

Criteria and Application for the Kilkenny PPN Scholarship Programme



Kilkenny Public Participation Network is part funding 5 Scholarships to achieve a BA Degree in Business Enterprise and Community Development that reward active citizenship. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals from our members organisations across the 4 Municipal Districts in County Kilkenny. These individuals will need to prove that they are active in their community, will become PPN Champions and will outline how they will use the knowledge gained. Criteria set out below.

To apply you must:

1. Be a member of and be nominated by a Kilkenny PPN Member Organisation
2. Read and comply with the criteria of the Kilkenny PPN Champion Scholarship.
3. Complete the Equal Ireland and Kilkenny PPN Champion Scholarship Application form and send it to the address provided by **Monday, March 27th, 2017**.

General criteria:

- Genuinely have the time to be a PPN Champion
- Be over 18 years' old
- Be a good communicator and abide by the PPN's core values
- Have access to the internet/ computer
- Enthusiastic about Kilkenny PPN
- Voluntarily attend a whole day's induction

Successful applicants will:

1. Meet the minimum entry requirements and have enough 'Prior Learning' to be accepted onto the programme (e.g. experience volunteering or business).
2. Be able to provide evidence of sustained engagement in Active Citizenship and be willing to take on a role in their selected Municipal District that may include:
 - Facilitating the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies e.g. work alongside Municipal District PPNs and interaction with the Local Authority at that level.
 - Strengthening the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate e.g. Promote networking and mentoring between groups to share best practice. Including the development and support of Activity/ Thematic Networks
 - Providing information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary sector and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received.e.g. Establish PPN as the recognised way of sharing information with the sector, and between member groups.

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Application Explanatory notes

This application may be typed or hand written.

You must answer all questions.

Section 1- Please make sure the organisation nominating you is signed by the appropriate person in the organisation.

Section 2 Question 1- Please note you may be either a paid or voluntary worker in your organisation.

Please use additional blank sheets if required indicating clearly the question you are answering.

Note: there are 2 separate application forms for this scholarship:

1. Athlone IT which must be returned to Equal Ireland at the address stated on the bottom of the application form. Applicants must be willing to partake in a 1:1 phone interview with an Equal Ireland Representative to establish Recognition of Prior Learning.

2. **Kilkenny PPN Application** (Paper Copy) must be returned to:

**PPN Kilkenny
42 Parliament Street
Kilkenny City**

Application Deadline for both Applications is **Monday 27th March at 5pm.**

Depending on the number of applications received it may be necessary to hold interviews for final selection. All applications will be evaluated during the week of the 28rd March. Applicants will be informed of the decision on Monday the 3rd of April.

The degree programme will commence on the **22nd of April.**

Any Queries relating to this application form may be directed to the PPN on 056 7794710 or ppnkilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie

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Section 1.

Personal Details

Applicant's first Name: block Capitals

Surname: block capitals

PPN Member Organisation:

Nominated by:

Must be chairperson, secretary or equivalent of your organisation

Signed _____

Section 2.

Engagement in Community Activity

Q. 1 Please outline your current and/or previous experiences of community work (as a volunteer or worker) include your role with your nominated PPN member

Max 300 words

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Successful candidates will be required to champion the PPN in their Municipal District (see criteria point 2)

Please indicate which Municipal District you are willing to assist the PPN in

North Kilkenny	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Kilkenny	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Kilkenny	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Kilkenny	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that Kilkenny city is divided into East & West Kilkenny

Q .2 If your Application is successful please indicate how you would use your knowledge in your community and for your personal development?

Max 300 words

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Q.3 How do you think the business element of this degree will benefit you and your organisation?

Max 300 words

Please indicate by ticking the box that you are willing to be contacted by an Equal Ireland representative for a 1:1 Recognition of Prior Learning phone Interview.

I am willing to be contacted

I am over 18 years please tick to confirm

I declare that the information that I have provided is a true account of my experience and I understand that any false accounts will deem my application void.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: