

We Need Volunteers to Join Our PPN Representatives Team Can You Help?



Dear {Contact.FirstName}

One of the main functions of the PPN is to ensure that the voice of the local community is represented on county policy and decision-making bodies.

We are very grateful to the volunteers that have given their time and brought their valuable experiences as well as the community voice to these tables.

Due to other life commitments some of our PPN Representatives have decided to step down while others have come to the end of their term. Consequently, we currently have a number of vacant Representative positions which we are seeking to fill.

We would be very grateful if you or a member of your group would consider volunteering for any of the following positions:

Co Wicklow PPN Secretariat

The Role of the PPN Secretariat is to ensure that the PPN Workplan progresses, good financial & governance practices are being adhered to, as well as supporting and advising the Coordinator (Helen) and Development Officer (Grainne).

The Secretariat normally meets every second month. At the moment the meetings are being conducted using the Zoom online platform on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Vacant Seats/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for representatives for the following seats:

Community & Voluntary Pillar - 1 seat
Environmental Pillar - 1 seat
Social Inclusion Pillar – 2 seat

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Wicklow Local Community Development Committee

The Role of the LCDC, is to co-ordinate local and community development activity in the county through the preparation & implementation of a Local Economic & Community Plan. It is also responsible for the oversight of national funding programmes at local level including the LEADER Rural Development Programme and the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme among others. There may also be a requirement to participate in sub-groups of the LCDC.

This committee usually meets in the Glenview Hotel on a monthly basis. Meetings usually take place during working hours.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for representatives for the following seats:

Community & Voluntary Pillar - 1 seat
Environmental Pillar - 1 seat
Social Inclusion Pillar – 1 seat

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Wicklow County Council Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

The Planning & Development SPC advises Wicklow County Council on all aspects of planning including the preparation and review of the County Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Town Plans, Heritage and Protected Structures.

This group usually meets in County Buildings on a quarterly basis. Meetings usually take place during working hours.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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Wicklow County Council Housing & Corporate Estate Strategic Policy Committee

The Housing and Corporate Estate SPC was set up to advise and assist the housing section of Wicklow County Council (WCC) in its work. Some of the functions of the housing section of WCC are the provision of social housing, assessment of housing needs, housing strategies, homelessness, housing loans and grants, Traveller accommodation, voluntary housing, private rented sector, housing standards and estate management.

This group usually meets in County Buildings on a quarterly basis. Meetings usually take place during working hours.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

Community & Voluntary Pillar - 1 seat

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Wicklow Joint Policing Committee

Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) aim to develop greater consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities and elected local representatives. JPCs also facilitate the participation of the community and voluntary sectors in this regard.

Meetings are held at county level and Municipal District level on a quarterly basis. Meetings are mostly held during working hours although some of the county meetings, particularly the public meetings, are held in the evening.

Vacant Seats/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for representatives for the following seats:

Arklow Municipal District Group - 1 seat
Baltinglass Municipal District Group - 1 seat

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County Wicklow Volunteer Centre

County Wicklow Volunteer Centre is an independent organisation committed to developing volunteering in Wicklow and its natural environs. It has a Board made up of a mix of community and statutory representatives. The main objectives of County Wicklow Volunteer Centre are promoting, supporting and encouraging organisations whose activities involve volunteers, particularly in their local areas and communities; promoting volunteering and helping to source and place volunteers in a wide range of voluntary and community organisations; promoting good practice in all things volunteering through the provision of training support and information.

The Board of Directors meet on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July & August.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

A person with experience as a volunteer in the not-for-profit sector and/or with experience of establishing a community & voluntary organisation and community development work - 1 seat.

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Southeast Fisheries Local Action Group

FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) was established throughout the EU under the European Fisheries Fund (EFF). FLAGS are responsible for implementing The Fisheries Local Area Development which provides grant aid towards the sustainable development of fishery dependent areas in defined coastal areas including Wicklow (similar to the LEADER Rural Development Programme). The programme can provide grants to help coastal communities by adding value to seafood products, diversity from fishing, growing marine tourism, improvement of small harbours/coastal environment/infrastructure, providing new skills for fishermen, providing new/enhanced services to fishing communities.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

We are currently looking for nominations for a representative for the following seat:

A person/group who has some knowledge/experience of our coastal communities – 1 seat.

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Process & Procedure

Member Groups Please note:

Only the municipal district or pillar can make a nomination as it is specified above.

A term for a PPN Representative is 3 years with a second 3-year term allowable. Therefore, those who have completed a first term can be renominated.

Only Full Member Groups can make nominations or vote in PPN elections. These are the details we have for your group:

Type of Membership: {Contact.member_type__c}
Municipal District: {Contact.Municipal_District__c}
Group Pillar: {Contact.Group_Pillar__c}

If you are unsure on any of the above or if you would like to enquire about registering your group as a Full Member of the PPN please contact Helen 087 189 5145 or Grainne 086 048 7434 or you can email:

info@countywicklowppn.ie

We will be accepting nominations for all of the above PPN Representative positions until 9am on Tuesday 14th November.

Where there is more than 1 nominee for any 1 seat an election and voting process will be activated. Each full member group in the relevant MD or pillar has ONE vote for EACH seat.

Nominees Please note:

There is a time commitment to being a PPN Representative this will include being able to (as much as possible) attend the meetings of the committee you were nominated to, attending Secretariat & Reps meetings for peer support (2 per year) and attending PPN Plenary meetings (2 per year).

Please provide a brief biography (in the nomination form) about yourself, particularly your community work experience and what you'd bring to the committee you are being nominated to.

PPN Representatives are required to provide a brief written report from the meetings they attend to the PPNs behalf. This report is circulated to all our member groups and uploaded to our website. Where there is more than one PPN Representative on a committee the reporting can and should be shared.

Representatives should be willing to link in with PPN Linkage Groups, Thematic Networks and member groups that have an interest in their committee, bringing their issues, suggestions and views to the committee they sit on (this provides WCC with information from community groups)

Where nomination is for a Board of Directors, the appointment is subject to approval by the relevant Board.

We are here to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you can help and we look forward to hearing from you.

Take care and Kind regards

Helen, Grainne, and the Secretariat Team

