

Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC) is inviting DLDC registered community and voluntary groups from the East and An Ghaeltacht regions of our catchment area to participate in elections to elect two community representatives from each region to our Board of Directors. Please see further details on the catchment area locations below.

As a member of a registered group, we're inviting you to consider **putting your name forward OR suggesting a candidate from your community** to be a nominee for the Board of Directors at Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC).

The role of a Director at DLDC is pivotal in shaping the direction and impact of our organisation. As a director, you would have the opportunity to:

- Participate in decision-making processes that directly impact people's lives in the communities you represent.
- Represent your local community on a decision-making structure that collaborates with stakeholders and agencies locally, regionally, and nationally.
- Stay updated on funding and development opportunities that could benefit your local community.
- Expand your network and gain access to a broader community and voluntary sector network.
- Share valuable insights and information from board meetings with the local community groups you represent.

Once you fill out the nomination form, you or your chosen nominee will appear on our ballot paper in our upcoming election. Local community and voluntary groups that are members of DLDC will be invited to vote for their chosen representative. The election process will take place in July 2024, and ballots will be sent out in the coming weeks.

You can find further details by emailing [elections@dldc.org](mailto:elections@dldc.org).

**PLEASE NOMINATE A CANDIDATE USING THE LINK BELOW**

Nominations form - <https://forms.office.com/e/7Ut3AkQCyS>

## MEET OUR OUTGOING BOARD DIRECTORS

**Patsy McGonagle**  
Chair & Community Representative  
East Donegal



Patsy McGonagle was elected as Community Representative for East Donegal in 2018. Patsy is a highly respected figure in both the sporting and community development arenas. As a founding member and driving force behind the establishment of the Finn Valley Centre, Patsy's vision and leadership have been instrumental in creating a vibrant hub for athletic excellence and community engagement.

Patsy served as the Irish Athletics Team Manager for numerous Olympic and World Championship events, earning widespread acclaim for his dedication to the sport. His deep understanding of community needs and extensive network has been invaluable in guiding DLDC as Chair over the years.

*"Serving as Chair of the DLDC Board has been an immensely rewarding experience. It's not just about making decisions; it's about making a tangible difference in people's lives. Being part of this board allows us to ensure that our communities receive the support and resources they need."*

**Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh**  
Community Representative  
An Ghaeltacht



Noirín joined the DLDC board in 2018 and represents An Ghaeltacht & na hOileáin. She is currently employed as a Community Development/Tourism Co-operative Manager in Árann Mhór.

Noirín was responsible for compiling the Irish Language Plan for Árann Mhór Island. She was involved with Primary Care Island Services and the implementation of findings from a review of Primary Care Island Services (HSE). She is the Donegal Islands representative on an interdepartmental steering group established by the Department of Community and Rural Development. Noirín is also the Donegal Islands Representative on the Board of Comhar na nOileán, Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann (Federation of Irish Islands), and the Coiste na nOileán Committee set up by Donegal County Council.

*"Aside from the personal satisfaction from contributing to community development, I recommend involvement with DLDC as it offers an opportunity to actively engage in shaping activity in your regions. It's a platform where I can actively contribute to developing our communities, particularly in An Ghaeltacht & na hOileáin, where I'm deeply rooted."*

**SEE MAP OF OUR EAST AND GAELTACHT CATCHMENT AREAS BELOW**

