The Dublin City PPN Plenary meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19th July 2016** in the Wood Quay Venue.

The guest speaker will be broadcaster and environmentalist Éanna Ni Lamhna (below), regular panellist on the Mooney Show on RTE radio who will deliver a talk about the environment and the role of the community.

The meeting will also look at the work of the PPN and the direction of its work for the coming year. It will include elections for the Secretariat (the administrative body of the PPN).

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**Dublin City Public Participation Network**

**Plenary Meeting and Election for PPN Secretariat** (administrative body of the PPN)

**Guest Speaker** broadcaster and environmentalist Éanna Ni Lamhna

**Date:** Tuesday 19th July 2016  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council, Wood Quay

Light refreshments will be served

**REGISTER AT:**
www.eventbrite.ie/e/dublin-city-ppn-meeting-election-of-new-secretariat-tickets-25773479170secretariat-tickets-25773479170

For further information, please contact ppn@dublincity.ie or phone (01) 2222855
The Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 (LECP) is a statutory Plan with the overall aim of identifying and implementing actions to strengthen and develop the community and economic dimensions of the City over a six-year period.

The LECP is made up of two documents:

- A six-year strategy document setting out the 12 high-level goals for the lifetime of the Plan. The goals were set following a period of consultation with members of the public, community and voluntary organisations, business representatives and Dublin City Councillors during 2015.
- An Action Plan for 2016, to be up-dated annually.

Overall responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of the LECP lies with the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. The other relevant Strategic Policy Committees of Dublin City Council will play a role in monitoring and reporting on actions relevant to their work and in identifying further policy directions towards achieving the high-level goals. Your PPN representatives on the LCDC and Strategic Policy Committees will report back to PPN members on the LECP in the usual way.

PPN members played a key role in the development of the LECP to date and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend further consultations sessions over the coming months across Dublin City to plan for the 2017 Action Plan.

For a copy of the LECP please go to www.dublincity.ie/lecp or email lecp@dublincity.ie

Recycle IT – Community Electrical Recycling

Recycle IT is a social enterprise based in Dublin offering a free recycling collection service to resident’s associations, community groups, charities, schools and colleges. Recycle IT collect Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) including washing machines, dishwasher’s, heaters, microwaves, ovens, computers, monitors, refrigerators, freezers, batteries and lights. Really anything with a plug or battery.

The team at Recycle IT believe electrical recycling does not have to be hard or stressful and in fact it can be a real positive for the environment, for communities and for the economy. Recycling reduces the use of natural resources, it creates employment while also bringing communities together through door to door collection days. This result in a cleaner, greener and happier community for all.

Recycle IT works in association with Dublin County Council and are partners with WEEE Ireland in recycling electrical and electronic equipment.

To learn more please visit www.recycleit.ie.
You can also speak with the team on 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie about a collection in your area or from your group.
Recycle IT is located at
Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace,
Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.
Ballymun’s 50th birthday - Family free event - All welcome

An outdoor event, organised with Axis and local communities in Ballymun, with lots of fun games and art activities for children as well as live music. It will showcase some of the vibrant tapestry of creative talent that Ballymun has to offer.

THE BALLYMUN BIRTHDAY BASH

FREE FAMILY FUN!

WHEN:
SATURDAY 23RD JULY, 2PM - 6PM

WHERE:
The Plaza, Main St, Ballymun

Will move to Axis in case of bad weather, so fun is guaranteed rain or shine. All Welcome!
Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MUSIC. FOOD.
ARTY PARTY. FUN.
GAMES. FREE ICE CREAM* & MORE!

*Limited to the first 100 ice creams
CONSULTATIONS:

Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme – Phase 1

Following recent storm events the section of coastline between Sean Moore Park and the Merrion Gates was affected by flooding. Dublin City Council has put a lot of effort into analysing the flooded areas and proposing solutions to reduce the possibility of future flooding. Some work has already been carried out at Merrion Gates to reduce the possibility of flooding. The next phase of works (Phase 1) to reduce the possibility of flooding will be carried out between Gilford Avenue and St. Alban’s Park along the existing promenade.

Phase 1 works will entail the installation of flood gates at the numerous vehicular and pedestrian accesses and the raising of the existing back of footpath wall along the existing promenade. The raising of the existing wall will vary between 1mm & 360mm along the existing promenade.

