



DLR PPN
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
Public Participation Network

Annual Report 2021

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About


The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network (DLR PPN) is the umbrella network of Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental groups in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. Our membership is diverse and includes local community and volunteer groups such as active retirement groups, men's sheds, residents' associations, scout and guide groups, chess and bridge clubs, sporting, as well as environmental and social inclusion organisations operating in DLR county.

We provide our member groups with opportunities for networking, learning, communication and sharing of information which leads to participation in local decision making and collective action. For example, we provide free training open to all our members in areas such as digital skills & technology, governance, committee skills, funding and more. We run regular workshops, linkage groups and public consultation meetings to ensure that our members' voices are heard. We enable the community to elect representatives to sit on the local government committees which cover these policy areas: Community, Culture & Wellbeing, Economic Development and Enterprise, Environment and Climate Action, Housing, Planning and Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committees and the Local Community Development Committee.

Our aims are:

- To facilitate communication between community groups and DLR County Council. To give voice to a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system and participate in policy making.
- To strengthen the ability of people, groups, and organisations to contribute in a positive way to the community in which they reside or are active within.
- To act as an information hub for local community and voluntary, environmental and social inclusion groups and organisations.
- To actively support the local community during challenging times such as the pandemic as a member of the local Community Stakeholder Forum.

Membership is free to groups in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area who fulfil the membership criteria. All ages and abilities are welcome. Further information: www.dlrppn.ie or email enquiries@dlrppn.ie



The DLR PPN is overseen by a Secretariat of 9 members elected by full member groups of the network. The Public Participation Network elects representatives to committees and organisations to speak on behalf of all member groups of the network.

For this purpose, the DLR PPN identifies issues that matter and tries to influence policy in a way that improves the quality of life and opportunities for people within the Local Authority area of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

The DLR PPN is the main link through which Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and other decision-making bodies in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area connect with the community and voluntary, environmental and social inclusion sectors.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network is committed to working in an open, inclusive and transparent manner on behalf of all member groups.



Your Community Your Voice.





DLR PPN Staff Report

The year 2021 started against the continued backdrop of Covid restrictions. As it moved forward and we availed of the vaccination programme, we saw an easing of restrictions and became more hopeful that we could return to a new normal in our daily lives.

We received a great response to our training programmes, in particular the Digital Skills for Beginners Programme which was implemented as a direct result of the needs identified by DLR PPN members who participated in our Digital Skills Survey 2020. The programme was run as a collaboration between the DLR PPN and dlr County Council.

In the autumn we began a major project, the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. We sought the opinion of our members and the wider community in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown by asking “What Vision do you have for our Community, for now, and for Future Generations?” at workshops and through our online survey. As soon as this phase of the consultation was completed, we applied ourselves to the task of compiling and categorising the data. We are pleased to say that when the final Draft Consultation period was completed in the spring of 2022 the Vision Statement will be brought to the Plenary for ratification. Once again we sincerely thank all those who participated by taking the time to complete the survey and attend the workshops, without your participation none of this would have been possible.

We wish to take this time to thank our DLR PPN membership for their continued participation and support in 2021 and to acknowledge the importance of the work of Community and Voluntary groups in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Community.

We wish to acknowledge the DLR PPN Secretariat and DLR PPN Representatives who give freely of their time to support and further the work of DLR PPN. We also wish to acknowledge the support of dlr County Council.

We close with the following quote by Helen Keller “Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much”.

Simone Sav and *Colette Downing* - DLR PPN Staff





Secretariat Message

As members of DLR PPN Secretariat, our role continues to be to ensure that we, as member organisations of DLR PPN, have a voice as citizens in what goes on in our county, and indeed in our country.

It is critical that we keep alive the spirit of volunteering and that we encourage everyone to do so, at some stage of their lives.

That is why it is so important to be part of the PPN structure.

Our role in the Secretariat is to represent you, our members, to support the full-time staff of the PPN and to support everyone who represents the DLR PPN, in other words YOU, on Committees right across the county, dealing with issues that cover all of our lives.

We value the work our fellow Secretariat members do. And the time that all of you as volunteers in all your organisations give freely across this county, to better everyone's lives.

Within this Annual Report we can reflect on the tremendous work that was done over the last year, despite restrictions, to support our communities, and our members, and we also look forward to continuing the work of DLR PPN, for us all as members.

