



CORK CITY COMMUNITY FORUM



WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY FORUM?

The Community Forum brings together community/voluntary groups. The main focus of the Forum is to promote social inclusion through collective actions principally by consulting with members of the wider community. It is a voice for the community/voluntary sector in Cork City. It provides an opportunity for the wider community sector to influence policy developments. It promotes participation in decision making regarding social, cultural and economic development in Cork City.

How the Forum works

Forum members meet six times a year. Working groups meet in the interim on specific issues as the need arises. The Community Forum elects 7 Community Directors who oversee and implement the work of the Forum and represent the Forum on the board and sub-committees of Cork City Partnership. Cork City Council provides financial support for administration purposes.



THE FORUM PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTS

Consultation and Participation

Cork City Community Forum is a voice for the community. Forum members are elected to represent the community and participate on major decision-making bodies in Cork City.

Networking

Forum membership provides the following:

- Debate and discussion on issues affecting local communities
- Networking and shared learning opportunities
- Access to information and other resources
- Training opportunities on an ongoing basis
- Membership of thematic working groups and networks

Information Sharing

Information mailings are sent to members on a regular basis. Information includes:

- Useful information from other community/voluntary groups
- Information on the latest funding availability
- Notification of training events
- Reports from local development organisations
- Community newsletters and conference reports

Training

Free access to ongoing training opportunities

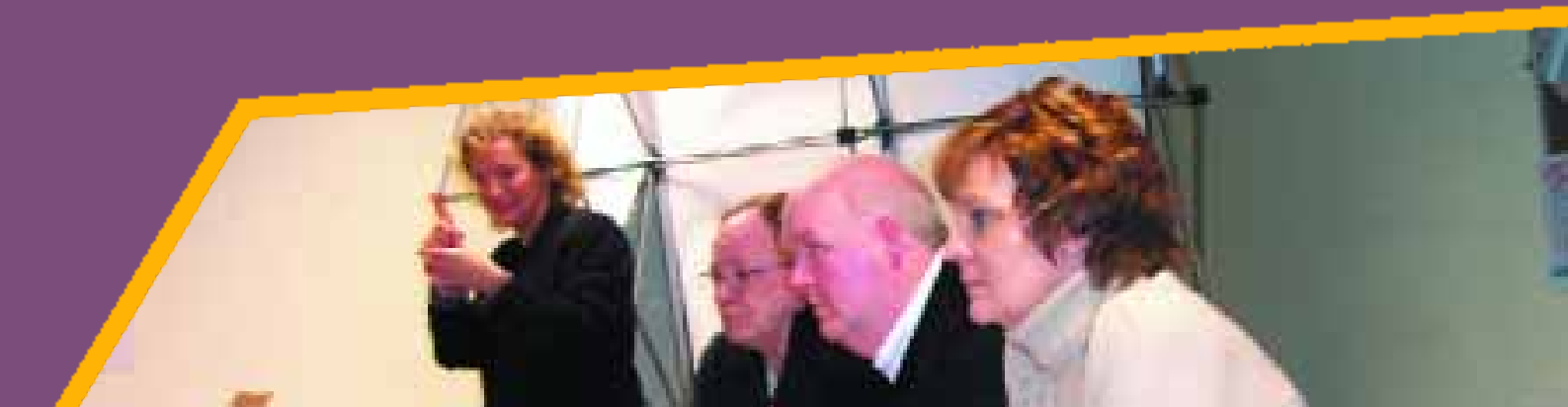




HOW TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY FORUM

Complete the attached application form. Submit with a copy of the groups adopted set of rules/constitution together with the fee to:

Comhair Chathair Chorcaí Teo
Cork City Partnership Ltd.,
Community Development Unit
Old Mallow Rd.,Cork
Tel: 021-4302310
Fax: 021-4302081
Email: info@partnershipcork.ie



WHY JOIN THE FORUM?

