

Results

SLIGO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

ELECTED CANDIDATES

SPC 1- Housing & Corporate Policy



Alan McMenamin

Community &
Voluntary
Seat

Nominated by Respond who state:

"I have been on the JPC for the last full term. I created many of the standing order amendments and ensured that community groups (e.g. Sligo Mediation Services) were able to present to the full JPC on their work and improving integration between statutory and community organisations. I facilitated a workshop when Sligo held the National PPN Annual General meeting. I have attended other Social Inclusion meetings and tried to assist other groups in the Sligo area to benefit of the learning, inclusivity and resources available in the areas. I am committed to advancing and improving of the community relationship with state agencies to ensure that they not only have a voice but also and positive input to extract as much support for local communities. I am committed to communities in need and will endeavour to continue this with the support of my organisation and community reps from Sligo PPN."



Pippa Black

Social
Inclusion Seat

Nominated by Tus Nua who state:

"Born in New Zealand but living in Gurteen since 2008. My degrees are in law and sociology, which probably explains my interest in public policy. However, my career to date has been in home education. We have 4 children (3 grown), who have received all of their first and second level education from home. My work in home education included co-founding a national home education lobbying and support group. I believe that we should be proud of our young people, who are speaking out about climate change, and working with them to implement solutions. I am also passionate about diversity of creed, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and ability and I am fully committed to building a truly inclusive society. As a writer, I have been involved in a number of community-based writer's groups and enjoy the mutual support and nurturing they provide. They are a reflection of what our communities can achieve."

Environment
Seat remains
vacant

SPC 2- Environment & Infrastructure



Sharon Eastwood

Community &
Voluntary
Seat

Nominated by Skreen Dromard Development clg who state:

"As one of the most beautiful counties in Ireland, I advocate the development of Sligo in appropriate ways without damaging its habitats and species. I co-run an environmental consultancy in Sligo with circa 10 staff. I am also chair of the Skreen Coastal Care group. This Summer we ran a series of coastal walks to increase appreciation of our heritage. I have represented the environment college on the Strategic Policy Committee for Environment & Infrastructure. During these years, I have attended most meetings, contributed to discussions and circulated to fellow college members notable points. Since being elected, I am one of a core group of PPN Environmental College reps who have developed an environmental policy for the PPN, developed guidance for grant funding, advocated environmental actions, issued a PPN environmental survey and helped facilitate the recent Climate Change lecture by Prof John Sweeney. I would be honoured to be re-elected."



Joan Swift

Environment Seat

Nominated by Sligo Cycling Campaign who state:

"Our nominee, Joan Swift from Sligo Cycling Campaign is ideally suited to represent the environmental college on the SPC. This is because cycling ticks many boxes re environment and liveable places. More cycling benefits not just the minority who currently cycle but entire communities. Cycling contributes to a reduction in emissions, congestion, noise and air pollution, it enhances health and well-being and is inclusive and affordable. Joan is familiar with the various fun and sustainable travel initiatives by communities around Ireland such as Cycle-Buses and School Streets, Love 30 groups which campaign for lower speed limits in places where pedestrians and cyclists mix with motor vehicles and The Irish Pedestrian Network active in Dublin, Cork and Limerick. Joan is active on the executive of the national cycling campaign body Cyclist.ie. A voice on the SPC would give us an opportunity to promote liveable and sustainable communities in Sligo."

SPC 3- Planning, Community & Economic Development, Arts & Culture



Community & Voluntary Seat

Corena Ward

Nominated by Cranmore Co- Op who state:

"Corena Ward is the Coordinator of Cranmore Community Cooperative Society Ltd. Before coming to Sligo Corena's works included Addressing community needs on Inishturk Island, Piloting with the Secretariat, the Champion Degree Scholarship BA in Enterprise and Community Development in each Municipal District, as coordinator of Tipperary PPN. She worked in a new and emerging town called Cranbrook in Devon, responsible for the community-led 'Cranbrook Business Ladder' which was backed by the District Council to become the basis of an economic development strategy for the new town. She managed 'Volunteering for Stronger Communities' supporting people with extra barriers to volunteer in rural and urban locations in Devon. She worked with the Travelling Community in Tipperary. She conducted a needs analysis with the non-Irish national community in Monaghan. Corena holds a Masters of Community Development from NUI Galway and was a PPN Social Inclusion Rep on the LCDC in Mayo up until July this year."



