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Fingal PPN Linkage Groups

11th October 2019 – National PPN Conference

Warning...



Linkage groups are not an overnight process... It takes time.



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5 Linkage Groups



How do our Linkage Groups work?



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- Meet 5 times per year.
- Facilitator appointed for 3 years.
- Nominate, support and direct PPN Representatives on external committees.
- Develop policy positions, liaise with policy and decision makers.
- Lead on projects

Meet 5 times per year



- Linkage Groups are not organised around SPC meetings
- All dates set in December of previous year
- Linkage Group should set its own agenda and not 'fit in' with the councils agenda.

Facilitator Appointed for 3 Years



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- **Facilitator:**
 - Is a member of the PPN.
 - Must undergo formal training.
 - Helps the Linkage Group function and achieve its goals.
 - Is the key contact for the Linkage Group and manages correspondence, etc. between meetings.
 - Is treated as a PPN Representative.
- **Facilitators have a peer support group.**



Nominate, support and direct PPN Representatives on external committees

- **PPN Reps must:**
 - Commit to attending Linkage Group meetings during the nomination process.
 - Attend induction on role of Linkage Groups.
 - Submit written progress report ahead of LG meeting.
 - Have standing 'progress report' item on LG agenda.
 - Attend PPN Rep Forum meetings (all PPN Reps)
 - Attend PPN Plenary.
 - Take direction from the Linkage Group.
 - Participate in training.
- **Being a PPN Representative is a privilege and a commitment. Expectations are set prior to nomination.**



Develop policy positions, liaise with policy and decision makers.

- **Scope of Linkage Groups goes beyond the SPCs, JPC and LCDC...**
- **Linkage Groups engage with other public bodies such as:**
 - Irish Rail, CYPSC, EPA, National Transport Authority, An Bord Pleanala, etc.
- **Linkage Groups engage directly with policy makers**
 - Workshops on Local Area Plans, County Development Plan, Climate Action Plan, Library Strategy, etc.
- **Linkage Groups set their own policy agenda**
 - Issues Paper, Citizen Charter, Manifesto, etc.
 - Motions to SPCs, Submissions on Consultations, Letters to agencies with queries.



Lead on projects

- Fingal Inclusion Week
- Community Facility Analysis
- Community Safety Seminar
- Social Inclusion LEADER Funding Seminar
- Community Integration Advisory Council



Recent Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports Linkage Group Meeting



Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports

This Linkage Group is facilitated by Heidi Bedell and nominates two representatives onto the Fingal County Council Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). It also nominates a representative to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee. This Linkage Group also oversees the operation of the Community Interaction Advisory Committee.

Representatives

Meetings

Documents

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**Arts, Community,
Heritage and Sports****Climate Change,
Environment and Water****Community Safety,
Crime and Policing****Social Inclusion, Rural
Development, Youth and
Enterprise****Housing, Planning and
Transport**

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