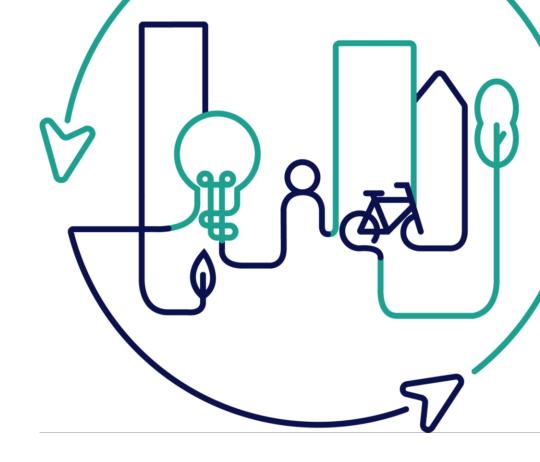
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Reimagining Places: Sustainable Conservation of Ireland's Beautiful Heritage under THRIVE & beyond

26 – 27 November 2025

Welcome to The Peace Campus, Monaghan

Eileen Crowley, Moderator





> OUR 2 DAY JOURNEY — ONE SHARED APPORACH

An open, community-centred understanding of heritage — one that goes <u>beyond listed buildings</u> to include the places, spaces, stories and practices that shape identity and belonging

- Hands-on exploration of real design and delivery challenges
- Irish & other European case studies with directly transferable solutions
- Projects delivered inside and outside traditional EU funding streams
- Site visits to live regeneration contexts in Monaghan
- Inspiration for future heritage-led regeneration projects

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Eleonora Giorgi, Capacity Building Officer, EUI



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EUI Capacity Building offer



Capacity building events

Capacity Building events comprise of a wide range of formats: workshops, seminars, etc. enabling cities to improve their capacity to design and implement Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) via practical, replicable and inspirational exercises and practices. They can be EU-wide, cluster or national (UCP-led).



City-to-City Exchanges

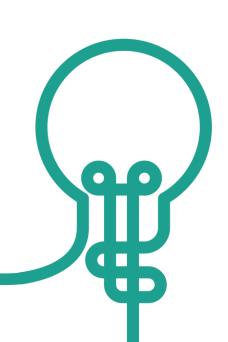
A City-to-City Exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge related to SUD and 1-2 other urban authorities from different EU Member States with expertise which could help tackle this challenge. The cities visit each other for in-depth face-to-face exchanges which are quick to implement. Call for applications is continuously open!



Peer Reviews

Peer Reviews are designed to help European cities with the **design and implementation of their SUD strategies**, through a process of benchmarking and peer learning. This format involves two roles: 'cities under review', working with four to six cities each, acting as 'peer reviewers' to address concrete challenges in **developing**, **implementing or monitoring** effective SUD strategies. **Call-based**.





New Call for Innovative Actions!