We also thank our full-time team for the work they do, working with us as DLR Secretariat in 2021 into 2022 and beyond.

Volunteering lives!

And as Walt Disney says...." If you can dream it, you can do it"

The DLR PPN Secretariat

Written by Aileen Eglington on behalf of DLR PPN Secretariat



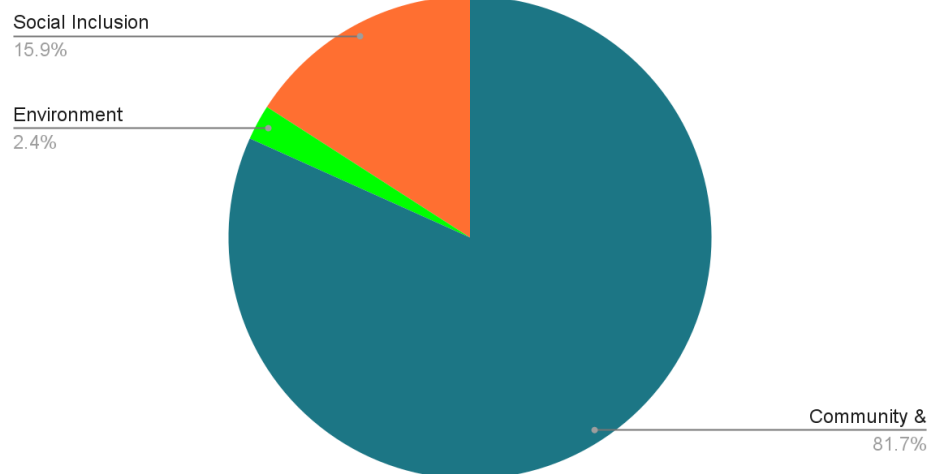
Membership

Membership of the DLR PPN is open to all community and voluntary groups, clubs and organisations in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, working on a voluntary, co-operative or not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the community who meet the membership criteria.

In 2021 we are happy to say that our overall membership increased by 9.03% as we were joined by an additional 44 new member groups.

As of 31 December 2021 the number of membership groups in each of the Pillar Groups were as follows: **Community & Voluntary - 423** **Environment - 14** **Social inclusion - 94**

Membership by Pillar



Membership by Pillar 2019 - 2021

Membership information - Pillars	2021	2020	2019
Community & Voluntary	423	383	439
Social Inclusion	94	90	101
Environmental	14	14	17
TOTAL	531	487	557

DLR PPN Activities

Consultations and participation

We informed and invited members to become involved in a wide variety of Public Consultations on matters such as;

Vision for Community Wellbeing	Draft River Basin Management Plan
PPN Climate conversations	dlr County Development Plan
Review of the Implementation of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Transport Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects	DLR Biodiversity Action Plan
dlr Heritage Plan	dlr Social Prescribing Programme
Library Development Plan	dlr Tree Strategy
dlr Age Friendly Strategy	Community Stakeholder forum report
	PPN National Structural Review

DLR PPN staff have supported the following targeted consultations with relevant local stakeholders:

dlr Tree Strategy	Williamstown Martello Tower in Blackrock Park
DURL Project Information to Residents Associations in Carrickmines Catchment	Citizen Active Engagement meeting
Call to Residents Associations to join the Dundrum/Stillorgan Local Policing Forum	Decarbonizing Zones as an action of the national Climate Action Plan 2021
Resident Associations in the Rockfield Park/Springhill Park/Holly Park areas	dlr Age Friendly Strategy

Submissions

Submissions were made on behalf of our membership to:

Review of the Implementation of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Transport Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects

dlr County Development Plan

Disability Social Care Services to guide plan for the next 4 years (2022-2025)

Surveys created

Review of the Implementation of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Transport Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects


Vision for Community Wellbeing

Feedback on training needs for Digital Skills participants

Funding

We notified our membership of more than 121 funding opportunities available such as:

