

DLR PPN Five Year Plan 2024-2029 Survey Questions

About the PPN

Public Participation Networks were established through the Local Government Act in 2014. Their aim is to serve as the independent networks of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, active in all Local Authority Areas (31 in Republic of Ireland).

DLR PPN is independent from the dlr County Council. We have more than 600 member groups active in DLR. There are two staff members, hosted by Southside Partnership and a yearly budget of around €120,000. The Secretariat manages and oversees the budget, workplan, staff and activities (more details on our website at www.dlrppn.ie)

All our activities reflect the aims of the PPN:

- To facilitate communication between community groups and the Local Authority
- To enable representatives from the community to sit on various decision-making committees within the Local Authority
- To increase capacity and good practices within the local community by providing relevant training
- To act as an information hub, keeping community groups informed of relevant initiatives and opportunities in DLR
- To support the community as needed (Community Stakeholder Forum)
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We are building our first Five-Year Plan 2024-2029, with the support of Finbarr Fitzpatrick from Business Improvement Solutions. We would love to hear your feedback. The deadline for responses is Friday, the 22nd of December, at 5.00pm.

Thank you for your participation!

1. Thinking about the PPN, what does it represent to you? (Tick all that apply)

☐	A useful resource for community groups.
☐	It provides information and training for local groups.
☐	It acts as a communication hub between the council and local groups.
☐	It allows us to contribute to local decision-making via consultations and having elected representatives on the local decision-making committees.
☐	It provides groups with an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.
☐	If we need information, we can always contact the PPN for assistance.
☐	A trustworthy organisation.
☐	A helpful organisation.
☐	I am not sure how to describe it.
☐	Anything else? Please explain below.

2. The DLR PPN shares many updates relevant for the DLR community. In your opinion, which of these do you find most useful? (Rate from 1 to 8 in order of importance)

☐	Training opportunities.
☐	Funding opportunities.
☐	Consultation initiatives on a local level.
☐	Local events organised by DLR PPN community groups.
☐	Local events organised by organisations in DLR by public bodies and/or not-for-profits.
☐	Consultation initiatives on a national level.
☐	Climate Action Initiatives.
☐	Information sessions on upcoming funding, consultations, initiatives, etc.
☐	Other – please explain below

3. Do you know the other PPN member groups? (tick the option that you agree with)

☐	My group DOESN'T KNOW any other members of the PPN.
☐	My group would KNOW A FEW OF the other members of the PPN.
☐	My group would KNOW A LOT OF the other members of the PPN.
☐	My group would KNOW MOST OF the other members of the PPN.

4. How well do you feel you understand the structure and remit of the DLR PPN?

☐	Have a very clear understanding.
☐	Have a good understanding.
☐	Have a vague understanding.
☐	Don't understand at all.
☐	Is there anything in particular that could be explained better? – please explain below

5. In the last year, have you participated in any of the opportunities advertised by the DLR PPN?
Tick all that apply.

☐	No, I haven't.
☐	Yes, funding.
☐	Yes, consultation.
☐	Yes, training.
☐	Yes, information session.
☐	Yes, DLR PPN Plenary meeting.
☐	Yes, community events promoted through the ezine and/ or email.
☐	Yes, other – please explain below

6. In your opinion, would the members of your group be aware of the role of the Strategic Policy Committees in DLR?

☐	Yes - most members are.
☐	No - no one really understands what they are.
☐	Some members would be aware, but not all.

7. Have you ever discussed local policy with your DLR PPN representatives?

☐	Yes.
☐	I don't know who they are or how to contact them.
☐	No.
	If you selected YES or NO, could you please explain

8. In your opinion, what are the most important functions the DLR PPN should fulfil for the benefit of the DLR community in the next 5 years? (Rate from 1 to 5 in order of importance)

☐	Communication of opportunities relevant for the local community.
☐	Providing training to help groups be compliant with governance.
☐	Signposting community groups towards resources available to them .
☐	Enabling representatives to sit on local decision-making committees.
☐	Creating opportunities for groups to know each other and their respective activities.
☐	Other – please explain below

9. Please tell us your views about the effectiveness of PPN communication, identifying strengths and improvements such as Information sharing re: events/ funding and grants/ newsletters etc.

10. Please give us your thoughts on how the PPN can strengthen and enhance the skills needed to run an effective community and voluntary group in DLR.

11. What actions could be taken to enable more people to become and remain active members of the PPN, for example volunteering to become a PPN Representative?

12. What can be done to increase awareness of DLR PPN and its relevance to community/ voluntary groups within the county?

13. Please use the space below to tell us what you feel the overall mission of the PPN should be?

14. At the end of this Five-Year plan in 2028, what would you like to have been achieved by the PPN?

15. Any other comments on what we do well and what we need to improve.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.

- You can email it at enquiries@dlrppn.ie
- You can post it to DLR PPN, Old Post Office, 7 Rock Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin

For any questions, please drop us a line at enquiries@dlrppn.ie