

## **How to nominate Community and Voluntary representatives to the Public Participation Network.**

Offaly Public Participation Network (PPN) is seeking nominations for the new 12 member Community and Voluntary Committee called the Public Participation Network (PPN).

The PPN Committee will be Offaly County Council's way to connect with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Offaly. The establishment of the PPN is a great opportunity for the community groups in Offaly who are so active and progressive to have greater input and support from the Local Authority.

There are 12 positions on the PPN with 4 positions for the Birr Municipal District, 4 positions for the Edenderry Municipal District and 4 positions for the Tullamore Municipal District.

The 4 positions for each Municipal District are to represent 1 area person, 1 community person, 1 social inclusion person and 1 environmental person.

If you are interested in becoming a representative on the PPN then this is what you need to do

1. Be a member of a group that is registered with the PPN
2. Get that group to nominate you to the PPN from the Municipal District you reside in
3. Decide which of the 4 categories you want to be nominated for election ( 4 categories for each Municipal District are 1 area person, 1 community person, 1 social inclusion person and 1 environmental person).
4. Fill out the nomination form that is available on [www.offaly.ie/ppn](http://www.offaly.ie/ppn) or phone 057 93 57460 for a nomination form

Each Municipal District will have a PPN and is made up of all registered Community and Voluntary and environmental organisations in the District. The Municipal District PPN will meet formally twice a Year where it prioritises what it considers necessary to promote well-being for present and future generations, Harness local capacity and strengthen local development in a very real manner.

Any recognized Community and Voluntary group in Offaly can become a member of the PPN by completing the Registration forms for the PPN that is available through Offaly County Council or can be downloaded at [www.offaly.ie/ppn](http://www.offaly.ie/ppn) The closing date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014 to register your groups.

For more information on the Public Participation Network please log on to [www.offaly.ie/ppn](http://www.offaly.ie/ppn) or phone Offaly County Council on 057 93 57460.

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