

11th December 2014

Dear FCN Member,

Following a meeting of the PPN Working group yesterday evening, I am emailing to update you on the meeting outcome.

As you are aware the PPN working group was established to develop the Fingal Community Network model and hold the first plenary. The group comprises of 3 representatives from the Fingal Community and Voluntary Forum, 1 representative from the National Environment Pillar and 3 Fingal County Council officials. In the absence of the elected secretariat and as agreed at the Plenary meeting on 29th November, this group was requested to reconvene to explore the bolstering of group membership in an effort to move the process forward.

The working group has agreed to increase membership and transition into the **FCN Implementation Group** with the primary responsibility of developing an agreed election process and establishing the FCN Secretariat. In effect, I am writing to invite expressions of interest from FCN members interested in participating in this group. Please click https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Expression_of_Interest_FCNIImplementationGroup and complete the form before 5th January 12noon to register your interest. In the event of 'expression of interest' forms received exceeding the number of positions available, we will select through an arranged meeting of interested members on either the evening of the 12th or 13th January. The first FCN Implementation Group meeting will take place on the 21st January 7pm, Civic Offices Blanchardstown. Please keep these dates on file.

The following are details of the group

Name:

Fingal Community Network Implementation Group

Role of the group:

1. Oversee the establishment of the FCN Secretariat
2. Advise and agree on the FCN Election Process
3. Oversee the Linkage Group elections to the Strategic Policy Committee
4. Address concerns raised by the FCN Members at the 29th November plenary meeting

Group Membership:

Fingal Community Network Implementation group will comprise of 7 members from the following
1 x Representative from National Environment Pillar
2 x Representatives from the Swords Balbriggan geographic area
2 x Representatives from Castleknock Mulhuddart geographic area
2 x Representatives from Howth Malahide geographic area
plus Fingal County Council officials (number to be decided)

Timeframe:

The group will operate between January and March/ April 2015 and will disband on the establishment of FCN Secretariat.

Meeting logistics:

The group will meet approx. every 2 to 3 weeks in the evening 7pm to 8.30pm. Meeting location will alternate between Fingal County Council offices in Blanchardstown or Swords.

Position available:

As requested at the Plenary, the original PPN working group undertook to bolster its membership and transition into the FCN Implementation group. In effect 3 of the 7 available seats are currently occupied by current PPN working groups members. Please refer to the table below (marked in red) to inform you of the 4 positions available. Again please click here

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and complete the form to register your interest.

Representation	Current Member	New Member
1 x National Environment Pillar	Maire O'Brien, Env Pillar	Position filled
2 x Swords Balbriggan	John Barrett, FCVF	1 Position available
2 x Castleknock Mullhuddart	Howard Mahony, FCVF	1 Position available
2 x Howth Malahide	No current member	2 Positions available

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible members are required to be from the respective geographic areas and must be the organisations named FCN representative. In addition, we advise that persons should have regard to the following

- An understanding of the FCN model and process
- Have an ability to make effective contributions and can commit to attending meetings
- Have a track record of working in a representative group forum
- Cannot be an employee or professional working for a local community group
- Cannot be an elected representative to the Local Authority

Kind regards

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