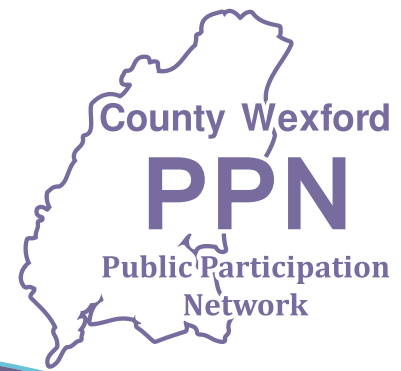



# Our Vision for Community Wellbeing



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# Introduction

Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of Community and Voluntary Organisations across County Wexford. Our Vision for Community Wellbeing is an all-encompassing vision that the member groups of Wexford PPN have for County Wexford.

Although we often think about wellbeing in terms of good physical and mental health, it can also describe the wider conditions we need as individuals and communities to have a better quality of life, healthier environment and increased prosperity.

Our vision has an overarching Vision for County Wexford. Alongside the overarching vision for County Wexford, is our vision for each community wellbeing “domain” or aspect.

## **These wellbeing domains are:**

- Values, Culture & Meaning
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health (physical & mental)
- Economy & Resources
- Social & Community Development
- Participation, Democracy & Good Governance



Our vision has been developed through a bottom up process with member groups and is the mandate for Wexford PPN Representatives as they represent Wexford PPN membership on decision making bodies across the county.

To find out more about how this vision was developed please see our website – [www.wexfordppn.ie](http://www.wexfordppn.ie)



# Our Vision for County Wexford

**‘Wexford’s strong natural resources and heritage complement a vibrant, inclusive, and changing County, where there are supports and opportunities for all, and all work together to achieve them’**



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1** NO POVERTY

**2** ZERO HUNGER

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION

**5** GENDER EQUALITY

**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

**13** CLIMATE ACTION

**14** LIFE BELOW WATER

**15** LIFE ON LAND

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



# The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.

In September 2015, Ireland was one of the 193 Members States of the United Nations (UN) who adopted these goals. The Goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030.

Governments have primary responsibility for implementing the SDGs, but the Goals do not belong solely to governments. The Goals belong to everyone, in every community, in every country across the world. To achieve the SDGs, governments, businesses, communities and individuals will all have to work together. Everyone can contribute to that work, from businesses adopting sustainable corporate strategies, to communities working together to improve their local environment, to the individual choices we all make as consumers.

**For this reason Wexford PPN have identified how Our Vision links with the shared goals and have identified for each wellbeing “domain” or aspect which Sustainable Development Goal is being progressed with the vision. A summary of this overlay is shown overleaf.**

We support the



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**





# How Our Vision links with the SDGs





# Values, Culture & Meaning

## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

What is needed to ensure that everyone both feels, and actually is, included and valued, and that our different values and culture are respected and nurtured? What are the important parts of our culture that we want to hand on to future generations

Our vision for.....

# Values, Culture & Meaning

Vision – 'Wexford is a proud County that celebrates its rich and extensive heritage and actively share it with others. As a County we are open and welcoming to new traditions and communities.'

- Wexford is an open, inclusive and respectful community that is accepting of different cultures and traditions.
- We honour our unique Irish heritage, culture and traditions; sharing knowledge, promoting and celebrating this heritage within our communities.
- There are supports for recognition, protection and celebration of our natural and built heritage.
- We promote and share our heritage with visitors through a mix of tourism experiences and activities.
- All members of our communities are generous in volunteering their time, knowledge and skills, and are supported in doing so.
- We are aware of our varied heritage and history.





# Health (physical & mental)

## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

How can all members of our community enjoy the best possible physical and mental health? What about people with special needs, older people, and carers?

Our vision for.....

# Health (physical & mental)

Vision – 'Wexford is a county where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life. Holistic health is supported by good provision of health and community services, our high quality natural and built environments and an accepting and inclusive society!'

- Information on health services and supports is freely available, clear and accessible to all.
- The approach to health services provision is holistic and integrates community supports.
- Comprehensive and high quality mental and physical health services are available locally as needed.
- There are community-based non-medical services, facilities and supports that enable fulfilling independent living by all in our communities.
- We understand and accept the diversity of health challenges in our communities and work together for a more inclusive society.
- The Local Authority and all statutory agencies work with local communities to ensure well-designed, planned and safe environments that are fully accessible and serviced to meet the diverse needs of residents.
- There is good provision of community facilities to support services and activities of different groups and the mixing of these groups. The positive value of these for health and wellbeing is recognised.
- Recreational amenities and activities are well developed and accessible both in the built and natural environments making use of our land and water resources for the benefit of all.



# Work, Economy & Resources



## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

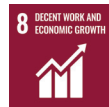
How can our communities thrive economically, with good jobs, and supports for enterprise, business and for people not in work? What resources do we have and are they used effectively and sustainably without causing harm to social and environmental sustainability

Our vision for.....

