

**St. Mary's Community Adult Education Group CLG wishes to table the following amendments to the draft constitution of the Limerick PPN:**

The quoted Constitutional provision is in *italics*

*6.3.1 Role of Linkage Groups*

- 3. To mandate the representative(s) to bring forward the diversity of views within the Linkage Group to the committee(s).*

**Proposed that the wording be changed as follows:**

3. To mandate the representative(s) to bring forward **the consensus view** within the Linkage Group to the committee(s).

*7.1 Principles Governing PPN Representation*

- 1. All PPN representatives on external committees will report to and take direction from their respective Linkage Group.*
- 2. Representatives will not represent their own interests or views or those of their own group/organisation.*

**Proposed amendment to 7.1.1 as follows:**

1. All PPN representatives on external committees will report to and take direction from their respective Linkage Group **in accordance with 6.3.1.3 above.**

**Proposed amendment to 7.1.2 as follows:**

2. Representatives will not represent their own interests or views or those of their own group/organisation **except with the express consent of the Linkage Group.**

**PPN Policy positions to be considered with respect to elements underlined:**

*6.3 Linkage Groups*

- 3. Linkage Group members discuss and debate the matters being discussed by the external committee(s), to inform the representative(s), and where relevant **to prioritise and develop policy positions.***

LGs should have the ability to adopt a policy on behalf of the PPN as the Linkage Group is composed by definition of the most interested and informed members about the subject matter of the relevant Committee and its views and positions should be respected as such and trusted by the PPN membership to be its position as well.

- 4. Agreed policy positions of the Linkage Group **are not deemed adopted positions of the PPN unless this is agreed at a Plenary meeting.** External communications on behalf of the PPN are issued through the Secretariat or the PPN staff acting on behalf of the Secretariat.*

As Plenary is only held twice a year it is unrealistic for a Linkage Group to take a view, but then withhold its view until a Plenary ratifies it, before letting the Committee know of it. It may be many months before the relevant Plenary that the matter was debated at Committee and thus the view of the PPN is not expressed in order to influence the Committee's recommendations.