

Local Community & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

Work Plan 2019 – 2024

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Age Friendly



Overview

The Age Friendly programme is now a national initiative working with the World Health Organisation initiative **“Towards an Age-friendly World”**

“A key strategy to facilitate the inclusion of older persons is to make our world more age-friendly. An age-friendly world enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to people that are important to them. And it helps people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages and provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves”.

- WHO framework 8 thematic areas/ Positive Ageing Initiative
- Outdoor spaces & Buildings
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Respect & Social Inclusion
 - Social Participation
 - Communication & information
 - Civic Participation & Employment
 - Community Support & Health Service

Ireland became the first Age friendly country in the world in 2020.

Age Friendly Ireland

Main aim: To future proof key services and developments for ageing to allow people to age in place.

- Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service is hosted by Meath County Council.
- National programme oversees and supports 31 County & City Councils. Each one has an Age Friendly Strategy, Alliance, OPC, Programme manager and housing specialist.
- The Kildare Programme manager also supports the Southeast Regional County programmes: Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford & Wicklow.
- National Implementation group

Some Initiatives include

- Housing & Public realm training/AFI were involved in the development of the new “Housing Options for the ageing population” strategy with the Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

- Healthy Ireland rollout.
- Supporting community elements of Slainte Care.
- Dementia awareness Campaign/Understanding together/National Safeguarding Committee for vulnerable adults etc.
- Developed some very good guidelines and tool kits on their website

National Policy

Key national policies which will under- pin the work include:

“Housing options for the ageing population”

Action: Key projects to be identified. Age Friendly Ireland are a key consultative body named in the programme for government.

“Slainte Care”.

Action:

Identifying projects to support community services and in particular creating communities to allow people Age in place and have real options to do so.

Healthy Ireland Framework 2013-2025:

Action:

Age Friendly Ireland working in partnership at national level with Slainte care and Healthy Ireland. Key projects to be identified and delivered.

“Kildare Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024” : Climate action will also be a key focus going forward in order to future proof for ageing to this end we will identify key projects for collaboration.

Kildare County Council Policy

Current policy:

“Kildare Age Friendly County strategy 2019-2021”.

Overall Aim

"To make Ireland a great place in which to Grow old".

A new strategy to be developed in 2022.

Kildare Age Friendly County Programme

The Kildare Alliance is overseeing the implementation of the strategy in partnership with key stakeholders and Kildare Older Persons Council.

The 2019-2021 strategy is the 3rd Age Friendly Strategy for Kildare. During the consultation phase we consulted over 200 people in a two-year period. Older people identified the following key areas of concern, Health, Policing, Physical Fitness & Housing. A Multi agency action plan was then agreed and informed the strategy. There are **34 Aims & 55 Objectives** in the strategy to address these areas.

The consultation process for the new strategy will commence in Q1 of 2022. This will be a 5-year strategy based on the relevant World Health Organisation thematic areas.

The New Older Persons Council was formed following their AGM. Induction training was completed, and the group are now fully engaged with the programme. They are the voice of older people for the county and have a seat on the national OPC executive.

Kildare Age Friendly County Programme Manager

Working under the direction and support of the Alliance. Implementing the current strategy and identifying gaps and needs and implementing national initiatives as required.

Key projects:

Athy Age Friendly town

Athy Primary Care Centre: To be the first Age Friendly PCC nationwide. Kildare led out on this and the Age Friendly Guidelines are completed and going to design/print. HSE using the checklist already for all future PCC's. Launch hopefully to be hosted later in the year when safe to do so.

Athy Library, Public Realm, Road improvements all linked into the Walkability audit.

Walkability audit completed. Report written up and audit process and report to be adapted as a national template to inform best practice across the country. Implementation team meets every 3 months. Worked with the Municipal District

manager to identify key stakeholders and then developed a terms of reference for the group to implement actions.

Age Friendly Business recognition scheme: LEO to roll this out with the support of the county program manager. Training has been completed with Age Friendly Ireland and Athy to be the first town to lead out on this.

Castlefen, Sallins/Age Friendly Estate. Walkability audit completed and report finalized. To be used as a model of good practice countywide and nationally. Work continues on making Castlefen age friendly with various community-based projects. Public Realm works are completed, and Age Friendly parking bays have been added along with age friendly seating.

The community are in the process of designing an age friendly community garden.

