National PPN Conference 2023

Community Expo, Networking & Chatting Tables

Flip Chart Notes

Representation

How PPNS enhance/impact the democratic process/nation? Role and impact of the PPN in policy development/ What supports are available to PPN Reps to represent the voices of community?

- Individual bringing the proposal/issues forward from their groups Re supports/services in the community
- PPN voices on LCDC, SPCs, JPC, PPN Secretariat, Boards & Committees. Impact/Submission from grassroots
- Regular communication with PPN Resource Worker for support
- Deliver presentation on SPC jointly with our PPN, rotate chair every 3 months, flat structure supports inclusivity & everyone's voice is welcome
- PPNs can impact democratic process by bringing the local community issues to the local authority
- Policy development in differentiated policy development can result in adverse impacts on some communities. PPN can adds this as their members are community activists in their own areas
- PPN Reps are supported by PPN staff and other community groups in the different colleges to articulate the issues for local communities.
- Submissions – establish thematic /linkage groups
- Run rep day meets. Introduction course in conjunction with county council
- End of meeting 5-10 bullet points, main outcome of meeting. Introduced in all committees
- Pre meet before SPC with Resource Worker. Secretariat manages the finances

- Independent PPN, Close working relationship, Resource Worker works with county council hoping to improve how SPC work, Developing SPC rules – SPC Agenda – rights of PPN to put things on agenda

Participation

What does Participation in today's world mean for PPNs? What are the true boundaries to participation for PPNs? How to encourage Reps from all communities including the more marginalised?

- Local voices in local development
- Explore a variety of structures, methods and innovative ways people can participate. Doesn't have to be a meeting all the time
- Influencing local authority. Identify common policies such as "Transport"
- Face to Face meeting, Community Networks
- Boundaries, Confidence, Language, acronyms, no collaboration
- Voice heard, influencing decision making & policy development, working group meets with council, people at table for decisions
- Encourage Reps, Work jointly, Collaborative work
- Submission/request with council for what county wants. Disability Rep – Working Group

Networking

How to reach and engage hard to reach communities? What are the benefits of networking, How to make time to network?

- Chat to Wicklow PPN Re How to engage with hard to reach communities pilot project

Structures

What's the experience in relation to the ppn structure/host arrangement in your PPN/ The National Secretariat Network its role and impact? What's the experience in relation to the Cision for Community Wellbeing in your PPN?

- Vision for Community Wellbeing how to keep it live 7 get LA to use it

Other Discussion Topics

Just transition & think globally and act locally – role of PPN in this? Working with statutory agencies and local elected representatives? PPNs working collectively and collaboratively?

- Can we share info about Regional PPN Collaborations