

## WHAT IS TIPPERARY PPN?

Set up in 2014 as a result of local government reform, nationally, there is a PPN in every local authority area, 31 in total.

Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of community & voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, which are active in the county. The PPNs are there to give a voice to their member groups from local communities around decision-making on policies that affect them.

Our members involvement in our work in the county makes us strong and effective as a collective.

## WHO IS ON THE TIPPERARY PPN TEAM?

There are two full-time staff members, the coordinator and administrator, who support and develop the network through implementing the PPN workplan, under the day-to-day direction of the Secretariat, reporting back to the Plenary.

The Secretariat is the elected voluntary steering group, who are the administrative body of the PPN, managing the staff, budget and operations. They meet monthly and operate a 'flat structure', having a rotating chair/facilitator.

There are 15 seats, three from each PPN college in the county's five municipal districts.

The Plenary is a gathering of our members bi-annually in an open meeting. It is the key decision-making body of the PPN, formally approving the workplan, budget, any new PPN reps and ratifying any other decisions made by the Secretariat between Plenary meetings. Each member group has voting rights.

## WHAT IS THE VISION AND AIMS OF TIPPERARY PPN?

Our vision is to inform, strengthen and empower through participation.

### OUR AIMS ARE:

- 1. TO SHARE INFORMATION:** We keep our members informed and receive information, through our monthly newsletter and other ways that we communicate with our members, acting as an information hub.
- 2. TO BUILD CAPACITY:** We help our members build their operational capacity by offering free training, workshops and networking, while providing opportunities for the groups to have their voice heard and also contributing positively in policy development.
- 3. TO BROADEN REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION:** We work with our member community groups so that their elected PPN representatives can, in a fair, respectful and cooperative way, feed into a wide range of decision-making bodies, including local authority committees and other local bodies.

## SOCIAL INCLUSION

The primary focus for these members is to improve the lives of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment, using community development approaches.

## ENVIRONMENT

The main objective for these groups must be environmental protection and/or sustainability. They work on building sustainable futures for their communities and local ecosystems.

## COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY

This is the largest and most diverse college of the three as it includes all other aspects within a community apart from the two colleges above. However, all members, through their community responses to local issues, have the promotion of the overall wellbeing of their community in common.

## WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

Membership is open to groups who:

- Are in existence for at least six months and active
- Have more than three members
- Operate on a not-for profit basis
- Open to all
- Are non-party political

## HOW DOES YOUR GROUP BECOME A MEMBER?

We would love to hear from you and your group.

To join Tipperary PPN, please visit [www.ppntipperary.ie](http://www.ppntipperary.ie),

click on the orange 'REGISTER' button and fill in the form. Please feel free to contact us with any queries you may have.



## The benefits of being involved with us!

**INFORMING** - Promote your group via our monthly, countywide newsletter to all communities and get funding and training information, social media alerts

**TRAINING** - Access free opportunities in training and education chosen by our members.

**NETWORKING** - Keep in touch and share experiences with other groups with a similar focus, across the county, to enhance your current activities.

**INFLUENCING** - You can help to influence and shape local government policy by working with your PPN reps or, even, by becoming a PPN rep for us yourself.

**CONSULTING** - Stay informed of local government plans and decisions for your area and have your say through public consultation processes.

**EMPOWERING** - We enable your group and the wider, diverse communities' voices to be heard and influence the future wellbeing of County Tipperary.



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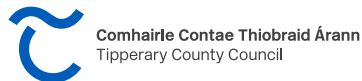
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Strengthen,  
Empower,  
through  
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