

Blanchardstown Area Partnership needs More Community Representatives!

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Blanchardstown Area Partnership is the **local development agency** for the whole of Dublin 15. We receive our funding from the Government under the National Development Plan 2007-2013. The Partnership is responsible for a range of programmes to meet the needs of individuals, families and community groups in the area. These include the Local Employment Service (LES/JOBLINK), Local Development Social Inclusion Programme (incorporating the Community Development Programme)

What is the work of the Partnership?

The key task of Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP) is to develop initiatives which create positive change in the area. This leads to social and economic improvements for communities and the people who live in them. Key objectives include:

- Delivering innovative and effective responses to needs in the area
- Co-ordinating social inclusion programmes
- Supporting communities to bring about positive change themselves.
- Influencing key policy makers and programme funders

Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP) is currently seeking additional community representatives for the Partnerships Plan Implementation Boards (PIBs). Community representatives provide a voice for Dublin 15 community in the actions and programme of the Partnership. If your community group/organisation are interested in contributing to making Blanchardstown a more vibrant community, we want to hear from you!

WHAT DOES BLANCHARDSTOWN AREA PARTNERSHIP DO?

Blanchardstown Area Partnership aims to bring community, statutory, elected and social partner representatives together to work on an equal basis to tackle the key issues to ensure that all people in Blanchardstown can avail of opportunities to live fulfilled lives.

HOW CAN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES GET INVOLVED?

Plan Implementation Boards (PIBs) were established in 2001. The PIB's are made up of representatives from community, statutory, social partners. There are ten community seats per PIB. The community members play a very important role on the PIBs to ensure that the work of BAP is focussed on real needs and to work with others to develop responses to the issues that effect local communities.

There are currently three PIBs operating in the Blanchardstown Area Partnership:
(1) Community Development, (2) Youth and (3) Economic Development.

The role of the PIBs is to:

- Implement specific areas of the Strategic Plan
- Report to the BAP board on progress
- Coordinate responses to promote social inclusion
- Influencing, lobbying and mainstreaming actions with other agencies
- Work with BAP staff to implement actions.

The PIB's meet monthly and are chaired by a member elected by the group. Each PIB is represented at the Board level through representatives elected by the PIB. The PIBs work closely with the staff.

Meetings are agreed and scheduled for the year and happen on weekdays. Members are compensated for expenses incurred in attending meetings such as travel and child-care costs if necessary. New members will receive a full induction to the PIB and the Partnership and will be fully supported in their new role.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

A: If you are currently a community representative on a PIB:

Blanchardstown Area Partnership would like to thank you for working with us. It is much appreciated and we want you to continue working with us. Can you please indicate your willingness to continue your involvement by completing **PIB Nomination form** and returning it to Fingal Volunteer Centre no later than **24th September 2010**

B: If you are not currently a community representative on a PIB:

But would like to be, we really want to encourage you to get involved. You must be a member of a community or voluntary organisation in the Dublin 15 area and there can only be one representative from your group / organisation on each PIB. In the event of too many organisations / groups expressing an interest in one PIB there will be an election. Please complete **PIB Nomination Form** and ensure that the Chairperson of your organisation signs it and return it to Fingal Volunteer Centre no later than **24th September 2010**.

Information Sessions

Information sessions will take place in Blanchardstown Area Partnership, Dillon House, Unit 106, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15 on **Wednesday 15th September 2010** at 11am and 7pm.

Express your interest in being involved

If you would like to express your interest in being involved in the PIB's or want to attend one of the information sessions please email helen@volunteerfingal.ie or call Helen O'Broin on (01) 820 9550 and we will put you on our mailing list.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me at (01) 820 9550. For more information on Blanchardstown Area Partnership please visit **www.bap.ie** This recruitment process is being organised by Fingal Volunteer Centre **www.volunteerfingal.ie**

Yours sincerely

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Blanchardstown Area Partnership

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PIB

The Community Development PIB focuses on issues of Community Development, Family Support, Childcare and Health. There are currently fourteen members of the Community Development PIB including ten community representatives and four statutory representatives.

Current Members

Holly Gillen	Barnardos	Community Representative
Susan Fox, (Chair)	Blakestown CDP and Greater Blanchardstown Development Project	
Maggie Hand	Blanchardstown Travellers Development Group	
Michela Benassi	Blanchardstown Citizens Information Centre	
Celia Durnin (Interim Community Board Director)	Dublin 15 Community Council	
Moira Hyland-Doyle (Community Board Director)	Neighbourhood Youth Project	
	Blanchardstown Centre for the Unemployed	
Monica Shannon	Corduff CDP and Corduff Counselling	
Margaret McLoughlin	Mountview Family Resource Centre	
Sibéal DeBhulbh	Genesis Counselling	
Ann Mulligan	Fingal County Council	Statutory Representative
Vincent Connolly	Blanchardstown Garda Siochana	
Yvonne Millner	Primary Health Care Team Manager	
	Primary Health Care Team Worker	

YOUTH PIB

The Youth PIB addresses Youth issues including recreation, education and voluntary youth activity. There are currently nine members of the Youth PIB: seven community representatives, two statutory representatives.

Current Members

David Creed (Chairperson of PIB)	Neighbourhood Youth Project	Community Representative
Brendan Doorly (Community Director BAP Board)	Ladyswell Boys and Girls FC	
Laura Dennehy	WEB project	
Miriam Ryan	Blanchardstown Youth Service	
Erin Mc Grane	Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative	
Billy Burke	Blanchardstown Youth Service	
Conor Coady	Blakestown School Completion Project	
Michael Molloy	Blanchardstown Gardai	Statutory Representatives
Beryl Walsh	HSE	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PIB

Economic Development covers the areas of Employment; Enterprise; Adult Education and the Built Environment. There are ten members of the Economic Development PIB: six community representatives and four statutory representatives.

Current members

Carmel Fitzpatrick (Community Director to the BAP Board)	Blanchardstown Centre for the Unemployed	Community Representative
Tom Toner	Blanchardstown Travellers Development Group	
Jenny Cruise (Community Director to BAP Board)	Baptec	
Maureen Dunne	Weavers	
Phyllis Maher	Blanchardstown 2001	
Bernie Cawley	Networking D15	
	FAS	Statutory Representative
Patricia Swords	Department of Social Protection	
Helen Marry	Fingal County Council	
Giselle Estridge	HSE	

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PIB NOMINATION FORM



Nominee information		
Name		
Home address		
Telephone		
Email		
Are you a current PIB Member?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Please identify which pib you wish to join	Community development ☐ Youth ☐ Economic development ☐	
Please provide a brief description of your group and why you wish to join the PIB:		
Nominating organisation		
Name of organisation:		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Name of Chairperson		
Signature of Chairperson		

Please return completed form before **Friday September 24** to:

PIB Recruitment,
 Fingal Volunteer Centre,
 Dillon House, Unit 106, Coolmine Industrial Estate
 Dublin 15.

