

## **South Dublin County Public Participation Network**

When registering with the South Dublin PPN groups are required to select one of three pillars; Community, Social Inclusion or Environment. Please use the descriptions below to guide you in selecting your pillar. If you require further information please email your queries to [ppn@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ppn@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Social Inclusion**

The main aim / activity of a social inclusion pillar member organisation centres on working to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment. Social inclusion organisations use community development approaches to build sustainable communities, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected. They focus on social justice and on working with the most marginalised, including:

- Families on low income
- People with inadequate educational/training qualifications
- Ethnic minorities
- Travellers
- People with disabilities
- Disadvantaged women
- Substance abuse or dependency
- Homelessness

### **Environment Pillar**

The main aim / activity of an environment pillar member organisation is environmental (i.e. ecological) protection and/or environmental sustainability. They focus on work which may include:

- Protection of wildlife
- Organic horticulture
- Environmental protection, education and sustainability
- Resource efficiency and recycling
- Invasive alien species prevention and removal

A list of agreed national networks whose local networks will be eligible to join the environment pillar of the PPN can be found at [www.environmentalpillar.ie](http://www.environmentalpillar.ie)

### **Community Pillar**

The main aim / activity of a community pillar member organisation is to improve quality of life and community wellbeing. Groups who do not fit under the social inclusion or environment pillar should fit within the community pillar. Groups may be involved in sports, arts, leisure, community development, active retirement, residents associations, youth, community safety, cultural activities, festivals etc. Volunteers are essential to the sustainability of these groups.