Celbridge Age Friendly town: Widening process to embed AF principles following on from the successful roads/public realm initiatives. Town team to be established made up of key stakeholders.

Leixlip Age Friendly town: To commence process Autumn 2020

Ballymore Eustace Age Friendly Climate Friendly village:

Walkability audit completed and draft report written, Consultations have taken place with various community stakeholders and funding has been secured for Phase 1 of the Age friendly Climate friendly Riverwalk project.

Age Friendly Libraries:

Two walkability audits and reports have been delivered to both Naas and Leixlip libraries with recommendations to become Age Friendly Libraries. We will be revisiting these libraries in Q1 to finalise A/F status

Some other practical Initiatives that have been delivered in Kildare include:

- Age Friendly towns/public realm/Car parking spaces
- Health & wellbeing initiatives/Fit Stix, Dementia awareness training
- Naas was one of the first Age Friendly towns
- Mc Auley place in Naas model of good practice/Ageing in place

- Athy Primary Care Centre to be the first in the country. Kildare led out on the guidelines which will inform best practice to make all future PCCs across the country Age Friendly centres in partnership with the HSE.
- Castlifen was the first Local Authority Age Friendly estate
- Ballymore Eustace will be the first Age friendly/ Climate friendly Village

Developing the Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2022-2027 (time delay due to covid restrictions). We are hoping to have this as a 5-year strategy with year

Timeline

New strategy Consultations to commence Q1 2022

First draft to be ready by third quarter 2022

Present first draft to SPC November/December 2022.

Present to Corporate Policy Group December 2022

Present to full council early 2023.

The policy is usually developed in a three-year cycle which enables us to review and consult with older people more frequently. Due to covid the current strategy review will take place and consultations will commence in 2022 rather than 2021 as expected. We will continue to work from our 2021 strategy in the interim.

Arts Service:

In 2022 a review of the Arts Strategy 2018-2022 and development of strategy 2023-2028 will take place, the Kildare Culture and Creativity Strategy will also be developed in 2022. Both will be brought to this SPC in October 2022. The Municipal Art Collection Policy will also be reviewed in February 2022.

The Arts Service work programme for the next 5 years prioritises

- Supporting artists and developing arts infrastructure in the county (through grants, bursary awards, commissions, professional development, training and mentoring opportunities and by supporting arts resource organisations)
- Arts, Health and Wellbeing
- Young People, Children and Education (including youth theatre and young filmmakers)
- Dance (including dance and health)
- Music (with priority for supporting the roll-out of Kildare Music Generation)
- Literature (including Writer in Residence programmes with Maynooth University)
- Film (including Kildare Short Grass Film commission)
- Culture Night

The path to find the Kildare's Arts Strategy 2018-2022 is below. Updates will be provided to the SPC as required

<http://www.kildare.ie/ArtsService/PoliciesandPublications/KildareArtsStrategy.pdf>

The Music Generation programme is housed within KWETB but is heavily supported by KCC. The initial programme will be rolled out from autumn 2020. I would recommend that Kildare's Music Generation Development Officer, Alan Costello is invited to present to the SPC in the coming months.

Below is the path to find an important Indecon research project that KCC was involved with, which examines Kildare's Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme. (Please note this is for information only - no action is required)

<http://www.kildare.ie/ArtsService/PoliciesandPublications/LocalAuthorityArtsServiceResearchProjectForDownload.pdf>

Libraries

Public Libraries in Ireland have an over-arching development plan *Our Public Libraries 2022*. Each Local Authority Library Service also have their own development plan: Kildare Library Services' current plan is *Recover, Refocus, Re-Energise* Kildare Library Service Interim Development Plan 2020 -2022.

Library Development, LGMA are hoping to align the timeline of all LA library development plans to the national strategy. With this in mind, Kildare Library Service produced an interim two-year plan, which will bring us in line with the current national strategy to 2022, and subsequent national strategy 2023-2027. **[Soft copies available upon request]**

National public library policy (review in 2022)

As part of the national strategy, all local authority library services implement the *Right to Read Campaign: Supporting Literacy in the Local Authority**. This has four national programmes, Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars, Children's Book Festival and Family Time at Your Library. **[Soft copy available upon request]**

**This is not renewed on an annual basis, though national programmes have annual targets which must be met in order for the Local Authority to receive the annual Right to Read Award*

Acquisition and de-selection of library material is governed by our *Library Collection Development Policy 2019**. **[Soft copy available upon request]**

**This policy is not renewed on an annual basis but updated in line with current national & international standards.*

Kildare Culture and Creative Strategy 2018-2022 **[Soft copy available upon request]**

Creative Ireland Strategy 2018-2022 and development of strategy 2023-2028

Kildare County Council Decade of Centenaries Plan 2020 **[Soft copy available upon request]**

A Disaster Prevention Plan is also in place for our Local History and Archives section, this is currently in draft form and can be forwarded to the SPC on completion.

