

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & NOTES FOR NOMINATIONS FROM SLIGO PPN TO SLIGO LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

A Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria applies to the election of PPN Representatives to Local Community Development Committees:

1. Elected representatives of Local Authorities cannot be nominated
2. If anyone nominated through this process subsequently decides to enter electoral politics he/she must immediately resign their PPN representative role and the relevant nominating PPN unit (electoral college/Linkage Groups) will chose a replacement
3. A person who has been an elected representative of any level of Government (local or national) should not be chosen to represent PPN in any representative role for one year after completing their term of office
4. Employees/ professionals. Where there is a conflict of interest cannot be nominated
5. All PPN representatives must meet the criteria laid down by the unit that nominates them to their representative role
6. Nominees must be members of the electoral college specified by the body seeking representatives
7. Groups that have a County - wide Governing Structure which is also registered with the PPN voting unit/linkage group will have one vote at County level e.g. GAA, ICA, Foroige
8. Local authority members and officials, who are board members of any community or voluntary organisation, community development body or local development body represented on the LCDC, cannot be members of the LCDC and are not eligible for nomination through the PPN.

B. What is the Local Community Development Committee?

Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the establishment of a Local Community Development Committee by resolution of the Local Authority for the purposes of

‘..developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development’ (S.36 LG Reform Act 2014)

They will have primary responsibility for the planning and oversight of local development spend by local authorities on behalf of the state or by other local development agencies and structures. Local Authorities have been requested by the Minister to advance the establishment of the Local Community Development Committees in order to meet the timeframes for the transfer of oversight responsibilities for local and community development programmes.

They will be responsible for:

- a) Ensuring an integrated approach to local and community development services.
- b) Driving meaningful citizen's engagement in scoping, planning and evaluating local and community development programmes.
- c) Ensuring more efficient administration of local and community programmes, matching needs with resources, and achieving value for money in relation to the delivery and governance of programmes.
- d) Enhancing the links between practice and policy by focusing on feedback and learning.
- e) Exploring opportunities for additional funding resources for the area, whether exchequer, private or other resources.

1. Functions

The functions of the LCDC are outlined under section 128 (A) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

- a. Prepare the 'community elements' of the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).
- b. Implement or arrange for the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan.
- c. Review the 'community elements' of the plan at least once over the six year period and amend as considered necessary.
- d. Monitor and review implementation of the community elements and revise actions and strategies as appropriate.
- e. Coordinate the management and oversee the implementation of the programmes that have been approved either by the local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and other public bodies.
- f. Ensure effectiveness, coordination, consistency and the avoidance of duplication between publicly funded local and community development programmes.
- g. Optimise resources for the benefit of local communities and improve the efficiency with which publicly funded local and community development resources are used.
- h. Consider and adopt a statement in respect of the economic elements of the Plan to be prepared by the local authorities.
- i. Prepare an annual report on the performance of its duties.

The Local Economic & Community Plan referred to above expires in December 2021. The making of the next Local Economic & Community Plan will commence in 2021 and will be entitled *Sligo: One Voice One Vision - Towards 2030*

Programmes under the remit of the LCDC include;

- The Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (LEADER programme) and the Transitional LEADER Programme (including amendments to 2014-2020 LEADER Programme)
- Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022
- Peace Plus Programme
- Healthy Ireland Programme
- Various Grant schemes (e.g. Community Enhancement Programme, Covid 19 Grants Scheme etc)
- Public participation Network

- Other programmes as may be assigned to the committee from time to time

For further information see <https://www.sligococo.ie/lcdc/>

C. PPN positions on the LCDC

The PPN has been invited to nominate the following representatives to the LCDC

- 2 from Community and Voluntary Voting College
- 2 from Social Inclusion Voting College
- 1 from Environmental Voting College

The PPN should bear in mind the objective of achieving a 40% gender balance in the making of appointments, as well as the need to foster social inclusiveness and equality when selecting their representatives. The selected members should be representative of local organisations active in the respective county or city, because it is the local perspective of the representative pillars that the members would be expected to bring to the LCDCs

D. Issues to consider when selecting a nominee

- The track record in working on the issue that is the focus for the representative forum
- Ability to make an effective contribution
- The participation of people experiencing the problem/issue to be addressed at the representative forum
- Whether the issue to be addressed at the forum is a core issue for the PPN member
- Fair distribution across geographical areas
- Ensuring gender balance
- A commitment from the persons to feedback to the PPN voting college
- A commitment from the nominee to represent the views of the unit voting college they represent (and not just their individual organisation)