

What is the FPPN?

Fingal Public Participation is the local Public Participation Network and therefore is Fingal's new framework for public engagement. It will provide the structure to facilitate the two way flow of information between the Local Authority and Community, Voluntary and Environmental groups. The network will enable residents of Fingal and community organisations to influence plans and policies for the future development of the County.

Who is setting up the FPPN?

Fingal County Council Community Development Office worked with the Fingal Community and Voluntary Forum (FCVF) and the Environment representative to oversee it's development.

Why get involved?

The FPPN brings together all groups and organisations working on a community and voluntary basis in Fingal. Being part of the FPPN gives your group the opportunity to participate at decision making and policy development level. Membership is FREE and as member community group you will benefit from

- Networking with your Peers
- Access to information
- Access to support and training
- Criteria for funding
- Organised engagement with Fingal County Council
- Access to decision making bodies
- Influencing decision making and polciies
- Being represented and being part of represented view of the community
- Being a member of the Fingal County Register

How can your organisation get involved?

Sign up with the Fingal Community County Register. Once registered, organisations will automatically become members of the Fingal Public Participation Network.

What is the criteria for membership?

In general, not for profit organisations who have a stake in the community and address local issues can register. In addition, the organisation must have an agreed set of rules, working structure and are in an existence for at least 12 months with a postal address in Fingal. Individuals can join an existing group or organisation or can establish as an interest group to register.

Local Organisations will be required to

- Have a stake in the community and address local issues
- Hold a formal structure with an agreed set of rules and working structure
- Be in existence for a minimum of 6mths
- Not for profit organisation
- May employ staff but have a voluntary Board of Management
- Have appropriate policy and procedures if in receipt of monies (hold a bank account)
- Have a postal address in the County
- Be registered on the Fingal Community County Register
- Fall within the 3 Pillars of Social Inclusion, Community & Voluntary, Environment
- National Organisations can register but the Local Fingal Branch will only be eligible to vote and hold representative positions

How long will my organisation membership last?

Organisations, once registered and continue to operate within the 'Description of Activities' detailed in the Fingal Community County Registration Form, will remain eligible for membership. Groups to be required to reaffirm membership each year –confirming that they still want to be involved and update contact details