



Thinking about becoming a Joint Policing Committee representative for DLR PPN?

What does the Joint Policing Committee do?

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 and is a partnership between Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, An Garda Síochána and the Community. The membership comprises of senior Garda Officers, elected councillors and Oireachtas members and representatives of community & voluntary groups, including members of DLR PPN.

The purpose of the JPC is to provide a forum where Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the senior Garda officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area.

The JPC is a forum to identify, raise awareness of and find solutions for issues impacting on, or causing concerns for, the local community. Through the work of the JPC both partners — the local authority and the Garda Síochána - along with Oireachtas members and community interests have the opportunity to contribute to the improved safety and quality of life of the community.

The JPC seeks to prioritise key community policing policy issues and identify initiatives which will contribute to improved community policing and prevention or reduction of future crime in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

In particular it:

- Keeps under review, a) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and b) the underlying factors that contribute to these issues.



- Advises the local authority and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions and do everything feasibly possible to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Arranges and hosts public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authorities administrative area.
- Establishes in consultation with the local Garda Superintendent and specific neighbourhoods, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the JPC.
- Co-ordinates the activities of the local policing forums.

The Joint Policing Committee has a six year strategy, 2016-2021 which has 3 key goals:

1. Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in DLR
2. Enhancing Community Safety & Security in DLR
3. Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration

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https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/dlr_jpc_six_year_strategy_1.pdf

Each year the JPC devises a workplan which lays out which actions under the three key goals of the strategy they will work on that year and a report is produced detailing what has been achieved.

What is the purpose of a DLR PPN representative on the JPC?

- To represent the range of views of DLR PPN members on matters relating to community safety and policing in the county.
- To share information from JPC meetings with the members of DLR PPN.
- To seek DLR PPN member's views on issues relating to the work of the JPC and to represent those views on the committee.
- To work collaboratively with other DLR PPN representatives on the JPC to ensure the views of DLR PPN members are represented.
- To actively participate in and contribute to the work of the JPC.



What skills or abilities do DLR PPN representatives need for the JPC?

- Awareness of key issues relating to community safety and policing in the county.
- A demonstrable interest in community and social affairs in the county.
- Experience of working with local communities, voluntarily or professionally.
- Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a group.

What commitment is needed from DLR PPN representatives?

- DLR Joint Policing Committee meets quarterly including one public meeting annually, usually held in November. Meetings usually start at 6pm. The venue of the meetings varies.
- Preparation for meetings, for example, reading through documentation, preparing questions.
- DLR PPN representatives are expected to represent the diverse views of DLR PPN members at the JPC and not just their own views.
- DLR PPN representatives are required to share information from JPC meetings with the members of the PPN. They are also required to seek DLR PPN members' views on issues relating to the work of the JPC and feed those views back to the committee.
- DLR PPN representatives are required to attend linkage group meetings as needed, maximum 1 meeting per quarter (3 month period). Linkage group meetings are meetings of PPN members interested in community safety and policing and DLR PPN representatives sitting on the JPC. Their purpose is to enable representatives to update members on the work of the JPC and seek their feedback and views.

DLR PPN's commitment to representatives

DLR PPN will support its representatives to perform their role by:

- Providing relevant training for the representative role.
- Facilitating linkage group meetings that support representatives to carry out the role.



- Proactively addressing barriers to participation.
- Providing organisational and admin support to representatives as needed.
- Responding in a respectful, supportive and timely manner to any concerns or issues regarding their work as a representative.
- Covering representatives travel expenses as per the DLR PPN expenses guidelines (see http://dlrppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DLR-PPN-Expenses-Policy-ratified-11_10_17.pdf)

If you have any questions about the role, please get in touch with the DLR PPN manager Laura Howe at laura@dlrppn.ie or phone 087 6394506.