

## **General Criteria for Membership to Kildare Public Participation Network (PPN)**

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- Groups seeking affiliation must complete a registration form. Final eligibility for registration will be determined by Kildare PPN. Acceptance onto the Environmental Pillar will be determined by the National Pillar.
- Groups must be voluntary, community based, non-party political and active in County Kildare, be “not for profit”, with at least 3 members.
- Groups to be a minimum of 6 months in existence prior to affiliation on the PPN.
- Member groups must be independent with their own decision making structures and powers (not a substructure or subcommittee). Membership is not open to individuals acting alone.
- Member groups should hold Annual General Meetings and carry out activities in an open and transparent manner.
- Groups should be open to new members and be broadly representative and accountable and have a relevant formal structure. A written Constitution or Articles of Association or set of written guidelines are desirable but not essential.
- Groups who already have representative rights on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) (e.g.) Agriculture, Farming, Business, commercial, Trade Unions, Political Parties etc) through the National Pillars or any other mechanism, may not be members of the PPN, but may participate in the activities of the PPN on an observer basis.
- Local or National Elected Public representatives are not eligible for election to a Strategic Policy Committees, Local Community Development Committee or other structures via the PPN.