to all PPN member groups to establish if there were any groups/services and gaps out there that the LA survey hadn't captured, we also used this questionnaire to capture any new groups that had set up that we were not aware of, any groups that were struggling, how Covid-19 is and will impact on them and what supports they needed and may need in the future. Any helpful
- ▶ Information from this was fed into the Community Response Forum.
- ▶ We worked with the Irish Red Cross to link a food donation from Nestlé to community group (Waterford Food Bank) undertaking food provision; We disseminated information from Government Departments, Waterford City and County Council, Gardaí etc. to all PPN member groups and fielding queries and requests for further information; We send out weekly Newsletters on Grants/Funding, Supports, webinars, free training etc. that are available
- ▶ We have updated our website with a Covid-19 page, which has a list of helpful information and supports. Constantly updating our social media pages on Facebook; We offer a postal service for anyone who need forms, guides etc. printed and we post out the Older persons Newsletters. We were in contact with the HSE on a few occasions with ideas and suggestions in regard to their resource packs and information, i.e., more user friendly and expand on the languages they were available in, response from them was very prompt and they took our suggestions on board.
- ▶ Discussing specific interventions (for future action – not just Covid-19 related) with key partners such as the Older Persons Council and Residents groups.
- ▶ Draft Wellbeing Vision: unable to continue with workshops but planning an on line consultation programme to complete the exercise – will also consider more remote working systems – a virtual Plenary for instance?
- ▶ Continued working with community groups – on Covid-19 related issues such issues as anti-social behaviour – and connecting the dots between communities, Council and Gardaí
- ▶ Set up Zoom for meeting with Secretariat
- ▶ Sourced toys, books and games for the Traveller Community
- ▶ Staff have done numerous webinars and training i.e., Garda Vetting, Brightpay, Community networking, Covid-19 Resources.

Lessons learned:

- ▶ The Covid-19 crisis has, if nothing else, highlighted the importance and value of PPNs. We think

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that it has only immensely highlighted the vital need for a National PPN Coordinator.

- ▶ In Waterford the PPN are very familiar with all of the 700+ member groups and their locations. Without PPN engagement it is unlikely that the mapping exercise would have worked so successfully, our contacts in the various communities have proved vital as well. We hope that the Council will look with new eyes on the work and value added of the PPN.
- ▶ The regulations around the Garda Vetting should have been clearer from the start and we feel that it would have been a huge advantage here if Waterford's Volunteer Centre had been up and running. Over 280 people volunteered through the survey. We sincerely hope that this important work will not (as has happened previously) be unduly affected as the recession bites.
- ▶ In terms of lessons learned, Waterford PPN remain in regular contact the Council's Community Department and this reinforces our belief that this is the key link between Councils and PPNs. On a more practical level as remote working including virtual meetings will increase, we have realised that we lack the equipment e.g., smart phones, tablets. Laptops, computers etc. and also the knowledge in the community in how to use devices, software and applications.

Westmeath

- ▶ WPPN staff administers Covid-19 Westmeath Community Response Forum. WPPN staff operate Community Response Helpline approx. 7 days per month. WPPN organised and funded a re-opening workshop/webinar for all members. WPPN sent out 52 Covid-19 specific information pieces to members. WPPN has worked closely with Westmeath County Council (WCC), Westmeath Community Development, HSE, Civil Defence, An Garda Síochána, Community groups across the county including GAA, Community Development Groups, Meals on Wheels, SVP and Red Cross.
- ▶ WPPN worked closely with WCC organising and Distributing 1000 care packs. WPPN part funded 2500 fridge magnets with Community Helpline details: distributed county wide. WPPN distributed and assisted groups with Covid-19 specific funding opportunities, including Community Enhancement Scheme

Wexford

- ▶ Supported the community call & sent business packs

Wicklow

- ▶ Co Wicklow PPN immediately logged the community's response to the first lockdown. The PPN then worked with the local authority to log the information to a mapping tool to support the Community Call. The PPN also worked with Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre to ensure best practise and safety for volunteers and those they were supporting. Co Wicklow PPN worked with Greystones Community Radio to arrange interviews for groups to highlight the work they were doing and the supports they were providing during lock down. Co Wicklow PPN actively participated in the Community Champion initiative and following this the Local Authority's Community Response Forum. Co Wicklow PPN actively participated in the Wicklow Community Response Forum's Digital Poverty Sub-group in collaboration with WCC, Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre, Muintir na Tíre, CYPSC, and Age Friendly. This group was set up to respond to issues being raised in relation to the digital divide.
- ▶ A grant process was developed to resource the most affected groups resulting in €45,000 being circulated to enable organisations to purchase vital equipment such as tablets, laptops and dongles that could be accessed by those in most need of them. Groups supported included:

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people with physical and mental health challenges, older people's groups, refugees living in direct provision centres, Travellers, and disadvantaged young people. Co Wicklow PPN actively participated in the Wicklow Community Response Forum's Staying Connected & Managing Your Mood Sub-Group in collaboration with WCC, HSE, Age Friendly, Healthy Ireland, CYPSC, Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre, Muintir na Tíre.

- ▶ The 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 and resilience. Co Wicklow PPN developed a 2 page document to sign post groups to advice in relation to re-opening their facilities & re-starting their actions as well as possible funding supports to enable them to open and restart their services
- ▶ Co Wicklow PPN organised training and peer support sessions to support groups to re-open their centres and halls and re-start their services after the first lockdown. Co Wicklow PPN developed and circulated a survey to find out what financial impacts Covid-19 had on community groups.
- ▶ A report was developed from the responses which was then circulated to the local authority, the Dept. Rural & Community Development, and Co Wicklow Elected Representatives & TDs. The report is available on our website and shows that groups that run community centres found it very difficult to meet mortgage payments, bills etc. and this caused worry and stress for voluntary committees. Co Wicklow PPN collaborated with the Irish Red Cross to distribute Nestle Food Donations to community groups including Meals on Wheels Groups and Resource Centres.
- ▶ Co Wicklow PPN worked with Human Givens Counsellor & Coach to develop our Supercharge Your Selfcare Training Programme. The programme was later adapted into 6 short videos to support volunteers and communities to look after themselves and each other. The videos were clearly linked to Our Visions for Community Wellbeing and the National & Local Keep Well Campaign. The videos were launched in December and are available on the Co Wicklow PPN website.

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Carlow

- ▶ More time is required for the consultation process, so community reps would be better prepared and well informed. Information should be jargon free, written in plain English making it easy for everyone to understand. Offer postal consultations. Carlow responded to eleven consultations in 2020.

Cavan

- ▶ Improved involvement of community reps in setting agendas and empowering them on boards/committees. Also, reports on progress/decisions of that SPC etc. in their actions for distribution to members.

Clare

- ▶ Currently Clare PPN must actively seek out local and national consultations as we are not consistently notified. A national consultation portal that can be searched by county or by interest would be of great use, such as this one at beta stage:

https://www.gov.ie/en/consultations/?%20fbclid=IwAR3ocMXkQLDsPzmi4_CjDSUeoKGLPWdoP4tK3B90RXDVhSw1CKDSRPy_NWw

- ▶ Currently it is difficult to ascertain how consultations are handled, evaluated and weighted once received by the local authority. A development of a framework by which consultations are evaluated and feedback provided would be useful.
- ▶ Clare PPN made ten separate written submissions to national and local policy consultations. These submissions were made either as a result of a public consultation meeting called by Clare PPN on the request of members or colleges or as a result of an existing agreement of policy decision of the PPN. In several cases Clare PPN organised and held information meetings with relevant experts in advance of making the submissions and following that collated the input of interested member groups into the resulting submissions. This has been a key part of our work as a PPN but we would really like to see the bodies which we are making submissions to, publishing a framework that demonstrates clearly how submissions and issues are weighted and what criteria and processes apply to the decisions eventually made.

Cork County

- ▶ Better communication with the Local Authority sections and other bodies.

Donegal

- ▶ Longer Timeframe

Dublin City

- ▶ LA training on PPNs
- ▶ Requirement for accessible documents to be included in tenders.

Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown

- ▶ We would consider the following as potential ways of improving consultations: - The use of plain English at the forefront of all engagement. - Awareness of the diversity within

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community and voluntary groups in relation to background and level of education. - A clearer view of what plans the consultation will feed into and how they inter-relate.

- ▶ Six consultations: the Pre-Draft County Development Plan (two linkage group meetings); the Dublin Urban Rivers Life (one linkage group meeting about the topic); the LDA plan for Dundrum, and the Carysfort Avenue targeted consultation. We initiated two community consultations about the needs arising from the Covid-19 situation (one in April 2020 and one in November- December 2020). We also had prepared the launch of the Vision for Community Wellbeing consultation, but had to postpone all workshops due to the pandemic.

Fingal

- ▶ Information released earlier allowing for input. Documents Summarised. Hopefully offline meetings in the future. 1 Dart West Expansion Plan.

Galway City

- ▶ GCCN member organisations regularly feedback that though significant amounts of time 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 DPER 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.
- ▶ Please see <https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/GCCN-Guidelines-for-Successful-Community-Engagement.pdf> for a copy of the GCCN Guidelines for Successful Community Engagement that outlines the GCCN position on how to conduct consultations.

Galway County

- ▶ A national database of consultations with a weekly update of which consultations have been announced would be useful as often we find out about a consultation after the deadline has passed.
- ▶ Additionally, a memo across Government stating the importance of PPNs in consultation processes would also help alert all Government Departments of the pivotal role of the PPNs and that they represent the community voice. Also, a mechanism of making 'joint-PPN' submissions would be useful and avoid duplications as many issues brought forward by PPNs are similar.

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Kildare

- ▶ A potential calendar of dates to be supplied of any upcoming consultations for the coming months/year to allow time to plan and improve the quality of submissions. Feedback after the final submission has been made so we can measure the success of submission on behalf of member organisations. 2 Consultations submitted by Kildare PPN; KCC Draft Litter Management Plan; KCC Open Space and Recreation Strategy.

Kilkenny

- ▶ The Local Authority, Government Departments and other agencies could work in collaboration with the PPN's to advertise consultations and undertake informative workshops. The PPN's could help collate feedback and formulate submissions on that basis. 16/06-Graiguenamangh-Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme Public Consultation No 1. 04/08- Abbey Quarter Urban Park 11/12- Draft Callan Mobility Management Plan

Laois

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

Leitrim

- ▶ More time, plainer English, greater collaboration.

Limerick

- ▶ Members having sufficient time and notice about consultations. Our PPN agreed at the December Plenary meeting to formally contact the council to request getting documentation well enough in advance of council committee meetings - this was incorporated into the new standing orders for SPCs and the JPC in March 2021. 1 (8 consultation sessions on Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick)

Longford

- ▶ Enlarged maps etc. for those who are visually impaired. Longford responded to ten consultations in 2020.

Louth

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

Mayo

- ▶ PPN's to receive notices and consultations in a timely manner

Meath

- ▶ 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.

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Monaghan

- ▶ More time to be given to properly consult with members. Agencies who use the PPN for consultation should provide feedback to PPN members on how their hard work and effort into the consultation has made an impact to that agency (Thank you helps a lot). More input to be given to PPN Reps at SPC level in the development of the policy/plan out for consultation. SDG's need to be embedded into all local and national consultations. We use words such as action plans/strategies that don't encourage people to engage. For consultation to be meaningful then it has to be relevant to people.

Offaly

- ▶ The PPN's need to receive all on Consultations in a timely manner allowing the opportunity to make submissions taking into account that the Community sector enjoy a break during the summer and at Christmas, a Consultation in August or late December will not receive due traction

Sligo

- ▶ More diverse consultation methods – maintaining the formal workshops but also supplementing with sessions/methods that allow a more diverse group to engage. Closer alignment to local and national strategies around community and wellbeing – as it is we are trying to retrospectively get organisations to take our work on board. 7 Consultations- Corporate Plan, N17, Eirgrid, PIAB, Structural Review, Communications Plan, Reps Experience.

South Dublin

- ▶ More notice from the LA, joined up thinking around information distribution.

Tipperary

- ▶ 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. 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, SERDATE, 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.

Waterford

- ▶ Local Consultations should be sent to us by the LA directly, we have to look for them. All other consultations should be on one main portal where we can access and should be in plain English and easy for the public to access and feedback, they should be encouraged.

Westmeath

- ▶ 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.).

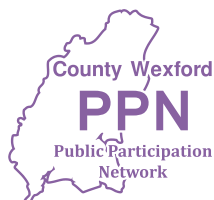
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Wexford

- ▶ Post Covid-19 we will be engaging fully with PPN reps to reinforce the message within the Wellbeing statement and commencing a municipal district review. There are other stakeholders that the PPN plan to talk to, e.g., Healthy Wexford Committee, Wexford Age Friendly programme. Plan to improve multi-media messaging to reach wider audience, e.g., zoom training etc. One (Wexford Draft County Development Plan).

Wicklow

- ▶ Consultations should not be run when traditionally most people are on holiday i.e., Christmas, Easter and Summer. 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. Departments should consult with each other to ensure there is not a high level of different consultations being run 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. Consultations should not be too tightly structured as this can have a negative impact that can stunt the depth of the response. These are some of the local consultations that we held consultations on and/or submitted to: National Climate & Air Roadmap for the Agriculture Sector to 2030, Draft National Volunteering Strategy 2020-2025, WCC Tree Strategy, The Financial Impact of Covid-19 on Co Wicklow Community Groups (PPN Consultation), Submission to Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC Workplan Development, Wicklow Migrant Integration Strategy, Wicklow Food Poverty Survey.






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Léirigh paindéim Covid-19 agus na srianta a tháinig dá bharr an tábhachtach atá leis 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

941 Ionadaí ar 410 Bord agus Coiste

Na céadta cineál tacaíochta ar fáil do na hIonadaithe

Teagmháil leanúnach leis na Grúpaí Ballraíochta

Níos feiceálaí ar na Meáin Shóisialta

160 clár oiliúna curtha ar fáil le linn breis agus 523 seisiún

Moltaí maidir le forbairt don todhchaí

D'fhorbair na PPNanna agus chuir siad in oiriúint réitigh nuálacha le go bhféadfadh gnólachtaí fanacht i mbun gnó



13,929

Grúpa Pobail agus
Deonach

Buaicphointí
na bliana
2020

2,988

Grúpa Cuimsithe
Sóisialta

613

Grúpa
Comhshaoil

17,530

Ballraíocht

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



Tá an-áthas orm an cúigiú tuarascáil bhliantúil seo de chuid na Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí a chur i láthair. Is é príomhról na PPNanna ná rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht na bpobal ar chomhlachtaí cinnteoireachta áitiúla a dhéanamh níos éasca le go mbeidís cóir, cothrom agus trédhearcach. Chomh maith leis sin, trí chruinnithe a óstáil agus deiseanna oiliúna a chur ar fáil, cuireann na PPNanna ar chumas na ngrúpaí a bhíonn faoi stiúir oibríthe deonacha a bheith i dteagmháil le grúpaí áitiúla ionas gur féidir leo oibriú le chéile ar mhaithe le tionchar a imirt ar fhorbairt a bpobail amach anseo.

Lean na PPNanna orthu ag fás in 2020, le go raibh 17,530 eagraíocht ina mbaill de struchtúr an PPN go náisiúnta faoi dheireadh 2020 – méadú beagnach 1,000 ó anuraidh.

Ní raibh bliain ar nós 2020 ann riamh cheana. Sna cathracha agus na contaetha fud fad na tíre, thosaigh PPNanna an bhliain amach agus gach rud go breá – ceardlanna rialta agus comhairliúcháin phoiblí á reáchtáil acu, líonrú agus rannpháirtíocht á n-éascú, agus plé á dhéanamh ar shaincheisteanna a mbíonn tionchar acu ar a bpobail áitiúla. Faoi lár mhí an Mhárta 2020, áfach, b'éigean d'Éirinn dul i dtairní ar normáltacht nua. Shroich paidéim Covid-19, a thaistil leath bealaigh trasna an domhain, an tír faoi dheireadh agus d'athraigh sé an bealach a bhfuilimid ag maireachtáil.

Agus an phaindéim fós ag dul i bhfeidhm ar ár bpobail agus ag cur isteach ar ár saol go laethúil, chuaigh na PPNanna i ngleic leis na dúshlán a d'eascair as seo chun beart a dhéanamh dár bpobail. Thug siad a ngrúpaí deonacha le chéile chun cabhrú leis an bhfreagairt náisiúnta. Rinne foirne na PPNanna agus na hoibríthe deonacha a gcion féin agus iad mar shampla ag oibriú ar línte cabhrach chun baill an phobail a chur i dtreo acmhainní áitiúla, ag cuidiú le seachadadh bia chuig pobail a bhí ar an ngannchuid agus a raibh sé deacair teacht orthu, ag mapáil chun na pobail a chur ar an eolas faoin áit a raibh fáil ar sheirbhísí, agus ag comhthiomsú liostaí teagmhála ríthábhachtacha agus á ndáileadh ar fud na gcontaetha. Lean PPNanna ar fud na tíre ar aghaidh ag tabhairt faoi thionscadail luachmhara eile ar son a bpobail féin. Lean PPNanna ar fud na tíre ar aghaidh ag tabhairt faoi thionscadail dála feachtais a bhaineann le cúrsaí sláinte, ceardlanna ar an gcomhshaol, agus tuairiscí ar mhíchumas. Leagtar amach ar bhealach níos mionsonraithe sa tuarascáil seo go leor de na tionscnaimh iontacha seo ar tugadh fúthu in 2020.

Tá samplaí iontacha ann freisin den chaoi a bhfuil ar chumas na PPNanna guth díreach a thabhairt do dhaoine ó chúlráí imeallaithe mar a bhaineann le múnlú a dhéanamh ar bheartais áitiúla, a mbeadh tionchar acu ar a saol agus ar a bpobail. Tá súil agam go mbeidh tionchar follasach ag an caidreamh den chineál seo idir pobail atá imeallaithe agus an rialtas áitiúil ar na beartais áitiúla agus go mbeidh torthaí níos fearr ann do na pobail sin.

Mar a scríobh mé i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil PPN na bliana seo caite, feiceann an Rialtas anois níos mó ná riamh, go bhfuil ról lárnach ag na PPNanna inár dtéarnamh ó Covid-19 agus tá sé seo mar bhonn agus mar thaca ag Teacht Aniar agus Téarnamh 2020 – 21: An Plean maidir le Maireachtáil le Covid-19.

Tá a fhios agam go raibh 2020 an-deacair ar go leor daoine. Tréaslaím leis na PPNanna agus le gach duine atá bainteach leis na héachtaí suntasacha atá leagtha amach sa tuarascáil seo, agus in ainneoin na ndúshlán, bhí go leor acu ann. Tá mo Roinnse agus an Rialtas ina iomláine tiomanta i gcónaí do leanúint de bheith ag tacú leis na PPNanna lena chinntiú go mbíonn ionchur ag pobail áitiúla mar a bhaineann le beartais agus cinntí a mbíonn tionchar acu ar a saol, go dtugtar éisteacht do gach duine agus go mbíonn ionadaíocht á dhéanamh orthu tríd an bpróiseas rannpháirtíochta seo.

Joe O'Brien

An tAire Stáit atá freagrach as Forbairt Pobail agus Carthanachtaí

Réamhfocal ó Chathaoirleach Ghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta na Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPN)

Cuimhneofar i gcónaí ar an mbliain 2020 mar bhliain a bhí dúshlánach don duine aonair, do ghnólachtaí agus do phobail ar fud an domhain agus anseo in Éirinn chomh maith. Mar gheall ar Covid-19 agus na srianta sláinte poiblí a d'eascair as bhí sé níos tábhachtaí ná riamh go mbeifí ag coinneáil súil ar na riachtanais a bhí ag baill leochaileacha den phobal.

Sa tréimhse dheacair seo, sheas na PPNanna an fód. Tugtar forléargas sa Tuarascáil seo ar an obair a rinne na PPNanna mar fhreagairt ar an éigeandáil náisiúnta seo, chomh maith le cuntais níos mionsonraithe a thugann na PPNanna ina bhfocail féin sna hAguisíní. Fágann sé sin gur taifead luachmhar í Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020 ar éachtaí agus ar chumais na PPNanna, agus molaim do na páirtithe leasmhara ar fad an t-am a ghlacadh le léamh faoin réimse gníomhaíochtaí ar thug na PPNanna fúthu ar fud na tíre mar fhreagairt ar Covid-19.

Mar gheall ar an ról a bhí ag na PPNanna i nGlaó an Phobail, bhí na PPNanna níos feiceálaí do na heagraíochtaí eile a bhfuil ról lárnach acu laistigh dár struchtúir phobail. Bhí suíochán ag na PPNanna ag an mbord in éineacht leis na hIonaid Dheonacha Áitiúla, Alone, FSS, na Gardaí, na hIonaid Faisnéise do Shaoránaigh, agus dreamanna nach iad. Beidh na caidrimh agus na naisc a bunaíodh le linn 2020 ina gcabhair do na PPNanna amach anseo. Chuidigh an ról tábhachtach a bhí ag na PPNanna maidir le Glaó an Phobail freisin ó thaobh eolas i dtaobh na PPNanna a leathnú i measc na bpobal agus go náisiúnta agus bhí fás go dtí 17,530 tagtha ar líon na ngrúpaí a chláraigh leis na PPNanna ar fud na tíre faoi mhí na Nollag 2020.

D'éiligh an phaindéim freisin go gcaithfí bogadh chuig córais ar líne mar a bhain lenár n-idirghníomhaíochtaí uilig. Arís, chuir na PPNanna bearta i bhfeidhm chun leanúnachas seirbhísí a chinntiú agus nuair ba ghá, chuir siad oiliúint bhreise ar líne agus forbairt acmhainneachta ar fáil dá mbaill agus dá n-ionadaithe lena chinntiú go bhféadfaidís leanúint de bheith rannpháirteach agus gníomhach.

In 2020 freisin seoladh Lámhleabhar Úsáideora an PPN, a tháinig in ionad an Treoir Úsáideora a bhí ann cheana. Tá an Lámhleabhar bunaithe ar ionchur ó pháirtithe leasmhara an PPN ar fud na hÉireann a thug a gcuid ama chun páirt a ghlacadh i gceardlanna comhairliúcháin bheo nó chun aighneachtaí i scríbhinn a dhéanamh. A bhuí lena n-ionchur, is doiciméad níos láidre é an Lámhleabhar a chuireann treoir phraiticiúil ar fáil do na PPNanna maidir le róil agus freagrachtaí na bpríomhpháirtithe leasmhara, chomh maith le lear mór teimpléid a bheidh ina bpointí tagartha úsáideacha do na PPNanna agus a gcáipéisíocht rialachais féin á fhorbairt acu. Tá an-áthas ar Ghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta an PPN freagra dearfach na bpáirtithe leasmhara i dtaca leis an Lámhleabhar a thabhairt faoi deara, agus táimid cinnte go mbeidh sé, i gcónaí, ina shócmhainn luachmhar do na PPNanna.

Bunaithe ar mholtaí a rinne páirtithe leasmhara i dTuarascálacha Bliantúla de chuid an PPN roimhe seo, forbraíodh clár náisiúnta oiliúna, dar teideal 'Creating Capable Communities'. Cuireadh an oiliúint seo ar fáil do pháirtithe leasmhara an PPN, d'fhoireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil agus do Chomhairleoirí Tofa, agus tugann sé forbheathnú ar ról na PPNanna agus ar struchtúir an Rialtais Áitiúil. Cé go raibh sé i gceist i dtosach gur cur chuige hibrídeach pearsanta agus ar líne a bheadh i

gceist leis, de bharr srianta Covid-19, ba ghá an cúrsa seo a dhéanamh ina iomláine ar líne. Rinneadh tástáil phíolótach ar an glár oiliúna seo i bhfómhar na bliana 2020, agus tugann na freagraí ón dream a ghlac páirt le fios gur chomhlíon an oiliúint a gcuid riachtanas agus gur chuir sé lena dtuiscint.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le mo chomhghleacaithe ar an nGrúpa Comhairleach, a choinnigh orthu ag tabhairt léargais don Roinn agus ag cur comhairle iontach i dtaobh gach ar bhain leis an PPN. Thar ceann an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh Náisiúnta, molaim na PPNanna as a bhfuil déanta acu sa bhliain urghnách seo agus as an obair chrua a dhéanann siad chun guth a thabhairt do phobail áitiúla, agus táim ag tnúth le tuilleadh dul chun cinn agus muid ag brú ar aghaidh.

Ciara Bates

Ciara Bates

Cathaoirleach, Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta an PPN

Thar ceann an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh agus phobal an PPN, ba mhaith liom ómós a thabhairt do bhall tábhachtach den Ghrúpa Comhairleach, an Dr Terrence Mc Donough, a fuair bás le déanaí. Is cúis bróin dúinn bás Terry a fhógairt. Iar-Ollamh le hEacnamaíocht in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh ab ea Terry agus bhí sé ina bhall gníomhach de Lónra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe, agus ardmheas air. Chuir Terry go mór leis na hearnálacha pobail agus comhshaoil sa chathair agus níos faide ó bhaile, bhí sé i gcónaí flaithiúil lena chuid ama agus thug sé anailís mhachnamhach, tiomantas agus greann do gach rud a raibh sé bainteach leis. Bhí sé ina iar-chathaoirleach ar Choiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil Chathair na Gaillimhe agus ina bhall de Ghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta an PPN agus den Lónra Rúnaíochta agus cronófar go mór ionchur Terry.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Réamhrá

Is prionsabal lárnach ó thaobh an daonlathais é go mbeadh daoine páirteach sna cinntí sin a dhéanann difear dóibh féin agus don saol atá acu. 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-sainmhíneithe, 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.

In 2014, leasaíodh an tAcht Rialtais Áitiúil chun Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPNanna) a thabhairt isteach. Aithníonn an PPN an méid a chuireann eagraíochtaí atá faoi stiúir oibrithe deonacha leis an saol go háitiúil ó thaobh na heacnamaíochta, an tsaoil shóisialta, agus an comhshaoil de. Éascaíonn sé ionchur na n-eagraíochtaí seo sa rialtas áitiúil má bhíonn struchtúr ann a chinntíonn go mbíonn rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht ag na phobail ar choistí cinnteoireachta taobh istigh den rialtas áitiúil. Tá na PPNanna seo bunaithe i ngach ceantar údarás áitiúil in Éirinn. Faoi dheireadh 2020, bhí 17,530 eagraíocht phobail agus dheonach, eagraíocht chuimsiú sóisialta agus eagraíocht chomhshaoil ina mbaill den PPN. Toghadh os cionn 941 ionadaí PPN chuig 410 coiste a bhíonn ag plé saincheistanna dála beartais straitéiseacha, forbairt pobail áitiúil, comhphóilíneacht agus mar sin de.

Oibríonn na h-údarás áitiúla agus na PPNanna i gcomhar le chéile chun tacú leis na pobail agus cur le cumas na mballeagraíochtaí dul i ngleic go fóinteach le saincheistanna 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. Tá ról ríthábhachtach ag na h-údarás áitiúla freisin i dtaca le rannpháirtíocht a éascú trí phróisis chomhairliúcháin oscailte agus rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach.

Ról an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh Náisiúnta

Mhol tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre um Rannpháirtíocht na Saoránach leis an Rialtas Áitiúil, a bunaíodh i Meán Fómhair 2013 go mbeadh ionchur níos mó agus níos éagsúla ag saoránaigh sna próisis chinnteoireachta ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil. Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre i mí Feabhra 2014.

Tugadh breac-chuntas sa tuarascáil sin ar na bealaí ina bhféadfaí cur leis an rannpháirtíocht idir na sochaí sibhialta eagraithe agus an rialtas áitiúil. D'fhonn é seo a dhéanamh, moladh sa Tuarascáil go mbunófaí Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPN) i ngach ceantar de chuid na n-údarás áitiúil chun cur ar chumas an phobail ról foirmiúil gníomhach a ghlacadh i gceapadh beartais ábhartha agus i gcoistí maoirseachta an údarás áitiúil.

Moladh i dTuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre gur cheart monatóireacht agus meastóireacht rialta, de réir an dea-chleachtais, a dhéanamh ar obair na PPNanna. Bunaíodh an chéad Ghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta don PPN chun na críche sin in 2016 agus bhí sé ag feidhmiú go dtí Meán Fómhair 2018.

Tá an dara Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta don PPN, a bunaíodh díreach tar éis dheireadh théarma oifige an chéad ghrúpa, ionadaíoch go hiomlán ar na páirtithe leasmhara uilig. Tá ionadaí amháin ar an nGrúpa anois ó na hearnálacha Pobail agus Deonacha, Comhshaoil agus Chuimsithe Shóisialta, triúr oibrí deonach de chuid an PPN – duine amháin mar ionadaí thar ceann gach earnáil acu, triúr oibrithe acmhainne PPN agus beirt bhall foirne de chuid na nÚdarás Áitiúil (duine acu amháin ag leibhéal an Stiúirthóra Seirbhíse agus duine eile a thacaíonn go díreach le PPN). Tá an Grúpa faoi chathaoirleacht na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail a chuireann seirbhísí rúnaíochta ar fáil don Ghrúpa freisin. Leagtar amach i dTábla 1 thíos ballraíocht an ghrúpa Chomhairligh.

Tábla 1: Ballraíocht an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh Náisiúnta le linn 2020

	Ainm	Eagraíocht
Cathaoirleach	Ciara Bates	An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Ionadaí Pobail & Earnála Deonáí	Catherine Lane	Comhairle Náisiúnta na mBan in Éirinn
Ionadaí na hEarnála um Chuimsiú Sóisialta	Seán Healy	Ceartas Sóisialta Éireann
Ionadaí na hEarnála Comhshaoil	Michael Ewing	Líonra Comhshaoil na hÉireann
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe acmhainne	Helen Howes	PPN Chill Mhantáin
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe acmhainne	Avril Wilson	PPN Thiobraid Árann
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe acmhainne	Sarah Wetherald	PPN Shligigh
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe Deonacha PPN – an earnáil C&V	Aileen Eglinton	PPN Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe Deonacha PPN– An Earnáil um Chuimsiú Sóisialta	Bibiana Savin	PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas
Ionadaí na n-oibrithe Deonacha PPN – An Earnáil Chomhshaoil	Terrence McDonough	Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe (PPN)
Ionadaithe an CCMA	Alan Farrell/ Rebecca Loughrey	Contae na Gaillimhe/ Cathair Chorcaí

Chomh maith lena ról monatóireachta, tá sé de chúram ar an nGrúpa Comhairleach comhairle agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail chun na PPNanna a fhorbairt. Tá sé seo á bhaint amach trí phríomhtháscairí feidhmíochta a fhorbairt do na PPNanna agus na h-údaráis áitiúla i gcomhar leis an Roinn. D'fhorbair an Grúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta PPN an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo, a dhéanann achoimre ar an obair a rinne PPNanna in 2020 agus a bheadh le cur i gcrích ag na PPNanna agus na hÚdaráis Áitiúla.

Modheolaíocht

I dtús na bliana 2020, 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 30 de na PPNanna tuarascálacha ar ais. Ba í an tuarascáil do Chathair Chorcaí ba mhó a sheas amach. Nuair is féidir, tá sonraí inchoimparáide ó 2019 curtha san áireamh, ach ní fhéadfar comparáid a dhéanamh go díreach leis an sonraí atá sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil do 2019 toisc gur bhain an tuarascáil sin le 31 de na 31 PPNanna. Rinne an Roinn cinneadh i mbliana, ar mhaithe le hiomláine, go mbainfí úsáid as na príomhfhigiúirí ballraíochta a tháinig ón CRM, seachas an suirbhé.

Gluais na dTearmaí

Tá réimse leathan sainmhínte ann a chlúdaíonn cineál agus raon feidhme rannpháirtíocht an phobail agus an rialtais áitiúil. Mínítear cuid acu seo thíos:

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

Is **Comhaltaí Comhlach** iad na grúpaí nach gcomhlíonann na critéir iomlána a bhaineann le ballraíocht sa PPN.

Tagraíonn **Pobal** d'áit (dála comharsanacht nó limistéar níos leithne), féiniúlacht (dála a bheith bainteach le grúpa eitneach), nó ábhar spéise (dála rud a bheith i bpáirt ag duine le daoine eile, mar shampla, cearta do dhaoine faoi míchumas).

Fógraíodh **Glaó an Phobail** i mí Aibreáin 2020, chun an rialtas áitiúil agus an rialtas náisiúnta a nas-cadh leis na hearnálacha pobail agus deonacha ar mhaithe leis an ngníomhaíocht phobail a chom-hordú, 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-oibríthe deonacha na tíre mar fhreagairt ar Covid-19.

