



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Ayrshire Locality Partnerships

Role Profile

Post Title: Community Representative, North Ayrshire Locality Partnerships

Locality planning will enable local communities to identify and solve local problems and to be involved in making local decisions that improve their own and their neighbours' quality of life. The key to this is partnerships. Working together and doing things differently will give an opportunity to ensure that the strengths of our communities will be valued within these partnerships, and that the voice of our communities is placed at the heart of everything we do.

Locality Partnerships will:

- Provide local leadership for the development of the Locality Plans.
- Be committed to working towards improved equality.
- Find new ways of ensuring people's views are heard.
- Find new ways to respond to issues at a local level.
- Positively promote local civic pride.
- Ensure that the work of the public and community organisations is co-ordinated to target the priorities of Localities.

Locality Partnerships will involve a range of local people and organisations who have responsibilities and expertise in the issues identified as important in the local area.

Partnership business will be conducted in a manner which recognises and values the contribution that can be made by all members of the Partnership and will be enhanced by creating and encouraging opportunities for members to interact in informal settings outwith the formal Locality Partnership meetings.

Locality Partnerships should operate with political neutrality to achieve decision making by consensus.

Role:

The successful candidate will be invited to sit as a member of their Locality Partnership as a representative of a local community demonstrated through their active citizenship, to carry out the business of the Locality Partnership according to its purposes.

Locality Partnership member skills and qualities:

- Good knowledge and understanding of their Locality and its place within North Ayrshire.
- Experience or skills of advocating for and representing the views of the community they represent.
- Good communication and networking skills.
- Understanding of community structures and activity.
- Respected community figure with a passion for and focus on community improvement.
- Will live, work, or have an interest in the Locality they wish to serve.

Key tasks and responsibilities:

- To attend all Partnership meetings.
- To attend any other meetings of the Partnership as may be required from time to time.
- To read all papers in preparation for Partnership and other meetings.
- To take decisions in furtherance of the Partnership's purposes.
- To ensure proper governance of the Partnership and effective strategic planning.
- To ensure fair, effective and transparent decision making.
- To effectively review and challenge the work of the Partnership.
- To uphold and represent the decisions of the Partnership to external stakeholders including the press and media.
- Review, challenge and prioritise applications for funding and ensure proper monitoring of applications.
- To engage in all practical activities and seek opportunities to further the goals and priorities of the Partnership.
- To be accountable for decisions.