**NATIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK CONFERENCE**

**THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2017, SLIGO**

*The first National PPN Conference will be held on Thursday 19th October 2017 in the Clayton Hotel, Sligo. It is being hosted by Sligo PPN in conjunction with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD).*

***Who should attend?***

*The Conference is targeted at PPN Secretariats, PPN Members, Resource Workers, Volunteers, Elected Members, Local Authority staff supporting the PPN structure, Partnership / Local Development Companies and LCDCs.*

***Topics***

*Development of PPNs; Statements of Wellbeing; Developing Policies and Models of Best Practice. The Conference will also provide excellent opportunities for networking and reviewing the strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats encountered to date.*

***Conference Programme / Speakers***

*The conference will focus on the progression of PPNs at local and national level, how they can influence policy, develop collaborations between PPNs and Local Government and strategising and building for the future.*

*There will be input from the DRCD, breakout sessions giving voice to individual input on issues around Social, Economic, Democratic and Environmental themes and an overview of PPN Models of Best Practice.*

*Inspirational guest speakers on the day will include Mr John Lonergan, Former Prison Governor and Management Expert; Mr Michael Ewing, Co-ordinator of the Environmental Pillar.*

***Registration***

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**To encourage participation and access there is no conference fee applying**

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