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

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

Déanann an **Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil** maoirseacht ar oibríocht agus ar fhorbairt an chórais rialtais áitiúil agus soláthraíonn sé an creat beartais faoina n-oibríonn údaráis áitiúla agus faoina soláthraíonn siad seirbhísí do na pobail a bhfuil siad ag déanamh ionadaíochta agus freastal orthu. Ó mhí Iúil 2017, aistríodh an creat beartais a bhaineann leis na 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 an fhorbairt tuaithe agus pobail a chur chun cinn agus tacú le pobail bheoga, chuimsitheacha agus inbhuanaithe ar fud na hÉireann. Maidir leis na PPNanna, is í an Roinn an maoinitheoir is mó, déanann sí cathaoirleacht ar an nGrúpa Chomhairleach Náisiúnta agus tá freagracht fhoriomlán uirthi ó thaobh forbairt agus maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar na PPNanna.

Is í **An Chomhairle Tofa** fóram déanta beartais an údaráis áitiúil; déanann baill an cheantair bhardsaigh cinní a théann i bhfeidhm ar a limistéir Ceantair Bhardsaigh. Úsáideann Comhairlí Tofa (agus iad ag feidhmiú ag leibhéal an údaráis áitiúil nó an cheantair bhardsaigh) 'feidhmeanna forchoimeáda' a shainítear sa dlí thar raon reachtaíochta. Is é an feidhmeannas i.e. na hoifigigh lánaimseartha faoi stiúir an phríomhfheidhmeannaigh a dhéanann bainistíocht ó lá go lá ar an údarás áitiúil. Tá sé de dhualgas ar an bpríomhfheidhmeannach comhairle agus cúnamh a thabhairt don Chomhairle Tofa agus a bhfeidhmeanna á gcur i gcrích acu.

Lámhleabhar: Sraith ilchodach Treoirínite 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**.

JPC: An Comhchoiste Póilíneachta: Coiste de chuid an Údaráis Áitiúil ar a bhfuil comhairleoirí, Teachtaí Dála, Seanadóirí, na Gardaí agus páirtithe leasmhara seachtracha ar nós na PPNanna a mholann tograí beartais i dtaca le saincheistanna póilíneachta. Foráladh in Alt 36 d'Acht an Gharda Síochána go mbunófaí JPCanna i ngach limistéar riaracháin atá ag na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus é mar chuid de struchtúir an Rialtais Áitiúil.

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

LCDC: An Coiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil – Coiste Údaráis Áitiúil ar a bhfuil baill phoiblí agus phríobháideacha a dhéanann maoirseacht ar chlár forbartha pobail i réimse lena n-áirítear LEADER agus SICAP. De ghnáth bíonn 5 chomhalta ag na PPNanna ar an gcoiste sin. Is é aidhm LCDC cur chuige comhleanúnach agus comhtháite a fhorbairt, a chomhordú agus a chur i bhfeidhm mar a bhaineann leis an bhforbairt áitiúil agus pobail.

LEADER: Clár maoinithe a bhíonn á sheachadadh trí LAGS, a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leis tacú leis an bhforbairt eacnamaíoch, shóisialta agus chomhshaoil i gceantar tuaithe. Is clár é LEADER a thacaíonn le fiontair phríobháideacha agus le grúpaí pobail araon chun tionscadail a sheachadadh atá dírithe ar fheabhas a chur ar chaighdeán an tsaoil i gceantar tuaithe agus a spreagann an éagsúlú eacnamaíoch i gceantair thuaithe.

Nascghrúpa: Grúpa atá ina bpáirtithe leasmhara de chuid an PPN atá bainteach le saincheist ar leith agus a thagann le chéile chun moltaí beartais a dhéanamh agus oibriú go dlúth le hionadaí an PPN ar Bhord nó ar Choiste ábhartha.

Údaráis Áitiúla (ÚÁ): Comhairlí Cathrach nó Contae. Tá ról lárnach acu maidir le tacú le forbairt eacnamaíoch agus fiontraíocht ag an leibhéal áitiúil. Bíonn tacaíocht an rialtais áitiúil ar an talamh ríthábhachtach chun go mbeidh rath ar go leor de na tionscnamh a thugann spreagadh do na pobail 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 mar shainchúram orthu tacú le forbairt eacnamaíoch agus shóisialta ina ndobharcheantair. Is iondúil go mbíonn conradh ag LDCanna chun clár dála an Clár Forbartha Tuaithe (LEADER), An Clár um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail (SICAP) agus Tús a sheachadadh.

Forálann an tAcht um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil 2014 do raon athruithe a bhaineann le heagrú agus obair na n-údarás áitiúil. I measc nithe eile, foráiltear ann do chónascadh idir roinnt údarás áitiúil; deireadh a chur le comhairlí baile; deireadh a chur le boird forbartha cathrach agus contae; coistí forbartha pobail áitiúla a bhunú agus foráiltear ann do raon athruithe ar na feidhmeanna a dhéanann údarás áitiúla. 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): Foroinn de limistéar Údaráis Áitiúil. Tagann comhairleoirí le chéile ag leibhéal an Cheantair Bhardasaigh agus sa chomhairle iomlán. Bunaíodh na Ceantair Bardasacha i diaidh an Achta um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil in 2014.

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

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

Is **Eagraíochtaí neamhbhrabúis** iad na h-eagraíochtaí a oibríonn ar mhaithe leis an tsochaí, le pobail agus/nó le sainleas ar leith. Ní dhéanann siad brabús agus infheistítear ar ais san eagraíocht aon ioncam a dhéanann siad atá os cionn an méid a theastaíonn chun an eagraíocht a rith, a fheabhsú nó chun a choinneáil ag feidhmiú. Ní dhéantar aon íocaíochtaí le haon scairshealbhóirí. Cuimsíonn sé réimse leathan eagraíochtaí ó ghrúpaí an-bheag nach bhfuil aon teacht isteach acu go dtí carthanais mhóra.

Iomlánach: Na ballghrúpaí ar fad atá i PPN. Is é an coiste iomlánach a dhéanann an chinnteoireacht deiridh don PPN.

Ciallaíonn **Buiséad an PPN** an méid atá ar fáil go bliantúil don PPN, ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, ón ÚÁ agus ó fhoinsí eile.

Salesforce: córas bainistíochta sonraí agus faisnéise atá comónta do na PPNanna ar fad. Ligeann an córas do PPNanna faisnéis maidir le ballghrúpaí a ghabháil agus a bhainistiú, sonraí i dtaobh eagraíochtaí agus grúpaí pobail agus líonraí a stóráil, maoiniú a bhainistiú, feachtais ar nós cumarsáid ríomhphoist a bhainistiú, tuarascálacha saincheaptha a ghiniúint agus go leor eile.

Is é an **Rúnaíocht** foras riaracháin an PPN agus é mar ról aige cinntí an tSeisiúin Iomlánaigh a chur i bhfeidhm; a chinntiú go n-oibríonn an PPN gan stró idir na Seisiúin Iomlánaigh; gníomhaíochtaí an PPN a chomhordú; cumarsáid rialta a dhéanamh le Ballghrúpaí uilig an PPN agus eolas a scaipeadh chomh forleathan agus is féidir faoi gach gníomhaíocht de chuid an PPN; agus éascú agus a chumasú a dhéanamh ar Oibrithe an PPN ina gníomhaíochtaí laethúla chun cuspóirí an PPN a bhaint amach.

Tá **SICAP** (An Clár um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail): deartha chun an bhochtaineacht a laghdú agus an cuimsiú sóisialta agus an comhionannas a chur chun cinn. Oibríonn gach soláthraí SICAP le daoine aonair agus le grúpaí pobail i gcathair / chontae nó i bhforoinn de, agus béim á leagan ar dhaoine atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste agus ar cheantair atá ainmnithe mar cheantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste.

Ciallaíonn **SLA** Comhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse (go hiondúil idir PPN agus soláthraí seirbhíse nó an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus soláthraí seirbhíse).

Cuimsiú Sóisialta: gníomhaíocht atá dírithe ar oibriú chun seansanna agus deiseanna saoil níos fearr a thabhairt don dream atá imeallaithe sa tsochaí, atá ag maireachtáil i mbochtaineacht nó atá dífhostaithe agus úsáid á bhaint as cur chuige forbartha pobail chun pobail inbhuanaithe a thógáil, áit a gcuirfeadh tábhacht an chomhionannais agus an chuimsithe chun cinn agus a mbeidh meas ar chearta an duine.

SPC (An Coiste um Bheartais Straitéiseacha): coistí na n-údarás áitiúil i gcomhairlí cathrach agus i gcomhairlí contae ar a bhfuil ballraíocht ag Comhairleoirí Tofa, ionadaithe ón earnáil ghnó, lucht tacaíochta na feirmeoireachta, grúpaí comhshaoil/caomhnaithe, ceardchumann agus baill den phobal agus oibrithe deonacha. Tá sé de chúram ar na Coistí um Bheartais Straitéiseacha (SPCanna), mar choistí de chuid na comhairle, comhairle a chur agus cúnamh a thabhairt don chomhairle i dtaca le ceapadh, forbairt agus athbhreithniú beartais. Níl aon sainchúram orthu maidir leis na gnáthoibriúcháin a bhaineann le seachadadh seirbhísí. Tá sé i gceist leis an gcóras CBS deis a thabhairt do chomhairleoirí agus don lucht leasa sna hearnálacha ábhartha páirt iomlán a ghlacadh ón tús sa phróiseas déanta beartas

Ciallaíonn **Forbairt Inbhuanaithe** forbairt a fhreastalaíonn ar riachtanais an lae inniu gan cur isteach ar chumas na nglúin atá le teacht 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 an 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 iad **na heagraíochtaí faoi stiúir oibrithe deonacha** iad siúd atá á rialú ag grúpa d'oibrithe deonacha atá ag gníomhú mar choiste, mar bhord nó mar struchtúr eile. D'fhéadfadh go mbeadh foireann fostaithe acu freisin agus iad ag gníomhú thar ceann an Bhoird.

Is pobal **Folláin** é an pobal a bhfuil riachtanais bhunúsacha an duine á gcomhlíonadh ann, ina mbraitheann daoine go bhfuil cuspóir acu agus go bhfuil ar a gcumas spriocanna tábhachtacha a bhaint amach, páirt a ghlacadh sa tsochaí agus saol a chaitheamh a bhfuil meas acu air agus atá tábhachtach dóibh.

Ciallaíonn **Grúpa Oibre** an Grúpa Oibre um Rannpháirtíocht na Saoránach atá ag an Rialtas Áitiúil. Bunaíodh an grúpa seo i Meán Fómhair 2013. Ba é an ról a bhí aige moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le hionchur níos fairsinge agus níos éagsúla a bheith ag saoránaigh sa chinnteoireacht ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil. Foilsíodh Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Oibre ar 28 Feabhra 2014 agus ba é an toradh a bhí ar a chuid moltaí ná gur bunaíodh na PPNanna.

Ciallaíonn **Oibrí Acmhainne**, Oibrí Tacaíochta nó oibrí eile atá ag obair don PPN chun a chuid dualgas a chomhlíonadh.

Líonraí Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí – 2020

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 paidéim Covid-19 agus na srianta um chomhairle sláinte ina dhiaidh sin ar obair a PPN in 2020. Dúirt gach freagróir as na 30 freagróir go raibh tionchar ag Covid-19 ar obair an PPN In 2020. 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

- ▶ D'fhreagair na PPNanna go sciobtha chun líonraí idirghníomhaireachta a bhí ag feidhmiú ar fud an chontae a bhunú
- ▶ D'fhreagair na PPNanna go sciobtha don aistriú ar líne agus d'aithin siad, cé gur éascaigh sé seo rochtain do chuid den phobal, go raibh daoine eile faoi mhíbhuntáiste agus go ndearnadh gach iarracht a chinntiú gur tacaíodh leis na pobail seo.
- ▶ Thacaigh sé leis an tionscnamh Glao Pobail.
- ▶ Téama coitianta a bhí sa bhochtaineacht bia agus d'oibrigh na PPNanna le gníomhaireachtaí eile chun a chinntiú go raibh réimse leathan tionscnamh ag cuidiú le teaghlaigh leochaileacha
- ▶ Téama coitianta eile ab ea an soláthar faisnéise. Bhí an tuiscint ann gur theastaigh eolas a bhí cothrom le dáta agus cruinn ó phobail éagsúla ar bhealaí éagsúla agus chuir na PPNanna bileoga agus póstaer ar fáil, chinntigh siad gur nuashonraíodh na láithreáin ghréasáin, chruthaigh siad grúpaí WhatsApp agus choinnigh siad ag imeacht iad. Bhí ról lárnach ag na PPNanna mar a bhain le bunú agus cothabháil Línte Cabhrach Freagartha Pobail ar fud na tíre.
- ▶ Ní nach ionadh ba thosaíochtaí do na pobail iad an tsláinte fhisiciúil, an mheabhairshláinte agus an fholláine agus thosaigh na PPNanna raon leathan clár agus thacaigh siad leo, ag oibriú le go leor grúpaí éagsúla le linn dianghlása.
- ▶ Bhí an t-eolas agus na líonraí áitiúla a bhfuil fáil orthu cheana féin ag na PPNanna thar a bheith luachmhar in 2020.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar an Daonlathas Pléghrúpa

- ▶ Gníomhartha an Phlean Áitiúil Eacnamaíochta agus Pobail. Foras Cinnteoireachta – Comhairle Cathrach Baile, Togra – Rinne an Chomhairle Cathrach, i bpáirt le príomh-chomhpháirtithe eile na sochaí sibhialta de chuid LECP Actions, an cás go raibh gá le hacmhainní breise chun príomhghníomhaíochtaí an LECP a chur chun cinn. Toradh - Chuir an Chomhairle Cathrach an maoiniú ar fáil chun Conradh a shocrú le Comhordaitheoir Gníomhaíochtaí páirtaimseartha do LECP, a chuaigh i mbun oibre in 2021.
- ▶ Baineadh úsáid as an Ráiteas Folláine a seoladh in 2019 in aighneacht chuig Dréachtphlean Forbartha an Chontae in 2020.
- ▶ D'éirigh leis an PPN an pobal a bheith rannpháirtíocht sa chomhairliúchán a bhain le forbairt a dhéanamh ar láithreán páirce donn. Tá ionadaithe an PPN páirteach sa Chomhchoiste Póilíneachta. Tá moltaí nua curtha chun cinn ag Ionadaithe Pobail maidir le hoibriú na gcoistí seo, lena chinntiú go dtugtar éisteacht do ghuth an phobail.
- ▶ Tacaíodh le Involve agus tionscnamh an daonlathais rannpháirtigh.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar Fholláine An Phobail

- ▶ Comhpháirtíocht Áitiúil Spóirt & Áineasa: Togra: Gradaim Spóirt agus ócáid tiomsaithe airgid a eagrú agus a reáchtáil. Toradh: Bhí Ionadaí de chuid an PPN ar an bhfochoiste a rinne forbairt ar an bpróiseas do na gradaim agus don ócáid. D'éirigh go hiontach leis an tionscadal agus ar an oíche bronnadh dámhachtainí ar go leor daoine óga /réaltaí spóirt reatha agus oibrithe deonacha chomh maith le ciste suntasach a bheith bailithe don ospís áitiúil.
- ▶ De bharr iad a bheith ag comhoibriú ar an JPC bhí rochtain dhíreach ag an bpobal ar na Gardaí áitiúla nuair a ba ghá teach mór drugaí a bhaint as a chéile le linn na chéad dianghlasála agus lean an chumarsáid eatarthu ina dhiaidh sin. Rinneadh monatóireacht ar iompar frithshóisialta, agus bhí an fhreagairt níos cinnte dá bharr, rud a chuaigh chun tairbhe don phobal ar fad.
- ▶ Staidéar Insiúlta/ So-úsáidte ag daoine aosta

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar an gCuimsiú Sóisialta

- ▶ Chuir Ionadaí an CPS um Fhiontraíocht Eacnamaíoch & Forbairt Turasóireachta moladh chun cinn maidir le saoránaigh Néaréagsúla a bheith san áireamh sa Mhargadh Fostaíochta.
- ▶ Ionadaí, Tithíocht SPC: D'aontaigh an Chomhairle Cathrach go ndéanfar, roimh an gcéad bhabhta eile de na Deontais Phobail, comhairliúchán le grúpaí pobail maidir leis an rannóg um chuimsiú sóisialta chun plé a dhéanamh ar rudaí a d'fhéadfaí a cur leis agus a athrú m.sh., leibhéal an mhaoinithe atá ar fáil, comhiarratais ar mhaoiniú breise agus tionscadail chomhroinnte.
- ▶ Toisc a thábhacht a bhaineann leis an gCuimsiú Sóisialta, reáchtáil an PPN den chéad uair in 2020 Seachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta. Reáchtáladh imeachtaí i rith na seachtaine a chuaigh chun tairbhe do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, daoine scothaosta agus pobal na n-imirceach agus a rinne freastal orthu.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar an tacaíocht don Chomhshaoil

- ▶ Ghlac Ionadaithe de chuid an PPN an cúram orthu féin suirbhé a dhéanamh ar an Straitéis Bainistíochta Crann (Fuarthas 235 freagra), thaispeáin siad sleamhnáin ag tacú le hiarratas áitiúil ar chrios oidhreachta faoi chosaint, agus rinne siad taighde maidir le soilsiú poiblí LED tar éis taighde a bheith roinnte ag gníomhaí áitiúil. Toradh: Tugadh cuireadh faoi dhó d'Ionadaithe de chuid an PPN labhairt le Ceannaire Tionscadail na Straitéise Bainistíochta Crann taobh amuigh de ghnáthchruinnithe an SPC. Tharla go leor malartú eolais, lena n-áirítear eolas i dtaobh chriosanna oidhreachta atá faoi chosaint. Eagraíodh cruinniú speisialta 90 nóiméad eatarthu freisin ach bhí cúnamh ar fáil i gcónaí ó oifigigh na Comhairle agus éascaíocht á dhéanamh acu.
- ▶ Rinne Ionadaí Comhshaoil SPC moladh maidir limistéar ar leith sa chontae ar chóir breathnú air do Scéim nua coillteoireachta dúchasáí ar thailte poiblí. Beidh an cosc atá curtha ar úsáid Glyphosate ag an gComhairle (Ranna na bPáirceanna agus an Chomhshaoil) ina pholasáí scríofa de chuid na Comhairle feasta. I measc na mbuntáistí eile, d'fhéadfadh sé sin cuidiú le spriocanna laghdaithe astaíochtaí carbóin na Comhairle Cathrach agus d'fhéadfadh go ndéanadh údarás áitiúla eile ar fud na hÉireann aithris air. Ghlac an SPC leis an rún agus rachaidh sé anois chuig Ionadaí iomlán Comhshaoil CBS na Comhairle.
- ▶ Tá sé molta ag ár n-ionadaí Comhshaoil go ndéanadh ár ÚA imscrúdú ar an bhféidearthacht a bhainfeadh le Sráidbhaile ECO a chruthú don chontae tríd an SPC. Mar thoradh air seo, chuir an PPN aighneacht mhionsonraithe faoi bhráid an dréachtphlean forbartha, agus é seo san áireamh ann.

- ▶ Ionadaí CBS don Chomhshaoil & Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide. Nuair a chuir siad ceist ar leith ar an gclár oibre a bhain le Critéir Mhaoiniúcháin faoin Scéim Tacaíochta um Theas In-athnuaite, pléadh leo go díreach taobh amuigh den chruinniú. Moladh go gcuirfí an tEolaire Deisiúcháin ar fáil tríd na Láithreáin Conláiste Cathartha chun deisiú agus athúsáid troscáin, earraí leictreacha agus earraí ginearálta tí a spreagadh. Tá an t-eolaire scaipthe anois tríd na leabharlanna, Na hIonaid Faisnéise do Shaoránaigh agus oifigí na comhairle, chomh maith le CAS.
- ▶ Aighneacht don CBS ar an gComhshaoil agus Athraithe Aeráide: Moladh gur chóir do Roinn na bPáirceanna daoine a spreagadh le crainn/ toir/ábhar síolta a fhaightear go háitiúil a bhailiú agus a fhás chun foinsí tábhachtacha bithéagsúlachta a chaomhnú agus a fheabhsú. An t-ábhar pléite, ag fanacht le toradh.
D'eagraigh an PPN in éineacht le baill den Fhóram Comhshaoil agus an One Future Group cruinniú oll-stocaireacht le Teachtaí Dála chun an ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide a bhrostú agus a dhéanamh níos cothroime. Rinne an PPN chomh-óstáil ar chruinniú ar líne le gach Teachta, mar chuid den 'Stocaireacht ar TD ar mhaithe le Gníomhú níos Tapúla agus níos Cothroime ar son na hAeráide' a bhí ar bun ar fud na tíre. Ag ionad in aice le Teach Laighean i mBaile Átha Cliath a bhíodh an 'oll-stocaireacht' seo, a d'eagraigh an chomhghuaillíocht *Stop Climate Chaos*, ar siúl blianta eile, agus ba é seo an chéad uair don ócáid a bheith ar bun ar líne. Tá sé de bhuntáiste aige seo go mbíonn i bhfad níos mó daoine ag glacadh páirte go náisiúnta, chuaigh níos mó ná 1,000 duine isteach ar ghlaonna Zúm lena dTeachtaí Dála áitiúla, chun a chur in iúl dóibh a phráinní atá sé gníomhú go radacach ar son na haeráide. Fuair iarrachtaí an PPN ina leith seo clúdach náisiúnta ar na meáin.
- ▶ An tSeachtain um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar na Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe

- ▶ An Coiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil (LCDC) Mí Iúil 2020: Tionscnamh Deontas Beag Meabhairshláinte Pobail Éire Shláintiúil – moltaí á gcur chun cinn ag ionadaí an PPN.
- ▶ Clár Leader an AE - Ionadaithe PPN páirteach sa phlé agus mhol siad/thacaigh siad le tionscadail aonair i Meán Fómhair 2020
- ▶ Thacaigh na hIonadaithe le leathadh amach an FoodCloud go háitiúil.
- ▶ Ceardlann ar an SDG ag díriú ar an bhForbairt; óstáil ar *Make Way Day* chun aird a tharraingt ar fhadhbanna inrochtaineachta a bhíonn ag daoine faoi mhíchumas ag a raibh Réamhfhocail ó Anne Rabbitte TD, an tAire Stáit ar a bhfuil freagracht i leith an Mhíchumais; óstáil ar sheimineáir ghréasáin ar Scéimeanna Bailte agus Sráidbhailte; scéim CLÁR maidir le feabhsaithe sa phobal agus go leor cúrsaí oiliúna do ghrúpaí pobail.

Dul i bhfeidhm chun leasa ár mBallghrúpaí

- ▶ Bhí tionchar ag an PPN 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.
- ▶ Clár Feabhsúcháin Pobail - Mhol ionadaithe an PPN gur ghá tacaíocht a ofráil do ghrúpaí a dteastaíonn cúnaimh uathu le hiarratais ar dheontais.
- ▶ Tá córas i bhfeidhm ag an PPN anois inar féidir le grúpaí pobail ceisteanna atá ina gcúis imní a thabhairt chun cinn le gur féidir le hionadaithe an PPN plé leo taobh istigh de na SPCanna/JPCanna agus go deimhin idir na cruinnithe foirmiúla chomh maith –Is mó an seans go bhfaighidh saincheisteanna a dtarraingítear aird orthu faoi ainm an PPN freagra ná dá mbeadh grúpaí Pobail aonair ag stocaireacht ina leith leis na hÚdaráis Áitiúla.

- ▶ Thug an obair a dhéanann an PPN i dtaca le deiseanna maoinithe a aimsiú agus a chur chun cinn seans do raon grúpaí rochtain a fháil ar thacaíocht airgeadais nach mbeadh siad ar an eolas ina dtaobh murach sin.

Dul i bhfeidhm ar an Lánpháirtíocht

- ▶ Mar thoradh ar ionchur ó Lónra Míchumais an PPN ag na comhairliúcháin éagsúla, tá athruithe curtha ar chuid den obair athghiniúna ar an mbaile. Tá trasrian síogach nua agus boscaí fuaime curtha in áit, colbhaí deisithe srl.
- ▶ Aighneacht ar Throsacán Sráide: chun a chinntiú go ndéanann an ÚÁ cigireacht ar an tuiscint atá i measc díoltóirí ar an Míchumas.
- ▶ Mhol duine dár n-ionadaithe ar Bhord áitiúil an Ionaid Cúraim Phríomhúil (APCC) go dtabharfaí turas fíorúil timpeall an ionaid nua chun an chuma a bhí air a thaispeáint. Comhaontaíodh é seo agus tá an físeán á tháirgeadh agus scaipfear é go háitiúil in 2021. SITT-Inrochtaineacht maidir le Soghluaisteacht- Rinneadh athrú ar na Pointí Píoctha Suas ar na bealaí.
- ▶ Mhol ionadaí an PPN go gceapfaí ball den phobal Taistil mar Leaschathaoirleach ar an gCoiste Áitiúil um Thithíocht don Lucht Siúil. Is grúpa tánaisteach é seo de chuid an Choiste um Beartas Straitéiseach, Tithíocht.

Dul i bhfeidhm ar Chearta an Duine

- ▶ Tithíocht & Eastát Corparáideach, An Coiste um Beartas Straitéiseacha (SPC): Togra: D'iarr sé nuashonruithe maidir leo seo a leanas: Iarfheistiú, folúis, cothabháil tionóntachta, deontais míchumais/agus cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil. Chomh maith leis sin, ardaíodh an cheist maidir leis an easpa áiseanna pobail atá in éineacht leis na tithe nua atá á thógáil sa chontae. Toradh: Pléadh míreanna, agus tugadh nuashonruithe sa chás go raibh dul chun cinn á dhéanamh sna réimsí seo. Mar sin féin, ní dhearnadh aon ghníomh ná plean chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar chuid de na saincheisteanna.

Ag dul i bhfeidhm ar Líonraí

- ▶ Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Tacaíocht Fiontair, Turasóireacht, Polasaí Pleanála & Forbartha- D'iarr an tIonadaí Comhshaoil go dtabharfaí Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (OPW), a bhfuil ról bunúsach aici mar a bhaineann le láithreáin oidhreacht agus turasóireachta taobh istigh den chontae, os comhair an CBS d'fhonn plé a dhéanamh ar réimsí ina bhféadfaí comhoibriú. Chuir an Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse in iúl go bhféadfaí cuireadh a thabhairt d'Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí cur i láthair a thabhairt don SPC ach go mbeadh gá plean oibre suntasach a chomhaontú roimh ré. Déanfar tuilleadh plé ar an gceist seo i rith na bliana.

Cuid 1: Ballraíocht

Tá go leor buntáistí ag baint le ballraíocht sa PPN. Nuair a théann eagraíochtaí isteach i PPN faigheann siad:

- Rochtain ar fhaisnéis ábhartha maidir le maoiniú agus deontais a thagann tríd an Údarás Áitiúil.
- An deis a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a fhógairt trí nuachtlitir an PPN, an láithreán gréasáin, ríomhphoist srl.
- Rochtain ar fhorbairt acmhainní agus ar imeachtaí oiliúna a thacóidh leo ina gcuid oibre.
- Rochtain ar eolas faoi chinntí agus moltaí atá á ndéanamh ina gcontae / ina gcathair agus an deis a dtuairimí a thabhairt agus ionchur a bheith acu ina dtaobh, in éineacht le balleagraíochtaí eile de chuid 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 Nascghrúpa ar son Bord nó Coiste leasa agus a bheith in ann a dtuairimí a chur in iúl agus cur le beartais áitiúla.
- An deis comhaltaí a ainmniú chun bheith ar Bhord nó ar Choiste thar ceann an PPN.

Ní mór do gach eagraíocht ansin Coláiste amháin a léiríonn a bpríomhleas a roghnú le bheith páirteach ann— Pobail agus Deonach, Comhshaoil nó Cuimsiú Sóisialta.

Ag deireadh na bliana 2020, bunaithe ar fhiigiúirí ón gcóras CRM, bhí **17,530** grúpa (lena n-áirítear Comhaltaí Comhlach) ina mbaill de PPN ar fud na 31 PPN. Is as eagraíochtaí Pobail agus Deonacha formhór na gcomhaltaí i gcónaí (79.5%), agus ina dhiaidh sin tagann na hEagraíochtaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta (17%) agus na hEagraíochtaí Comhshaoil (3.5%). Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 2 thíos ar an mBallraíocht bunaithe ar an gcineáil eagraíochta agus léiríonn sé na hathruithe comparáideacha i ngach réimse le linn 2019.

Tábla 2: Comhdhéanamh bhallraíocht an PPN 2019* agus 2020*

An Coláiste	2019 (n=31)	2020 (n=31 - Figiúirí CRM)	Athrú ar Uimh.	% Iomlán 2020
Pobal agus Deonach	12,083	13,929	+1,846	79.5
Comhshaoil	596	613	+17	3.5
Cuimsiú Sóisialta	2,920	2,988	+68	17
Iomlán	15,599	17,530	+1,931	

* **Comhaltaí Comhlach san áireamh**

Thairg 15 PPN Ballraíocht Chomhlach san iomlán, go hiondúil d'eagraíochtaí nár chomhlíon na critéir ar fad a bhain le ballraíocht, ach ar theastaigh uathu a bheith páirteach agus eolas a fháil. San iomlán, bhí 312 Comhalta Comhlach ag na PPNanna - 249 Comhalta Comhlach Pobail agus Deonacha, 16 Comhalta Comhlach Comhshaoil, agus 47 Comhalta Comhlach Cuimsiú Sóisialta (méadú 38% ó 225 mar a bhí an bhliain roimhe sin).

Rinne 17 PPN athchlárú iomlán, agus rinne an chuid eile nuashonrú ar shonraí teagmhála na mball de réir mar a cuireadh ar an eolas iad ina dtaobh.

Cuid 2: Ionadaíocht agus Cinnteoireacht

Iarradh ar na PPNanna in 2020 tuairisc a thabhairt ar an gcaoi a ndeachaigh siad i gcomhairle leis na grúpaí ag a raibh ballraíocht, idir eolas a dháileadh, freastal ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin agus aighneachtaí i scríbhinn a dhéanamh. Tugtar achoimre i dTábla 3 ar na gníomhaíochtaí ar thug na PPNanna fúthu chun cuidiú lena mbaill a bheith páirteach sa daonlathas ar bealach machnamhach.

Tábla 3: Rannpháirtíocht i gComhairliúcháin, 2020

Modh	I gcónaí	Uaireanta	Go hannamh	Riamh
Eolas scaipthe ar na ballghrúpaí faoi chomhairliúcháin áitiúla	25	4	1	0
Eolas scaipthe ar na ballghrúpaí faoi chomhairliúcháin náisiúnta	17	12	1	0
D'fhreastail Ionadaithe de chuid PPN ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin ar son an PPN	7	17	5	1
D'fhreastail Oibrí Acmhainne ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin ar son an PPN	8	14	5	3
Rinne aighneachtaí i scríbhinn chuig comhairliúcháin thar ceann an PPN nó mar fhoghrúpa de (nascghrúpa, srl.)	5	19	1	5
D'eagraigh an PPN comhairliúcháin leis na baill (i.e., cruinnithe agus suirbhéanna a eagrú)	4	18	2	6

Mar is léir ó Thábla 3, chuir formhór na PPNanna eolas a mbaill ar an eolas i gcónaí faoi aon chomhairliúcháin áitiúla nó náisiúnta a bhí ar siúl. I bhformhór na gcásanna d'fhreastail Oibríthe Acmhainne nó Ionadaithe na PPNanna ar imeachtaí comhairliúcháin thar ceann an PPN 'I gcónaí' nó 'Uaireanta', and arís thuairiscigh tromlach go ndearna siad aighneachtaí i scríbhinn nó gur eagraigh siad a gcuid imeachtaí comhairliúcháin féin lena chomhaltaí 'I gcónaí' nó 'Uaireanta'.

Thug 30 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

Éilíonn rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht go mbeadh na páirtithe ar fad rannpháirtíocht i ndáiríre. Iarradh ar na PPNanna aiseolas a thabhairt maidir lena ndearcadh ar an bpróiseas rannpháirtíochta, agus tá sé leagtha amach i dTábla 4.

Tábla 4: Tacaíocht don Ionadaíocht, 2020

Tacaíocht	Glacann an ÚÁ gach chinneadh nó a cuireann sé gach rud i gcrích agus cuireann sé an PPN ar an eolas ina dhiaidh sin	Iarrann an ÚÁ ionchur ón PPN maidir le réimsí áirithe, a roghnaíonn an ÚÁ	Coinníonn an ÚÁ 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 Clár Oibre (An clár oibre a leagan amach don chruinniú / don bhliain nua / téarma oifige 5 bliana)	6	5	16	3
Mar a bhaineann le Dréachtú (polasaithe, pleananna cumarsáide a scríobh etc.)	6	4	17	3
Mar a bhaineann le Cinnteoireacht (phróiseas cinnteoireachta faoi bheartais, tionscnaimh srl..)	3	8	17	2
Mar a bhaineann le Cur chun feidhme (ag cur beartais i bhfeidhm)	8	7	13	2
Mar a bhaineann le Monatóireacht (monatóireacht agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar thorthaí beartais nó cinnidh)	9	7	12	2
Mar a bhaineann leis an Athchóiriú (úsáid a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis a bailíodh sa Chéim Mhónatóireachta chun beartas nó tionscnamh a mheas agus a athchóiriú)	12	5	11	2

Ní raibh ach dhá PPN a chuir in iúl 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 trí PPN déag go raibh Fís chríochnaithe acu mar a bhain le Folláine an Phobail. Chuir an dream ar fad nach raibh ceann acu in iúl gur mar gheall ar Covid-19 a cuireadh moill ar an obair sin agus a cuireadh ar athló í agus tá rún acu leanúint ag obair air ag súil go mbeidh sé críochnaithe i 2021 agus 2022.

