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The Community and Voluntary College of the Sligo Public Participation Network (PPN) consists of 303 Community and Voluntary Organisations, representing the needs of hundreds of residents, working to improve the quality of life for people in Sligo. We welcome this opportunity to feed into the Ireland 2040 Plan.

It is our vision that by 2040 Sligo will be an enterprising, inclusive, resilient and environmentally sustainable place, which values and celebrates its unique landscape and rich culture and heritage and where the wellbeing of future generations is central to everything we do (Local Community and Economic Plan 2016)

To achieve this vision, **Sligo is ready to grow**, and should be determined as a specific area of investment as part of the 2040 National Spatial Strategy.

Sligo

Sligo has a population of approximately 65,000 people, as the gateway to the North West it is situated at a strategically important point. It is 2.5 hours from Dublin and 2 hours from both Galway and Derry. Rich in cultural, natural heritage and coastal amenities, home to two third level colleges, a regional hospital, 22 major multi-national employers and a growing tourism industry – Sligo already has the foundations laid for future growth.

Like all areas, some people in Sligo have to deal with poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion – these experiences can be linked to unemployment, disability, ethnicity and caring responsibilities amongst other factors. A more inclusive future for Ireland will consider how growth can promote greater equality between all the diverse people who make up our community.

The following responses are provided to questions posed in the *Ireland 2040 Issues and Choices* document:

Effective Regional Development

Centrally located within the North West Regional Assembly Area and the Central Border Area Network, possessing all of the infrastructure and resources required to be a regional centre of growth, Sligo is a logical choice for future investment in sustainable regional development.

Sligo has the potential to grow. Investment to facilitate ‘place making’ in the City, could build the population of the wider hinterland, which has been in decline. Under-investment in the area to date means that we are not realising our potential, in terms of employment, industry or tourism.

Sligo also has the capacity to grow in a sustainable way – there is housing development potential within a short distance of the city. Good public transport, provision of high speed broadband, will allow us to build affordable, sustainable and connected communities. Fostering a favourable social and economic environment, in balance with protecting the natural environment - are already goals within this region (LECP 2016).

Healthier Places

A goal of the 2040 plan must be for ***greater equality in living standards*** – this includes people who are carers, people with disabilities and people from ethnic minority backgrounds (amongst others). Investment in Sligo as a regional growth centre, will enable people in the North, West and Border Regions to improve their situation. Thoughtful implementation of investment programmes – to suit the needs of different groups of people, to ensure greater equality of outcome, will enable the vision for Ireland 2040 to be realised. Success must be measured in terms of equality of living standards amongst our people, rather than average living standards.

Sustainable Development

We recognise the need for sustainable growth and the environmental legacy we will leave to future generations. It is already a stated goal of the LECP to reduce waste, car dependency, increase the green economy and energy efficiency. As a community sector, we can support and lead this transition along with leadership from the State.

Maintaining Rural Populations

Rural populations can only be maintained by providing rural dwellers with a viable income and a good standard of living which is achieved by living near a growing urban centre. By focussing on Sligo as a regional centre, smaller communities living in rural Sligo, Mayo, Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, Fermanagh and Roscommon will benefit.

Strengthening rural communities also depends on the provision of services to sustain rural centres. The provision of good shared transport options between

towns, could enable strategic development within the region. There is great potential to grow food production, tourism, foster the potential of our rich heritage and develop strong IT based industries within rural areas in a sustainable way in Sligo and its hinterland.

Coordination with Northern Ireland

Sligo is extremely well positioned to further develop and expand its economic, social, cultural and environmental linkages with adjoining areas in Northern Ireland. Relationships have already been fostered through Sligo's participation in a range of cross border initiatives, and we are eager to continue this progress – in education, community development, heritage, research, health etc. We are ready to respond creatively to the changes that Brexit will create.

