

Fingal Public Participation Network
Notification of Nominees
24th April 2018

Body	Fingal PPN Secretariat
Vacancies	6 Seats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Environment Vacancies • 2 Social Inclusion Vacancies • 1 Community and Voluntary Vacancies
Environment Nominees	1 nominee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Tormey – Blakestown Drive Community Group BDCG
Social Inclusion Nominees	2 nominees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise McDermott-Barrett – Fingal Counselling Service • Hanumantha Rao Marepalli – Ireland Telugu Association
Community and Voluntary Nominees	4 nominees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean O’Gorman – Raven History Group • Anthony Brennan – Woodland Park Residents’ Association • Roslyn Fuller – Rush Community Council • Peadar O’kelly – Hampton Cove Residents’ Association
Candidate Information	Profiles for each candidate are available below and on www.fingalppn.ie/plenary .
Election Date	The Election will take place at the Fingal PPN Plenary meeting on Tuesday 24th April 2018.

Environment Candidates

1 Candidate Information – Environment	
Name	Maria Tormey
Organisation	Blakestown Drive Community Group BDCG
Statement	<p>An environmentalist, educator, facilitator and volunteer. I have lived and worked on behalf of my community for over 30 years in Clonsilla. I am a strong advocate of empowering local communities to influence a broad range of organisations on community important issues, namely, local solutions to local matters.</p> <p>I have held a number of responsible roles in the public and Private Sectors and am experienced in administration and project management. I am Secretary of Blakestown Drive Community Group BDCG, Chairperson of Dublin 15 Red Cross and volunteer in the Daughters of Charity. I have been an active member of the FPPN Secretariat since 2015.</p> <p>I have led our award winning Community Group in a large number of joint community initiatives – fostering a spirit of inclusiveness, partnership and stewardship of our neighbourhoods and environment.</p>

Social Inclusion Candidates

2 Candidate Information – Social Inclusion	
Name	Denise McDermott-Barrett
Organisation	Fingal Counselling Service
Statement	<p>My current role involves the coordination of non-clinical activities in a voluntary organisation by implementing administrative, educational and IT systems. I have experience in a number of roles including the research and preparation of procedures and policies; monitoring administrative projects; assisting management in strategically planning and delivery of services.</p> <p>While I hold both the academic and practical experience to perform this role successfully, it is my interest in community engagement that I believe would make me a most suitable candidate for the position.</p>

3 Candidate Information – Social Inclusion	
Name	Hanumantha Rao Marepalli
Organisation	Ireland Telugu Association
Statement	<p>I am an IT professional living in Dublin since 1999. As a volunteer, I have been involved with various community development and integration initiatives for the last 10 years. As a leading member of Ireland Telugu Association (ITA), an active Indian community group, I am contributing to the growth of community children through weekend classes and cultural promotion. At present, I'm on the Fingal Ethnic Network (FEN) board, and working towards the cultural integration of various ethnic groups. With my strong background in education, professional work and experience in socializing with various community groups, I believe I can fulfil the role on the PPN Secretariat.</p>

Community Candidates

4 Candidate Information – Community	
Name	Sean O’Gorman
Organisation	Raven History Group
Statement	I am a former practising solicitor and am now involved in teaching history and I have day-to-day dealings with community groups like service users’ drama heritage and community colleges.

5 Candidate Information – Community	
Name	Anthony Brennan
Organisation	Woodland Park Residents’ Association
Statement	My name is Anthony Brennan and I am chairperson of the Woodland Park Residents’ Association, Rush. I have also been an active member of the Board of the Rush Community Council for many years, and have had active involvement with a number of community Groups in Fingal and the Greater Dublin Area for over 30 years. A few of these include the Rush Men’s Shed of which I am presently secretary, the Balleally Liaison Committee and our local Newsletter, as well as The Rush Community News, where I handle Sales and Distribution. Finally, I am presently serving as a member of the Fingal PPN and attend its meetings regularly. I am a firm believer in the principle of Community Groups all pulling together as a united force for the good if the Community. I have a certificate in Community Development and Leadership from Maynooth College.

6 Candidate Information – Community

Name	Roslyn Fuller
Organisation	Rush Community Council
Statement	<p>With a background in law (First Bar Exam from Germany and PhD from Trinity College), I have worked primarily as a lecturer, author and journalist on the topic of democracy with many academic publications and newspaper articles to my name. Not only has this given me excellent communication and organisational skills, it has left me with a keen insight into Irish democratic innovations, such as the Citizens' Assembly and the PPN.</p> <p>In 2015, I was the lead Irish researcher on local a government study. This, as well as my voluntary work promoting literature and integration, considerably deepened my knowledge of the local governance model and its inter-relationship with local community groups.</p> <p>As a Fingal resident for more than a dozen years, and as the Secretary of the Rush Community Council I have experience connecting my understanding of political processes with the needs and challenges of people in the community.</p>

7 Candidate Information – Community

Name	Peadar O'Kelly
Organisation	Hampton Cove Residents Association
Statement	<p>I have lived in Hampton Cove since the 1980s. At present I am the Chairperson of the Residents Association. From 2009 to 2014, I was a Town Council and Cathaoirleach in 2013/14. I am familiar with Fingal County Council procedures and I have built up a good professional relationship with FCC officials.</p> <p>After taking early retirement from second level teaching, I worked in the Midlands Prison in Portlaoise as a Counsellor. I am used to dealing with a variety of people.</p> <p>I feel I have the ability and dedication to make a valuable contribution to Final Public Participation Network.</p>