

Welcome to our first news brief in April. Attached to this news brief you will find a copy of the Fundingpoint Local Digest which provides up to date funding information for April.

## PPN Elections - Vacancies on LCDC & Secretariat

One of the main roles of the PPN is to provide a nominating structure to elect community representatives onto decision making committees. The PPN is tasked with electing external (Non-public sector) members to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in Dublin City. There is currently one vacancy available under the Community and Voluntary Pillar. It is also seeking to fill 3 vacant seats for the Environmental Pillar on the Dublin City PPN Secretariat, which is the administrative body of the PPN.

Groups are now being requested to nominate suitable candidates. Groups registered within the Community & Voluntary pillar can nominate a representative to the LCDC while groups registered within the Environmental pillar can nominate a representative to the Secretariat. All groups registered with the PPN can vote at the Plenary regardless of pillar. Nominations must be made using the attached forms (to be submitted no later than **5pm on Friday 14th April 2017**), and candidates being nominated should have the relevant knowledge, experience, commitment and meet the qualifying criteria (listed below).

### Role of the LCDC

The LCDCs were established in all local authority administrative areas 'for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development'. Since July 2014 the LCDC has responsibility for strategic planning and oversight of local and community development interventions at City level. It is responsible, in conjunction with Dublin City Council, for developing a 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan for the City and pulling together on an area basis a range of local and community development spending from different programmes and structures. Following a period of consultation in June 2015 a Dublin City Local Economic and Community

Plan 2016 – 2021 was adapted with twelve high level goals. An action plan to achieve specific objectives under each of the high level goals will be developed on an annual basis. Further information is available on <http://www.dublincity.ie/lcdc>

In order to ensure that representation is informed and based on knowledge of the policy area and on commitment to the PPN, the following criteria for PPN representation will apply:

- An awareness of general policy in the Community and Voluntary Sector
- The ability of the nominee to effectively represent the views of the entire PPN linkage group. They are not representing their own organisation.
- A knowledge of the relevant areas and plenary decisions and a commitment to policy development where necessary.
- A commitment to attending all meetings of the LCDC
- Support new representatives should the need arise
- A commitment to convene, attend and report back to the linkage group relevant to the committee you are sitting on
- A commitment to issuing a report on each meeting for publication by the PPN Coordinator
- All LCDC members are required to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.
- No more than one board member and/or employee of any single community or voluntary organisation, community development body or local development body will be validated for membership of the LCDC.

A fundamental role of the elected PPN representative to the LCDC will be to represent and to give feedback to the PPN on the outcomes of the policy meetings, and the issues being raised. This will be achieved through the representative's interaction with their "Linkage Group". A linkage group is formed when members with a particular interest in the work of the LCDC come together to elect the PPN representatives to that committee.

#### Role of the Secretariat

The Dublin City PPN Secretariat is made up of nine members with three members drawn from each pillar: Social Inclusion; Community & Voluntary; Environment. The role of the Secretariat is to:

- Identify, coordinate and facilitate activities of the PPN which are of benefit to its members
- Communicate with all PPN members and disseminate information concerning all PPN activities
- Ensure the proper functioning of the PPN
- Devise a work plan and proposals to present to the Plenary
- Work closely with PPN Staff to enable them to deliver the PPN

objectives

- Support the strategic development of the Dublin City PPN
- Work to ensure that the profile of the PPN is raised and inclusive
- Work to ensure that representatives and linkage groups are participative
- ONLY MEMBERS OF THAT PILLAR CAN NOMINATE FOR THAT PILLAR for example, only groups registered within the Environmental Pillar can nominate within that pillar.

The Secretariat meet on a Bi-monthly basis (or as required) and are required to attend regional meetings (twice a year) and PPN events.

Persons being nominated to the Secretariat should have some or all of the following skills and attributes:

- A keen interest and awareness of general issues in the pillar you are seeking to represent
- Be working on the ground, on a voluntary or paid basis, in a community group
- Good organisational skills
- Experience of taking part on a board or committee
- A commitment to attend meetings and PPN events and participating fully in the duties of the Secretariat.

#### Nomination and Election Process

Completed nomination forms should be returned by 5pm on Friday 14th April 2017, by e-mail to [ppn@dublincity.ie](mailto:ppn@dublincity.ie) or by post to: Dublin City PPN, Block 3, Floor 1, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Once collated, and based on the nomination information submitted, a candidate information document will be circulated to all PPN groups, in advance of the scheduled election.

The election will be held at our Plenary on **Thursday 27th April from 6-8pm in the Wood Quay Venue**, Dublin City Council.

## **Reminder - Garda Vetting & Child Protection Free Training**

**What does your organisation need to do to keep children and vulnerable adults safe?**

**What should you do if are concerned about a child's safety and welfare?**

[Dublin City PPN](#), [Dublin City Volunteer Centre](#) and [New Communities Partnership](#) are collaborating to bring you a free training programme on

Garda Vetting and Child Protection.

This training takes place on **Saturday 22nd April from 9.30am - 3.00pm** in the Wood Quay Venue.

This training is for Community groups/organisations based in the Dublin City area that are registered with Dublin City PPN, Dublin City Volunteer Centre or New Communities Partnership.

Places are limited. Please register now at

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/garda-vetting-child-protection-training-tickets-32886503417>

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