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Happy New Year

Looking Forward



Hello all and Happy New Year. It's been a wintry start and Leitrim PPN wishes you

health and safety in the coming months. It was a busy last quarter of 2017 with the Environmental & Community Awards and a new Resource Worker starting and County Plenary in November. We are all looking forward to a productive 2018 and building on the work done to date. Plans for 2018 include the strengthening of communications and lobbying on the various committees on which you are represented.



Joint Policing Committee

The Joint Policing Committee in Leitrim meets quarterly. The first meeting of 2018 takes place next Mon. 29th Jan at 3 pm in the Council Chambers. Please keep an eye out for reminders for question submissions and an update from the meetings. If the call comes between newsletters a call will be issued on Facebook and Twitter. Please make sure to follow us.



If you have thoughts about any of these issues or others that affect your life in Leitrim, get in touch. We have representation and the rights at meetings where decisions are made. Use your voice.

Contact Leitrim PPN at info@leitrimppn.ie or 087 183 1253 for Tracy Ferguson, Resource Worker or any of your representatives.

For full list of Reps just see the next page.

Training Needs

Leitrim PPN can help member groups with the training. Do you need help with funding applications or recruiting new members? Would your group benefit from Social Media training? Whatever it is please let us know. We have an online survey and need your input. Survey will **close** on Friday January 26th.

Check out our online survey at

[Leitrim PPN Survey Monkey](#)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TW5KHLV>



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PPN Representation

The Public Participation Network is set up so that you can have input to the decision-making process at local and national level. The following people represent your views on various committees in Leitrim.

PPN Secretariat		Local Community Development Committee		
Philip Rooney	Manorhamilton MD	Ita Flynn	Social Inclusion	
Eileen Clinton	Social inclusion	Helen Doherty Harte	Voluntary	
Peadar Flynn	Carrick on Shannon MD	Margaret Hyland	Social Inclusion	
Francie Gilmartin	Ballinamore MD	Maureen Martin	Voluntary	
Damien Hamill	Community/Voluntary	Aedin McLoughlin	Environment	
Michael McGovern	Community/Voluntary	Strategic Policy Committees		
Mary McKiernan	Social Inclusion	Scott Coombs	} Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning	
Tom O'Rourke	Environment	Brian Smyth		
Vacancy	Environment	Helen Corcoran	} Housing, Social & Cultural Development	
		Colin Grimes		
		Kealin Ireland	Environment, Transport & Infrastructure	
Joint Policing Committee		LEADER Evaluation		Peace IV Partnership
Sheila Mollahan	Pat Love	MH MD	Mary Atumonyogo	
Kathleen Flanagan	Mary Butler	C-O-S MD	Oisin Dolan	
Fiona Taylor	Michael Dolan	Ballinamore MD	Ita Flynn	
Hayley Fox Roberts	Liam Breslin	Environment	Jimmy McGivern	
Neville Patterson	Aoife Keaney	Youth	Bernee Murray	
Janice Raine Conick				
Sports Partnership		NW Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force		
Dennis Hardman		Francie Gilmartin		
Mary Quinn		Mary McKiernan		

County Enterprise Fund: Francie Gilmartin

Keep an eye out for updates and profiles on the Committees in the coming newsletters.

A schedule of all committees will be published when available.

National Annual Report on PPNs

In June 2017 all PPNs across Ireland were asked to complete an Annual Report in respect of activities in 2016 - their first full year of operation. The completion of this report was designed to capture specific non personal data and certain indicators relating to the activities of the PPN. The report contains a number of recommendations which will be considered by the National Advisory Group and reported on to the Dept. of Rural and Community Development. In summary these include:

- A **National Publicity Campaign** - promotion, Plain English approach, encouraging engagement, especially in younger people and encouraging agencies to use PPNs for consultation.
- **National Co-ordination for PPNs** - support, best practice and in tandem with publicity campaign.
- **Funding support administration** for each Resource Worker.
- **Ensure funding is secure** for the future so PPNs can plan.
- **Review the PPN structures** to allow for flexibility for specific urban or rural challenges.
- Enhancing **Local Authority capacity** with regard to public participation.

The full report is available on our Leitrim PPN website at

<http://bit.ly/2DxNNhN>

North West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force

Leitrim PPN is represented on a number of committees that have input at decision-making level on topics that affect us on a daily basis. The North West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force was set up to provide a response to illicit drug use and underage drinking problems in Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and NW Cavan. The task force has representatives from govt. agencies, local authorities and community and voluntary groups. Initiatives include a Youth Drug & Alcohol Worker, Strengthening Families, Training and Education and Community Employment.

Secretariat Members, Mary McKiernan and Francie Gilmartin represent Leitrim PPN and they would be delighted to hear from you if you wish to raise any related question or issue.

The first ever meeting to be held in Leitrim takes place this Thursday 25th Jan at the Council Chambers in Carrick on Shannon and will be chaired by our own Mary McKeirnan. If you have any matter you wish brought to the attention of the Task Force contact Mary or Francie at info@leitrimppn.ie or get in touch for a direct email.

The full list of meetings for the year is as follows:

Jan 25th 2018	Leitrim County Council Chambers, Carrick on Shannon
Mar 29th 2018	Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal
May 31st 2018	Leitrim County Council Chambers, Carrick on Shannon
July 5th 2018	Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal
Sept 27th 2018	Sligo Council Offices, Sligo
Nov 29th 2018	Leitrim County Council Chambers, Carrick on Shannon

Meetings are private but reminders will be issued if you have topics or questions you wish to raise at any of the meetings.

Diary Dates

EVENTS:

Thurs. 25th Jan at 7:30 pm The Dock, Carrick on Shannon	Stop Food Waste Week starts today, 22nd Jan 2018. As part of the initiative having screenings of <i>Just eat it – a food waste story</i> in a number of locations around the country. The movie has won a number of international awards and investigates the food waste issue from production through to the householder. Entry is €5 and all proceeds will go to the local St. Vincent de Paul.
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Fri. Feb 16th TBC Ballinagleara	Climate Change, People Change - Youth conference on Climate Change in Leitrim. More details next newsletter.
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DEADLINES

24th Jan 2018	Closing date for applications to Creative Training for Women at the Glens Centre. Check if out at Creative Training for Women on Leitrimppn.ie
31st Jan 2018	Nominations for Age Friendly Ireland Awards. See Age Friendly Ireland on Leitrimppn.ie
31st Jan 2018	Call for Submission - Decade of Centenaries. See Decade of Centenaries on Leitrimppn.ie
31st Jan 2018	Call for Submission - National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage. See Cultural Heritage Call on Leitrimppn.ie
1st Feb 2018	Call for submissions - Public Libraries Strategy. See Public Libraries Strategy on Leitrimppn.ie
7th Feb 2018	Closing date for applications to Creative Industry Skills Training at the Glens Centre. Check if out at Creative Skills Industry Training on Leitrimppn.ie