



Ratification of temporary PPN Representative appointments

In September 2024, the PPN Plenary agreed to temporarily fill PPN vacancies on a 12 month basis.

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) seats

The PPN was allocated 12 PPN Rep seats across 6 Strategic Policy Committees. These were:

- **Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism** (1 Community and 1 Environment)
- **Land use Transportation and Planning** (1 Community and 1 Environment)
- **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries** (1 Community and 1 Environment)
- **Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change** (1 Community and 1 Social Inclusion)
- **Housing** (1 Community and 1 Social Inclusion)
- **Social, Community and Equality** (1 Community and 1 Social Inclusion)

A call for expressions of interest for PPN members who wished to be considered as a PPN Representative on a Strategic Policy Committee for a 12-month period was issued. This resulted in 12 eligible nominations being received. The expressions of interests received were then matched to the 12 vacancies available based on the information provided by those interested, including:

- Areas of interest
- Demonstrated relevant experience and/or motivation
- PPN Pillar
- Geographical Area
- The requirements of the receiving committee

Notes:

- Through this process, no Environment nominations were received for 2 of the 3 Environment seats. In this scenario, the Secretariat agreed that the best course of action was to fill these seats temporarily with non-Environment representatives for the same time period as the rest of the seats.
- In one instance, one PPN member group submitted two nominees to two different committees. While in normal circumstances this is not usually facilitated, it is proposed to facilitate it in this instance as one of those seats is an Environmental seat which would be otherwise left vacant.
- As the number of expressions of interest matched the number of seats available, all those who expressed an interest were placed.
- The PPN Secretariat oversaw and validated the process. These appointments are now being proposed for retrospective ratification by the Plenary. They are as follows:

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism

Community Seat:

Lisa Rowntree – Action Community and Enterprise

I have managed the Community Enterprise Centres for Ace since 2018 and during that time we have supported over 65 start-ups and 234 indirect jobs in the Clondalkin area. I come from a business background and am passionate about creating local enterprise opportunities to assist local communities to become self-sustaining and improve the local economy for all who live there. I have actively facilitated collaboration between local business and community organisations and spot opportunities to encourage potential growth amongst them. I believe I can contribute in a positive way around strategic planning and understanding the gaps and issues that exist within the county and the SME business community.

Environment Seat:

Prashant Shukla – Ireland India Council

With a background in strategic leadership, community advocacy, and international development, I am an ideal candidate for the PPN Representative role on the South Dublin County Council Committees. My experience spans co-founding the Ireland-India Council, fostering Irish-Indian relations, and leading initiatives in renewable energy and social integration. My commitment to enhancing community integration and cross-cultural cooperation aligns well with the responsibilities of this role. With proven expertise in policy advocacy, project management, and fostering sustainable partnerships, I am eager to contribute meaningfully to the South Dublin community through the PPN Network.

Land Use, Transportation and Planning

Community Seat:

Declan Hanley – Sruleen Residents

Hi, I am a community volunteer. I have been with Sruleen Residents since 2008, and was Secretary and general manager. I also helped Special Olympics. And was a member of Arás Chrónáin. I also am a Church reader. I attended Engineering in UCG. During the 80's.

Environment Seat:

Eoin Ahern – South Dublin Cycling Campaign

I am a 36-year-old parent living in Rathfarnham. I have been a member of the Dublin Cycling Campaign for a number of years, and have represented the Environment pillar on the LUPT SPC since 2020. I have a strong interest in the development of sustainable communities in South Dublin, and believe that active travel and public transport can play a huge role in this. I have contributed to a number of community responses to consultations over the past number of years, including BusConnects, Save the Hellfire and MetroLink. In my day job with Codema, Dublin's energy agency, my work involves the development of innovative sustainable and community energy projects, including the Tallaght District Heating Scheme. I would love the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to the development of a safe cycling and walking network throughout South Dublin, and in doing so create healthier, more vibrant communities.

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change

Community Seat:

<None>

Environment Seat:

Benedict Chukwurah – Clondalkin Global Garden

I am an ideal candidate for the role of PPN representative in Environment, Public Realm, and Climate Change due to my strong background in environmental advocacy and community engagement. With an undergraduate degree in Geological science and hands-on experience leading sustainability projects, I have developed a deep understanding of the challenges communities face. My post graduate degree in Innovation and Entrepreneurship equipped me with relevant knowledge and skills to function adequately in this area.

I am committed to amplifying marginalized voices in climate discussions and ensuring that our public spaces are not only sustainable but also accessible and vibrant.