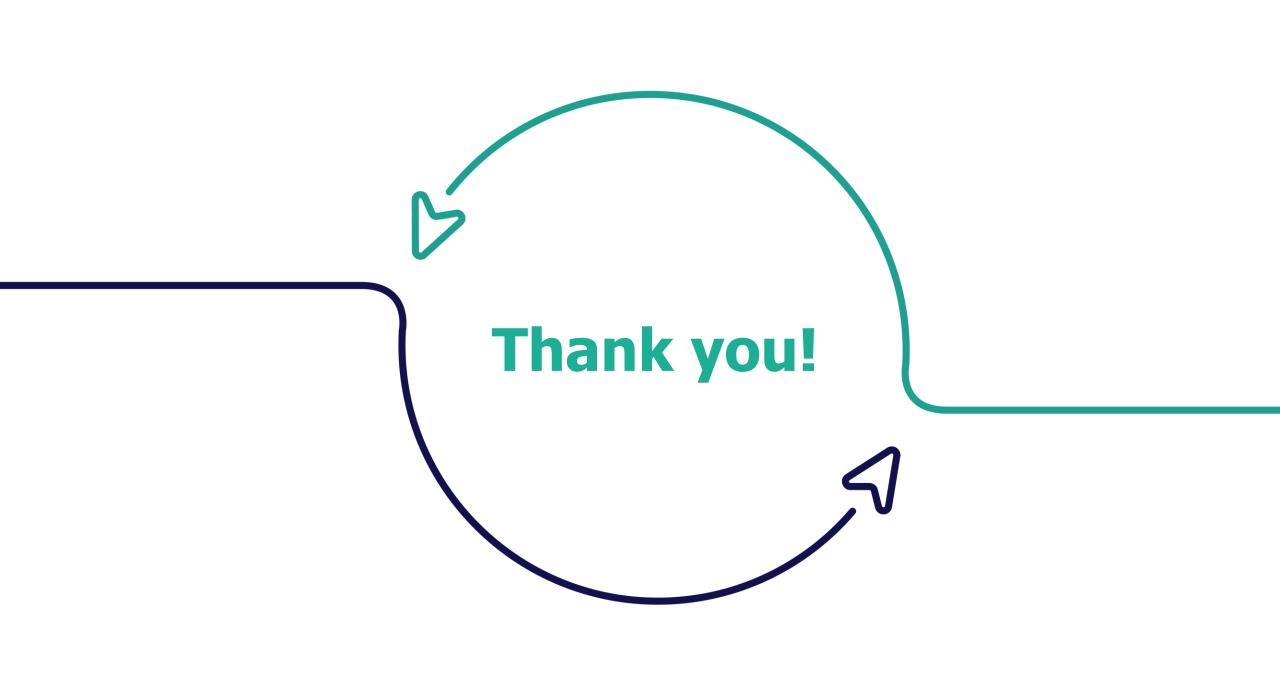


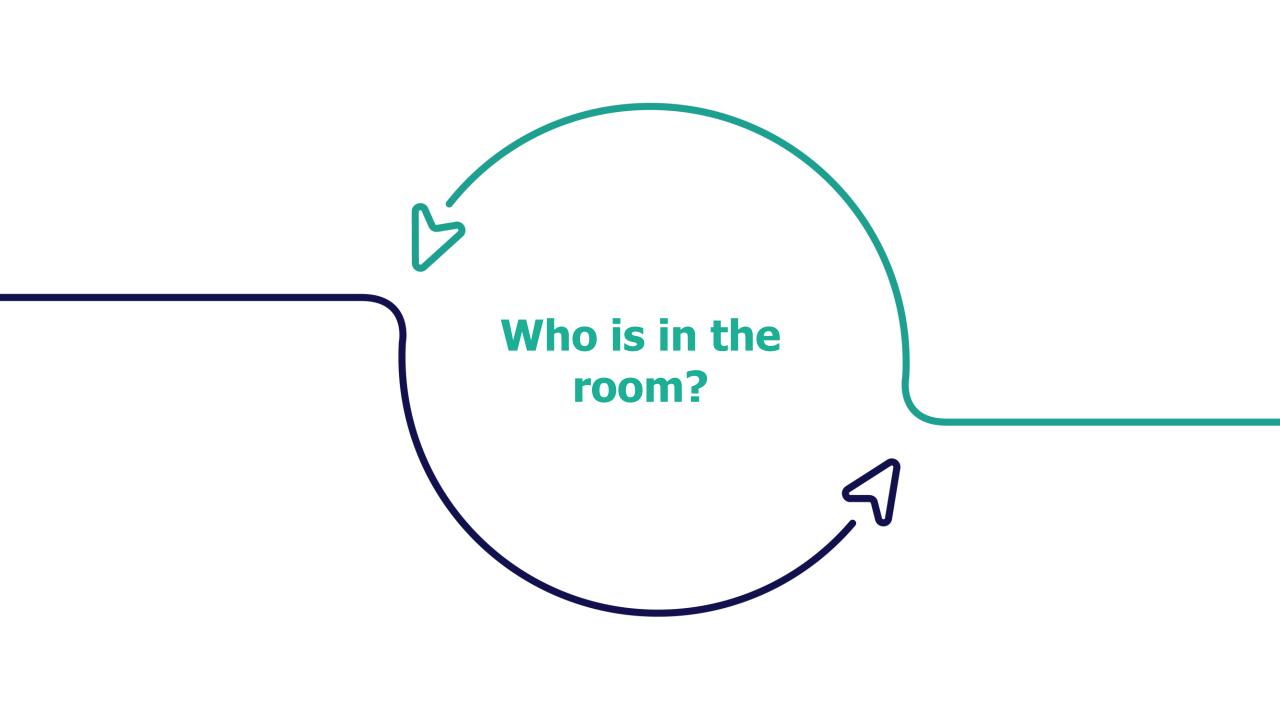
More info here

EUR 60 Million → approx. 30 projects for EUR 2M each

Small and medium size cities (min. 25000 inhabitants)

Topics aligned to the cities agenda (economic development, housing, digitalisation, mobility, social inclusion and equality, security, public spaces and preparedness, climate adaptation, etc.)





28 local authorities

Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork City, Cork County, Donegal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway City, Galway County, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow

3 regional assemblies

Northern & Western Regional Assembly, Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly & Southern Regional Assembly

