



Public Participation Network (PPN)

A new framework for public engagement and participation, called the Public Participation Network (PPN) is currently being developed within each local authority area. The PPN will be the main link through which the local authority *connects* with the community, social inclusion and environmental sectors without prejudice to other consultation processes.

The aim of the structures and processes is to facilitate and enable the public and the organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system.

The Network:

- Facilitates the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion & voluntary sectors on decision making bodies
- Strengthens the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion, community & voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate
- Provides information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion & voluntary sector and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received.

Information meetings for interested groups/parties will be held as follows;

- Athlone 12th August at 7.00pm in the Athlone Springs Hotel, Monksland, Athlone.
- Boyle 13th August at 7.00pm in the Enterprise Centre, Quarry Lane, Boyle.
- Roscommon 14th August at 7.00pm in the County Library, Abbey Street, Roscommon.

Groups that are already members of the Roscommon County Community & Voluntary Forum are obliged to re-register for the Public Participation Network using PPN application Form A. Groups who are not affiliated to the Roscommon County Community & Voluntary Forum are asked to complete **PPN application Form B**. Forms are available on the Roscommon County Council website www.roscommoncoco.ie or by contacting the Community & Enterprise Section at 09066 37316

Completed forms should be returned to the PPN Co-Ordinator, Community & Enterprise Section, Roscommon County Council, West Business Park, Circular Road, Roscommon no later than 5.00pm on Friday 29th August 2014.

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