

Fingal Public Participation Network.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council



What is Fingal PPN?

Fingal Public Participation Network is a network of more than 500 community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations in the Fingal County area.

What is the aim of Fingal PPN?

Our aim is to co-ordinate how the community in Fingal is represented. We also aim to:

- make our members stronger; and
- keep our members informed about local developments.

What does Fingal PPN do?

We empower our member groups to influence policy makers. We do this through:

- electing representatives onto decision-making bodies;
- highlighting community issues through our Linkage Groups;
- making sure our members are consulted on local developments and strategies; and
- providing training to our members on topics such as lobbying and planning.

This leaflet gives you a brief introduction to Fingal PPN

Plenary Meetings

We hold Plenary meetings at a county level twice a year. This is where members decide on our strategy and procedures we should follow. Our Plenary meetings also include:

- a report on the work of Fingal PPN;
- a networking session with members,
- the election of the PPN Secretariat; and
- speakers on topical issues.

Linkage Groups

Linkage Groups are subgroups of Fingal PPN.
Each Linkage Group works with their elected PPN
Representative to highlight community issues and
influence relevant policy. PPN members can get
involved in any of our Linkage Groups.

Fingal PPN has eight Linkage Groups:

- Arts, Community and Sport;
- Community, Rural and Social Development;
- Economy and Tourism;
- Environment and Water;
- Housing;
- Planning;
- Security; and
- Transport.

PPN Representatives

PPN Representatives (Reps) are PPN members who have been elected by a linkage group to represent the PPN on a committee, board, or advisory group. The PPN Rep reports to and from the Linkage Group that elects them. Fingal PPN has 25 representatives on eight committees, including:

- Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees
- The Joint Policing Committee
- The Local Community Development Committee

You can find out more about these committees on our website: **www.fingalppn.ie**

Secretariat

The Secretariat is a board made up of 12 members elected by the Plenary. The Secretariat is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day running of the PPN. They manage the staff, budget and operations, and report back to the plenary meeting.

Pillars

Every PPN member belongs to one of these three pillars. When an organisation registers with the PPN, they select the pillar that most closely resembles the activity of their organisation.

Pillar 1: Community and Voluntary



For organisations which aim to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of their community.

Pillar 2: Environment



For organisations which aim to protect or sustain the environment through activities such as environmental education, protecting wildlife and sustainable planning.

Pillar 3: Social Inclusion



For organisations which aim to promote equality, inclusion and human rights for groups such as ethnic minorities, older adults and people with disabilities.

Why should my organisation be involved in Fingal PPN?

Your organisation should be involved to benefit greatly from:





Registering as a Fingal PPN Member

All the information you need to register your group as a Fingal PPN member is on our website: **www.fingalppn.ie**. You can also contact our office to find out more.

When registering, we ask you to provide contact details for two people. This does not limit your organisation's participation in Fingal PPN to these two people. Any number of members in your organisation can be involved in Fingal PPN once your application for registration is approved.

We need you!

Get involved in Fingal PPN today.

Find out more about Fingal PPN



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