



DLR PPN Activity Report April 2025

Update

PPN Spring Networking Meeting 2025 Report

The DLR PPN Spring Meeting 2025 took place on the 25th of March in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan Road. The Secretariat and staff were delighted more than 75 participants for a very productive meeting – see meeting agenda below.



AGENDA

- 7.00 – 7.10 pm – Registration
- 7.10 – 7.30 pm – Networking and Refreshments (hot finger food, tea and coffee)
- 7.30pm – 7.40pm – Welcome and updates about the DLR PPN
- 7.40 – 8.00pm – DLR PPN 2024 Annual Report
- DLR PPN 2025 Workplan and Budget
- DLR PPN Updated Policies
- DLR PPN Ratifying the new PPN reps
- 8.00 – 8.40pm – Priorities for the DLR PPN members in 2025 with Guest speaker Ellanora Lynch
- 8.40pm – AOB
- 8.45pm – Close of meeting

DLR PPN Manager, Simone Sav, welcomed the participants and presented a few important updates about the DLR PPN activity, which included a brief impact report for 2024, which was ratified by the members, an update in relation to the new host for PPN upcoming events and training opportunities – see below.



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Public Participation Network DLR

- Between 2015 and January 2025, DLR PPN was hosted by Southside Partnership DLR. Department of Rural and Community Development have been proactive in supporting the PPN to find a new hosting organisation starting August 2024.
- Since February 2025, the PPN has been hosted by the dlr Chamber.
- We are excited about the new collaboration, and we wish to thank the Secretariat members for all their commitment, hard work and continuous support in making the transition as smooth as possible.

The updates were followed by a synopsis of the Workplan 2025 and the Budget 2025, which were ratified.

WORKPLAN 2025 – *Back to the Basics*

1.PPN Representatives

- Training and one-to-one support
- Consulting the community about the priorities
- Clarifying the mandate for the reps (Vision for Community Wellbeing, Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and Linkage consultation during the Plenaries)
- Networking

2. Training

- Collaboration with Dublin City PPN (Spring and Autumn)
- LGBTQ+ Awareness and Resource Signposting (collaboration with dlrCC) taking place during Bealtaine Festival, Pride Month and Festival of Inclusion
- Once again, the three active Dublin PPNs will be collaborating with DCU to bring you PPN Summer School 2025, 26-29 May. Format will remain required, that of 2024, with in person workshops on campus Monday to Thursday with online events in the evenings. With a Networking Lunch on the Thursday. Registration will be required, and you can register for individual events. Details will be sent by email. Certificate to all who complete the training. Guest Speaker confirmed: Jake Ryan, Principal Officer from the DRCD – Monday evening online session.

3. Communications in line with 5-year Plan

- PPN Ezine will be produced once every 2 months
- Submissions will be made via online form
- Submission of around 250 words
- 1 Image
- Additional document with full details may be uploaded this can also contain additional images
- Members will categorise their submission (e.g. Community Event, Climate Action Initiatives, Irish Language, Funding, etc.)



- #### 4. Climate and Environment Awareness

- ## 5. Community Integration Forum

- ## 6. Governance – updating the PPN Policies

- ## 7. Budget 2025

- Code of Conduct
- Data Protection Policy
- Election Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Financial Policy
- Representatives Charter

PPN representatives on the new SPCs 2024-2029, as well as two new members of the Secretariat, were ratified by the members:

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The meeting concluded at 8.45pm. The Autumn Networking Meeting will take place in November 2025, date TBC. The DLR PPN Secretariat and staff would like to thank all the members who participated and look forward to the Autumn Networking Meeting.



Hosting Activities

Awaiting a Tax Clearance Certificate from Revenue.

Community Connection Radio Programme

No programme programmes will resume on a bimonthly basis commencing on the publication of the May-June ezine

Communications

April 2025	Tweets	Facebook	Bluesky	Web Posts	Mass Email
No Ezine	27	25	11	11	3

Projects Ongoing

LGBTQ+ Awareness Training programme being developed
DLR PPN Community Groups Resource webpage

Projects Completed

Research Project with IADT student Dylan Moran on LGBTQ+

Training and Workshops

- PPN Summer School 2025 registration open
- DLR PPN staff attended National PPN Workers Retreat
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Representatives

Individual Induction Training was provided to 9 SPC Representatives who were unable to attend the 2 group training evenings.

Governance

- 1 Secretariat Meeting

Participation, Consultations and Surveys were circulated to all members.

Consultation on Carbon Budgets.

DLR Pre-Draft Consultation for the Rathmichael Local Area Plan

Housing: Proposed Housing Development at Blackglen Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18



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Martin McEvoy 2025 Conference - Mayoral Governance in Dublin - Democracy, Devolution and Impact
Parks: Clonmore Park Playground Upgrade, Stillorgan Heath, Leopardstown
Parks: Proposed Development St. Michael's Church Square & Environs
Parks: Windy Arbour Playground Upgrade, Patrick Doyle Road, Rathmines
Planning: Proposed residential development at Mount St. Mary's, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14
Planning: Rathmichael Local Area Plan - Pre-Draft Consultation
Property Management: Commercial Opportunity: Property to lease at Park House, Ground Floor, 66 Upper Georges Street, Dun Laoghaire
Public Consultation on a new Action Plan for Insurance Reform
St. Michael's Square and Environs Development Consultation
Proposals for Forestry Promotion Projects 2025/2026
DRCD Statement of Strategy to cover the period 2025-2028.
Deadline reminder: #ACRES farmers must plant Winter Bird Food
DLR Bike Week 2025
Dublin Climate Action (#DCAW25)

Community & Wellbeing Information

DLR Easter Eggstravagansa
International Culture Day 2025 DL Rotary Club
DLR Active Fest
Are you registered to Vote
DLR Times
HSE Balancing Stress Programme
Refurbished Hyde Park Playground,
Revenue Event for Over 65 -
Sandyford's Fittest Company Competition
dlr Sports Partnership Para-standing tennis
DLR Comhairle na nÓg, National Showcase event

Funding

Community Safety Fund
Dublin Rural LEADER Targeted Call for Projects
Emerging Artist Bursaries 2025
HI Digital Fund
ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund
Small-Scale Renewable Electricity Support Scheme