

Kildare Public Participation Network

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The main aim / activity of a community college member organisation is to improve quality of life and community wellbeing.

Volunteering is a key aspect within the community college and is renowned for skill development, socialisation, meeting a particular need as well as creating fun and enjoyment in the community.

In developing criteria for the Community College of the Kildare Public Participation Network, the role of resident' associations, community organisations, community councils, local development groups, Tidy Town committees, sporting clubs, parish councils and other local faith-based groupings, arts groups and similar community organisations have a distinct relevance for the community leadership role of local government and in the promotion of community well-being.

Eligibility Criteria for membership of the Community College

1. The primary objectives and activities must focus on community responses to local issues/concerns
2. The organisation must be a not for profit group
3. The organization must be formally organised with at least a constitution, bank account or credit union account
4. The organisation must have activities that promote overall community wellbeing
5. The organisational structure of the member groups must not have representatives **appointed** by any government department, semi-state body or local authority; but this does not prevent any person sitting on the board in a personal capacity

Suggested list of eligible local groups for membership of Community College

Residents groups/Associations	Voluntary campaign groups
Tidy towns groups	Arts groups
Self-help groups	Broad based Service provision groups
Community Councils	Playground Associations
Issue based groups	Active retirement groups
Youth groups	Festival groups
Community Associations	First Aid organisations
Sporting / leisure clubs groups	