# Work, Economy & Resources

Vision - 'Wexford has a sustainable economy offering a variety of employment opportunities and meaningful activities for all our citizens, utilising our rich natural resources, that creates an attractive place to live, work and visit.'

- There is a diverse range of education, training and skills development opportunities available and delivered appropriate to individual need.
- A rich variety of work opportunities and skill-sharing are available that ensure a positive employment experience at all life stages.
- We have carefully planned provision of sustainable infrastructure and services that support businesses, workers and community.
- Innovative enterprise models (profit and non-profit) are encouraged and support small-scale and community initiatives critical for the future of vibrant local communities.
- Our natural environment is an important asset and enables Wexford to be a leader in sustainable living and economic development.
- Sustainability is a central characteristic of our economy and we utilise this to promote our County.
- We have a sophisticated, diverse and year-round offering of culture, heritage and natural environment for visitors.



# Environment & Sustainability



## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

How do we value our natural environment and built heritage? What can be done to conserve, protect and restore these? How can we interact with the environment in a sustainable way, and hand it on to the next generation in a better state?



Our vision for.....

# Environment & Sustainability

Vision – We are the guardians of the precious natural and built environment of County Wexford which we all value, restore and protect for the benefit and enjoyment of all'

- We are environmentally aware citizens constantly striving to protect and improve our environment.
- Individuals, businesses, industry and authorities are educated in and adopt sustainable practices.
- We are all active guardians of nature, where we value and mind our rich nature natural heritage, biodiversity and wildlife habitats.
- We utilise our natural environment respectfully for accessible recreation and tourism.
- Both the State and local communities value, restore and protect our built heritage for the benefit of all.
- Wexford has minimal waste generation, optimal re-use and recycling activity and responsible waste disposal with corresponding regulations and enforcement.
- As a County, we adopt best practices and technologies to minimise our carbon footprint.
- We have infrastructure that facilitates sustainable transport systems.



# Social & Community Development



## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

How can we be an inclusive community, where we support each other and ensure no one is left out? What are the important social services and facilities we need to live well from childhood to old age?

Our vision for.....

# Social & Community Development

Vision – 'Wexford is a safe, considerate and inclusive community, offering local support, assistance and facilities to ensure a great quality of life for everyone'

- We all enjoy a good quality of life, living in safe communities where people look out for each other.
- We benefit from intergenerational activity and engagement.
- We are a considerate community with great leadership, that reduces exclusion and leaves no one behind.
- We have good provision of local, accessible facilities that accommodate community activities.
- We value volunteering activity and there is support for the wide range of community-based groups and organisations that provide vital services and opportunities within our communities.
- Tailored supports are provided to assist community groups with governance, funding, recruitment and training for their sustainability.
- We live in a well-planned community with good infrastructure and a mix of housing to meet different community needs.
- We have innovative models of enterprise and employment that offer work alternatives and support community cohesion.



# Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



## Understanding this aspect of the vision....

What is necessary to ensure that our local authority supports the wellbeing of our community for this and future generations? What is necessary to ensure that we have a voice in the decisions that affect us and that all voices are being heard?

Our vision for.....

# Participation, Democracy and Good Governance

Vision – 'Wexford is an inclusive County where we all play an informed and valuable part in shaping and maintaining our communities within our dynamic and proactive local democracy!'

- Wexford is an inclusive County where all voices are valued and where those who need additional supports to participate are facilitated. Community representatives are enabled to present the voice of the community.
- We are all active participants in shaping and working for our communities (e.g. as volunteers) and all contributions are recognised and valued.
- All of us are well-informed about how local government works and our individual responsibilities in it (e.g. as officials, communities, councillors, individuals etc.)
- Our community groups and networks are actively supported and resourced in their work for our wellbeing.
- Our Local Government is open, transparent, listens to all citizens and feeds back regularly. Their communications are regular, up-to-date and in understandable and accessible formats.
- We are consulted about issues that affect us, using a variety of methods which ensure opportunities are available for everyone to engage and influence outcomes and decisions.
- The Local Authority works to ensure our long-term future.



# About Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)

**Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)** is an independent network of not-for-profit volunteer-led groups spread across Co Wexford. Groups include community & voluntary, environmental, and social inclusion groups active within the county.

Wexford PPN is run by a volunteer committee, the Secretariat, elected by the membership whose responsibility is to oversee the development of the network. Wexford PPN has one full-time member of staff, the PPN Support Officer (SO), who assists the Secretariat in the day-to-day running of the PPN and in its development.

There are three main objectives for PPNs:

## **Informing**

Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sector and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received.

## **Developing**

Strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion, community & voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate.

## **Representing**

Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies.

Wexford PPN is co-funded by Department of Rural & Community Development and Wexford County Council

For further information see [www.wexfordppn.ie](http://www.wexfordppn.ie)  
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