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Welcome

Welcome to the 2016 Excellence in Local Government Awards. Chambers Ireland is Ireland's largest business network with affiliated Chambers in every major town and region of the country. Through our Chambers, we have a unique understanding of the important role played by local authorities in their communities across Ireland.

The Chamber Network has for many years been interacting and engaging constructively with local authorities on projects with a shared aim of delivering an environment that is both good for business and good for the community. The challenge of supporting and driving local economic development is not an easy one, but through collaboration and innovation local authorities and Chambers will play a vital role in enhancing communities across Ireland.

2016, our year of centenaries, is an excellent case in point. The enthusiasm and dedication displayed in the planning, organising and delivery of the many commemoration and centenary events this year is a prime example of the strength of what can be achieved by local authorities. Congratulations to all local authorities involved for contributing enormously to our national commemorations programme.

In partnership with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the Excellence in Local Government Awards are an annual celebration recognising the commitment, hard work, dedication and innovation within local authorities.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with local authorities in the coming years, particularly in order to cooperate in promoting local economic development and ensuring that communities throughout Ireland can thrive.



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- Mr. Dónall Curtin, *Senior Partner, Byrne Curtin Kelly*
- Gary McGuinn, *Assistant Principal Officer, Local Government Oversight and Governance; Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government*
- Dr. Sean Ó'Riordáin, *Director, Seán Ó'Riordáin & Associates*
- Mr. Tony O'Brien, *Chair, Chambers Ireland Local Government Policy Council and Principal at TOB Associates*
- Ms. Geraldine Tallon, *Former Secretary General, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government*

Round Two

- Mr. Alex Connolly, *Head of Communications, Fáilte Ireland*
- Maurice Coughlan, *Principal Officer, Local Government Oversight and Governance; Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government*
- Mr. Jack Keyes, *Consultant and Former County Council Chief Executive, Cavan*
- Dr. Sean Ó'Riordáin, *Principal, Seán Ó'Riordáin & Associates*
- Ms. Karen Smyth, *Head of Policy, Northern Ireland Local Government Agency*
- Mr. Martin Tobin, *CEO, European Recycling Platform (ERP) Ireland*

Local Government Policy Council

- Tony O'Brien, *Principal, Tony O'Brien & Associates (Chair)*
- Joe Allen, *Former PO, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government*
- Rita McNerney, *Chief Executive, Ennis Chamber*
- Hilary Haydon, *Joint Managing Partner, Hilary Haydon & Company*
- Tony Lambert, *Chief Executive, Fingal Chamber*
- Graeme McQueen, *Senior Public Affairs Manager, Dublin Chamber*
- Allan Shine, *Chief Executive, North Kildare Chamber*
- Sarah Foley, *Policy & Research Executive, Cork Chamber*
- Andrea Carroll, *Sustainable Business Programme Manager, South Dublin Chamber*

Fingal County Council

Fingal Age Friendly Town – Skerries



Fingal County Council in association with Age Friendly Ireland selected Skerries as the town in which to pilot the Age Friendly Town process in Fingal. The town was selected to address the aspiration of the Skerries Community Development Association and the Skerries Tidy Towns to make the town a better place in which to live, work and grow old. An Age Friendly Town is created by consulting, building and implementing a plan with the community to make their town age friendly. The initiative was embraced by the Skerries Community Development Association and the Skerries Liaison Committee which has ensured the success of the project in the town.



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Limerick City & County Council Team Limerick Clean Up (TLC)



TLC took place on Good Friday, 25th March 2016. Over 13,600 volunteers took part in the massive County Wide clean up across Limerick City and County. The TLC initiative was led by Irish Rugby Icon, Paul O'Connell and co-ordinated by a steering group made up (Limerick City and County Council, Mr. Binman, the McManus Benevolent Fund, Limerick City Business Association) which was chaired by Limerick City and County Council Senior Executive Officer Paul Foley. TLC is one of the most exciting campaigns ever to be held in Limerick. It was also the first city/county campaign post the merger. 98 tones of TLC bagged litter were removed from the land/streetscapes across Limerick. There was massive good will towards the project from across Limerick. TLC put Limerick on the national stage in an exceptionally positive light over the Easter weekend trending on twitter for over 4 hours on the day.

Meath County Council Unity Centre, Windtown



The Unity Centre is a Local Authority constructed and operated community centre located on the outskirts of Navan in a large housing estate comprising mainly Social Housing. It provides a hub for the provision of services in a disadvantaged and geographically isolated area and serves as a focal point for the development of the local community. It also provides affordable community space for groups who would otherwise struggle to find suitable locations for their activities. The centre contains a number of multi-purpose rooms of various sizes as well as a fully equipped IT training room and a kitchen suitable for teaching.



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South Dublin County Council

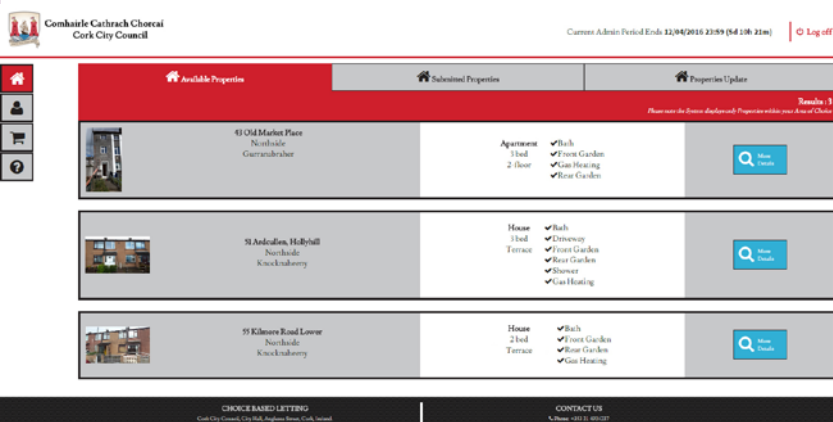
The Community Initiative Fund (CIF)



The CIF was launched in 2015 to provide the opportunity for Community and Voluntary Groups in South Dublin County to apply for funding for specific projects, where funds were not already available from any other sources. The CIF was allocated a total budget of €170,000 and was designed to be as flexible and responsive as possible to the needs of the local community and allowed groups to apply for funding support up to a maximum of €50,000. The key objective was to focus on providing funding for projects and associated works that otherwise would not have been achieved. These included projects which could not source funds from other outlets, but if completed would make a big difference within the local community. The CIF allows communities to ask themselves what is needed in their area, what would make a difference to their lives and their communities and give them an opportunity to make it a reality.

Cork City Council

Cork City Council's Choice Based Letting Scheme






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Cork City Council

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	St Andrew's, Hollyhill Northside Knockinherry	House 1 bed Terrace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bath ✓ Driveway ✓ Front Garden ✓ Rear Garden ✓ Shower ✓ Gas Heating 	More Details
	15 Kilmore Road Lower Northside Knockinherry	House 1 bed Terrace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bath ✓ Front Garden ✓ Rear Garden ✓ Gas Heating 	More Details

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Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an online service that provides transparency on 'available to let' social housing stock to Cork's citizens that are in need of social housing. It is a web based facility with photographs and descriptions of the house type and additional features. It actively engages the housing applicant by allowing them to 'choose' to express an interest in the property thereby enabling the City Council to apply its allocation of housing to the list of those interested. During a time of high housing demand, this streamlines the service and the development of a 'feedback' tab, following the suggestion of its inclusion from the CBL focus group, means that the applicant citizen can see the level of demand around each property. This helps balance their expectations and provides transparency around the demand and supply of social housing.



