

Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment SPC

PILLAR: Environment

SEATS: One (1)

1. CANDIDATE: Liz Gabbett NOMINATED BY: Maigne Rivers Trust

My name is Liz Gabbett and I am the project officer with the Maigne Rivers Trust. I'm a proud Limerick native and I am keen to promote all that is good about Limerick. I want to work with people and organisations committed to protecting and improving our natural environment. I have always had a keen interest in the environment and engaging people in their natural surrounds.

I am a zoologist, an active citizen scientist with the National Biodiversity Data Centre, elearning developer and I grew up on dairy farm outside Limerick city. For 8 years I worked in UL Students' Union, enabling students to be active representatives and helping them on how to run their various clubs and societies.

If elected, I would be honoured to be a PPN representative for the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment linkage group to the SPC. I will endeavour to listen to all opinions, identify the issues and carry out research on the various projects. If you ever wish to engage with me, please email me on info@maigueriverstrust.ie

2. CANDIDATE: David Tobin NOMINATED BY: Limerick Pedestrian Network

My name is David Tobin and I'm a member of the Limerick Cycling Campaign hoping to sit on the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment SPC.

I've engaged in continued advocacy over the years on environmental issues with a strong focus on sustainable transport initiatives. I've worked on these with both the Irish Pedestrian Network and the Limerick Cycling Campaign. My management role in St Paul's National School covering SESE and the environmental and transport aspects of the Green Schools programme also shows my experience in delivering and implementing environmentally sustainable initiatives.

I've engaged in an ongoing basis with press, council staff and elected reps in an array of campaigns over the years, including the Limerick Cyclovia event last September which comprised the largest street closures for Car-Free Day 2019 in the entire country, and the advocacy for, development and improvement of cycle infrastructure in Limerick City West.

With LSMATS due in the coming months there is an urgent need to ensure that it is compatible with the Climate Action Plan with clear measurable goals on how we move to more sustainable and environmentally friendly modes of transport and reduce the impact our transportation choices have on climate breakdown. As someone with knowledge and experience in this area I feel I could contribute to this discussion.

Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment SPC PILLAR: Community/Voluntary SEATS: One (1)

1. CANDIDATE: Caillum Hedderman NOMINATED BY: Limerick 46th Ballybricken Scout Group

My name is Caillum Hedderman and I'm a young advocate from Ballybricken, East Limerick.

From a very young age, I have been a scout and this has led me on a path of believing and upholding my scout law.

- The Scout Law states:
- Scouts are Friendly
- Scouts are Kind
- Scouts are Honest
- Scouts can be Trusted
- Scouts are Respectful
- Scouts are Brave
- Scouts are Loyal
- Scouts seek out Justice for all

These are all principles I would carry with me through my time as a member of the SPC on Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment.

Outside of Scouting, I am an active advocate for sustainability, social justice and the environment. Through my involvement with many organisations and communities locally, nationally and globally I have developed a strong passion for developmental thinking and empowerment of all at the decision-making bodies.

If elected, I would continuously work to deliver on the actions of committee and develop our work to truly benefit the people of Limerick. I want to work with the plenary and linkage groups to ensure all of our views are represented within the SPC. I strongly believe that participatory democracy will strengthen our communities and the Limerick PPN.

Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning PILLAR: Environment SEATS: One (1)**1. CANDIDATE: Dr Breda Hayes NOMINATED BY: Environmental Trust Ireland**

I am a Practising Solicitor and National Garda Vetting Appeals Officer.

I hold a number of first class Honours degrees from the National University of Ireland and the University of Cambridge including doctorate degrees in law and in science. Previously, I was a Fellow of the University of Cambridge before accepting a tenured academic lecturing post in Ireland. I have acted as External Examiner to a number of Universities in the U.K. and in the European Union.

In my legal role, I have been involved in a number of leading cases and have advocated before all Courts in this jurisdiction including the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Courts. I have acted in a wide range of litigation cases ranging from criminal, road traffic offences, public order to judicial review, health and safety, public safety, preventing vulnerable and elder abuse, undue influence, discrimination cases, planning and environmental matters, etc.

