



Public Participation Network Sligo



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GUIDE TO ASKING CANDIDATES COMMUNITY BASED QUESTIONS

As we are entering a period of elections, it is important for all of us to be aware as to what the candidates we may be voting for actually stand for, and if this stance aligns with what the community of Sligo have identified they need.

Based on what our community members have told us through ongoing consultation, Sligo PPN has prepared a series of potential questions, broken down by PPN Pillar, that you can ask candidates who call.



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Sligo PPN wish all candidates and voters the best in the upcoming elections.

In this flyer you will find potential questions in each category for you to ask your local candidate to get a sense of what they stand for.

The 3 Sligo PPN Pillars are : Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY

- 1) How would you go about sourcing additional and better co-ordinated funding for community groups. How will you advocate on behalf of the 600 plus groups in Sligo who are facing escalating costs of operation?
- 2) In terms of listening to the voice of the community, have you spoken to Sligo PPN about the issues that member groups have raised?
- 3) What do you think should be done to support rural community groups who lack the services provided for in larger urban areas?
- 4) In terms of red tape and governance, community groups are struggling to keep up with increasing demands and this is impacting service delivery on the ground. How will you support groups to get back to their 'core business'?
- 5) A lack of available, affordable and accessible community space is a big concern for the community sector. How would you try to ensure that more public space is available for this important work?
- 6) In 3 short sentences how would you describe the importance of the community sector in Sligo?

SOCIAL INCLUSION

1) Immigration is a new way of life for us - how would you propose we best integrate new communities at local level for the benefit of all?

2) In regard to crime, how can we help make our communities safer?

3) What is your understanding of social inclusion - how do you think government and organisations should work with communities to create a society in which everyone feels they belong?

4) What policies and changes will you be supporting and advocating for that create an empowered and inclusive voice for all in the community. How will you support the PPN to achieve this?

5) How can local Councillors help ensure that those communities often excluded from parts of public life have more say in shaping the society in which they live?

5) In 3 short sentences what does an inclusive society look like and what is the role of local Councillors in helping to achieve this?



“I think that individual voices are not as strong as a community of voices. If we can make a community of voices, then we can speak more truth. Also in a community, we learn to listen...”

— Maxine Hong Kingston

ENVIRONMENT

- 1) What policies do you support that would help create rights for nature and protect wildlife?
- 2) What are your ideas for how we can tackle climate change at local level?
- 3) What will you do to improve the efficiency and sustainability of public transport in Sligo
- 4) How do you see a Just Transition into a green economy happening without hurting local farmers, producers or tourism providers?
- 5) As a politician, what will you do to help create local nature areas, improve biodiversity habitats and progress the establishment of green spaces and greenways
- 6) For you personally, what 3 things would you like to see happen to make county Sligo into a more environmentally nurturing society?



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*"There is no power for change
greater than a community
discovering what it cares
about."
– Margaret J. Wheatley*