



Galway City Community Network
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GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK

The Public Participation Network in Galway City

Autumn Plenary Meeting
September 28th, 2022

FÁILTE/WELCOME



Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Minutes & Matters Arising**
- **Community Discussions ... GCCN Representatives' Updates**
- **Presentation 1..... Amach! Galway**
- *Break for refreshments (20 min)*
- **Presentation 2 Galway Samaritans**
- **Elections GCCN Representatives**
- **GCCN Update GCCN Activities, Workplan and Budget**
- **AOB**



Minutes and Matters Arising

Community Discussions

GCCCN Representative Reports



GCCN Representatives Reports

Q&A

- **SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion**
- **SPC2: Planning**
- **SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development**
- **SPC4: Transportation**
- **SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity**
- **Local Community Development Committee**
- **Joint Policing Committee**
- **Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce**
- **Galway City Alcohol Forum**
- **Galway Childcare Committee**
- **Galway City Partnership**
- **Galway Sports Partnership**

A woman with long brown hair, seen from behind, is holding a large rainbow flag high in the air against a clear blue sky. The flag is vibrant and billowing. The scene is bright and celebratory.

Member Groups' Presentations ...

Amach! Galway

Break for Refreshments



**Member Groups'
Presentations ...**

**Galway
Samaritans**





GCCN Election/Ratification

Structure **Local Community Development Committee**
Nominee **Joanne Laffey - SCCUL**

Current GCCN Vacancies

- 1. Local Community Development Committee - Environment Seat**
- 2. Planning - Environment Seat**
- 3. Comhairle na nÓg**
- 4. GCCN Secretariat**

GCCN Work Update



Progress Report

Linkage Groups and Thematic Groups

- All GCCN Linkage Groups met remotely to discuss issues in advance of SPC, JPC and LCDC meetings
- Ongoing **support** is offered to all GCCN representatives
- GCCN continues to support Access for All in the form of a **Disability Thematic Group**
- The **Older Persons' Forum** was recently launched. GCCN, Galway City Partnership, Galway City Council and other stakeholders collaborate on this.

LECP Actions:

- **Pobal Pilot Project** - seeks to engage the most marginalised groups in society in the LECP planning processes

Progress Report

Local Economic and Community Plan actions

LECP Flagship Four action – Public Sector Duty:

- This work is running as a strand for all other LECP Seed and Flagship actions.

LECP Seed Nine action – Sustainable Development Goals:

- The LECP SDG Working Group continues to meet regularly
- The Working Group continues the engagement with the City Development Plan and LECP planning processes to promote the use of the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs.
- GCCN submitted an expression of interest to join the National SDG Stakeholder Forum.

LECP Flagship Six – UNCRPD

- GCCN continues to support the work of Access for All and its work on the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities
- Training will be provided to all members in October

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DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

18th and 25th October 2022 | 6pm - 8.30pm | Zoom

To complete this training, attendees will be required to attend both sessions.

For further details contact
development@gccn.ie



GALWAY VALUES TRAVELLER LIVES TRAVELLER PRIDE 2022

**Galway Agencies and Service Providers celebrating
Traveller cultural identity and rich heritage
Connecting with Communities**



#ValueTravellerLives

Progress Report

Local Economic and Community Plan actions

**LECP Seed Four - Reconvene the Galway
City Traveller Inter-Agency Group:**

- The **TIG** is currently focusing on engagement with Galway City Council and relevant agencies in relation to undertaking Public Sector Duty assessments.
- GCCN continues to support the development of the action plan for this initiative.
- A **PR strategy** relating to Public Sector Duty was developed for **Traveller Pride Week** in July. This action will be continued over the coming months.

**Is your organisation
LGBT+ friendly?**



**Show your
support!**

Order your free **STICKER**
Public Recognition Marker
and the Resource Pack for
Supporting LGBTIQ+
Communities

Contact: equality@gccn.ie



Progress Report

**Local Economic and Community Plan
actions**

**LECP Seed Five - LGBTI+ Interagency
Group:**

- The LGBTQI+ Interagency Group of Galway City and County continues to distribute the **Public Recognition Marker and Resource Pack**
- GCCN continues to attend meetings of the LGBTI+ Interagency and supports the development of the action plan for this initiative
- **Training will be given in October** to both community groups and service providers.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS



**Meeting with Minister Joe O'Brien
September 2022**



**Mayoral recognition of Friends of Merlin Woods
and Terryland Forrest Park Alliance - June 2022**



**GALWAY ACTIVE TRAVEL
4th Meeting**
September 19th - 6pm - Online

With special guest
GRAINNE FALLER
'SUNDAYS 4 SAFETY'
Campaign



**Launch of the LGBTQ+ Resource Pack on International Day Against
Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia - May 2022**

GCCN Climate Conversations 2022
21 June - 6pm - Zoom

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Training

- **Two Induction sessions to be held in October and November**
- **A Disability Awareness Training Session will be delivered by ILM1 in October**
- **An LGBT Awareness Training will be delivered by Amach! LGBT in October. Event organised in collaboration with GCCN and Galway County PPN**
- **Free online training for all GCCN stakeholders on Public Participation Networks**

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AMACH! LGBT
GALWAY CLG

Galway County Public Participation Network
Lionra Rannphóirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe

SUPPORTING LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITIES

RESOURCE PACK TRAINING

GALWAY LGBTIQ+ INTERAGENCY GROUP

- 1 GENERAL TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**
24 OCTOBER 2022 | 7 PM | ZOOM
FOCUS: introduce the Resource Pack for Supporting LGBTIQ+ Communities and include training on the ABCs of the LGBTIQ+ community and welcoming diversity in your group
- 2 TRAINING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS**
26 OCTOBER 2022 | 10.30AM | ZOOM
FOCUS: building cultural competency to increase awareness, and understanding of the LGBTIQ+ community

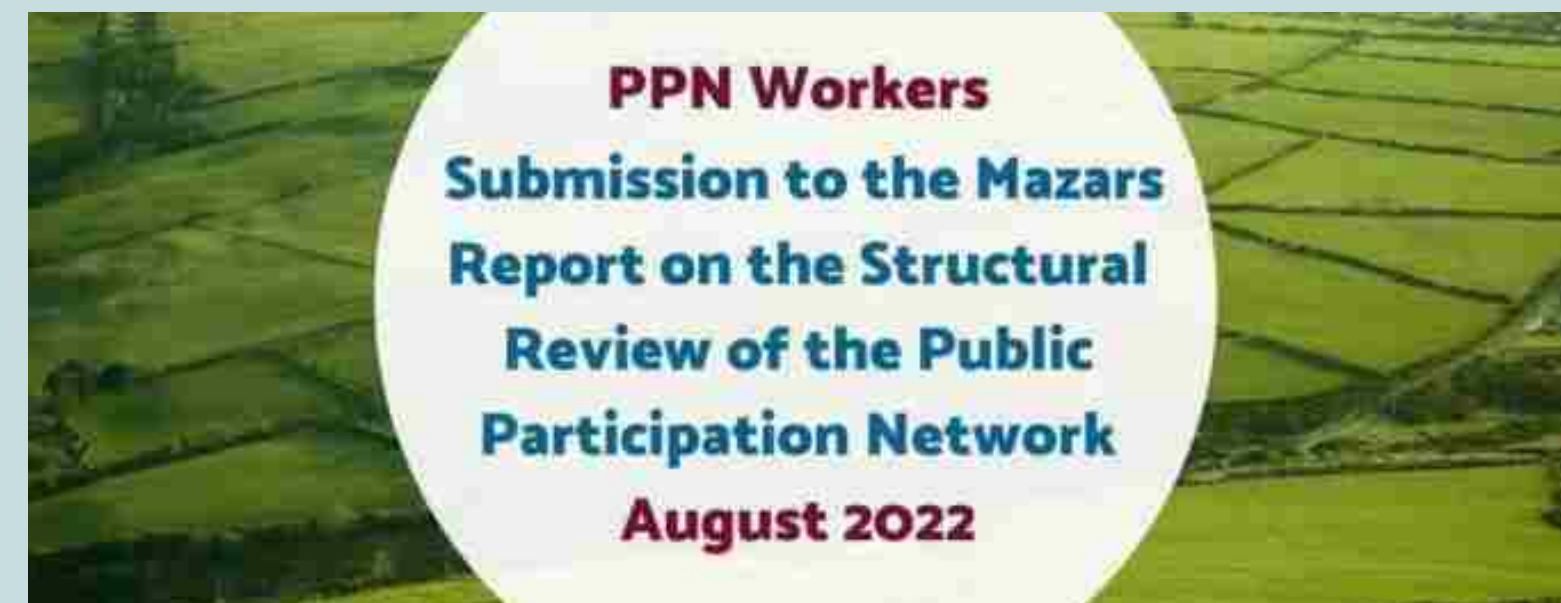
To register for one of the sessions above, contact equality@gccn.ie

Resource Pack for Supporting LGBTIQ+ Communities

Progress Report

Submissions

- GCCN, Galway City Partnership and Ukrainian communities produced a submission for the **LECP** consultation
- A submission on the **PPN Structural Review** was made in August
- The **LGBT+ Interagency Group** of which GCCN is part made a submission on the **LECP** in August



GCCN Community Support

- GCCN continues to engage in the re-activated **Community Response Forum** to support **Ukrainian refugees** arriving in Ireland
- Meetings with a **Ukrainian community group** have been held and work on a **handbook** aimed at **helping new arrivals** navigate accessing services has now been finalised
- GCCN is in the process of uploading this information on the **website** in the coming weeks





Communications

Newsletters:

- 10 GCCN Newsletters since the previous Plenary in April 2022

Social Media:

- regularly updated
- Facebook: 1,618 followers
- Twitter: 845 followers
- Instagram: 592 followers



Presence in the Media:

- Active Travel Meetings

AOB

GALWAY VALUES TRAVELLER LIVES

GALWAY CITY TRAVELLER INTERAGENCY ARE CALLING YOU TO TAKE ACTION THIS TRAVELLER PRIDE 2022.



The Traveller Community have a rich and vibrant cultural heritage which needs to be recognised and celebrated.

What can you do?

Be part of a social movement for change. Take action this Traveller Pride and beyond! Use your HR and PR systems for the ongoing promotion of positive action for the Traveller Community. Value Travellers' lives!

#ValueTravellerLives

Public Sector Duty

Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 requires public bodies to actively promote equality, protect human rights and eliminate discrimination in the performance of their functions. This includes human rights which have been given "the force of law" in Ireland such as the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights and EU Equality Directives.

Agenda 2030 and the SDGs

Ireland has signed up to Agenda 2030, so public bodies should take steps to reduce inequality (SDG 10) and build participatory mechanisms into governance structures to ensure that they are responsive and inclusive (SDG 16).

GALWAY TRAVELLER CHANGE MAKERS



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Thank you!

