

# **WHY JOIN?**

Join Galway City Community Network and participate in public decision-making.

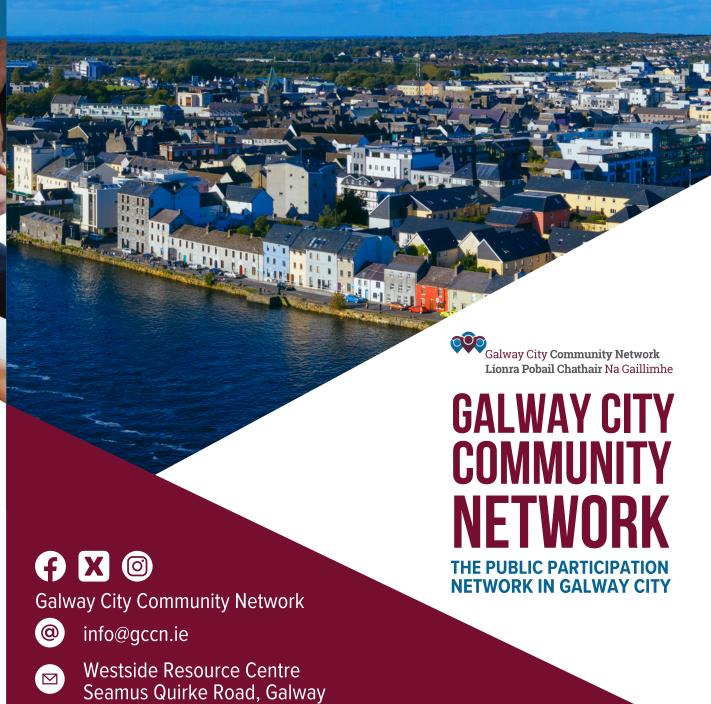
As the Public Participation Network (PPN) in Galway city, GCCN is the *go to* organisation for all local structures who wish to benefit from community and voluntary expertise at their table.

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# **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

Are you part of a group or organization based in Galway City? Why not join our network of over 150 local groups and organizations?

Learn more about membership criteria and what is required to join by visiting the *Join Us* page on our website.

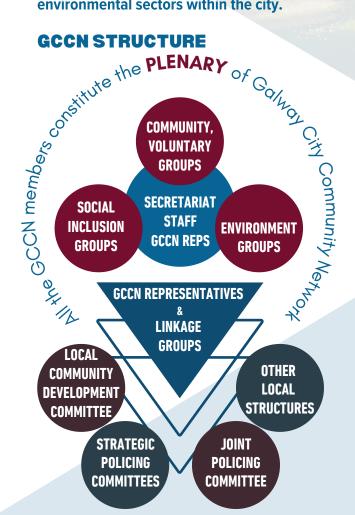


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### **ABOUT**

**Galway City Community Network (GCCN) is** the Public Participation Network (PPN) in Galway City. PPNs are designed to identify and respond to the needs and priorities of their communities.

GCCN serves as the key intermediary between the local government and local groups and organizations. It aims to co-ordinate and support the representation of the community/voluntary, social inclusion, and environmental sectors within the city.



## **MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

GCCN membership consists of groups and organisations from the community/voluntary, social inclusion and environmental sectors in **Galway City.** 

**GCCN** elects members of the community to represent it on 18 local structures, such as the **Local Community Development Committee** (LCDC), the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC), Galway Joint Policing Committee (JPC), and many more.

The Secretariat, elected annually by the membership, coordinates the work of GCCN between Plenary (full-members) meetings.



# **GETTING INVOLVED**

**People affiliated with GCCN member** groups and organisations can participate at a level that suits them best.

As a GCCN member you can:

- receive information (funding, events),
- attend meetings & training,
- become involved in *Linkage Groups* for causes that matter to you,
- nominate and vote in GCCN elections,
- represent GCCN on Local Authority Committees or other structures.

# **LINKAGE GROUPS**

Linkage Groups are GCCN subgroups that discuss and develop policies on specific topics.

These are open to all GCCN member groups/organizations and to individuals interested and committed to the issues being discussed within each group, including housing, planning, climate action and more.

The Linkage Groups support the community representatives elected by GCCN to sit on local structures and they provide a platform for electing replacements for GCCN representatives.

Check out the Linkage Groups page on our website for more details.