



Secretariat meeting Thursday 18th September 2025

Attendance: Anne Williamson, Mike Edwards, Michael Kealy, Charles Stanley Smith, , Sean O Farrell, Rachel O Malley, Alan Moore, Kuldeep Joshi, Ruth Smith, Shoyna O Gorman and Sharon Melbourne

Apologies: Sangeeta Molloy, Niamh Ni Chillin, Derry O'Donnell, JJ O'Sullivan, Ann Scanlon and Daniel Long

Agreement on agenda

Minutes from previous meeting: Sean to be added to last meeting attendees.
Proposed by Charles and seconded by Alan.

No conflict of interests

No matters arising

No correspondence

Finance meeting Next finance meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th October at 11am

Co-ordinators report Ruth spoke about the Cork County PPN Human Trafficking event in Cork and that nail bars are one of the services with a lot of trafficked people, including young boys.

Tipperary PPN has been invited to TUS Green campus launch on Wednesday 22nd October.

A short list has been created of those groups who applied for the SEAI energy audits. We will be in contact with the successful groups over the next few weeks.

Southeast PPN Network Rep training will take place in the River Court hotel in Kilkenny of Saturday 27th Sept from 10am to 4pm.

Our next Plenary will take place on Thursday 20th November in Fethard, venue to be confirmed. Ruth and Alan are looking at a hall in Fethard tomorrow. We need volunteers for the Plenary planning subgroup. Our theme for this Plenary is food and food security.

The Policy subgroup is asking the auditors to look at our financial policy to ensure that it is up to date.

Hope and Courage Collective training is taking place in TCEC next week; this is the 2nd event under the Increasing Women's & Diverse Groups' Participation in Local Decision-Making Project. The 3rd event will be a visit to observe the October Tipperary County Council Plenary in the Nenagh MD office.

Eoin Karr the Tipperary Health Ireland coordinator, the PPN along with Spafield Local Authority housing estate and Spafield Family Resource Centre's Men's Shed, are setting up a community garden. This is part of the LECP 9.4 action.

Rep update: 9 PPN Reps seats are available on the LCSP (Local Community Safety Partnership) these include:

- Disability Rep
- Older person Rep
- New Community or Minority Community Rep
- Social inclusion Rep
- Carrick on Suir MD Rep
- Clonmel BD Rep
- Nenagh MD Rep
- Thurles MD Rep
- Tipperary, Cahir and Cashel MD Rep

The reps calls will be going out over the next few weeks.

Secretariat rep call will also need to go out soon.

Power of People & Place mapping project: 8-10 groups are being contacted a week.

Shonya has 64 groups surveys uploaded to system so far. Shonya is finding that people are not answering the call on the 1st contact, but when she sends a text explaining who she is and why she is calling, then most people answer her follow-up call.

Environment news: On Saturday 18th October, there is an An Taisce Climate Action Week Event taking place in Cabragh Wetland from 1pm to 4pm, delivered by the Community Climate Coaches and ourselves, with Cloughjordan Ecovillage. The Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun will be in attendance, following on from the CCC visit in September. There will be stories about wellness, biodiversity, the toy library Clonmel, Eco farming, community gardens etc.

An Taisce's Climate Action week will take place on 13th – 19th October.

National Workers Network update: Tipperary PPN are on the subgroup to organise the National workers retreat for 2026.

We have a draft report from the Community Resilience for Times of Emergency consultation event, which will be launched at the national PPN conference in Meath on the 16th -17th October

NAG News NAG handbook guidelines will be redrafted. No increase in funding is likely for 2026.

National Secretariat Network: Niamh is stepping down due to personal reasons. Charles said we need to replace her as soon as possible.

There is now a working group to liaise between the national secretariat group and the national worker group.

Thank you to Anne Williamson who is stepping down after her 8 years on the Secretariat is completed. It was proposed that Anne stay on as a director by Mike Edwards Seconded by Kuldeep Joshi.

Next Secretariat meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd October 6pm