Measuring Success for Sligo and the region

Retaining a quality of life over the life course and making it possible for people to live and work in their own communities, a level of equality in living standards and sustaining and growing Sligo's population, all need to be set at key indicators. As community leaders, we want to be a central part of this development. For Ireland to attain real balanced regional development, and sustainable rural communities by 2040, then Sligo must be designated as a centre for sustainable growth and investment.

For further information contact the PPN team at ppn@sligococo.ie

Appendix

Members of the Sligo PPN Community and Voluntary College

11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group	Ballymote Community Text Alert
12th Sligo Ballinrillick	Ballymote GAA Club
13th Sligo Ballisodare Scouts	Ballymote Golf Club
2nd, 3rd & 10th Sligo Scout Group	Ballymote Heritage Group
4th Sligo (Calry) Scout Group	Ballymote Library Action Group
Abhainn Mor Residents Association	Ballymote Men's Shed Group
Aclare Development Council	Ballymote Tidy Towns and Tourism Ltd.
Aclare Tidy Towns	Banada Abbey Development Co Ltd
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	Banada Development Agency Ltd
Ahamlish Burial Ground Committee	Beechwood Court Residents Association
Area 4 Art Studios	Belt Torc Resource Co Ltd
Arrow Community Enterprise Ltd	Beltra Country Market
Arrow Harps FC	Beltra Show
Ashbury Lawn / Mulberry Park Residents Assoc	Benbulbin FC
Aughanagh Parish Council Limited	Bill W Club
Aylesbury Park Residents Association	Branching Out Art Ltd
Ballinacarrow Development Committee	Cairns Drive Residents Assoc
Ballinakill Burial Ground	Calry Active Retirement Association
Ballinalack Community Park	Calry Community Text Alert Group
Ballintogher Active Retired	Calry Development
Ballintogher Annual Festival	Calry Drama
Ballintogher Community Council Ltd	Calry Local History Society
Ballintogher Community Enterprises	Caltragh Crescent & Rusheen Ard Residents Association
Ballintogher Feis Committee	Association
Ballintogher Tidy Towns	Caltragh Heights Residents Association
Ballintogher Traditional Festival	Carney Tidy Village
Ballinrillick Community Alert	Carraroe Area & District Regeneration Association (CADRA)
Ballinrillick Environmental Group Ltd.	Carrowmore Archers
Ballisodare Community Development Association Ltd.	Cartron Bay Residents Association
Ballisodare Kayak Club	Cartron Estate Residents Association
Ballisodare Tidy Towns	Castleconnor Community Alert
Ballygawley Celtic	Castleconnor Community Company
Ballygawley Community Park	Castleconnor Community Development Group
Ballygawley Tidy Towns	Castleconnor GAA club
Ballymote Active Retirement Association	Cedar Drive Residents Association
Ballymote Basketball Club	Chapel Street Residents Association
Ballymote Celtic FC	Cherryswan Ltd
Ballymote Community Enterprise Ltd	Cliffoney Dramatic Society
Ballymote Community Parks	Cliffoney Grange Community Games

