



Dublin City Public Participation Network

Community Wellbeing Vision

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) have requested that each PPN across the country develop a Community Wellbeing Statement. The vision statement identifies the issues that member groups consider important for their community, for now and future generations.

It is developed through an open, participative and transparent process. The Community Wellbeing Statement will act as a guiding vision for everything the PPN does. For example, it should help us to develop our position on various issues, and to determine which decision-making bodies we should prioritize being involved with.





Community Wellbeing Vision

For the facilitation and reporting process of this project a framework was used which mapped six key areas of society, being;

Health (physical & mental)

How can all members of our community enjoy the best possible physical and mental health? What about people with special needs, older people, and carers?

Environment & Sustainability

How do we value our natural environment and built heritage? What can be done to conserve, protect and restore these? How can we interact with the environment in a sustainable way, and hand it on to the next generation in a better state?

Work, Economy & Resources

How can our communities thrive economically, with good jobs, and supports for enterprise, business, and for people not in work? What resources do we have and are they used effectively without causing harm to social and environmental sustainability?



Values, Culture & Meaning

What is needed to ensure that everyone feels, and actually is, included and valued, and that our different values and cultures are respected and nurtured? What are the important parts of our culture that we want to hand on to future generations?

Social & Community Development

How can we be an inclusive community where we support each other and ensure no one is left out? What are the important social services and facilities we need to live well from childhood to old age?

Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

What is necessary to ensure that our local authority structures support the wellbeing of our community for this and future generations? What is necessary to ensure that we have a voice in the decisions that affect us, and that all voices are being heard?



Health

A community where people's needs are adequately met, through green-blue infrastructure, adequate housing provisions and healthcare services for all regardless of age or background.

Main Points:

Evidence-led addiction services

Public injection facilities

Adequately staffed healthcare system

Policies that care for those who care for us

Walkable communities, with green-blue infrastructure and flourishing biodiversity

Access to housing for all

A rights-based approach to our community, with freedom of expression to support well-being



Work, Economy & Resources

A community that has employment which provides a living wage, accessible housing provision, an abundance of community-based business which locally sourced goods and services.

Main Points:

Ensure all people are protected in employment, and are treated with respect.

Ensure that all employed are provided a living wage

Everyone should have access to basic services locally, such as schools, primary care centres, community centres, disability services, leisure facilities and libraries

Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs), would lead in the rights based acquisition of equality and people would be central to their own development



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance

A community where people are supported and encouraged to become involved and active in local community engagement, and that this engagement and voluntary work is valued and recognised. People feel heard and there are clear pathways to engage with local council and community organisations and that the Council and PPN work in a collaborative way.

Main Points:

Ensuring people understand the services available to them and how to engage in them

Acknowledgement of local participation in the form of a PPN award to say thank you to people newly engaged or volunteering in a grass roots way

Human rights must be at the heart of good governance

Emphasise interdependence and foster community solidarity



Culture, Value & Meaning

A community which values togetherness, where wellbeing is the goal, where local history is celebrated and communities welcome new and emerging cultures.

Main Points:

Treat one another with respect and welcomeness

Fostering a culture of connection and interdependence

Protect our environment, as without a well environment there can be no culture

Utilise technology to encourage people to connect, especially those who are isolated



Social & Community Development

A community which is well planned, design-led and are policy proofed with community infrastructure where all have safe and reliable access.

Main Points:

Foster community engagement, to help people feel a sense of ownership in their community

Ensure adequate provision of services for all, from accessible healthcare to reliable public transport

Take the onus away from the person when speaking of poverty

"With rights come responsibility, treat people as reasonable human beings"



Environment & Sustainability.

A community rich in green spaces and biodiversity where people can access services and amenities without the need of a car, where the council hold responsibility for maintaining public spaces and waste services, while supporting and empowering communities to become active in the local area.

Main Points:

Access to tools to keep our community clean

Resource and staff council parks well, and the recruitment of young people to these jobs

A move away from economic growth and neo-liberal economics and towards a useful community, that responds to the needs of its people, and produces a space where people can thrive

Free rickshaw and bike taxis to all the residents

Foster the development of natural biodiversity areas

Connect neighbouring localities through connected corridors to promote safe active travel