

SPC Meeting October 2021 –

Proposals for New Heritage Plan for Galway City Council 2022-2026

- The time frame for the old plan covers 2016-2021.
- New plan to be formulated by a HP Formulation Group, a type of Heritage Forum
- Members of this group, which is advisory, will be selected from groups interested in Built, Natural, Cultural and Intangible Cultural Heritage, Education and Tourism.
- SPC is invited to put forward two members who are willing to form part of the Formulation Group or Heritage Forum.
- Public will be asked through advertisements to make suggestions for inclusion in a draft Heritage Plan.
- Time frame for formulation will require adequate time for public consultation.
- On receipt of submissions the forum will meet on occasions to help formulate the new plan.
- The document – Galway City Heritage Plan 2022-2026 (Plean Duchais na Gaillimhe 2022-2026) will be published in book form, will be available online and will be available widely for free.
- Mission statement – The plan is to provide a Heritage Plan for Galway from 2022-2026. This will identify, raise awareness of, and promote the built, cultural, natural, intangible heritage of the city and integrate it into the aims of Galway City Council.
- The plan will work with state agencies, NGOs, and the heritage, educational and tourism sectors to promote, fund and develop Galway’s heritage.
- The plan will be divided into themes and actions.
- The themes include
 - (a) The promotion of Heritage Awareness and it’s appreciation
 - (b) Promotion of best practice in Heritage Conservation & Management
 - (c) Collection and dissemination of Heritage information
 - (d) Communication of Heritage to a wide audience
 - (e) Promotion of partnerships
 - (f) Caring for Heritage in the framework of the economic development and tourism and educational values
 - (g) Responding to climate change, habitat loss, invasive species and other changes affecting heritage

The actions of the plan can vary widely and are not set out under the thematic headings outlined above.



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