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Kildare County Council

Celbridge Integrated Services Programme



Celbridge Integrated Services Programme (ISP) was launched in January 2016. The ISP brings together statutory and voluntary bodies, local community, business and elected representatives. Kildare is now one of the most populated counties in Ireland with the fifth largest population of all local authorities. Celbridge in North Kildare illustrates the variety of new and complex requirements which emerge in rapidly growing towns. In response to this pressure, the ISP was set up to improve services, deliver efficiencies, bring improved alignment of community development and local authority services, ultimately resulting in better citizen engagement. A consultation with over 700 people agreed the plan for Celbridge with children, youth, health, education, tourism among some of the key focuses. Two Implementation Teams have been established to lead the implementation of the Celbridge ISP supported by an ISP Co-ordinator who works across all sectors. A bi-monthly report is provided to elected members at the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District.

Mayo County Council Mayo Day



The Mayo Day initiative will take place annually on Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend as a celebration of everything Mayo and a day for Mayo people at home and abroad to celebrate their 'Mayo-ness'. Mayo Day aims to showcase the beauty, energy and vibrancy of County Mayo to the world. 2nd May 2015 was the inaugural Mayo Day and proved a great success with events and gatherings taking place worldwide as well as across the county. Important buildings and global landmarks were turned green and red for the day, including the iconic Niagara Falls, businesses gave special Mayo Day offerings while schools, clubs and societies with Mayo connections, all marked the day in their own special way. One of the major aims of Mayo Day is to promote county Mayo internationally as a positive location for business and tourism and to further enhance the image of Mayo as a progressive 'can do' county and the heartbeat of the Wild Atlantic Way.



South Dublin County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan – “Where Your Money Goes”



“Where Your Money Goes” is an information booklet that identifies and illustrates the diverse, innovative and essential services provided by South Dublin County Council. An infographic style booklet was produced with a combination of text and graphics to communicate the messages of the Annual Service Delivery Plan clearly and simply. The objective is that the information given is accessible for a wide and diverse audience. South Dublin County provides services and supports to over 265,000 people and 6,500 businesses and is home to people from 120 countries – the aim of the “Where Your Money Goes” booklet is to create and promote a better understanding so that all our stakeholders recognise the value of South Dublin County Council as a local authority provides to the local and business community.

Cork City Council

Growing Imaginations Sensory Workshops for Health & Wellbeing



The project involves the provision of a new service by Cork City Libraries to adults with intellectual disability, their carers, and their families, involving the creation of sensory tactile books that can be used by people with an intellectual disability. The stories for the books are inspired by the adults themselves with help from their care workers and Cork writer Kevin Doyle during a series of *Sensory Workshops for Health and Wellbeing* held in the Library. The components for the books are made by groups of adults with intellectual disability with the help of artists from Cork Textile Network. The groups involved are also presented with merit certificates at the end of the year by the Lord Mayor to recognize their achievement and boost self esteem.



Kildare County Council

Athy Community Addiction Response (ACAR)



ACAR is a voluntary non-profit community group which supports members of the community and their families in Athy whilst they try to deal with their substance misuse and any issues which have arisen as a result of addiction. ACAR employs a holistic model, supporting service users to meet their fundamental basic needs, mentally, physically & emotionally. ACAR provides a range of services from information & referrals, to counselling, recovery coaching, holistic therapies, nutritional information, family counselling & relationship counselling. ACAR believes that supporting the individual and/or their family through addiction and giving them the tools to face life's challenges enables them to become fully integrated into their community.

South Dublin County Council HI South Dublin Healthy County



HI South Dublin County is a coordinating body which aims to improve the Health and Wellbeing of all those who live and work in South Dublin County. It caters for all ages and abilities, with a focus on older people, minorities, people with disabilities and those living in disadvantaged areas where health inequalities are evident. HI South Dublin Healthy County coordinates a vast range of Health & Wellbeing activities available in South Dublin through the Local Authority and its partner organisations; the Health Service Executive, South Dublin County Partnership, Trinity College Dublin Public Health & Primary Care, Tallaght Drug & Alcohol Task Force, LCDC, Local Sports Partnership and Healthy Ireland. This project has placed itself at the forefront of the delivery of “Healthy Ireland” and taking from core objectives of the National Physical Activity Plan actions at local level and is delivering a suite of focused and targeted activities through a County and multi organization led action plan.



Carlow County Council Carlow Food Tourism Project



The objective of the Carlow Food Tourism project is to link food manufacturing and positive individual stories in collective ways and link them to the Food Tourism Sector. The project involved the development of an image database, a showcase event, production of a food trail and a Food Video. The project is aimed at building connections and developing a brand for County Carlow's Indigenous food producers which links their message to the already developed brand of County Carlow's Tourism Marketing & Product Offering. It provided a forum for synergic marketing activities which increased general awareness about shopping locally and the availability of local food. The project developed a food tourism cluster, a food tourism brand, a Food Tourism & Manufacturing Directory.

Clare County Council Ennis Book Club Festival



In 2016, the Ennis Book Club Festival, developed in partnership with Clare County library, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a unique mix of readings, debate, comedy and chat. Staged for the first time in 2007, this weekend-long Festival is for those with a passion for books and the Arts. Over the past ten years, readers the length and breadth of Ireland have travelled to Ennis during the first weekend in March. In 2016, the Festival witnessed the largest numbers attending and supporting this dynamic, literary event. The Festival aims to combine the warmth and informality of a book club whilst enabling participants to explore new ground as readers, to engage the wider community, highlighting the importance of local authority support for cultural projects and to stage a major event annually, which is central to the tourist calendar of the county. Their long term aim is to develop the international reach of the Festival, particularly from the UK and US markets, both of which are easily accessible through Shannon airport.



Cork County Council

Fortress Spike Island – Phase 1



Fortress Spike Island is an exciting proposal to transform Spike Island, located in Cork Harbour, into a unique visitor attraction. Cork County Council's vision for this project was to develop Spike Island as part of an interlinked set of projects covering the defence architecture of Cork City and Harbour. Their aim is to transform Spike Island into a unique cultural heritage destination based on the island's military history, offering a compelling, high quality, rich and diverse set of experiences to all visitors. This will be achieved by presenting four dramatic and closely interlinked stories associated with the military and penal history of Spike Island, the story of enforced transportation and the social history of Spike Island's communities. Spike's unique stories will be explored through a combination of exhibitions, from site interpretation, living history animation, graphics, scenic works, audio tours, dramatic films, exploratives, to provision of WiFi and a smartphone App. Spike Island's unique physicality and historic heritage, once developed and interpreted will make the island an attractive "Go-To" destination.

South Dublin County Council Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP)



DMP is a co-operative delivery agent for recreational projects in the Dublin Mountains, comprising South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Dublin City Council, Coillte, the National Parks & Wildlife Service and Dublin Mountains Initiative (an umbrella group of recreational interests). Its remit is to manage and enhance recreational experience in the mountains through trails for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other users, as well as improved infrastructure, signage, maps and promotional material. Founded in 2008, activities of the DMP and its volunteers are consistent with the objectives of Fáilte Ireland and South Dublin County Council in ensuring visitors to the Dublin Mountains have a safe, enjoyable, accessible and memorable recreation experience, whilst also respecting the beautiful natural resource of Dublin's Great Outdoors. A partnership model and agency commitment on funding underpins the DMP's work, with a long term strategy to manage recreation in the Dublin Mountains on a more sustainable basis.



