



Roscommon PPN

County Vision for
Community
Wellbeing

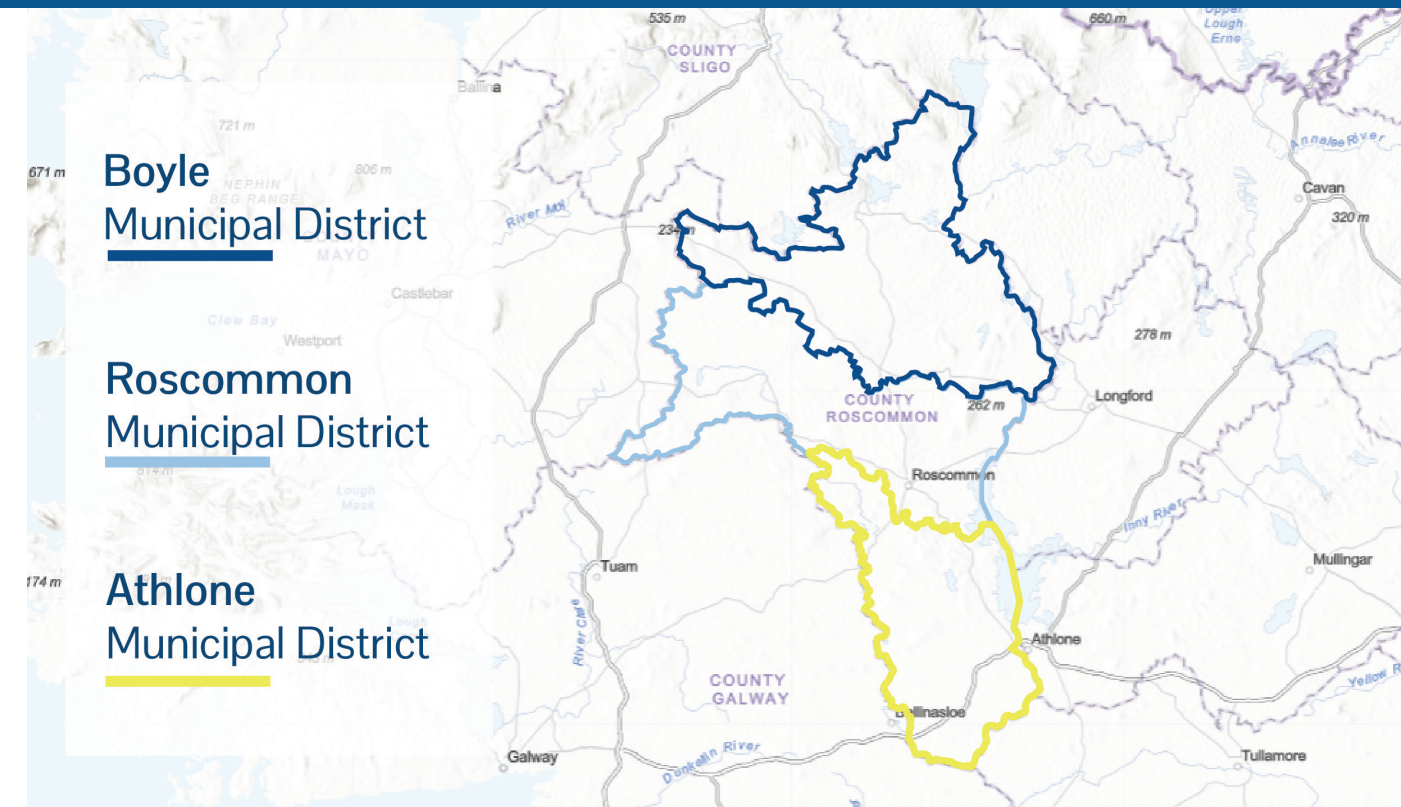




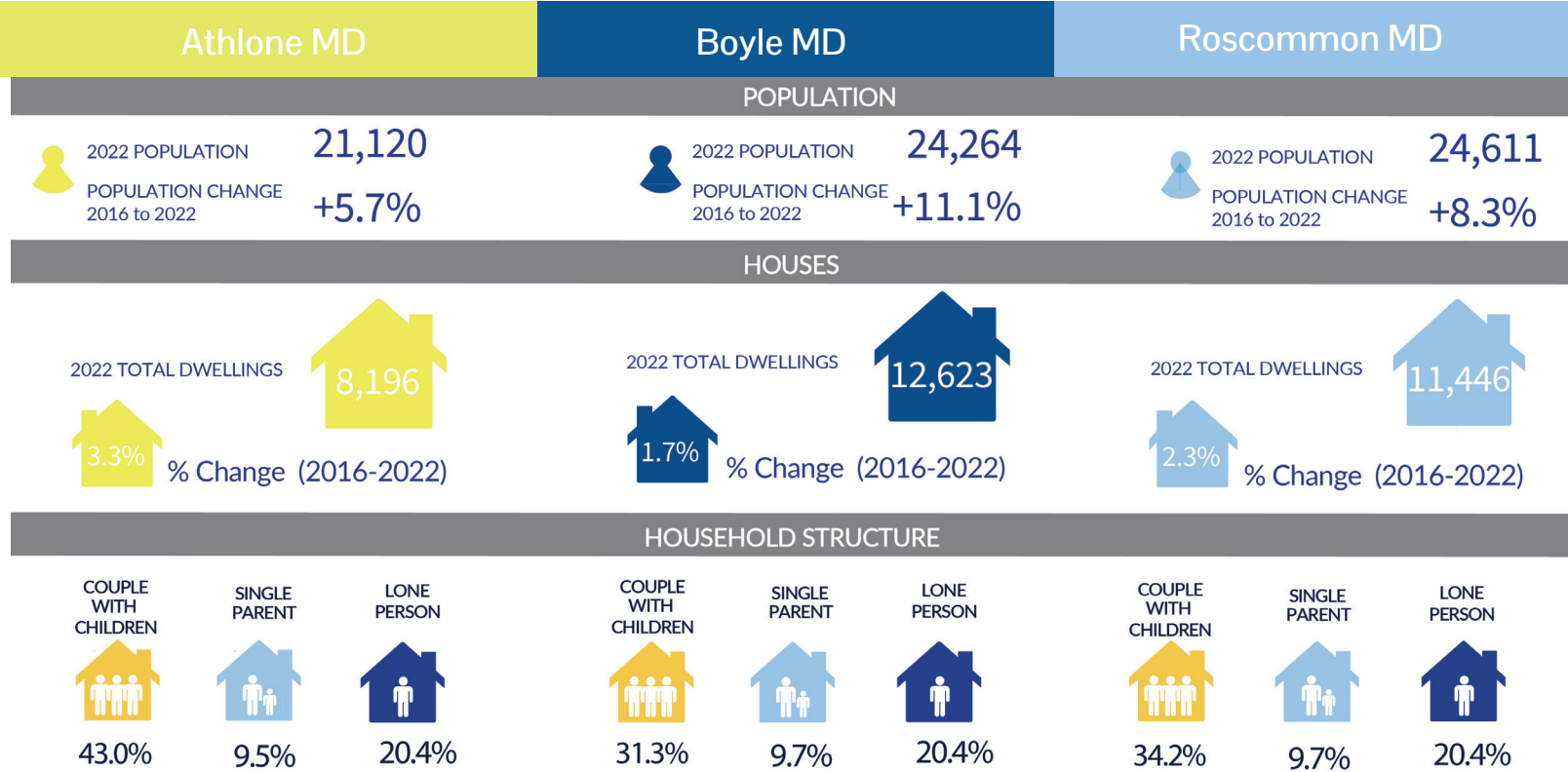
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Roscommon's Municipal Districts



Community Snapshot



The PPN & Community Wellbeing Explained

What is the purpose of the PPN?

- Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion & community and voluntary sectors on decision-making bodies, including the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).
- Provide a range of capacity building and training opportunities to support member groups in their work.
- Circulate information relevant to the environment, social inclusion and community & voluntary sector and act as a channel for information flow between the community and local authority.



What is Community Wellbeing?

Although we often think about wellbeing in terms of good physical and mental health, it can also describe the wider conditions we need as individuals and communities to have a better quality of life, healthier environment and increased prosperity.

