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Irish Environmental Network / Environmental Pillar

Who I am

What I do and can provide

Criteria for joining the Environmental College

# What is the Irish Environmental Network and the Environmental Pillar?



Irish  
Environmental  
Network



Environmental  
Pillar

The IEN is an umbrella group of nationally active ENGOS in Ireland. It supports these groups in their work through the distribution of core funding as well as providing help through training and advice.

The advocacy arm of the IEN, sharing many of the same members. The Environmental Pillar is a National Social Partner, and the validating body for groups who wish to join the Environmental College of the PPNs.



# JOINING THE PPN ENVIRONMENTAL COLLEGE

Links:

[Criteria document](#)

[Community Groups Eligibility Form](#)

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## WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP?

The National Environmental Pillar classifies an environmental group as one whose;  
“Primary objectives and activities are  
Environmental (i.e. Ecological) protection and  
/ or environmental sustainability.”



# Steps to check if a group is eligible for the Environmental College:

Check the list of automatically eligible groups.

They are on the list

The group can be added to the PPN's Environmental College with no input required from the Environmental Pillar.

They are not on the list

The group completes the 'Community Groups Eligibility Form' and the completed form is sent to the Environmental Pillar. (catherine@ien.ie) We will return with a decision as soon as possible.







# Suggestions Welcome

We are looking to improve this system. All suggestions are welcome.

## Examples

- The format: A way to integrate the questions into the current PPN registration forms.
- Possible groups to include on the List of Automatically Eligible Groups
- Other ideas welcome!

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# Thank you!