Cork County Council Beacon Retail Programme



The Beacon Retail Programme was developed to assist Retailers revitalise and grow their business in the towns throughout County Cork. The programme offers the proprietors access to a team of consultants who will help them identify solutions to ongoing challenges and opportunities to exploit. Each five month programme provides access to a team of retail experts, since it was launched in September 2013 it has delivered programmes to sixteen towns in the County, with over 200 Retailers participating in the initiative to date. During the programme we help each Retailer to develop and implement a 12/18 month strategic growth plan for their business in store and to start/develop and implement an on-line strategy for their business in conjunction with the LEO online trading voucher scheme.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council The CoCo Markets



The CoCo Markets serve as a springboard for emerging businesses, provide a forum for the local food movement and offer a focal point for vibrant community gatherings. Located in the picturesque setting of county's most beautiful parks, the CoCo Markets are a showcase of the produce and works of local artists and artisans. The Peoples Park CoCo Market in Dún Laoghaire has over 60 vendors trading each Sunday selling a wide range of products including hot food, baked goods, art and crafts, artisan food products and seasonal produce. The Marlay Park CoCo Market is nestled within the charming craft courtyard of the historic 18th Century Marlay House, within the grounds of the stunning Marlay Park. The continued ongoing promotion of the CoCo Markets, along with the footfall initiatives and increasers, the dedicated customer base and the management of vacancies, ensure new business growth opportunities for small and medium enterprises.



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Limerick City & County Council Innovate Limerick



Innovate Limerick was established by Limerick City & County Council to help drive innovation and act as the delivery mechanism for the projects outlined in the Limerick 2030 Plan and the Limerick Regeneration Implementation Plans and others. It is a public-private partnership company whose Board is made up of key partners from the private sector together with elected members and representatives from Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership, Limerick Institute of Technology, University of Limerick, Enterprise Ireland, Tait House Community Enterprise, Limerick Clare Enterprise Training Board, Limerick Chamber, Limerick Regeneration and entrepreneurs. Its core objective is to develop Limerick's business ecosystem and make Limerick the best city in Europe to start and grow a business.

Mayo County Council

Mayo – The Connected County



Mayo County Council were delighted to play a role in the delivery of two significant projects into the county in 2015 with the laying of a \$300m fibre optic cable linking Ireland and Europe to America and a new €180m Biomass Plant on the former Asahi Plant at Killala, Co Mayo. These two individual projects which have come to fruition in 2015 have been the result of months and years of discussions, planning and collaborating between Mayo County Council and the Companies involved. The impact of both these projects ensures that with a secure power supply and the fibre optic cable combination, it totally redefines the perception of Mayo as a rural County and presents Mayo County Council and others charged with its economic development with a platform to attract large scale Data Centres and associated ICT enterprises to the County.



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Offaly County Council

The Junction Business Innovation Centre



The Junction Business Innovation Centre is a 4,200 sq. ft facility, designed and fitted out as a dedicated business innovation centre. Situated in Tullamore, it is a multi-functional space, providing: hot desk facilities, office space, business training and mentoring, and facilities for people to develop ideas and business. The Junction is the output of a collaborative partnership between a number of stakeholders, agencies and Offaly Local Authority. The primary objective of The Junction is to provide incubation and enterprise space, which can support new and emerging businesses, facilitate flexible innovation through collaboration between individuals and sectors, and support stakeholders to deliver an integrated and proactive service to emerging business in Offaly. The Junction is delivering on that objective with 15 people currently working in the Centre. There is ongoing support from the Local Enterprise Office as The Junction develops as a hub for design and innovation among the wider business community.

Cork City Council

Cork City Council's Litter Fine System



Launched in 2015, Cork City Council's Litter Fines System is a complete upgrade of the original paper based system. The 5 litter wardens now use a tablet device to record all litter instances using location details, notes and photographs, which are date and time stamped to supplement the physical evidence. If offender identifying details are located, the litter warden generates a litter fine using the tablet. Once created, the fine and its supporting evidence are transmitted via the mobile phone network to the Litter Fines system, which is integrated into the Microsoft Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. At the same time, the administrative staff receive an automated e-mail alert notifying them of the new litter fine. The backend system provides pre-populated litter fine documents that facilitate the processing of the litter fine. The administrative staff prepare flexible management reports using this litter fine system.



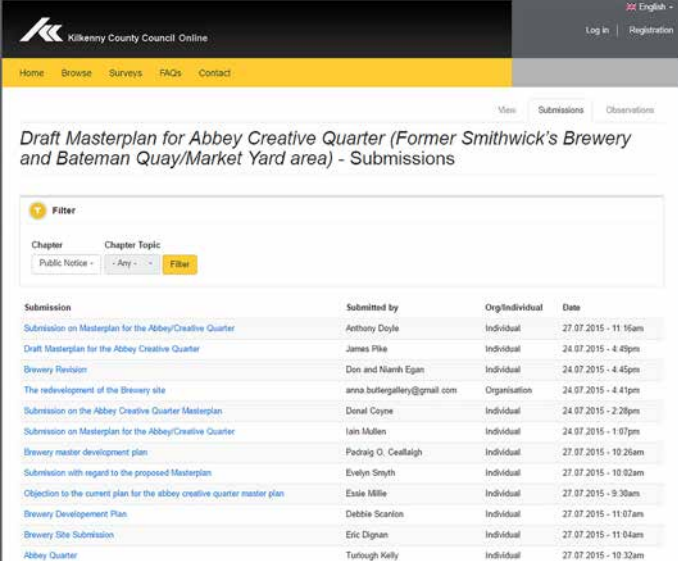
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Fingal County Council Fingal Online Consultation Portal

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fingal Online Consultation Portal. The header includes the Fingal County Council logo and name in Irish and English, the text 'Online Consultation Portal', and a language selector set to 'English'. A navigation bar contains links for 'Fingal.ie', 'Home', 'Browse', 'Surveys', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a large banner for the 'Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023' with the slogan 'Be part of it.' and an illustration of a family. To the right, there are buttons for 'Register' and 'Make a Submission', each with a brief description of the service. The footer contains links for 'Moderation Policy' and 'Privacy Policy'.

The Fingal Online Consultation Portal enables citizens to make online submissions in respect of statutory and non-statutory consultation processes via a single integrated online service. From the outset, the site was created with the objective of enabling access for all and has been designed for accessibility, ease of use and use of plain English. The project aims to use digital technologies to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Fingal and to facilitate increased citizen engagement and participation. There is now a single mechanism for citizens to make online submissions and for staff to administer those submissions. The portal also aims to facilitate new forms of public engagement including participative democracy methods. Uniquely in the Irish public sector, the CiviQ platform has been implemented by Fingal County Council to achieve those aims.

