

Membership

Membership of your local forum is open to all groups on the current County Register of Community & Voluntary Groups. The County Register is a list of community and voluntary groups in County Kerry. This register is maintained by the Community & Enterprise Office of Kerry County Council.

Registration

Your group needs to renew your registration annually. In order to re-register your group, or to register for the first time please contact the **County Forum Office;**

Community Enterprise Dept

Kerry County Council,
County Buildings,
Rathass,
Tralee,
Co Kerry

Telephone: 066 7183680

Closing date 03rd March 2012

(Groups can register at any time during the year to avail of the group insurance scheme)

Registration forms also available at SKDP offices in Killorglin and Caherciveen.
Any enquiries to;

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Head of Community Development Dept,
Killorglin Office

Telephone: 066 9761615

Email: poraw@skdp.net

or

Joseph McCrohan,

RSS & TUS Manager,
Caherciveen office

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Community Directors

Each forum area nominates two Community Directors onto the board of SKDP.

A Community Director may serve for a period of three years, which may be extended for a further three years.

Killarney forum

Sheila Casey and Patricia Buckley

Mid-Kerry forum

George Kelly and Maria Coleman-O'Sullivan

Kenmare forum

Una O'Neill and Donald Lynch

Iveragh forum

Pat Everett and Angela Hallisey

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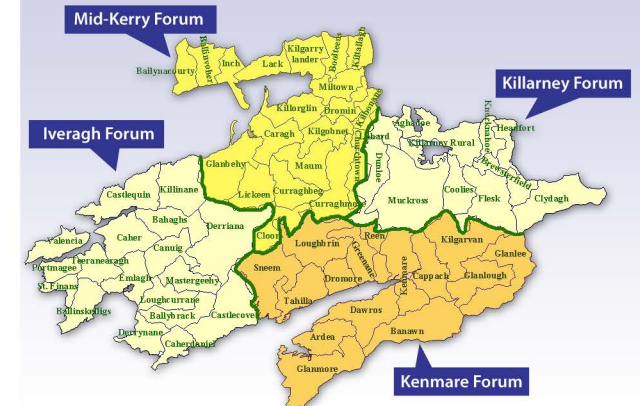


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The Forum for
Community & Voluntary
Organisations in
South Kerry

SUPPORTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Electoral Divisions covered by South Kerry Development Partnership



SOUTH KERRY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

In conjunction with
Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum.

What is the Forum?

The community forum is the representative and democratic structure for the community and voluntary sector – this is how the voice of the community is heard. It is a forum for discussion, an opportunity for networking and the sharing of good practice.

Value of Community & Voluntary Groups to your area;

- Address disadvantage and inequality
- Reduce social exclusion
- Tackle rural isolation and decline
- Provide valuable local services
- Help build community spirit

By coming together through the local forum, the community and voluntary sector is stronger and more coordinated, to answer the challenges faced in today's society.

Purpose of Forum

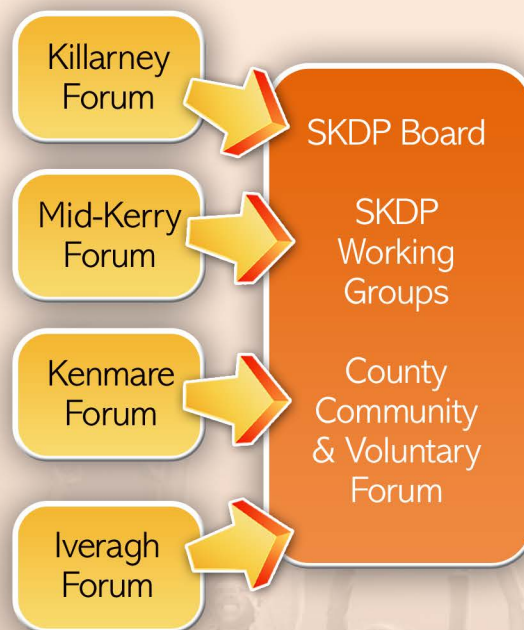
- Communication between SKDP, Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum and local groups
- Providing information on work schemes for organisations
- Identifying local issues
- Election of community representatives onto the board of SKDP and Kerry C & V Forum

Four Areas

In the South Kerry Development Partnership area, the community forum is divided into four;

- Killarney
- Kenmare
- Mid-Kerry
- Iveragh

How it all fits together



Through the area forums representatives are nominated onto a range of structures as per above diagram.

Benefits of Membership of Forum

- Entitles groups to nominate representatives onto partnership, county forum and other structures
- Entitles groups to apply to the Rural Social Scheme, TUS, Rural Development Programme (Leader) funding
- Entitles groups to join the Group Insurance Scheme
- Entitles groups to enter the annual Community Awards

(All groups need to be on the current register to apply for any of the above)

Benefits also include;

- Receiving up to date news and information
- Being made aware of grants, schemes, etc

Good Governance

This refers to how your group is organised and run. Funding agencies require groups to follow up-to-date practices and procedures.

The forum can help groups with training, talks etc in this regard.