

Irish Rural Link

Working With Rural Communities

Outline

- Explaining where IRL is in terms of its tag line ‘Sustainable Rural Communities’. In practical terms this is as much about social sustainability as well as economic sustainability. It is also about enabling people who because of circumstances are excluded from access to normal services.

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- Explaining IRL'S experience in terms of organising public education and consultation seminars and giving examples of how this should be approached. Here I will outline the huge information and education gap between the perceptions of communities and those of Those who propose interventions, including Government.

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- Some proposals.

Mission

- Our mission is to influence and inform local, national and international development policies and programmes in favour of all rural communities especially those who are marginalised as a result of poverty, exclusion and isolation in rural areas.

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Established in 1991

- To make sure the views of rural communities are heard in local, regional, national and European policy arenas
- To influence local and community development in our changing rural areas.
- To collate, support and disseminate models of rural development to all relevant stakeholders
- To develop the organisation and management of IRL in a manner that is inclusive, participatory and sustainable.

Proposals

- Link up with the relevant voluntary organisations for the consultation.
- Deliver the consultation in partnership with relevant NGOs
- Design the implementation plans based on the knowledge gained.
- Deliver , once again, in a partnership.