## How was the Vision for Community Wellbeing in the Granard Municipal District developed?





Workshop

PPN Members were invited to attend Community Wellbeing workshops.



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#### **Asset Mapping**

Attendees then highlighted the "assets" and aspects of their community that they wish to preserve and protect for current and future generations.



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#### **Wellbeing vision**

Attendees shared what they considered to be important for their community's wellbeing.





#### **Consultation**

Following the workshop, an online consultation was shared with members who were unable to attend the workshops.





#### **Draft Vision**

The PPN resource workers and secretariat members then analysed the responses from the workshop and online consultation.

## How will the Vision for Community Wellbeing in the Granard Municipal District (MD) be used?

The PPN will use the Vision for Community Wellbeing in Granard MD to communicate the aspirations of the community to state agencies and local representatives, and importantly to inform its work in representing the community and seeking to influence decisions and actions to help realise this vision

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# PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing in the Granard Municipal District

#### The Public Participation Network (PPN)

The County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN) is the main link through which Longford County Council and other decision making bodies connect with the community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental sectors. The main aim of the PPN is to allow the diversity of voices and interests to be facilitated and involved in the decision making process.

#### **The Granard Municipal District**

Granard Municipal District encompasses towns and villages such as Granard, Abbeylara, Dring, Bunlahy, Ballinalee, Dromard, Drumlish, Ballinamuck, Aughnacliffe, Killoe, Moyne, Mullinalaghta, Monaduff, Clonbroney, Colmcille and Purth. This area covers over 48,220 hectares with a population of 12,639. This picturesque district is home to such natural beauty like Granard Motte, Edenmore Bog walk, Derrycassin Woods, Leebeen Park and Lough Gowna to name but a few.

#### What is "community wellbeing"?

Wellbeing is an increasingly common term that can describe wider conditions than good physical and mental health, which we need as individuals and communities to have a better quality of life, a healthier environment and increased prosperity. Some of these are things that we can easily measure, like the number of pre-school places, or the speed with which an ambulance can get to a sick person.

Others are less easily measured, such as our pride of place, our heritage and the way in which we all look after each other. All aspects of wellbeing are connected to each other. So, for example, if we have a poor natural environment, it will affect our mental and physical health as well as our economy. In other words, all the parts of our community wellbeing are interconnected.

#### Why Community Wellbeing is useful?

By considering all aspects of society, environment, economy and democracy together, wellbeing can help us to identify positive actions that can be undertaken by local and national governments, as well as by communities.

Communities themselves need to participate in setting out their shared view of what their community would be like if it were the best that it could be. Then it is possible to understand and even prioritise actions that should be undertaken to improve wellbeing in their community for this and future generations.

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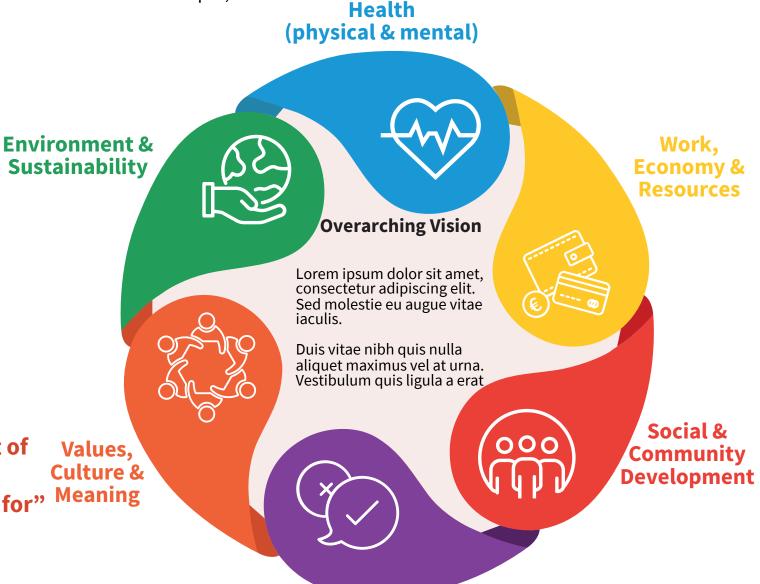
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### Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

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