

Mayo Public Participation Network – Approved Work Plan 2025



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Work Plan for Mayo Public Participation Network that contains a list of goals set out for the year 2025.

Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion and community and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies.

County Council Elections - PPN Representatives on Strategic Policy Committees:

Following on from the County Council Elections in 2024 and the formation of Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), 11 PPN representatives were request by Mayo Co Council to sit on the various SPCs. Mayo PPN along with the Community Section, Mayo Co Council to facilitate training workshops for new representatives on Mayo County Council SPCs.

Strategic Policy Committee	Pillar	PPN Representative Elected
Housing SPC	1 Community & Voluntary	Niall Dunne
	1 Social Inclusion	Zero nominations
Climate Change and Environment SPC	1 Environment	Graham Cawdell
	1 Environment	Zero nominations
Planning and Corporate Development SPC	1 Social Inclusion	Austin Francis O'Malley
	1 Environment	Joan Jennings
	1 Community & Voluntary	Zero nominations
Community, Integration and Recreation SPC	1 Community & Voluntary	John Gallagher
	1 Social Inclusion	Bernadette Frain
	1 Environment	Zero nominations
Roads and Sustainable Travel SPC	1 Environment	Sarah Togher

PPN representatives to sign-up to the PPN Representative Charter.

Fill all vacant seats on the LCDC, The Local Community Partnerships and Secretariat Committee and other stakeholder committees as requested.

Development of PPN Linkage Groups:

Continue the development of PPN Linkage Groups for County Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs). Linkage Groups are a way that Mayo PPN member groups (over 1200 groups registered with Mayo PPN) can have a real input into policy in their area of operation. Linkage Groups bring together organisations with a common interest to discuss their views and interests in a specific policy area linked

to the committee or board with the PPN representation. PPN representatives report back to the Linkage Groups about the work of the committees and pass on information received at the committee meetings.

Linkage Groups are open to all PPN member groups/organisations regardless of which Pillar, Municipal District or Sector they belong to.

Following the local elections and the formation of the SPCs a request for 11 PPN representatives were sought from Mayo Co Council to fill the posts on the various committees - 7 seats were filled with PPN Representatives.

Mayo County Council have six Strategic Policy Committees:

Housing, Climate Change and Environment, Economic and Enterprise Development, Planning and Corporate Development, Community, Integration and Recreation, Roads and Sustainable Travel.

Mayo PPN Representatives on Committees:

Mayo PPN have community representatives on County Council and other stakeholder committees. eg: Joint Policing Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, LCDC, Mayo Sports Partnership, Heritage Committee, Oweninny Community Benefit Fund – Board of Directors and Oweninny Community Benefit Fund – Evaluation Committee, Mayo Community Futures and Slaintecare.

PPN Training:

Conduct a training needs analysis in January 2025 and circulate to all PPN community groups including the full PPN membership to identify training needs. Plan and implement a comprehensive training and capacity building programme of events and workshops for groups registered with Mayo PPN to be delivered in Spring and Autumn 2025. **Training to include:** Writing Grant Application Forms; Managing Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; Leadership for Community Groups; What is a Company Limited by Guarantee; How to Conduct a Radio Interview; Code of Governance for Community Groups; Writing a Press Release, etc.

Community Engagement:

Engage with groups from under-represented communities, new communities and minority groups to ensure these groups have an opportunity to join and input into local authority decision-making.

Attend information events and liaise with other stakeholders to network and promote Mayo PPN.

Support community-based initiatives and attend, participate and support in other stakeholders' events and activities.

Other PPN Training and Capacity Building with Community Groups:

Liaise with the Community Section in Mayo County Council and other sectors to identify training needs and assist with training and capacity building with groups in relation to applying for grants and completing online grant application forms.

PPN Promotion:

Provide relevant up to date and accessible information to PPN community groups to publicise Mayo PPN. Plan and execute a full media campaign across all main media streams regarding Mayo PPN and its role in society in County Mayo through local radio, social media, and press platforms.

Mayo PPN Wellbeing Vision Statement for County Mayo:

Continue to promote the Wellbeing Vision Statement to the PPN membership and other stakeholders. The results of the Wellbeing Vision Statement have already fed into various strategies, plans and policies; County Development Plan, Local Economic and Community Plan, Mayo Co Council Marine Strategy.

Strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate.

PPN Information/Plenary Meetings:

Hold 2 County PPN Information Plenary Meetings (1 in Spring and 1 in Autumn for county membership).

Organise 2 Municipal District meetings (1 in spring and 1 in Autumn for the 4 Municipal District groups). Provide a training workshop and invite community groups to connect with other organisations and groups in their area, look at community assets, supports and solutions on how groups can network and work together with other organisations in their areas.

PPN Interactive Map:

Continue to update and further develop the asset register PPN Interactive map. The map will list all community groups in Mayo registered with Mayo PPN. The map showcases community groups' services and amenities. It also lists assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. The Interactive map is displayed on the PPN website. This is a live map with information continuously updated.

Mayo PPN Engagement at County and National Level:

Participate and attend information events and liaise with other stakeholders to promote Mayo PPN.

Facilitate and/or participate in local area/sector consultations/plans from the Local Authority and other relevant bodies.

Continue to disseminate information received from the Department of Rural & Community Development and other stakeholders' information and resources.

Liaise with the representative on the National Secretariat Network – this is to support feedback/into Secretariat Reps on the PPN Advisory Committee.

Promote and share community groups' events and activities on PPN social media platforms.

Organise and hold PPN Secretariat Committee meetings on a quarterly basis.

Continue to review financial expenditure with the PPN Secretariat Committee and the PPN Liaison Officer.

PPN Policy and Procedure Documents and Data:

Continue to develop the management of the PPN Salesforce Database and associated data belonging to the PPN member groups.

Review and update PPN documents, Constitution, Representatives Charter, Memo of Understanding etc, as per the Department's handbook.

PPN Newsletters:

Compile and circulate PPN newsletters to community groups and associate members.

Newsletters includes: PPN events and activities taking place, training needs survey, information on various grants and funding opportunities available to community groups. News from the Community Section, Mayo Co Council.

News/updates from the Department of Rural & Community Development and other stakeholders.

On behalf of PPN Secretariat Convenor

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