



LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Workplan 2020

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"> Filling of PPN Vacancies 	Fill PPN and Representative vacancies as they arise.	Number of committees with PPN reps.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a Strategic Plan 	Consult with secretariat/reps and member organisations to complete a PPN strategic plan 2020-2025.	Put in place a clear vision for Laois PPN for a 5 year period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkage groups 	Establish linkage groups and ensure groups register with one or more linkage group.	Number of linkage groups, no. of meetings, attendance at meetings, evidence of communication and engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support/training of Secretariat 	Run training event specifically aimed at PPN Secretariat	Completion of training events for secretariat to give them a clear picture of their role and responsibilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support/training of representatives 	Hold information meeting for PPN Reps	Completion of training events for reps to give them a clear picture of their role and responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable meaningful representation by community representatives on Local Authority Committees 		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 2020	Number 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, people living alone in rural areas and the regeneration of town centres.	Laois Partnership will be the lead authority. Assist in establishing needs and sourcing funding	Grant aid to projects by 2020
Work in collaboration with key organisations to support local communities to promote culture and pride in the county.	Pride of Place 2020	Number 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 MD 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**

Objective	Action	Targets
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, number of hits, number of friends, interaction, query register, record of coverage obtained
	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)	Number of meetings, attendance, outcomes
	Hold regular Plenary Meetings (min 2 per year)	Number of meetings, attendance, outcomes
	Hold regular Municipal District meetings (min 1 per year)	Number of meetings, attendance, outcomes
Promote Connect Ireland Initiative to local communities	Liaise with LEO regarding promotion of this initiative	Number 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.	Number of groups expressing interest in applying for grants and no of groups applying for grants