Parks

Overview

The Parks Section is responsible for the design planning and management of parks and open spaces in the county. Our works also includes the planning design and maintenance of playgrounds in the county. There are 20 parks varying in size from 0.5acres to 40 acres in the county. There are 27 playgrounds. New parks are planned for Cherry Avenue in Kildare Town, Sallins Amenity Land and Carton Avenue in Maynooth. New playgrounds are currently planned for Castledermot, Prosperous & Allenwood.

Strategies / Policies:

- Liffey Valley Strategy (2006) Kildare Play Strategy 2018-2028
- Open Space Strategy and Tree Policy in 2022.

[Soft copies available upon request]

Twining / Integration / Roma Traveller Strategy / Community Development:

Twining:

Twining can be defined as a coming together of two communities/regions seeking to strengthen or develop common interests including education, economic development, arts/culture, tourism, sports and community. We have many strong twinning committees around the county who are twinned with towns and cities in America, England, Wales, France and Germany.

Integration:

Kildare County Council and County Kildare LEADER Partnership, with the support of other agencies, has developed and launched (by Minister Roderic O’Gorman) its second Integration Strategy. Work now begins to implement the strategy and its actions.

Traveller Roma Inclusion Strategy 2019-2023 Implementation:

Kildare is the first county in Ireland to develop an Inclusion Strategy for Traveller and Roma communities who experience high degrees of exclusion and disadvantage in Irish society. The Development of the Strategy was led by Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), managed by County Kildare LEADER Partnership and Kildare Traveller Roma Interagency Steering Group. Funding for the development of the Strategy was made available by Kildare County Council and by County Kildare LEADER Partnership under the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP). Kildare Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2019 – 2023 offers an ambitious series of actions across agreed strategic priorities that, collectively, will lead to delivery of positive outcomes for the Traveller and Roma communities. I continue to work with implementation group to ensure this strategy is implemented.

Community Development:

On-going work within our Local Authority estates with our Community Workers providing support where necessary to help build long lasting communities. This includes Pride of Place awards, Community Awards, Youth Endeavour awards, training, engaging with other agencies where required and the overseeing of community facilities.

Community Administration

- Administer community, festival, residents' associations, Drechtid and education bursaries grants schemes
- Administer LPT grant awards as decided by councillors
- Provide assistance to Sports Partnership, Age-Friendly, LCDC, Community Development and other community section-based sectors as required
- Continue to use online grant applications process and review as required
- Publication of all grant awards on KCC website- investigate
- Quarterly Joint Policing Committee meetings (with associated local Garda meetings for all five MDs)
- Quarterly Strategic Policy Committee meetings for Community & Cultural SPC

Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)



1. Overview

The Local Government Act 2014 provided for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) in all local authorities nationally.

They replaced County Development Boards (CDB) and have an enhanced role and different structure.

The Local Government Act gives legislative effect to the commitments in *Putting People First*.

Kildare LCDC was established in May 2014 in line with national directives. Kildare LCDC is a 19-member committee.

LCDC's bring together local authority members and officials, state agencies, voluntary sector organisations and local community interests.

Their role is to plan and implement agreed approaches to local and community development.

Key aspects of this role include:

- A more strategic, joined up approach to local and community development
- Oversight and responsibility for local and community development related funding in the county
- The development of a six year **Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021**. To agree the strategic framework for economic and community development for the county. The second LECP planning process will commence in 2022 in line with national requirements.
- The LECP informs community and local development, resource allocation and informs other planning processes
- **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**. The second iteration of SICAP 2018-2022 is currently being implemented by County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) on behalf of the LCDC. This programme has now been extended until 2023. The Kildare SICAP budget for 2022 was increased by 15% for 2022. This was very positive as the national budget increase was 10% The Kildare budget 2022 is €1.2 million. This programme is funded by the EU and the Exchequer
- **SICAP aims to** reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through supporting communities and individuals using community development approaches.
- **Rural Development LEADER Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020**. CKLP are the operating partners. Additional funding was allocated for 2021/2022 of. All

funding must be allocated in 2022. The overall budget for the programme is €5,065,485.80. This is an EU funded programme with supplementary exchequer funding. Planning for post 2022 will commence shortly.

