SNAPSHOT OF THE YEAR 2022

18,053
Member Groups

673
Environmental Groups

14,386
Community & Voluntary Groups

2,972
Social Inclusion Groups

An extensive 'root and branch' review of PPN structures was conducted in 2022 to consider the structures currently in place, identify any challenges, and make recommendations to strengthen and enhance Public Participation Networks. The review will provide the basis on which to develop a roadmap for implementing any necessary changes to the Public Participation Network structures.

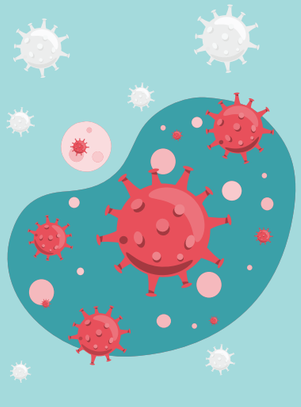
There was continuous engagement with Member Groups, ensuring that vital information was widely disseminated.

The PPNs provided multiple supports for Representatives, allowing them to fully engage and participate.

2022 saw the PPNs increasing their Social Media profile.

Uncertainty & Covid-19

2022 was another uncertain year. Just as society and the economy started to open up at the beginning of the year after ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we experienced rates of inflation not seen in decades and a war in Europe. The Community and Voluntary sector proved to be a vital part of the national response to these issues at the local level highlighting yet again, just how necessary and vital the Community and Voluntary sector is. Local knowledge was key.



Laois Welcomes You

Nominated delegates from 31 Public Participation Networks representing the 18,000 member groups from across Ireland for the National PPN Conference 2022. The National PPN Conference was organised by Laois PPN in collaboration with Laois County Council and DRCD[1].

[1] https://www.laoisppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/LAOIS-PPN-NATIONAL-CONFERENCE-REPORT-2022-8.pdf

901 Representatives

Sat on 418 Boards and Committees bringing the voice of the community to the decision-making table.

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consultations took place across a wide variety of topics.

The PPNs continue to make a real difference to the communities they serve.

Adapt & Thrive

The PPNs continued to adapt in response to the changes experienced by their communities and develop innovative solutions by adopting a bottom-up approach to problem solving.

The PPNs adapted once more in 2022 to respond swiftly and effectively to an increasingly diverse variety of needs to ensure widespread and necessary community supports.