Samplaí den tionchar a bhí ag an bhFís ar chinnteoireacht

- Chuir an Fhís le Pleananna, Polasaithe agus Straitéisí Chomhairle Contae an Longfoirt, dála a bPlean Corparáideach, An Plean Forbartha Contae, An Straitéis Idirchultúrtha, An Straitéis Rothaíochta/ Siúil srl. Baineadh úsáid as mar bhonn do ghrúpaí a bhí ag forbairt Sainorduithe Toghcháin agus mar bhonn d'Oiliúint na nIonadaithe agus Ionadaithe SPC.
- Tá Fís Folláine Pobail PPN Chiarraí curtha faoi bhráid chreat Sláintiúil Chiarraí agus beidh sé mar bhunús do ghníomhaíochtaí a thiocfaidh as an struchtúr seo. Cuireadh faoi bhráid Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí é mar a bhain le forbairt phlean forbartha an Chontae agus cuirfeadh faoi bhráid an LECP é chomh maith nuair a bheidh sé á fhorbairt. D'fhorbair PPN Chiarraí an achoimre ar an bhfolláine pobail agus cuireadh oiliúint ar gach ionadaí de chuid an PPN atá ar na coistí éagsúla de chuid CBS, JPC, LCDC, etc. maidir leis an gcaoi le húsáid éifeachtach a bhaint as an doiciméid seo agus bíonn sé ina uirlis luachmhar ag cruinnithe toisc go bhfuil aiseolas soiléir ann faoi na rudaí a bhraitheann an pobal is gá a dhéanamh

chun go mbeadh an contae ina áit iontach do na glúnta seo agus do na glúnta atá le teacht. Toisc gurb é seo t-aon chomhairliúchán pearsanta a bhí ar siúl in 2020 is doiciméad fórluachmhar é.

- D'úsáid an PPN an Fhís d'Fholláine an Phobail chun tionchar a imirt agus le mianta an phobail a chur in iúl do na gníomhaireachtaí stáit agus na hionadaithe áitiúla, agus, thar aon rud eile, le bonn eolais a chur faoina chuid oibre ó thaobh ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an bpobal agus iarracht a dhéanamh tionchar a imirt ar chinntí agus ar ghníomhaíochtaí chun cabhrú leis an bhfís seo a bhaint amach.

Cé gur daingníodh na Físeanna Folláine ag tús na bliana 2021 is in 2020 a tharla an próiseas forbartha agus dá bhrí sin bhí tionchar acu ar ár n-aighneachtaí i dtaca le Dréachtphlean Forbartha an Chontae. Agus na ráitis folláine á ndréachtú bhí plé againn le grúpaí nach raibh baint againn leo roimhe seo. Tar éis comhairliúchán suntasach den chineál sin bhraith na hionadaithe go raibh sainordú tugtha dóibh ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar ghrúpaí an PPN ar choistí agus ar fhóraitim agus tá siad ar an eolas anois faoi na saincheisteanna atá ag leibhéal an cheantair bhardsaigh agus an chontae araon. Úsáidtear na ráitis freisin chun aighneachtaí a chur ar an eolas. Mar dhoiciméid bheo, déanfar athmheasúnú orthu go bliantúil d'fhonn a chinntiú go léiríonn siad tuairimí agus mianta reatha ghrúpaí PPN an Chláir.

- Tá Fís Folláine Pobail Thiobraid Árann léirithe cheana féin i bplean corparáideach Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann. Is cuid lárnach é de phlean 2020-2024 toisc gur tógadh gné an phobail de na 4 chuid atá sa phlean go díreach ón bhFís Folláine Pobail.
- Tá Fís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí mar aon le comhairliúcháin iomlánacha mar bhonn do Phlean Straitéiseach 5 Bliana PPN na hIarmhí 2021-2025, agus ina dhiaidh sin a phleananna oibre bliantúla. Scaipeadh cóipeanna d'fhís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí ar gach ballgrúpa de chuid an PPN, comhairleoirí tofa agus ionadaithe an PPN. Cuireadh Fís Folláine Pobail na hIarmhí faoi bhráid an Phlean Forbartha an Chontae (CDP) le haghaidh comhairliúcháin agus tá príomhghnéithe na físe á gcur san áireamh sa rannóg folláine den Phlean Forbartha. Bheidh an Fhís Folláine an Phobail á h-úsáid chomh maith ag bPlean Forbartha Eacnamaíochta Áitiúil (LECP) nua.
- Tá an Fhís ionchorpraithe freisin sna Téarmaí Tagartha do na Nascgrúpaí Nasc atá le teacht ardán níos fearr ó thaobh polasaí a chur ar fáil mar bhonn eolais do na hionadaithe.

Ionadaíocht ar Chomhlachtaí Cinnteoireachta

Ar cheann de na príomhbhealaí inar féidir le PPNanna tionchar díreach a imirt ar na cinntí a dhéantar ag leibhéal an rialtais áitiúil tá ionadaíocht a bheith acu ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí, dála Coistí um Beartais Straitéiseacha, Comhchoistí Póilíneachta, Boird Contae agus mar sin de. Tugtar briseadh síos iomlán i dTábla 5 ar chomhdhéanamh na mBord agus na gCoistí.

Tábla 5: Rannpháirtíocht Ionadaithe an PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí, 2020

	2020
Líon na nIonadaithe	941
Fir	493
Mná	434
B'fhearr leo gan a rá	14
Céatadán Fir: Mná: Eile	53:46:1
Líon na nIonadaithe nua a toghadh	147
Fir	65
Mná	82
Céatadán Fir: Mná	44:56
Líon na nIonadaithe a d'éirigh as le linn na bliana	85
Fir	41
Mná	44
Céatadán Fir: Mná	48:52
Líon Iomlán Bord agus Coistí	410

Tháinig méadú ar líon iomlán na nIonadaithe ó 928, mar a bhí in 2019, go dtí 941 in 2020, ag tabhairt faoi deara gur thagair tuarascáil 2019 do 31 PPN agus go mbaineann tuarascáil 2020 le 30 PPN. Tháinig laghdú beag ar líon na mBord agus na gCoistí ar a bhfuil na hIonadaithe ó 424 i gcás na 31 PPN in 2019 go dtí 410 sna 30 PPN in 2020.

Bhí iomaíocht i gceist i gcás 38 suíochán sa bhliain 2020, agus 146 nár bhain iomaíocht leo (is é sin le rá, nár ceadaíodh nó nár bhfuarthas ach ainmniúchán amháin in aghaidh an tsuíocháin don phost). Bhí 160 suíochán oscailte ar fáil d'ionadaíocht ón PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí in 2020.

Mar atá le feiceáil i dTábla 5, tá cothromaíocht inscne ann nach mór mar a bhaineann le hionadaíocht an PPN ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí agus céatadán níos airde d'ionadaithe ban tofa in 2020. Chomh maith leis sin chuaigh níos mó mná ná fir ar scor in 2020.

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, 40 duine san iomlán. I gcás go leor acu, tharla sé seo toisc go raibh sé deacair dóibh teacht ar a ndóthain ionadaithe le saineolas ar leith agus tá cuid mhaith acu ag obair chun leigheas a fháil air seo in 2021 i bhfianaise na treorach a tugadh i Lámhleabhar an PPN i mí na Samhna 2020.

Chuir dhá cheann is fiche de na 30 PPN in iúl go raibh deacracht acu ionadaithe a earcú in 2020. Tharla sé seo den chuid is mó mar thoradh ar shrianta Covid-19, an tiomantas ama atá riachtanach le freastal ar chruinnithe agus a bheith eolach ar na hábhair, agus easpa tacaíochta agus saineolais i réimsí áirithe nuair a chuirtear san áireamh gur oibríthe deonacha iad seo ar fad.

Tacaíochtaí d'Ionadaithe PPN

Aithnítear an ról atá Ionadaithe an PPN fud fad líonra an PPN agus is mór againn an obair atá á déanamh acu ar bhonn deonach agus an taithí atá acu. Tá réimse tacaíochtaí do na hIonadaithe curtha i bhfeidhm sna PPNanna agus tugann Tábla 6 níos mó sonraí ina dtaobh.

Tábla 6: Tacaíochtaí d'Ionadaithe an PPN in 2020

Cineál Tacaíochta	Líon na PPNanna	Líon na nGrúpaí (más infheidhme)
Nascghrúpaí	25	127
Grúpaí Téamacha / Grúpaí Gníomhaíochta	13	33
Cairt na nIonadaithe	28	
Oiliúint Shonrach d'Ionadaithe an PPN	24	
Oiliúint do Nascghrúpaí Nasc	11	
Foirmeacha Aiseolais Cruinnithe comhlánaithe ag Ionadaithe	26	
Líonra Ionadaithe áitiúla an PPN	12	
Tacaíocht duine le duine	25	
óstach Údaráis Áitiúil / Coiste	18	

Nuair a iarradh a ndearcadh maidir leis na tacaíochtaí seo, chuir na PPNanna in iúl gur bhliain dheacair a bhí in 2020 le bheith ag idirghníomhú agus ag cur tacaíochtaí ar fáil, tráth a raibh gá níos mó ná riamh leis na tacaíochtaí sin. Níorbh fhéidir na tacaíochtaí duine le duine a oibríonn go maith go hiondúil i bhformhór na PPNanna a chur ar fáil go pearsanta in 2020, agus cuireadh cuid acu ar fáil go fíorúil.

Nascghrúpaí agus Grúpaí Téamacha

Sa chás go mbíonn Nascghrúpaí nó Grúpaí Téamacha ann, d'fhéadfadh go mbainfeadh siad 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, Cultúr agus na hEalaíona, Comhshaol agus Uisce agus mar sin de). Thuairiscigh trí PPN déag gur thogh a Nascghrúpaí Ionadaithe le bheith ar Choistí agus ar Bhoird, agus i PPNanna eile níor bunaíodh aon Nascghrúpaí / nó ní raibh siad gníomhach; nó rinne an Coiste nó an Coláiste iomlánach an toghadh.

As na 127 Nascghrúpa a tuairiscíodh a bheith ag feidhmiú (Tábla 6), measadh go raibh 56 acu gníomhach, is é sin le rá go mbíonn trí chruinniú nó níos acu laistigh den bhliain (lena n-áirítear cruinnithe fíorúla). Tá na 56 Nascghrúpa seo scaipthe thar 20 de na 30 PPN a d'fhreagair an cheist seo. I gcomparáid leis seo, bhí 30 de na Líonraí Téamacha gníomhach. Rinneadh an chumarsáid go fíorúil leis na Nascghrúpaí agus na Líonraí Téamacha ar feadh an chuid is mó de bhliain 2020.

Nuair a cuireadh ceist faoin leibhéal rannpháirtíochta i measc na ngrúpaí ar fad, dúirt 6 PPN go mbíonn 'An-lear' ann; thuairiscigh ceann amháin go mbíonn 'Go leor' ann; dúirt 11 go mbíonn 'Méid áirithe' ann; thuairiscigh 5 PPN gur 'Beagán' a bhíonn ann; agus thuairiscigh 7 nach mbíonn 'aon rannpháirtíocht ann'. Nuair a cuireadh an cheist chéanna maidir leis na Grúpaí Téamacha, chuir 4 PPN in iúl go mbíonn 'An-lear' rannpháirtíochta ann; thuairiscigh 2 PPN go mbíonn 'Go leor' de ann; dúirt 8 go mbíonn 'Méid áirithe' ann; thuairiscigh 3 gur 'Beagán' a bhíonn ann; agus dúirt trí cinn déag nach mbíonn 'aon rannpháirtíocht ann'

Ionadaithe na gCeantar Bardasach

Thuairiscigh ocht PPN déag go raibh Ionadaithe acu ar na Ceantair Bhardasacha. Bhí na tacaíochtaí a cuireadh ar fáil do na hIonadaithe seo mar an gcéanna den chuid is mó lena raibh léirithe i dTábla 6 agus eagraíonn cuid de na PPNanna cruinnithe sonracha nó cláir oiliúna bhreise don Ionadaí ar an gCeantar Bardasach.

Thuairiscigh sé cinn de na PPNanna nach raibh aon Ionadaí acu ar an gCeantar Bardasach. Tuigtear go mbeadh sé amhlaidh sa chás nach raibh ach Ceantar Bardasach amháin sa cheantar, ach tuairiscíodh é áfach i gceantair ina raibh níos mó ná Ceantar Bardasach amháin. Chuir na PPNanna arís go raibh tionchar ag Covid-19 agus ag easpa foirne orthu in 2020 agus go bhfuil siad ag obair ar an scéal a fheabhsú in 2021.

Cuid 3: Cumarsáid agus Cur Chun Cinn na PPNanna

Tá sé ríthábhachtach ról agus cuspóirí an PPN a chur chun cinn chun go mbeadh ballghrúpaí nua agus ballghrúpaí reatha chomh maith le páirtithe leasmhara eile páirteach ann. Bhí gach ceann den 30 PPN a d'fhreagair gníomhach ó thaobh a gcuid PPNanna a chur chun cinn in 2020. Bhí ról lárnach ag na meáin shóisialta i gcláir chumarsáide gach ceann de na PPNanna, agus úsáid á bhaint go forleathan as láithreáin ghréasáin tiomnaithe, leathanaigh Facebook agus Twitter. Agus iad airdeallach ar go bhfuil grúpaí ann nach n-úsáideann na hardáin ar líne, bhain cuid de na PPNanna úsáid as ábhar clóite freisin chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh. Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 7 ar na modhanna cumarsáide a úsáideadh, lena n-áirítear líon na PPNanna a bhain úsáid as gach modh acu agus líon iomlán na gcumarsáidí a bhí i gceist.

Tábla 7: Cumarsáid de réir Modh Úsáidte, 2020

Modh Cumarsáide	Líon na PPNanna	Líon na gCumarsáid	Líon Lucht Leanúna / Is maith liom
Nuachtlitir Chlóite	7	404	
Ríomh-Nuachtlitreacha Ar Líne	24	722	
Suíomhanna Gréasáin	20		464,374 visits
Facebook	25		31.625
Twitter	22		10,895
Eile (Instagram, Tik Tok)	7		2,206
Rannpháirtíocht in imeachtaí arna n-óstáil ag daoine eile	17	218	
Raidió Pobail Áitiúil agus/nó Meáin Áitiúla Tráchtála, i.e. cló, raidió, podchraoltaí, irisí agus blaganna	22	246	

Oibríonn na PPNanna freisin leis na Leabharlanna Áitiúla, Ionaid Faisnéise do Shaoránaigh, Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh, Ionaid na nOibrithe Deonacha, Láithreáin Oidhreachta áitiúla, agus Ionaid Spóirt áitiúla, agus comhoibríonn siad le heagraíochtaí agus le meáin eile. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh iallach orthu in 2020 cuid mhaith dá gcuid oibre cumarsáide agus fógraíochta a dhéanamh ar líne, rud a d'fhéadfadh roinnt páirtithe leasmhara a fhágáil ar lár.

Is léir go bhfuil an t-eolas a thugtar do chomhaltaí chomh tábhachtach céanna leis na modhanna cumarsáide a bhíonn in úsáid. Chuige sin, iarradh ar na PPNanna mionsonrú a dhéanamh as liosta socraithe (féach Tábla 8) ar an gcineál ábhair a scaipeadh.

Tábla 8: Ábhar ar cuireadh an Bhallraíocht ar an eolas ina thaobh in 2020

An tÁbhar	Líon na PPNanna (n=30)
Imeachtaí de chuid PPN	29
Gníomhaíochtaí de chuid PPN	28
Folúntais ag PPN	27
Gníomhaíochtaí de chuid na mBallghrúpaí	28
Tuarascálacha ó Ionadaithe an PPN	22
Eolas faoi Mhaoiniú	29
Comhairliúcháin	29
Eile	14

An dream a thuairiscigh go raibh 'Eile' i measc an ábhair ar chuir siad an bhallaíocht ar an eolas faoi liostáil siad rudaí ar nós eolas eile a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ábhartha don phobal; Faisnéis agus tacaíochtaí pobail a bhain le Covid-19; oiliúint; fógraí poiblí; foláirimh phobail; fógraí maidir le seimneáir ghreasáin; suirbhéanna agus mar sin de.

Salesforce

Is é Salesforce an phríomh-mheicníocht a bhíonn in úsáid chun an bunachar sonraí ballraíochta agus an chumarsáid leis na PPNanna a bhainistiú. Chuir trí PPN déag in iúl nach raibh aon rud ann a dteastódh uathu go dtacódh Salesforce leis nó a dtabharfadh sé tuilleadh tacaíochta dó in 2020. Ba mhaith leis na freagróirí eile feabhsuithe a fheiceáil maidir le feidhmeanna na Nuachtlitreacha; an chumarsáid a bheith dírithe; tuarascálacha, lena n-áirítear an tuarascáil bhliantúil a chomhthiomsú; agus a bheith in ann toghcháin a reáchtáil ar líne.

An Phaindéim

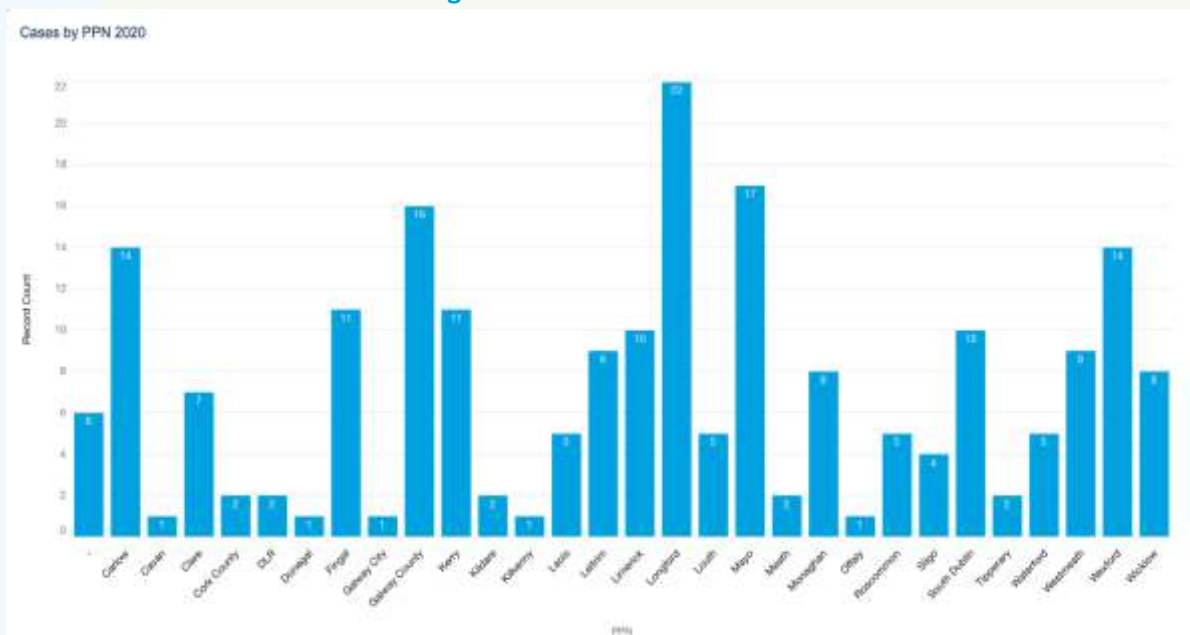
Ceann de na rudaí suntasacha faoi Salesforce, agus rud a léirigh an tairbhe a bhaineann leis an gcur chuige bunaithe ar néal, ná go raibh oibríthe in ann athrú go tapa agus gan aon stró go dtí a bheith ag obair ón mbaile, gan aon chur isteach ar an t-seirbhís. Bhí raibh aon deacracht ag na hoibríthe ó thaobh rochtain a fháil ar a gcuid sonraí/ríomhphoist/cumarsáid ar fad agus níor ghá aon réitigh cruu-earraí TF a fháil.

D'iarr an Roinn ar Comm-IT (soláthraí seirbhíse na gcóras Salesforce atá ag PPN) cumarsáid phráinneach rialtais a lárú agus a sheoladh thar ceann na PPNanna le linn mhíonna tosaigh na paindéime lena chinntiú go mbeadh an t-eolas tábhachtach náisiúnta chéanna á fáil ag gach ballghrúpa ar fud na hÉireann. Mar thoradh air sin, chaith Comm-IT breis agus 320 uair an chloig ar "Obair náisiúnta" ar son na PPNanna i rith 2020.

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 160 uair an chloig don bhainistiú ar chásanna a tharla ó lá go lá.

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



Forbairt

Le linn 2020, d'fhorbair agus chuir Comm-IT chun feidhme an Nascghrúpa nua *Chatter*, lena n-áirítear ceardlanna oiliúna a chur ar fáil agus físeáin oiliúna ar líne a fhorbairt.

Ina theannta sin, rinne Comm-IT forbairt bhreise ar an mol pobail le go mbeadh mír iomlán ann faoi "físeán" ann ina mbeadh roinnt físeáin nua do thosaitheoirí chomh maith le físeáin ardoiliúna.

Lean siad orthu ag obair leis na PPNanna ar an réiteach athchlárúcháin, d'fhorbair siad próiseas uathoibríthe chun ríomhphoist a bhainistiú (díliostáil ó liostaí poist, roghanna ríomhphoist a bhainistiú) agus tá siad ag fanacht go mbeidh glactha go hiomlán leis an réiteach seo ag na PPNanna.

Feidhmiúlacht an tSuímh Gréasáin

Glactar leis, sa ré dhigiteach seo, go bhféadfaí teacht ar fhaisnéis trí shuíomh gréasáin tiomnaithe.

Chuir gach freagróir as an 30 in iúl go raibh suíomh gréasáin acu ag a raibh leibhéal éagsúla feidhmiúlachta, mar atá sonraithe i dTábla 9.

Tábla 9: Feidhmiúlacht an tSuímh Gréasáin, 2020

Feidhmeanna	Líon na PPNanna (n=30)
Liosta/Bunachar sonraí na mball cláraithe	25
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe Rúnaíochta	18
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe Iomlánacha	23
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar Chruinnithe an Nascghrúpa	9
Tuarascálacha ó Ionadaithe de chuid an PPN	15
Nuachtlitreacha PPN	23
Fógraíocht maidir le Imeachtaí / Nuacht na mBall	25
Liosta cothrom le dáta de na hIonadaithe PPN ar fad	25
Beartais de chuid an PPN ar glacadh leo	22
Buiséid / Cuntais de chuid an PPN ar glacadh leo	17

Cuid 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 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 seachadadh. Tá roinnt samplaí de na cineálacha oiliúna a cuireadh ar fáil liostaithe thíos agus tugtar miondealú ar an am a bhí i gceist i dTábla 10.

Samplaí de chlár Oiliúna agus Forbairt Acmhainne a chuir na PPNanna ar fáil in 2020

- Conas Zúm a úsáid/Oiliúint Dhigiteach
- Eolas faoi Dheontais agus Iarratais ar Dheontais
- RGCS
- Na Meáin Shóisialta
- Cód Rialachais na gCarthanachtaí
- Tuairisciú Airgeadais
- Suíomh gréasáin a thógáil
- Ceardlanna ar Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe
- Tús eolais ar bhForbairt Pobail
- Éagsúlacht
- Rialtas Áitiúil a Thuiscint
- Ról an PPN
- Scileanna Éascaithe
- Tíomsú Airgid Éifeachtach
- Bainistíocht ar Oibrithe Deonacha
- Folláine
- Lá an Chomhshaoil
- Abhcóideacht agus Tionchar
- Ról na nIonadaithe
- Scileanna Coiste

Ag teacht lena n-éiteas pobail, cuirtear oiliúint ar fáil do gach ball agus do gach grúpa sa cheantar nuair is cuí. Coinnítear an oiliúint shonrach, ar ndóigh, do ghrúpaí / comhlachtaí ar leith (mar shampla an Rúnaíocht agus na hIonadaithe).

Table 10: Oiliúint and Forbairt Acmhainne, Acmhainní agus Cumhacht, 2020

Líon na gclár Oiliúna	160
Líon na Seisiún Oiliúna	523
Líon na nUaireanta Oiliúna a cuireadh ar fáil	949.5

Oiliúint a cuireadh ar fáil do na PPNanna

Oiliúint ar an Lámhleabhar

Seoladh Lámhleabhar an PPN i mí na Samhna 2020. Tháinig sé seo in ionad Treoir Úsáideora an PPN. Chuir an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail oiliúint ar na PPNanna maidir le hathruithe agus le húsáid an Lámhleabhair.

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 2020. Cuireadh an oiliúint 'Pobail Chumasacha a Chruthú' ar fáil ar líne trí mheascán de sheisiúin réamhthairfeadta agus seisiúin bheo ar líne. Ghlac grúpa amháin páirt sa chlár sa bhliain 2020.

Oiliúint Salesforce

Cé go raibh rún ag Comm-IT ar dtús oiliúint réigiúnach duine le duine a sheachadadh, d'athraigh sé seo go tapa go dtí oiliúint ar líne. Chuir Comm-IT dhá chineál oiliúna ar fáil in 2020:

1. Oiliúint aonair duine le duine ar úsáideoirí nua (56.5 uair an chloig)
2. Ardoiliúint ar úsáideoirí leanúnacha (40.5 uair an chloig).

Cuid 5: Bainistíocht, Riarachán agus Airgeadas

Tá tacaíocht ag riarachán an PPN ó Rúnaíocht dheonach a thagann ón mballraíocht. Tuairiscíonn an comhlacht seo do Sheisiún Iomlánach an PPN, ar cheart dó teacht le chéile dhá uair sa bhliain ar a laghad. D'fhéadfadh na PPNanna teacht le chéile freisin ag leibhéal an Cheantair Bhardasaigh nó ag leibhéal áitiúil eile. Tá an Rúnaíocht freagrach freisin as gníomhaíochtaí laethúla Oibrithe an PPN a éascú agus a chumasú agus as cur i bhfeidhm an Phlean Oibre.

In 2020, leithdháileadh 347 áit ar 30 Rúnaíocht an PPN trí chéile, le meán-leithdháileadh de 11 Comhalta Rúnaíochta (tá na huimhreacha idir 7 agus 22). Bíonn an leithdháileadh ballraíochta bunaithe go príomha ar dháileadh Choláistí/ Cholúin na PPNanna (Pobal & Deonach; Cuimsiú Sóisialta; agus An Comhshaol) chomh maith le ról ar an gCeantar Bardasach (más infheidhme). Idir 2 agus 4 bliana a bhíonn téarma oifige chomhalta den Rúnaíocht, 4 bliana ar an meán. As na 347 áit atá leithdháilte, tá 285 suíochán líonta agus 62 suíochán folamh faoi láthair. Thug gach ceann de na 31 PPN le fios go raibh ráta tinrimh de 50 faoin gcéad nó níos mó ó laistigh de bhallraíocht na Rúnaíochta in 2020, agus thuairiscigh ocht PPNanna go raibh ráta 80 faoin gcéad nó níos mó ann, agus meánráta de 73.03 faoin gcéad (féach Tábla 11).

Tábla 11: Leithdháileadh Rúnaíochta, Folúntais agus Ráta Tinrimh in aghaidh an PPN, 2020

Ainm an PPN	Leithdháileadh	Folúntais	Ráta Tinrimh (%)
Ceatharlach	9	0	80
An Cabhán	12	0	75
An Clár	10	1	75
Contae Chorcaí	22	3	70
Dún na nGall	19	4	50
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	9	3	75
Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	9	3	63
Fine Gall	9	1	90
Cathair na Gaillimhe	16	7	60
Contae na Gaillimhe	11	0	50
Ciarraí	11	1	80
Cill Dara	11	1	71
Cill Chainnigh	10	4	90
Laois	12	5	80
Liatroim	9	3	66
Luimneach	10	3	95
An Longfort	9	0	66
Lú	17	1	75
Maigh Eo	14	1	60
An Mhí	12	2	50
Muineachán	12	4	76
Uíbh Fhailí	7	1	95
Ros Comáin	9	1	70
Slígeach	9	1	70
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	12	1	70
Tiobraid Árann	15	4	75
Port Láirge	11	1	90
An Iarmhí	8	0	70
Loch Garman	11	3	75
Cill Mhantáin	12	3	79
IOMLÁN	347	62	73.03 (Meán)

Struchtúr Cothrom a Bhainistiú

Tá na PPNanna bunaithe ar bhonn Struchtúr Cothrom. Cinntíonn Struchtúr Cothrom nach rialaíonn aon ghlór amháin nó aon ghrúpa amháin an PPN. Ciallaíonn sé go bhfuil freagracht chomhchoiteann ann maidir le rudaí a dhéanamh agus aidhmeanna an phlean oibre a bhaint amach. Forbraíonn sé seo cumas an ghrúpa ina iomláine agus ciallaíonn sé go dtuigeann gach ball gach gné a bhaineann leis an bpróiseas. Baintear úsáid as bealaigh éagsúla sna PPNanna chun an struchtúr cothrom a choinneáil ag imeacht, mar atá sonraithe i dTábla 12.

Tábla 12: Struchtúr Cothrom a Bhainistiú, 2020

Sásra Oibriúcháin	Líon na PPNanna (n=30)
Éascaitheoir Uainíochta	21
Róil Uainíochta (Idirchaidreamh Foirne, Airgeadas etc.)	10
Cinntí a dhéantar trí chomhthoil	25
Tograí a tugadh chuig an gCruinniú Iomlánach	22
Téarmaí Tag artha a leagan béim ar struchtúr cothrom	21
Miontuairiscí / Tuarascálacha ar fáil do gach ball den PPN	19

Chomh maith leis an méid atá luaite thuas, thug 22 PPN le fios go raibh foghrúpa amháin ar a laghad ag a Rúnaíocht in 2020. Áirítear orthu sin Airgeadas, Acmhainní Daonna, Cumarsáid, Idirchaidreamh Foirne, Forbairt Acmhainne, Idirlíon agus na Meáin Shóisialta, Beartas agus Nósanna Imeachta, Folláine, Cumarsáid agus Tionscadail.

Cruinnithe

Tionóladh 38 Cruinniú Iomlánach sna 30 PPN éagsúla in 2020. Astu seo, níor eagraíodh ceann ar bith i rith an lae, bhí 36 acu ar siúl tráthnóna agus bhí dhá cheann ar bun ag an deireadh seachtaine. Ina theannta sin, tionóladh 280 Cruinniú Rúnaíochta sna 30 PPN in 2020, agus réachtáladh 74 díobh sin i rith an lae agus réachtáladh 206 sa tráthnóna.

Bhí 179 cruinniú ag Nascghrúpaí de chuid seacht gcinn déag de na PPNanna in 2020, bhí 89 díobh seo ar siúl i rith an lae agus 90 acu tráthnóna. Bhí 45 cruinniú de Chuid an Cheantair Bhardasaigh san iomlán ag aon PPNanna déag, 9 acu ar siúl i rith an lae agus 36 tráthnóna.

Bhí meascán de chruinnithe eile ag dhá PPN is fiche (408 san iomlán) agus iad ag plé le ceisteanna ar nós Comhairliúcháin Folláine, Dámhachtainí Pobail, Imeachtaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta, Comhairliúcháin Eirgrid agus fóraim Chomhshaoil.

Meabhrán Tuisceana

Bhí Meabhrán Tuisceana gníomhach i bhfeidhm idir 27 PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil in 2020. Maidir leis na PPNanna sin a d'oibrigh trí eagraíocht óstach, bhí Comhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse i bhfeidhm i gcás seacht gcinn acu.

Struchtúr na PPNanna

Is féidir PPN a chur ar bun agus a fheidhmiú faoi roinnt struchtúr dlíthiúil agus riaracháin. As na 30 PPN a d'fhreagair, bhí 20 díobh á n-óstáil ag an Údarás Áitiúil 20; d'óstáil Eagraíocht Pobail eile ceithre cinn acu agus bhí ceithre cinn acu ag feidhmiú mar Chuideachtaí Neamhspleácha. D'athraigh dhá cheann acu a struchtúr i lár na bliana, tá ceann amháin fós ag aistriú ó bheith ina chuideachta neamhspleách go dtí a bheith á óstáil ag an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus tá an ceann eile ag athrú ó bheith á óstáil ag Údarás Áitiúil le go mbeidh sé ina eagraíocht Phobail.

Foireann agus Earcaíocht 2020

In 2020 bhí ball foirne amháin ar a laghad ag gach PPN agus bhí roinnt oibrithe tacaíochta ar conradh ag cuid acu. Tá miondealú ar na socruithe foirne ar fáil i dTábla 13.