- **LEADER aims** to promote and support sustainable rural development through three programme themes: i) Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation, ii) Social Inclusion and iii) Rural Environment. Grants are available to applications that fit within the LEADER operating rules.
- **Healthy Ireland Programme-** Kildare LCDC is currently overseeing the third Healthy Ireland Programme which was extended and due for completion in March 2022. This is funded through the Dept of Health and the budget for Kildare is €444,274.
- **Healthy Ireland aims** to support local and national organisations to deliver actions that will improve health and wellbeing in line with *Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025*. HI supports a range of health and wellbeing initiatives through project partners across the county. It is anticipated that planning for Healthy Ireland Round 4 will commence in 2022.
- Slaintecare Healthy Communities- Athy was agreed as one of 19 Slaintecare Healthy Communities in 2021. This brings significant focus, resources and opportunities for health and wellbeing for the three years of this programme.
- **Data collection-** Kildare LCDC has worked closely with the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) in Maynooth University, to gather, analyse and collate data. The AIRO Census 2016 reports for Kildare have underpinned a number of application processes in the county
- Specific grant schemes- LCDCs have been charged with informing, overseeing and administering funding targeting the community. Over €500,000 was allocated through LCDC grant aid in 2021. These were through Community Enhancement Programme, social enterprise programme, COVID round 2, LGBTI and schemes as announced by the Department.
- **Establishing the Covid 19 Community Response Forum-** The LCDC were the basis for this Forum, building on the collaborative work to engage with other partners to respond to community support for Covid 19. This continued throughout 2021 but was suspended nationally in late 2021. However, the network and supports for communities are still in place
- **Oversee and support multi agency strategies and approaches** e.g., Traveller and Roma Strategy, Integration strategy

2. List of current policies / strategies /plans

- Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021- work is commencing to develop the second LECP
- SICAP Plan 2018-2022 now extended until the end of 2023
- Rural Development LEADER plan 2014-2020- Work will commence to develop the next plan post this transitional funding period 2021/2022

- Traveller and Roma Integration Strategy 2019-2023
- Integration Strategy
- Kildare Census Reports (AIRO reports) 2016

Available at <http://www.kildarelcdc.ie/publications-links/>

3. Any new policies / strategies / plans you expect to bring to the SPC during this committee's tenure

- Upcoming Kildare Health and Wellbeing Plan- currently being developed under Healthy Ireland Round 3 due for completion March 2022
- Updated Census reports (following next Census)
- Second Local Economic Community Plan – work commencing to start planning
- New Rural Development LEADER Programme (awaiting details nationally)

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Kildare Sport Partnership:



The key aims of Kildare Sports Partnership is to increase participation in sport and physical activity especially amongst specific low participating target groups and to ensure that local resources are put to their best possible use.

The outcomes that the Sport Ireland seek from local sports partnerships are:

- Enhanced planning of sport and physical activity at local level
- Increased levels of local participation, especially amongst specific target groups - older people, girls and women, people with disabilities, unemployed people and those who live in identified disadvantaged communities
- Enhanced local coach deployment
- Club development
- Volunteer training
- Local Directories of sports bodies and facilities
- Better use of existing facilities
- Clear priorities for local facility provision and improvement
- School/club/community and school - National Governing Body links
- Support of local sports and physical activity events

Below is a summary of the KSP workplan for the coming year, which is not written in stone and there may be additions and changes as circumstances requires.

Kildare Sports Partnership Workplan			
Strategic Goal	Objective	Action/ Programme Delivery	Main Delivery Partner
Youth	To increase engagement between clubs, schools and parents	The Daily Mile	School (Primary)
		Promoting Active School Flag	School (Primary)
		Easter and Summer Camps in conjunction with School Completion Programme	School (Primary)
			School (Primary)
		Forum between Clubs, Schools and Parents.	Sports Club
			School (Primary)
	To research, develop & deliver programmes to help address dropout from play activity, particularly among girls.	Tag Rugby on the Green	NGB
		Teenage Girls Leadership Programme for TY Students	School (Secondary)
		Community Activity Camps	Youth Service
		Playday	Local Authority