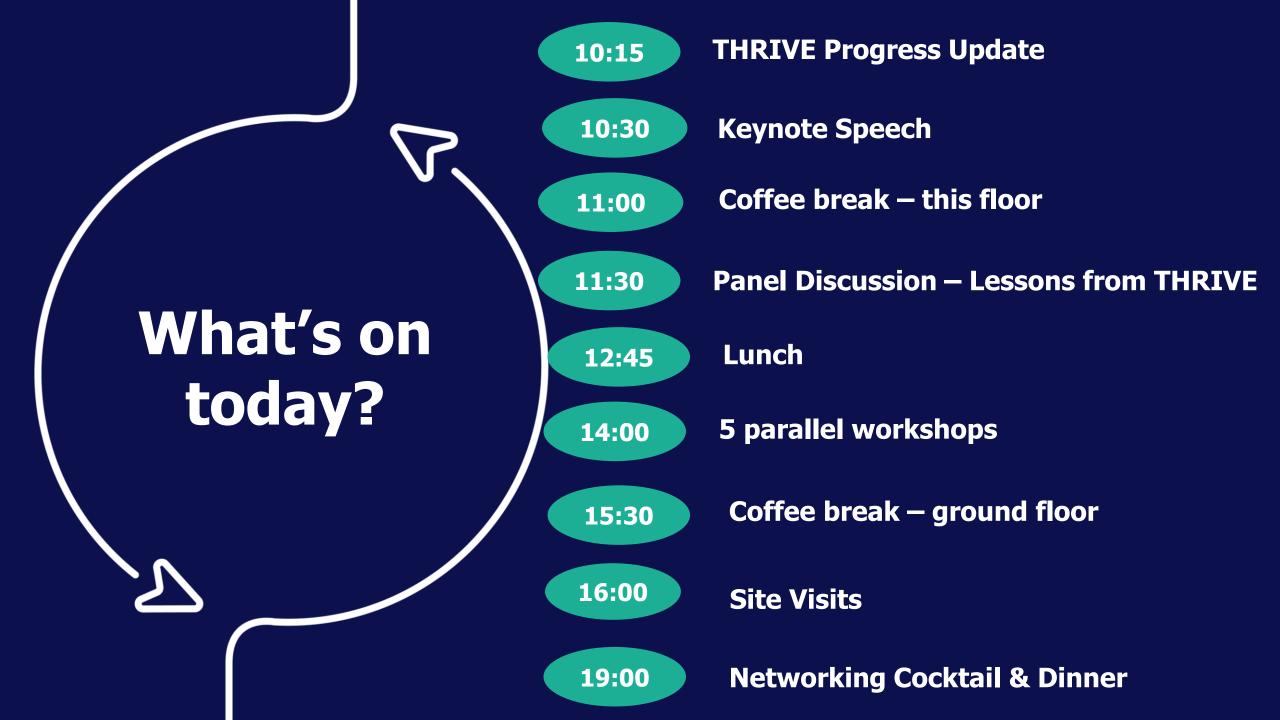
12 EU Member States

Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE VIA YOUR BADGES







THRIVE: A Progress Update

Conall McGettigan
Director
Northern & Western Regional Assembly



Tionól Réigiúnach an Tuaiscirt & an Iarthair Northern & Western

Regional Assembly

THRIVE progress update

Overview of the Town Centre First Heritage Revival (THRIVE) Scheme 2025

Date: 26th November 2025

Venue: Monaghan Peace Campus



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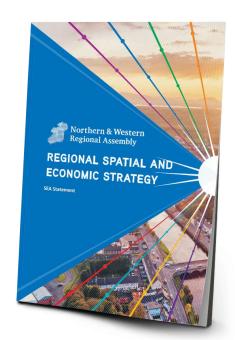
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Role of the Assembly









Advocacy: Advocating for the Region through events, publications and stakeholder consultation & engagement



Maximise the drawdown of EU
Funding for the region: Managing
Authority: for €217 Million
ERDF Programme 2021-2027





Collaborating with EU Regions:
Participate in ETC/Interreg projects
to adopt Best Practice and to
support Stakeholders access EU
Funding opportunities









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Policy

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Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly

Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy

2019-2031



Northern & Western Regional Assembly

REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2020-2032





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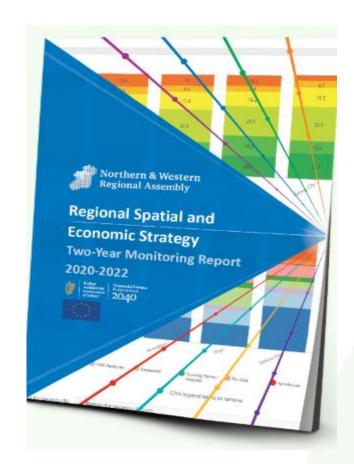
Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Southern Region

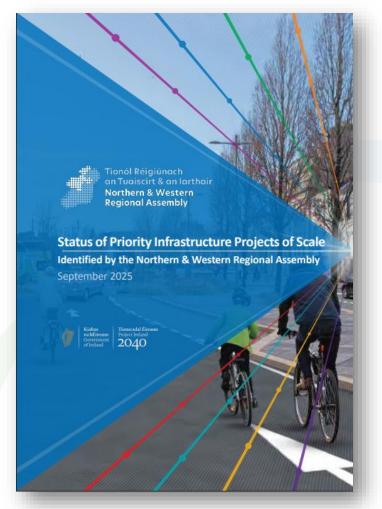
Data, Monitoring Reports and Publications



Evidence based decision making





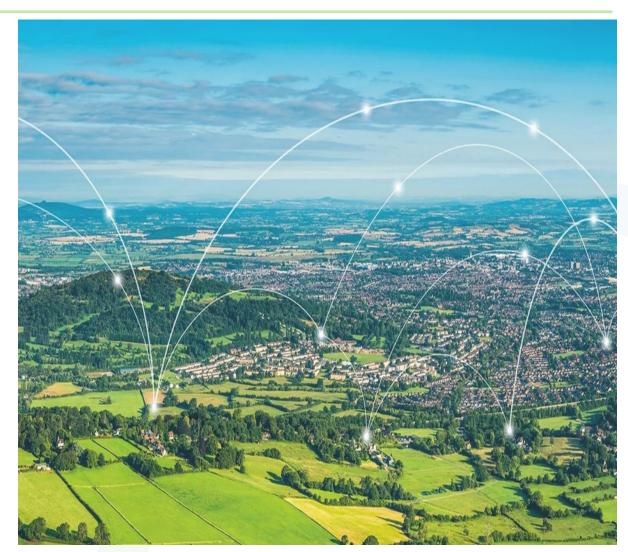




New Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy will contain a number of Strategies



- Settlement Strategy
- Economic & Retail Strategy
- Infrastructure Strategy (incl RES)
- Marine & Coastal Strategy
- Climate Strategy
- Natural & Cultural Environment Strategy (incl RLCA)
- All-island Cohesion Strategy
- Implementation & Monitoring Strategy
- Strategy Statements













