

Developing Implementation Plan for Galway City LECP (2020-2021)

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Introduction

Galway City Council has commissioned Niall Crowley to assist in developing the two-year implementation plan for Galway City LECP (2020-2021).

Approach

As previously outlined the planning process will include:

- Individual interviews with the relevant personnel in implementing partners/stakeholders and in key civil society networks. These interviews commenced in Galway on Tuesday 29th October 2019 and on Friday 1st November 2019. For those who were unable to attend further interviews will be organised by Niall Crowley being scheduled for early next week.
- Planning workshops:
 - one needs assessment workshop for business and trade union organisations and their members took place on Wednesday 13th November 2019 in the offices of Galway Chamber from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
 - one needs assessment workshop for Galway City Community Network and its constituent organisations, took place on Wednesday 13th November 2019 in the Westside Resource Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. For those that were unable to attend an evening workshop took place on Monday 25th November 2019 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm.
 - one theme-based workshops for all stakeholders addressing themes of equality, inclusiveness and wellbeing took place on Monday 25th November 2019 in the Harbour Hotel from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.
 - one theme-based workshops for all stakeholders addressing themes of creativity, innovation and sustainability, will take place on Thursday 12th December 2019 in the Harbour Hotel from 10.30am to 1.00pm.
- An equality and human rights impact assessment of the implementation plan at draft stage, done with the Social Inclusion Group of the LCDC and based on the Galway City LCDC Equality and Human Rights Statement.
 - one impact assessment workshop with scheduled to take place on Thursday 16th January 2020 from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Galway City Partnership.

Planning

The second planning workshop for all stakeholders on Thursday 12th December 2019 will focus on creativity, innovation & sustainability. It will explore actions that could be taken under the LECP high level goals to:

1. Develop and promote Galway as a world-class, creative city region.
2. Develop and promote Galway as an innovative city.
3. Encourage a sustainable, resilient urban environment for Galway City that is the regional capital of the West.

The workshop will have the following agenda:

- I. Welcome and introduction to the workshop
- II. Learning from the consultations to date
- III. Potential flagship actions identified from the consultation to date, for consideration: partners, time-frames, measures of success
- IV. Further flagship actions required, for identification and discussion: further actions with partners, time-frames, measures of success
- V. Process: steps required for effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and measures of success

Timeframe

The timeframe for developing the implementation plan is bounded by the target of having a draft plan ready for consideration by the LECP Steering Group on a proposed date of Tuesday 28th January 2020 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Galway City Council; Galway City LCDC on a proposed date of Wednesday 12th February 2020 and thereafter by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC on a proposed date of 21st February 2020.

The work would be organised so that:

- Literature review and desk work would be completed in November 2019.
- Stakeholder meetings and workshops would be facilitated by the end of December 2019.
- Drafting of the implementation plan would be completed during January 2020.