Dublin City Council, Regional Projects & Flood Advisory Office wish to invite local residents and other interested parties to a formal meeting in the Sandymount Hotel, Herbert Road to discuss the coastal flood defence scheme. The public meeting will be held on Thursday 21st July 2016 between 4pm and 7pm. The meeting will be conducted as follows;

• 4.00pm to 4.45pm – 10 min Scheme - Presentation with Q&A session;
• 5.00pm to 5.45pm – 10 min Scheme - Presentation with Q&A session;
• 6.00pm to 6.45pm – 10 min Scheme - Presentation with Q&A session.

POOLBEG WEST STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE AREA

As you may be aware, the Government has designated Poolbeg West as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). The SDZ lands, which comprise approximately 34 hectares, are deemed to be of economic and social importance to the State. Dublin City Council intends to prepare a Planning Scheme for this area.

To assist this process, you are invited to submit ideas and comments on matters which you think should be addressed in the Draft Planning Scheme for the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone.

Your comments and ideas should be submitted to Dublin City Council before 16.30hrs on Thursday 4th August 2016 and should be addressed to: John Bruckshaw, Planning and Property Development Department, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, or by email to poolbegwest@dublincity.ie Your name, address, and where relevant, the body represented should also be included.

A series of Public Information Sessions have also been organised in the local area to coincide with the observation period. These are:

Thursday 19th July - 5.00pm to 7.00pm Dublin Docklands Development Authority, Custom House Quay, Docklands, Dublin 1

Thursday 21st July - 12.30pm to 2.30pm Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4

Thursday 28th July - 6.00pm to 8.00pm Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4

Friday 29th July - 12.30pm to 2.30pm Dublin Docklands Development Authority Custom House Quay, Docklands, Dublin 1

Representatives of groups who wish to discuss the content of a submission can arrange to meet a member of the dedicated planning team. In this regard, please contact the Dublin Docklands Development office on 01-2226070 to schedule a meeting. Please note that these meetings will be held during the working week 8th - 12th August.

All comments and ideas received within the above time limit will become a matter of public record and will be taken into consideration for the preparation of the Draft Planning Scheme. It is intended that the statutory public display of the Draft Planning Scheme will then take place in the Autumn for a period of 6 weeks, during which time formal submissions on the Draft Scheme will be invited.

A copy of the Official Order designating the area an SDZ is available at:

Proposed Amendments to the Draft Dublin City Development Plan

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The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a Local Authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. Under Section 20 of this act a Local Authority is required to carry out a public consultation process to canvass the public for their opinions and views.

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1. Submit a PDF version of the survey via email to LPTconsultation@dublincity.ie
2. Submit a hard copy of the survey to
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   Dublin City Council,
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HELP US MAKE DUBLIN’S ROADS SAFER FOR ALL
We’re looking for your views on our proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016

Dublin City Council is reviewing the speed limits in its administrative area and we would love your feedback on our proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016.

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF THE 30KM/HR SPEED LIMIT ZONES IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE CITY.

This Public Consultation invites you to comment on the proposed adoption of these Bye-Laws. We are also looking for feedback in relation to identifying possible additional roads and streets for the next phases.

Proposals can be inspected from Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 to Tuesday, 24th August, 2016 during normal public office hours at:

- Public Counter at Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.
- Dublin City Public Libraries
- Dublin City Council Area Offices
- Or on our website at www.dublincity.ie/speedreview which includes graphics, stats and interesting facts and FAQ’s.

Dublin City Council would really appreciate your views on these proposals as your comments are vital to us. Submissions may be made in writing to: The Senior Engineer, Dublin City Council, Environment and Transportation Department, Block 2, Floor 7, Civic Offices Wood Quay, Dublin 8, or by email to speedreview@dublincity.ie, by 17.00hrs on Wednesday, 24th August, 2016.
Two community/business representative positions have become available on the North West Area Joint Policing Sub Committee.

