

Celebrating Social Inclusion Week in Co Wicklow

Social Inclusion Week in Co Wicklow will run from Sunday 13th October to Saturday 19th October.

What is Social Inclusion?

Social Inclusion is making sure that everyone in society has an equal chance at a good quality of life. It's about: Treating people equally regardless of their background, making sure people have equal access to goods and services, removing barriers and helping those that may need it more, for example older persons, disabled persons, Travellers, the unemployed and so on, targeting resources where they are most needed, Challenging discrimination, and changing attitudes and ways of working.

What's Happening for Social Inclusion Week in Wicklow?

Connecting Communities Roadshow in County Buildings, Wicklow Town

Monday 14th October from 4.30pm to 8.30pm

- Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN) in collaboration with Wicklow Older People's Council, Wicklow Volunteer Centre, and the KWETB will be running the Connecting Communities Roadshow. People will be able to chat to organisations including Wicklow County Childcare Committee, County Wicklow Partnership, Bray Area Partnership, TFI Local Link (Carlow, Wicklow, Kilkenny), Local Library Services, Slaintecare Healthy Communities, Local Authority Waters Programme, the WCC Climate Action & Heritage Team. Along with these they will meet local groups such as First Responders, GAA groups, Soccer groups, Performing Arts groups, groups supporting people with disabilities, Tidy Towns groups, Animal Welfare groups and many more.
- Glencree Welcomes Refugees will offer a Wellness and Relaxation session using self-care tools, for visitors to the Wicklow Municipal District Roadshow.
- County Wicklow Volunteer centre will offer Bystander training. Find out more at www.countywicklowppn.ie

South Leinster Citizens Information Service

- Talk on the Citizen's Information Service to the National Learning Network in Arklow on 14th October
- A talk on the Citizen's Information Service to the National Learning Network in Bray on 15th October;
- A talk on the virtual Citizen's Information Service to Wicklow Travellers Group on the 15th October in C.E.A.R.T.

Local Libraries

- All our local libraries will run themed book displays and story times throughout social inclusion week.
- Arklow library will host their English conversation group, parents Support group, Irish conversation group, knitting group, St Mary's and Sunbeam House Bri Nua

collaborative weekly visit as well as a “Growing you own foods” with Aoife Munn on Thursday 17th October from 10am to 4pm.

- Blessington library will run “The same but different” storytelling crafts and music session with Agata Lojeck on Wednesday 16th October at 3pm, “Singing is for everyone” with Mags from Blessington choir on Thursday 17th October at 10am, “Growing your own foods” with Aoife Munn on 17th October from 10am to 4pm, Group meeting for parents with autistic children on Friday 18th October at 10am. They look forward to welcoming a group of refugees for a library tour and information on how to become a member.
- Bray Library will begin an English conversation group using Transparent languages, a library e-resource
- Greystones library will hold a coffee morning on Wednesday 16th October at 11am, “Growing your own food” with Aoife Munn on 17th October from 10am to 4pm and a Harp Recital on Saturday 19th October.
- Wicklow library will run “Simply Dancing for All Abilities on Monday 14th October at 11am and they will hold a coffee morning on Wednesday 16th October while presenting the digital services in the library and the Ukrainian Singers will perform too. Contact your local library for more information

Greystones Family Resource Centre

- ‘Making Connections’ coffee morning on Thursday **17th October** 11.30pm – 1pm in the Community Centre in Kilcoole.

Bray and North Wicklow Area Partnership

Social inclusion awareness event celebrating participants and volunteers in their Fáilte Isteach Conversational English Classes in the following venues during Social Inclusion Week.

- Monday 14th October from 2pm to 4pm at [Ukrainian Community Centre](#) in Saint Andrew's Church, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. A98 NX24;
- Tuesday 15th October from 9am to 11.30am at Greystones Family Resource Centre (2nd Floor), Unit 2, Charlesland Centre, Greystones, Co Wicklow. A63AK52;
- Tuesday 15th October from 7pm to 9pm in Coolnagreina, Trafalgar Road, Greystones, Co Wicklow. A63 Y046;
- Wednesday 16th October from 7pm to 9pm at St. Peter’s Parish Hall, Bray, Co. Wicklow. A98 YD81;
- Thursday 17th October from 9.30am to 11.30am at County Wicklow Lawn Tennis Club, Vevay Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. A98 KP57;
- Thursday 17th October from 2pm to 4pm at [Ukrainian Community Centre](#) at Saint Andrew's Church, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. A98 NX24

County Wicklow Partnership

County Wicklow Partnership, through the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme, is hosting a free coffee morning for all the community on a drop-in basis

between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday 16th October in the Ukrainian Hubs in Baltinglass, Arklow and Wicklow. The Wicklow & Arklow hubs are open everyone morning from Monday to Friday at 10am. Failte Isteach Conversational English classes will also run as follows:

- Tuesday 15th October from 10 am to 12 noon in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
- Wednesday 16th October from 10am to 12 noon in Avoca River House (2nd floor) the Bridgewater Centre, Arklow
- Thursday 17th October from 11am to 1pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Baltinglass
- Friday 18th October from 10am to 12 noon in the RDA Hall, Rathdrum

County Wicklow Food Forum

'Food for Thought - An Exploration of Food Poverty in County Wicklow' on October 17th 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am in Arklow Library. This even will provide an opportunity for collaboration, interaction and the sharing of information between voluntary groups and community organisations that are directly or indirectly supporting families and individuals experiencing food poverty in our locality.

KWRTB Community Education

KWETB Community Education are hosting a Career Guidance Information session in CEART with Wicklow Travellers Group on Friday 18th October 10am-11am.