

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms for PPN Limerick*

Here is a handy list of terms and acronyms frequently used within the context of the Public Participation Network Limerick (PPN). This guide aims to clarify the jargon and make understanding the PPN easier for all participants.

**This list is not exhaustive and will be added to a larger “Guide to PPN Limerick” document which will be generated in 2026.*

- **PPNL**.....Public Participation Network Limerick
- **DRCDG**.....Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht
- **IEN**.....Irish Environmental Network -
- **LCCC**.....Limerick City and County Council
- **MOU**.....Memorandum of Understanding. This is an agreement similar to a Service level agreement (SLA). The PPN signs one yearly with LCCC outlining the rights and responsibilities of both parties for the coming year.
- **SPC**.....Strategic Policy Committee - a Local Authority Committee comprised of councillors and external stakeholders which make policy proposals on issues such as Housing, Environment, Community etc. In Limerick they are currently titled:

EDETP..... Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning

CABE.....Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment

T&T.....Travel and Transportation

H&SD.....Home and Social Development

CLAH&C.....Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture

LCDC..... Local Community Development Committee

A committee established to develop, coordinate, and implement a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

- **LECP**.....Local Economic and Community Plan
A plan that outlines the strategic and operational framework for economic and community development in a locality.
- **SICAP**.....Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
A national program in Ireland aimed at reducing poverty and promoting social inclusion through education, employment, and community development.
- **LEADER**..... A funding programme delivered through the LAGS, which aims to support economic, social and environmental development of rural areas. LEADER is a programme that supports both private enterprise and community groups in delivering projects aimed at improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of economic activity in rural areas.
- **LAG**.....The Local Action Group who administer the Leader Programme at local level.

- **Secretariat**.....The Steering Group for PPNL. Made up of individuals from member groups. Ensure that the governance and day to day functions of the PPN are followed and are link to the administrative staff ensuring that Workplan is delivered.
- **Resource & Support Worker**....Administrative Staff of PPNL. Responsible for the administrative functions of the PPN and delivering the agreed Workplan.
- **LG**..... **Linkage Group** - group of ppn members interested in the activities of the Committee it is attached to.
- **LCSP**.....LIMERICK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE- The Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) in Limerick was established under the 2025 Safety Partnership Regulations in accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. · It represents a shift from traditional policing to a collaborative, preventative model.
- **Pillar**.....The PPN membership is divided into three pillars or sectors namely; Environmental, Community/Voluntary and Social Inclusion. Each member organisation/group chooses the Pillar which best represents their primary interest.
- **IEN**.....Irish Environmental Network - is an umbrella network that works to support national environmental NGOs through access to funding and services. It consists of environmental groups that carry out their work through practical conservation work, campaigning, lobbying and raising public awareness of environmental and conservation needs. With regard to PPN's, **the IEN have the rights to access and approve member groups admission to the Environmental Pillar.**
- **Social Inclusion Pillar:** Includes groups whose activity is centred on working to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are on the margins in society, living in poverty and/or in unemployment. Social Inclusion organisations or groups use a community development model to build sustainable communities, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected.
- **Community Pillar** refers to a place (such as a neighbourhood or wider area), identity (such as belonging to an ethnic group), or interest (such as a commitment in common with others, for example, disability rights).

