

Slieve Gullion DEA

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Comhairle Ceantair
an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin
Newry, Mourne
and Down
District Council

What We Do

Slieve Gullion is a recently established District Electoral Area (DEA) which will proactively work in partnership with the community to deal with local identified issues.

DEA Fora are being developed as a model of community engagement that will modernise the way we work and help us to provide better, more effective services for residents. Through the establishment of seven District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora, the Council is bringing decision-making closer to local people and creating opportunities for all sections of the community to get involved in discussions that will shape the future of their area.

Members of the Forum will work in partnership with statutory agencies to develop local action plans that will identify and address the issues that matter most to the residents of Slieve Gullion. These local action plans will inform and influence the community planning process which will set out the long term vision and priorities for the District.

What Do We Need?

Over the next few weeks, the Council, in partnership with NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Associations) will launch the nominations process to recruit external members to each DEA Forum. As there are only eight places available on each Forum, potential nominees must demonstrate that they represent a 'network' of groups, rather than just their own group. We are keen to ensure that members of the Slieve Gullion DEA Forum can demonstrate expertise across a wide range of thematic areas, including arts, sport, recreation, housing, community safety, tourism, economic development, young people, older people, community relations and rural development.

Who Are My DEA Councillors?

The Councillors of the Slieve Gullion DEA are pictured below, with Councillor Barra Ó Muirí appointed as Chairperson.



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A Bright Future

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The Next DEA Session

The first public meeting of the Forum will take place on:

Time: 7pm

Date: Tuesday 1 March 2016

Venue: Bessbrook Community Centre.

All residents of the Slieve Gullion DEA are welcome.

