

## ROLE OF GCCN

The role of GCCN is:

- To act as a **platform** for the organisations and groups engaged in these three sectors in Galway City;
- To **develop policy** and positions on issues of concern to the sectors and to communities, and to **advocate** for these policies and positions to be implemented;
- To **facilitate the representation** of the community, voluntary and environmental sectors on a range of local government and development bodies and any local, regional, national or international body deemed appropriate;
- To contribute to the development and achievement of **a vision for the well-being of this and future generations in Galway City.**

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

As the Public Participation Network in Galway city, GCCN is open to new member groups/organisations that fulfill the criteria for membership.

All the information required from new members is available on the Join Us page on the website [www.galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie](http://www.galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie).



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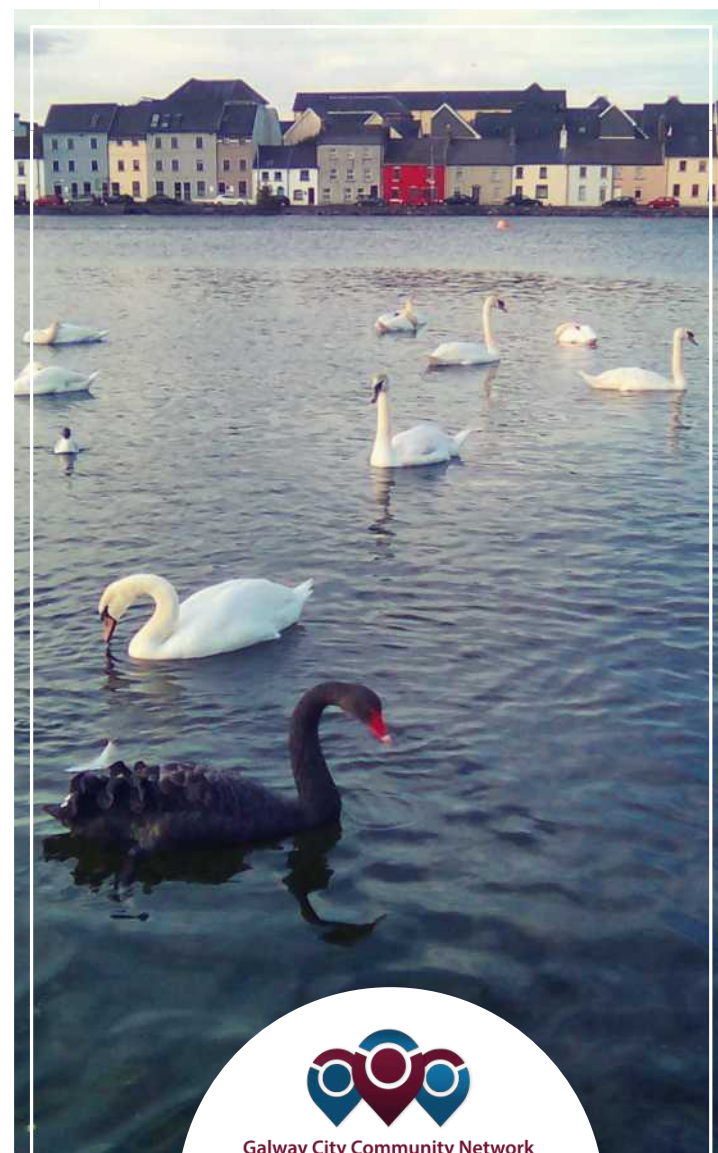
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## GALWAY CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Galway City Community Network (GCCN) is the Public Participation Network (PPN) in Galway City.

The aim of GCCN is to co-ordinate and support the representation of the **community, voluntary and environmental** sectors in Galway City.

GCCN acts as the main link through which the local authority connects with organisations and groups active in these sectors.

## GCCN STRUCTURE



## MEMBERSHIP & REPRESENTATION

**Membership** of GCCN is drawn from the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Galway city.

**GCCN representatives** are elected from the membership organisations and represent GCCN on a range of structures including:

- Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
- Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)
- Galway Joint Policing Committee (JPC)
- Galway City & County Childcare Committee
- Regional Drugs & Alcoholic Task Force
- Galway City Partnership

The **Secretariat** is elected annually by the membership and co-ordinates the work of GCCN between Plenary meetings.

## LINKAGE GROUPS

**Linkage Groups** are subgroups of GCCN that meet on a thematic basis to discuss and develop GCCN policy in the relevant area.

They support the GCCN representatives and provide the platform for electing replacement representatives as appropriate.

The Linkage Groups are open to members of all GCCN affiliated groups/organisations and others that have a commitment to the issues being discussed.

For details see GCCN Structure on the left.

## PILLARS

There are three Pillars (categories) in GCCN and each member must opt for membership of one.

- **Social Inclusion** - for organisations whose primary objectives and activities focus on social inclusion/social justice/equality;
- **Environment** - for organisations whose primary objectives and activities must be environmental protection and/or environmental sustainability;
- **Voluntary** - for organisations whose primary objectives are other than those listed above.

## HOW OFTEN DO MEMBERS MEET

- GCCN members meet in Plenary four times a year - one of these meetings is the Annual General Meeting.
- The Secretariat meets on a monthly basis;
- The Linkage Groups meet on a regular basis;
- There are regular thematic meetings to which members of GCCN affiliated organisations and groups are welcome;

GCCN seeks to organise innovative events on a regular basis to which members of affiliated groups/organisations are welcome.