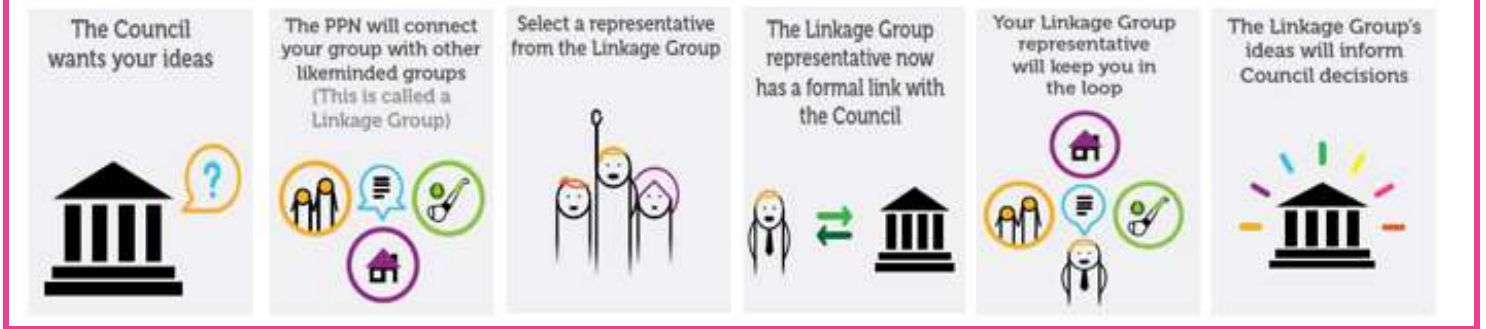


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Brief explanation of Linkage Groups:



What is a Linkage Group

A [Linkage Group](#) is a collection of PPN member groups/organisations who have an interest in the work of a given external committee.

Role of Linkage Groups

1. Linkage Group members nominate, elect and support PPN representatives on external committees.
2. Linkage Group members discuss and debate the matters being discussed by the external committee, to inform the representative(s), and where relevant to prioritise and develop policy positions.



Joining Linkage Groups

1. Any PPN member can join any Linkage Group at any time. There may be times when joining Linkage Groups is temporarily suspended, such as during elections.
2. Email ppn@limerick.ie and say which Linkage Group(s) your group/organisation is joining.

External committees Limerick PPN Linkage Groups are aligned to

There are currently eight Linkage Groups in the Limerick PPN: five are aligned to each of the [Strategic Policy Committees](#), one for the [Joint Policing Committee](#), one for the [Local Community Development Committee](#) (LCDC) and one for the [Limerick URBACT Health and Green Space Local Group](#).

Linkage Groups

1. [Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment](#)
2. [Community, Leisure & Culture](#)
3. [Community Safety & Policing](#)
4. [Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning](#)
5. [Home & Social Development](#)
6. [Travel & Transportation](#)
7. [Urban and Rural Community Development & Social Inclusion](#)
8. [Limerick URBACT Health and Green Space project](#)



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How Linkage Groups work

1. There is one Linkage Group created for each external committee which has seats allocated to Limerick PPN representatives.
2. New Linkage Groups are established by the Secretariat on an issue basis or as requested.
3. Linkage Groups report to the wider PPN membership through the Secretariat.
4. A Linkage Group lasts the lifetime of the committee it is aligned to, or a Linkage Group formed to feed into a specific public consultation will close when this consultation process is finished.
5. Each Linkage Group has a Facilitator who is selected from its membership to facilitate meetings, communications and the general work of the Linkage Group.



Support for Linkage Groups and their PPN representatives

1. [Linkage Groups](#)
2. [Representatives Charter](#)
3. [Statement of Outcomes template](#) for elected PPN representatives –This template is to help Limerick PPN representatives who sit on external committees to report effectively to their respective PPN Linkage Groups, the Secretariat and the wider PPN membership.
4. [Code of conduct](#) signed by all elected PPN representatives
5. Dedicated webpages on the [Limerick PPN website](#) that are regularly updated
6. Limerick PPN professional online meetings Zoom package available
7. Online communications group for PPN representatives on the same external committee (on Salesforce)
8. Online communications group for all members of each Linkage Group (on Salesforce)
9. A Facilitator for each Linkage Group – selected from the Linkage Group membership
10. Availability of Limerick PPN staff to support as appropriate

What your group/organisation can do to help Linkage Group communications:

1. Use the Linkage Group communications structures to share relevant information, strengthen the Linkage Group system and support the elected PPN representatives
2. Ensure that the person(s) who is representing your group/organisation on a Linkage Group has an email address they can access and that this is confirmed with the PPN staff. Email ppn@limerick.ie
3. If there is more than one person on a Linkage Group representing your group/organisation, please make it clear which person is to receive access to any voting opportunities on behalf of your group/organisation