Sanja Ivandic

Social Inclusion Seat

Nominated by Sligo FRC who state:

"Sanya Ivandić worked in Sligo FRC Intercultural Project from November 2018 to March 2019. Sanya has a Masters in Enterprise Management from the Faculty of Economic Science, in the University of Zenica, Bosnia Herzegovina. She is passionate about equality and justice and her work in the FRC demonstrated her understanding of issues particularly in relation to immigration and social inclusion. She has lived in Sligo for 4 years with her husband and daughter."

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Suzanne Tynan

Environment Seat Nominated by Skreen Dromard Coastal Care who state:

"Suzanne Tynan is a hydrogeologist (MSc. Hydro, 2011) and environmental scientist (MSc. Env Sci, 1992) with 25 years professional experience gained in academia, public institutions, industry and NGOs. She's a chartered geoscientist and currently serves on the board of the IGI. She's chair of the IGI Working Group currently updating the IGI Guidance for Environmental Impact Assessment Reporting for Soils, Geology and Water Guidelines and a member of the Climate Change Working Group. She's been the Education/PR Officer of the International association of Hydrogeologists (Irish Chapter). Suzanne is chair of Strandhill Community Development Association's Biodiversity Action Group working with Sligo County Council's Heritage Department and consultant ecologists to prepare a Biodiversity Action Plan for Strandhill. The BAG is now engaged in implementing actions set out in the Biodiversity Action Plan. Suzanne has both strong professional skills as well as commitment to both her local community and the wider scientific and environmental community."

SPC 4- Climate Change



Lisa Moore

Community &
Voluntary
Seat

Nominated by Branching out who state:

"Lisa lives in Sligo and has been based in Sligo town for almost 30 years, and has degrees in Psychology, Geography and a MSc in Psychology. She started her community development career in Special Olympics Basketball in Sligo, as secretary, coach and athlete protection officer and has been an active member of St Anne's community games; the Community Games executive committee; Sligo Rowing club as a recreational member; the Rowing Club and Sligo Rugby Club, She is Company Secretary and Director of Branching Out Art Ltd, which is Sligo-based youth work organisation, focusing on creative practices and projects and maintaining an all ages, drug and alcohol free, community arts space, The Nest. She would be a great member of the Strategic Committee."



Yvonne Lang

Environment Seat

Nominated by SEN who state:

"Yvonne Lang is a lecturer in the School of Science, IT Sligo. She is actively involved in raising awareness about environmental issues through research and outreach activities. Some of her previous research projects investigated the interaction of microorganisms and microplastics and the potential role of algae in bioremediation processes. She is currently a member of the steering committee for GLAN Sligo and has been a past committee member of the Environmental Sciences Association of Ireland (ESAI)."

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Substitutes

In 2019 it was great to see contested seats which means that we are gifted with substitutes for the environment seats on SPC 2 and SPC3.

SPC 2 – Infrastructure and Environment Nominated by Sligo Environmental network who state: "I have been dedicated to environmental issues and local landscape all of my life. After attending University for Environmental Resource Studies I became a forest activist & campaigner for Forest Action Network on the west coast of Canada as well as organizing for the alliance against world trade organizations. I became an Arboriculturalist where I Substitute 1 report on tree consultation for both the private & public sector. I work for the Heritage Council. I am on the Panel of Shailagh E Experts in schools & facilitate learning landscape programs around nature connection. I facilitate music and movement Healey therapy sessions. I was on the steering group for Bundoran Transition Towns and am involved with both LEN and SEN. Raising awareness about climate change and our reliance on petroleum has been a constant with my work. I hope to influence the development and planning sectors regarding the care of our trees and ensure best arboricultural practices of the industry are observed and carried out. Nominated by Walking Matters who state: "Dave Doyle has lived in Sligo and taught in IT Sligo for many years. He was recognised by the National Forum for Substitute 2 the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and Union of Students in Ireland (USI) when he **David Doyle** was presented with a Teaching Hero Award for 2016. He has a keen interest in surfing and camping and hence an awareness of the urgency of protecting our environment."

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SPC 3 – Planning, Community & Economic Development, Arts & Culture



Substitute 1 Patricia Gardiner

Nominated by WalkingMatters who state:

"Patricia has a keen interest in community and social issues and has been nominated because of her awareness of the climate crisis facing us. If elected, she commits to ensuring timely feedback to community groups on the discussions and decisions of the new Strategic Policy Committees, and seeking their opinions and considerations in policy formulation. She has a Master's degree in Town Planning and during her career she has worked in both the corporate world, in developing large-scale wind energy projects in both Europe and the U.S., and the non-profit sector in a range of community-based organisations from Dublin to California to Nicaragua. Her work with WalkingMatters brings together her interests in public space, public health, social justice and environmental issues."