

Workplan 2018

Laois Public Participation Network

Goal 1		
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		
Objective	Action	Targets
Filling of PPN vacancies	Fill PPN and Representative vacancies as they arise	Number of committees with PPN reps
Linkage groups	Establish linkage groups and ensure groups register with one or more linkage group	No. Of linkage groups, no. of meetings, attendance at meetings, evidence of communication and engagement
Support/training of representatives & Enable meaningful representation by community representatives on Local Authority Committees	Create training manual for Reps Hold information meeting for Reps	Completion of reps handbooks, number of training events for reps. Attendance at meetings, participation in sub-committees, participation in linkage groups, impact of community reps in LA policies and decision making

Goal 2 Strengthen the capacity of communities and the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/ participate		
Objective	Action	Targets
Establishing training needs within the local community	Establish working group of stakeholders to examine terms of reference etc	Working group established
Work with relevant agencies and organisations to look at innovative ways to incentivise active citizenship	Community & Voluntary Awards 2018	No of agencies involved, level of interest from community/voluntary groups
Work with the Leader Programme in implementing grant aid for improved facilities for social inclusion initiatives with priority to older people, people with disabilities, children, young people, travellers, migrants, refugees, unemployed people, new communities and people living alone in rural areas.	Laois Partnership will be the lead authority. Assist in establishing needs and sourcing funding	Grant aid to projects by 2018
Work in collaboration with key organisations to support local communities to promote culture and pride in the county.	Pride of Place 2018	No of agencies involved, level of interest from groups

<p style="text-align: center;">Goal 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion and community and voluntary groups and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received</p>		
Objective	Action	Targets
<p>Maintain PPN as the recognised way of sharing information with the sector and between member groups</p>	<p>Maintain PPN website, Social Media, Telephone/email/ face to face communication, Traditional media/ papers/ local media</p>	<p>Number of contributors of information No of hits, Number of friends, interaction, Query register, Record of coverage obtained</p>
	<p>Develop a local communications strategy with agreed yearly implementation plans, as a roadmap of detailed communication actions supporting the achievement of each community based objectives.</p>	<p>Strategy devised early 2018 with annual implementation</p>
	<p>Promote the PPN and its work to member groups and the wider community and stakeholders (Hold promotional event)</p>	<p>Evidence of promotional activity, awareness of PPN</p>
	<p>Manage and maintain active register of groups, encourage socially excluded communities and interest groups to register</p>	<p>Number of groups on register</p>
	<p>Hold regular Plenary Meetings (min 4 per year)</p>	<p>No of meetings, attendance, outcomes</p>
	<p>Hold regular Municipal District meetings (min 1 per year)</p>	<p>No of meetings, attendance, outcomes</p>
<p>Promote Connect Ireland Initiative to local communities</p>	<p>Liaise with LEO regarding promotion of this initiative</p>	<p>No of community/ voluntary groups informed</p>
<p>Promote funding availability, in particular grant aid for improved facilities for social inclusion initiatives with priority to older people, people with disabilities, children, young people, travellers, migrants, refugees, unemployed people, new communities and people living alone in rural areas</p>	<p>Hold event informing groups of funding opportunities, financial supports. (Funding & Resources Event 2018 – Feb)</p>	<p>No of groups expressing interest in applying for grants and no of groups applying for grants No. of groups attending event.</p>