Cliffoney Hall Committee	Riverview Lodge Residents Association
Cloghogue Parents Association	Douglas Art Group
Cloonacool Tidy Town	Drimina Community Group
Cloondara Residents Association	Dromore West Community Council
Clúid Housing Association	Dromore West Village Enhancement Committee
Co Sligo Easter 1916 Commemoration	Dromore West/Templeboy ICA
Collery Drive Residents Association	Drumcliffe / Rosses Point GAA Club
Collooney / Ballinacarrow Active Age	Drumcliffe Development Association
Collooney Foroige	Drumcliffe Rathcormac Tidy Towns
Collooney St Patricks Parade	Drumcliffe/Rathcormac Community Alert
Collooney Tidy Towns	DyNamo Gym Club
Collooney Village Re-Development Ltd	Easkey Active Age Group
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann – Fred Finn	Easkey Community Council
Coney Island Tidy Towns Committee	Easkey GAA
Connacht Motor Club (Sligo) Ltd	Eastern Harps GAA Club
Connecting Calry	Elm Park Residents Assoc
Coolaney Development Company	Enniscrone & District Agricultural & Industrial Show
Coolaney ICA	Enniscrone & District Community Alert
Coolaney Mullinabreena GAA Club	Enniscrone & District Community Dev Ltd
Coolaney Rockfield Tidy Towns	Enniscrone Events
Coolaney Womens Group	Enniscrone Tidy Towns
Coolera/Strandhill GAA	Enniscrone/Kilglass Community Games
Cornageeha / Rathanna Residents Assoc	Enniscrone/Kilglass GAA Club
Corran Athletic Club	Feis Shligigh
Cos Cos Sean Nos Dance Group	Foróige The CRIB Project, Big Brother Big Sister Project
County Sligo Cricket Club	Forthill History Community & Men's Group
County Sligo Heritage & Genealogy Society	Four Bars Later
County Sligo Surf Club	Friends of Sligo Gaol
Cranmore Abbeyquarter Community Centre	Friends of the Children of Chernobyl (Sligo Branch)
Cranmore Community Cooperative	Frontier University
Cranmore Drive Residents Association	Gael an Iathair
Cranmore Place Residents Association	Geevagh Community Resource Ltd
Cranmore Villas Residents Association	Glen Development Group
Crozon Park Residents Association	Grange & Armada Development Association (GADA)
Culfadda Group Water Scheme	Grange & District Community Alert Group
Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Coiste Chontae Shligigh	Grange Foroige Youth Club
Curry / Moylough Community Playground	Grattan Court Residents Association
Curry Community Alert	Green Dragon Sport Karate
Curry Community Hydro Co Ltd	Gurteen Active Age
Curry GAA	Gurteen Games Company
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Diabetes Ireland Sligo Branch	
Doorly Park / Martin Savage / Hazel View /	

Gurteen Tidy Towns
 Hawthorns Residents Association
 Hazelwood Heritage Society
 Home Youth Liaison Service
 Innisfree Wheelers
 Ivy Grove Residents Association
 Jinks Avenue Knappagh Road Residents Association
 John Fallon Drive Residents Association
 Keash on Garland Sunday
 Keash Village Enhancement
 Kevinsfort Heath Residents Association
 Kevinsfort Residents Assoc
 Kilglass Enniscrone United Football Club
 Killaraght Community Development Association
 Killavil Development Group
 Kilross Cemetery Committee
 Kiltycloghan Cemetery Committee
 Kingsfort Manor Residents Assoc
 Knocknaganny Residents Association
 Lakeview ICA Guild
 Langan Drive Residents Association
 Larkhill Woods Residents Committee
 LEAP Project Easkey
 Lily Lolly Craftfest
 Little Buddies
 Lough Gill Swim Organising Committee
 Magpie Productions
 Marian Hall Committee
 Markievicz Heights Residents Association
 Marymount Residents Association
 Maugheraboy Estate Residents Assoc
 Maugherow Community Alert Group
 McDonnell Drive Residents Association
 MCR Active Age
 MCR Community Centre
 Meadowvale Residents Association
 Merville Youth & Community Centre
 Michael Coleman Heritage Centre Ltd
 Millview Park Residents Association
 Moygara Castle Research & Conservation Group
 Mullaghmore Active Development Group
 Mullaghmore Residents & Heritage Group
 Naomh Eoin Hurling Club
 North Connaught Youth & Community Services
 North Sligo Agricultural Show
 North Sligo Playground Group
 North West Archaeology Group
 North West Hospice
 North West Irish Heart Foundation
 North West Mountain Bike Club
 North West Sea Kayaking Association
 North West Simon Community
 Oakfield Park / Crescent Residents Association
 Ocean Links Residents Association
 Old Cartron Hill Residents Association
 Order of Malta Sligo
 OX Crescent Residents Association
 OX Mountain Development Company Ltd
 OX Mountains Cycling Club
 Oxfield Community Centre
 Parents Support Network
 Parklands Residents Association
 Pearse Crescent Residents Association
 Phoenix Players Tubbercurry
 Publishing Sligo's Past
 Ransboro Active Retirement Association
 Ransboro Community Alert
 Ransboro Development Association
 Rathbraughan Park Residents Association
 Rathedmond Residents Association
 Respond Housing Association
 Riverstown Enterprise Development (Sligo) Ltd
 Riverstown St Patricks Day Parade Committee
 Rosses Point Development Association CLG
 Rosses Point Shanty
 Rosses Point Tidy Towns
 Rusheen Ard Residents Association
 Samboeire
 Sandcastles Childcare
 Shamrock Gaels
 Skreen Dromard Community Council
 Sligo Athletic Club
 Sligo Cancer Support Centre
 Sligo City Table Tennis Club
 Sligo Civil Defence
 Sligo Comhairle na nÓg
 Sligo Community Alert

