

**Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown**  
**Local Community Development Committee**  
 Minutes of 2<sup>ND</sup> LECP Workshop of 2018 held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 at 4.00pm in  
 Crosscare Community Café, Dún Laoghaire

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cllr. John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Cllr. Anne Colgan	Elected Representative
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership
Dearbhla Lawson (Chair)	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	LCDC Chief Officer
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Sharon Perry	DLR Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	DLR Public Participation Network
<b>In Attendance:</b>	
Emma O Riordan	Southside Partnership
Jason O'Sullivan	DLRCC
Scott Davis	DLRCC
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Colm Kinsella	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board
Frank Costelloe	Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Owen Laverty	DLR Local Enterprise Office
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership
Joanne Cullen	TUSLA (Advisory Member)
Cllr. Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Michael O'Brien	DLR Public Participation Network

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Dearbhla Lawson opened the workshop and welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted and attendance was recorded. A quorum was established.

Following on from the last LCDC workshop held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, it was decided to hold a further workshop in order to assess key priorities for 2018. This workshop intends to explore issues highlighted in the LECP 2017 Annual Report for 2018 and discussion points raised from the March 2018 Workshop and hopes to identify areas of collaboration between agencies where the LCDC can be most effective.

The Chairperson and Chief Officer commenced the discussion starting with Community Objectives.

## **2. Actions for Consideration/ Progression 2018**

Two reports were discussed in conjunction:

- LECP Workshop 2018 Actions Template
- DLR LECP Planned 2018 Targets

The following were given particular focus at the workshop in context of advancing them further in 2018:

### **15.1 - Implement the Healthy Ireland Strategy within the context of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and monitor its impact**

Healthy Ireland Funding for 2018 has been announced. LCDC maximum of 8 actions can receive funding up to €75,000. CYPSC maximum of 6 actions can receive funding up to €37,100. Maximum of 12 joint actions can receive funding of up to €112,100.

### **15.2 - Develop a range of data sets and accessible web-based dashboard to support effective planning and resource allocation**

A HSE Steering group has been established exploring high level requirements among stakeholders. It was noted that information on the health needs of the local population and planning for provision within DLR would be beneficial.

SF conformed that the 'Making Every Contact Count' initiative requires a public health specialist to analyse data locally and the data for Dublin is not currently sufficient to identify a strategy for health needs locally in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. The publication of the Healthy Ireland Strategy will identify actions for the next number of years.

Action: This action is to be delivered by the HSE

### **15.9 - Provide and promote programmes and events that are inclusive for people with disabilities**

It was proposed that there should be clarity on accessibility arrangements for programmes and events being held for people with disabilities or mobility impairments and that an advisory note be drawn up. It was noted the DLR events are inclusive for all, and that the Access officer and PRISM could assist in this regard.

### **16.2 - Establish a Children's Services Committee in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and develop a children's services action plan**

It was noted that the CYPSC is established and a Plan is in preparation and there may be scope to explore further areas of collaboration between services, especially related to health and wellbeing.

### **17.3 - Explore Potential value of re-establishing the Age Friendly Service Providers Forum**

It was noted that there is an Age Friendly Alliance in place which co-ordinates activities and they are considering priorities, and improved communications regarding activities underway is to be looked at.

#### **17.4 – Arrange opportunities for intergeneration engagement and exploration to understand change, particularly with technology**

It was noted that intergenerational engagement is supported via the Age Friendly Alliance, the Network for Older People, GOPA etc. It was felt that the PPN could identify older persons groups, to further develop links and opportunities. It was noted that intergenerational working requires giving younger people a bigger profile to increase their representation generally.

Action: Meeting to explore current engagement of older persons groups and opportunities for intergenerational activity with PPN, DLRCC, OPN. Explore potential for youth voice/ intergenerational with Comhairle Na Nóg and Network for Older People.

#### **18.4 – Investigate the role of technology in improving safety through creating enhanced connectivity**

An Garda Síochána through the Joint Policing Committee is lead on investigating roles of technology including social media for enhancing connectivity and improving safety. This is also an action in JPC plan.

#### **18.5 – Investigate the preferred future approach to delivery of domestic violence response services**

This action was highlighted for focus regarding what are the current support services in place dealing with domestic violence such as SAVE, and what are the future plans. It was noted that TUSLA could provide invaluable input regarding current supports for families and what are the needs and plans for service delivery in dlr.

Action: TUSLA to be invited to present to LCDC on current needs and supports for families and plans for dlr

#### **19.3 – Align the skills of volunteers with the needs of the communities and enterprises and increase the visibility of Volunteering in the county**

Discussion noted the need to reduce any barriers to volunteering. Volunteering remains an excellent opportunity for intergenerational engagement. There was discussion on the proposed new URBACT Programme and a report on current URBACT would be beneficial for further consideration. It was also considered that an update form Volunteer Centre would be beneficial.

#### **20.1 – Support Resource Centres across the county to provide integrated facilities appropriate to the local environment and the needs of the groups who use them**

It was agreed that this action didn't require highlighting for focus. It was noted that Family Resource Centres provide a significant number of valued services and that SICAP provides training and support for FRC's, and that FRC's have their own National Forum. It was noted that TUSLA are the body who oversee FRC's and could provide an update on needs /plans.

Action: TUSLA to advise on their own strategic plan for this area

**20.6 – Carry out an analysis of the pattern of long term unemployment within the county to improve employment opportunities for unemployed people within key target groups and communities**

It was noted that 15-18 year olds should be considered a priority target group for engagement and that Southside Partnership could engage with Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection along with the Education and Training Board in how best to approach this action. It was noted that the Youth At Risk Network was being re-started and that Pobal have previously done mapping work in this area.