Tábla 13: Socruithe Foirne in aghaidh an PPN, 2020

PPN	Oibrí Acmhainne (WTE)	Riarthóir / Oibrí Tacaíochta (WTE)	Oibrí Forbartha (WTE)	Oibrí Deonacha	Eile (Sonraí)
Ceatharlach	1	1	0	0	0
An Cabhán	1	0.5	0	0	0
An Clár	1.6	0.4	0	0	0
Contae Chorcaí	0	0	0	0	1 Éascaitheoir >Samh.
Dún na nGall	1	1	0	0	0
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	1	1	0	0	Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Maoinithe ag an CCBÁC
Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	1	0.8	0	0	0
Fine Gall	1	1	0	0	0
Cathair na Gaillimhe	0.7	0.75	1	0	0
Contae na Gaillimhe	0.5	1.25	0	0	0
Ciarraí	1	1	0	0	1 Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh PPN
Cill Dara	1	1	0	0	0
Cill Chainnigh	1	2	0	0	0
Laois	1	1	0	0	0
Liatroim	0	1	0	0	0
Luimneach	Na 6 mhí tosaigh 0.5. 6 mhí deiridh 1	1	0	0	0
An Longfort	1	1	0	0	0
Lú	1	1	0	0	0
Maigh Eo	1	2	0	0	0
An Mhí	1	1	0	0	0
Muineachán	1	1	0	0	0
Uíbh Fhailí	1	1	0	0	0
Ros Comáin	1	0	0	0	1 Éascaitheoir Seachtrach
Sligeach	0.6	1	0	0	0
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	1	0.85	0	0	0
Tiobraid Árann	1	1	0	1	0
Port Láirge	1.5	0.5	0	0	0
An Iarmhí	1	1	0	0	D'fheidhmigh foireann chléireachais na Rannóg Pobail agus na Leabharlainne mar Oibrí Tacaíochta, le linn tréimhsí folúntais d'oibrithe tacaíochta
Loch Garman	1	1	0	0	0
Cill Mhantáin	1	1	0	0	0

As na 30 PPN a d'fhreagair, d'earcaigh 17 PPN baill foirne in 2020– d'earcaigh 9 gcinn acu Oibríthe Acmhainne, d'earcaigh 9 acu Oibrí Tacaíochta / Riarthóir (d'earcaigh 2 acu oibrí tacaíochta agus Oibrí Acmhainne araon) agus d'earcaigh ceann amháin acu Oibrí Forbartha. Chuir seacht gcinn de na 17 PPNanna in iúl go ndearna siad earcaíocht trí phróiseas oscailte, agus tháinig an 8 gcinn eile tríd an Údarás Áitiúil.

I gcás 21 den na PPNanna tá an fhoireann fostaithe ag an Údarás Áitiúil, tá ceathrar fostaithe go díreach ag an gCuideachta PPN agus tá cúigear fostaithe ag an Eagraíocht Óstála. 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; sé cinn a dúirt go raibh an fhoireann á bainistiú ag an Rúnaíocht amháin; thug 17 de na PPNanna le fios go raibh an bhainistíocht comhroinnte idir an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an Rúnaíocht; tá ceann amháin á bainistiú ag Bord Cuideachta agus ag Rúnaíocht; thug ceithre PPN le fios go raibh a bhfoirne á mbainistiú ag Cuideachta Óstach agus Rúnaíocht; agus bhí ceann amháin go hiomlán faoi rannóg na n-acmhainní daonna.

Sa chás go roinntear bainistíocht na foirne, déanann an Rúnaíocht bainistíocht ar an bplean oibre, agus na feidhmeanna riaracháin agus acmhainní daonna faoi shainchúram an Údaráis Áitiúil / na hEagraíochta Óstaí.

Chuir fiche den 30 PPN a d'fhreagair in iúl go raibh an spás oifige acu lonnaithe taobh istigh d'fhoirgneamh an Údaráis Áitiúil; bhí ceithre cinn lonnaithe i bhfoirgneamh na hEagraíochta Óstála agus bhí sé cinn i spás neamhspleách a bhí ar cíos.

Airgeadas

Tagann maoiniú na PPNanna ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail (an Roinn) agus na hÚdaráis Áitiúla. Cé go soláthraíonn an Roinn an chuid is mó de bhunmaoiniú na PPNanna, faigheann siad suimeanna beaga, os cionn a leithdháilte ionchais, óna nÚdaráis Áitiúla féin chun tacú lena gcuid oibre. Tá athrú air seo ó bhlianta eile de bharr nach soláthraítear miondealú ar leithdháilte maoinithe agus ar cheanteidil chaiteachais sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo, toisc gur iarr an Roinn an fhaisnéis seo sula raibh an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil réitithe. Mar sin féin, bhí €2,997,534.91* san iomlán (ní áirítear leis an bhfigiúr Oibrí Acmhainní Sealadacha Éigeandála) roinnte idir an 30 PPN in 2020.

An Buiséad Bliantúil a Chomhaontú

Tá an próiseas faoina ndéantar an Buiséad bliantúil PPN a fhaomhadh nach mór mar an gcéanna i gcás an 30 PPS a d'fhreagair an cheist seo. Is é an tOibrí Acmhainne agus/nó Fochoiste Airgeadais na Rúnaíochta a dhréachtaíonn an Buiséad. Déanann an Rúnaíocht é seo a fhaomhadh ansin sula gcuirtear faoi bhráid na Seisiún Iomlánach agus na nÚdarás 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, de bhun tuarascála airgeadais chuig an gcruinniú nó mar bhuanchomrán. Sa chás go n-úsáideann an PPN córas Agresso an Údaráis Áitiúil chun a Bhuiséad a bhainistiú, leantar an córas ceadaithe a bhaineann go díreach leis an gcóras sin.

An Seisiún Iomlánach a chur ar an eolas

Thuairiscigh formhór na bhfreagróirí (n = 28) go bpostálann a PPN a Bhuiséad ar líne nó go bpléann sé a Bhuiséad ag na cruinnithe Iomlánacha. Thug dhá PPN le fios nach raibh aon phróiseas i bhfeidhm faoi láthair chun an Buiséad a fhaomhadh ag an Seisiún Iomlánach agus go dtabharfar aghaidh ar an gceist seo in 2021.

Aisíocaíocht Costas le hIonadaithe

Sna blianta a chuaigh thart ba é Speansais an Ionadaí an mhír chaiteachais ba mhó i mBuiséad iomlán an PPN (gan tuarastail agus nithe a bhaineann leis a chur san áireamh.) Tá sé tábhachtach, dá bhrí sin, go mbeadh modh comhaontaithe ag na PPNanna chun costais a fháil ar ais. Maidir le speansais a bhain le Boird agus Coistí na nÚdarás Áitiúil, dúirt 11 de na PPNanna gur tháinig siad seo as Croibhúisíocht an PPN; thug 13 PPNanna le fios gur íoc an tÚdarás Áitiúil astu; agus thuairiscigh sé PPN gur meascán éigin den dá rud a bhí i gceist. Sa chás go raibh an dá dhream i gceist, bhí socrú aontaithe idir an PPN agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil maidir leis na costais seo a aisíoc nó malartú seirbhísí a dhéanamh.

Sa chás gur tugadh cuireadh d'ionadaí an PPN a bheith ar Bhord nó ar Choiste nár bhain leis an PPN ná leis an Údarás Áitiúil, chuir 14 de na PPNanna in iúl gur íoc an eagraíocht a bhí ag óstáil an chruinnithe na costais seo; agus thuairiscigh 16 PPN nár íoc.

Táille Óstála

Thuairiscigh ocht gcinn de na 30 PPNanna gur íoc siad táillí óstála nó táillí bainistíochta. Bhí córais éagsúla chun an táille seo a chinneadh sna PPNanna, agus PPN amháin ag tabhairt le fios go n-íocann siad táille seasta, agus íocann an dá PPN eile táille bunaithe ar chéatadán den chostais tuarastail comhlán nó ríomh deisce.

Bainistíocht Buiséid

D'aistrigh seacht gcinn de na 30 PPNanna 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 ceithre PPN gur aistríodh roinnt airgid chuig cuntas Bainc de chuid an PPN atá á bhainistiú ag an Rúnaíocht.

Tá miondealú ar an gcaoi a gceadaítear caiteachas buiséid leagtha amach i dTábla 14.

Tábla 14: Próiseas Faofa Buiséid PPN, 2020

Próiseas Ceadaithe	Líon na PPNanna
Faomhann an Rúnaíocht gach caiteachas	11
Roinneann an Rúnaíocht agus an tOibrí Acmhainne an faomhadh	12
Roinneann an Rúnaíocht, an tÚdarás Áitiúil agus an tOibrí Acmhainne an faomhadh	7

Beartas Airgeadais

Thuairiscigh naoi gcinn den 30 PPN go raibh Beartas Airgeadais foirmiúil i bhfeidhm. Thug na freagróirí eile ar an gceist seo le fios gur cheadaigh a Rúnaíocht nó a nÚdarás Áitiúil cinntí caiteachais laistigh dá gcórais riaracháin féin faoi seach.

Beartais agus Nósanna Imeachta

D'fhonn dea-chleachtas a chinntiú i rialachas na PPNanna, tá sraith Beartas agus Nósanna Imeachta forbartha ag gach PPN chun tacú lena Rúnaíocht, lena Ionadaithe, lena Fhoireann agus leis na Baill. Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 15 ar na beartais agus na nósanna imeachta a bhí i bhfeidhm le linn 2020.

Tábla 15: Beartais agus Nósanna Imeachta i bhfeidhm, 2020

Beartas / Nós Imeachta	Líon na PPNanna (n=30)
An Bunreacht	23
Beartas i leith Taistil agus Costas	28
Nós Imeachta i leith Casaoide / Coimhlinte	21
Beartas i leith Rochtana agus Comhionannais	10
Beartas i leith Acmhainní Daonna	15
Beartas i leith tiomáint don obair	10
Beartas agus Treoirínte um Chosaint Sonraí	23
Beartas i leith Ríomhphoist agus Úsáid Idirlín	13
Beartas Airgeadais	17
Beartas Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta	14
Eile	9
<i>Sonraí maidir le 'Eile'</i> Coimhlint Leasa; Calaois a chosc; Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Vótáil Ar Líne; Beartas in aghaidh bulaíocht agus Ciapadh; Cairt an Ionadaí; Polasaí fógraíochta do Shuíomh Gréasáin & Nuachtlitir; Comhaontú Iasachta Trealaimh; Beartas Oideachais & Oiliúna; Téarmaí Tagartha do Nascghrúpaí	

Comhoibriú Idirghníomhaireachta

In ainneoin thionchar Covid-19, thuairiscigh seacht PPN is fiche go raibh siad i mbun roinnt comhoibrithe idirghníomhaireachta in 2020, taobh amuigh dá gcuid oibre, chun freagairt do Covid-19. 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 Age Friendly Ireland; Líonraí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta; Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh; Cónaidhm Míchumais na hÉireann; Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt; Fóraim Sláinte Pobail; Fóraim Oideachais Pobail; Comhairle na nÓg; comhoibriú le hIonaid na nOibrithe Deonacha, Seachtain na Sábháilteachta Dóiteáin; cuideachtaí forbartha áitiúla agus gníomhaireachtaí Stáit; agus grúpaí Comhshaoil.

Cuimsiú Sóisialta

Tá na PPNanna in áit uathúil laistigh de na pobail chun plé le lear mór de na grúpaí atá imeallaithe agus cabhrú leo páirt a ghlacadh i bpróisis dhaonlathacha. Chuir sé PPN is fiche in iúl go raibh siad i mbun gníomhaíochtaí cuimsithe shóisialta in 2020. I measc na ngníomhaíochtaí a rinneadh thar ceann an PPN chun a gclár oibre um chuimsiú sóisialta a chur chun cinn bhí feachtas a ardú (thug Ceatharlach, i gcomhar le Cónaidhm Míchumais na hÉireann, cuireadh do na baill freastal ar chruinniú Rochtana ar líne chun aird a tharraingt ar na deacrachtaí inrochtaineachta a bhíonn ag daoine atá faoi mhíchumas le haghaidh 'Make Way Day'); rannpháirtíocht sa phobal (bhunaigh Contae na Gaillimhe Fóram Idirchultúrtha na Gaillimhe. Rinne an Fóram seo suirbhé ar Chomhairleoirí maidir leis an rannpháirtíocht le pobail nua in Éirinn); oibriú le grúpaí imeallaithe ar fud na tíre agus tá sé curtha in iúl ag go leor de na PPNanna go raibh siad ag comhoibriú le grúpaí Romacha agus grúpaí den Lucht Siúil ina gceantair.

Cuid 6: Oibriú leis an Údarás Áitiúil

Soláthraíonn Treoir Úsáideora an PPN1 a bhí i bhfeidhm go dtí Samhain 2020 (féach Lámhleabhar PPN)2gurb é "An PPN an príomhnasc trína ndéanann an tÚdarás Áitiúil (LA) ceangal leis na hearnálacha pobail, deonacha, comhshaoil agus cuimsithe shóisialta" agus "go gcuirfidh an PPN ar chumas an phobail ról foirmiúil gníomhach a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíochtaí déanta beartais agus maoirseachta sna réimsí a bhfuil an ÚÁ freagrach astu." Tá sé i gceist gur cur chuige comhpháirtíochta comhoibríoch a bheadh i bhfeidhm. Tá caidreamh dearfach idir an PPN agus an ÚÁ riachtanach chun go n-éireoidh leo.

Mar chuid den phróiseas a bhaineann leis an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, iarradh ar na hÚdarás Áitiúla samplaí a thabhairt den chaoi ar thacaigh siad le forbairt an PPN, le rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach na n-eagraíochtaí comhshaoil, sóisialta, pobail agus deonacha mar a bhain le beartais agus cinnteoireacht, agus comhroinnt eolais agus forbairt acmhainne (taobh amuigh den leithdháileadh Buiséid nó croídhualgais an Oibrí Acmhainne, sa chás go bhfuil an tOibrí Acmhainne fostaithe ag an Údarás Áitiúil). Tugtar briseadh síos i dTábla 16 ar na tacaíochtaí a aithníodh maidir le gach ceann de na 30 ceantar Údarás Áitiúil a bhfuarthas freagraí ina leith.

1 <https://assets.gov.ie/6843/89a565eed98a4b7bfdcdf840a46a144.pdf>

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

Tábla 16: Tacaíochtaí na n-údarás áitiúil do na PPNanna, 2020

Córas Tacaíochta	Number
Meabhrán Tuisceana Gníomhach i bhfeidhm do 2020	28
Meabhrán Tuisceana athbhreithnithe in 2020	25
Cúnamh a thabhairt, nuair is cuí, don PPN chun a Phlean Oibre a chur i gcrích	28
Thacaigh sé leis an PPN le bheith ina nGníomhaithe gníomhacha sa LECP	24
Rannpháirtíocht tras-rannach in Imeachtaí de chuid an PPN	23
Duine ainmnithe san Údarás Áitiúil le bheith i dteagmháil leis an PPN	23
Chuir sé croímhaoiniú breise ar fáil don PPN chun tacú lena chuid oibre (sa bhreis ar an €80,000)	15
Maoiniú breise curtha ar fáil do thionscadail ar leith de chuid an PPN	13
Feachtais shonracha chun obair an PPN a chur chun cinn laistigh den Údarás Áitiúil	11
<p><i>Sonraí faoi Fheachtais Shonracha</i></p> <p>Litríocht PPN a chur chun cinn i bhFoirngimh na Comhairle; Athbhreithniú LECP ar tí tarlú agus rannpháirtíocht ionadaithe PPN sa phróiseas; Oifigh Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail na Comhairle, Foireann faoin Tuath ag tabhairt spreagadh do Ghrúpaí Pobail a bheith páirteach sa PPN agus trí chumarsáid a dhéanamh leo faoi dheiseanna maoinithe deontais atá ar fáil laistigh den eagraíocht; Thug Oibrí Acmhainní PPN caint ag am lóin do bhaill foirne ÚÁ ar fud na heagraíochta chun feachtas ar an PPN a ardú; Tugtha faoi fheachtas chun cabhrú leis an PPN trí láithreán gréasáin agus nuachtlitr na foirne; Tacaíodh le Filleadh go dtí an Treoir Gníomhaíochta Pobail.</p>	

Comhairliúcháin údarais áitiúil

D'fhéadfadh na PPNanna a bheith, agus ba cheart iad a bheith, ar cheann de na príomhbhealaí atá ag na hÚdarais Áitiúla le tuairimí an phobail acu féin a bhailiú mar fhreagairt ar ghlaonna ar chomhairliúcháin. Is iad is fearr atá in ann oibriú le baill na ngrúpaí pobail agus tá sé léirithe acu gur féidir leo aighneachtaí a fháil agus tacú leo. Tugtar forléargas i dTábla 17 ar líon na gcomhairliúcháin a rinne na hÚdarais Áitiúla in 2020 agus an rannpháirtíocht leis na PPNanna le linn an phróisis seo.

Tábla 17: Comhairliúcháin na nÚdarás Áitiúil, 2020

Comhairliúcháin	Líon
Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí na nÚdarás Áitiúil in 2020	453
Fógraí faoi Chomhairliúcháin a seoladh chuig PPNanna in 2020	414
Comhairliúcháin údaráis áitiúil a rinneadh in 2020 agus na PPNanna ina bpríomhmeán	36
Ceardlanna comhairliúcháin arna gcomhóstáil ag an Údarás Áitiúil agus ag an PPN	49

Thuairiscigh go leor acu go raibh tionchar ag Covid-19 ar líon na gcomhairliúcháin a rinneadh in 2020. Ina ainneoin sin agus an líon na tuairisceán a bheith níos ísle 2020, rinne na hÚdarás Áitiúla níos mó comhairliúcháin in 2020 ná mar a rinneadh in 2019 (nuair a tuairiscíodh go raibh 390 comhairliúcháin ann). Mar sin féin, bhí líon na bhfógraí comhairliúcháin a seoladh chuig PPNanna in 2020 ísliithe (ó 432 go 414). Bhí líon na gcomhairliúcháin a tharla agus na PPNanna ina bpríomhmeán níos ísle in 2020 ná mar a bhí siad in 2019 (ó 77 go 36), agus bhí ardú de bheagán tagtha ar líon na gceardlann comhairliúcháin a bhí óstáilte i gcomhpháirt, ó 46 go 49.

Sainréimsí Comhoibrithe

Chomhoibrigh Údarás Áitiúla agus PPNanna ar go leor imeachtaí agus tionscnamh eile freisin in 2020. Áirítear orthu sin:

- Fóraim Glao an Phobail Covid-19
- Seachtain na Sábháilteachta Dóiteáin
- An Clár Feabhsúcháin Pobail
- An Straitéis um Imeascadh Imirceach
- Tionscnaimh Chomhshaoil
- Tionscnaimh an Chontae Shláintiúil
- An Straitéis um Oiriúnú don Athrú Aeráide
- Gradaim Phobail
- Staidéir Insiúltacht
- Tionscadal Sláinte agus Spásanna Glasa URBACT
- Feachtas Náisiúnta don Lá *Make Way*
- Cláir Oiriúnach do Dhaoine Aosta Tionól na mBan
- Ceardlanna Comhairliúcháin um Straitéis Dhigiteach
- Bailte Slachtmhara
- Tionscadail Comhionannais agus Chearta an Duine
- Plean Athbhreithnithe agus Forfheidhmithe an LECP
- Tráthnónta Eolais i dtaobh Deontais
- Cláir Feabhsúcháin Pobail

Leithdháileadh Suíochán Pobail

Tá na hÚdarás Áitiúla freagrach as raon Bord agus Coistí a bhaineann le réimsí a mbeadh spéis iontu go háitiúil. I measc samplaí de na Boird agus na Coistí seo tá:

- An Comhchoiste Póilíneachta
- An Coiste Forbartha Pobail Áitiúil
- Ealaíon, Cultúir, Áineasa agus Fóillíochta an CBS
- Coiste Comhpháirtíochta *Peace IV*
- Grúpa Iascaigh an Iarthuaiscirt agus An Grúpa Comhairleach Áitiúil
- An Coiste Idirchaidrimh Pobail
- An Chomhpháirtíocht Spóirt
- Na Tascfhórsaí Réigiúnacha um Dhrugaí agus Alcóil
- Tithíocht, Pobal agus Folláine an CBS
- Na hEalaíona, Cultúr agus Teanga an CBS

- Athrú Aeráide, Comhshaol agus Fuinneamh an CBS
- *Age Friend Alliance*
- Fóraim Oidhreachta
- Bóithre agus Iompair an CBS
- Bonneagair an CBS
- Cultúr, Leabharlanna agus Forbairt Dhigiteach, Turasóireacht, Fiontraíocht agus Forbairt Eacnamaíoch an CBS
- Comhpháirtíocht LEADER
- Forbairt Eacnamaíochta, Fiontar agus Pobail an CBS
- Tithíocht, Corparáideach agus Cultúr an CBS

Incháilitheacht le haghaidh Deontais

Incháilitheacht le haghaidh Deontais

Feidhmíonn na PPNanna mar mhol eolais do ghrúpaí pobail chun go mbeidh teacht acu ar fhaisnéis agus ar thacaíochtaí maidir le deontais na n-údarás áitiúil. Mar aitheantas air seo, agus an ról atá ag na PPNanna ó thaobh cur le éifeachtúlacht na ngrúpaí pobail trí fhorbairt acmhainne, oiliúint, líonrú agus mar sin de, tá sé leagtha síos ag cuid de na hÚdarás Áitiúla go bhfuil ballraíocht sa PPN riachtanach chun a bheith incháilithe le haghaidh deontais. In 2020, bhí an riachtanas seo ag sé cinn de na hÚdarás Áitiúla mar a bhain le gach uile dheontas; bhí an riachtanas ag ocht gcinn acu i gcás fhormhór na ndeontas ach níor bhain sé le gach deontas; i 16 Údarás Áitiúil, moladh do ghrúpaí a bheith páirteach, ach ní raibh sé éigeantach.

Oiliúint agus Ionduchtú ag na hÚdarás Áitiúla

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Thuiriscigh 21 Údarás Áitiúil gur chuir siad ionduchtú nó oiliúint shonrach ar fáil in 2020 d'ionadaithe de chuid an PPN a bhí nua-cheaptha. Maidir le hoiliúint agus forbairt feasachta d'fhoireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil, chuir 20 Údarás Áitiúil in iúl go raibh siad i mbun gníomhaíochtaí oiliúna nó forbartha feasachta le baill foirne atá ag obair ina Roinn Pobail, thuiriscigh 21 acu go raibh siad páirteach sna gníomhaíochtaí seo le baill foirne atá ag obair taobh amuigh den Roinn Pobail. 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.

Cuid 7: Moltaí

Nuair a bhí athbhreithniú déanta ar obair na PPNanna in 2020, iarradh ar na PPNanna agus ar na hÚdaráis Áitiúla sraith moltaí a chur chun cinn ar mhaithe le forbairt a dhéanamh ar na PPNanna. Rinneadh na moltaí a rangú faoi na ceannteidil seo a leanas:

1. Rialachas
2. Rannpháirtíocht
3. Cur chun cinn na PPNanna / Cumarsáid
4. Acmhainní
5. Struchtúr

Rialachas

1. A chinntiú go bhfuil struchtúir rialachais reatha i bhfeidhm agus iad ag feidhmiú go héifeachtach.
2. Beartais a fhorbairt agus a chaighdeánú mar a bhaineann le hoibriú na PPNanna.
3. Treoir mhionsonraithe a sholáthar maidir leis na ról éagsúla a bhaineann leis na PPNanna.
4. Fís straitéiseach a fhorbairt do PPNanna.
5. Cinntigh go bhfuil MOU in áit agus é oiriúnach don fheidhm
6. Próiseas daingniúcháin ar Cholún an Chomhshaoil a shoiléiriú.
7. Smaoineamh ar phríomhtháscairí feidhmíochta a thabhairt isteach (KPIanna)
8. An Fhís d'Fholláine an Phobail a fhorbairt agus a úsáid nuair a oireann.
9. Feasacht i leith Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe a fhorbairt agus iad a nascadh le pleananna uile an chontae & an PPN.

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 na hÚdaráis Áitiúla leis an riachtanas gur tríd na PPNanna go príomha a dhéantar comhairliúchán pobail agus ionadaíocht ar na pobail.
3. Go mbunódh foirne sinsearacha na nÚdarás Áitiúil caidreamh leis na PPNanna.
4. Struchtúir chumarsáide níos éifeachtaí a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm do na hIonadaithe agus dá mBoird / Coistí, ag cur san áireamh nuashonruithe maidir le tionscnaimh forbartha pobail.
5. Tógáil ar chaidrimh agus naisc a bhí cruthaithe le linn 2020.
6. Go nglacfaí le bunphrionsabail na rannpháirtíochta maidir leis an gcinnteoireacht áitiúil.
7. Iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar fhorbairt na nascghrúpaí téamacha.
8. Lámhleabhar do na hÚdaráis Áitiúil a fhorbairt, dála an lámhleabhar a sholáthraíonn an IPA, ina dtabharfaí miondealú mionsonraithe i dtaobh gach roinn taobh istigh den Údarás Áitiúil.
9. Ról níos lárnaí a bheith ag an PPN sa chlár oibre a bhaineann leis an ngníomhú ar son na haeráide.

Cur chun Cinn na PPNanna / Cumarsáid

1. Feachtas náisiúnta bolscaireachta agus faisnéise a fhorbairt do PPNanna.
2. Níos mó aitheantais a bheith tugtha go náisiúnta do na PPNanna sna Ranna Rialtais ábhartha ar fad.
3. Pacáiste modheolaíochta maidir leis an rannpháirtíocht phobail a fhorbairt d'fhoireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil.

4. 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.
5. An teanga atá in úsáid a shimpliú.

Acmhainní

1. Buiséad níos mó do na PPNanna ag an leibhéal áitiúil agus náisiúnta.
2. Inbhuanaitheacht an mhaoinithe do na PPNanna a chinntiú.
3. A chinntiú gur baill foirne bhuna iad na hOibrithe Tacaíochta.
4. Oibrí Náisiúnta Acmhainní a chur ar fáil chun tacú leis na PPNanna ag an leibhéal náisiúnta.
5. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar struchtúr grádaithe fhoireann an PPN.
6. Seasmhacht an mhaoinithe a chinntiú.
7. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar na cúiseanna go mbíonn foirne ag síorathrú.
8. Tharraing Covid-19 aird ar an ngá atá le acmhainní leordhóthanacha agus, nuair is gá, acmhainní breise.
9. An oiread úsáide agus is féidir a bhaint as an dul chun cinn atá déanta sa chumarsáid dhigiteach agus cur leis.
10. Tacaíochtaí sa bhreis do ghrúpaí atá nuabhunaithe.

Struchtúr

1. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar struchtúr na PPNanna.
2. Struchtúr Náisiúnta a Fhorbairt – Rannpháirtíocht Phoiblí Éireann.
3. Struchtúr na PPNanna a shimpliú.
4. Ról a bhunú le go mbeidh Cathaoirleach ann don Rúnaíochta, agus uainíocht á dhéanamh air gach bliain.
5. Go mbeadh na PPNanna ina gcuid den phlean forbartha reachtúil do na Pleananna Ceantair Áitiúil agus na Pleananna Comhforbartha.

Chomh maith leis na moltaí uileghabhálacha, atá leagtha amach thuas, iarradh ar gach PPN agus Údarás Áitiúil moltaí sonracha a dhéanamh i dtaca le riachtanais oiliúna agus conas an chomhpháirtíocht a fheabhsú. Seo a leanas na moltaí sin:

Oiliúint

An tÚdarás Áitiúil

1. Oiliúint maidir le ról agus feidhm an PPN, agus an chaoi a dtéann sé chun tairbhe don Údarás Áitiúil.
2. Seisiúin oiliúna agus faisnéise ar an bhForbairt Pobail.
3. Oiliúint ionduchtúcháin d'fhoireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil agus do na baill thofa, agus é á sholáthar ag an leibhéal náisiúnta ar mhaithe le comhsheasmhacht.
4. Oiliúint ar fhorbairt agus ar úsáid na Físe d'Fholláine an Phobail.
5. Seisiún eolais ar Straitéis na bPobal Inbhuanaithe, Cuimsitheach agus Cumhachtaithe.
6. Oiliúint ar na treoirlínte a bhaineann le chomhairliúcháin na nÚdarás Áitiúla.
7. Rannpháirtíocht an phobail agus ról an PPN.
8. Scileanna TF.
9. Grúpaí atá imeallaithe a bheith páirteach ar bhealach éifeachtach.
10. Cearta an Duine agus Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí.
11. Spriocanna na forbartha inbhuanaithe.
12. Oiliúint ar chúrsaí cumarsáide.

An PPN

1. Salesforce.
2. Abhcóideacht agus Tionchar a Imirt ar Bheartas.
3. Struchtúir na nÚdarás Áitiúil.
4. Óráidíocht Phoiblí agus Cumarsáid.
5. Rialachas.
6. Cosaint Sonraí.
7. Ionduchtú do Chomhaltaí agus d'Ionadaithe na Rúnaíochta maidir lena ról faoi seach.
8. Forbairt Beartais agus Cinnteoireacht.
9. Cearta an Duine agus Comhionannas / Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí.
10. Na Spriocanna don Forbairt Inbhuanaithe.
11. Pleanáil Straitéiseach.
12. Conas aighneachtaí a scríobh.
13. Rialachán na gCarthanachtaí.
14. Cruinnithe éifeachtacha a thionól/a éascú.
15. Na Meáin Shóisialta.
16. Scileanna TF.

Comhpháirtíocht

An tÚdarás Áitiúil

1. Níos mó eolais i dtaobh an PPN agus a fheidhmeanna agus a chuspóirí.
2. Ionduchtú do na hIonadaithe ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí na nÚdarás Áitiúil.
3. Níos mó ama a bheith tugtha do thionscnaimh, cruinnithe, comhairliúcháin agus gníomhaíochtaí comhoibríthe eile idir na hÚdarás Áitiúla agus na PPNanna.
4. Pleanáil chomhoibríoch leis na páirtithe leasmhara ar fad.
5. Níos mó cumarsáide.
6. Nuashonruithe rialta ón Údarás Áitiúil.
7. Eolas a bheith á chur ar fáil ag na hÚdarás Áitiúla i dtaobh ar ról agus feidhmeanna Bhoird agus Choistí na nÚdarás Áitiúil.
8. Go n-aithneofaí an PPN i dTreoir na nÚdarás Áitiúil mar bhealach le bheith páirteach.
9. Níos mó eolais i dtaobh an tábhacht atá leis an méid a chuireann an PPN le leagan amach beartais, ag tarraingt ar ábhair reatha Rialtais.
10. Ba cheart Ranna eile a chur ar an eolas faoi na PPNanna agus an ról atá acu.

An PPN

1. Nasc a dhéanamh le comhpháirtithe reachtúla eile trína máthair-Ranna chun comhsheasmhacht na mbeartas a chinntiú.
2. Go spreagfadh an tÚdarás Áitiúil ionchur ó ionadaí an PPN sa chlár oibre agus sna cruinnithe. Rannpháirtíocht na mball a neartú.
3. Athruithe ar struchtúr foriomlán an CBS.
4. Cruinnithe foirmiúla idir an PPN agus foireann shinsearach na nÚdarás Áitiúil i réimsí ina bhfuil siad ag comhoibriú.
5. Clár oibre forbartha beartais a chomhaontú.
6. Go mbeadh na clár oibre agus an t-ábhar léitheoireachta faighte in am roimh chruinnithe.
7. Comhtháthú níos fearr maidir le próiseas cinnteoireachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil.
8. Tuiscint níos fearr ar ról na gcoistí éagsúla.
9. Cumarsáid níos fearr le foireann na nÚdarás Áitiúil agus na hionadaithe ar Bhoird agus ar Choistí.
10. Níos mó comhionannais ó thaobh an ionchuir ag na Coistí agus na Boird.