Sligo Community Mediation Service
 Sligo Concert Band
 Sligo Cregg Ballincar Community Alert
 Sligo Family Support Ltd
 Sligo Federation ICA
 Sligo Feis Ceoil
 Sligo Field Club
 Sligo Folk Park
 Sligo Giant Warriors
 Sligo International Choral Festival
 Sligo Jazz Project
 Sligo Leitrim District Soccer League
 Sligo Leitrim Youth, Schoolboy & Girls League
 Sligo Men's Shed Association
 Sligo Mugendo Kickboxing Club
 Sligo Musical Society
 Sligo Orienteering Club
 Sligo Orpheus Choir
 Sligo Probus Club
 Sligo Rowing Club
 Sligo Rugby Football Club
 Sligo Samaritans
 Sligo Social Services
 Sligo Springboard Co Ltd
 Sligo St. Patricks Day Parade Committee
 Sligo Sub Aqua Club
 Sligo Tennis Club
 Sligo Tidy Towns Partnership Limited
 Sligo Tourism Ltd
 Sligo Volunteer Centre
 Sligo Yacht Club
 SO Sligo Food Festival Ltd
 Social Ground Force
 Soeey Cemetery Committee
 Soeey Youth Club
 South Sligo Community Park Ltd
 Special Olympics Connaught
 Spraio Ballymote Community Childcare Ltd
 Springvale Residents Association
 St Brendans Afterschool Care Ltd
 St Brigids Hall Tubbercurry
 St Farnans GAA Club
 St Michaels GAA Club
 St Patricks GAA Club
 St. John's Community Development Association
 St. Joseph's Graveyard Committee
 St. Mary's GAA
 St. Michael's Family Life Centre
 Star of the Sea / Strandhill Active Retirement Association
 Stonepark Residents Association
 Stones and Bones
 Strand Celtic F.C.
 Strandhill Development Association
 Summerhill Residents Assoc 10A – 18A
 Templeboy Community Alert
 The Allwin Tennis Foundation
 The Avalon Centre
 The County Sligo 1916 Centenary Committee
 The Hawk's Well Theatre Ltd
 The Park Residents Association
 The Yeats Society
 Tir na nog Childcare
 Tireragh Athletics Club
 Tonaphubble Residents Association
 Tourlestrane GAA Club
 Townlands & People
 Treacy Avenue Residents Association
 Tubbercurry Development Group Ltd
 Tubbercurry Mens Shed
 Tubbercurry Playground Action Group
 Unshin River Enhancement Committee
 West Sligo Forum Limited
 West Sligo Gun Club
 West Sligo Mens Sheds
 West Sligo Young @ Heart Club
 Western Drama Festival
 Windmill Players
 Woodstream Residents Association
 Yeats County Hockey Club
 Yeats Drive Residents Association
 Yeats Heights Association
 Yeats Partnership
 Yeats United Football Club
 Young at Heart Active Age Group
 YU Coolaney Foroige Club