

Membership Registration Form

Contact Details:

Name of Organisation/Group _____

Main Contact Person _____

Contact Address _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Website: _____ Twitter/Face book: _____

Please Note: Our main method of communication is via email. If you do not have an email address you may nominate someone with an email address to receive information on your behalf.

Details about type of membership (Please choose one)

- General Community and Voluntary i.e. local development, sports, social groups etc
- Social Inclusion i.e. focussed on people experiencing disadvantage and inequality
- Environmental i.e. focussed on protecting the environment and sustainable development

Municipal District (where your organisation/ group are situated)

- Carlow
- Muinebheag

No. of Members in Org.: _____ No. of staff in Org.: _____ others: _____

Please indicate: Paid Volunteers C.E. /Job Bridge/TUS

Position: _____ (for Orgs)

(On behalf of the organisation / Group)

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(Please turn overleaf for membership criteria)

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Criteria for membership of the Carlow Public Participation Network (PPN)

- 1) Groups must be active in County Carlow, and have aims and objectives which are compatible with the principles of the PPN, and be not for profit.
- 2) Groups must be in existence at least six months prior to affiliation, and must have a minimum membership of five and be open to new membership.
- 3) Any groups who register can only register once. The contact person for a group cannot register for multiple groups.
- 4) All organisations registered for the PPN should have an agreed set of rules and a working structure that informs the appropriate workings and structures for that organisation, which may differ across organisations. In most cases, this will likely be a constitution; terms of reference, a bank or credit union account, etc.
- 5) Political parties will not be able to affiliate.
- 6) Public representatives (Councillors, TDs, Senators, MEPS etc), or those who have held such office within the past 12 months may not participate in the PPN. In addition, individuals who are declared as candidates for public representative office (Councillors, TDs, Senators, and MEPs etc) must step aside from all PPN roles for the duration of their declared candidacy.
- 7) Groups who have representational rights through the national pillars, local authorities, local development or other mechanisms may affiliate to and participate in the MD and county PPNs but should not participate in the election of representatives to Local Authority Committees.

Additional Criteria for Environmental Pillar:

The primary objectives and activities of the organisation must be Environmental (i.e. ecological) protection and / or environmental sustainability.

Once off protest groups are not eligible

Groups dealing with the following are eligible:

- Permanent protection of wildlife
- Species specific care – protection/rehabilitation/reintroduction
- Organic horticulture or education
- Environmental education or protection
- Environmental sustainability
- Resource efficiency and recycling
- Invasive alien species prevention/removal

Additional Criteria for Social Inclusion Pillar:

A working definition of a Social inclusion organisation is an organisation whose main activity centres on working to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment using community development approaches to build sustainable communities, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected. See also Social Inclusion statement agreed by local social inclusion groups in appendix 2.

- The primary objectives and activities must focus on poverty reduction, community development, equality and social justice issues
- The organisation must have activities in line with a social inclusion approach to community building and have those who experience poverty and social exclusion on its management /organisational structure
- Organisations who work to influence policy with regard to social inclusion are also eligible.
- Such organisations include those who focus their work on vulnerable groups in society who experience social exclusion such as:
 - Older people
 - People who are unemployed or experiencing poverty
 - Children/Youth
 - Ethnic minorities including Travellers
 - People with disabilities & their carers
 - People living in isolation

Examples of types of groups under each pillar:

Community Pillar PPN

Residents groups, Self-help groups, Community councils, Issue based groups, Youth groups, Community Associations, Sporting/ leisure clubs/groups, Voluntary campaign groups, Arts groups, Broad based Service provision groups, Active retirement groups, Playground Associations, Festival groups

Social Inclusion Pillar

Disability groups, Traveller Groups, Ethnic minority groups Women's Groups, Family Support group (FRC's), Literacy Groups, Older Peoples groups, Social Justice Groups, Groups promoting equality LGBT Groups, Youth service and groups, Children services and support groups, Mental health / suicide prevention groups, Drug and alcohol support Information groups, Rural isolation and disadvantage groups, Urban disadvantage groups

Environment Pillar

An Taisce Bat Conservation Ireland, Bee keeping Associations, Bird watch Ireland, Friends of the Earth Green Schools, Green Campuses Green Communities, Butterfly Conservation, Ireland CRANN, Forest Friends, ECO UNESCO Feasta

For the full list please see: <http://environmentalpillar.ie/>

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