Aguisín 1: Sonraí Teagmhála na PPNanna (Mí Iúil 2021)

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Aguisín 2: Forbhreathnú ar Ghníomhaíocht an PPN

PPN	Líon na n-áiteanna Rúnaithe a leithdháileadh	Líon na n-ionadaithe ag an PPN	Líon na Nascghrúpaí atá gníomhach	Líon na gCruinnithe Iomlána a Tionóladh	Caitreachas Iomlán (2020)	Líon na Ríomh-Nuachtlitríochtaí a Táirgeadh	Líon na gCoistí Cinnteoireachta ar a bhfuil suíochán ag an PPN	Socrú óstála	Ballaíocht Iomlán (comhaltáí san áireamh)	Baill an Cholúin um Chumisiú Sóisialta	Baill an Cholúin don Chomhshaol	Baill cholún an Chomhphobail
Ceatharlach	9	27	0	2	105,189.07	12	30	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	435	47	12	376
An Cabhán	12	29	0	2	101,068.41	50	15	Ag aistriú ó bheith ina Chuideachta go dtí a bheith á óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	316	101	23	192
An Clár	10	22	3	2	112,203.99	12	10	Ag feidhmiú mar chuideachta neamhspleách	291	48	19	224
Contae Chorcaí	22	8	0	0	2,102.00	0	5	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	945	166	37	742
Dún na nGall	19	53	3	1	112,629.00	12	22	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	593	51	18	524

Aguisín 2: Forbhreathnú ar Ghníomhaíocht an PPN

PPN	Líon na n-áiteanna Rúnaithe a leithdháileadh	Líon na n-ionadaithe ag an PPN	Líon na Nascghrúpaí atá gníomhach	Líon na gCruinnithe Iomlána a Tionóladh	Cáiteachas Iomlán (2020)	Líon na Ríomh-Nuachtitreacha a Tairgeadh	Líon na gCoistí Cinntheoraigh ar a bhfuil suíochán ag an PPN	Socrú óstála	Bailraíocht Iomlán (comhaltai san áireamh)	Bail an Cholúin um Chuirsiú Sóisialta	Bail an Cholúin don Chomhshaoil	Bail chúlúin an Chomhphobail
Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	9	23	1	0	90,700.00	0	14	Arna óstáil ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	771	243	30	498
Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin	9	37	0	1	106,415.47	12	12	Arna óstáil ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	487	90	14	383
Fine Gall	9	26	5	1	131,945.16	12	9	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	454	79	25	350
Cathair na Gaillimhe	16	31	5	3	107,019.59	87	18	Ag feidhmiú mar chuideachta neamhspleách	144	44	11	89
Contae na Gaillimhe	11	40	4	1	98,388.15	14	9	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	123	31	6	86
Ciarraí	11	11	1	0	120,071.39	0	20	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	774	85	22	667
Cill Dara	11	24	2	0	87,390.00	67	10	Arna óstáil ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	1100	133	32	935
Cill Chainnigh	10	22	3	2	112,281.12	54	9	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	367	86	24	257
Laois	12	29	0	2	107,762.73	12	12	Arna óstáil ag an UÁ	580	74	18	488

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PPN	Líon na n-áiteanna Rúnaíochta a leithdháileadh	Líon na nlonadaithe ag an PPN	Líon na Násghrúpa í atá gníomhach	Líon na gCruimithe Iomlána a Tionóladh	Caitéachas Iomlán (2020)	Líon na Ríomh-Nuachtlirreacha a Tairgeadh	Líon na gCoistí Cinnteoireachta ar a bhfuil suíochán ag an PPN	Socrú óstála	Bailíocht Iomlán (comhaltai san áireamh)	Baill an Cholúin um Chuímsiú Sóisialta	Baill an Cholúin don Chomhshaoil	Baill cholin an Chomhphobail
Liatroim	9	28	0	0	29,468.63	1	11	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	290	73	10	207
Luimneach	10	34	8	2	73,803.11	0	9	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	131	46	10	75
An Longfort	9	33	0	4	117,018.55	0	14	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	446	59	6	381
Lú	17	37	1	2	129,279.56	52	16	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	399	121	8	270
Maigh Eo	14	17	0	4	101,764.67	6	7	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	986	134	23	829
An Mhí	12	46	2	0	117,473.55	24	10	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	1084	103	20	961
Muineachán	12	39	2	1	98,316.25	12	12	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	570	94	34	442
Uíbh Fhailí	7	22	1	1	104,121.71	48	9	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	527	58	8	461
Ros Comáin	9	31	0	0	45,022.34* Figiúr eadramhach	35	10	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	209	32	11	166
Sligeach	9	48	1	2	153,499.91	6	17	Arna óstáil ag an ÚA	460	39	14	407

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PPN	Líon na n-áiteanna Rúnaíochta a leithdháileadh	Líon na n-íonadaithe ag an PPN	Líon na Nascghrúpaí atá gníomhach	Líon na gCruinnithe Iomlána a Tionóladh	Caitheas Iomlán (2020)	Líon na Ríomh-Nuachtlíreacha a Táirgeadh	Líon na gCoistí Cinnteoireachta ar a bhfuil suíochán ag an PPN	Socrú óstála	Bailraíocht Iomlán (comhataí san áireamh)	Bail an Cholúin um Chuímsiú Sóisialta	Bail an Cholúin don Chomhshaoil	Bail cholún an Chomhphobail
Baile Átha Cliath Theas	12	20	1	1	109,354.88	0	10	Arna óstáil ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	787	177	31	579
Tíobraid Árann	15	50	1	1	75,876.86	15	17	Ag feidhmiú mar chuideachta neamhspleách	1117	130	27	960
Port Láirge	11	58	4	0	109,012.00	72	24	Ag feidhmiú mar chuideachta neamhspleách	739	121	26	592
An Iarmhí	8	36	5	2	120,612.84	12	18	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	749	168	12	569
Loch Garman	11	27	0	0	101,377.00	78	13	Arna óstáil ag an Udarás Áitiúil	401	69	13	319
Cill Mhantáin	12	33	3	1	116,366.97	17	18	Arna óstáil ag Eagraíocht Phobail eile	356	69	22	265
Iomlán	347	941	56	38	2,997,534.91	722	410		*16,631	2,771	566	13,294

*Tógadh na hiomláin anseo ón suirbhé a líon 30 de na PPNanna isteach agus dá bhrí sin beidh siad dlíriúil ó na príomhfhigiúirí ballraíochta a tógadh ón gcóras CRM.

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Ceatharlach

- ▶ Ar líne den chuid is mó a rinneadh na himeachtaí agus an oiliúint a reáchtáladh i rith 2020 (ó Mhárta 2020 ar aghaidh). Fuaireamar amach go raibh freastail níos fearr ar chuid de na himeachtaí seo ná mar a bheadh ar imeachtaí fisiciúla, mar go raibh níos mó daoine in ann freastal agus iad ar a só ina dtithe féin. Fuaireamar amach, áfach, nach raibh an cumas ardteicneolaíochta ag gach ball chun rochtain a fháil ar na cruinnithe agus d'fhreastail muid ar an dream sin trí oiliúint Zúm a chur ar fáil agus an doiciméad ar phróisis 'Fan Nasctha' a chruthú agus a fhógairt. Rinneadh é seo chun acmhainn na ngrúpaí a fhorbairt le linn Covid-19, agus a chinntiú go mbeadh deis ag gach duine páirt a ghlacadh agus a bheith gafa leis.
- ▶ Chuireamar roinnt seisiún oiliúna ar fáil do na hlonadaithe agus do bhaill an Nascghrúpa i mbliana, ionas go bhféadfaimis eolas a chur ar fáil agus a chinntiú go raibh tuiscint iomlán ag na baill ar fad ar a róil agus a bhfreagrachtaí. Tá PPN Ceatharlach ar Fhóram Freagartha Covid-19 Chomhairle Contae Cheatharlach. Is é aidhm an fhórait comhordú a dhéanamh ar fhreagairt ilghníomhaireachta tacaíochtaí a chur ar fáil dóibh siúd a bhfuil sé de dhíth orthu fad agus atá srianta Covid-19 i bhfeidhm.

An Cabhán

- ▶ Foilsíodh nuacht nuashonraithe faoi Covid-19 go laethúil ar ár suíomh gréasáin.
- ▶ Dul i mbun idirchaidrimh le comhpháirtithe náisiúnta agus áitiúla chun eolas agus na tacaíochtaí agus comhairle atá ar fáil don phobal a fháil amach
- ▶ Tacú le tionscnamh Foodcloud agus é a chur chun cinn.
- ▶ Seoladh 242 pacáiste faisnéise faoi Covid-19 chuig daoine aonair a bhí ag cocúnú
- ▶ Seoladh 740 paca eolais faoi Covid-19 chuig grúpaí a bhí cláraithe.
- ▶ Coinníodh ag malartú eolais ó chomhpháirtithe náisiúnta agus áitiúla atá ag obair ar Covid-19 le grúpaí áitiúla tríd an suíomh gréasáin & Enews.
- ▶ Dearadh, foilsíodh agus seoladh sa phost chuig gach grúpa 500 cóip de Leabhar Tacaíochta Meabhairshláinte ar Covid-19.
- ▶ Cúnamh tugtha do 'Masksforallireland' Brainse an Chabháin (bunreacht, treoirlínte a scríobh, etc.)

An Clár

- ▶ Bhunaigh Ionad Oibrithe Deonacha an Chláir, PPN an Chláir, Cuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir agus Comhairle Contae an Chláir Foireann Freagartha Pobail an Chláir, (CCRT) i dtús mhí an Mhárta. Bunaíodh é chun tacú le heagraíochtaí a bhí ag tabhairt freagra pobalbhunaithe ar Covid-19. D'oibrigh an fhoireann leis na pobail chun nósanna imeachta cosanta agus árachais a chur i bhfeidhm lena chinntiú go raibh na hoibrithe deonacha agus na daoine a raibh siad ag cabhrú leo cosanta agus faoi árachas. Ar deireadh, bhí ballraíocht ar an bhfoireann ag Ionad Oibrithe Deonacha an Chláir, PPN an Chláir, Cuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir, Comhairle Contae an Chláir, An Garda Síochána, na hIonaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh, Meitheal Pobail Bhoirne, Love Shannon, Clarecare, Líonra Ban an Chláir, Fóram Leader an Chláir, Ionaid Faisnéis do Shaoránaigh agus Seirbhís Óige an Chláir, agus d'oibrigh

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sé le lear mór eagraíochtaí tacaíochta cúraim go náisiúnta agus go háitiúil chun cabhrú le grúpaí agus daoine leochaileacha agus leis na tacaíochtaí riachtanacha a d'fhéadfadh grúpaí pobail agus deonacha a chur ar fáil sa Chlár a shainnithint. Ar cheann de na ról ba thábhachtaí a bhí ag an bhfoireann bhí tacaíocht a thabhairt do Chomhairle Contae an Chláir a bhí chun tosaigh maidir le mórtionscnamh faoi stiúir an rialtais a rinne comhordú ar na tacaíochtaí Covid-19 a bhí ar fáil do ghrúpaí leochaileacha agus do dhaoine aonair ó na Gníomhaireachtaí agus Grúpaí Phobail.

- ▶ Rinne freagra PPN an Chláir ar Covid-19, i gcomhar le gníomhaireachtaí agus le daoine aonair, suirbhéireacht agus mapáil ar níos mó ná 500 eagraíocht phobail agus dheonach trí bhoinn sonraí PPN an Chláir agus Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha an Chláir a chur le chéile agus iad in éineacht le suirbhé a dhear agus a thiomsaigh PPN an Chláir; rinne PPN an Chláir idirbheartaíocht ar chúrsaí árachais le BHP mar a bhain leis an bhfreagairt do Covid-19 a bhí faoi stiúir dhaoine deonacha, (polasaí atá i seilbh PPN an Chláir, i gcomhpháirt le VC an Chláir agus LDC an Chláir); treoirlínte ar chosaint agus rochtain ar Sheirbhís Ghrinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do bhreis agus 150 oibrí deonach a bhí páirteach sa phróiseas cheana féin, faoi stiúir Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha an Chláir; bileog eolais a dhear Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha an Chláir agus ina raibh lear mór sonraí teagmhála do línte cabhrach (lena n-áirítear achoimrí ar na seirbhísí a raibh fáil orthu) a phriontáil agus a sheoladh chuig gach teaghlach sa chontae le tacaíocht ó Chomhairle Contae an Chláir. Tá na línte cabhrach atá liostaithe sa bhileog seo bunaithe go príomha ar an eolas áitiúil atá ag Foireann Freagartha Pobail an Chláir agus faisnéis a bailíodh ón méadú a tháinig le déanaí ar an trácht chuig na línte cabhrach náisiúnta.
- ▶ Oiliúint maidir le cruinnithe ar líne (Zúm) curtha ar fáil ag PPN an Chláir do gach grúpa atá páirteach i bhfreagairt Covid-19 an Chláir. Maoiniú mar a bhain le 'Glaó an Phobail' a chur chun cinn laistigh de ghrúpaí atá ag obair le Freagairt Chomhordaithe Phobail an Chláir Covid-19. Cruinnithe laethúla ar Zúm leis an bhfoghrúpa Idirghníomhaireachta chun go bhféadfaí dul i ngleic le deacrachtaí de réir mar a tháinig siad chun cinn. Foghrúpaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a bhunú sna gníomhaireachtaí chun grúpaí agus daoine aonair leochaileacha a shainnithint agus tacú leo. Úsáid bainte as PPN an Chláir chun tabhartais don bhanc bia, a d'eagraigh Cuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir, a ghlacadh isteach agus a shórtáil. Freastal ar Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Covid-19 Chomhairle Contae an Chláir mar chuid den Mheitheal Idirghníomhaireachta (ar an láthair i dtosach ach ar líne faoi láthair).
- ▶ Faisnéis cothrom le dáta agus chruinn a scaipeadh trí ríomhphoist rialta trí chuntas tiomnaithe Gmail: clarecovidresponse@gmail.com; leathanach Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/clarecommunityresponse/>; agus cuntas Twitter <https://twitter.com/ClareResponse>; iad ar fad á riar ag PPN an Chláir.
- ▶ Tá struchtúir fud fad an chontae ag feidhmiú anois agus breis agus 50 eagraíocht cláraithe le Foireann Freagartha Pobail an Chláir agus iad ag seachadadh, ar bhonn eagraithe, earraí riachtanacha ar nós bia, breosla, leigheas agus go leor acu freisin ag cur tacaíocht teagmhála sóisialta ar fáil freisin ar an teilefón. Tá a gcuid línte cabhrach aonair nasctha ag na grúpaí seo ar fad le Líne Chabhrach Freagartha Pobail an Chláir do Covid-19 na Comhairle 1800 203 600. Baineann cuid de na fadhbanna a thagann trí na línte cabhrach leis an imní atá i measc na ndaoine scothaosta atá againn, le meabhairshláinte an teaghlaigh agus an duine óig, le foréigean teaghlaigh (mná/fir/leanaí), tacaíochtaí don lucht siúil, tacaíochtaí don strus feirme, agus tacaíochtaí do na h-inimirceacha.
- ▶ Bhí Co. an Chláir an-sciobtha ag dul i mbun comhordaithe fud fad an chontae mar fhreagra ar ghéarchéim Covid-19 agus dá bharr sin b'éigean dóibh go leor fadhbanna ar leith a réiteach toisc gan treoirlínte rialtais a bheith ann, dála tacaíocht d'oibríthe deonacha,

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grinnfhiosrúchán agus árachas d'oibríthe deonacha. Tugaimid dár n-aire freisin go raibh roinnt comhairle nach raibh ag réiteach le chéile ag teacht i dtosach ón Roinn agus ó FSS maidir le hoibríthe deonacha a bheith i mbun gníomhaíochta le baill den phobail a bhí ag cocúnú, ach réitíodh é seo gan mórán moille. Bhí mearbhall ann freisin maidir le ról Laoch an Phobail agus imní ann faoi dhúbláil go háirithe agus grúpa láidir oibre ag feidhmiú cheana féin sa Chontae agus ganntanas maoinithe ann i gcás freagraí áitiúla eile a raibh géarghá leo.

Dún na nGall

- ▶ D'fhorbair PPN bunachar sonraí don líne cabhrach a bhain le Glao an Pobail. D'oibrigh foireann an PPN ar an Líne Chabhrach (deireadh seachtaine & tráthnóna san áireamh).
- ▶ Chuir sé Oiliúint Ar ais ag Obair tar éis Covid-19 ar fáil & Bileoga do ghrúpaí Pobail- D'éirigh thar barr leis.
- ▶ I gcomhar le Aoisbhá d'aimsigh PPN Dhún na nGall pacáistí Earraigh, Geimhridh & Altranais, chuir siad ina chéile iad agus dháil siad iad ar dhaoine scothaosta & leochaileach i nDún na nGall- D'éirigh thar barr leis.
- ▶ D'fhorbair PPN Clár Dianghlasála Folláine i mí na Samhna/Nollaig 2020 i gcomhar le FSS & an Garda Síochána chun clár Dianghlasála a fhorbairt do ghrúpaí lena n-áirítear Ag Cuimhneamh ar do Mheabhairshláinte, Aireachas, Mír an Gharda Síochána, Cothú, Aclaíocht & Oiliúint Zúm - Acmhainn luachmhar do Ghrúpaí.

Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath

- ▶ Dháil PPN Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath eolas.

Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin

- ▶ Dhíriomar go mór ar an gcumarsáid lenár mbaill, agus tús áite á thabhairt do thaighde chun cabhrú le bonn eolais a chur faoi chinntí na bpáirtithe leasmhara agus tacaíocht leanúnach a chur ar fáil. Rinneamar é seo trí: Leathanach gréasáin ar leith, le hacmhainní úsáideacha ann, a chruthú ag tús na géarchéime ar ár láithreán gréasáin: www.dlrppn.ie/covid-19; Nuashonruithe nuachta postáilte go rialta ar ár láithreán gréasáin maidir le maoiniú, tionscnaimh áitiúla, acmhainní ar líne agus go leor eile.
- ▶ Poist sna meáin shóisialta ag roinnt na nuachta agus líne chabhrach DLR (Facebook agus Twitter) go minic i rith na seachtaine.
- ▶ Ríomhphoist sheachtainiúla chuig na baill faoi nuashonruithe, seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí a bhí ar fáil.
- ▶ Teachtaireachtaí téacs chuig na Cumainn Áitritheoirí chun poiblíocht a thabhairt do líne chabhrach DLR.
- ▶ Seoladh Nuachtlitir E-zine PPN DLR chuig na baill uilig, d'iarramar ar ghrúpaí agus ar phobail nuacht a sheoladh isteach faoin gcaoi a raibh siad ag freagairt d'fhonn aird a tharraingt ar an bhfreagairt bheoga sa phobal seo agus d'éirigh thar barr leis.
- ▶ Cláir raidió - Naisc Phobail - agallaimh le heagraíochtaí áitiúla ábhartha a chuireann tacaíocht ar fáil.
- ▶ Cumarsáid ar an bhfón – chuireamar glaoch ar gach Cumann Áitritheoirí agus cuideachta Bainistithe Eastát a bhí inár mbunachar sonraí (beagnach 100 san iomlán) chun iad a chur ar an eolas agus aiseolas a fháil.
- ▶ Tuarascáil na gCumann Áitritheoirí de chuid DLR. Rinneamar teagmháil le gach ceann de na

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Cumainn Áitritheoirí chun léargas a fháil ar an bhfreagairt a bhí ag tarlú ag an leibhéal áitiúil, rud a raibh torthaí an-suimiúla agus ábhartha air- féach *Cumainn Áitritheoirí in DLR ag Freagairt do Ghéarchéim Covid-19* ar dlrppn.ie. Scaipeadh na torthaí go forleathan ar pháirtithe leasmhara áitiúla.

- ▶ D'iarramar ar na grúpaí áitiúla aiseolas a thabhairt dúinn maidir le riachtanais a thug siad faoi deara agus a d'eascair as géarchéim Covid-19. Féach an Tuarascáil maidir leis na riachtanais maoinithe atá aitheanta ag Grúpaí DLR. Chabhraigh sé seo le treoirlínte maoinithe Chomhairle Contae DLR a chur ar an eolas mar a bhain le Ciste Éigeandála Covid-19 agus an Tionscnamh Folláine Pobail. Tríd an taighde seo, chomh maith le teagmháil rialta a bheith againn le pobail éagsúla ar an nguthán, bhíomar in ann athrú meoin a thabhairt faoi deara agus ár gcumarsáid a chur in oiriúint chun freagairt don athrú seo.
- ▶ Rinneamar taighde agus roinneamar faisnéise ar chúrsaí Sláinte agus Folláine, acmhainní chun cabhrú le daoine atá ag clútharú agus na Línte Cabhrach a bhfuil fáil orthu.
- ▶ Bhí an-éileamh ar ár bpostáil *Caitheamh Aimsire ar Líne agus Acmhainní Cultúir*.
- ▶ Fóram na bPáirtithe Leasmhara um Fhreagairt Phobail. Táimid i mo bhall den Fhóram ó thús, rinneamar freastal ar gach cruinniú agus thugamar aiseolas ríthábhachtach ar an bhfreagairt ag an leibhéal áitiúil, bunaithe ar ár dtaighde agus ar an aiseolas a fuair eamar.
- ▶ Táimid mar chuid de thionscnamh ar leith, an Tionscnamh Folláine Pobail, atá faoi cheannas na Roinne Pobail san Údarás Áitiúil.
- ▶ Tacaíocht fhrithpháirteach bhreise do *Community Champion* an DLR (Comhpháirtíocht an Deiscirt) chun tionscnaimh áitiúla a chur chun cinn.
- ▶ Cros Dhearg na hÉireann faoin tabhartas de chuid Nestlé do DLR.
- ▶ Suirbhéanna - Cumainn Áitritheoirí in DLR ag Freagairt do Ghéarchéim Covid-19. Riachtanais mhaooinithe. Suirbhé Folláine Pobail PPN DLR. Riachtanais Dhigiteacha.
- ▶ Comhdháil Bhliantúil Martin McEvoy 2020 – Cur i láthair ar Chás-Staidéar ar Fhreagairt Chumainn Áitritheoirí Dhún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin do Covid-19. “Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail le linn géarchéime”.
- ▶ Oiliúint - Clár a Forbraíodh go Sonrach mar Fhreacha ar Covid-19. Bhí an oiliúint seo dírithe ar Ionadaithe PPN DLR agus ar na baill chun cabhrú leo leanúint lena ngníomhaíochtaí le linn na dianghlasála agus na srianta éagsúla.

Fine Gall

- ▶ Chomhoibrigh PPN Fine Gall arís le Rannóg Pobail Chomhairle Contae Fine Gall chun grúpaí deonacha áitiúla a chomhordú ar mhaithe leis na tacaíochtaí cuí a chur ar bun ina gceantair féin. Bunaíodh grúpaí ó gach cearn d'Fine Gall, roinnt grúpaí nua agus grúpaí eile a bhí ann cheana féin, chun cabhrú lena bpobal déileáil le héigeandáil Covid-19.
- ▶ D'eagraigh PPN Fine Gall polasaí árachais cuí do bhaill PPN Fine Gall trí BHP Insurance. Tairgeadh an t-árachas seo saor in aisce do ghrúpaí deonacha nach raibh aon árachas acu nó do ghrúpaí nach gcuirfeadh a gcuideachtaí iad faoi árachais chun an obair a bhí ar bun acu go deonach a leathnú amach, mar fhreagairt ar Covid-19.
- ▶ Rinne PPN Fine Gall in éineacht le Comhairle Contae Fine Gall clárú ar dhialann de scéalta a bhain le hobair dheonach ar shuíomh gréasáin an PPN Fine Gall chun léargas a thabhairt ar an méid tacaíochta agus cúraim a taispeánadh le linn thús na paindéime agus atá sé fós á thaispeáint timpeall Fine Gall. Tá os cionn 100 scéal sa dialann seo, agus spreagann an dialann seo dearfacht sa phobal áitiúil.

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Cathair na Gaillimhe

- ▶ I gcomhthéacs an fholáirimh a bhain le Covid-19, thug GCCN tús áite do na freagairtí ar an bpaindéim. Bhí obair a bhain le Covid-19 dian go dtí Bealtaine 2020, agus ina dhiaidh sin filleadh de réir a chéile ar an 'ngnáthshaol' sa dara leath den bhliain. Tá GCCN ina bhall d'Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe, atá faoi stiúir Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus a bunaíodh ag tús na chéad sraithe de shrianta Covid-19 agus ar a bhfuil includes páirtithe leasmhara ar nós Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, an Garda Síochána, an tSeirbhís Leasa Pobail – 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, cuireadh de chúram ar GCCN na bealaí atreoraithe, a ndearnadh 'script' díobh níos déanaí, a fhorbairt d'oibreoirí Líne Chabhrach Tacaíochta Pobail Covid-19 Chathair na Gaillimhe. Ba shaothar dian é seo, a bhí á athbhreithniú, á fhíorú agus á ath-eisiúint go rialta. Thacaigh GCCN freisin, i gcomhar le Foireann Chomhpháirtíochta Chathair na Gaillimhe leis na hatreoruithe níos casta.
- ▶ Bhailigh GCCN an fhaisnéis agus na sonraí freisin le haghaidh Léarscáil de na Sheirbhísí agus na Tacaíochtaí atá gníomhach i gCathair na Gaillimhe le linn ghéarchéim Covid-19. Bhí GCCN i gceannas ar fheachtas cumarsáide ar na Meáin Shóisialta, ar an Láithreán Gréasáin, ar ríomhphost agus ar an bhfón. Rinneadh obair shuntasach chun na sonraí a bhailiú agus a ghlanadh sular cuireadh faoi bhráid Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe iad. Tá na sonraí á nuashonrú go rialta agus á gcur ar an léarscáil atá ar fáil go poiblí.
- ▶ Thionóil GCCN Grúpa Freagartha neamhbhrabúis Covid-19 d'eagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta lena n-áirítear Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe, COPE na Gaillimhe, Cumann Naomh Uinseann de Pól, Ionad Oibríthe 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.
- ▶ In 2020, chomh maith leis an nuachtlitir agus an chumarsáid rialta, scaip GCCN faisnéis agus nuashonruithe a bhain le Covid-19 ar gach balleagraíocht thar ceann FSS, An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus foinsí oifigiúla eile. Sheol GCCN feachtas cumarsáide freisin a bhí dírithe ar bhunachar sonraí poiblí nua a chruthú le go bhféadfadh duine ar bith i gCathair na Gaillimhe an chumarsáid oifigiúil a bhain le Covid-19 a fháil. Ina theannta sin, cruthaíodh leathanach gréasáin nua a bhaineann le Covid-19 ar shuíomh gréasáin GCCN ina dtugtar an fhaisnéis a fhaightear ó fhoinsí oifigiúla. Chuir GCCN agus Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe, le tacaíocht ó Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus Oibríthe Deonacha na Gaillimhe, Treoir maidir le Dul i mbun Gníomhaíochta arís ar fáil d'eagraíochtaí pobail agus deonacha. Contae na Gaillimhe

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- ▶ Bhí Oibríthe PPN ag feidhmiú mar chuid den fhoireann ar líne chabhrach an ghlaio pobail, i.e. ag freagairt glaonna ón bpobal, ó dhaoine ar theastaigh cúnaimh uathu nó a bhí ag ofráil cabhrach. Chinntíomar gur tugadh cúnaimh do dhaoine trí iad a nascadh le hoibríthe deonacha ar an láthair nó le seirbhísí FSS, Ord Mhálta nó an Gharda Síochána ionas go bhféadfaí freastal ar riachtanais na ndaoine ba mhó a bhí gearrtha amach nó an dream a bhí ag cocúnú.
- ▶ In éineacht le GRD, Oibríthe Deonacha na Gaillimhe agus PPN Chathair na Gaillimhe, rinneamar suirbhé i measc na ngrúpaí pobail ar fad le fiafraí faoin gcineál tacaíochtaí a bhí ag teastáil uathu le linn Covid-19 agus an chaoi a ndeachaigh Covid-19 i bhfeidhm orthu. Ghlac go leor grúpaí páirt sa suirbhé bunaithe ar thorthaí an tsuirbhé chuireamar ár gclár oiliúna in oiriúint.
- ▶ Bunaithe ar an ngá a bhí ann go ndéanfadh grúpaí PPN athrú suntasach ar an gcaoi ar oibrigh siad mar gheall ar Covid-19 chuireamar tús freisin leis an Tionscadal PPN Connect. Áiríodh leis an tionscadal sraith gníomhaíochtaí chun grúpaí a nascadh agus tacaíocht a ofráil. Áiríodh leis sin an suirbhé ar riachtanais tacaíochta, coimre faisnéise saincheaptha, chomh maith le hardán 'clinic' a

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chuireann tacaíochtaí saincheaptha ar fáil mar fhreagra ar cheisteanna aonair ó ghrúpaí. Díriodh ar go bhfanfadh daoine ceangailte agus ar eolas ábhartha shaincheaptha a thairiscint. Agus é sin á dhéanamh againn, bhí sé mar aidhm againn cabhrú le grúpaí leanúint leis an ról tábhachtach atá acu ó thaobh rannpháirtíocht an phobail. Chuireamar prótacail don Obair Dheonach ar fáil agus chabhraíomar freisin le pacáil agus dáileadh a dhéanamh ar na 'Pacáistí folláine' chomh maith le leis an Tionscnamh 'Fan Folláin' de chuid Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe.

Ciarraí

- ▶ B'éigean do PPN Chiarraí dul in oiriúint go han-tapa do riachtanais an phobail a d'athraigh le linn phaindéim Covid-19 nuair ba ghá agus na cineálacha cumarsáide a bhí in úsáid a bheith ionchuimsitheach. Léirigh sé an bhochtaineacht ó thaobh TF agus an eisiámh sóisialta atá ann, rudaí nach n-aithnítear ag an leibhéal náisiúnta.
- ▶ Ar an Domhnach an 22 Márta, bunaíodh Grúpa Comhairleach Nua chun Freagairt an Phobail ar Covid-19 a chomhordú i gContae Chiarraí. Chuir Plean Gníomhaíochta Náisiúnta na hÉireann maidir le Covid-19 (Coróinvíreas) de chúram ar na húdaráis áitiúla agus ar ghníomhaireachtaí eile oibriú go dlúth leis an Roinn Forbartha Pobail agus Tuaithe chun comhordú a dhéanamh ar an bhfreagairt phobail agus dheonach maidir leis an éigeandáil sláinte poiblí a bhí ann ag an am. Bunaíodh Grúpa Comhairleach nua um Fhreagairt Pobail Covid-19 Chiarraí chun comhordú a dhéanamh ar an gcaoi a ndéantar oibríthe deonacha a bhainistiú agus a spríodhíriú a chinntiú gur féidir le baill leochaileacha den phobal leas a bhaint as seirbhís tacaíochta atá iontaofa agus chomhordaithe sna seachtainí agus sna míonna amach romhainn. Is mian leis an ngrúpa leas a bhaint as fuinneamh agus flaithiúlacht na ndaoine a tháinig chun cinn chun tacaíocht a thairiscint don dream sa phobal a dteastaíonn cúnamh agus comhairle uathu. Cuimsíonn Grúpa Comhairleach Freagartha Pobail Covid-19 Chiarraí ionadaithe ó na heagraíochtaí seo a leanas: Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte; Comhairle Contae Chiarraí; An Garda Síochána; Cros Dhearg Chiarraí; Cosaint Shíbhialta Chiarraí; Ionad Saorálaithe Chiarraí; Forbairt Chiarraí Thoir Thuaidh agus Thiar; Comhpháirtíocht Forbartha Chiarraí Theas; IRD Duhallow; CLG Chiarraí; Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Chiarraí (a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar 700+ grúpa pobail i gCiarraí); Líonra Aoisbhá Chiarraí; Nasc Áitiúil Chiarraí ; An tSeirbhís um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh. Tá sé mar phríomhaidhm ag an ngrúpa nua cur leis an iarracht ar fud an phobail le smacht a choinneáil ar scaipeadh Covid-19. Is é aidhm an Ghrúpa Chomhairligh um Fhreagairt an Phobail a chinntiú go bhfuil líonra tacaíochta d'oibríthe deonacha atá comhordaithe, sábháilte agus iontaofa ar fáil dóibh siúd atá i ngátar agus go bhfuil a fhios ag an dream a bhfuil an cúnamh sin de dhíth orthu cé leis ar cheart dóibh teagmháil a dhéanamh chun comhairle a fháil. Cuirfidh a chuid oibre go mór leis an obair dheonach atá ar siúl cheana féin i bpobail ar fud Chiarraí. Is é an príomhchúram atá ar an nGrúpa Comhairleach an bealach is fearr a aimsiú le seirbhís idirghníomhaireachta atá bunaithe ar oibríthe deonacha a chomhordú dóibh siúd a bhfuil tacaíocht de dhíth orthu ag an am seo. I dtosach, bhíodh comhdhála glaonna go laethúil idir na príomhpháirtithe leasmhara maidir leis an mbealach le tabhairt faoin iarracht chomhordaithe. Bhí ról lárnach ag PPN Chiarraí ó thaobh comhordú a dhéanamh ar an bhfreagairt ar Covid 19 i gContae Chiarraí agus ar dtús bhíodh cruinnithe comhdhála gutháin ann gach lá ag 12 chun freagairt thapa agus éifeachtach a chinntiú. Tugadh an Grúpa seo le chéile an obair iontach atá ar siúl cheana féin ar fud an chontae a chomhlánú agus a threisiú de réir mar a fhreagraíonn pobail do riachtanais an phobail agus tá sé mar aidhm aige a áirithiú gur féidir aghaidh a thabhairt ar aon bhearnaí sa soláthar atá ann cheana agus iad a chomhordú go lárnach.
- ▶ 10,000 bileog eolais mar fhreagairt ar Covid-19. Ag na chéad chruinnithe den Ghrúpa Comhairleach um Fhreagairt An Phobail, mhol baill an Gharda Síochána agus CLG go gcabhródh sé go mór leo agus iad ag dul amach sa phobal dá mbeadh roinnt comhairle agus faisnéise tacaíochta tábhachtach acu a d'fhéadfaidís a roinnt leis na daoine a raibh siad ag tabhairt cuairte orthu. Aontaíodh go bhféachfadh Comhordaitheoir Aoisbhá agus Oifigeach Forbartha an PPN le huirlis úsáideach a fhorbairt. D'oibrigh Oifigeach Aoisbhá agus Oifigeach Forbartha an PPN in éineacht leis an nGrúpa Comhairleach um Fhreagairt Pobail chun bileog eolais a fhorbairt.

