



Public Participation Network Feedback Form –URBACT Local Group Meeting

Public Participation Network Community Representative’s: **Noel Lee, Hugh Farrell, Shane Crossan, Anna Delaney, Jim Maher**

Date: Monday 29th May 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. Update from Space Engagers
2. The Longford Town Survey & Questionnaire
3. Update on exchange visit to Esphino, Portugal – Draft IAP Framework
4. Framework for Town centre Renewal
5. A.OB

In Attendance: Lorraine O Connor. Patricia Shaughnessy. Anna Delaney. Jim Maher. Shane Crossan. Martin Morris. Barbara Heslin. Mae Sexton. Sorcha Nic Dhonnacha. Rosie Robinson.

Apologies:

Presentations: Yes – By Space Engagers

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
Item 1	Space Engagers Presentation	Aoife Corcoran and Philip Crowe of Space Engagers gave a fascinating presentation on their business and the plans they are currently working on for longford County Council. Space Engagers is a social enterprise founded by Aoife Corcoran and Philip Crowe in 2016. The business emerged from their research on the EU TURAS project in UCD which explored what urban resilience/ cities adapting to change, means in practice. Space Engagers have been commissioned by Longford County Council to work with the URBACT Team as well as the	The group are to forward any thoughts or ideas relating to the App to Space

		<p>wider community, to assist in formulating the regeneration plan for Longford town. They are currently designing an App which they envision will help engage the towns people in re imagining the vacant spaces and places. They likened the idea to Pokemon Go with a social conscience (An app which uses augmented reality). It's a really innovative concept and the URBACT team as well as Space Engagers are excited about the possibilities the development of the app presents. The team are currently discussing possible names for the app.</p> <p>www.spaceengagers.org</p>	Engagers
Item 2	Longford Town Survey & Questionnaire	<p>Patricia Shaughnessy discussed the current situation relating to a Longford Town Survey which was designed by the URBACT group in order to gather local views and information. It has been circulated via the group to various organisations. She requested that any outstanding surveys be returned as soon as possible. It was noted that Longford Unite group are currently conducting a similar survey. Humans of Longford was suggested as a good group in which to circulate the survey.</p>	The group to return any outstanding Longford town surveys.
Item 3	Update on the exchange visit to Espirito Santo	<p>Lorraine O Connor gave a presentation on the recent exchange visit to Espirito Santo – Portugal. The focus of this exchange meeting was on the development of an integrated action plan for the town, defining the current issues and policy challenges as well as setting goals and objectives for the future. The date for the next transnational meeting is 15th/16th October. At this point a detailed Integration Action Plan will be required for this meeting. The final Transnational meeting will take place in Longford during the month of March and the final IAPs will all be presented in Brussels in May 2018. Having this Integrated Action Plan completed will mean the group/Longford County Council will be in an excellent position to apply for funding in the future. They will be able to identify a project, identify those who can complete a project and identify sources of funding.</p>	
Item 4	A Framework for Town Centre Renewal	<p>Lorraine brought to the attention of the group a publication entitled 'A Framework for Town centre Renewal' recently prepared by the Retail and Town Centre Renewal Working Group for the Retail Consultation Forum.</p> <p>The document is available to download here: https://www.djei.ie/en/Publications/A-Framework-for-Town-Centre-Renewal.html</p> <p>Developing an action plan for Longford was discussed. Sources of information and stats required in order to get a clear picture of Longford's situation was discussed. The necessity to establish a Town Team was also agreed upon. The old tidy towns video documents were mentioned as a source of interest and information. A copy of these documents are available in the Tourism Office.</p>	

<u>Item 5</u>	x		
<u>A.O.B</u>		It was suggested to tie in the launch of the App with Longford Summer Festival. Rosie Robinson suggested showing Shane Cullens exhibition at the transnational meeting in Longford.	