Kilkenny County Council Open Planning



Kilkenny County Council Online

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Log in Registration

Draft Masterplan for Abbey Creative Quarter (Former Smithwick's Brewery and Bateman Quay/Market Yard area) - Submissions

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Submission	Submitted by	Org/Individual	Date
Submission on Masterplan for the Abbey/Creative Quarter	Anthony Doyle	Individual	27.07.2015 - 11:16am
Draft Masterplan for the Abbey Creative Quarter	James Pike	Individual	24.07.2015 - 4:49pm
Brewery Reviewer	Don and Niamh Egan	Individual	24.07.2015 - 4:45pm
The redevelopment of the Brewery site	anna.buttergallery@gmail.com	Organisation	24.07.2015 - 4:41pm
Submission on the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan	Donal Coyne	Individual	24.07.2015 - 2:28pm
Submission on Masterplan for the Abbey/Creative Quarter	Iain Mullen	Individual	24.07.2015 - 1:07pm
Brewery master development plan	Padraig O. Ceallachain	Individual	27.07.2015 - 10:26am
Submission with regard to the proposed Masterplan	Evelyn Smyth	Individual	27.07.2015 - 10:02am
Objection to the current plan for the abbey creative quarter master plan	Eddie Miller	Individual	27.07.2015 - 9:30am
Brewery Development Plan	Debbie Scanlon	Individual	27.07.2015 - 11:07am
Brewery Site Submission	Eric Dignan	Individual	27.07.2015 - 11:04am
Abbey Quarter	Turlough Kelly	Individual	27.07.2015 - 10:32am

Kilkenny is the first council in Ireland to fully open public participation in the planning consultation process. This is a pioneering development in planning practice in Ireland. Using CiviQ's Consultation Portal, Kilkenny County Council publishes public submissions during the consultation period, enabling citizens to learn and engage with each other during the development of submissions. Kilkenny County Council were early adopters of CiviQ's open consultation portal, users of which include Fingal, South Dublin and Cork City Councils. What makes Kilkenny's use of the portal unique is its full utilisation of the open collaborative features of the portal for all planning processes. The innovation advances the goals of the 'Putting People First' programme in a new and innovative way. Kilkenny County Council see this innovation as essential to harnessing the collective knowledge and intelligence of citizens to improve planning, particularly as planning and policy challenges become more complex and intractable.



Limerick & City County Council HAP Shared Services Centre



Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) has been introduced as a key part of the national strategy to provide a more integrated system of housing supports. It aims to allow all social housing supports to be accessed through the local authority. This allows recipients to take up full time employment and still keep their housing support. Any household that qualifies for social housing support qualifies for HAP. Rent Supplement recipients who qualify for social housing support will be transferred to HAP on a phased basis. The HAP Shared Services Centre in Limerick is responsible for managing all HAP financial transactions for the 19 Local Authorities and Dublin Regional Homeless Executive currently operating HAP. All remaining Local Authorities will come under HAP in Q4 2016/2017. By 2020, the HAP SSC will have 111 new jobs (25 to date) and will manage 70,000 tenancies with a financial turnover of circa €450m.

Monaghan County Council Lifetime Dog Licence with free Micro-chipping and Registration

I'm being put to sleep,
Not because I'm ill

It's because I'm lost and
The dog pound don't know
Where I live

If I'm Microchipped &
Registered the dog
pound can find out
Where I live



**Free Microchipping and Registration
When you buy a lifetime dog licence Priced €140**

In 2015, of the 566 dogs admitted to Monaghan County Council Dog Pound, only 7% of these dogs were properly micro-chipped and registered allowing them to be reunited with their owners. Monaghan County Council aims to increase the number of dogs which are micro-chipped and registered across the county. They organised a procedure with private veterinary practitioners whereby members of the public in Monaghan could bring their dogs to be micro-chipped and registered free of charge, if they purchased a dog licence for the lifetime of their dog from Monaghan County Council. The Council then publicised the availability of this service to coincide with the introduction of mandatory micro-chipping and registration of dogs.



South Dublin County Council

Building the Lean Six Sigma Organisation



South Dublin County Council has experienced a significant reduction in resources over recent years. Building a Lean Six Sigma organisation has been identified as a whole-of-organisation approach to remove waste in the organisation, provide consistent levels of service, create value for their customers while also develop jobs satisfaction and pride in their work. The core emphasis for improvements is to make decisions based on data and facts and requires the creation of a culture of continuous improvement. The initiative will link the organisation's strategic priorities to streamlined operations ensuring higher returns on investment and improved customer experiences. It will do this by educating staff in the benefits of using Lean Six Sigma as a structured, data driven solution to issues encountered across the organisation and to encourage an innovative culture amongst staff in delivering solutions.

Cork County Council

Implementation of ISO 5001 standard in Cork County Council



On the 20th April 2016 Cork County Council became the first Local Authority in Ireland to be fully accredited to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 50001, the international standard for energy management thus meeting the requirements of SI426 ahead of the June Deadline. This accreditation verifies the Council's systems as being in line with best practice and furthers the national target of a 33% improvement to 2020. The implementation of ISO 50001 was championed by the Energy Management team (EMAP) established by the Council in 2011. Comprised of senior representatives from each section of the local authority, under the remit of the director of services for Environment, this group prioritises energy actions for the local authority on an annual basis. The success underlines the exemplar role Cork County Council have taken in energy management and highlights the effectiveness of Cork County Council's EMAP and their continued commitment to environmental improvement and energy reduction.



Dublin City Council

Think Energy: Home Energy Saving Kit



Conserving energy for economic and environmental reasons is central to providing a home energy saving kit for the public. Codema (Dublin's Energy Agency) in partnership with Dublin City Public Libraries has developed a toolkit for the public to effectively measure consumption of energy and resources in the home. The toolkit is the first step in becoming energy efficient by identifying problem areas in the home and helping to make sense of the energy consumed on a daily basis. The toolkit is the first scheme available in Irish libraries and is based on a similar successful scheme in Melbourne, Australia. It has 6 simple tools with accompanying instructional manual and online instructional videos from www.codema.ie/thinkenergy. The public can check out the kit for 2 weeks from participating libraries in Dublin City Council. The Home Energy toolkit is on loan from 10 public libraries and is a pilot project for the introduction of the kit for national use.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) County Council Biodiversity in Action



The Biodiversity in Action programme aimed to engage a diverse range of communities groups to seek methods of improving their natural heritage. DLR County Council provided assistance with project design, communication and organisation and identifying suitable field experts to provide the necessary technical expertise. Experts were also made available to offer guidance to participants. A diverse range of community groups participated including Resident Associations, Tidy Towns, Schools and Estate Management groups. Through this programme residents have planted over 1500 trees, creating habitats to support a rare butterfly, developed a pollinator friendly estate, an orchard of 150 native apple trees and developed a wildlife friendly campus.



South Dublin County Council Social Credit Scheme



The Social Credit Scheme (SCS) was set up in 2011 to reward communities, schools and businesses who improve their environment by carrying out pro-environmental actions. The system rewards Community groups, Youth groups, Resident associations and Schools who improve their environment by cleaning up, planting and maintaining areas and encourages them to develop citizen responsibility by taking positive sustainable actions within their community. Applicants submit their application outlining the project they wish to undertake and the supports they require. Their application is processed and supports such as clean up materials, paint, native plants etc are made available to the group. Over the years the scheme has expanded to include The Green Dog Walker Initiative, Dog fouling signage, Bulbs not Bonfires Scheme and a Hessian bag scheme (for making leaf mould). The scheme also encourages sustainability through recycling projects, native planting, and restoring heritage sites.