Regional Programme 2021-2027 Outcomes



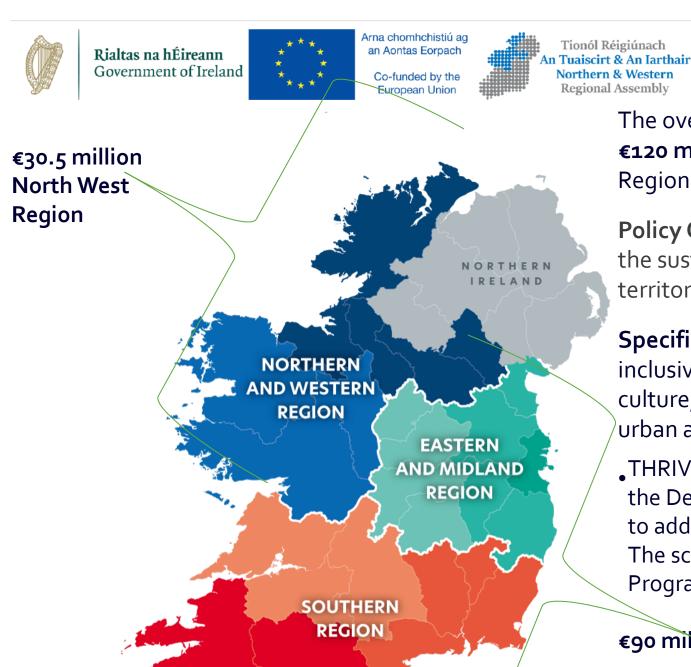
Priority Objective 1: Developing a smarter more competitive region through measures like building Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) capacity in public research institutions and by strengthening regional innovation systems in line with Ireland's Smart Specialisation Strategy and the Regional Enterprise Plans.



Priority Objective 2: Supporting actions to scale up energy efficiency measures for those in energy poverty.



Priority Objective 3: Supporting the sustainable regeneration of towns and urban centres.







The overall THRIVE Scheme was launched with a €120 million fund, co-supported by the EU under the ERDF Regional Programmes and the Government of Ireland

Policy Objective 5: A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories and local initiatives **#EUInMyRegion**

Specific Objective 5.1: Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in urban areas

•THRIVE scheme co-designed by the Regional Assemblies and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address European, national and regional policy objectives. The scheme is delivered under Ireland's two ERDF Regional Programmes

€90 million Southern Region & East Midlands Region



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Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt

Southern Regional **Assembly**

A Europe closer to citizens; Model for Sustainable Urban Development



Transformative Multi-Level Roadmaps

Strategies are designed to unlock the full development potential of urban areas through longterm, strategic planning.

Governance Strategic

success relies on structured cooperation across all levels of government local, regional, and national

Stakeholder Engagement Effective

implementation requires identifying and involving all relevant stakeholders throughout the process.

Complex Urban Challenges

Urban issues are multifaceted, involving intertwined social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

Integrated Planning Across

Sectors Strategies promote cross-sectoral collaboration, encouraging innovation and breaking down silos hetween

Capacity Building & Spatial Focus Strategies require support by capacity-building efforts and address needs that go beyond administrative boundaries, focusing on real spatial dynamics.

Monitoring & **Evaluation**

Monitoring across sector-specific metrics with assessments of the added value from integrated territorial approaches.



Funding Diversification

Strategies can expand their impact by integrating various public funding sources and attracting private investment.



Sustainability

Aesthetics

Inclusion

The **New European Bauhaus** brings citizens, experts, businesses, and institutions together to reimagine sustainable living in Europe and beyond. In addition to creating a platform for experimentation and connection, the initiative supports positive change also by providing access to EU funding for beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive projects.

THRIVE supports the **compact growth and balanced regional development** objectives of the National Planning Framework and of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies

Targeting NPF and RSES designated settlements, the regions' key towns, strategic growth centres and cities; **THRIVE supported Local Authorities and their citizens t**o re-imagine town centres and to transform publicly-owned vacant or derelict heritage buildings within those town centres through renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse.

THRIVE supported locally developed plans that take an integrated strategic approach to the regeneration of towns and locally selected projects that assist in creating town centres that function as viable, vibrant, and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit while also functioning as the business, service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.

By creating bridges between different backgrounds, cutting across disciplines and building on participation at all levels, the New European Bauhaus inspires a movement to facilitate and steer the transformation of our societies.





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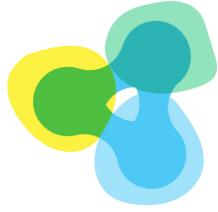
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New European Bauhaus beautiful | sustainable | together



Eastern Midlands Region (SRA) THRIVE Strand 1





Clare County Council: Development and Enhancement of **Southern Region** Integrated Urban Strategy for Ennis Town Kildare THRIVE Strand 1 Limerick City & County Laois Clare Wicklow Council Development of an Integrated Urban Carlow Kilkenny County Council Strategy for Newcastle Kilkenny Kilkenny City John Street Limerick West. Tipperary **Urban Design Strategy** Wexford **Kerry County** Kerry Waterford Council: Cork Heritage-led Integrated Tipperary County Council: Development and Enhancement **Urban Strategy** of Integrated Urban Strategy Clonmel | Thurles | Nenagh for Killarney, | IUS for Tralee town centre Cork County Council Integrated Urban Strategy for Clonakilty

Cork City Council Integrated Urban Strategy for the Shandon area

Northern & Western Region **THRIVE** Strand 1

Donegal County Council: Development and Enhancement of Integrated Urban Strategy for Letterkenny Town

Leitrim County Council: Enhancement of the Carrick-on Shannon Town Centre First IUS

Silgo County Council: Enhancement of Sligo Masterplan

Monaghan County Council Development and Enhancement of Integrated Urban Strategy for Monaghan Town