The Joint Policing Sub Committee provides a forum where the local authority and senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and community/business interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Area. The current members of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub Committee are as follows:

1. **Councillors**: Áine Clancy, Andrew Keegan, Anthony Connaghan, Brendan Carr, Cathleen Carney Boud, Cieran Perry, David Costello, Emma Murphy, Norma Sammon, Noeleen Reilly, Paul McAuliffe, Seamus McGrattan, Teresa Keegan, Andrew Montague (14)

2. **Oireachtas Members**: Deputies Dessie Ellis, Roisin Shortall, Noel Rock (3)

3. **Community/Business Members**: Robert Murphy (Ballymun4Business), Teresa Lydon (Board of Ballymun Drugs Task Force/member of subgroup of Safer Ballymun), Tony Byrne (Order of Malta/Finglas-Cabra Drugs Task Force/Scouting Ireland), Francis Murphy (Shandon Gardens and Coke Oven Cottages Residents Association/member of Cabra Policing Forum). 2 vacant positions.

Meetings are held quarterly on a Monday at 3pm at the Council Chambers in the Ballymun Civic Offices.

A typical agenda addresses the following:
- Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising.
- Updates on ongoing projects for example CCTV installation/upgrade in the North West Area.
- Presentations on current operations from An Garda Siochana.
- Local Safety Fora updates.
- Garda Statistical and area update reports.
- AOB

Community/Business representatives will be required to take part in the revision of the annual workplan and become members of the relevant sub groups established to progress certain items from the workplan.

If you wish to register your interest or for further information contact ppn@dublincity.ie

A call for nominations will be issued in September.

**CHARITIES ACT – WHO SHOULD REGISTER?**

**Are you a charity? Yes if…**

You have exclusively charitable purposes / Operate in the Republic of Ireland / Provide clear public benefit, in this country or elsewhere.

Regardless of your size, your income or your legal structure, by law you **MUST** apply for registration as a charity. Don’t worry: the registration process is relatively straightforward and we can help you if you get stuck.

**What are ‘Charitable purposes’?**

Charitable purposes are those for:
- The prevention or relief of poverty or economic hardship / The advancement of education / Any other purpose that is of benefit to the community.

Any other purpose that is of benefit to the community is a broad category that includes the integration of the disadvantaged, the promotion of health and voluntary work and the advancement of community welfare and development, environmental protection and sustainability, racial and religious integration, conflict resolution, animal welfare, and the arts.

**What does ‘public benefit’ mean?**

A charitable purpose must be of public benefit which means that it must be beneficial in an identifiable way to the general public or a section of the public.

**Benefits of being a Registered Charity**

Becoming a registered charity does not only mean that you will be complying with the law. You will also:
- Demonstrate that you operate to high standards of governance and administration / Highlight your commitment to transparency and accountability / Be in a better position to retain and attract statutory funding and contracts / Provide a sound basis for donors and volunteers to support you / Find it easier to secure permits for on-street collections / Be able to apply to Revenue for charitable tax exempt status and associated benefits.

Further information is available from: [www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie](http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie) or phone 01 6331500

The Dublin City PPN will be offering an information session by the Charities Regulator on Tuesday 13th September at 6pm in The Wood Quay Venue, Dublin 8.
Green Communities Events

Green Communities have run a number of successful events in April and May and new events are being drafted for the summer season. Here are a few provisional dates for your diary:

**Sunday 17th of July - Howth Harbour Nature Walk:**

To include a visit to the Coast Guard Station and Dive Centre. Brendan Price and some of the fishermen will be on hand to talk about the Atlantic Grey Seals and other Marine Wildlife to be found within Dublin Bay and the coast of North County Dublin. Howth forms an important part of the recently expanded Dublin Bay Biosphere, and it would be interesting to capture some of the reasons why the Biosphere is important to people, and what locations within are of particular importance to them. See: [http://www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie/about](http://www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie/about)

**Thursday the 1st of September - A Green Communities/Moths Ireland Survey in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown.**

This event would be held later in the year when nightfall occurs at a reasonable hour for attendance. Thursday the 1st of September, which coincides with a new moon, thus maximising the effectiveness of light traps. The event would start at 7 pm with a tour around the community garden. Sunset on the 1st of September is at 8:14 pm. An informal talk by Moths Ireland covering the Moth Fauna of Ireland. This will be followed by a trapping session to see which species of Moth are active in Millennium Park. Records will be submitted to the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

Further information about these events are available from: Robert Moss, Green Communities Manager Phone 01 4002212 e-mail: rmoss@eeu.antaisce.org
Website: [http://www.greencommunitiesireland.org](http://www.greencommunitiesireland.org)

For all the up to date information in relation to Dublin City PPN visit [www.dublincity.ie/ppn](http://www.dublincity.ie/ppn)