Considering all the aspects of community wellbeing together helps us to identify actions that can be undertaken by communities alongside local and national governments.

Roscommon PPN members from across the three Municipal Districts and pillars have been consulted and have contributed to this Community Wellbeing Vision. This vision is centred on six well-being elements which were initially developed through a pilot consultative process involving Roscommon, Wicklow, Longford and Cork City PPNs. This year-long process was facilitated by the Environmental Pillar and Social Justice Ireland.



Developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing

Nationwide, each PPN has been tasked with developing their very own “Vision for Community Wellbeing” at a County and MD level. Its purpose is to support communities to realise their ambitions, guide the network in future work plans and equip representatives with resources to support future local decision-making. Data gathered through consultations will inform our representatives on Roscommon County Council Strategic Policy Committees, LCDC, Joint Policing Committee, Heritage Forum etc.

PPN members from across the county engaged in a series of in-person and online workshops. These workshops consulted groups on what they thought were the strengths and weaknesses of their local area, as well as the entire county of Roscommon.

Workshop



Asset Mapping



Wellbeing Vision



Consultation



Draft Vision



What were the consultation principles applied?

Public Consultation



Accessible

To make the process accessible, you need to identify and overcome barriers to engagement.

Fit for purpose

You need to make sure that the scope, approach and methodologies of an engagement process are designed to enable those engaging with the process.

Clear

You should be committed to making the purpose, scope and possible results of an engagement process clear to everyone involved. This will mean that people are engaging in an informed way.

Genuine

A genuine process is respectful and open. This requires commitment and an understanding of the value of community engagement from those leading the process. It avoids a 'tick-box exercise' or a foregone conclusion.

Purposeful

A purposeful process is one that matters. A process that matters is one that is connected to decision making that is informed by what the people you are engaging with said.

Planned

A process should be comprehensively planned. You should use a transparent approach and make sure all stakeholders are engaged in ways that make it possible for them to take part.

Inclusive

You should make sure the process includes everyone who is affected by the outcome of the engagement process. You may need to introduce specific interventions and arrangements to make sure you include a diversity of voices.

Collaborative

You should collaborate with other stakeholders when designing the process and putting it in place. This is essential for inclusive community engagement. It enables those taking part to share power.

Accountable

For the process to be accountable, you must be committed to reporting back to stakeholders on what was and was not included in the process as a result of them taking part.



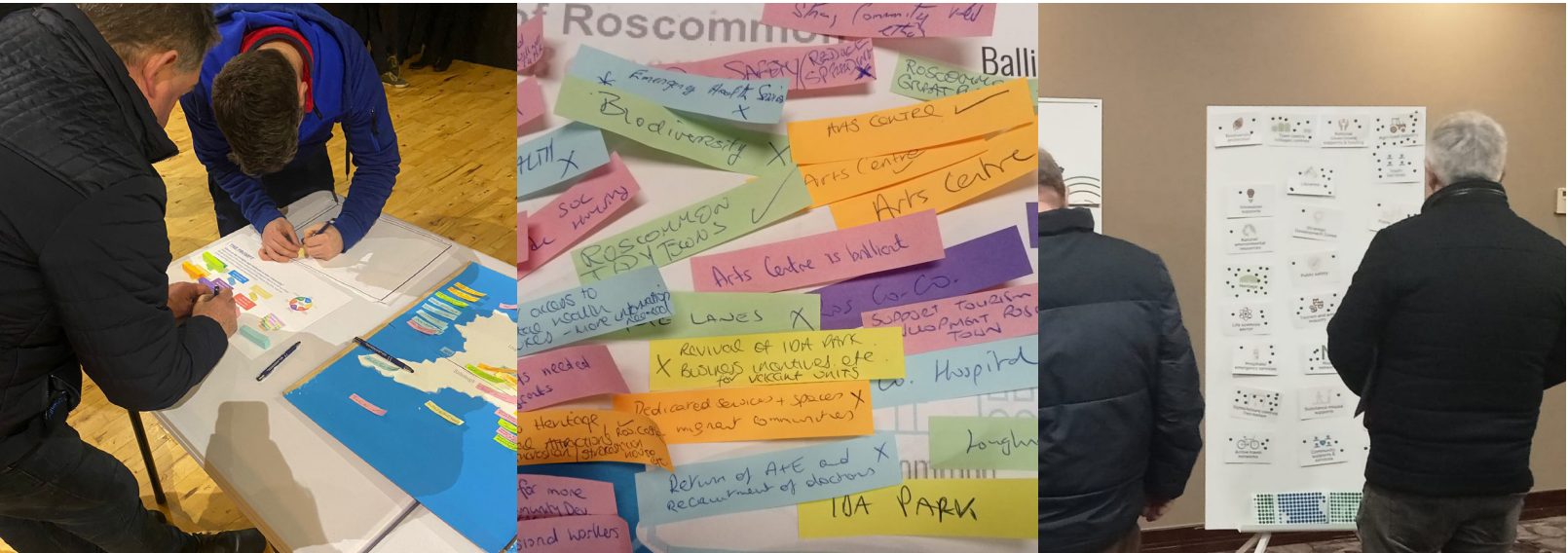
660 respondents contributed to the development of the County and MD specific visions.