Roscommon County Council: Development of an Integrated **Urban Strategy for Roscommon Town**

Galway County Council: Development and Enhancement of Integrated Urban Strategy Ballinasloe | Tuam

Galway City Council: Integrated Urban Strategy for the West Area of Galway City Centre



Donegal

Londonderr

THRIVE Programme Output - Policy



- ERDFTHRIVE Scheme launched in Ireland in Q1 2024
- SEMRA 15 updated IUS and pipeline of projects (Strand 1)
- NWRA 9 updated IUS and pipeline of projects (Strand 1)
- Strong evidence of NEB in transdisciplinary approach and engagement continuing and being brought to other Local Authority and Managing Authority workstreams and projects
- Strand 1 funding provided focus and resource
- Ongoing Capacity Building & Support is key to delivery
- NEB & THRIVE as social catalyst to bring projects in long term abeyance to implementation readiness for benefit of society
- Collaborative Impactful Regional Approach

Town Centre First

A Policy Approach for Irish Tow



Delivering Homes, Building Communities

2025-2030

An Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness









II KILLARNEY TOWN CENTRE INTEGRATED URBAN STRATEGY



Integrated Urban Strategy

THRIVE - 'Reimagining George's Place - Introduction Revitalising through Reuse'

Welcome to the Roscommon Integrated Urban Strategy

RATEGY

NENAGH TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLAN

> Longford 2040: A Town Centre First Strategy

ENNIS TOWN CENTRE INTEGRATED URBAN STRATEGY

Lucan House Masterplan

Newcastle West Integrated Urban Strategy

Ballina Local Area Plan 2024-2030

WEST AREA OF GALWAY CITY CENTRE

Monaghan Town Centre First Plan:

Kent Street (Clonakilty) Integrated Urban Strategy JOHN'S QUAY / JOHN STREET



URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY

King's Island Walled Town Intregrated Urban Strategy

Update to the Sligo East City, (**Environs Regeneration Masterplan**

Tuam, Máistirphlean Cheathrú an Stáisiúin Tuam, Station Quarter Masterplan

"A Vision for the Future of Station Quarter

THRIVE Strand 2







Home Our Funds Stories News







Funding of €120M

Across 17 Counties

19 Strand 2 Regenerative Projects funded nationally across the three regions

Beautiful Sustainable Inclusive





Local authority	City/town	Project Title	THRIVE adapted reuse	Total award
Carlow	Carlow	Former Bank of Ireland	Councillor and local authority public meeting rooms and community meeting space	€3,900,000
Clare	Ennis	The Cloister	A multi-use community space including artist studios, conference and exhibition space and café	€6,997,047
Cork City	Shandon, Cork City	Butter Exchange & Weighmasters House	Ed-Tech Enterprise Hub & Community Creative Space	€7,000,000
Cork County	Mallow Town	Mallow Town Hall	Mallow Town Hall Theatre	€7,000,000
Donegal	Letterkenny	Letterkenny Courthouse	Redevelopmeny of former Courthouse as regional community and tourism destination	€7,000,000
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Dun Laoghaire	Georges Place & Washhouse	Centre for Creative Lifelong learning	€7,000,000
Galway City	Galway City	23 Nun's Island	Creative Space Theatre	€3,800,000
Galway County	Tuam	Tuam Railway Station Quarter	Enterprise hub and social space	€6,600,000
Kerry	Tralee	Ashe Memorial Hall	Multi-purpose civic facility with museum, medieval experience and new community roof garden	€7,000,000
Kilkenny	Kilkenny	Carnegie Library	Community Learning and Study Hub	€3,980,592



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Limerick City & County	King's Island, Limerick City	The Fireplace Site	Educational and innovative design hub for the Forge Design Factory	€6,567,454	
Longford	Longford	Connolly Barracks	Historical and Music Museum, Café with Community learning and performance space	€7,000,000	
Louth	Drogheda	Westgate House	Multi-functional cultural and community hub, including theatre/performance space and rooftop public garden	€7,000,000	
Meath	Navan	St Finian's Seminary Study Hall (and former St Patrick's Classical School),	A multi-purpose Community Hub & County Archive	€7,000,000	
Monaghan	Monaghan	St Louis Convent and Grounds	A multi-purpose community space	€7,000,000	
Sligo	Sligo	Sligo Gaol	A regional community and tourism destination	€7,000,000	
South Dublin	Rathfarnham	Rathfarmham Castle Stables & Courtyards	Multi-purpose event space with craft studios, retail, restaurant and car parking	€7,000,000	
Waterford	Waterford	18 Lady Lane Tír na nÓg	An immersive cultural experience celebrating childhood in all its forms	€7,000,000	
Wexford	Gorey	The Gorey Market House	A hub for creativity, entrepreneurship, and social connection, supporting the local community and visitors alike	€7,000,000	THRIVE Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme





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Go Raibh Maith Agaibh Thank You



