

Covid-19 Case studies

MAYO PPN - Community Response to COVID 19 Pandemic

Mayo PPN set about trying to capture the amazing work and community response undertaken by volunteers across the vast County of Mayo in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. The link below will bring you to a film (which you need to download) of the participants and the community involvement. I have part 2 of the video which will follow.

The programs are scheduled to be broadcast on Episode one on Thursday 9th July at 7pm on the iMayo tv Show on Sky Showcase Channel 192. Repeat on Sat 8pm Sunday 6pm and Tuesday 14th July 12 30 lunchtime. Episode two on Thursday 16th at 7pm repeat on Sat 18th at 8pm, Sunday 19th at 6pm and Tuesday 21st July at 12 30 lunchtime.

We have a short clip on youtube <https://youtu.be/LMvSCK-Nit4> and then we also have the video promoted on our website <https://mayoppn.ie/community-spirit-in-action-during-covid-19-captured-by-mayo-ppn/>.

Meath PPN, Gormanston Wood Nursing Home Visit: Gormanston Community Association (GCA) made a special visit to [Gormanston Wood Nursing Home](#) on Friday 15th May 2020 at 11.30am to deliver a 'hug from a distance' and some goodies to all the residents and staff there. Peter Brady Chairperson GCA said that it was a great occasion for the Gormanston Community to be able to give some much-needed support during these unprecedented times. The community wanted to support all the residents in the Units and of course all the staff who care for them. Michele Morgan from the GCA was the prime mover in organising a small group to see what they could do. She was in contact with Audrey and Emma in Gormanston Wood Nursing Home to finalise arrangements for the event. The group comprised of Mary Rice, Corinne Fillod, Catherine Geoghegan, Fiona Sloggett, and Patricia Brady. They used all their skills to deliver beautiful home baking. There were also very willing sponsors from: [Gary Dunne Centra in Stamullen](#) , Darragh McCullough for his flowers from [Elmgrove Farm](#), Rosaleen Richardson from [Richardson Promotional Goods](#) in Balbriggan and Miriam Doran for painted stones and pictures.

Peter thanked Noeleen Sheridan Director of Nursing and the Trinity Care Group for sponsoring in a significant way the Community Garden in 2017. He said that the GCA hoped to lend more support in the weeks to come and would be open to hearing what particular needs they had that could be addressed. One of the special categories for potential support are those residents who may not have the comfort of relatives to visit them. Noeleen Sheridan on behalf of all the staff and residents thanked sincerely the GCA for its generous gifts and was as ever very appreciative of the good neighbours they have in Gormanston.

Sligo PPN have created an information page on their 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.

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 also 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.

Fingal Public Participation Network and Fingal Community are documenting a diary of 'good news stories', highlighting the fantastic community spirit of Fingal in response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. To get involved follow the link: <https://fingalppn.ie/community-response-to-covid-19/>

Wexford Public Participation Network are linking in with the North Wexford Society for Protection of Cruelty to Animals, Carlow Volunteer Centre and the Community Support Helpline and offering volunteers to carry out dog walking for older people cocooning and vulnerable people who are self-isolating. This has been especially beneficial to people during the recent days of fine weather and reduces the risk of either of these groups leaving their homes unnecessarily.

Wicklow Public Participation Network are working with Garden County Radio to highlight the great work that voluntary groups are doing in providing services to the community during COVID19. Garden County Radio has been pre-recording interviews with volunteers to find out about their projects and initiatives and then it is being aired on the radio the following day. The interviews have also been turned into podcasts so now there is a little radio history of how Co Wicklow Communities have galvanised to support the most vulnerable members of their local communities.

The podcasts are available to listen to on the Garden County Radio website <http://www.gardencountyradio.com/> and also on the Co Wicklow PPN Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CWPPN/>

An inclusive innovative communication stream has been put in place by **Kerry Public Participation Network** and Catherine White. Catherine, a sign language interpreter consultant is giving her time to translating official notifications into sign language. The messages are then circulated through the Kerry PPN Facebook page and Kerry County Council also circulates them through the KCC Twitter account. What an excellent example of ensuring that as many people as possible receive Covid 19 updates.