- You will have a say in the issues that affect the community
- You can raise concerns on social inclusion issues affecting the community
- You can work towards developing social policy and improve networking opportunities
- You can help build a strong collective community voice

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A COMMUNITY FORUM MEMBER?

- Participate in Community Forum meetings and vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Represent the collective views of your organisation at Cork City Community Forum meetings
- Propose agenda items for Forum business
- Participate and vote in Community Forum elections
- Represent the Community sector on a variety of Cork City local development organisations and statutory bodies



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN CORK CITY COMMUNITY FORUM?

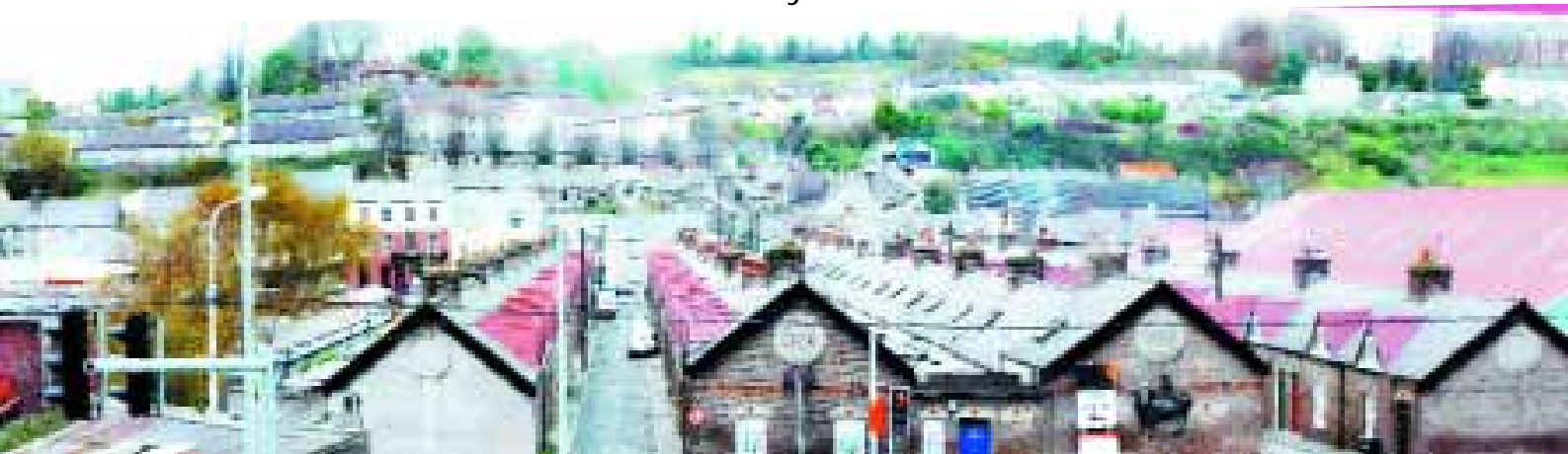
Community / Voluntary Groups who subscribe to the principles of equality and social inclusion.

Groups must meet the following criteria

- A group must have its own committee and structure (not a sub-committee)
- Be in existence for at least six months
- Have an adopted set of rules/constitution which must be submitted with an application
- Have at least ten members
- All applications for membership must be ratified by the Board of Cork City Partnership
- Membership fee is nominal.

"The Forum provides a strong community voice on Cork City decision-making bodies and promotes excellent networking opportunities".

Community Directors



Cork City Community Forum Application Form



Applicant Organisation: _____

Address of Organisation: _____

Tel No: _____ Fax No: _____ email: _____

Name of Chairperson: _____

Name of Secretary: _____

Name of Forum delegate: _____ Tel No: _____

Name of substitute delegate: _____ Tel No: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

How long is your group in existence? _____

Please state the aims and objectives of your group: _____

State which ward you wish to affiliate to: North Ward South Ward

Signature delegate: _____ Date: _____



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