Funding of €1 million for TidyTowns groups	Bealtaine Festival & Bealtaine Hero Award 2021
Seed Grant scheme	
Community Water Development Fund	Social Enterprise Module young people €30000
Covid 19 Funding Round 2	Clar Funding
dlr Creative Ireland Arts Organisations Bursary 2021	The Arts Council - Creative Places Award
dlr Creative Ireland Professional Development and Mentorship Bursaries 2021	HSE - National Lottery Grants
	Creative Climate Action Fund
Social Enterprise Development Fund 2021	DLR Community Grants Round 1
Colmcille Small Grants Scheme	Dormant Accounts Fund Measure to Support the Employment of People with Disabilities
St Stephen's Green Trust - Traveller Accommodation grant Programme	Ebikes
Christian bros, Edmund Rice Trust Fund	Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2021-22
Foras Na Gaeilge	Learning Together Fund 2021



Our Rural Future Projects announcement	2021 LGBTI+ Community Services Fund
The Circular Economy Innovation Grant Scheme (CEIGS)	Capacity Building Grant and Hub na nÓg Training
A €3 million Pilot Bike and E-Bike Upcycling Initiative	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme – Round 2
Town and Village Renewal Scheme	Pilot High Security Locks Scheme 2021
Innovation in Politics European Awards 2021	Recipients of the €2 million Creative Climate Action Fund Announced
Dormant Accounts Fund - Support the Employment of People with Disabilities	Artist in the Community Scheme 2021 (Round 2)
Creative Climate Action Fund	Capital Grants 2021 DLR
Leader Funding	Community Integration fund Projects Fund
4.5 m Finding Community Facilities	Social enterprise Capital Grants Scheme
Hyde Park Community Centre Development	Social Enterprises Fund
Our Rural Future: Call for Category 2 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund	The Community Foundation Grants
2021 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Expressions of Interest	The Community Foundation for Ireland: Older Persons' Fund Open for Applications
1.5 Local Authority Biodiversity Grant	dlr Grants Scheme 2022 Round 2
25m Disabled Persons Grant Scheme	Club Participation Grant Scheme 2022

Communication

Email

59,644 emails sent to our members informing members about Funding, Training and Consultations and other relevant information.

Ezine Newsletter

We produced 12 ezines and included:

Local initiatives advertised for member groups in the Ezine Newsletter = 188

Keep Well/ Community Health and Wellbeing articles = 80



Social Media

Facebook: Posts 273, Followers - 910

Twitter: Posts 334, Followers - 1,014

Website

www.dlrppn.ie

Number of website posts: 211

Visitors - 113,444 Visits - 453,383

Radio Programme

We produced 12 Community Connections radio shows in collaboration with Dublin South 93.9 FM. This gives PPN members an opportunity to promote their activities and concerns. You can listen to the podcasts [here](#).

Our guests in 2021 discussed a wide range of varied topics such as:

The Community Time Machine project, an age-friendly, cross generational, neighbourhood community project which aims to connect communities across

Elleesa Rushby discussed her talk – SS Isolda: Censorship, Secrecy and Grief in Emergency Ireland – which was featured as part of the National Maritime Museum's lecture series.

Rotary Club of Dun Laoghaire


Beckett in Foxrock 2021

Dalkey Tidy Towns

Indian Film Festival 2021

Cabinteely Youth Theatre presented their campaign to recruit new members after Covid

JP Kinsella and Sean Mari from Monkstown (Dublin) Boxing Club.



Members from the Dlr Comhairle na nÓg discussed Dlr Comhairle na nÓg and their Climate Change project.

The 2021 Dublin Arts and Human Rights Festival showcased and highlighted the extraordinary work of human rights defenders in Ireland and around the world, Smashing Times.

Saint Joseph's Shankill – their vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland.

Nutgrove & Loreto Men's Shed.

Shankill Action for a Green Earth (SAGE) – a climate change initiative that seeks to raise awareness of the threats posed by climate change to try to lower the carbon footprint within the area.

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Chair of the dlr Roger Casement Summer School, the life of Roger Casement and the Wreath-laying Ceremony held on Tuesday 3 August.

The Great Care Co-Op, community engagement initiative – a postcard campaign to spread positive messages and combat loneliness and isolation that many people have experienced during Covid.

Community Education Programme for Health and Wellbeing delivered by Grow Mental Health.

Sharon Perry from SWAN – STEPS for Women Skills Programme, a workshop focusing on women returning to employment and education.