My passion for creating resilient urban environments, combined with my proven ability to advocate for impactful policies, positions me to effectively represent our community's interests in this critical area. I am eager to drive meaningful change and promote a sustainable future for all.

Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries

Community Seat:

Noel Gavin – Tallaght Rugby Club

As an active member of the South Dublin Chamber, a director of Kiltipper Management (part of Circle Housing), and a dedicated contributor to my community, I believe I am well-suited for this role. My involvement as a member of the Parents Association at Holy Rosary, club secretary for Tallaght Rugby, and class representative at TU Dublin, Tallaght campus, demonstrates my commitment to community engagement, collaboration, and advocacy. These roles have equipped me with a strong understanding of community needs and the skills to represent diverse voices effectively. I am eager to contribute my experience and passion for community involvement to the South Dublin County PPN.

Social Inclusion Seat:

*Yemi Ojo – IACI (Integration of All Children in Ireland)***

My name is Yemi Ojo . I have been living in Ireland for over 25 years. Why I think I'm a suitable candidate for this role are:

- 1). I have over 20years experience of running my NGO the Integration of All Children in Ireland. As a result of my community work i was nominated and won Tallaght Person of the Year 2008 for Community and Youth, run a summercampfor20years
- 2). I am a team player and i work in solidarity with other organisations to bring about change and address migrant and community issues

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- 3). I am currently the chairperson of the SDMIF-South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum. Within a year of my leadership we launched our constitution, open our bank account, our Facebook, organising impactful events for Migrant, members of the ethnic minority and community
- 4). I am also on the Advisory Committee of the Women's Collective Ireland
- 5). I'm respectful, listener, work as a team, etc.

Housing

Community Seat:

Krystyna Zalewska – Corkagh Grange Residents Association

In my role as a Chairperson of Corkagh Grange Residents Association I am actively involved in addressing housing needs of my community. I would like my community and the wider area develop further in terms of local enterprise, and improved opportunities for housing for individuals from marginalised groups.

I am resourceful, organised, and able to think problems through and identify practical solutions.

Social Inclusion Seat:

Motuba Misoru – Clondalkin Global Garden

I am interested in the role of PPN Representative on the Strategic Policy Committee within the Social, Community, Equality, and Integration pillar. I recently completed a six-week Introduction to Community Development course, organized by South Dublin County Partnership, which gave me valuable insights into the issues affecting our diverse communities and strengthened my skills in advocacy and community engagement. I am passionate about promoting social equity and fostering inclusive communities, and I believe my experience and dedication would help me effectively represent our community's needs. This role would allow me to contribute meaningfully to policies that support integration and social cohesion while deepening my understanding of policy-making.

Social, Community, Equality and Integration

Community Seat:

Daire Hennessy – Citywise Education

I feel I am well placed to act as a community rep on the Social, Community and Equality SPC, as an active member of our local community for many years firstly as a young person, volunteer, and now CEO of Citywise Education. I have extensive experience as a community representative, as a community rep on school boards, a previous member of the PPN secretariat and a previous member of this SPC. I feel I made an impact on the SPC for community organisations, particularly around clarity on SDCC grants, however, I feel my time was negatively impacted as I entered the SPC as PPN workers left and there was little support. I'm now much better placed to act as a rep. I have a master's degree in social policy and have been appointed by the Minister for Children to the departments advisory group for youth policy.

Social Inclusion Seat:

Emily Smartt – Clondalkin Travellers Development Group

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I have been involved with community development projects for over 30 years as both a paid worker and as a volunteer.

I have worked extensively with marginalised communities and individuals and I am currently the manager of Clondalkin Travellers Development Group which is a local organisation which focuses on reducing social inequalities experienced by members of the Traveller Community in Irish Society.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) seats:

The PPN has 5 PPN Representative seats on the LCDC. 4 of these seats are currently vacant:

- 2 Community
- 1 Social Inclusion
- 1 Environment

The PPN created a Panel of candidates to fill vacancies on the Secretariat in May 2024. As this panel was created through the same model of election for seats on the LCDC, the panel was used to allocate seats on the LCDC resulting in 3 vacancies being filled. They are as follows:

Local Community Development Committee

Community Seat 1: John Conroy – Tallaght Toastmasters

Community Seat 2: Sean Farrell – 103rd Dublin (Willington) Scout Group

Social Inclusion Seat: Sharon Harty – CASP (Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme)

The Environment Seat remains vacant and this will be advertised at the next Plenary in 2025.