Galway County Council

Rebirth and Reimagining – Ballinasloe Library: A community Focus for a New Generation



Ballinasloe's new Library and Church Gallery has become a focal point for the east Galway region. This public library has revitalised an area of the town and has renewed a stunning piece of architecture for the benefit of the community while at the same time enhancing and modernising both community and cultural library services. The Library is a research and discovery zone, which attracts all ages. It is a free community service open to everyone without exception providing core library services and engaging activities. Galway County Council has provided a world class facility which aims to be a focal point for the regeneration of Ballinasloe. It symbolises the rebirth of the thriving, bustling midlands town with an eye towards attracting new, large scale employers who may take advantage of the excellent infrastructure on the M6 Motorway and main rail line between Dublin and Galway.

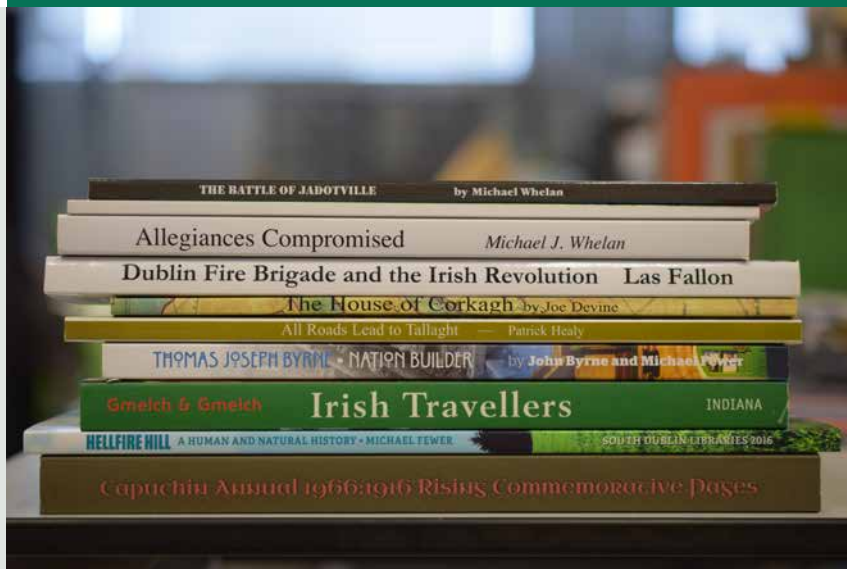


Offaly County Council My Open Library



The Open Libraries service is available in Tullamore and Banagher Libraries providing open access for the public from 08.00 to 22.00 seven days per week. It provides users with self service access to borrow and return library items, use the internet on library PCs or their own devices and the library's Wi-Fi connection, printing, photocopying and study space at time outside of usual opening hours when these services were previously not available. At existing opening times, library staff continue to offer full services to library users including inter library loans, requests, ICT training, children's services, local studies and archives, information services, literacy initiatives and events programming.

South Dublin County Council South Dublin Libraries Heritage Publications and Bookstore



Since 2003, South Dublin Libraries have been publishing local history books relating to South Dublin, primarily authored by local amateur historians. Authors approach the library service with a ready-made project. The Library assesses the quality and suitability of the material, prepares it for publication, publishes and promotes it. The publications are produced in hard copy and digitally. They are also available for borrowing within the library network and on the libraries e-book site. 20 book titles have been published across an eclectic range of subjects. An online bookstore is accessible via the library website www.southdublinlibraries.ie/bookstore. Approximately 23,000 books have been sold across all titles. Material has been delivered to Australia, Europe, the USA and locally. South Dublin Libraries have become both curators and publishers of original historic material. The overall aim is to enhance the material available for researchers and to preserve the work of local amateur historians.



Wexford County Council

Wexford Mobile library Service - Literacy at the heart of Rural Communities



As part of *The Right to Read Campaign* to provide nationally co-ordinated framework for literacy support through local authorities, Wexford County Council initiated a targeted Early Literacy Programme through its mobile library service in 2015/2016. Wexford Library Service, in partnership with Wexford County Childcare Committee, established early literacy sessions with its *Storytime Express* and family literacy sessions *Ready Steady Read* for pre-school children and their families in rural community childcare settings. Literacy levels are a key pre-requisite of active participation in social, civic and economic life and this project engages directly with young children and families in their local communities. It gives families who may be rurally isolated or economically disadvantaged the opportunity to engage with a quality learning experience. The programme extends the reach of the service beyond the walls of the library and tackles low literacy and numeracy levels with early intervention.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council DLR Performing Arts Award



Extensive consultation with interest groups and stakeholders identified the need for better access to cultural activities locally for people with disabilities. The DLR Performing Arts Award aims to provide better access to cultural activities locally for people with disabilities who previously identified barriers to their engagement with the Arts. To date three commissions have been awarded all of which engaged with the community in different ways. All are informed by working with people with disabilities from the start to inspire the development of new artistic work that appeals all audiences. This is a new approach to programming, rather than looking at accessibility issues after the work has been created, it is inbuilt and becomes part of the work. These commissions aim to raise awareness about the challenges for people with disabilities in accessing local cultural activities. DLR County Council envisage that more local authorities/arts organisations will try this approach in future as a more creative and cost effective method for creating accessible work.



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The Lucky Penny 1916 Literature Project and Exhibition



From November 2015 to April 2016 Draíocht facilitated its largest Education project to date - Penny Adventures 1916 Commemoration Literature Project. Beginning with a tour to 32 schools, 112 classes and over 3000 pupils by local historical fiction author Brian Gallagher, the project selected three 6th Classes to engage in a related 11 week literature and visual arts project involved in learning about the 1916 experience in a fun and innovative way with writer and illustrator Alan Nolan. The students experienced a mix of hands-on workshops, tours to Dublin City and Collins Barracks and talks learning about story writing and cartooning, all building towards creating a full length cartoon book written and illustrated by young people for young people. The finished cartoon book was professionally edited and a full colour comic book was published. The project culminated in an opening celebration, documentary screening and exhibition of the children's work in Draíocht's galleries.

Kildare County Council

1916 Sackville Street Art Project



This project collectively remembers and tells the story of each of the 262 civilians who died in the 1916 Rising, through three-dimensional bespoke houses made in their memory. The collection of houses are displayed together as a group exhibition. The houses were made by individuals, artists, schools, youth and community groups across Kildare and beyond. The reach of the project was further extended by the documentation on an accompanying website. A catalogue, featuring photographs of the houses, with each civilian's biographical details was also produced. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Peter McVerry Trust, bringing a very contemporary dimension to the project around the meaning of 'home' and homelessness. The exhibition was selected for display on O'Connell Street, Dublin on Easter Monday. It had its national launch in the Botanic Gardens, before being presented as one of Kildare's 2016 flagship events in Newbridge.