Cathy Martin from Foroige – their projects and programmes and the opportunities in the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown area for volunteers.

Martyna Starzinskaite of ArtNetdlr, the ArtNetdlr Artist Talks.

Simone Sav, DLR PPN Network Manager discussed the Climate Action Plan 2021 and the outcome from the two workshops which formed the Climate Conversations.

National Bereavement Development Specialist with the Irish Hospice Foundation.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown branch of Arthritis Ireland.

Conor O'Leary Manager at Purple House Cancer Support.

Ian Smalley from the DLR County Council.

'Good Food Delivered' programme and the other events and programmes offered by Airfield Estate.

Mary O'Donohue, Executive Director at Making Connections, the services they offered.

Bobby McCormack, CEO of Development Perspectives, the Sustainable Development Goal Advocate training programme and the UN Sustainable Development Goals initiative.

Lisa Sieger-Jamison from the Southside Partnership – DLR Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing programme and the supports available.

Dr Fiona O'Doherty from NoSUPtown- Single use plastic and the projects they run in achieving their objective of reducing single use plastic.

Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national festival which celebrated the arts and creativity as we age.

Building Capacity

In order to strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion community and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate we organised training, events, presentations and linkage groups.

DLR PPN provided 33 different training programmes with 935 registered participants.

Training Provided

"The webinars, training and other supports are excellent and enjoyed by many. Thanks again too for this support."

Video making part 1 - 2 sessions
Video making part 2 - 2 session
Zoom Basic Use - 1 session
Zoom Intermediate Use - 1 session
Email Marketing through Mailchimp - 1 session
Governance Code - 1 session
Social Media skills - 1 session
Funding/ grants - 1 session
GDPR - 1 session
Committee skills - 1 session
Best practice in Zoom - 1 session
Presentation Skills - 1 session

"Many thanks for arranging both Twitter and Facebook training - it has been a huge help to me"

Digital Skills for Beginners Programme

Facebook for Beginners - 3 sessions
Photo/ video on mobile phone for Beginners - 3 sessions

"Thanks for all you do for so many communities - very much appreciated."

Twitter for Beginners - 2 sessions
Zoom for Beginners - 2 sessions
Photo on mobile phone for Beginners - 1 session
Video on mobile phone for Beginners - 1 session
Editing on mobile phone for Beginners - 1 session
Instagram for Beginners - 1 session

"Very many thanks for your help & support with my joining Zoom class this morning. It was a big task for you to take me into the 'Zoom world' & I think I'm going to enjoy it!"

Age Friendly Digital training

Bealtaine Festival - Zoom for Beginners - 4 sessions
Festival of Inclusion (Older People's International Day) - 1 session

DLR PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing



*What Vision do you have for our Community,
for now, and for Future Generations?*

The Vision for Community Wellbeing For This and Future Generations identifies the key issues that member groups in the DLR PPN area consider are important for their community to be “The best that it can be for this and future generations”.

The Vision Statement will act as a guiding vision for everything done by this network. It will be a benchmark for DLR PPN Representatives and the Secretariat – feeding into policy decisions and planning activities.

In autumn 2021, we began the consultation process and asked our membership and the wider DLR community to share their vision for the DLR community for now and future generations.

We held 9 workshops with over 70 participants, we also asked you to make submissions to the Vision For Community Wellbeing Survey to which we received over 330 responses.

The data collected from both the workshops and submissions is being collated to create the Draft Vision Statement. This data is collated according to the six themes, Health (Physical & Mental); Economy and Resources; Social & Community Development; Participation, Democracy & Good Governance; Values culture & Meaning and Environment & Sustainability (see graphic above).

These themes will then be subdivided into sub-category, which include:

- Environment/ Nature/ Parks
- Community meeting places
- Community
- Sport activities
- Art activities
- Intergenerational resources
- Housing
- Transport and roads
- Climate change
- Community supports

The feedback from each theme will be summarised to create the draft statement.

We scheduled a final consultation period for the spring of 2022 to seek feedback on the Draft Vision Statement, by holding additional workshops and seeking further submissions. Once the final statement is created it will be given to the Plenary for ratification.

We wish to thank everyone who participated to date and we look forward to receiving your feedback on the Draft Vision in the near future. We also want to thank dlr County Council for their collaboration on this project.