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Aontaíodh go mbeadh an bhileog eolais ar thoisí soláimhsithe sa mhéid is go mbeadh an t-eolas a theastaigh ann ach go mbeadh sí sách beag ag an am céanna le go bhféadfaí í a ghreamú ar an gcuisneoir. Áirítear sa bhileog A5 seo sonraí faoin uimhir nua Saorghlao agus eolas áitiúil eile a bheadh úsáideach agus cabhrach don phobal. Thug an gnólacht priontála faoin gcúram lena chinntiú gur scaipfí ar an bpobal é go tráthúil chun cabhrú le strus agus imní a mhaolú. Bhí na bileoga táirgthe faoi Dé Luain an 30 Márta. Rinneadh an dáileadh trí na líonraí atá ann cheana ar nós Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Chiarraí, eagraíochtaí spóirt, cuideachtaí forbartha áitiúla agus na céadta grúpa pobail agus deonach ar fud an chontae. Roinn baill den Gharda Síochána na mílte bileog ar an bpobal agus fuair siad amach gur bealach fhíorluachmhar a bhí ann chun rochtain a fháil ar an bpobal. Tá an chéad chló de 10,000 dailte anois. Is é an t-aiseolas ó na gardaí sa phobal ná gur thug sé deis dóibh bualadh isteach chuig tithe agus a bheith ag plé le daoine aosta agus le daoine leochaileacha sa phobal, fiafraí díobh conas a bhí siad agus eolas a fhágáil acu. Tá siad curtha isteach ina gcuid ciseán ag Forbairt Áitiúil, FRCanna agus eagraíochtaí eile a sholáthraíonn ciseáin bhia, siopadóireacht agus béilí ar rothaí agus arís thug an t-eolas áitiúil an-suaimhneas intinne don phobal agus teacht acu ar na huimhreacha teileafóin agus na teagmhálacha. Thóg na trí Chuideachta Forbartha Áitiúla na bileoga freisin agus scaip siad iad ar an bpobal, rud atá déanta freisin ag FSS a dháil iad ar a bpearsanra féin a bhíonn ag obair leis an bpobal, dála na n-altraí sláinte poiblí srl. Tá meastóireacht déanta ar an mbileog anois bunaithe ar na moltaí agus na rudaí breise a sheol daoine isteach agus aitheantas á thabhairt againn freisin don chéim dhifriúil den Phaindéim a bhfuilimid ag tabhairt aghaidh air.

- ▶ Cásanna Féideartha don Líne Chabhrach Tacaíochta Pobail. D'fhorbair an tOifigeach Aoisbhá agus an tOifigeach Forbartha PPN suíomhanna féidearthachta éagsúla le cur faoi bhráid an Ghrúpa Comhairleach um Fhreagairt Pobail le plé, ionas go bhféadfaí iad a scagadh agus cur leo mar ullmhúchán don Líne Chabhrach agus do shaincheisteanna agus ábhair imní a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn ansin.
- ▶ 29 Márta, FREAGAIRT POBAIL ar COVID-19 – LÍNE NUA SAORGHLAO seolta. FÓN: 1800 807 009 TÉACSÁIL 'SUPPORT' agus d'AINM chuig 50555, RÍOMHPHOST: covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie. TÁ FÓRAM FREAGARTHA POBAIL CHIARRAÍ I GCEANNAS AR AN BHFREAGAIRT AR COVID-19 • BILEOG EOLAIS Á SCAIPEADH AR THEAGHLAIGH CHIARRAÍ NA MÍLTE OIBRÍ DEONACH Á SPREAGADH CHUN TACÚ LE DAOINE LEOCHAILEACHA. Seoladh líne chabhrach teileafóin nua i gCiarraí chun cabhrú le baill den phobal rochtain a fháil ar sheirbhísí neamhéigeandála agus neamhleighis agus tacaíocht agus comhairle a chur ar fáil do dhaoine le linn na héigeandála sláinte poiblí reatha. An tseirbhís líne teileafóin rúnda saor in aisce bunaithe ag Fóram Freagartha Pobail Chiarraí ar COVID -19 ar a bhfuil níos mó ná dosaen gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí atá tagtha le chéile chun an fhreagairt phobail agus dheonach ar an ngéarchéim reatha a spreagadh agus a chomhordú, go háirithe maidir le freagairt do riachtanais na dteaghlach agus na ndaoine aonair atá leochaileach. Tá an uimhir FREEPHONE 1800 807 009 ar bun anois agus beidh sé ar fáil ó 8am go 8pm seacht lá na seachtaine. Tá fáil freisin ar líne téacs (téacsáil 'SUPPORT' agus d'AINM ina dhiaidh sin chuig 50555) do lucht lagéisteachta nó don dream a dteastaíonn scairt ar ais uathu ón tseirbhís agus is féidir iarratais a sheoladh ar ríomhphost freisin chuig covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie. Tá an líne chabhrach, a bhfuil oibríthe deonacha oilte in bun, dírithe go príomha ar a chinntiú gur féidir le baill leochaileacha den phobal nó an dream atá ina gcónaí ina n-aonar rochtain a fháil ar sheachadadh earraí riachtanacha ar nós earraí grósaera, leigheas agus breosla. Sa chás gur féidir le gníomhaireacht nó eagraíocht eile faisnéis nó comhairle níos oiriúnaí a sholáthar, cuirfear an glaoiteoir ar aghaidh chuig eagraíochtaí nó seirbhísí eile más gá. Mar gheall ar an nasc láidir idir PPN Chiarraí agus pobal na mbodhar i gContae Chiarraí, bhíomar in ann aird a tharraingt ar an tábhacht a bhaineann le go mbeadh téacsóirí ag fáil téacs seachas glao ar ais mar tharlaíodh ar dtús ach ceartaíodh é nuair a tarraingíodh aird na Líne Cabhraí air. Scaipeadh eolais trí bhunachar sonraí PPN Chiarraí agus an leathanach Facebook.
- ▶ Seolann an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cumarsáid rialta chuig PPN Chiarraí le scaipeadh ar an bpobal agus d'úsáid siad an bonn sonraí go rathúil chun an fhaisnéis a chur ar fáil don phobal. Chomh maith leis sin tháinig ardú níos mó ná 370% ar líon na 'is maith liom' a fuair

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Leathanach Facebook an PPN agus tá clúdach acu a chuireann ar a gcumas teagmháil a dhéanamh le breis agus 20,000 duine. D'fhonn a chinntiú gur sroicheadh lucht féachana pobail chomh leathan agus ab fhéidir, bhunaíomar grúpaí WhatsApp le Rúnaíocht an PPN a choinneáil ar an eolas faoin bhfaisnéis agus na gníomhaíochtaí ar fad, ach freisin chun ár gcuid faisnéise a dhíriú ar eárnálacha éagsúla den phobal.

- ▶ Tionscnamh le hateangaire comharthaíochta. Chuaigh an t-ateangaire Comharthaíochta i dteagmháil le PPN Chiarraí le moladh go ndéanfaí an fhaisnéis oifigiúil a léirmhíniú trí úsáid a bhaint as WhatsApp. Tá an grúpa WhatsApp SIGN bunaithe ag PPN Chiarraí agus bainfidh an t-ateangaire Comharthaíochta úsáid as an uirlis seo agus scaipfear é seo ansin trí na meáin shóisialta. Tá sé seo á dhéanamh ar bhonn deonach. Tá KCC curtha san áireamh anois ag PPN Chiarraí sa ghrúpa WhatsApp mar sin tá KCC in ann aon fhaisnéis a roinnimid, a thógáil agus a roinnt trí chuntas twitter KCC. Tá na céadta lucht féachana tar éis féachaint air, agus sroicheadh os cionn 1K i gcás cheann amháin de na seisiúin comharthaíochta. Chomh maith leis sin, féadfaidh ball ar bith den phobal bodhar teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an Ateangaire Comharthaíochta agus is féidir linn iad a chur isteach leis na seirbhísí cuí. Clúdaíodh an tionscnamh i nuashonrú an Nuacht Aoisbhá ar an 17 Aibreán 2020, agus PPNanna eile, an Roinn agus an Garda Síochána ag cur seirbhís den chineál céanna ar fáil anois.
- ▶ Tionscnamh Chros Dhearg na hÉireann, Craobh Thrá Lí. Fuair Cros Dhearg na hÉireann in éineacht leis na PPNanna tairiscint ó bhíanna Nestle maidir le soláthar bia agus uisce a chur ar fáil ar fud na tíre trí Chros Dhearg na hÉireann. D'fhonn é seo a dháileadh ar an mbealach ab fhearr agus cabhrú le plean tacaíochta pobail an rialtais, ba é an chéad rogha ná an tairiscint fhlaithiúil seo a nascadh le línte cabhrach pobail ar fud na tíre. I measc na gcatagóirí táirgí tá caife, uisce, milseogra, gránaigh, núdail agus bia peataí. Tar éis plé a bheith déanta ag cruinniú den Fhreagairt Pobail, phléigh ionadaí Chros Dhearg Chiarraí, Majella Forde é le Caroline agus tá próiseas i bhfeidhm anois chun oibriú leis an tairiscint fhlaithiúil seo. Tháinig coinsíneacht bia ar an 28 Aibreán agus pléadh ina dhiaidh sin, toisc gur caife agus barraí seaclaíde a bhí ann den chuid is mó, go bhféadfaí é a úsáid i gCéim 2 de Covid-19 ar bhealach cruthaitheach a thabharfadh ardú croí.
- ▶ Léarscáil idirghníomhach PPN / KCC Chiarraí. Thug PPN Chiarraí moladh chuig an nGrúpa Comhairleach um Fhreagairt Pobail faoin bhféidearthacht a bhainfeadh le léarscáil ar líne a fhorbairt ina dtabharfaí breac-chuntas ar na grúpaí/eagraíochtaí atá fós ag feidhmiú le linn fholáireamh Covid-19 agus a bhfuil tacaíochtaí á gcur ar fáil acu don phobal. Léarscáil bheo a bheadh ann, sa mhéid is go bhféadfaí é a nuashonrú go laethúil agus dá bhrí sin nuair a chuirfí an chéad léarscáil ar shuíomhanna gréasáin PPN Chiarraí agus KCC, go spreagfadh sé grúpaí eile chun muid a chur ar an eolas faoin obair atá ar siúl acu. Déanfaidh sé seo ionadaíocht ar eagraíochtaí a chuireann seirbhísí, tacaíochtaí agus faisnéis ar fáil don dream is mó a dteastaíonn siad uathu le linn na tréimhse seo, lena n-áirítear gnáthsheirbhísí a choinneáil ar siúl, earraí grósaera, oidis, cógais a bhailiú, Béilí -ar-Rothaí agus lámh chúnta nó guth cairdiúil a thairiscint ar an nguthán. Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint le Éirchód a bheith ag gach soláthraí seirbhíse agus is féidir linn an t-eolas seo a mhapáil. Seoladh an t-eolas tosaigh a bailíodh ón suirbhé chuig rannóg TF an KCC ar an 31 Márta. Bhí an saineolas teicniúil le bheith ar fáil do PPN Chiarraí. D'uaslódáil an Oifigeach Forbartha an PPN gach aighneacht ón suirbhé as féin agus rinne léarscáil a ghiniúint leis an bhfaisnéis seo. Seoladh an t-eolas agus an léarscáil seo ansin chuig an Roinn TF ionas go bhféadfaidís barr feabhais a chur ar an léarscáil sula seolfaí é. Taispeánadh na léarscáileanna Idirghníomhacha ar shuíomh gréasáin KCC agus ar shuíomh gréasáin PPN Chiarraí www.kerryppn.ie Dé hAoine an 24 Aibreán agus tá an-úsáid bainte astu ag an Líne Chabhrach. Bhí grúpaí eile atá ag feidhmiú sa chontae i dteagmháil freisin chun a bheith ináirithe ar an léarscáil. Is cinnte gur uirlis amhairc é seo a d'fhéadfadh an PPN a úsáid ar bhealaí éagsúla amach anseo. Má bhíonn aon nuashonruithe nó athruithe breise i gceist tagann siad trí PPN Chiarraí, agus déanann siad an léarscáil a nuashonrú dá réir.
- ▶ Céim 2 de COVID -19. Tá an pobal ag bogadh isteach anois i gcéim 2 de Covid-19, agus tá PPN

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Chiarraí in éineacht leis an Aoisbhá ag féachaint ar bhealaí chun tacú leis an bpobal le linn na céime seo, atá ag dul i dtreo sláinte agus folláine agus ag díriú ar an ngné a bhaineann le Fanacht i dTeagmháil fad is atáimid scartha. Faoi láthair táimid ag fiosrú iris buíochais a bheadh nasctha le cuardaigh focal agus dathú aireachais mar chineál leabhar oibre difriúil. Beidh an iris buíochais seo mar chuid den mhála #InThisTogether lena n-áireofar cuid de na soláthairtí bhia ó Nestle agus tacaíocht na Croise Deirge áitiúla, peann PPN Chiarraí, bileog eolais nuashonraithe, le tacaíocht ón Chomhar Creidmheasa áitiúil Cara agus roinnt rudaí féinchúraim eile ar nós peidiméadar. Táimid ag costáil an mhála agus an pheidiméadar faoi láthair. Táimid ag obair go dlúth freisin le Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Chiarraí agus le Chiarraí Sláintiúil maidir le freagairt straitéiseach éifeachtach don phobal.

- ▶ D'fhonn cur leis an obair atá ar siúl cheana féin i gContae Chiarraí agus in ionad í a athchruthú í a comhlánú, thug PPN Chiarraí faoi shuirbhé ar na Cuideachtaí Forbartha áitiúla agus ar na hIonaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh chun eolas fháil mar gheall ar na gníomhaíochtaí atá ar siúl a bhaineann le bheith gníomhach agus nasctha agus le meabhairshláinte agus folláine.
- ▶ Meitheamh 2020 - Ar an 4 Meitheamh, seoladh "In the Bag" an dara tionscnamh de chuid an fheachtais #InThisTogether. Spreagann an feachtas #InThisTogether a sheol an Rialtas gach duine chun gníomhaíocht nua a d'fhéadfadh cabhrú leo mothú rud beag níos sláintiúla nó beagán níos fearr agus muid ag déileáil le Covid-19 a roghnú. Agus an feachtas seo á threisiú, seoladh feachtas náisiúnta sna meáin dar teideal "Hold Firm". Spreagann an feachtas seo daoine leis an bhfód a sheasamh agus fuair sé an spreagadh ón dán, "Take Care", a scríobh ár nUachtarán, Micheál D. Ó hUiginn. (Iris Bhúochais ceangailte). Seolfar agus cuirfear chun cinn tionscnamh nua gach seachtain. Chuige sin, chuir Lónra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Chiarraí, a bhí ag obair i gcomhar le comhordaitheoir Chlár Aoisbhá Chiarraí, Iris Bhúochais agus liosta nuashonraithe de Thacaíochtaí agus de theagmhálacha Pobail Chiarraí ar fáil. Cuireadh cóipeanna crua den iris seo agus den bhileog eolais ar fáil do dhream ar leith, is iad sin na daoine sa phobal gan ríomhairí, iPad nó teileafóin chliste, nach bhfuil baint acu le heagraíochtaí agus b'fhéidir gan teaghlach acu. D'aithin an Garda Síochána, an Chros Dhearg agus na hAltraí Sláinte Poiblí na daoine a gheobhadh iad. Chomh maith leis sin, rinne roinnt baill den phobal teagmháil ar an teileafón le hoifigeach Forbartha PPN Chiarraí, a bhí tar éis a bheith ar Raidió Chiarraí ag plé na leaganacha clóite den bhileog eolais ag iarraidh ceann go seolfaí ceann chucu toisc nach raibh aon áiseanna acu agus glacadh an deis a gcuid sonraí a thógáil do na pacáistí folláine. Dáilfidh an Chros Dhearg na málaí seo i gContae Chiarraí. Tá maignéad cuisneora sa mhála ionas gur féidir an bhileog eolais, a bhfuil spás air le haghaidh Éirchóid arís, a choinneáil ar an gcuisneoir chun go mbeidh teacht air go héasca.
- ▶ Cuir Stop leis an Dramhbhia agus PPN Chiarraí. Ar cheann de na bealaí éagsúla a bhfuil PPN Chiarraí ag tacú leis an tionscnamh seo tá earraí *Stop Food Waste* a chur ar fáil ar nós cupáin ríse, gaireas spaghetti, *stop food waste* treoir phóca maidir le stop a chur le dramhbhia agus pleanálaí liosta siopadóireachta. Tá Stop Food Waste ag obair le húdarais áitiúla agus le grúpaí pobalbhunaithe ó bhí 2009 ann. Tá oiliúint áitiúil curtha ar fáil acu maidir le múiríniú agus cosc ar dhramhaíl bhia, d'fhreastail siad ar fhéilte agus ar imeachtaí áitiúla, thug siad cainteanna do scoileanna agus do ghrúpaí bailte slachtmhara agus thacaigh siad le pobail san obair a bhíonn ar bun acu go háitiúil. Níl bealach níos fearr chun an teachtaireacht a scaipeadh ná a bheith leis na pobail agus sna pobail. Tacaíonn an ghné seo go mór leis an gcolún comhshaoil agus tá sí an-chomhlántach mar a bhaineann leis.

Cill Dara

- ▶ Léarscáil Idirghníomhach. Léarscáil Idirghníomhach Fhreagairt Pobail Covid -19: Ba é PPN Chill Dara a sheol an chéad léarscáil idirghníomhach ar Covid-19, trínár Lónra. Bhí liosta ar an léarscáil de na grúpaí pobail ar fad a bhí ag tairiscint cúnaimh agus tacaíochtaí do bhaill leochaileacha den phobal. Bhí grúpaí pobail agus deonacha i gContae Chill Dara in ann a gcuid seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí a chur isteach ar ár suíomh gréasáin a d'fheidhmigh sé seo mar thacaíocht don ghlaó

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pobail nuair a seoladh é. Cuireadh an fhaisnéis agus na seirbhísí go léir a bhailíomar ar aghaidh chuig Comhairle Contae Chill Dara chun go mbeidís curtha san áireamh i nGlaó Pobail Chill Dara. Chláraigh daichead a dó (42) grúpa ar ár léarscáil. Chláraigh 112 ghrúpa ar fud Chill Dara a gcuid seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí.

- ▶ I measc na dtionscnamh agus na gcomhoibriú eile de chuid Covid-19 bhí: Athoscailt an tSeimineáir Gréasáin iar-Covid-19 de chuid na hEanála Pobail & dheonach; an Feachtas *Keep Kildare Talking*; Suirbhé ar Rochtain ar Theicneolaíocht; Mol Faisnéise don Fheachtas Pobail um Thacaíochta Tiomsaithe Airgid. Scaip PPN Chill Dara agus dháil siad faisnéis agus acmhainní rithábhachtacha maidir le Covid-19.

Cill Chainnigh

- ▶ Tá PPN Chill Chainnigh mar chuid d'Fhoghrúpa Gníomhaíochta agus Leithlisithe Sóisialta an Phobail Áitiúil maidir le Glaó an Phobail laistigh d'Údarás Áitiúil Chill Chainnigh. Bhí an grúpa comhdhéanta de POF ÚÁ Chill Chainnigh, SEOanna, DOSanna, gníomhaireachtaí eile ar nós FSS, Alone, an Garda Síochána, Comhaontas Aoisbhá, Cosaint Shibhialta, Comhpháirtíocht LEADER Chill Chainnigh, CLG, Ring-a-link agus dreamanna eile.
- ▶ D'aithin, d'eagraigh agus sheachaid PPN Chill Chainnigh os cionn 100 pacáiste cúraim do na grúpaí ba leochailí agus ba imeallaithe laistigh de phobail an Lucht Siúil, na nImirceach agus phobal Siria.
- ▶ 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 dteaghlaigh.
- ▶ 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 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 Chónaithe Lánaimseartha.
- ▶ D'fhorbair PPN Chill Chainnigh Treoir shimplí "Conas" maidir leis na Meáin Shóisialta, a mhúineann an chaoi le cuntas ríomhphoist, cuntas Zúm agus grúpa WhatsApp a chur ar bun. Scaipeadh é seo ar ghníomhaireachtaí seachtracha, ar ár mballeagraíochtaí agus cuireadh ar líne iad.

Laois

- ▶ Rinne PPN Laoise comhordú ar an tairiscint síntiús bia ó Nestle. D'oibrigh PPN Laoise le Comhpháirtíocht Laoise agus le Cros Dhearg na hÉireann air seo. Tá PPN Laoise á úsáid ag Comhairle Chontae Laoise mar cheann de na príomhbhealaí chun eolas nuashonruithe a chur ar aghaidh chuig Grúpaí Pobail. Rinne PPN Laoise suirbhé ar iarratas ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach féachaint an bhfuil aon Ghrúpa Pobail a chuireann tacaíochtaí ar fáil le linn Covid-19 spíonta ón obair dheonach. Níor tuairiscíodh aon chuid de na hoibrithe deonacha a bheith spíonta.
- ▶ Déanann PPN Laoise nuashonrú go rialta ar ár Meáin Shóisialta - Facebook, Twitter agus Instagram. Chuir PPN Laois roinnt imeachtaí oiliúna ar líne ar fáil le linn Covid-19 chun cabhrú le Ballghrúpaí an PPN. Tá an t-aiseolas ó na ceardlanna oiliúna seo dearfach agus bhraith Ballghrúpaí an PPN go ndeachaigh siad chun tairbhe dá nGrúpaí agus dá mbaill le linn na tréimhse dúshlánaí seo. Bhí tionchar suntasach ag Covid-19 ar shruthanna tiomsaithe airgid traidisiúnta Bhallghrúpaí an PPN agus an chaoi le teachtaireacht agus ainm an ghrúpa a chur amach go poiblí. I measc na n-ábhar a chlúdaítear ar líne tá Iarratais Ráithiúla ar Mhaoiniú a

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Scríobh, Ceardlann ar na Meáin Sóisialta chun cabhrú le Grúpaí cur lena mballraíocht agus Straitéis Maoinithe 2021.

- ▶ D'eagraigh PPN Laoise Caint um Chosc ar Choireacht leis an Oifigeach um Chosc ar Choireacht. Rinneadh é seo chun cabhrú le Grúpaí Pobail a bhféadfadh go raibh a gcuid maoiné i gcontúirt ó loitiméireachta agus iad faoi dhianghlasáil le linn srianta Covid-19 agus le daoine leochaileacha a bhféadfadh go mbeadh gníomhaíocht choiriúil dírithe orthu.
- ▶ D'eagraigh PPN Laoise roinnt imeachtaí lasmuigh agus iad ag cloí le treoirínte an rialtais le linn Covid-19. D'fhreastail na himeachtaí lasmuigh ar cholúin Phobail, Cuimsithe Shóisialta agus Comhshaoil PPN Laoise. Bhí an-tóir ar na himeachtaí lasmuigh agus ní raibh ticéad fágtha i gcás aon cheann acu. Tháinig aiseolas dearfach ó lucht freastail tar éis gach imeachta acu.
- ▶ Bhí tionchar suntasach ag scaipeadh Covid-19 ar Mheabhairshláinte daoine. Reáchtáil PPN Laoise roinnt imeachtaí chun cabhrú le Sláinte na ndaoine le linn Covid-19, lena n-áirítear START – Oiliúint um Fhéinmharú a Chosc, 5 Bhealach le bheith Folláin and 5 Bhealaí le bheith Folláin le linn Shéasúr na Féile. Tá PPN Laoise mar chuid de "Laois Connects" in éineacht le Comhairle Chontae Laoise, FSS, Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Laoise agus Comhpháirtíocht Laoise. Is sraith seachtaine d'imeachtaí saor in aisce é Laois Connects ar féidir le muintir Laoise leas a bhaint astu. Cuireadh tús leis ar Lá Domhanda na Meabhairshláinte ar an Satharn 10 Deireadh Fómhair.
- ▶ Reáchtáil PPN Laoise dhá imeacht ar son Laois Connects; "The Power of Choice" caint ón bpeileadóir de chuid Bhaile Átha Cliath, Philly McMahon, fear a bhuaigh Bonn uile-Éireann seacht n-uair. Labhair Philly faoin gcumhacht a bhaineann le rogha a bheith ag duine nuair a tharlaíonn imeachtaí a athraíonn an saol ar nós Covid-19 nó nuair a fhaigheann duine muinteartha linn bás. Tá aithne mhaith ag daoine ar Philly agus labhraíonn ón taithí ar an saol toisc go raibh deartháir aige a cailleadh de bharr andúile drugaí in 2012. Bhí an-tóir ar an ócáid seo agus ghlac réimse leathan daoine páirt ann, ina measc Clubanna CLG, Múinteoirí scoile, Oibríthe Óige, Clubanna Lúthchleasaíochta, Clubanna Cispheile, Cumainn Cheoil, Grúpaí Gasóg, Cumainn Áitritheoirí agus Grúpaí na mBailte Slachtmhara. Bhí seisiún ceisteanna agus freagraí ann le Philly ag an deireadh.
- ▶ Mar chuid de Laois Connects reáchtáil PPN Laoise Ceardlann Zúm saor in aisce dar teideal "Cúig bhealach le bheith Folláin" le Meabhairshláinte Éireann. D'óstáil PPN Laoise, i gcomhpháirtíocht le Comhairle Chontae Laoise, na Gradaim Phobail & Dheonacha 2020. I mbliain nach raibh a leithéid ann cheana ní fhéadfadh na focail 'pobal' agus 'oibrí deonach' a bheith níos tábhachtaí.
- ▶ Bhí PPN Laoise páirteach i bhFóram Freagartha Pobail Laoise ó thús. Déanann ball de Rúnaíochta PPN Laoise agus an tOibrí Acmhainne ionadaíocht ar PPN Laoise. Tá Léarscáil Idirghníomhach cruthaithe ag PPN Laoise de Grúpaí Pobail atá ag tairiscint tacaíochtaí le linn Covid-19 do dhaoine leochaileacha sa chontae agus tá sé uaslódáilte chuig suíomh gréasáin PPN Laoise. Is féidir leat é a fheiceáil anseo ach cliceáil ar <https://www.laoisppn.ie/>.
- ▶ Má chliceálann tú ar bhiorán ar an léarscáil tabharfaidh sé iad seo a leanas duit:
 - Ainm an Ghrúpa Pobail
 - Achoimre ar na Seirbhísí a raibh bhfuil orthu le linn COVID-19
 - Sonraí Teagmhála.
- ▶ Tá an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach ar fáil freisin ar shuíomh gréasáin Chomhairle Chontae Laoise. Tá pobal Laoise tógtha leis an Léarscáil Idirghníomhach. Bhí ailt sa dá nuachtán áitiúil, an Leinster Express agus an Laois Nationalist, maidir lena úsáidí agus a éasca le húsáid agus a bhí sé do dhaoine leochaileacha i Laois. Tá 99 Grúpa Pobail agus eagraíocht anois ag ofráil tacaíochtaí ar Léarscáil Idirghníomhach PPN Laoise. Tá Grúpa Pobail ar fáil chun tacaíochtaí a chur ar fáil do dhaoine leochaileacha i ngach ceantar sa Chontae. Roinneadh an t-eolas seo le Líne Chabhrach Freagartha Pobail Chomhairle Chontae Laoise agus uaslódáladh é chuig a gcóras CRM. Tá PPN

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Laoise ag cur nuashonruithe rialta ar fáil do na 580 Ballghrúpa atá ag an PPN agus scaipeann siad seo an t-eolas ar a mbaill. Chuir Grúpaí Ballraíochta an PPN fáilte roimh an eolas seo.

Liatroim

- ▶ Bhí baint ag an PPN le tionscnamh Glao an Phobail COVID-19. Bhí Oibrí Tacaíochta an PPN ar an bhfóram seo. Thacaigh an PPN le dáileadh na faisnéise ábhartha a chabhraigh leis an tsláinte phoiblí agus le freagairt an phobail. D'fhorbair an PPN chomh maith, i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an gComhairle agus leis an gCuideachta Forbartha Áitiúil, léarscáil phobail Covid-19 ar líne áit ar tugadh eolas i dtaobh tacaíochtaí agus seirbhísí. Chomh maith leis sin, ghlac an PPN, tríd an Oibrí Tacaíochta, páirt i bhfochoiste Bochtaineacht Bia an Fhóraitm Glao an Phobail. Dhírigh an fochoiste seo ar sholáthar seirbhísí éigeandála bia agus ar bhia a bheith ar fáil.

Luimneach

- ▶ Choinnigh PPN Luimnigh rannán tiomnaithe ag imeacht ar a láithreán gréasáin, áit a raibh agus naisc chuig eolas agus acmhainní iontaofa mar fhreagairt ar an bpaindéim. Seoladh r-phoist faisnéise ó Thacaíocht Náisiúnta do Pháirtithe Leasmhara Cumarsáide Sláinte Covid-19 agus aon ríomhphost faisnéise déag eile a bhain le hábhar chuig baill an PPN le linn seachtainí tosaigh na paindéime.
- ▶ D'fhreastail éascaitheoir na Rúnaíochta ar chruinnithe Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Covid inar thug foireann Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh eolas mar gheall ar an bhfreagairt áitiúil ar Covid-19 i Luimneach.

An Longfort

- ▶ Leanamar ar aghaidh ag cur tacaíochta ar fáil do na daoine ba leochailí le linn laethanta saoire na Nollag. Eagraíodh tionscnamh "Glao ar an Nollaig" mar chuid den Fheachtas "Fan Folláin" faoin téama "Fan i dTeagmháil" i gcomhar le gach cumann de Bhantracht na Tuaithe sa chontae chun iarracht a dhéanamh dul i ngleic leis an uaigneas le linn na laethanta saoire, go mór mór i gcás na ndaoine a bhí ina gcónaí leo féin; rinneadh glao fíorúil "Make Way Day" a bhí comh-óstáilte le Comhairle Contae an Longfoirt; rinne cur i láthair le linn glao fíorúil an Ghníomhaireacht Náisiúnta um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil maidir le Ráitis Físe Folláine; tosaíodh chruinnithe an PPN a eagrú ar líne trí chruinnithe Zúm agus MS Teams; cuireadh an dara céim den tionscnamh HEAR FOR YOU, Acmhainní Bia Phobal an Longfoirt, i bhfeidhm.
- ▶ Bhronn daoine aonair agus grúpaí pobail bia. Chuir Cosaint Shibhialta an Longfoirt pacáistí bia ar fáil. D'oibríomar le Laoch Pobail Longfoirt chun an tionscnamh HEAR FOR YOU a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm. Bhí fógráin seachadta chuig gach teach i gContae an Longfoirt trí An Post. Shocraíomar bileog a chur isteach i ngach cóip den Longford Leader.
- ▶ Nasc an tionscnamh le chéile daoine a raibh spéis acu sna hábhair chéanna, rinne sé atreoruithe chuig dochtúirí, comhairleoirí, Nasc na mBan, An tAonad um Fhoréigean Baile etc. D'oibrigh sé le Comhordaitheoir Chros Dhearg na hÉireann chun pacáistí bia Nestle a thabhairt go dtí an Longfort. D'eagraigh sé na hionaid fágála agus an seachadadh le Cosaint Shibhialta an Longfoirt agus Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Lus na Gréine, Gránard.
- ▶ Tugadh tacaíocht do bhunú na nGrúpaí Freagartha Áitiúla mar fhreagra ar Covid19 agus oibríodh le BHP Insurance ionas go bhféadfaidís leas a bhaint as árachas saor in aisce; coinníodh Líonra Míchumais an PPN ag imeacht ionas go bhféadfadh daoine faoi mhíchumas a bhí uaigneach agus faiteach fanacht i dteagmháil lena chéile agus leis an PPN. Áiríodh leis sin faisnéis a scaipeadh a bhain go díreach le cineálacha ar leith míchumais, seiceáil ar dhaoine ar an bhfón agus cuairt a thabhairt orthu, glaonna leantacha le dochtúir etc.

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Coinníodh Fóram Idirchultúrtha an PPN ag imeacht agus dá bharr sin fuair na baill i ngach pobal eolas maidir le Covid-19 a bhí aistrithe agus bhí baill sna na pobail éagsúla in ann coinneáil i dteagmháil ar an nguthán agus ar na meáin shóisialta; bhí oibrí Forbartha an PPN ag obair chun grúpaí a spreagadh sular bunaíodh glao an phobail; tacaíodh le forbairt na Léarscáile Pobail d'Ionad Glaonna an Longfoirt; rinneadh ionadaíocht ar bhallaíocht níos leithne an PPN san Fhóram Freagartha Pobail; scaipeadh an fhaisnéis ábhartha ar fad trí ríomhphost ar ghrúpaí pobail agus ar mheáin shóisialta an PPN.