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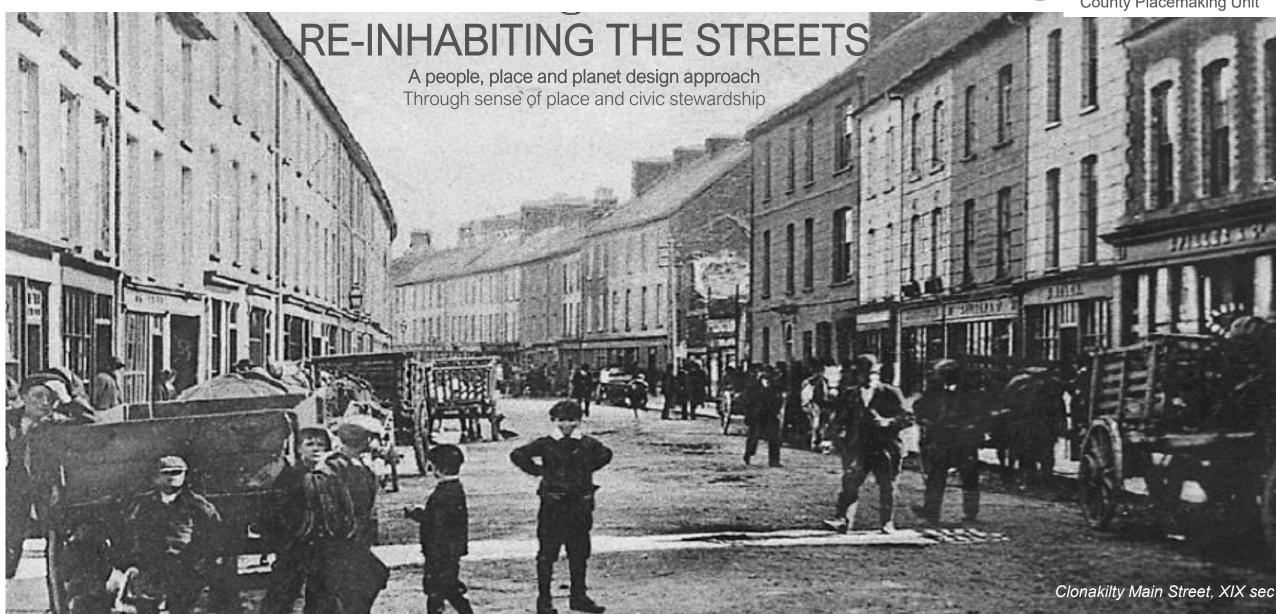
Beauty, Sustainability, Belonging: A New European Bauhaus Vision

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Reimagining Places: Sustainable Conservation of Ireland's Beautiful Heritage



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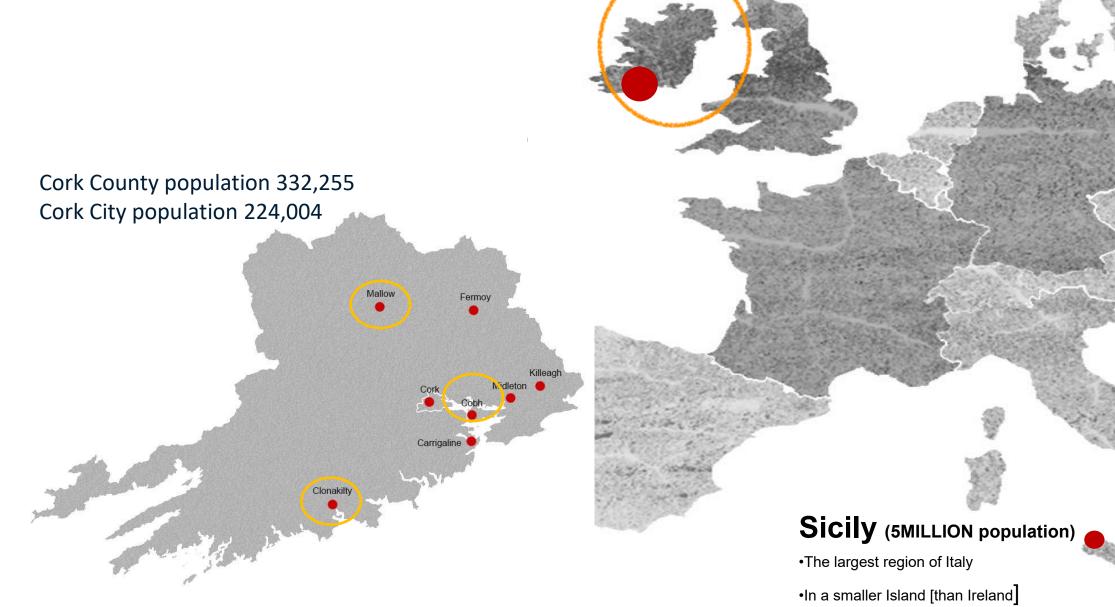


Beauty, Sustainability, Belonging: A New European Bauhaus Vision,



Ireland (5 MILLION population)

- •A small Country
- •In a large Island







Ganci, Madonie Mountains, Sicily. compact urban development and dense neighborhood





CHANGING THE PARADIGM Current and emerging supportive Policy in Ireland



- Project Ireland 2040/ NPF[2025 first revision]
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements
- Our Rural Future [Dept. of Rural Community]
- **Town Centre First [Dept. of Local Gov]**
- **Sustainable Mobility Policy [Dept. of Transport]**
- Redesigning Ireland's transport for net Zero [OECD]
- New Architectural Policy 2022 "Places for People"
- Housing for All. Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund
- DMURS Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets
- RIAI Towns and Villages Toolkit
- Collaborative Town Centre Health Check CTCHC
- RIAI" Old House, New Home
- NTA Active Travel/Safe Routes to Schools







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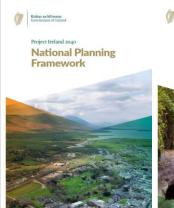






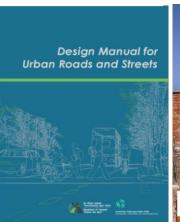




















Rethinking our built environment means rethinking also our way of life, thus requiring a shift of mindset, a shift of values in fact a civilisational shift. Alessandra Mitsotaki [World Human Forum]



Including aesthetics, sustainability and affordability in all processes shaping our living environment. Seeing the bigger picture and prompting the need for integrated quality-driven planning processes and funding mechanisms that include all quality criteria (governance, functionality, environment, economy, diversity, sense of place, context, beauty) for the built environment in their measures.

