



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Minutes

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| Linkage Group Name | Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise |
| Venue | Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting |
| Date of Meeting | 29th April 2021 7.00 to 8.30 pm |
| Attendees | <p>Facilitator: Denise McDermott.</p> <p>Gill Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Alain Rochecouste, Denise McDermott, Anthony Brennan, David Normoyle, Alice Davis, Amaka Chuks, Kesava Gollapalli Maire O'Brien, Brian Arnold, Geraldine Rooney, Sandra Moore and Yetunde Joyce</p> <p>Note: Alice Davis and David Normoyle left meeting at 8.</p> |
| In attendance | Adam Rudden (PPN Support Worker) |

1. Open, Introductions and Minutes

DMcD opened the meeting.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes Proposed by TB
Seconded by AD

Linkage Group member asked for an update on youth element of Linkage Group.

PPN Staff stated that the secretariat decided that the PPN structure could not accommodate young people at Linkage Groups. The more suitable approach is for youth groups to become more active at Linkage Group level.

- Sandra Moore (Swords Youth Service – Crosscare) has joined the linkage group.
- Fingal PPN Resource Worker sits on Fingal Comhairle na nOg.

3. PPN Representative Progress Report

Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Representative presented report for 18/03/2021 meeting.

Items covered:

- Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan URDF Update
 - Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor update
 - Leader Transition programme
 - Two motions put forward by Fingal PPN Representatives on (a) vocational training Colleges/educational campuses and (b) Remote working Community Hubs.
 - Motion by Councillor H. Mahony: Refurbishment of Guinness Bridge
 - Motion by Councillor S. Shovlin: Illuminated Walking Trail
- In relation to the Remote working Community Hubs, Linkage Group expressed concern that the hubs mentioned by the council are merely enterprise focused. The importance of making these hubs accessible to community groups and wider community is vital. It is important to keep the community aspect of the hubs on SPC agenda.
- A linkage group member highlighted that at a Fingal Chamber webinar, Emer O'Gorman mentioned that Fingal will be issuing a survey in relation to remote working. This survey should capture such details and bridge this gap.
- Discussion took place around tracking outcomes of previously submitted motions. Update to be sought on motion to promote the inclusion of neurodiverse citizens in the labour market.

LCDC Representative presented report for 18.02.2021 meeting.

Items covered:

- Presentation by Brid Walsh on Planet Youth
 - Presentation by Empower on SICAP end of year report
 - Presentation by Empower of SICAP Annual Plan for 2021
 - LECP.
 - Heathy Ireland Strategy Approved – but is subject to amendments.
 - Query on vice chair role from PPN Represent
 - Query to SICAP on digital Poverty.
- Linage Group discussed about LCDC Representatives completing their terms. Fingal PPN staff

informed group that new representatives will be put forward at plenary meeting on June 23rd.

- Fingal PPN staff mentioned the importance of the buddy system and asked exiting representative to assist in this system to share their experience and knowledge with the new representatives.
- Linkage Group highlighted the importance of induction for new representatives. Fingal PPN staff agreed and mentioned that an induction may take place for nominees before elections. This reason for this is that the LCDC June meeting is taking place right after elections.
Linkage Group are strongly against an induction taking place before elections.

Correction update Note: Fingal PPN Staff member gave incorrect information to linkage group. It was not suggested that Induction was to take place before election, but it was only suggested that the LCDC meeting date of June 30th be circulated to nominees ahead of election.

- Issues was raised about LCDC meeting times always taking place during the day. Fingal PPN staff reminded representatives that the secretariat have offered to write to Declan Ryan on this issue once LCDC representative submit their request in writing to do so.

4. Dublin Rural LEADER: LEADER Transitional Programme

Fingal PPN Staff informed group about Dublin Rural LEADER: LEADER Transitional Programme.

Funding is available for Rural Dublin projects by Community groups, Social Enterprise, Business (SMEs), Individuals, and Farmers wishing to diversify.

5. Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Fingal PPN Staff informed group about Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 that is now up on the portal.

6. LEO - The Fingal Business Podcast & LEO -Trading Online Voucher Webinar

Fingal PPN Staff informed group about LEO - The Fingal Business Podcast and LEO -Trading Online Voucher Webinar taking place on Thursday 13th May 2021.

7. Discussion on Community Issues

- The Fingal PPN Climate Conversation Workshop that hosted by the Climate Change, Environment and Water linkage group on 7th April 2021 was praised by Linkage Group.

- GR took part in International Women's day events held by the community department on 8th March 2021. It was highlighted that more resources are required in training/encouraging women to engage community/political work. It is important for the PPN that have more women representatives on its committee.
- Young people from Swords Youth Service will appear on primetime to discuss the issue of alcohol ordering/delivery services.

8. June Linkage Group Round 3 - Informal Network Meeting or Cancel it.

It was explained to Linkage Group that at November's 2020 Secretariat meeting the calendar was presented. The calendar matches the first two rounds of Linkage Groups to SPC meetings. Rounds 4 & 5 dates will be altered once SPC release its calendar the second half of the year.

Because Round 3 does not tie into an SPC meeting, it left open to group to decide whether they want to use it as an informal networking session or not go ahead with it. If an informal session is agreed PPN staff will not be required to attend this round.

Group will have a week to submit suggestions about topics for informal networking session. If the majority of group do not come back with suggestions, the linkage group will be cancelled.

Next Meeting

10th August 2021