



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Donegal Public Participation Network (PPN)

Community Organisation Registration Form

Background

Donegal County Council has established a Public Participation Network (PPN) for County Donegal as requested by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The purpose of the PPN is to enable the public to take an active formal role in the policy making and oversight activities of the Local Authority's areas of responsibility. The PPN will be the main link through which the local authority connects with the community & voluntary, social inclusion and environmental sectors.

Community organisations and groups are now being offered the opportunity to register as a member of the County Donegal PPN, benefits to members include the opportunity to participate in the decision making bodies of the Council, an opportunity to influence policy from the perspective of your community organisation/group and to participate in a two way communication channel in relation to Local Government policy and planning on an ongoing basis.

Among the structures that the PPN has representatives on are:

Local and Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Roads and Transport SPC, Planning and Development SPC, Community, Culture and Enterprise SPC, Housing and Corporate Services SPC, Environment & Emergency Services SPC, Donegal Economic Development Committee, Social Inclusion Measures Group, Tourism Forum, North West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force, Donegal Youth Council, Heritage Forum, Donegal Age Friendly Alliance

If your community organisation / group wish to register as a member of County Donegal PPN, please complete this registration form and return to:

Email: bobbysmith@donegalcoco.ie

Post:

**Donegal PPN
Donegal County Council,
Letterkenny PSC,
Neill T Blaney Road,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal**

Section 1

FORM MUST BE FILLED IN BLOCK CAPITALS. Please read Explanation Notes on Page 4 before completing.

1. Name of the community organisation / group: _____

2. Address of Community and Voluntary Facility: _____

3. Full contact details of the community organisation / group

Contact Person: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website Address: _____

Name of Chairperson: _____

Name of Secretary: _____

4. Does your group have?

A constitution: Yes No

Aims & objectives: Yes No

Memorandum & articles of association: Yes No

Date of last AGM: _____

Objective of your community organisation / group:

Section 2

1. In which municipal district is your group located:

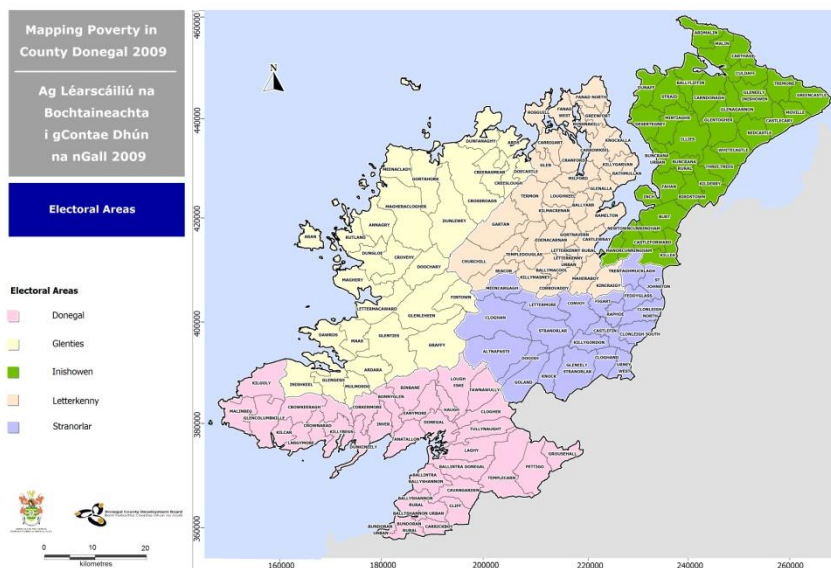
Glenties Electoral Area: Letterkenny Electoral Area:

Inishowen Electoral Area: Stranorlar Electoral Area:

Donegal Electoral Area:

2. Is your group providing services County wide:

3. In which electoral division is your group located: _____



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4. Which electoral pillar does your group wish to register for (choose one only)

- Environmental
- Social Inclusion
- Community & Voluntary

Please give a reason for your choice of electoral pillar:

5. Which of the following categories best describes the core business of your group/organisation?

Please tick one category only.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Community Development Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Enterprise Group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Residents Association | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Women's Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts Group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Men's Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disability Group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sports Group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Active Age Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Travelling Community | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voluntary Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Intercultural | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Childcare/Playgroup | <input type="checkbox"/> | Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> | Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts & Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enterprise | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rural Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family Support | <input type="checkbox"/> | Refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prisoner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parish Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please give your reasons if you have ticked other:

Section 3

Representatives will be contacted by Email or Text ONLY

1. Name the person that your group is nominating to be the representative at PPN meetings:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name an alternate member to attend if the named representative is unable to attend:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Explanation Notes

Section 1

Insert contact details of your group/organisation and information regarding its remit to allow determination that it is a properly constituted locally based community organisation.

Section 2

Choose the relevant municipal district that your community organisation / group is located in. When registering to be a member of the County Donegal PPN, your group will become a member of both the countywide PPN and the relevant municipal district PPN.

Each PPN will be divided into three electoral pillars; environmental, social inclusion and community & voluntary.

You should select the electoral pillar most appropriate to your group based on the core work that your group undertakes.

If the core activity of your group centres around ecological or environmental matters you should choose the environmental electoral pillar. Examples of community organisations that would have core environmental objectives include groups with a focus is on environmental education or protection, wildlife protection or environmental sustainability.

If the core activity of your group centres around social inclusion or anti poverty issues you should choose the social inclusion electoral pillar. Examples of community organisations that would have core social inclusion objectives are groups who proactively promote social inclusion and organisations that facilitate analysis of the social, political and cultural aspects of poverty and disadvantage. Such groups are defined as having a rights based approach to challenging inequality at the local, national and policy making levels. Strategies around social inclusion include taking positive action to challenge and change the circumstances, policies and power imbalances that have resulted from social exclusion. Examples of such groups may include those involved in challenging racism, sexism, homophobia or in raising awareness about the causes of poverty and disadvantage.

Groups who do not have environmental or social inclusion priority objectives should choose the community and voluntary electoral pillar. Examples of the type of groups who qualify for the community and voluntary electoral pillar include area and community development organisations, residents associations, tidy towns groups, sporting organisations and residents associations

Section 3

Each community organisation / group is required to name a representative to be invited to attend the meetings and an alternative member should the first nominee be unable to attend.

The delegated member of behalf of the community organisation / group will have voting rights and the right to express an opinion on behalf of the group