I am the Honourable Secretary of Environmental Trust Ireland. I am committed to environmental, planning and sustainable development which is inclusive to all. I liaise with and work with the Gardaí and adjudicate in a quasi-judicial role in my capacity as National Garda Vetting Appeals Officer.

2. CANDIDATE: Madeleine Lyes NOMINATED BY: Limerick Pedestrian Network

As a founding member and current Chair of the Limerick Pedestrian Network, I have helped to develop a group which works to make Limerick better for, and because of, everyday walking. We aim to advocate for pedestrians across the county, to foster links with other community and active travel groups, and to be a source of information around best practice pedestrian infrastructure and amenities. But the work of the LPN is also tangibly connected to the economic planning of the city and county, as it is focused on making Limerick more accessible, liveable, and attractive.

I would be eager to use my skills and background to help develop the PPN and the work of the Economic Development, Business and Planning Committee. I am currently Community Engagement Officer with Space Engagers, a partner on the +CityxChange project, and have a background in research and public engagement. A recent project, for example, was on the Department of Rural and Community Development's Town Centre Living Initiative, focused on the revival of Irish town centres. My research skills, both academic and public policy, would be of use for the Committee's dealings with planning and policy initiatives. I would use my public engagement experience to make sure that the voices of the members of the PPN linkage groups are heard within the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to put my name forward for nomination, and I'd be proud to represent the LPN and other linkage group members on the Economic Development Committee.

Home and Social Development**PILLAR: Community/Voluntary****SEATS: Four (4)****1. CANDIDATE: Anne Cronin****NOMINATED BY: Limerick Cycling Campaign**

My name is Anne Cronin and I have worked in the voluntary sector for the past 20 years largely supporting people who are homeless or in need of housing. I worked for SVP and the ISPCC before moving to Novas in 2003 where I set up housing support and addiction services around the country. I set up a family support service for homeless families in Limerick and a bespoke accommodation and support service for young people leaving care and at risk of homelessness. I set up three family hubs in Dublin and Clare supporting homeless families. I set up a community detox addiction service in the Midwest as well as a number of specialist disability services for homeless people with physical and sensory disabilities with additional complex needs such as addiction, behavioural, etc.

After 17 years (10 years as Head of Services managing 25 services around the country), I left Novas earlier this year, to begin studying a MSc in Public Health in the University of Limerick. I have a BA in European Studies, a MA in Peace and Development and a level 8 in Housing Law and Policy all from UL.

I am a cycling advocate and Vice Chair of the Limerick Cycling Campaign. I am co-founder of the Limerick Cycle Bus. I am an Advisor to the Board of the Housing Agency and sit on their new Homeless Advisory Group. I am an active member of the Labour party and ran for local election in 2018.

I am very interested in sitting on the Home and Social Development SPC as I feel I have relevant experience in terms of the housing need of marginalised communities – especially the barriers that exist in accessing housing in the city. I am also very interested in our public realm and how it effects our public health.

2. CANDIDATE: Tracy McElligott**NOMINATED BY: Moyross Residents Forum**

I have a number of years' experience representing groups on a number of community and statutory bodies and reporting back to organisations. For the last 16 years I have been employed as a community development worker with Moyross Residents Forum. This has given me extensive experience & knowledge of issues facing communities and experience of working with statutory bodies. I also have knowledge and experience of being a PPN representative on the Home & Community SPC. I have very good communication & reporting skills.

Home and Social Development PILLAR: Social Inclusion SEATS: One (1)

1. CANDIDATE: Una Burns NOMINATED BY: Novas

Una Burns, Head of Policy and Communications, has worked with Novas since 2013. With a BA in History and Politics, an MA in International Relations and a PhD in Irish Emigration History, she has extensive experience of research, presenting and communications.

In Novas she manages internal and external communication, report writing, media and public relations and advocacy. She has extensive knowledge of the homeless landscape in Limerick and the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness, and will bring significant expertise to the SPC on Housing and Social Development

Joint Policing Committee SEATS: Seven (7)

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