

**Call to Participate in National Survey of PPNs.
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PPN MEMBERSHIP NOW 151 MEMBERS

Limerick PPN membership continues to grow and we would like to welcome the new members who have joined us since our last newsletter. You can check out all our members on the [Membership directory](#) Register to join Limerick PPN at the following link: [Registration form](#)

THE JUNE/JULY ISSUE OF THE FUNDINGPOINT LOCAL ACCESS DIGEST

is available to view on the [limerick ppn website](#) at the following link:

[Funding opportunities](#)

This is a bimonthly publication with funding information for non-profits across Limerick city and county.



About Limerick PPN

Limerick PPN is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups/organisations, working together for a better Limerick through public participation in local democratic structures.

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Structural Review of PPN's Underway Nationally - Call to Partake in Survey

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) is currently carrying out an independent structural review of Public Participation Networks to guide their future development. As part of this, you are encouraged to participate in a survey that will provide feedback from everyone with an interest in the PPNs. Survey closes at **5pm Fri, 25th June 2021**.

Further information here:

<https://www.limerickppn.ie/call-to-partake-in-survey-of-public-participation-networks/>

Click on following link to access the survey:

<https://mazarsconsultancy.eu.qualtrics.com/>



WE ARE RECRUITING!

Recruitment has now commenced for a suitable candidate for the position of Limerick PPN Resource Worker. Closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday, June 30th 2021. Please bring to the attention of anyone you think might be interested. Further information and application forms are available at the following link:

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/your-council/jobs/public-participation-network-resource-worker-5-year-ftc-closing>

TRAINING SESSIONS WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND

Following on from our recent Social Analysis workshop, our series of training session with Social Justice Ireland continue to run over the coming months with the next one taking place on Wednesday July 14th. These 2-hour sessions cover a range of topics that PPN members have indicated an interest in. All training is free and open to Limerick PPN members and voluntary groups across the county eligible for Limerick PPN membership. Click on the links to register to participate.

1. [Communications and Advocacy – Wednesday July 14th 7pm – 9pm](#)
2. [Representation for the PPN – incl. Local Authority structures – Wednesday August 25th 7pm – 9pm](#)
3. [Local Authority budgets and making pre-budget submissions – Wednesday September 22nd 7pm – 9pm](#)
4. [Group facilitation skills – Wednesday October 27th 7pm – 9pm](#)

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launches its €625,000 funding opportunity for Irish enterprises to innovate, demonstrate and implement circular economy approaches in their business models.

The EPA is inviting business and industry applicants from across Ireland's economy with business-ready innovative projects targeting the areas of food, plastic, construction and demolition waste and resources and raw materials. These are key priorities nationally which require innovative thinking and solutions and are also priorities of the [EU's Circular Economy Action Plan](#).

- Applications for project funding in the range of €50k to €100k are invited, to support Irish businesses develop circular solutions in product and service design, production, distribution, use of resources including raw materials and waste reduction.
- Circular business models contribute to a climate-neutral, resource-efficient economy, but also offer competitive opportunities, and appeal to customers and consumers looking for sustainable options.
- A webinar will be held on 1st July at 10am for potential applicants. Please e-mail nwpp@epa.ie to register

[Click here to view the Green Enterprise call documents.](#)

Do Log into Salesforce Chatter if you are already a Linkage Group member. This is where you can keep up to date with all that is happening with our **Linkage Groups**. Salesforce Chatter is the online discussion space for PPN Linkage Group members where they can communicate and share ideas or information with other members. A login button is on each Linkage Group page on the PPN website:



You can also view a [short video](#) on how to set up and use Salesforce Chatter.

Remember:

1. email the PPN staff with any queries about Chatter
2. check your notifications settings for each Chattergroup you are a member of – otherwise you may not be in the loop about what is happening

Social Media

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Limerick PPN Linkage Groups

One of the most exciting developments over the last number of months is the growth and strengthening of our Linkage Groups.

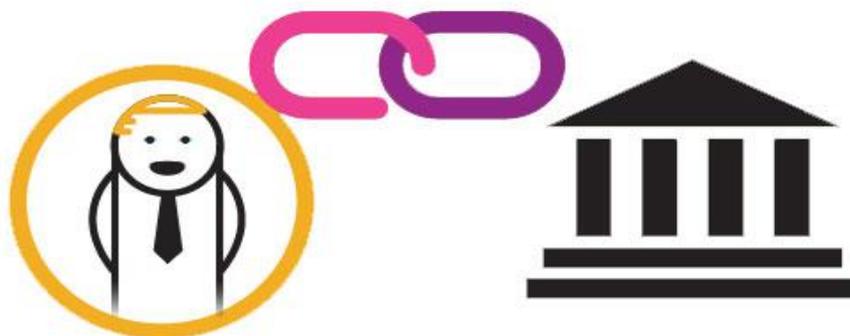
Linkage Groups are at the heart of Limerick PPN. To briefly explain Linkage Groups:

1. Linkage Group members nominate, elect and support PPN representatives on Council committees (formal elections for PPN representatives are done in a way to ensure that each PPN member group/organisation has one vote only in an election)
2. Linkage Group members discuss and debate the matters relevant to the Council committee, to inform the representative(s), and where relevant to prioritise and develop policy positions

In terms of **accountability and transparency**, a Linkage Group and its PPN representatives have access to a number of supports including templates, Salesforce Chatter and a dedicated website. In terms of **social inclusion**, a Linkage Group enables people to bring their voices to discussions regardless of experience, education or background (once they are with a PPN member group/organisation!). In terms of **deliberative democracy**, a Linkage Group enables PPN representatives to be informed and empowered. The Linkage Group is not about members or representatives having “one voice”, but it is about being as informed and inclusive as possible – this is the exciting challenge and opportunity for us all.

The success of our Linkage Groups is down to the vision, generosity and commitment of PPN representatives on the different Limerick City and County Council committees, Linkage Group meeting facilitators and notetakers, and PPN members.

Details of our eight Linkage Groups are available on the [PPN website](#).



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