

County Kildare Public Participation Network (PPN)

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Get involved with the newly established Public Participation Network (PPN)

As part of the reform under Local Government Reform Act 2014, local authorities are required to establish Public Partnership Networks (PPN) in each local authority area. Membership is open to all community and voluntary groups and organisations active in Co Kildare.

The PPN will be the main link through which the Council will connect with the local Community/Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental sectors.

Following a nominations and election process, successful candidates will be appointed to committees of Council e.g. Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)/Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs). This will allow the public to take an active and direct role in policy making through their community representatives.

Representation will be in accordance with Departmental Guidelines and Criteria published.

Visit our website at www.kildareppn.ie for more information.

Registration

To register and become a member with the County Kildare PPN, any recognised Community and Voluntary group in Kildare should complete the Registration form .

Please **Register Now** online at www.kildareppn.ie.

- For any further information ,Open nights for registration will be held at the local Libraries (see venue and dates on separate list attached)
- A Single **Register** for all groups will be maintained by County Kildare PPN.
- Final eligibility for registration will be determined by County Kildare PPN
- Early Registration is encouraged.
- For any Group to qualify for Council supports it must quote its PPN registration Number. This will assist to streamline grant applications and creates opportunities for exchange of information.

What Next

Following the registration period, Kildare County Council will make a call for nominations and conduct the elections for selection to various committees of Council.

When Registering with the PPN, Organisations will come under one of three Sectors/Pillars

- **Voluntary/Community** – objectives and activities should focus on community responses to local issues/concerns and promote improvement of quality of life and community well-being
- **Social Inclusion** – primary objectives must be social inclusion, social justice and equality
- **Environment** – primary objectives must be environmental protection/sustainability-acceptance onto the Environment Pillar is determined by the National Environment Pillar.

(Detailed criteria is published separately)

Public Participation Network (PPN) Structure

The Public Participation Network (PPN) will be organised –

–At County level with three pillars: *Environment, Social Inclusion, Community*

–At Municipal District level – Athy; Celbridge-Leixlip; Maynooth; Kildare-Newbridge; Naas

● **County Plenary PPN**

All member organisations in the County will be members of the County PPN

County Kildare PPN will maintain a county Register for all groups

Deals with countywide issues

County Kildare PPN will be the main channel for selecting representatives to LCDC, SPCs etc

County Kildare Plenary PPN is the main decision making body for the county

● **Municipal District PPNs**

Made up of all registered organisations within own municipal district

Deals primarily with issues within own municipal district

Will nominate representatives to the PPN Secretariat for the County

Member organisations will also be members of the County PPN.

● **PPN Secretariat**

Will facilitate implementation of decisions of County Kildare Plenary

Will ensure proper functioning of PPN and co-ordinate activities of PPN

Secretariat will consist of representatives elected from Municipal Districts and three Sectors/Pillars of Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environment

● **Linkage Groups**

Enable all member organisations to participate in the decision making of the Local Authority

Enable the selection of representatives to Council structures

Enable members be kept informed of local issues

For more information on the Public Participation Network please log on to

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