

Election Timeline 2021

For election process for community representatives to the GDA Board and Consultative Group.

The term of office for the GDA Board and Consultative Group is ending on 8th September 2021. Therefore, it is the intention of the GDA to hold elections for community representatives to both groups from June as per the GDA Act 2005.

The process will be as follows:

1. The GDA will write out to all registered groups, and groups who have been added to our mailing list since it was established, informing them of the registration process.
 2. GDA will publicly advertise in newspapers calling for the registration of interested groups for the elections. All current registered groups will have to re-register.
 3. The GDA will write out to all of the registered groups with the new registered groups list.
 4. The GDA will then call for nominations for the Board and Consultative Group elections. In order for a person to be eligible they must fulfil all of the following;
 - a. Be resident in the GDA area (<https://ggda.ie/assets/GDA-Neighbourhood.jpg>)
 - b. Be on the register of electors in the area
 - c. Be nominated by at least 2 registered groups
 5. A meeting will be organised for the elections to take place and the GDA will send out the list of nominees to all registered groups.
 6. A maximum of two representatives from each registered group can attend the election meeting. Each representative will have one vote.
 7. The voting will be done by secret ballot and by single non-transferable vote. Ballot sheets will be given to all representatives for each of the elections.
 8. A nominee is permitted to run for both Board and Consultative Group. However, if elected to both they must decide which to accept. The other position will then be filled by the candidate with the next highest number of votes.
 9. The GDA Chief Executive shall inform the Minister of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of the residents' nominee to the Board and inform the Board of the persons elected to the Consultative Group.
 10. Where, for whatever reason, a nominee to the GDA or a residents' member of the Consultative Group cannot be elected, then the Chief Executive may provide for a fresh registration period
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to facilitate the registration of additional registered groups and hold the election again, as is stated in the legislation.

11. Announce successful nominee going forward for approval.

The following timeline lays out the process to be followed in the lead up to the new appointees:

- **9th June** – GDA advertisement calling for groups to register
 - 22 days
- **30th June** – Closing Date for receipt of registration submissions
 - 9 days
- **9th July** – List of new Registered Groups is published
 - 5 days
- **14th July** - Start date of call for nominations for Board and Consultative Group. Date of election meeting is set
 - 8 days
- **22nd July** – Closing date of call for nominations for the Board and Consultative Group
- **23rd July** – Verification of Nominees
 - 3 days
- **26th July** – List of Nominees is published
 - 21 days
- **16th August** – Election Meeting
 - 1 Day
- **17th August** – GDA Chief Executive informs Minister of residents’ nominee to the Board, and informs the Board of the new members of the Consultative Group.

Please note that the election process and timelines may be subject to change due to public health restrictions as a result of the current Covid-19 pandemic. We will advise all stakeholders of any changes in advance.