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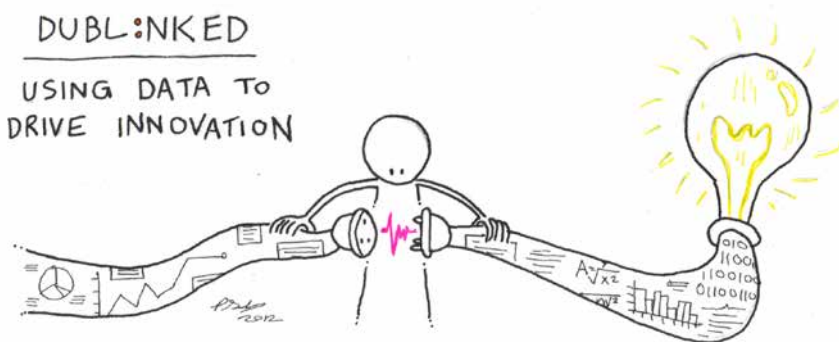
Donegal County Council

North West of the Island of Ireland – A Strategic Model for Regional Development Growth



The purpose of this project is to inform a new approach to reviewing and consolidating a partnership mechanism and associated working arrangements for cross-border regional development and cooperation, both within and between the region and with other stakeholders. From the outset, it was envisaged that this is best achieved through operating a co-design approach – led by Donegal Co. Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council and supported by senior representatives from key government departments, North and South. The aim is to establish a new set of working arrangements that would be responsive to the collaboration priorities of the Councils while also leveraging additionality in resource/investment terms and adding value to the regional outcomes of local development processes and structures. The project has three core objectives, achieving regional economic growth and investment, driving regional physical and environmental development and promoting regional social and community cohesion and well-being.

Dublin City Council Smart Dublin



Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve city challenges and improve quality of life. The idea behind Smart Dublin is to define our problems into opportunities for innovation and to call out for new ideas and solutions to real challenges such as the need for better mobility and transport management, response to extreme weather and flooding events, improved energy efficiency and environment, better citizen engagement and more efficient service delivery. By doing this we aim to position Dublin as a world leader in the development of new urban solutions, using open data, and with the city region as a test bed.



Sligo County Council

Boosting regional enterprise, tourism and economic activities through overseas and transatlantic linkages



Working together for the collective development of the region from a perspective of economic, enterprise and tourism development, the seven local authorities in the West/North Western region have engaged in a project which is without precedent in the local authority system. They have decided to invest €7.3m in the development of the key infrastructural asset to the region that is Ireland West Airport Knock. Their investment, aimed at boosting confidence in its viability and ensuring its long term future, is coupled with ambitious targets to grow the airport. Passenger numbers have increased and the airport is projected to have its busiest ever year in 2016. A project has also been developed with key partners in Rhode Island focusing on enhancing business to East Coast USA. While in its early stages, this project is already performing extremely well and delivering results.

Cork County Council

A Taste of West Cork Food Festival



A Taste of West Cork Food Festival, supported by Cork County Council, takes place in West Cork annually in September. Initiated in 2003 to highlight the spectacular produce grown in the beautiful and unique setting of West Cork, the festival has grown significantly to over 140 events held in 2015 across 32 towns and villages and 8 Islands in West Cork. Exciting events in the 2015 Programme included Michelin starred Guest Chefs at local restaurants and the always popular Farm Visits where festival goers can meet the food producers. The diverse programme includes restaurant tours, walking tours, heritage trails, whale watching, sea safaris, lighthouse tours, Island tours, garden tours, traditional music sessions and children's workshops. The internationally recognised event attracts visitors from all over the world including the U.K., Europe, Scandinavia, Japan and America.



Fingal County Council

Dublin Bay Prawn Festival 2016



The Dublin Bay Prawn Festival is an example of a collaborative approach between a local tourism focused business group and Fingal County Council in the delivery of a significant event. Previously, the event was smaller with a local focus, however, Fingal County Council became involved at the request of the local committee and invested both financially and in kind to develop the event significantly. The event is a food focused festival designed to attract visitors to the Howth area. In 2016, the Festival was incorporated into the St. Patrick's Festival which assisted in attracting 45,000 (80% overseas) visitors to Howth between the 18th and 20th March 2016. The Festival will be developed further in 2017 to attract an even greater number of visitors through a series of already agreed improvements.

Louth County Council Drogheda Arts Festival



Drogheda Arts Festival presents critically acclaimed local and international artists to the culture capital of the Boyne Valley each year for a seven day wonder of visual arts, music, theatre, literature, street & spectacle for all of the family. This first festival of the summer offers new experiences, insights, and rare opportunities to engage in multiple quality arts events that serve to inspire, give satisfaction and enjoyment, many which are exclusive to this ambitious festival. The festival is growing in scope and distinction and looks into the future with ambition and the support of its local and regional community. The festival has grown in programme and ambition over the last four years and is now at a critical point, requiring sustained funding that will focus on contract staffing to maintain, sustain and in time, continue to grow the festival.



Mayo County Council

Battle for the Lake Kite and Music Festival – Achill Island



The Battle of the Lake is an annual International Water Sport and Music Festival on Achill Island. The Festival provides a blend of water sports, music, family entertainment and amazing spectacle. It is a celebration of passionate sports people, world-class participants in kite-surfing, water sports spectators and enthusiasts. The project aims to provide a unique new Festival in Ireland that will showcase and promote the Wild and Amazing elements of Mayo, the arts, the sports, the culture, the landscape, the energy, dynamism and the people. To achieve this, Mayo County Council are focused on effective partnerships and collaborations with local businesses. They aim to develop the Festival to present Mayo as a world-class venue for water sports combined with strong traditional environment and cultural background.

Cork City Council Cork Cashes Out



As a lead member of the City Centre Forum, Cork City Council, along with the Cork Chamber, puts their customers, both individuals and business at the heart of what they do. They prioritise the advancement of innovative opportunities that improve the customer experience. **'Cork Cashes Out'** presented the great benefits of using cash-free payments technologies and received excellent support from the people, and business owners of Cork. As well as being more convenient for customers, Cork's drive towards cash-free transactions also delivered financial benefits to the local economy. Going cash-free is important for Cork's reputation as a friendly, convenient and, more importantly, a safe place to live, shop and visit. Cork has positioned itself at the forefront of this innovative global trend. Cork City Council are very proud of this award-winning project which successfully delivers outstanding customer experience in Cork.



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Fingal County Council Fingal Customer Care Unit



The Fingal Customer Care Unit provides a one-stop shop and gives a superb level of customer service by highly trained professional staff dealing with public queries both in person, by phone, by email and from the Fix-Your-Street website. The establishment of the unit included the redesign of the public office to fulfil a number of objectives including the main reception desk, a child friendly area, enhanced public toilets, a waiting area, a tourism information office and a new civic/exhibition area. A common area is provided where staff can meet customers in the foyer and private booths have also been provided for informal private meetings. In addition, interview rooms are available where a confidential or sensitive query requires a private space. The exhibition space is used to engage with the wider community by displaying work carried out by local community/ interest/business groups and is also used to display the work of the Council.

Limerick City & County Council Implementation of Customer Services Centres



The development of Customer Services Centres is central to Limerick City and County Council's ambitious transformation program lead by the principle of "Putting People First". The Council wants to improve the customer experience and minimize the impact on citizens as the organisation changes. For its successful implementation the Council is changing its practices and adopting new and innovative approaches to service delivery: multiple departmental front-desks have been replaced by Customer Services Centres, a service catalogue guides the customers through the list of services, new engagement channels have been enabled. A CRM system aims to provide a single customer view tracking all requests across the organisation, feedback is captured from customers while improving services with a "digital first" approach. The scope of this project goes beyond creating a new department. It is enabling change across the organisation as demanded by and on behalf of our customers, citizens and public representatives.