Action: SSP to arrange meeting to scope and provide a qualitative recommendation as to how best to engage the target group

**20.7 – Carry out research to allow for greater evaluation of marginalisation and bias for groups such as women, those with a disability, older people, young people, ethnic minorities, travellers, religious minorities or LGBT**

It was agreed that the SICAP sub-Committee could scope out this action further.

**21.1 – Establish the DLR Public Participation Network as the county register of Community groups and organisations in the county**

It was noted the potential to enhance engagement by minority groups and new communities in PPN and opportunity to strengthen link with Women for Women Network and Ethnic Minority Forum.

Action: Scope and identify opportunities to enhance links and engagement with Minority groups to support and strengthen the PPN's Social Inclusion Pillar.

**21.2 - Explore the potential of a new web-based Community Maps Service co-ordinating the information on existing community services, facilities and organisations e.g. 'DLR Community App'**

Action - DLRC and partners exploring potential to progress a new Community Development Website.

**21.6 – Develop a Community Garden Programme in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown**

A discussion centred on potential for progressing a community gardens programme to identify potential areas for focus. It was noted that engagement and public consultation had commenced for Fernhill and Shanganagh.

Action: Progress development of community garden programme and scope opportunities for engagement for the whole community.

**21.7 - Investigate what groups are not engaged in the community and promote actions to increase their participation**

A discussion noted the benefits of capacity building training.

Action: PPN with support from DLR to identify areas where there may be gaps / opportunities to enhance engagement of community groups and strategies to promote inclusion from those not engaged.

**Discussion then proceeded in relation to the Community actions which are included in Shared Community and Economic Objectives**

***7.1 - Explore models for development of community energy schemes in the county***

Opportunities were said to be pursued across Council Departments and partners as they arise, with the aim being to reduce energy consumption and co2 emissions and enhance use of sustainable alternatives where possible. It was noted that a Community group in Shankill through St Anne's parish hall are collectively seeking energy grants through SEAI/SAGE in privately-owned and tenant-purchased housing schemes. It was suggested to explore the 'Warmer Homes' scheme in operation in Bray and how this operates.

Action - TK to liaise with energy officer with regard to a presentation on Community Energy Schemes.

***8.4 - Build an environment that makes it easier for people to start enterprises to address social issues and develop a network for collaboration***

TUS, SICAP and Community Childcare Schemes were discussed in terms of social enterprise supports and accessibility. It was noted that assistance is available through the new Social Innovation Fund. Reference was also made to a model in London whereby temporary and modular solutions for innovation and collaboration was provided. A mapping of social enterprise across dlr was discussed as a starting point, along with identifying the range of supports.

Action - SSP to present overview of range of activity and understanding of needs and supports for social enterprise.

***8.6 - Collaborate with higher and further education and training providers in DLR to promote education access programmes for disadvantaged communities including unemployed residents in the County***

It was noted that Southside Partnership currently provide Fetac Level 5 training and that the IADT and ETB are on board regarding collaboration. It was agreed that access to education is generally very good county-wide and opportunities for Further Education are well established. It was suggested that a driver of this collaboration was needed and DDL Education and Training Board would be well placed to deliver same. A discussion further identified matching skills as an issue and it was suggested that the expertise of the ETB and Solas would be helpful in this area. It was suggested that initiatives could address the number of students who drop out after 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Action - ETB report/ presentation with overview of provision for disadvantaged communities and exploring the high attrition rates after 1<sup>st</sup> year and examples of what works well to support take up and retention in educational programmes.

### **9.1 – Investigate the potential for the development of a Social Innovation Centre to support social enterprise within the county**

It was noted that this action links to 8.4. A discussion noted that a general needs analysis is required for this action. It was noted that the Local Enterprise Office has potential to assist, generally for micro Start-ups with high potential for exports. It was suggested that the Credit Union network be explored as a valuable funding resource.

Action – LEO and SSP to meet to discuss supports for Social Enterprise and explore potential for loans /grants with Microfinance Ireland

### **10.1 – Continue to assess demand for childcare and supply of childcare facilities in DLR**

The challenges with affordable childcare were discussed as a particular issue for DLR, and that it would be helpful to have further clarity on key issues regarding childcare needs/ staff retention/ training needs, etc. It was noted that the 2016 survey of childcare providers/ capacity was produced and would be helpful to have updated data.

Action – DLR Childcare Committee to be invited to present to LCDC on Childcare Capacity & Key issues and Opportunities

### **11.1 – Promote community awareness of sustainable transport across all communities**

Emma O’Riordan outlined current work on ACTS Committee and that Pobal have appointed a business mentor to ACTS to report back on examining possible service extension. It was suggested that technologies could assist commuters in accessing timetables.

Action - Transport providers, DLR, SSP to meet to explore issues and opportunities for enhancing accessibility particularly in hard to reach areas where a need is identified.

### **12.4 – Develop a collaborative approach to identify the key economic and community needs for each village centre in the county**

Potential for community projects under Town & Village Renewal Scheme. 2018 funding stream was announced at a meeting of the RTF on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Action – Explore and promote funding opportunities for potential community based projects across dlr

### **13.2 - Develop and implement a Philanthropy strategy for DLR, through engagement with indigenous and overseas (including Irish diaspora) industry and other potential donors, and the identification of appropriate causes**

It was noted that this action requires scoping/ resources to develop further. It was also noted that there is significant expertise in this area that could be drawn upon. First step would be to scope a brief on basis of work undertaken to explore Community Foundation. Action – CS is to prepare brief on what has been achieved so far with regard to Community Foundation.

The Workshop concluded at 6.40pm and all present acknowledged the contributions made at the workshop. It was considered to be a worthwhile exercise in establishing areas for particular focus in 2018 and benefits of interagency collaboration for achieving progress

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Chief Officer

