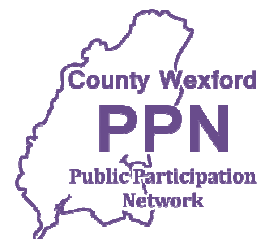


County Wexford Public Participation Network

Membership Criteria



The PPN structure is designed to accommodate the full and diverse range of volunteer led organisations in the county. To become a member of Wexford Public Participation Network a group must meet the following criteria;

- Be active with a postal address in County Wexford
- Operate on a not-for profit basis
- Are volunteer led - organisations may have paid staff, but must be under voluntary control
- Are independent i.e. not a sub-committee or subgroup of another organisation
- Have at least 5 members and are open to new members
- Have an appropriate governance structure e.g. a constitution / set of rules / financial procedures
- Meet regularly
- Are in existence for at least six months
- Are non-party political

Members must re-register annually by **31st October** to have **voting rights** for the following year. Membership is open all year round and so a group can join at any time, availing of the other membership benefits.

Each member organisation automatically becomes part of the Municipal District PPN i.e. Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, or Wexford - based on their organisation location. In addition, organisations choose one of the following 'colleges' based on which represents their primary interests;

Social Inclusion

An organisation whose main activity centres on working to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment using community development approaches to build sustainable communities, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected.

Environmental

An organisation whose primary objectives and activities are Environmental (i.e. ecological) protection and / or environmental sustainability. Such activities include permanent protection of wildlife, species specific care, organic horticulture or education, environmental education or protection, environmental sustainability, resource efficiency and recycling, invasive alien species prevention/removal. All organisations wishing to join the Environmental College must be verified by the National Environmental Pillar. Further details are available at <http://environmentalpillar.ie/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Criteria-for-Membership-of-Environment-Electoral-College-of-PPN.pdf>

Community & Voluntary

All other organisations including Sports, Local Development, Social, Culture, Special Interest etc.