Strategic Goal	Objective	Action/ Programme Delivery	Main Delivery Partner
Promoting Equal Opportunity	To increase the participation of people with a disability	Adapted Tag Rugby	NGB
		Learn 2 Cycle Programme	Disability Services
		Multi-Sport Programmes	Disability Services
		Football For All	NGB
		Canoeing For All	Disability Services
		Kildare Sports Ability Day	Disability Services
		Lilywhite Wheelers IWA Multi Sports Club	Disability Services
		Woodlands for Health	HSE
		Waterways for Health	HSE
		Pitch & Putt Programme	NGB
		Badminton for All	NGB
		GAA For All	NGB
		Special Olympics	NGB
		Integrated Basketball	NGB
		Inclusive Family Circuits	HSE
		Lilywhite Summer Home Olympics	Disability Services
	Increase participation of people with health problems	Heads Up programme for men with mental health issues	Disability Services
		Seated Exercise for women with arthritis	Disability Services
		The DARA Project	CKLP
	Increase the number of older people participating in physical activity	Adapted Exercise programme	Community Group
		Aqua Aerobics	Leisure Centre/Gym
		Kildare Older Persons Active Wellness Day	Local Authority
		Skootch for Older Adults	Men's Sheds
		Activator Programmes	Local Authority
		Water based Summer Camps	Sports Club
		Get Kildare Walking programme	Community Groups
		Couch to 5k programme	Community Groups
		Community Run Programme	Community Groups
		Community Cycle Programme	Community Groups

	Increase participation of other low participating groups	Parkrun	Parkrun
		Operation Transformation Events	Community Groups/Clubs
		Operation Transformation Programme	Community Groups
		European Week of Sport Programme	Kildare County Council
		KCC Community Activity Programme	Kildare County Council
		Finding Your Feet Programme	CKLP
	Increase participation amongst Perinatal women	The Buggy Buddies Programme	HSE
	Increase participation amongst communities	The Healthy Ireland Motivate & Activate Programme	LCDC/Healthy Ireland
	To promote participation in Triathlon for those who have never attempted the discipline before.	New to Triathlon Programme	Triathlon Ireland
Strategic Goal	Objective	Action/ Programme Delivery	Main Delivery Partner
Capacity Building	To provide quality education training and coaching opportunities to individuals, parents and organisations involved in sport in the county.	Child Safeguarding Training	Clubs/Community Groups
		Back to Basics Physical Literacy Programme	Clubs/Schools
		Junior Active Leadership Courses	School (Secondary)
		Youth Leadership Award 1 Courses	School (Secondary)
		First Aid Training	Clubs/Community Groups
		Activator Training	Active Retirement/Community Groups
		Walk Leader Training	Clubs/Community Groups

Capacity Building		Disability Inclusion Training	Clubs/ Community Groups	
		Club Development Webinars	Clubs/ Community Groups	
		Autism In Sport Training	Clubs/ Community Groups	
		Club Development Grant scheme	Sports Clubs	
		Governance course & club development training	Sports Clubs	
	Support and influence the planning, development and usage of recreation facilities in Kildare		Provide ongoing advice and leadership to Athy & Monasterevin Water Based Clubs and partners.	Sports Club
			Liase and advice Kildare Co. Co. & relevant agencies to support the development of sports and recreation.	Kildare County Council
			Support groups and organisations in the development of sport and recreation infrastructure	Kildare County Council/Clubs/ Community Groups
			Support Disability Clubs/organisations and individuals in the development of Disability Sport by providing access to equipment through Dormant Accounts funding.	Disability Clubs/organisations and individuals
			To support the Monasterevin Sports Hub by purchasing and providing access to equipment through Dormant Accounts funding.	Sports Club
	Support clubs and groups to maximise funding opportunities		Organise workshops and provide advice on funding opportunities.	Sports Clubs/ Organisations
	Provide quality education training		Continue to develop a KSP eLearning Platform to facilitate information	Sports Clubs/ Organisations

	and coaching opportunities for individuals and organisations involved in sport in the county.	Online Course Design - PLAY IT SAFE. A Free Covid-19 Return to Play Resource programme for Coaches, Teachers, and Parents	Sports Clubs/ Organisations
		Online Course Design - BACK TO BASICS. A Physical Literacy for Lifelong Health and Wellness e-Learning programme for Parents, Teachers, and Sports Coaches	Sports Clubs/ Organisations
		Development of the Kildare Active Community App	Sports Clubs/ Organisations