The New European Bauhaus initiative connects the European Green Deal to our daily lives and living spaces



EU architectural
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Towards a
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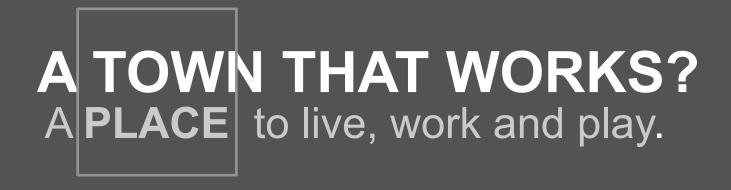


Beautiful, sustainable, inclusive projects inspiring positive transformation around us. Visions from co-design processes



NEB Festival, Brussels 2024

"Clonakilty 400"
Urban Design Plan
is included within
the OMC report's
EU case-study.
Cobh Town
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Design Plan
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THE 15 MINUTES TOWN HUMAN SCALE MOBILITY &SOCIAL MOBILITY





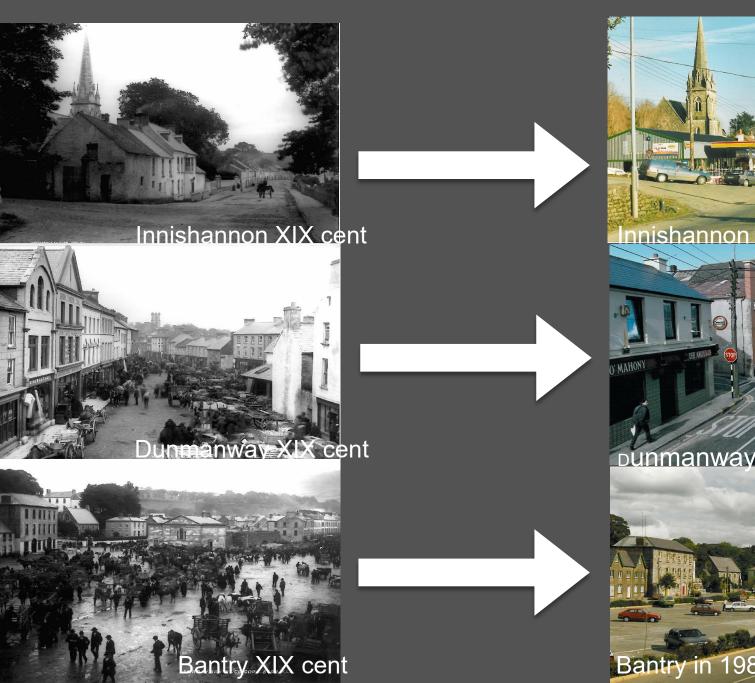


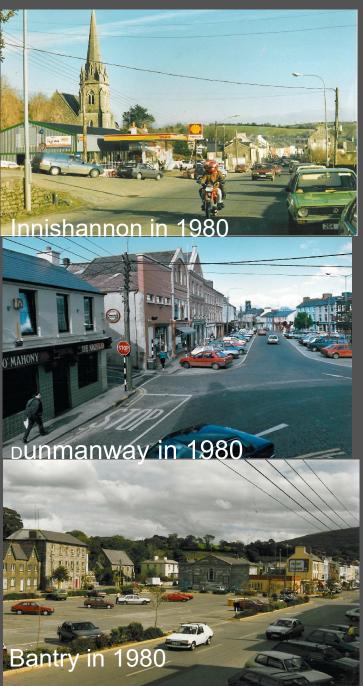
PUBLIC SPACE IN SICILY, THE TOWN SQUARE





HOW IRISH TOWNS HAVE CHANGED!





what happened to our public realm?



New automated traffic lights are erected at Ludgate Circus, London, 1931.

ALL STARTED THEN....







CAR SOCIETY & URBAN DESIGN

alienated public life with car focus design

Heavy SUV cars and lorries have forced road design standards to regulate our Architectural Conservation Areas public realm.





Left: example of over scaled vehicles causing unsafe environment to buildings and people. Right: since 1957 Italy has adapted transport to suit historic urban streetscapes.

IN IRELAND SOCIETY MUST RE-DISCOVER HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER IN COMPACT DENSITY HOW DO WE SELL TO A JUST MARRIED COUPLE THE DREAM OF LIVING ABOVE THE SHOP RATHER THAN SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

CHALLENGE: "BACK TO THE FUTURE!"

- Compact Growth
- 15 minutes neighbourhood
- Live above the shop
- Raise a family in Main Street
- Shop locally
- Meet your neighbour
- · Social activities focus housing design
- Resilient communities
- Quality materials
- Cultural Heritage

how do we create FOMO for" sub-urbanists"?



Cobh Town, "Smalls Well" XIX century

How do we adaptively re-use our heritage public realm?



