

Thinking Strategically & Working Collaboratively

FOR EFFECTIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, 6th December 2018 at the Tullamore Court Hotel

Programme Objectives

Within the framework of Local Community Development Committees, this workshop aims to enable participants to gain:

- ✓ A good understanding of the principles of good governance for effective partnership working;
- ✓ An appreciation of how to develop strategic thinking skills to enable shared solutions to key challenges;
- ✓ An awareness of how to develop oneself to become a more effective collaborative leader.

Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) bring together a wide range of partners with different experiences, expertise and perspectives who have the challenging task of working together to prepare the local development and community parts of the Local Economic and Community Plans (LECP) for their area. Firstly, this requires an understanding of the principles of good governance - the process by which partners are required to work together, their roles, responsibilities and how they are held accountable. Secondly, as the challenges faced by localities are complex, achieving effective and sustainable solutions requires partners to develop the ability to think strategically, going beyond traditional functional, organisational or even sectoral allegiances, to agree what they need to achieve together. Thirdly, achieving this common purpose requires the development of a collaborative mindset, engaging in constructive dialogue, a willingness to embrace difference and diversity in thinking and approaches, and developing new skills in managing tensions and conflict to build trust and positive working relationships.

This one-day workshop will support LCDC partners to deepen understanding of their collective responsibilities, think more strategically and develop their collaborative leadership capabilities by focusing on the following learning objectives:

- Understanding the roles, responsibility, accountability of LCDC members and how to adhere to the principles of good governance (including transparency, clear communication and reporting systems, measurement and evaluation mechanisms) within the context of developing the local development and community parts of the LECP.
- Developing and applying the skills for strategic thinking: systems thinking, re-thinking context and critical reflection- to enable more effective solutions across your locality.
- Building the collaborative mindset:- suspending assumptions; effective listening and dialogue and managing tensions in self and others to build positive working relationships.

Who is this Programme for?

The workshop is for people engaged in local partnerships which are focused on achieving improved economic, social and physical outcomes for the communities they serve including:

- ✓ Chief Officers of the Local Community Development Committees
- ✓ Members of the Local Community Development Committees
- ✓ Professions for whom supporting or leading collaboration is a significant element of their role.

Preparation

Participants are asked to bring examples of the collaborative challenges that they face, as a foundation for practical discussions on how to apply the new learning in practice.

Venue

Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Cost

The cost of this one-day workshop for is €230 per person for those attending from Local Authorities, €405 per person for Corporate Members of the IPA and €450 per person for others. Fee includes attendance at the workshop, workshop material, lunch and refreshments. Fee does not include accommodation.

Cancellation Policy

Please note, that in the event of a cancellation less than 48 working hours before the commencement of a course, a 15% cancellation fee will be charged. Cancellation fee will also apply to non-arrivals on the day.

Enquiries/Bookings

Bookings for this workshop will close on 29 November 2018.

For further information or to book a place on this course, please contact the following for a booking form or [book online](#):

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Bookings must be received in writing before 29 November 2018 and will be confirmed back to you via email.