Tipperary County Council Integrated Customer Services Centre



An integrated customer services centre providing a professional first point of contact for customers of council services. When you phone TCC you will instantly be put through to a member of our trained customer services team. Your query may be answered by them in rotation, the phone query may be logged on the CRM system and a reference number provided to the customer for follow up purposes. If a customer visits the public counter with a specific Housing or Planning query, the customer is referred to a secondary CSD with facilities that are designed to meet their needs, including confidential meeting rooms, PCs, phones linked to internal extension numbers, Notice and information Boards, security cameras etc. The CSD staff are briefed on the content of all events and can answer frequently asked questions. The web site is linked to our CSD and provides community access to multiple-information sources that includes 'pay for it' 'apply for it' and download it' options as well as current 'what's on' information'.

Cork County Council

Clonakilty Urban Design Masterplan



Clonakilty represents a template for Irish towns where townscapes may have been undermined by through traffic and out of town retail. This urban design project celebrated Clonakilty400 by bringing a contemporary sense of public realm to the town's historic squares inter connected through a revitalised urban streetscape. The project re-engages the community with town heritage and enhances the public space where people live, work and do business. Streets which enhance and encourage the pedestrian experience and accommodate social activities in public spaces have been reclaimed from the public infrastructure. Alterations to Emmet Square, a unique example of Georgian architecture in rural Ireland, create universal access. The new Michael Collins House forms part of the re-development project and acts as an important connection axis within Clonakilty town centre. The quality result was delivered within schedule and budget and utilised local materials and craftsmen.



Dublin City Council Kilmainham Civic Space



To commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin, Dublin City Council carried out significant improvement works at Kilmainham in collaboration with the Office of Public Works. The works consisted of widening pedestrian areas with high quality Irish limestone and granite paving and reducing the width of the adjoining carriageway to improve road safety. The aim of the project was to create a successful vibrant space with a more efficient transport network and improved public realm that encourages greater levels of walking & cycling, enhances visitor experience, quality of life for the local community and enables sustainable future growth of tourism and businesses in the area.

Fingal County Council "Keeping it Green" An Open Space Strategy for Fingal – Large Scale Bulb Planting in Civic Areas



Fingal County Council in consultation and collaboration with Tidy Towns and other Community groups has developed a programme of large scale flowering bulb planting to enhance high profile areas of the public realm in close proximity to towns and villages in the County. The project involves the use of novel technology for large scale mixed plantations of flowering bulbs with an extended flowering period over several months. This technology has been pioneered by Fingal in Ireland. The planting programme has benefits across a range of areas including civic pride and sense of place, and also contributes to biodiversity with the growth of longer grass and flowering plants which are attractive to insects. This project is directly in line with actions recommended for Local Authorities in the "All-Ireland National Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020". The project has significant sustainability benefits also, including reduced costs for regular mowing in the planted areas.



Meath County Council

Ashbourne Main Street Refurbishment Scheme



The Ashbourne Main Street Refurbishment Scheme was a phased development to create a quality and modern streetscape with a strong sustainable transport focus which aimed to increase vibrancy and improve commercial and retail activity. It was delivered in partnership with the National Transport Authority, local representatives and the local business and residential communities. The overall length of the scheme was 1.2 km with Phase 1 covering the town centre; the scheme was then extended out the Dublin Road to create a link with the three schools, community facilities and sporting complex towards the south of the town. The project has benefited cyclists, pedestrians, commuters and drivers of the Ashbourne Community and its surrounding areas and has provided a better balance between all modes of transport. It has provided improved accessibility conditions for all ages and abilities, encouraging more people to walk, cycle or use public transport by making the experience safer and pleasant for all those who are living, visiting or passing through Ashbourne Town.

Cavan County Council

'The 1916 Exhibition and Experience'



Cavan County Museum's '1916 Exhibition and Experience' consists of a large scale outdoor exhibition exploring the choices made by people in the years leading up to the Easter Rising. It features a replica of the façade of the GPO and a series of contemporary building interiors that allow visitors to experience the 'tunnelling' through buildings that was a feature of the Rising. The 1916 Experience finishes in a dedicated reflective space that focuses on the theme of loss. The reason for incorporating the WWI Trench Experience and the 1916 Rising Experience alongside our Peace Garden is to explore the shared theme of loss and its impact. This is physically done through both experiences ending in our dedicated reflective space. Our ongoing plan for our WWI Experience and our 1916 Experience is to encourage schools and visitors to engage with two very diverse strands of Irish history and explore the common theme of the loss that inevitably accompanies conflict.



Fingal County Council Swords Castle: Digging History



Swords Castle: Digging History was developed as a unique way of engaging the community with Swords Castle. The project centred on a month-long archaeological excavation at Swords Castle which took place during August and September 2015. This provided an opportunity for citizens to participate in an archaeological excavation under the direction and guidance of professional archaeologists. Over 100 people took part including locals, people from the surrounding counties, and tourists. Volunteers got first-hand experience of all aspects of archaeological excavation and an opportunity to contribute to excavations designed to further our knowledge and understanding of Swords Castle. Other activities took place as part of the project including an exhibition Swords Castle: My Castle based on photographs and memories of local people. Project outcomes included generating heightened local and national awareness of Swords Castle together with much new information from the excavations which will inform future development.

Kildare County Council

John Devoy - The Greatest of the Fenians



The aim of the John Devoy Project was to create a focal point for the County Kildare Commemorations programme in 2016, celebrating the role of Kildare born, John Devoy, one of the originators of the 1916 Rising, somewhat forgotten by history, through a multiplicity of mediums and collaborative projects. It was decided the Project would centre on an event, the heart which would launch the county programme, set the tone for things to come and set the standard in terms of creating a legacy for future generations. A diverse number of initiatives were delivered, which included a permanent memorial (life-sized statue) in the county town of Naas where Devoy had worked, organised and had been denounced from the pulpit. The programme extended to a film documentary commission, concerts and lectures. The diaspora were key to the delivery of this project, with funding support from the Kildare Association of New York. The Devoy Project became the flag to which the county rallied to commemorate the historic and cultural events of 1916.



Fingal County Council

Adapted Physical Activity – Sports For All



Fingal County Council (FCC) recognises the need for equality of access to sport for all its Citizens. Through its “Adapted Physical Activity – Sports For All Programme” people with disabilities are encouraged and empowered to participate in activities, which are designed to meet the individual or group’s ability. Sport plays a major role in promoting social inclusion and community development and this programme through various delivery methods and training provides opportunities for people all of abilities to become more physically active and lead healthier lifestyles. Having no specifically funded Sports Inclusion, FCC encourages all sports officers to look at ways of including a pan disability or specifically designed programme for people with disabilities. They run a number of Adapted Physical Activity programmes using Sport Conditioning (Sports Con) as the foundation. Sports Con teaches basic motor skills and FCC have specifically adapted and refined this programme to make it suitable for children and adults with mild, profound or severe intellectual disabilities.



Kerry County Council Kerry Library Toys & Sensory Resources Service



Kerry Library Toys & Sensory Resources Service provides a specialist support for children of complex needs through the provision of a range of toys and sensory resources that can be borrowed through the standard Kerry Library lending procedure. The collection of over 400 items includes games and learning and sensory resources and operates from Castleisland Library. Items may be borrowed through the library system county wide. An illustrated catalogue has been compiled by Kerry Library staff and this is available at libraries throughout the county and is also viewable online at www.kerrylibrary.ie. The toys and resources were selected with the professional guidance of speech/language and occupational therapy staff from the Kerry Early Intervention Centre and parent representatives from the HSE. Catalogue items can be borrowed directly, requested or renewed online and collected by the borrower at their nearest one of 9 branch or 2 mobile libraries throughout the county.



