

Become a PPN Representative & be part of a collective voice for Community in Co. Wicklow



Dear {Contact.FirstName}

You are receiving this email as a member of {!Account.Name}.

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.

Following the recent local elections Wicklow County Council have issued the [Draft Strategic Policy Committee \(SPC\) Scheme 2024 - 2029](#). As the SPC structures have changed our Secretariat recommended and our Plenary ratified the following: all PPN SPC Reps should stand down this year and that nominations would then be sought for the new SPCs. They also agreed that this would be considered a completely new beginning. Therefore, any previous SPC Reps that are nominated to the new SPC structure will begin a 3-year term with the possibility of sitting for a second 3-year term.

Please note the call for nominations to the SPCs is based on the draft Scheme and is subject to change. The Secretariat felt that Wicklow PPN should proceed with the call based on the Draft Scheme to ensure that PPN Representatives are in place for the first meetings of these Committees.

We have also included below a call for the other vacant seats we currently have for PPN Reps.

We would be very grateful if you or a member of {!Account.Name} would consider volunteering for any of the following positions:

Strategic Policy Committees (as per Draft 2024 - 2029 SPC Scheme)

The role of the SPCs, as committees of the Council, is to consider and advise the Corporate Policy Group and the full Council on matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Council, and which are linked to the Corporate Plan.

SPCs bring together both elected members and people actively working with social, community/voluntary, economic, cultural, business and environmental bodies to assist in the work of the committees.

Strategic Policy Committees usually meet at least four times a year.

SPC - Vacant Seats/Criteria:

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

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment, Energy, Marine, Recreation and Amenity SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include Implementation of the Climate Action Strategy and Biodiversity Plan, other plans and strategies with climate action and biodiversity goals and objectives such as the Local Economic & Community Plan, environmental matters and recreation and amenity including the Arts and Libraries.

The Environmental Pillar - 2 seats (1 for East Wicklow & 1 for West Wicklow)

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Community and Social Development SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include new communities, Leader and the Local Economic and Community Plan, Age Friendly and Disability & Inclusion Strategies, Local Community Safety Partnership, and the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme.

The Community & Voluntary Pillar - 2 seats

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

The Social Inclusion Pillar - 1 seat

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Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include implementation of plans and strategies such as the Local Economic and Community Plan, Tourism Strategy, Skills Strategy, Film and food and Local Enterprise Office.

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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Housing SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include social housing and delivery supports, housing developments, homeless strategy, estate management, and traveller accommodation programme.

The Community & Voluntary Pillar - 1 seat

The Social Inclusion Pillar - 1 seat

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Planning and Rural Development SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include Wicklow County Development Plan, local area plans, Urban Regeneration & Development Fund, Town Regeneration/place making and heritage and conservation.

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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Transportation Infrastructure Delivery and Emergency Services SPC

This committee's main areas of responsibility include infrastructure delivery, roads and transport, emergency service and the fire service.

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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Other Vacant PPN Representative Seats

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. The LCDC meets on a monthly basis.

Vacant Seat/Criteria:

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

The Environmental Pillar - 1 seat

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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 PPN Staff.

The Secretariat normally meets every second month. At the moment meetings are held in person with winter meetings being held online. Meetings are held 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:

Social Inclusion Pillar - 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 Monday 19th August 2024.

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 on 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)

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



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