

Introduction to PLANET- The Partnerships Network

PLANET is an independent network of area-based partnerships which exists to strengthen the contribution partnerships make individually, and collectively, to local development and social inclusion and to promote the partnership concept. We do this by:

- Organising structured opportunities for our members to learn from and share with others**
- Lobbying policy makers and decision makers on common critical issues**
- Providing our members with expert support services that are more effectively and efficiently provided at national level**

What we do ...

- **Networking**
- **Policy Development**
- **Advocacy**
- **Information**
- **Promotion**

PLANET NETWORK

PLANET Management Committee
4 Urban, 4 Rural, 4 Dublin members

Urban Partnerships
(9)

Dublin Partnerships
(11)

Rural Partnerships
(18)

Policy Groups

Third Sector

Employment Services

Child Wellbeing

Community Development

Education & Training

Working Groups / Sub Committees

Administrators

Enterprise Co-ordinators

Remuneration & Future Planning

Different channels of Networking

- **Scheduled Network Meetings**
- **Policy Groups / Sub-committees**
- **Conferences**
- **Study Visits**
- **Social Events**
- **Newsletters / E-bulletins**
- **Reports**
- **Website – internet**
- **Discussion documents / Queries**

Why Network?

- **Share experience / Exchange learning**
- **Common voice & collective action**
- **Peer Support**
- **Build up links and contacts**
- **Influence decision makers, and a means for decision makers to communicate with a wider group through one medium**

Challenges

- **Logistics & Distance**
- **Time / Work pressures**
- **Securing agreement**
- **Keeping the Network dynamic and relevant**
- **Maintaining support for the network**
- **Ensuring ownership**
- **Responding to needs**