



# LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

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Draft Workplan 2019.

## 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filling of Secretariat/Representative Vacancies May 2019.</li> </ul>	Run a dynamic and progressive election campaign to take place in May 2019 for the election/re-election of all secretariat and representatives seats.	Fill all Secretariat/Representative seats.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filling of PPN Vacancies</li> </ul>	Fill PPN and Representative vacancies as they arise.	Number of committees with PPN reps.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	Consult with secretariat/reps and member organisations to complete a PPN strategic plan.	Put in place a clear vision for Laois PPN for a 5 year period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linkage groups</li> <li>Create Linkage Group Terms of Reference</li> </ul>	<p>Establish linkage groups and ensure groups register with one or more linkage group.</p> <p>Work with Reps to create a linkage group terms of reference.</p>	<p>No. Of linkage groups, no. of meetings, attendance at meetings, evidence of communication and engagement</p> <p>Ensure there is a clear understand of the purpose of linkage groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support/training of representatives</li> <li>Enable meaningful representation by community representatives on Local Authority Committees</li> </ul>	<p>Run training event specifically aimed at Reps.</p> <p>Hold information meeting for Reps</p>	<p>Completion of training events for reps to give them a clear picture of their role and responsibilities.</p> <p>Attendance at meetings, participation in sub-committees, participation in linkage groups, impact of community reps in LA policies and decision making</p>

**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**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Targets</b>
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 2019	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 2019
Work in collaboration with key organisations to support local communities to promote culture and pride in the county.	Pride of Place 2019	No of agencies involved, level of interest from groups
Develop a MD and County Wellbeing Statement.	Work with all member organisations to create a MD and County Wellbeing statement through active workshop and consultations.	Publish MS and County Wellbeing statement.

**Goal 3**

**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**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Targets</b>
Maintain PPN as the recognised way of sharing information with the sector and between member groups	Maintain PPN website, Social Media, Telephone/ email/ face to face communication, Traditional media/ papers/ local media	Number of contributors of information No of hits, Number of friends, interaction, Query register, Record of coverage obtained
	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.	Strategy devised early 2019 with annual implementation
	Promote the PPN and its work to member groups and the wider community and stakeholders (Hold promotional events)	Evidence of promotional activity, awareness of PPN
	Manage and maintain active register of groups, encourage socially excluded communities and interest groups to register.	Number of groups on register
	Re-registration	Re-register all existing PPN member organisations
	Hold regular secretariat meetings (min 4 per year)	No of meetings, attendance, outcomes
	Hold regular Plenary Meetings (min 2 per year)	No of meetings, attendance, outcomes
Promote Connect Ireland Initiative to local communities	Hold regular Municipal District meetings (min 1 per year)	No of meetings, attendance, outcomes
	Liaise with LEO regarding promotion of this initiative	No of community/ voluntary groups informed
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	Hold event informing groups of funding opportunities, financial supports.	No of groups expressing interest in applying for grants and no of groups applying for grants
	(Funding & Resources Event 2019 – Feb)	No. of groups attending event.