South Dublin County Council Learn to Cycle



South Dublin County Council's learn to cycle programme provides children with a disability the opportunity to learn to ride a "regular" bike independently – a task most of us take for granted.

The participants involved get a great sense of achievement and enjoy the learning experience.

Being able to ride a bike is a big step in developing independence and also encourages play and social interaction with other children. The approach used on the course means that learning to ride a regular bike could be considered for many children with a physical disability rather than assuming their only option is an adapted bike. Participants acquired a new skill, a skill that can provide them with a level of independence, a sense of freedom. A skill that can allow a family complete a task together all as equals – a family bike ride is a possibility.



Wexford County Council

Wexford County Council Beach Wheelchair Initiative



The project, a pilot initiative, involved the introduction of beach wheelchairs as an innovative method of service provision on two prominent beaches in County Wexford. It was developed in response to an increased number of queries regarding physical access to beaches for people with a disability. For many of us a trip to the beach would be normal during the long summer months. Until now for people with a disability going to the beach has been but a dream. Standard wheelchairs and mobility aids can't travel on soft, sandy beaches over dunes and down to the waters' edge. The introduction of the beach wheelchair initiative in County Wexford now makes access to the beach for people with a disability a reality. Furthermore, this service will ensure people with a disability have the same opportunity to participate, enjoy and engage in the simple but wonderful activities associated with a day out on the beach with family and friends.



Carlow County Council

Carlow Ireland 2016

“Reflections from a Light Box”



Carlow County Council commissioned artist Peadar Lamb to produce a commemorative Stained Glass Light Box depicting Carlow's people and the role they played in 1916. This commission will act as a legacy piece that marks Carlow's history while looking to future generations to remember and reflect. The commission depicts key Carlow figures: Michael O'Hanrahan executed in 1916, a figure of national significance in the uprising. O'Hanrahan is set against the Proclamation which extends over an image of Nurse Margaret Kehoe who lost her life at Easter 1916 while tending the wounded in the South Dublin Union (the first civilian killed). To her right is Father Albert Bibby OFM CAP, Bagenalstown who ministered to rebel prisoners and their families and Thomas Traynor from Tullow executed in 1921 is surrounded by his 10 children. In front of Traynor are 15 bullets each representing the 15 executed by firing squad in 1916.

Dublin City Council

Dublin Remembers 1916-2016: Is Cuimhin Linn



Thousands of people responded to the Dublin Remembers Centenary programme in 2016 which consisted of 340 events, exhibitions, seminars and festivals co-ordinated by Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department and directed by Dublin City Council's 1916 Centenary Commemorative Committee. Citizen engagement was at the heart of this programme which was encouraged and led by Ardmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh. Dubliners and visitors were invited to participate in a dynamic and inclusive range of events organized throughout the city in all its venues – libraries, art galleries, theatres and streets. The programme was aligned to the national one and developed the strands of remembering, reconciling, presenting, imagining and celebrating. 'While history was at the core of the programme, what has emerged is a curiosity of how we are as a people 100 years on, and how we are now reflecting on the vision of the Proclamation.



Fingal County Council

Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme



The Battle of Ashbourne involved men and women from the Fifth Battalion/Fingal Brigade and was one of the only military successes of the Easter Rising. The Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme invited relatives and members of the public to contribute and share stories, artefacts and photos of their connections to the unique story of Fingal and the pivotal role played by Fingallians in the fight for Irish freedom in 1916. The Programme is built on seven strands – State & Local Ceremonial; Historical Reflection; The Living Language; Youth & Imagination; Cultural Expression; Community Participation and Global & Diaspora which, taken together, reflect the themes of Remembering, Reconciling, Presenting, Imagining and Celebrating. Fingal County Council has worked with key stakeholders to develop a Programme that reflects and commemorates Fingal's unique heritage. As part of the legacy of the Fingal Centenary, recorded information will be available in an on-line archive for future generations.

Kildare County Council

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Meath County Council

Battle of Ashbourne State Ceremony and Commemorative Event



The Battle of Ashbourne State Ceremony and Commemorative Event was an historical re-enactment designed to provide an inclusive, educational and respectful commemoration of the events that took place at Ashbourne in 1916. This re-enactment was organised to coincide with the State ceremony that sought to honour the memory of those who participated in the events of Easter Week 1916, and the ideals for which they stood. There were four main interconnected events including a historical re-enactment, a State Ceremony, a community concert, a parade and the official opening of a 1916 Garden of Remembrance all of which sought to provide an inclusive, educational and respectful commemoration of the events that took place at Ashbourne in 1916 and provide an enduring physical legacy following the centenary celebration of the 1916 Rising.

Monaghan County Museum, Monaghan County Council

From a Whisper to a Roar – Exploring the Untold Story of Monaghan 1916



This ground breaking exhibition looks at the lives of Monaghan people caught up in the Rising as well as the Monaghan people who fought in the British Army during the Battle of Somme. At this turbulent time, the exhibition explores the previously untold story of people from both Nationalist and Unionist backgrounds dealing with the initial shock of the Rising and how the tremors of the rebellion eventually started shaking the county to the core, forever changing the future of Monaghan and the country. Monaghan County Museum worked in collaboration with renowned historian and Monaghan man, Professor Terence Dooley of Maynooth University to research and develop this gripping story of passion, sacrifice and patriotism. The exhibition will run throughout the year with a wide programme of events aimed at highlighting how the Rising and the Battle of the Somme had an enormous effect both on those who took part and the people at home.



South Dublin County Council

Commemorative plaza with pedestrian and cycle entrance to Pearse Museum and St. Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16



The project originated as a design for cycle facilities along Grange Road. It was quickly realised that the historic character and nature of the road, the proximity of beautiful St. Enda's Park and Pearse Museum and its place in the hearts of the local residents should be integrated with the plan to calm traffic and create a friendlier street. The commemorative plaza and new pedestrian entrance has great potential to embody that synergy. It will enhance the public realm and highlight the historical legacy of the street while slowing traffic and providing new and enhanced pedestrian and cycle links. This will be a new entrance to an old place with connotations of carefully considering and respecting the past, enhancing the profile of a well-loved park, upgrading left-over space that was not respectful of its context, of connecting people to historic spaces and providing a welcoming aspect to new visitors.

Wexford County Council

County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme



This year-long programme took place following extensive public consultation, giving a voice to the people of Wexford in deciding how to commemorate the 1916 Rising in their county. The programme focussed on themes of solemnity, inclusivity, reflection, and inspiring the youth. It culminated in several large County Council-organised events, but the essence of the programme lay in small organisations and private citizens whose initiatives were sponsored and promoted by Wexford County Council. Their lectures and conferences, literary and historical publications, concerts, films, songs, poetry, and so much else brought real breadth and vibrancy to the centenary programme. The Council's own projects included our Easter Monday Commemoration, which over 15,000 attended, the construction of the Patriots' Flag monument, and the refurbishment of the Athenaeum – headquarters of the Wexford rebels in 1916 – which has been restored to its historical role as a theatre and community space.



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