Lú

- ▶ Bhí ról lárnach ag PPN Lú sa chumarsáid maidir le COVID-19 le daoine sna pobail: nuashonruithe leanúnacha ar COVID-19 a sholáthar chomh maith le faisnéis thábhachtach ó phríomhpháirtithe leasmhara maidir le sláinte, maoiniú, oiliúint, seimineáir ghréasáin, tacaíochtaí, comhairle agus go leor eile trínár nuachtlitir sheachtainiúil the Friday Communiqué agus ár n-ardáin meán sóisialta; Leathanach gréasáin sonrach i dtaobh COVID-19 ar ár suíomh gréasáin PPN; Bileog eolais áitiúil COVID-19 a dhearadh agus a sheachadadh chuig níos mó ná 5000 cónaitheoir scothaosta agus leochaileach i Lú; Cuntas ceadúnaithe Zúm a cheannach do bhaill an PPN le go bhféadfaidís fanacht i dteagmháil; agus seachadadh 65 'Pacáistí Tacaíochta COVID an PPN' ina raibh earraí ríthábhachtacha lena n-áirítear maisc aghaidhe, lámhainní, díghalrán láimhe, díghalrán agus póstaí faisnéise chuig Baill an PPN chun cabhrú leo a gcuid seirbhísí a athoscailt tar éis na dianghlása.
- ▶ Bhí ról lárnach ag PPN Lú i seachadadh an chláir 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 bhuchan.

Maigh Eo

- ▶ D'oibrigh PPN Mhaigh Eo i ndlúthpháirt le Rannóg Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chomhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo agus Fóram Páirtithe Leasmhara Glao Pobail Chomhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo. Dhear Rannóg Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Mhaigh Eo suirbhé ag iarraidh ar ghrúpaí atá ag soláthar seirbhísí i dtaca le Covid 19 i Maigh Eo clárú leo chun go bhféadfaí bunachar sonraí seirbhísí/tacaíochtaí a chruthú do cheisteanna a chuirtear ar an Deasc Cabhrach. Rinneadh poiblíocht fhorleathan ar an suirbhé seo agus roinneadh é le gach ball de PPN Mhaigh Eo agus tugadh poiblíocht dó ar na Meáin Shóisialta. Tríd an 900 ball atá cláraithe le PPN Mhaigh Eo ghlacamar páirt agus chuidíomar le clár a chur le chéile de na grúpaí tacaíochta pobail áitiúla agus grúpaí a tháinig le chéile chun tacú leis na daoine is leochailí inár bpobail.
- ▶ Tá PPN Mhaigh Eo mar chuid d'fhoghrúpa a bunaíodh chun idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le páirtithe leasmhara eile, e.g.: Ionad Áitiúil na nOibrí Deonach, Curadh Pobail, Coistí Forbartha Pobail Áitiúla, Aoisbhá srl., aiseolas ríthábhachtach a chur ar fáil, trínár dtaighde agus tríd an aiseolas a bhí faighte maidir leis an bhfreagairt ag an leibhéal áitiúil. Bunaíodh leathanach ar leith do Covid 19 ar shuíomh gréasáin PPN Mhaigh Eo chun Léarscáil Idirghníomhach Covid 19 a thaispeáint chomh maith le hacmhainní úsáideacha eile a fuaireamar ón Roinn Gnóthaí Tuaithe agus Pobail agus faisnéis agus acmhainní ó gheallsealbhóirí eile. Rinneadh é seo a nuashonrú ar bhonn rialta chun go léireodh sé an fhaisnéis cothrom le dáta maidir le Covid 19 mar a bhain le hacmhainní a bhí ar fáil don phobal i gcoitinne agus d'oibríthe deonacha.
- ▶ Chuir PPN Mhaigh Eo, agus úsáid á bhaint as na meáin shóisialta, postálacha agus nuacht ar Líne Chabhrach Covid 19 (Facebook agus Twitter). Chuir PPN Mhaigh Eo ríomhphoist rialta chuig na baill a bhain le nuashonruithe, seirbhísí agus tacaíochtaí a raibh fáil orthu.
- ▶ Rinne PPN Mhaigh Eo, i gcomhar le Rannóg Pobail Chomhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo, teagmháil le

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grúpaí áitiúla aiseolas a thabhairt ar na riachtanais a chonaic siad ag eascirt as géarchéim COVID-19. Bunaíodh seimineár gréasáin le páirtithe leasmhara áitiúla measúnú a dhéanamh ar an gcaoi a leanfadh grúpaí ar aghaidh ag soláthar na seirbhísí atá acu ag glacadh san áireamh go bhfuil saorálaithe ag filleadh ar an obair. Mar thoradh ar an seimineár gréasáin seo bhíomar in ann athrú meoin a thabhairt faoi deara agus chuireamar ár gcumarsáid n oiriúint chun freagairt don athrú seo. Bhí Oibrí Acmhainní PPN Mhaigh Eo mar bhall den fhoireann a bhí ar an rota do líne chabhrach Covid.

- ▶ Scaip PPN Mhaigh Eo faisnéis agus treoirlínte ar Ghrúpaí Pobail maidir le Ciste Éigeandála COVID-19. Bhíomar i dteagmháil le Cros Dhearg na hÉireann faoi thabhartas Nestlé do Chros Dhearg Mhaigh Eo, a chlúdaíonn contae ollmhór Mhaigh Eo. Chuir PPN Mhaigh Eo tacaíocht agus treoir shonrach ar fáil do ghrúpaí agus do phobail ó thaobh acmhainní a aimsiú: m.sh., físeáin/acmhainní do phobal na mBodhar agus na nDall i Maigh Eo, do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, leanaí a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta acu, grúpaí mionlaigh, etc.
- ▶ D'iarr PPN Mhaigh Eo ar ghrúpaí agus ar phobail nuacht a sheoladh isteach faoin gcaoi a raibh siad ag freagairt d'fhonn aird a tharraingt ar an bhfreagairt bheoga inár bpobal agus bhí an fhreagairt thar barr. Léiríonn PPN Mhaigh Eo samplaí dearfacha den obair dheonach. Tá cuireadh á thabhairt ag PPN Mhaigh Eo do ghrúpaí pobail a choimre/físeán gairid a chur isteach ar an gcaoi ar chabhraigh siad lena bpobail le linn phaindeim Covid 19 le gur féidir samplaí dearfacha den obair dheonach a chur i láthair. Taispeánfar é seo ar shuíomh gréasáin an PPN agus ar chainéil na meán sóisialta. Tá tuiscint agus meas ag PPN Mhaigh Eo ar an bhfreagairt dheonach phobalbhunaithe atá ag teacht le chéile mar gheall ar Covid 19 agus bhraitheamar gur ghá léargas a thabhairt ar an obair iontach a rinne grúpaí pobail ar fud Chontae Mhaigh Eo. Tugadh MAYO PPN COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19 ar an tionscadal seo. Cuireadh agallamh ar shé Ghrúpa Pobail a bhí cláraithe le PPN Mhaigh Eo agus rinneadh físeán díobh agus beidh sé seo mar chuid de chlár faisnéise ina dhá chuid ina ndearnadh scannánú ar ghrúpaí pobail i ngach cuid den chontae agus a rinne plé ar ghníomhaíochtaí COVID i gceantair thuaithe. Craolfar é ar Mayo TV Show – Sky Channel 192, beidh sé le feiceáil ar You Tube agus taispeánfar é freisin ar shuíomh gréasáin PPN Mhaigh Eo.
- ▶ Chuir foireann an PPN nuashonruithe i láthair na Rúnaíochta ar bhonn rialta agus d'eagraigh siad cruinniú Thionóltóirí Rúnaíochta mhí Aibreáin ar líne.
- ▶ Cad atá foghlamtha go dtí seo ón taithí a bhí faighte? A thábhachtaí atá sé go mbeadh an PPN ag obair i gcomhar leis na Comhairlí Contae agus le páirtithe leasmhara eile. Thosaigh baill an phobail á n-eagrú féin ar bhealach neamhfhoirmiúil/ag teacht le chéile chun cabhrú leis na daoine ba leochailí. An tábhacht a bhaineann le go mbeadh fáil go pras ag na PPNanna ar eolas atá le scaipeadh ar Ghrúpaí Pobail. Is é an príomhról atá ag an bhfoireann a chinntiú go mbíonn fáil ar na struchtúir agus na tacaíochtaí atá de dhíth ar ghrúpaí chun tacú le Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo a raibh sainordú acu Fóram Freagartha Pobail a thionól le comhordú a dhéanamh ar thacaíochtaí na nGníomhaireachtaí Pobail do ghrúpaí leochaileacha mar a bhain le Covid-19.

An Mhí

- ▶ Líonra Freagartha Covid Phobal na Mí. Tag: <https://www.meathppn.ie/meath-community-response-to-covid-19/> D'oibrigh an PPN le grúpaí pobail chun líonra tacaíochta áitiúil a fhorbairt agus a chur chun cinn ar fud na Mí. Forbraíodh agus mapáladh an líonra in am do thús na dianghlasála náisiúnta Covid i mí an Mhárta 2020. Bunaíodh an líonra ar bhallghrúpaí a bhfuil eolas pobail áitiúil acu agus muinín astu agus dhearbhaigh sé do na pobail go raibh tacaíochta áitiúil ar fáil dá mbeadh gá leis.
- ▶ Chuir ballghrúpaí an PPN raon de thacaíochtaí cocúnaithe ar fáil lena n-áirítear siopadóireacht agus bailiú oideas, teagmháil chun dul i ngleic leis an uaigneas agus seachadadh chlár an Bhainc Bhia. Mar thoradh ar bhunú na líonraí áitiúla d'fhéadfaí an tacaíocht a scaipeadh chun freastal ar éileamh an phobail áitiúil agus laghdaigh sé an baol go

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dtarlódh scrogaill/srianta láraithe. Bhí an líonra tacaíochta PPN mar chuid d'fheachtas comhchoiteann an chontae i gcomhpháirtíocht le gníomhaireachtaí reachtúla (CC na Mí MCC, Gardaí Pobail, etc.). D'fheidhmigh an PPN mar chóras comhordaithe don ghníomhaíocht phobail agus thacaigh sé le Struchtúr tuairiscithe Ghlaó an Pobail. De bharr gur fhoilsigh agus gur dháil an PPN treoir ar chúrsaí sláinte ó na húdaráis lárnacha chuir sé cleachtas caighdeánach chun cinn mar a bhain le cosaint agus bainistíocht riosca. Tá an líonra bunaithe ar oibrithe deonacha agus tá sé fós ag feidhmiú agus an PPN mar nasc agus mar tacaíocht dhíreach don chumarsáid. Bhí bainistiú ar tharchur Covid ina riosca leanúnach i gcónaí le linn 2020. Tá gá le tacaíocht ón mbonneagar pobail deonach chun cur leis an bhfeachtas sláinte náisiúnta agus contae.

Muineachán

- ▶ Rinne an PPN suirbhé i measc a chomhaltaí i mí Aibreáin 2020 chun a fháil amach faoi na gníomhaíochtaí a raibh siad ag tabhairt fúthu dóibh siúd a bhí leochaileach ina bpobail féin. Cuireadh na freagraí ar aghaidh ansin chuig an bhfoireann i Líne Chabhrach Glaó an Pobail ionas go bhféadfaidís glaonna a tháinig chuig an líne chabhrach ag iarraidh cúnamh a shannadh ar oibrithe deonacha sna ceantair sin. Bhí an PPN ina bhall den Fhóram Freagartha Pobail ó thús agus chuir sé nuashonruithe óna comhaltaí i láthair ag gach cruinniú. Chinntigh an PPN go raibh gach faisnéis náisiúnta agus áitiúil ó FSS, Ranna Rialtais, na Feachtais Fan Folláin agus go leor eile á scaipeadh. Bhunaigh Ionadaí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta an PPN mol tacaíochta bia i mí na Bealtaine 2020 agus tá beartáin bhia fós á ndáileadh ar an dream atá i ngátar ar fud ár gcontae.

Uíbh Fhailí

- ▶ Tá an tOibrí Acmhainne ar an bhFóram Freagartha Pobail.
- ▶ Foireann PPN ag tacú leis an Líne Chabhrach Pobail agus ag feidhmiú ar an bhfoireann. Bhí an tOibrí Acmhainne ina Cheannaire Foirne ar an Líne Chabhrach ag an deireadh seachtaine.
- ▶ Thacaigh sé leis an gCuideachta Forbartha leis an tionscadal a bhaineann leis na hIonaid nua Soláthair Dhírigh sa chontae.
- ▶ Chabhraigh sé le Éire Shláintiúil/Uíbh Fhailí agus CYPSC ar thionscnaimh do thuismitheoirí níos leochailí a bhfuil leanaí óga acu. Chuidigh sé le ciseáin Nollag a eagrú do dhaoine aosta atá ina gcónaí ina n-aonar. 10,000.[11]
- ▶ Irisí do theaghlaigh ar fud Uíbh Fhailí -4,000 cóip den iris Aoisbhách faoi dhó sa mhí; le rannpháirtíocht a spreagadh, chun an spraoi agus an fhoghlaim a spreagadh agus sonraí teagmhála do sheirbhísí agus do thacaíochtaí a chur ar fáil, leadrán a laghdú agus cabhrú le achrann agus strus a chosc.
- ▶ Tacaíocht tugtha do Bhéilí ar Rothaí agus Pacáistí Cúraim do na daoine is leochailí ar fud an chontae.

Ros Comáin

- ▶ Bhí PPN Ros Comáin ina bhall d'Fhóram Freagartha Covid.
- ▶ Cuireadh oiliúint Zúm ar fáil do na baill chun cabhrú leo leis athrú chuig an obair ar líne.

Sligeach

- ▶ Tá PPN Shligigh ina bhall d'Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Shligigh atá nuabhunaithe. Bhíodh na cruinnithe ar siúl ar dtús 3 huair sa tseachtain ach uair sa tseachtain a bhíonn siad ar bun anois. Is baill d'fhoghrúpaí an fhóraim muid freisin mar a bhaineann le: obair dheonach, tacaíocht agus doiciméadú d'oibrithe deonacha, ciste éigeandála agus oibriú líne chabhrach. Tá LCDC Shligigh

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tar éis teacht le chéile arís agus tá tuairisc maidir le nuashonruithe tugtha ag PPN Shligigh.

- ▶ Chuireamar suirbhé amach chuig na phobail ar fad agus tá líonra cruthaithe agus mapáil déanta ar gach grúpa pobail agus deonach atá cláraithe agus atá ag tairiscint seirbhísí leathnaithe ag an am seo faoi ghlaó an phobail. <https://www.sligoppn.com/sligo-community-responses-under-covid-19/>. Baineann an pobal úsáid dhíreach as an léarscáil seo ach bíonn tá sé in úsáid freisin ag líne chabhrach thiomnaithe Shligigh chun oibríthe deonacha a shannadh le cuidiú le glaoiteoirí atá i ngátar. Táimid ag leanúint orainn ag iarraidh ar ghrúpaí an léarscáil a chlárú agus a nuashonrú gach lá. Buailimid leis an líne chabhrach ar bhonn rialta chun plé a dhéanamh ar na príomhfhadhbanna a thagann chun cinn, conas déileáil leo agus an áit le cabhair a lorg. Toisc gur bhain go leor de na glaonna a tháinig isteach i dtosach ar an líne chabhrach le hiarratais ar bhéilí te agus eolas faoi shiopadóireacht, leathnaíomar amach an tionscadal seo chun léarscáil a chruthú de na ghnólachtaí sa cheantar a bhí ag soláthar seirbhísí riachtanacha agus úsáideann an líne chabhrach é seo freisin <https://www.sligoppn.com/shops-open-during-covid-19/>. Bíonn an chuid den mhapáil seo a bhaineann le Baile Shligigh ina ghné sheachtainiúil sa Sligo Weekender i gcomhpháirtíocht le BID Shligigh.
- ▶ Forbraíodh treoir oiliúna ar gach gné a bhain le húsáid fhaisnéis an PPN agus cuireadh faoi bhráid fhoireann na líne cabhraí é.
- ▶ Sa suirbhé clárúcháin, d'iarramar ar ghrúpaí freisin bearnaí áitiúla sa tseirbhís a aithint chomh maith le deacrachtaí a bhíonn acu agus iad ag comhlíonadh a róil. Cuirtear na deacrachtaí seo faoi bhráid Ghrúpa Freagartha Pobail Shligigh go rialta faoi stiúir SCC, tráth a roghnaímid na heagraíochtaí cuí le theacht agus cabhair a thabhairt. Mar shampla, toisc gur tháinig ceist chun cinn maidir le hárachas do ghrúpaí le tabhairt faoi na gníomhaíochtaí breise seo tá PPN Shligigh tar éis clár lán-árachais a sholáthar a chlúdaíonn gach grúpa atá cláraithe sa chlár freagartha pobail (ní gá dóibh a bheith cláraithe mar bhaill den PPN). Ar an gcaoi chéanna, táimid ag fáil réiteach anois ar an bhfadhb a bhain leis an gcáipéisíocht le haghaidh cead taistil trí chomhpháirtíocht idir an PPN agus SCC, agus tá teimpléad de litir á forbairt a chuirfear chuig gach grúpa de réir mar a chláraíonn siad. Eiseofar cóip a choinneoidh na hoibríthe deonacha sa charr agus iad ag tabhairt faoi obair lena bhfuil tiomáint i gceist. Oibrímid go dlúth le hIonad Oibríthe Deonacha Shligigh chun na hoibríthe deonacha cuí a shannadh do na grúpaí a bhfuil lámh chúnta de dhíth orthu.
- ▶ Bíonn cruinnithe rúnaíochta ar siúl go cianda chun comhaltaí a choinneáil cothrom le dáta. D'fhonn a chinntiú go mbeidh teacht ag níos mó earnálacha ar na tionscnaimh folláine, táimid á gcur lenár suíomh gréasáin féin le go bhfuil feidhmeanna aistriúcháin agus inrochtaineachta aige.
- ▶ Táimid ag obair i gcomhpháirtíocht le SCC ar an bplean / feachtas Sláinte agus Folláine don chontae. Táimid ag obair lena chinntiú go bhfreagraíonn na tionscnaimh go díreach do chuid de na deacrachtaí a ardaíodh mar chuid den phróiseas Fís Folláine an PPN agus tá súil againn go léireoidh sé seo cur chuige níos leithne i leith na folláine seachas an fócas níos traidisiúnta a dhíríodh ar an gcleachtadh fisiciúil/aireachas srl. I measc na samplaí tá dúshlán faire éan chun an bpobal a spreagadh le speicis dhúchasacha a thabhairt faoi deara, suirbhé maidir le snáthaid mhór Shligigh, clár a spreagann daoine chun fionnachtana oidhreachta a dhéanamh laistigh de 2 km dá mbaile srl.
- ▶ Táimid ag obair i bpáirt le cuid dár mballghrúpaí a oibríonn leis na grúpaí is leochailí sa phobal ar nós dídeanaithe agus iarrthóirí tearmainn, taistealaithe, daoine faoi mhíchumas fisiciúil agus intleachta chun a fháil amach faoi na dúshlán ar leith atá ag na grúpaí seo agus freagairtí spriocdhíríthe sláinte agus folláine a fhorbairt.
- ▶ Tá leathanach eolais cruthaithe againn ar shuíomh gréasáin an PPN a tharraingíonn le chéile in aon áit amháin an fhaisnéis oifigiúil agus ábhartha ar fad. Eagraítear é seo faoi cheanteidil éagsúla poist ar nós acmhainní sláinte agus pobail, eolas do dhaoine a bhfuil deacrachtaí cumarsáide acu agus cúnamh airgeadais <https://www.sligoppn.com/covid-19/>. Déantar é seo a nuashonrú go rialta lena a chinntiú go bhfuil an fhaisnéis is déanaí ar fáil agus go scaiptear an t-

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eolas ábhartha go díreach ar na grúpaí agus go gcuirtear chun cinn é ar na meáin shóisialta.

- ▶ Táimid ag obair leis an Sligo Leader agus Oibrithe Deonacha Shligigh le pacáiste eolais a fhorbairt do ghrúpaí lena chinntiú go mbíonn an t-eolas ar fad acu i dtaobh rudaí ar nós oidis, scaradh sóisialta, grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána.
- ▶ Bímid i dteagmháil uair sa tseachtain leis na grúpaí chun a fháil amach conas atá cúrsaí, saincheisteanna nó fadhbanna nua a aithint, agus a moltaí a iarraidh.
- ▶ Táimid i mbun cumarsáide ar bhonn leanúnach leis an Rúnaíocht agus leis na hIonadaithe Pobail le saincheisteanna a d'fhéadfadh a bheith mar chuid de fhreagairt an SPC nuair a mhaolófar an scaradh sóisialta a ardú agus a phlé.
- ▶ Tá ár dTreoir do Ghrúpaí Pobail, a foilsíodh in 2018 curtha in oiriúint againn do na Meáin Shóisialta agus mír nua san áireamh ann maidir le húsáid na meán sóisialta le linn na géarchéime.
- ▶ Tá PPN Shligigh ag obair le Cros Dhearg na hÉireann chun tabhartas bia ó Nestle, atá ceaptha a bheith á sheachadadh go Sligeach an tseachtain seo, a fháil. Táimid ag plé le Tusla agus SLPCo chun a chinntiú go mbronnfar an bia ar an dream is mó atá i ngátar – ag obair leis an laoch pobail áitiúil.
- ▶ Táimid díreach ag cur tús le feachtas ar na meáin shóisialta leis an eagraíocht One Step Closer chun iarracht a dhéanamh obair na hearnála pobail i Sligeach, faoin ngéarchéim, a léiriú agus a cheiliúradh. Tíocfaidh sé seo freisin leis na haidhmeanna atá ag Éire Shláintiúil don chontae agus beidh baill de Chomhairle na nÓg agus d'Fhoróige páirteach ann. Rachaidh sé seo i ngleic leis an riachtanas atá ann mar a bhaineann le daoine óga a bheith ag streachailt ag iarraidh áit a aimsiú sa bhfreagairt ar Covid-19 agus tabharfaidh sé seo seans dóibh na scileanna uathúla atá acu maidir leis na meáin shóisialta a úsáid chun tacú le freagairt an phobail.
- ▶ D'oibríomar go dlúth le SCC sa phróiseas iarratais ar an gciste práinnfhreagartha. Daoine a chur ar an eolas faoin gciste trí phlé leanúnach le ballghrúpaí faoi smaointe maidir le clár ie chuala muid i bplé leis na FRCanna faoi dheacracht atá ag teacht chun solais a bhaineann le deireadh a bheith á chur le ranganna Béarla do na pobail nua agus mar gheall air sin in táimid ag obair anois le Comhpháirtíocht Leader Shligigh, Ionad Oibrithe Deonacha Shligigh agus Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Shligigh chun iarracht a dhéanamh clár ar líne a bhunú a bhainfeadh úsáid as struchtúir an cheachta freisin chun faisnéis agus comhairle thábhachtach sláinte a thabhairt.
- ▶ D'oibríomar le SCC chun maoiniú a fháil le trealamh PPE a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí deonacha agus beidh an leithdháileadh á chomhordú againn. Táimid ag obair freisin ar sciatha aghaidhe a tháinig IT Sligigh a dháileadh ar na grúpaí pobail is mó atá i ngátar.
- ▶ Tá PPN Shligigh ag obair ar phíosa taighde le IT Shligigh a dhéanfaidh iarracht léargas a thabhairt ar an méid atá á dhéanamh ag an earnáil phobail agus dheonach don tsochaí agus géarchéim Covid ann. Is é aidhm an taighde seo iarracht a dhéanamh a chinntiú, a luaithe a bheidh an ghéarchéim thart, nach mbeidh an earnáil phobail ag fulaingt mar a bhíonn de ghnáth agus acmhainní á dtarraingt siar agus níos mó brú airgeadais orthu. Teastaíonn uainn iarracht a dhéanamh luach a chur ar iarracht reatha an pobail, ó thaobh na heacnamaíochta agus na sochaí de, agus an cas a dhéanamh gur cheart go dtabharfaí an tacaíocht agus an seasamh céanna don earnáil phobail ó thaobh na hinfheistíochta a chuideoidh leis an tír teacht chuici féin. Beidh roinnt céimeanna i gceist leis an taighde, ag tosú le suirbhé deonach a bhfuil súil againn go dtacóidh líonra náisiúnta an PPN leis.
- ▶ Táimid ag cur tús faoi láthair le tionscadal le SLPCo agus SVC chun treoir a chur le chéile do ghrúpaí pobail ionas gur féidir leo athoscailt agus dul i mbun a gcuid oibre go sábháilte. Beidh sé seo i bhfoirm treoir /seicliosta simplí a bheidh curtha in oiriúint don chineál grúpa atá i gceist i.e., grúpaí sainleasa neamhfhoirmiúla, clubanna spóirt, ionaid phobail agus siopaí carthanachta.
- ▶ D'oibríomar le Aoisbhá Shligigh agus Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt agus Áineasa Shligigh maidir le cur

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chun cinn na bileoige *Ageing Well at Home* agus clár raidió beo.

- ▶ Tá an PPN ag obair i bpáirt le hOifig Oidhreachta Shligigh le raon tionscnamh bithéagsúlachta agus oidhreachta a chur chun cinn faoin bhfeachtas sláinte agus folláine.
- ▶ Táimid ag obair le feachtas Rothaíochta Shligigh chun iarracht a dhéanamh cur leis an tuiscint faoin gcontúirt a bhaineann le mí-úsáid a bheith á bhaint as bóithre folmha agus an tiomáint fhíorchontúirteach agus an toradh a d'fhéadfadh a bheith air toisc go bhfuil níos mó coisithe ag úsáid na mbóithre áitiúla.

Barúlacha

- ▶ Tá roinnt mearbhaill ann faoi gur tugadh isteach an tionscnamh Laoch an Phobail i bhfianaise go raibh go leor de na PPNanna tar éis tús a chur cheana féin le cuid mhaith de na gnéithe atá i gceist leis an tionscnamh seo.
- ▶ Toisc go sainmhínítear na PPNanna go hoifigiúil mar an príomhbhealach cumarsáide idir na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus an earnáil phobail, seans nach raibh a seasamh mar chuid den fhreagairt náisiúnta pobail chomh láidir agus a d'fhéadfadh sé a bheith. Tháinig an obair ar fad a rinne na PPNanna de bharr idirphlé leanúnach leis an líonra ar fad agus trí thionscnaimh aonair agus tiomantas na n-oibrithe agus na n-ionadaithe pobail – níor tugadh aon treoir náisiúnta maidir le comhghníomhaíochtaí.
- ▶ Is léir go bhfuil easpa trealaimh agus easpa mar a bhaineann le heolais dhigiteach ina bhac mar a bhaineann leis an rannpháirtíocht agus bealach nua oibre i gceist agus beidh sé seo níos soiléire fós nuair a rachaidh grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí pobail i mbun seirbhísí lárnacha a sheachadadh arís agus úsáid á bhaint as na modhanna seo.
- ▶ Ceann de na rudaí is mó atá ag déanamh imní do na grúpaí is ea an chaoi le tosú go sábháilte ar ghnáthsheirbhísí a sholáthar – níl aon treoirínte cinnte nó ordachán ann maidir leis seo. Rinne PPN Shligigh teagmháil le The Wheel féachaint an dtacóidís linn (agus SVC agus SLP Co) le forbairt a dhéanamh ar uirlisí de chineál éigin ach b'fhéidir gur rud é a d'fhéadfaí a fhorbairt i gcomhpháirtíocht le Líonra oibrithe acmhainní an PPN ar fad dá mbeadh spéis ann.
- ▶ Neartaigh an próiseas seo an caidreamh idir an PPN agus an fhoireann Pobail agus Fiontair agus tá súil againn go mbeidh níos mó aitheantais agus tacaíocht ann feasta maidir le ról na PPNanna ó thaobh nasc a chruthú idir an rialtas áitiúil agus an pobal.
- ▶ D'fhéadfaí roinnt fadhbanna eile atá tagtha chun cinn a réiteach ar bhealach níos éasca dá dtabharfaí aghaidh orthu ag tús na géarchéime dála soiléiriú Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána.
- ▶ Tá sé cruthaithe ag Oibrithe Acmhainne an PPN gur féidir cuid de na príomhghnéithe a bhaineann lena ról a chur i gcrích go cianda. Ról ar leith atá ag an PPN agus ní chloíonn sé i gcónaí le modh oibre an Údaráis Áitiúil ó thaobh na gcroíuaireanta, taisteal agus a bheith ar fáil. Tá súil againn de réir mar a fhilleann an gnáthaimh oibre ar an ngnáthshaol, nach rachaidh na hÚdaráis Áitiúla ar ais chuig na seanbhealaí oibre agus go dtabharfaidh siad cead do na hoibrithe acmhainne méid áirithe solúbthachta a choinneáil ina socruithe oibre.

Baile Átha Cliath Theas

- ▶ Leanfaidh PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas de bheith ina bhall gníomhach d'Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Chontae Bhaile Átha Cliath agus beidh sé ag freastal ar na cruinnithe ar líne a bheidh ag an bhFóram agus ag cur leo. Déanfar nuashonrú go rialta ar Leathanach Acmhainní Covid-19 ar shuíomh gréasáin PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, áit a dtugtar sonraí teagmhála na ngrúpaí a chuireann cabhair agus tacaíochtaí ar fáil. Leanfaidh PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas de bheith ag

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dáileadh gach eolas a bhaineann le Covid-19, lena n-áirítear ábhar nuashonruithe ón Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus gníomhaireachtaí eile. Leanfaidh PPN Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas de bheith ag tabhairt poiblíochta don tionscnamh "Glao an Phobail" go háirithe an Líne Chabhrach, trí phostálaí chuig an líonra agus trí chainéil na meán sóisialta.

Tiobraid Árann

- ▶ An Fhreagairt Pobail –An chéad fhoireann freagartha pobail a d'fhreagair go sciobtha nuair a thosaigh paindéim Covid-19, a cruthaíodh i mí an Mhárta agus a bhí ar siúl i rith Aibreáin, nó gur bunaíodh struchtúr níos foirmiúla, Fóram Glaonna Pobail an Chontae. Ar na heagraíochtaí, a d'oibrigh thar barr leis an PPN i dtaca leis seo tá Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha Thiobraid Árann, Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann agus Cosaint Shibhialta. Ba é an PPN an príomh-bhealach a bhí ann chun seirbhísí a cheangal le grúpaí, teacht ar árachas grúpa agus faisnéis maidir le nuashonruithe / srianta Covid-19 etc. Rinne an fóram seo mapáil ar acmhainní pobail, chuir sé comhairle Sláinte & Sábháilteachta & Sláinte & Folláine ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail, chruthaigh sé na chéad phacáistí eolais i dtaca le teacht aniar le greamáin ghluaisteáin d'oibríthe deonacha le go n-aithneofaí iad le linn na dianghlása tosaigh ag Leibhéal 5. Fóram Glao an Phobail - is freagairt chomhoibrítheach leanúnach é seo ar thús phaindéim Covid-19 atá fós ar siúl ar fud an chontae. Tá na heagraíochtaí ag obair leis an bpríomhghníomhaireacht, is é sin Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann. Is iad na gníomhaireachtaí atá i gceist ná an PPN, Ionad Oibríthe Deonach Thiobraid Árann, Cuideachtaí Forbartha Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh agus Theas, Cosaint Shibhialta, Muintir na Tíre, An Garda Síochána, FSS, CLG, An Post, ALONE, Local Link agus Tusla. Glacadh an deis leis an PPN a chur ar taispeáint do ghníomhaireachtaí eile agus táthar den tuairim gur chuir sé seo leis an gcaidreamh a bhí cheana féin ag an PPN agus gur bunaíodh comhghuaillíochtaí nua le dreamanna eile. Seachadadh 3 phacáiste acmhainneachta bia trí fhoireann Glao an Phobail agus Nestle ar theaghlaigh leochaileacha sna pobail áitiúla trí ghrúpaí deonacha, chomh maith le pacáiste acmhainneachta eile do dhaoine níos sine.
- ▶ D'eagraigh PPN Thiobraid Árann foghrúpa Deontais Covid-19 ina raibh baill den rúnaíocht páirteach in éineacht le foireann an PPN chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar iarratais agus le deontais bheaga Covid-19 a dháileadh ar ghrúpaí pobail (an deontas uasta - €500). Tháinig an ciste deontais seo ó mhaoiniú a bhronn iarrfhóram Pobail agus Deonach Thiobraid Árann Theas.
- ▶ Le linn phaindéim Covid-19, bhí oiliúint deartha go sonrach le freastal ar na riachtanais agus freagairt do ghuth na mballghrúpaí. Oiliúint dála RTF, Oiliúint Ionadaithe Community Wellbeing Vision, Rialachas, oiliúint TF, leathanaigh ghrúpa gnó FB, SDGanna.
- ▶ De bharr comhoibriú maoinithe atá idir Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann, an PPN agus TVC, riartar tionscadal tríd an Líonra Aoisbhá chun an nascadh fíorúil a spreagadh agus an t-uaigneas a tharlaíonn de bharr daoine scothaosta a bheith scartha amach a laghdú, trí ghléasanna atá curtha in oiriúint agus rochtain ar an idirlíon a chur ar fáil. Bhí maoiniú agus tacaíocht chun tábléid Acorn a sholáthar, chomh maith le rochtain ar oiliúint chun na feistí a úsáid, mar chuid den tionscadal Digital Connections.
- ▶ Cuireadh rannán tiomnaithe breise, 'In This Together', ar shuíomh gréasáin an PPN chomh maith le Scéalta faoi Covid-19 a insíodh agus a aistríodh isteach ina thionscadal físe, arís le Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann agus TVC. Tá rannán ar leith do Covid-19 ar an láithreán gréasáin freisin.