361 additional responses gathered through online surveys.



300 people attended workshops across the three municipal districts.





Overarching Vision for Community Wellbeing

That County Roscommon continues to be a vibrant, safe and welcoming place for communities to develop and grow. Furthermore, the county continues to take pride in its history and heritage which are both valued and appreciated, while new cultures are embraced and celebrated.

It is also envisaged, that the county will continue to nurture a strong rural economy, supporting resilient communities and innovative new enterprises.

That the County's communities continue to actively participate in ensuring a safe, healthy, and sustainable place exists for generations to come. Finally, that the county continues to conserve its environment for all to cherish.



Vision for Athlone MD

That Athlone MD continues to be an attractive place to live and work, supporting a culture for innovative enterprise. The area strives to ensure the provision of good health, wellbeing, and safety for all citizens and its communities are integrated, represented, and valued.

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Environment & Sustainability



Vision - *“That Athlone MD is committed to creating a sustainable and climate-friendly culture which is supportive of green innovation and circular practices.”*

Collective goals:

- A community that is aware and educated in climate and conservation needs.
- An active and engaged community that collaborates and works towards climate goals.
- Our towns and villages are well-maintained, vibrant, and have sustainable growth.
- A district that embraces and employs initiatives for renewable energy production and energy efficiency.



Health (Mental & Physical)



Vision - *“That Athlone MD has the appropriate infrastructure to address its health needs through adequate services and amenities.”*

Collective goals:

- An area with sufficient access to physical health and nutrition services.
- Has a comprehensive network of mental health supports for all.
- A community that actively addresses alcohol and substance abuse with relevant services.
- A place with a broad range of recreational facilities accessible to all.



Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - “That Athlone MD has a thriving economy that leads the way in innovation, enterprise, and employment creation.”



Collective goals:

- An area that fosters entrepreneurship and provides premises and supports for enterprise to flourish.
- An economy that attracts and maintains global investment.
- A place which seeks to provide quality employment opportunities for all.
- An attractive tourism destination which boosts the economic potential of the local area.

Social & Community Development



Vision - “That Athlone MD has a sense of community belonging, adequate community infrastructure, and inclusively caters to the needs of all.”

Collective goals:

- The community provides dedicated, well-suited, fully-staffed, and versatile spaces and facilities that are accessible to all members.
- A place that provides optimum sporting and recreational facilities to serve future generations.
- An integrated and inclusive community that celebrates diversity and cross-cultural communication.
- A safe and secure place for all to live, work, and play in.



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision - *“That Athlone MD has a pro-active local government that communicates and engages with communities in order to identify and address needs effectively.”*

Collective goals:

- Where communities collaboratively engage in local projects and initiatives.
- An active community that embraces volunteerism and civic engagement.
- Has a local authority that communicates effectively, uses all available media to engage, and responds to local needs.



Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - *“That Athlone MD is a place where every member of the community is respected, supported, and valued.”*

Collective goals:

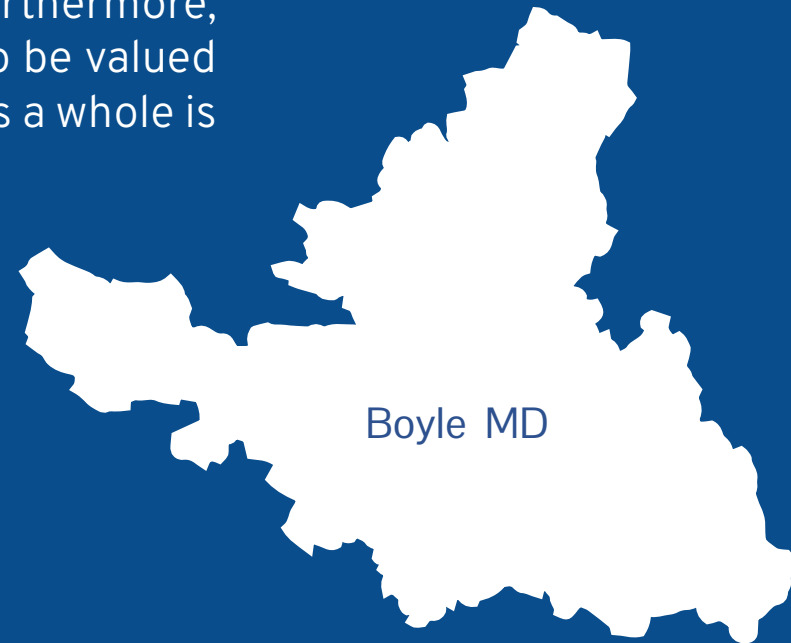
- A welcoming community that supports integration for all.
- That local heritage, traditions, and culture are instilled from a young age and passed onto future generations.
- A community that supports its most vulnerable members.
- That we have community hubs that bring various elements of culture and people into a shared space.





Vision for Boyle MD

That Boyle MD is a vibrant and inclusive area, one that protects its unique heritage, culture, and environment. Furthermore, traditional sectors continue to be valued and sustained, and the area as a whole is a safe place for all to enjoy.



Environment & Sustainability



Vision - "That Boyle MD has a natural environment that is promoted, protected, and accessible to ensure its sustainability for future generations."

Collective goals:

- A community that is knowledgeable and engaged with climate change mitigation.
- An area that embraces sustainable farming practices.
- Greenways and blueways that are conserved and available for all to access.
- Our green spaces and natural environments are valued and conserved for future generations.



Health (Mental & Physical)



Vision - *“That Boyle MD has adequate supports and services to ensure inclusivity, and prevent rural isolation in the areas of health and wellbeing.”*



Collective goals:

- A place where rural communities have adequate access to emergency healthcare services.
- An area with sufficient mental health and wellbeing supports to promote social inclusion and reduce rural isolation.
- A healthcare system fit to support the needs of the district with adequate and accessible GP services.
- A place with developed recreation amenities, activities, and services both indoor and outdoor.

Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - *“That Boyle MD has a modern economy that promotes new enterprise and innovates in traditional sectors to provide employment for all.”*

Collective goals:

- An area with resources and programs which support rural communities to reskill and pivot with expected future trends.
- A vibrant rural economy that innovates within the traditional sectors of forestry and agriculture.
- A sustainable economy that attracts modern technological business and grows employment opportunities.
- A place that promotes its natural assets in order to drive rural business and tourism.



Social & Community Development



Vision - *“That the community in Boyle MD collaborates to ensure all members are integrated and none are isolated.”*

Collective goals:

- A strong sense of community which values and supports all members.
- A community that acknowledges, appreciates, and encourages volunteerism, as well as networking and collaboration among its members, and provides support for these activities.
- A safe and secure district for all to live and work in.
- A community with established educational and training initiatives which address issues of social exclusion and intergenerational unemployment.



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision - *“That the diverse communities of Boyle are fully represented by and engaged with local government.”*

Collective goals:

- Local development stakeholders that engage with and listen to the community.
- Local government that represents marginalised communities.
- An active community that values and encourages volunteerism.
- That we live in an open democracy with informed voting to achieve the best possible local, regional, and national representation.



Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - *“That the natural environments and heritage sites of Boyle are valued and all communities are given space to flourish.”*

Collective goals:

- A community that is welcoming and inclusive for new and existing members.
- A cultural heritage that is protected, valued, and available for all to celebrate.
- A place with a wealth of libraries, arts centres, and other cultural facilities.



Vision for Roscommon MD

That Roscommon MD retains its rich cultural heritage and strong sense of pride amongst its communities, continues to provide adequate supports to realise its social and economic potential, and that both urban and rural areas continue to be nourished, conserved, and made accessible to all.



Environment & Sustainability



Vision - *“That the rural and urban areas of Roscommon MD are nourished and developed with sustainable and ecological initiatives”*

Collective goals:

- A community that is supported to think greener and to employ eco-friendly practices.
- An area that supports the green transition of its businesses, towns, and villages.
- Our green spaces and natural environments are valued and conserved for future generations.
- There are creative initiatives for renewable energy, waste management and resource use.



Health (Mental & Physical)



Vision - *“That Roscommon MD has the healthcare supports and services needed to maximise quality of life in its communities.”*

Collective goals:

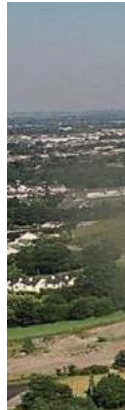
- An area that has excellent primary care services, access to 24hr medical treatment, mental health supports, and assisted living services.
- A place with a variety of mental health supports particularly focused on supporting positive ageing and reducing rural isolation.
- A healthcare system fit to cater to the needs of the elderly, disadvantaged, and vulnerable.
- Accessible infrastructure, housing, community spaces, and public buildings for people with disabilities.



Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - *“That Roscommon MD has the education, transport and communications infrastructure to fully realise the district’s economic potential.”*



Collective goals:

- An area with accessible public transport.
- A district with universal access to high-speed broadband.
- A district which promotes its natural environment as a key asset to drive enterprise and tourism.
- An educated workforce with the skills necessary to contribute to an innovative and exciting local economy.



Social & Community Development



Vision - *“That Roscommon MD is an area with a strong sense of social responsibility and one that takes pride in its communities.”*

Collective goals:

- Community services that are resourced adequately and responsive to the diverse needs of all citizens.
- An active community that engages with initiatives for integration, empowerment and local development.
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- Community agencies which co-ordinate their efforts in order to best serve the people of Roscommon MD.



Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision - *“That the citizens of Roscommon MD are well-informed, consulted, and encouraged to participate in local decision making.”*

Collective goals:

- An accountable local government that represents the community.
- A fully functioning and well resourced PPN that engages effectively with communities and local agencies.
- A local authority that is accessible to and representative of all community members, particularly the vulnerable and marginalised.
- A local authority that includes and caters to young people and the needs of rural youth.



Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - *“That Roscommon MD respects and celebrates the diverse traditions and values of its communities.”*

Collective goals:

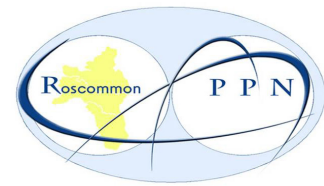
- Communities are supported and funded to encourage business and develop community spaces.
- A cultural heritage that is protected, valued and respectful of diverse traditions within the district.
- The community is flourishing with a strong sense of belonging and neighbourly support.



Where to next?

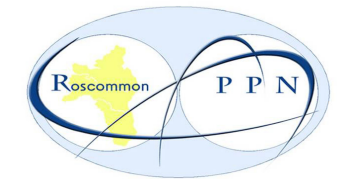
Roscommon PPN will endeavour to support communities in realising their collective and individual vision through the following:

- Provision of capacity building initiatives that empower communities to achieve their aspirations.
- Facilitation of PPN members to actively participate in local decision-making.
- Communication of funding and resourcing opportunities to effect change.
- This Vision will form part of the Annual Work Plan for the PPN.



Why join Roscommon PPN?

- We facilitate communities to participate in policy and local decision-making.
- Access to information on funding & grants being administered by Roscommon County Council.
- Access to training and capacity building events.
- Access to information on decisions and proposals being made in the County Roscommon – ability to comment on and input into to them (consultations).
- An opportunity to join a county-wide networking and information hub.



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