Vision for Community Wellbeing survey Draw Prize Winners were: Deirdre Saul, Alan Collins and Fionnaigh O'Connor.

DLR PPN Representatives

We are fortunate to have representatives who work hard and give freely of their time to represent the PPN on the many committees in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and everyone of you for all your hard work and involvement over the last year. Your DLR PPN Representatives are:

● Joint Policing Committee

Anne Harrington - Community & Voluntary

Tony McCarthy - Community & Voluntary

Eimear McAuliffe - Social Inclusion

Bébhinn Murphy - Environmental

● Local Community Development Committee

Darren Chambers - Community & Voluntary

Joan Casey - Community & Voluntary

Ibrahim Al Kaddo - Social Inclusion, October 2021.

Louise Keogh - Social Inclusion from November 2021

Sharon Perry – Social Inclusion

Mark Fox - Environmental

● Housing SPC Representatives

Thomas Joseph – Community and Voluntary

Maoiliosa Reynolds – Environmental

Grainne Fennell – Social Inclusion, April 2021.

David Girvan - Social Inclusion, from July 2021

PJ Drudy – Social Inclusion

● Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Representatives

Aileen Eglinton – Community & Voluntary

Fardus Sultan – Social Inclusion

● Community, Culture and Wellbeing SPC Representatives

Lyn Hagin Meade – Environmental, May 2021.

Andrew Clinch - Environmental from July 2021

Olivia Dunne – Community & Voluntary

Brian Kavanagh – Community & Voluntary

Sheila Grace – Social Inclusion

Pierrot Ngadi – Social Inclusion

● Planning and Citizen Engagement SPC Representatives

Brid Meehan – Community and Voluntary

Micheál Walsh – Environmental

Dara Carroll – Environmental

Geraldine Greydon – Social Inclusion

● Environment and Climate Change & Energy SPC Representatives

Elizabeth Clooney – Community & Voluntary

Diarmuid McAree – Environmental

Cynthia O'Mahony – Environmental, May 2021.

Dervla King - Environmental from July 2021

Reji Chacko Jacob – Social Inclusion

● Transportation and Marine SPC Representatives

Frances Kelly – Community and Voluntary

Aaron Moore – Environmental Pillar

John Nolan – Social Inclusion, April 2021.

Dara Carroll Social Inclusion from July 2021

Oisín O'Connor - Environment Pillar, February 2021.

Emma Cahill - Environment from May 2021

DLR PPN Secretariat

The Secretariat is the steering group of the PPN, elected by DLR PPN members.

The Secretariat met 12 times in 2021, the HR and Finance Subcommittees each met 3 times. The attendance rate of the Secretariat at meetings was 78%.

The Secretariat members as follows:

Social Inclusion Pillar

- ❑ Sharon Perry, SWAN
- ❑ Viola Di Bucchianico, DLR Integration Forum
- ❑ Vacancy

Community & Voluntary Pillar

- ❑ Aileen Eglington, Kilternan Glenamuck Residents Association
- ❑ Kay Gleeson, Sandycove & Glasthule Residents Association
- ❑ Tony McCarthy, Dun Laoghaire Active Retirement Association

Environmental Pillar

- ❑ Dara Carroll, Dublin Cycling Campaign
- ❑ Gavin Harte, Friends of the Earth
- ❑ Bill O'Dea, Crann -Trees for Ireland

Training for Secretariat, staff and representatives

1. Climate Conversations training - 1 session
2. Social Justice Training - 8 sessions training
3. PPN Show and Tell - Linkage Groups online! - 1 session
4. Salesforce training - 2 sessions
5. Training for new DLR PPN representatives - 2 sessions

Plenary Meetings

There were two Plenary meetings held in 2021 - the first on 30th March and the second on 30th November.

DLR PPN - Expenditure Report for 2021

Expenditure	€
Staff salary	€82,212.59
Travel expenses staff and reps	€18.65
Training and development	€ 7625.00
Equipment	€800.87
Overheads	€11,156.80
Marketing and promotion*	€0
Projects, activities and events	€11,203.39
Total Expenditure 2020:	€113,017.30

Many thanks for reading the DLR PPN 2021 Annual Report.

Should you have any questions please contact us at enquiries@dlrppn.ie.