Kildare PPN

**Kildare
Public
Participation
Network**

Sustainable Development Goals

Toolkit

Image below shows Ballynafagh Lake in County Kildare. A blue stretch of water reaching to the skyline.

Contents of the Toolkit

'Local authorities, working together with local communities, PPNs, universities, local businesses and organisations and sharing learnings with other local authorities offer a palpable force for change.'
(SDG National Implementation Plan, p.77)

THE GLOBAL GOALS

'We are now in the 'decade of action' and community organisations will be vital players in achieving the SDGs. The call to 'think global, act local' highlights the fact that universal challenges can only be met through local action. The SDGs allow local action to be placed within a broader global context and become a vital part of the framework to achieve Agenda 2030.'
(SDG National Implementation Plan, p.98)

'Ireland is committed to ensuring civil society and the voices of the community continue to be heard as we approach the 2030 deadline for achieving the SDGs.'
(SDG National Implementation Plan, p.95)

Introduction

Image above shows the square #SDG icons and the round #SDG symbol.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, are a set of 17 integrated and interrelated goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that humanity enjoys peace and prosperity by 2030.

Incorporating the SDGs into all that the PPNs do plays an important part in ensuring inclusivity and creating a better future for our communities.

'*PPNs have huge importance in terms of integrating the SDGs into the work of this sector and many PPNS have already carried out projects related to the SDGs.*'

Introduction

This toolkit was created as part of the Saolta/Development Perspectives SDG Advocacy program. The aim was to create a simple and visual guide to incorporating the SDGs into all projects and initiatives of the Public Participation Network. Cliona Kelliher

Priority SDGs

The PPN, with its 3 pillars of Environment, Social Inclusion, and Community & Voluntary, is a good model for implementing and raising awareness of the SDGs. This toolkit looks at key areas which dovetail with PPN practice and ethos, and examines potential improvements or learning opportunities that can be offered to member groups and representatives.

There are 17 SDGs and 169 targets in total. While they are all important and interrelated, the following SDGs have particular relevance for Kildare PPN and can be incorporated into community iniatives, policy and the underlying ethos of the PPN.

Goal 1: No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 5: Gender Equality

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6: Clean Water & Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Priority SDGs

The PPN connects communities and offers training and support services for activities across all three pillars.
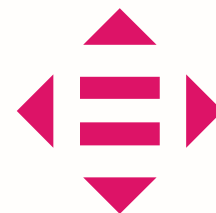Key events are the PPN Plenary, Climate Action Weekend and Social Inclusion Week. The Plenary offers an opportunity to highlight the SDGs and to offer information to community groups. Social Inclusion week aligns with particular goals, such as 10. Reduced Inequalities, 1. No Poverty and 5. Gender Equality. The Climate Action Weekend connects to 6. Clean Water & Sanitation, 7. Affordable & Clean Energy, 11. Sustainable Cities & Communities, 12. Responsible Production & Consumption, 13. Climate Action and 15. Life on Land.

Goal 7: Affordable & Clean Energy

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable

Priority SDGs

The PPN can also offer training on the SDGs via its yearly training program. Communication from the PPN to community groups takes place in the form of email updates, a regular newsletter, and updates on social media and the website. All of these communications offer not just the opportunity to inform, but also a means of setting an example in terms of inclusive language and accessibility.

Goal 12: Responsible Production & Consumption

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13: Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 15: Life on Land

Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss
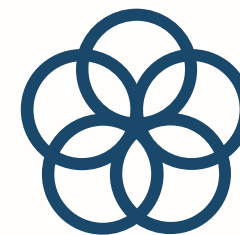
Priority SDGs

The PPN is ideally placed to form connections across stakeholders and institutions and can work with the Local Authority on highlighting the SDGs. It can also act as an example of inclusive and cooperative decision making.

Goal 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

Goal 1:
No Poverty

The PPN should submit to consultations but also ensure that those without financial resources are not excluded from activities or events, or from participating as Representatives. In relation to this, the PPN could connect with libraries for technology resources but also provide financial compensation for travel.
Childcare should also be considered in this context.

Goal 5:
Gender Equality

The PPN should always ensure equal representation of the sexes and should be respectful of gender self-identification. There should also be an awareness of unconscious biases in relation to greater weighting of opinion being given to male members of groupings or boards. Accessibility for those with childcare issues should be considered when arranging events.

Goal 6: Clean Water & Sanitation

The PPN should consider water usage for all projects, as well as implementing educational resources on the website re water use reduction. There is also an opportunity to connect with Lawpro in order to highlight water conservation issues. This Goal is also connected to climate action.

Goal 7: Affordable & Clean Energy

The PPN should educate on energy use and provide access to resources on the website.
Many Sustainable Energy Communities are members of the PPN and there is an opportunity to highlight the work they do. This can also be incorporated into the Climate Action Weekend.

Goal 10:
Reduced Inequalities

Our Social Inclusion Pillar should be utilised to ensure that we have good representation from marginalised groups, including those with disabilities. The question should be asked 'Who is not at the table?' and every effort should be made to include a diverse range of views and people.

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

This connects with Climate Action but also local food and transport, as well as economic equality. The PPN should endeavor to support sustainability initiatives by promoting on social media, encourage submission to consultations on sustainability issues and consider pioneering local sustainability initiatives.

Goal 12:
Responsible Production
& consumption

For all PPN events, it should be ensured that single use items and plastic are not used. Printing should be kept to a minimum and any promotional materials should be reusable where possible. The sustainable ethos of the PPN can be communicated to member groups at the time of events.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Goal 13: Climate Action

As with Goal 12, every project embarked upon by the PPN should be considered in the context of sustainability and climate action. The impacts on emissions and the natural environment should be considered. Climate events and resourcing should be built upon, with a particular focus on reaching those who are not already engaged in climate issues.

13 CLIMATE ACTION

Goal 15:
Life on Land

This connects with Goal 13 and impacts on our environment should be considered for all projects. Supports should be given to those engaging in biodiversity projects and these should be highlighted. A biodiversity knowledge bank could be included on the website.

Goal 16:
Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

As a model of participatory democracy, the PPN should always ensure that voices are heard equally. This applies to Secretariats, where a collaborative and inclusive ethos should be fostered. It is also key to reach out to marginalised groups at election time and make greater efforts to include those who have not traditionally been participating. Relationships and understand with the Local Authority should be fostered to ensure that Representatives have a voice and are heard.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

PPNs have some capacity to enhance policy coherence and to encourage effective partnerships for the goals. This can be done at local level by working with the Local Authority and nationally by disseminating information relevant to the SDGs. A working group could potentially be created within each PPN, with a specific focus on aligning with national and local SDG initiatives.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Measuring Progress

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Inclusive representation	Seeking representatives and including marginalised groups in events.	• What results did you obtain from your project? • Write them here.
Sustainable Practices	Sustainability should be used as a framework for all events.	• What results did you obtain from your project? • Write them here.
Relationship Building	Working with stakeholders/institutions to highlight the SDGs	• What results did you obtain from your project? • Write them here.

Next Steps

Where do you go from here? Progress on the SDGs is a fluid process that should be continuously moving forward. Here's a chance to outline some ambitious projects for the future!

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." ~Gro Harlem Brundtland

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Conclusion

Kildare PPN Pictures

Concluding remarks

Acknowledgements

List of acknowledgements

"Be a global citizen. Act with passion and compassion. Help us make this world safer and more sustainable today and for the generations that will follow us. That is our moral responsibility."

Ban-Ki Moon

Resources and Useful Links

See below for resources and reports.