



Public Participation Network Fingal



STRATEGIC PLAN

2025 - 2026



INTRODUCTION

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal. The PPN is

is managed by a voluntary Secretariat which reports to PPN members through the Plenary. At this time the Secretariat of Fingal PPN has established a sub-committee to prepare this draft Strategy Plan



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for the years 2025 – 2026. This Plan sets out the priorities for the next two years. As a PPN we have an obligation to promote and facilitate meaningful participation and engagement in decision-making structures.

VISION

THE VISION OF FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK IS TO:

“Act as the voice of the Community in Fingal and to influence improved decision-making in the county.

VALUES

INCLUSIVENESS

PARTICIPATION

INDEPENDENCE

DIVERSITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

TRANSPARENCY

KEY OBJECTIVES

**Objective 1:
PPN Capacity Building**

**Objective 2:
Sharing and Networking**

**Objective 3:
Inclusion and Diversity**

**Objective 4:
Linkage group development to
implement policy**

**Objective 5:
Better quality, more frequent
communications**

OBJECTIVE 1: PPN CAPACITY BUILDING

Build the capacity of our members to participate effectively in policy and decision making.

- Provide training and support which builds the capacity of our members to influence policy and to engage effectively in public participation
- Build the capacity of PPN Representatives to fulfil their role in an accountable and transparent manner



OBJECTIVE 2: SHARING AND NETWORKING

Facilitate effective participation and representation of our members in Fingal PPN.

- Support and facilitate our members to participate in the local and regional policies
- Ensure that there are accountable, robust and transparent structures in place
- Increase representation on relevant local authority committees and consultation processes and ensure that there is appropriate support in place to do that.
- Develop relationships between Fingal PPN and Local Representatives

OBJECTIVE 3: INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

As international and national policy promotes social inclusion, equality and diversity, we will actively work to ensure policy reflects the broad profile of our members.

- Provide resources on our website in a number of languages
- Establish (reestablish) the Migrant Integration Forum as set out in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 -2024
- Provide outreach training to local community groups to increase awareness and understanding of the role of the PPN

OBJECTIVE 4: LINKAGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

The Linkage groups play an important role in bringing the issues from communities in Fingal to formal decision-making structures to influence policy.

- Provide training to assist Groups to develop Motions to influence policy
- Provide training for PPN representatives to report back to the Linkage groups
- Develop work plans for specific action-based projects relevant to their Pillar
- Establish a fund to support Linkage to develop action-based projects

OBJECTIVE 5: BETTER QUALITY AND MORE FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS

Good communications across the membership and between the PPN and other stakeholders is key to ensuring the success of the work carried out by the PPN.

- Develop a comprehensive communication strategy, including a monthly newsletter, videos about Fingal PPN and what the role of the PPN is.
- Website functionality to be reviewed annually and improved where possible.
- Develop a directory of local groups and organisations.
- Produce a PPN activity Report every 3 months.



OBJECTIVE 6: BETTER COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Community policies play a critical role in driving change on multiple fronts of our lives. Community policy development can therefore play an active role in delivering positive change.

- Support and guide members to participate in Town Centre First policy development in conjunction with Fingal County Council.
- Promote member engagement and participation in Fingal Development Plan development and implementation.
- Promote policy development engagement via the PPN online Policy Hub.
- Highlight to members National and Fingal policies that are strategically important for communities in Fingal.

Key Actions to be delivered 2025-2026

Objective 1	Key Result
PPN Capacity Building	Provide information sharing and learning opportunities for PPN members
	Provide opportunities for PPN members to participate in training and include mentoring supports
	Support PPN members to understand the operating and legal structure of the PPN to ensure that Representatives operate to best practice governance standards
Objective 2	
Sharing and Networking	Enhance communication between our PPN members and PPN representatives by ensuring transparent reporting processes
	Facilitate the Linkage Groups to enable PPN representatives to discuss and agree on positions of collective concern
	Facilitate information sharing sessions with Public Representatives
Objective 3	
Inclusion & Diversity	Update our website to ensure access to information and resources for all in our communities
	Establish a sub-committee to consult PPN members on the establishment of the Migrant Integration Forum
	Carry out a review of the current Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy

Linkage Group Development	Objective 4	Key Result
		Provide training to support the preparation of Motions for submission to appropriate structures
		Provide training for PPN representatives to create and submit written reports
Better and more frequent communications	Objective 5	Submit a motion to the Plenary regarding the establishment of a fund for Linkage Groups and define its purpose
		Produce a monthly newsletter
		Create videos explaining PPNs and their role in influencing policy
Better community policy development	Objective 6	Engage a company to revamp the website ensuring it is accessible to all
		Facilitate information sessions for PPN members on various policy documents
		Support PPN members in making submissions on policy documents
		Promote the PPN Policy Hub (to be included in the revamped website)



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