Port Láirge

- ▶ Tá PPN Phort Láirge ina mball d'Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Covid-19 Phort Láirge a thagann le chéile ar Telecon uair sa tseachtain agus tá thart ar 35 sa ghrúpa seo. Tá suíochán ag PPN Phort Láirge freisin ar an bhFoghrúpa Comhordaithe & Tacaíochta agus ar fhoghrúpaí an Chiste

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Dheonaigh/Éigeandála ina gcuimsítear of Leabharlann/Deasc Chabhrach/GIS Phort Láirge, Foireann Roinn Pobail ÚÁ Phort Láirge, agus Comhpháirtíocht Ceantair Phort Láirge. Chuir PPN Phort Láirge le chéile do dheasc chabhrach Covid-19 liosta teagmhála le haghaidh tacaíochtaí ie, grúpaí tacaíochta, ospidéal, bainc, cógaslainne srl. a chlúdaíonn gach ceantar bardasach i gContae Phort Láirge.

- ▶ Dhear ÚÁ Phort Láirge suirbhé ag iarraidh ar ghrúpaí a bhfuil seirbhísí Covid-19 á gcur ar fáil acu i bPort Láirge clárú leo chun go mbeadh bunachar sonraí ann le haghaidh aon fhiosruithe a thiocthadh chuig an Deasc Cabhrach. Tugadh poiblíocht fhorleathan don suirbhé seo, roinneadh é le gach ball den PPN agus rinneadh fógraíocht ina thaobh ar Facebook. Tá an t-eolas ar fad a bailíodh á choinneáil agus á bhainistiú ag ÚÁ Phort Láirge agus é mar fhoinsé eolais do cheisteanna a thagann chuig an Deasc Chabhrach.
- ▶ Fógraíocht ar Facebook. Tá an t-eolas ar fad a bailíodh á choinneáil agus á bhainistiú ag ÚÁ Phort Láirge mar fhoinsé eolais do cheisteanna a thagann chuig an Deasc Chabhrach.
- ▶ Níl mapáil bheo ag Port Láirge mar atá ag roinnt contaetha eile, rud inmheánach atá ann agus ní úsáidtear an t-eolas ach amháin ar an Deasc Chabhrach. Rinneadh aon ghrúpaí a chláraigh leis an suirbhé a mheasúnú agus cuireadh i mbun gnímh iad a luaithe a bhí coinníollacha áirithe comhlíonta i.e. bhí Grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána i bhfeidhm. Thart ar 2 sheachtain tar éis don Deasc Chabhrach dul beo cheap PPN Phort Láirge ceistneoir le haghaidh gach ballghrúpa den PPN chun a fháil amach an raibh aon ghrúpaí/seirbhísí/bearnaí ann nár aimsigh suirbhé an ÚÁ. D'úsáideamar an ceistneoir seo freisin chun teacht ar eolas faoi aon ghrúpaí nua a bhí bunaithe nach rabhamar ar an eolas ina dtaobh, aon ghrúpaí a bhí ag streachailt, an tionchar atá agus a bheidh ag Covid-19 orthu agus na tacaíochtaí a theastaigh uathu nó a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag teastáil uathu amach anseo. Cuireadh aon eolas cabhrach a d'eascair as seo isteach san Fhóram Freagartha Pobail.
- ▶ D'oibríomar le Cros Dhearg na hÉireann chun tabhartas bia ó Nestlé a chur i dteagmháil le grúpa pobail (Banc Bia Phort Láirge) a thugann faoi bhia a sholáthar. Scaipeamar faisnéis ó Ranna Rialtais, ó Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Phort Láirge, ó na Gardaí srl. agus phléamar le ceisteanna agus iarratais ar bhreis faisnéise. Cuirimid Nuachtlitréacha amach gach seachtain maidir le Deontais/ Maoiniú, Tacaíochtaí, seimineáir ghréasáin, oiliúint saor in aisce etc a bhfuil fáil orthu.
- ▶ Tá ár suíomh gréasáin nuashonraithe againn le leathanach ar Covid-19, áit a bhfuil liosta d'fhaisnéis agus de thacaíochtaí cabhracha. Bíonn ár leathanaigh meán sóisialta á nuashonrú go leanúnach ar Facebook, tá seirbhís phoist á thairiscint againn do dhuine ar bith a dteastaíonn foirmeacha, treoracha srl. uaidh agus cuirimid Nuachtlitréacha na nDaoine Aosta amach sa phost. Bhíomar i dteagmháil le FSS cúpla uair le smaointe agus moltaí maidir leis na pacáistí acmhainní agus eolais atá acu, i.e., iad a bheith níos éasca le n-úsáid agus iad a bheith ar fáil i níos mó teangacha. Tháinig freagra go pras uathu agus ghlac siad lenár moltaí.
- ▶ Pléadh idirghabhálacha sonracha (le haghaidh gníomhaíochta amach anseo – nach mbaineann le Covid-19 amháin) le príomh-chomhpháirtithe, dála Comhairle na nDaoine Scothaosta agus grúpaí Cónaitheoirí.
- ▶ Dréacht-Fhís Folláine: ní fhéadfaí leanúint ar aghaidh leis na ceardlanna ach tá clár comhairliúcháin ar líne á phleanáil chun é a chríochnú – breathnófar freisin ar níos mó córais don chianobair – Seisiún Iomlánach fíorúil, mar shampla?
- ▶ Leanamar orainn ag obair le grúpaí pobail – ar fhadhbanna a bhaineann le Covid-19 dála iompar frithshóisialta – agus ag cothú ceangail chun na pobail, an Chomhairle agus na Gardaí a nascadh.
- ▶ Shocraíomar suas Zúm le haghaidh cruinniú leis an Rúnaíocht.
- ▶ Fuairéamar bréagáin, leabhair agus cluichí do Phobal an Lucht Siúil.

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Tá freastal déanta ag an bhfoireann ar go leor seimineár gréasáin agus oiliúna i.e., Grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána, Brightpay, Líonrú pobail, Acmhainní Covid-19.

Ceachtanna a foghlaimíodh:

Tharraing Géarchéim Covid-19 aird, mura ndearna sé rud ar bith eile, ar thábhacht agus ar luach na PPNanna. Is dóigh linn gur tharraing sé aird go háirithe ar an ngéarghá atá le Comhordaitheoir Náisiúnta don PPN.

I bPort Láirge, tá an-chur amach ag an PPN ar gach ceann de na 700+ ballghrúpa agus ar an gceantar. Gan rannpháirtíocht PPN, ní dócha go n-éireodh chomh maith céanna leis an mapáil agus bhí ár dteagmhálacha sna pobail éagsúla ríthábhachtach chomh maith. Tá súil againn go bhféachfaidh an Chomhairle le súile nua ar an obair a dhéanann an PPN agus an bhreisluch a bhaineann leis.

Ba chóir go mbeadh na rialacháin maidir le Grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána níos soiléire ó thús agus braithimid go mbeadh sé ina bhuntáiste ollmhór anseo dá mbeadh Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha Phort Láirge i mbun oibre. D'oibrigh os cionn 280 duine go deonach tríd an suirbhé. Tá súil ó chroí againn nach gcuirfear isteach ar an obair thábhachtach seo (mar a tharla roimhe seo) de réir mar a bheidh an cúlú eacnamaíochta ag imirt tionchair.

Maidir leis na ceachtanna a foghlaimíodh, tá PPN Phort Láirge fós i dteagmháil go rialta le Roinn Pobail na Comhairle agus treisíonn sé seo an rud a chreidimid gurb é seo an príomhnasc idir na Comhairlí agus na PPNanna. Ar leibhéal níos praiticiúla de réir mar a thiocfaidh méadú ar an gcianobair lena n-áirítear cruinnithe fóirúla, tuigimid nach bhfuil an trealamh cuí againn e.g., fóin chliste, táibléid, ríomhairí glúine, ríomhairí etc. agus freisin nach bhfuil an t-eolas i measc an phobal maidir leis an gcaoi leis na feistí, bogearraí agus feidhmchláir a úsáid.

An Iarmhí

- ▶ Riarann foireann PPN na hIarmhí Fóram Freagartha Pobail Covid-19 na hIarmhí. Oibríonn foireann PPN na hIarmhí ar an Líne Chabhrach Freagartha Pobail thart ar 7 lá in aghaidh na míosa. D'éagraigh PPN na hIarmhí agus mhaoinigh sé ceardlann/seimineár gréasáin athoscailte do gach ball. Sheol PPN na hIarmhí 52 píosa faisnéise sonracha ar Covid-19 chuig na baill. D'oibrigh PPN na hIarmhí go dlúth le Comhairle Contae na hIarmhí, Forbairt Pobail na hIarmhí, FSS, Cosaint Sibhialta, An Garda Síochána agus grúpaí pobail ar fud an chontae lena n-áirítear CLG, Grúpaí Forbartha Pobail, Béilí ar Rothaí, SVP agus an Chros Dhearg.
- ▶ D'oibrigh PPN na hIarmhí go dlúth le Comhairle Contae na hIarmhí ag eagrú agus ag Dáileadh 1000 paca cúraim. Rinne PPN na hIarmhí páirtmhaoiniú ar 2500 maighnéad cuisneora ar a raibh sonraí na Líne Cabhrach Pobail: dáileadh iad ar fud an chontae. Dháil PPN na hIarmhí eolas faoi dheiseanna sonracha maoinithe Covid-19, lena n-áirítear an Scéim Feabhsúcháin Pobail agus chuidigh siad le grúpaí ina leith.

Loch Garman

- ▶ Tacaíodh le Glao an Phobail agus cuireadh sé phacáiste gnó amach.

Cill Mhantáin

- ▶ Rinne PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin logáil láithreach ar fhreagra an phobail ar an gcéad dianghlasáil. D'oibrigh an PPN ansin leis an údarás áitiúil chun an fhaisnéis a logáil isteach in uirlis léarscáilithe chun tacú le Glao an Phobail. D'oibrigh an PPN freisin le hIonad Oibríthe Deonacha Chontae Chill Mhantáin chun dea-chleachtas agus sábháilteacht a chinntiú do na hoibríthe deonacha agus don dream a raibh siad ag cabhrú leo. D'oibrigh PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin le Raidió Pobail na gCloch Liath chun agallaimh a eagrú ar son ghrúpaí ar mhaithe le haird a

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tharraingt ar an obair a bhí ar siúl acu agus ar na tacaíochtaí a bhí á soláthar acu le linn na dianghlasála. Ghlac PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin páirt ghníomhach sa tionscnamh Laoch an Phobail agus ina dhiaidh sin i bhFóram Freagartha Pobail an Údaráis Áitiúil. Ghlac PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin páirt ghníomhach i bhFoghrúpa um Bhochtaineacht Dhigiteach Fhórait Freagartha Pobail Chill Mhantáin i gcomhar le Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin, Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha Chontae Chill Mhantáin, Muintir na Tíre, CYPSC, agus Aoisbhá. Bunaíodh an grúpa seo chun freagairt do dheacrachtaí a raibh aird á dtarraing orthu a bhain leis an deighilt dhigiteach.

- ▶ Forbraíodh próiseas deontais chun acmhainní a chur ar fáil do na grúpaí ba mhó a bhí i ngátar agus mar thoradh air sin scaipeadh €45,000 le go bhféadfadh eagraíochtaí trealamh rithábachtach a cheannach, dála táibléid, ríomhairí glúine agus dongles a cheannach agus ba mbeadh teacht orthu ag an dream ba mhó ar theastaigh siad uathu. I measc na ngrúpaí a fuair tacaíocht bhí: daoine a bhfuil dúshláin fhisiciúla agus mheabhairshláinte acu, grúpaí na ndaoine scothaosta, dídeanaithe atá ina gcónaí in ionaid soláthair dhírigh, an Lucht Siúil, agus daoine óga faoi mhíbhuntáiste. Ghlac PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin páirt ghníomhach sa *bhFoghrúpa Staying Connected & Managing Your Mood* de chuid Fhóram Freagartha Pobail Chill Mhantáin i gcomhar le Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin, FSS, Aoisbhá, Éire Shláintiúil, CYPSC, Ionad Oibríthe Deonacha Chontae Chill Mhantáin agus Muintir na Tíre.
- ▶ Bunaíodh an grúpa mar chuid den Fheachtas Keep Well chun comhordú, cumarsáid, agus poiblíocht a dhéanamh agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do thionscnaimh áitiúla a bunaíodh chun folláine agus acmhainneacht an phobail a chur chun cinn agus a éascú. D'fhorbair PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin doiciméad 2 leathanach chun grúpaí a threorú chuig comhairle maidir lena n-áiseanna a athoscailt agus dul i mbun a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí arís, chomh maith le tacaíochtaí maoinithe a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ar fáil le cur ar a gcumas a gcuid seirbhísí a oscailt agus iad a thosú arís.
- ▶ D'eagraigh PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin seisiún oiliúna agus tacaíochta piaraí chun tacú le grúpaí a n-ionaid agus a hallaí a oscailt arís agus a gcuid seirbhísí a thosú athuair tar éis na chéad dianghlasála. D'fhorbair agus scaip PPN Chill Mhantáin suirbhé chun a fháil amach faoi na tionchair airgeadais a bhí ag Covid-19 ar ghrúpaí pobail.
- ▶ Bunaíodh tuarascáil ar na freagraí agus scaipeadh é seo ansin ar an údarás áitiúil, an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Ionadaithe Tofa & Teachtaí Dála Chontae Chill Mhantáin. Tá an tuarascáil ar fáil ar ár suíomh gréasáin agus léiríonn sé go raibh sé an-deacracht ag na grúpaí a reáchtálann ionaid phobail morgáistí, billí srl a íoc agus ba chúis imní agus strus é sin do choistí deonacha. Chomhoibrigh PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin le Cros Dhearg na hÉireann chun Tabhartas Bia Nestle a dháileadh ar ghrúpaí pobail lena n-áirítear Grúpaí Béilí ar Rothaí agus Ionaid Acmhainne.
- ▶ D'oibrigh PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin le Human Givens Counsellor & Coach chun ár gClár Oiliúna *Supercharge Your Selfcare* a fhorbairt. Cuireadh an clár ar fáil ina dhiaidh sin i bhfoirm 6 fhíseán ghearra chun cabhrú leis na hoibríthe deonacha agus na pobail aire a thabhairt dóibh féin agus dá chéile. Bhí na físeáin nasctha go soiléir lenár bhFís don Fholláine Pobail agus an Feachtas Náisiúnta & Áitiúla Fan Folláin. Seoladh na físeáin i mí na Nollag agus tá siad ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin PPN Chontae Chill Mhantáin.

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Ceatharlach

- ▶ Tá níos mó ama ag teastáil don phróiseas comhairliúcháin, ionas go mbeadh ionadaithe pobail níos ullmhaithe agus níos eolasaí. Ba chóir go mbeadh an t-eolas saor ó bhéarla agus scríofa i mBéarla simplí, rud a d'fhágfadh go mbeadh sé éasca ag gach duine é a thuiscint. Comhairliúcháin phoist a thairiscint. D'fhreagair Ceatharlach aon chomhairliúchán déag in 2020.

An Cabhán

- ▶ Go mbeadh níos mó baint ag ionadaithe pobail le leagan amach na gclár oibre agus níos mó cumhachta acu ar bhoird/ar choistí. Chomh maith leis sin, ba chóir tuairiscí ar dhul chun cinn/cinntí an CBS sin etc. a dháileadh ar na comhaltaí.

An Clár

- ▶ Faoi láthair, bíonn ar PPN an Chláir thar a bheith gníomhach ó thaobh comhairliúcháin áitiúla agus náisiúnta a lorg toisc nach gcuirtear muid ar an eolas go seasta. Bheadh sé an-úsáid dá mbeadh tairseach comhairliúcháin náisiúnta ann a d'fhéadfaí a chuardach de réir contae nó leas, ar nós an ceann seo ag céim na mbéite:

https://www.gov.ie/en/consultations/?%20fbclid=IwAR3ocMXkQLDsPzmi4_CjDSUeoKGLPWdoP4tK3B9ORXDVhSw1CKDSRPy_NWw

- ▶ Faoi láthair tá sé deacair a fháil amach conas a láimhseáiltear na comhairliúcháin, a ndéantar meastóireacht orthu agus a dtugtar údarás dóibh tar éis dóibh a bheith faighte ag údarás áitiúil. Bheadh sé úsáideach dá ndéanfaí creat a fhorbairt a dhéanadh meastóireacht ar chomhairliúcháin agus a chuirfeadh aiseolas ar fáil.
- ▶ Rinne PPN an Chláir deich n-aighneacht scríofa ar leith chuig comhairliúcháin a bhain le beartais náisiúnta agus áitiúla. Rinneadh na haighneachtaí seo mar thoradh ar chruinniú comhairliúcháin phoiblí a d'iarr PPN an Chláir ar iarratas ó chomhaltaí nó ó choláistí nó mar thoradh ar chomhaontú reatha maidir le cinneadh beartais an PPN. I roinnt cásanna, d'eagraigh agus thionóil PPN an Chláir cruinnithe eolais le saineolaithe ábhartha sula ndearna sé na haighneachtaí agus ina dhiaidh sin thiomsaigh sé ionchur na mballghrúpaí leasmhara sna haighneachtaí a tháinig as sin. Bhí sé seo mar chuid lárnach dár gcuid oibre mar PPN ach ba mhaith linn go mór go bhfoileodh na comhlachtaí a gcuirimid aighneachtaí chucu creat a léireodh go soiléir an chaoi a ndéantar údarás a thabhairt d'aighneachtaí agus do shaincheisteanna agus na critéir agus na próisis a bhaineann leis na cinntí a bhíonn déanta sa deireadh.

Contae Chorcaí

- ▶ Cumarsáid níos fearr le rannóga na nÚdarás Áitiúil agus le comhlachtaí eile.

Dún na nGall

- ▶ Achar Ama níos Faide.

Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath

- ▶ Oiliúint ar na hÚdarás Áitiúla maidir leis na PPNanna.

Ceanglas maidir le doiciméid inrochtana a chur san áireamh i dtairiscintí.

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Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin

- ▶ Creidimid go gcabhródh na nithe seo a leanas leis na comhairliúcháin a fheabhsú: - Tosaíocht a thabhairt d'úsáid an Bhéarla shimplí i gcás gach rannpháirtíochta. – Tuiscint ar an éagsúlacht atá laistigh de ghrúpaí pobail agus deonacha mar a bhaineann le cúlra agus leibhéal oideachais. – Soiléireacht maidir leis na pleananna a mbeidh an comhairliúchán ag cur leo agus an bhaint atá acu le chéile.

Sé chomhairliúchán: an Plean Forbartha Contae Réamhdhréachta (dhá chruinniú den nascghrúpa); Saol Aibhneacha Uirbeacha Bhaile Átha Cliath (cruinniú amháin de nascghrúpa ar an ábhar); plean an LDA do Dhún Droma, agus an comhairliúchán spriocdhírthe ar Ascaill Carysfort. Chuireamar tús le dhá chomhairliúchán pobail faoi na riachtanais a d'eascair as Covid-19 (ceann amháin i mí Aibreáin 2020 agus ceann eile i mí na Samhna-Nollaig 2020). Bhíomar ullamh freisin do sheoladh an chomhairliúcháin Vision for Community Wellbeing, ach b'éigean na ceardlanna ar fad a bhí pleanáilte a chur siar mar gheall ar an bpaindéim.

Fine Gall

- ▶ Eolas a bheith eisiithe níos túisce chun go bhféadadh ionchur a bheith ann. Achoimre déanta ar dhoiciméid. Tá súil againn go mbeidh cruinnithe beo ann amach anseo. 1 Plean Leathnaithe an Dart Thiar.

Cathair na Gaillimhe

- ▶ Tagann aiseolas rialta ó bhalleagraíochtaí Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe ina gcuirtear i iúl cé go gcaitear cuid mhaith ama ar fhreagairtí fianaise-bhunaithe ar chomhairliúcháin a fhorbairt gur annamh a áirítear iad sin nó 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. Is iondúil go dtugann comhairliúcháin phoiblí an t-údarás céanna d'aighneachtaí aonair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith bunaithe ar thuairim an duine aonair agus a thugann siad do fhreagairtí comhchoiteanna bunaithe ar sheasaimh a bhí dea-bheartaithe. Creidimid go bhféadfaí feabhas a chur air sin dá dtabharfaí níos mó údarais agus go ndéanfaí níos mó plé ar aighneachtaí a thagann 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. Chuir Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe treoirínite maidir le Rannpháirtíocht Rathúil Pobail ar fáil a léiríonn treoirínite DPER maidir le comhairliúchán agus bheadh sé ina chabhair dá leanfaí iad. D'áireofaí leis sin comhairliúcháin a reáchtáil i gceantair thírleolaíoch taobh amuigh de lár na cathrach, rochtain níos éasca a bheith ar chomhairliúcháin, dul i dteagmháil le grúpaí a bhfuil tionchar díreach ag an bpróiseas cinnteoireachta orthu agus féachaint ar mhodhanna eile a bheadh níos idirghníomhaí do na comhairliúcháin.
- ▶ Féach le do thoil <https://galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/GCCN-Guidelines-for-Successful-Community-Engagement.pdf> le haghaidh cóip de Threoirínite GCCN maidir le Rannpháirtíocht Rathúil Pobail ina leagtar amach an seasamh atá ag Líonra Pobail Chathair na Gaillimhe maidir leis an gcaoi le comhairliúcháin a eagrú.

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Contae na Gaillimhe

- ▶ Bheadh bunachar sonraí náisiúnta de na comhairliúcháin agus nuashonrú seachtainiúil maidir leis na comhairliúcháin atá fógartha úsáideach, mar gur minic a fhaighimid amach faoi chomhairliúchán tar éis don spriocdháta a bheith caite.

Ina theannta sin, dá seolfaí meamram chuig gach cuid den Rialtais ag lua an tábhacht a bhaineann leis na PPNanna sna phróisis chomhairliúcháin chabhródh sé leis na Ranna Rialtais uile a chur ar an eolas faoin ról lárnach atá ag na PPNanna agus go ndéanann siad ionadaíocht ar ghuth an phobail. Chomh maith leis sin, bheadh córas faoina bhféadfaí 'comh-aighneachtaí PPN' a dhéanamh úsáideach agus sheachnódh sé dúbláil mar go mbíonn go leor de na saincheisteanna céanna á n-ardú ag na PPNanna ar fad.

Cill Dara

- ▶ D'fhéadfaí féilire a chur ar fáil ar a mbeadh dátaí aon chomhairliúcháin atá ar na bacáin do na míonna/an bhliain amach romhainn chun go mbeadh am ann le haghaidh pleanáil a dhéanamh agus feabhas a chur ar chaighdeán na n-aighneachtaí. Ba cheart aiseolas a bheith tugtha éis don aighneacht deiridh a bheith déanta ionas go mbeadh ar ár gcumas an rath a bhí ar aighneacht a thomhas thar ceann na mballeagraíochtaí. 2 Chomhairliúchán curtha isteach ag PPN Chill Dara; Dréachtphlean Bainistíochta Bruscair Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara; Straitéis Spáis Oscailte agus Áineasa Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara.

Cill Chainnigh

- ▶ D'fhéadfadh an tÚdarás Áitiúil, Ranna Rialtais agus gníomhaireachtaí eile oibriú i gcomhar leis na PPNanna chun comhairliúcháin a fhógairt agus tabhairt faoi cheardlanna eolais. D'fhéadfadh na PPNanna cabhrú le haiseolas a thiomsú agus aighneachtaí a chur le chéile ar an mbonn sin. 16/06- Comhairliúchán Poiblí ar An Scéim um Fhaoiseamh Tuile do Ghráig na Manach-Tigh na hInse 04/08- Páirc Uirbeach Cheathrú na Mainistreach 11/12- Dréachtphlean Bainistíochta Soghluaisteachta Challainn.

Laois

- ▶ A bheith curtha ar an eolas ar bhealach tráthúil. Ba cheart go mbeadh tosaíocht ag an PPN maidir le fógraí faoi chomhairliúcháin.

Liatroim

- ▶ Níos mó ama, Béarla níos simplí, níos mó comhoibríthe.

Luimneach

- ▶ Go mbeadh a ndóthain ama agus fógra faighte ag na Baill faoi chomhairliúcháin. D'aontaigh ár PPN ag cruinniú lomlánach mhí na Nollag teagmháil fhoirmiúil a dhéanamh leis an gcomhairle chun iarratas a dhéanamh go mbeadh an cháipéisíocht faighte sách fada roimh chruinnithe coiste na Comhairle- ionchorpraíodh é sin sna buanorduithe nua do SPCanna agus don JPC i mí an Mhárta 2021. 1 (8 seisiún comhairliúcháin maidir le Méara a Toghadh go Díreach do Luimneach)

An Longfort

- ▶ Léarscáileanna méadaithe etc. dóibh siúd a bhfuil laige radhairc ag cur as dóibh. D'fhreagair an Longfort deich gcomhairliúchán in 2020.

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Lú

- ▶ Chuideodh comhairliúcháin tráthnóna, mar gur minic a bhíonn Oibrithe Deonacha ag obair i bpoist lánaimseartha i gcaitheamh an lae.

Maigh Eo

- ▶ Go mbeadh fógraí agus comhairliúcháin á bhfáil go pras ag na PPNanna.

An Mhí

- ▶ Dá ndéanfaí forbairt ar líonraí struchtúrtha laistigh den PPN thiocfadh 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 chomhairliúcháin 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

- ▶ Ba cheart go dtabharfaí níos mó ama le go bhféadfaí dul i gcomhairle i gceart leis na comhaltaí. Ba chóir go dtabharfadh na gníomhaireachtaí a úsáideann an PPN le haghaidh comhairliúcháin aiseolas do bhaill an PPN maidir leis an tionchar a bhí an obair chrua agus ag an iarracht a chuir siad isteach sa chomhairliúcháin ar na gníomhaireachtaí sin. (Cuidíonn 'Go raibh maith agat' go mór). Ba chóir go mbeadh níos mó ionchuir ag Ionadaithe an PPN ag leibhéal an CBS i bhforbairt an pholasaí/an phlean le haghaidh comhairliúcháin. Bainimid úsáid as focail ar nós pleannanna / straitéisí gníomhaíochta, rud nach spreagann daoine le bheith páirteach. Chun go mbeidh an comhairliúcháin fiúntach caithfidh sé a bheith ábhartha do dhaoine.

Uíbh Fhailí

- ▶ Caithfidh an PPN gach rud a bhaineann leis na Comhairliúcháin a fháil go pras le go mbeidh deis ann aighneachtaí a dhéanamh, ag cur san áireamh go mbíonn sos ag an earnáil Phobail i rith an tsamhraidh agus ag an Nollaig, ní bhfaighidh Comhairliúcháin i mí Lúnasa nó go déanach i mí na Nollag an aird chuí.

Sligeach

- ▶ Modhanna comhairliúcháin a bhfuil níos mó éagsúlachta ag baint leo – na ceardlanna foirmiúla a choinneáil ach iad a bheith ar siúl anuas ar sheisiúin/ar mhodhanna a ligfeadh do ghrúpaí níos ilchineálaí a bheith páirteach. Ceangal níos dlúithe le straitéisí áitiúla agus náisiúnta mar a bhaineann le pobal agus folláine – mar táimid ag iarraidh ar eagraíochtaí go siarghabhálach glacadh lenár gcuid oibre. 7 gComhairliúcháin- Plean Corparáideach, N17, Eirgrid, BMDP, Athbhreithniú Struchtúrach, Plean Cumarsáide, Taithí na nIonadaithe.

Baile Átha Cliath Theas

- ▶ Tuilleadh fógra ón UÁ, níos mó smaointeoireacht chomhleanúnach mar a bhaineann le scaipeadh eolais.

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Tiobraid Árann

- ▶ Cé go ndearnadh an contae a chónascadh go hoifigiúil i mí an Mheithimh 2014, mar a bhaineann le go leor gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí maoinithe, tá Co. Thiobraid Árann fós, go straitéiseach, roinnte ina dhá cheantar atá an-scartha óna chéile. Cothaíonn sé seo deacrachtaí i gcás aon phróiseas comhairliúcháin de chuid PPN Thiobraid Árann nach bhfuil dírithe ar an gcontae iomlán. Bheadh gá le comhaontú ginearálta, rud is dócha atá dodhéanta m.sh. ceantair FSS, Cuideachta Forbartha Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh agus Theas, SERDATEF, a bheith ag oibriú leis an gcontae ar fad. Is minic a bhíonn gá le tréimhse níos faide roimh an spriocdháta don chomhairliúcháin mar thacaíocht phraiticiúil chun go bhféadfaidh an PPN rannpháirtíocht MD a mhéadú agus a ghníomhachtú.

Port Láirge

- ▶ Ba cheart don UÁ na Comhairliúcháin Áitiúla a sheoladh chugainn go díreach, bíonn orainn iad a lorg. Ba chóir go gcuirfí gach comhairliúchán eile ar phríomhthairseach amháin, áit a mbeadh rochtain againn orthu, ba chóir go mbeadh siad i mBéarla simplí agus éasca don phobal teacht orthu agus ba cheart aiseolas a spreagadh.

An Iarmhí

- ▶ Tuilleadh ama. I gcuid mhaith cásanna ní bhíonn na comhairliúcháin oscailte sách fada le go dtarlódh comhairliúchán sásúil. 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 de bharr go bhfuil deighilt dhigiteach ann, ba cheart go mbeadh an oiread modhanna agus is féidir ar fáil do dhaoine le dul i gcomhairle (ar líne / post / cruinnithe etc.).

Loch Garman

- ▶ Nuair a bheidh Covid-19 thart beimid ag plé i gceart le hionadaithe an PPN chun an teachtaireacht atá sa Ráiteas Folláine a threisiú agus tús a chur le hathbhreithniú ar an gCeantar Bardasach. Tá páirtithe leasmhara eile a bhfuil sé beartaithe ag an PPN labhairt leo, m.sh., Healthy Wexford Committee, Clár Aoisbhá Loch Garman. Tá sé i gceist na teachtaireachtaí ilmheán a fheabhsú chun teacht ar lucht spéise níos leithne, m.sh., oiliúint maidir le Zúm srl.. Comhairliúcháin amháin críochnaithe: Dréachtphlean Forbartha Contae Loch Garman.

Cill Mhantáin

- ▶ Níor cheart comhairliúcháin a reáchtáil nuair a bhíonn, go hiondúil, formhór na ndaoine ar saoire i.e., i rith na Nollag, um Cháisc nó sa Samhradh. Ba cheart go mbeadh na tréimhsí ama a thugtar do na comhairliúcháin sách fada, 2 mhí ar a laghad, chun go bhféadfadh an PPN dul i gcomhairle le ballghrúpaí, ballghrúpaí dul i gcomhairle lena chéile & aiseolas a thabhairt don PPN in am le go mbeadh aighneacht i scríbhinn déanta ag an PPN. Ba cheart do na 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 go mbeadh níos mó sineirgí agus comhoibrithe ann maidir le comhairliúcháin i dtaca le

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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 tuisce a bhaineann le comhairliúcháin. Ba chóir go mbeadh na PPNanna ar liostaí cúrsaíochta do gach comhairliúchán rialtais áitiúil agus náisiúnta. Níor cheart go mbeadh struchtúr na gcomhairliúcháin ró dhocht toisc go bhféadfadh tionchar diúltach a bheith aige sin a chuirfeadh as do dhoimhneacht na freagartha. Tá cuid de na comhairliúcháin áitiúla a reáchtálar comhairliúcháin maidir le agus/nó ar chuireamar aighneachtaí isteach ina leith: Treochlár Náisiúnta Aeráide agus Aeir don Earnáil Talmhaíochta go dtí 2030, Dréacht-Straitéis Náisiúnta don Obair Dheonach 2020-2025, Straitéis Crann WCC, Tionchar Airgeadais Covid-19 ar Ghrúpaí Pobail Chontae Chill Mhantáin (Comhairliúchán de chuid an PPN), Aighneacht d'Fhorbairt Phlean Oibre an CBS um Ghníomhú aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta, Straitéis Um Imeachadh Imlirceach Chill Mhantáin, Suirbhé ar Bhochtaineacht Bia Chill Mhantáin.