

Community Pillar PPN



Introduction

The national framework for the community pillar best lies with the White Paper on a Framework for Supporting Voluntary Activity and for Developing the Relationship between the State and the Community and Voluntary 2000 and the Working Group on Citizen Engagement with Local Government 2013

In defining three distinct pillars for citizen engagement the community pillar relates to activity that is intended to promote goodness or improve human ***quality of life and community well-being***. Volunteering is a key aspect within the community pillar and is renowned for skill development, socialisation, meeting a particular need as well as creating fun and enjoyment in the community.

In developing criteria for the Community Pillar of the Kilkenny Public Participation Network, the role of resident' associations, community organisations, community councils, local development groups, Tidy Town committees, sporting clubs, parish councils and other local faith-based groupings, arts groups and similar community organisations have a distinct relevance for the community leadership role of local government and in the promotion of community well-being.

Eligibility Criteria for membership of the Social Inclusion Pillar

1. The primary objectives and activities must focus on community responses to local issues/concerns
2. The organisation must be a not for profit group
3. The organisation must be formally organised with at least a constitution, bank account or credit union account (PTO)

4. The organisation must have activities that promote overall community well being
5. The organisational structure of the member groups must not have representatives ***appointed*** by any government department, semi-state body or local authority; but this does not prevent any person sitting on the board in a personal capacity

Suggested list of eligible local groups for membership of Community Pillar

Residents groups	Self-help groups
Community councils	Issue based groups
Youth groups	Community Associations
Sporting/ leisure clubs/groups	Voluntary campaign groups
Arts groups	Broad based Service provision
groups	Active retirement groups
Playground Associations	Festival groups