A "Placemaking Centric Council"



COMMUNITY NEEDS & POLICY OBJECTIVES

PLACEMAKING UNIT CO-DESIGN EARLY INPUT

CROSS-DIRECTORATE COLLABORATION

PLACEMAKING UNIT DESIGN & PLANNING

STRONGER CAPITAL PROJECTS TO DELIVER

INCREASED ACCESS TO NATIONAL & EU FUNDING

Fig. 1 County Placemaking Unit strategic key functions

URBAN PLACEMAKING: RESTORE-REVEAL-REIMAGINE
Utilizing Urban Design 3D Masterplans [long term planning]

Aligned with NEB pillars:

Aligned with NEB pillars:

TOOLS

TOOLS FOR URBAN PLACEMAKING:

- CREATION OF **AUTHENTIC** PLACES WHERE PEOPLE FEEL INVESTED
- OR HAVE AN INVITATION TO INVEST AND BE PART OF A COLLECTIVE.
- AUTHENTICITY COMES FROM COMMUNITY AND HERITAGE
- PEOPLE, PLACE AND PLANET CENTRED DESIGN
- ANTROPOLOGY- GENIUS LOCI

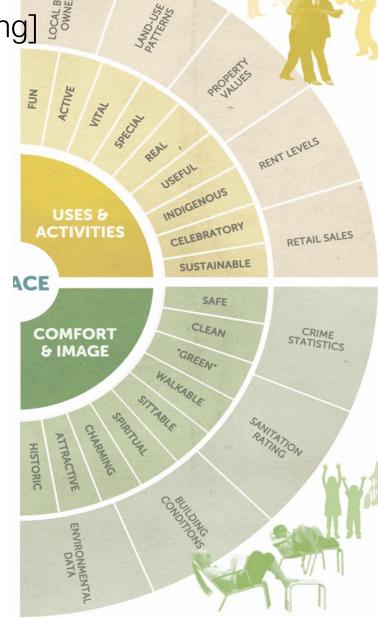
PROVIDES A PHASED VISION

- INSURES THAT NO SEPARATE PHASES WILL COMPROMISE A FUTURE PHASE
- PROVIDING A VISION TO ENTISE INVESTMENT

FACILITATE CO-CREATION

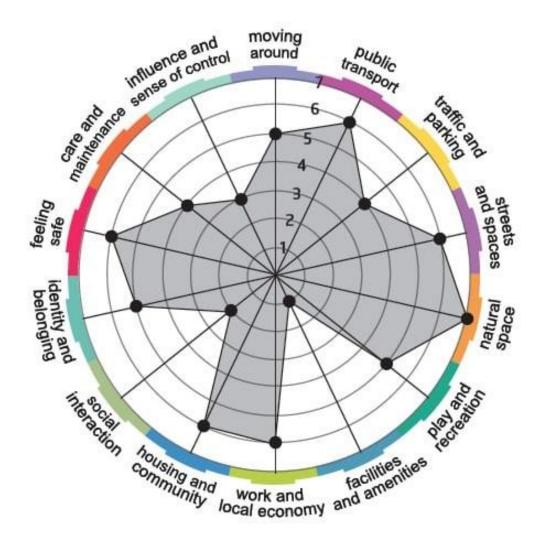
3D MASTERPLANNING

INFORMS/IMPLEMENT PLANNING POLICY



Place Standard -

How good is Our Place?



Placemaking Co-Design Tools:

Innovative tools of place assessment and design solution:

- Scottish place standards
- Healthy Streets



	Settleme nt Type (CDP Core Strategy)	Settlement Name	Census 2016 Population	CDP Populat ion Target 2028	2022	Populat ion Density (Person s per sq km)	2022 population: increase / decrease relative to 2016 population	% change 2016 to 2022
	Key	Mallow	12,459	15,351	13,456	1487.8	increase	8.0
	Towns	Clonakilty	4,592	6,162	5,112	1039	increase	11.3
		Youghal	7,963	8,902	8,564	1487	increase	7.5
		Bandon	6,957	8,773	8,196	1529.5	increase	17.8
		Fermoy	6,585	8,351	6,720	1969.5	increase	2.1
		Kinsale	5,281	6,338	5,991	1941	increase	13.4
۵		Charleville	3,919	5,112	3,970	1465.5	increase	1.3
ASI		Macroom	3,765	4,809	4,096	1886.9	increase	8.8
Cork MAS		Mitchelstown	3,740	4,674	3,744	1451.9	increase	0.1
¥		Skibbereen	2,778	3,563	2,903	1028.6	increase	4.5
0		Bantry	2,722	3,622	2,929	960.2	increase	7.6
) b0		Kanturk	2,350	2,937	2,803	1587.8	increase	19.3
din		Rathcormack	1,762	2,144	1,957	2806.2	increase	11.1
		Dunmanway	1,655	1,985	1,964	975.2	increase	18.7
Exc		Castlemartyr	1,600	1,920	1,603	2407.3	increase	0.2
Æ		Millstreet	1,555	1,948	1,722	1149.4	increase	10.7
nt)		Watergrasshill	1,346	1,736	1,840	2180	increase	36.7
I	Self-	Buttevant	970	1,292	1,080	1327.6	increase	11.3
Col	Sustainin	Newmarket	976	1,206	1,052	643	increase	7.8
	g	Castletownbere	860	1,043	999	888.1	increase	16.2
	Growth:	Schull	700	909	669	546.3	decrease	-4.4
	Towns [>5,000]	All Other Key Villages All Other Villages						
	Rural Areas	Rural Areas	193,822	209,936				

CHALLENGES AT BOTH BROWNFIELD AND EDGE OF URBAN GROWTH LOCATIONS

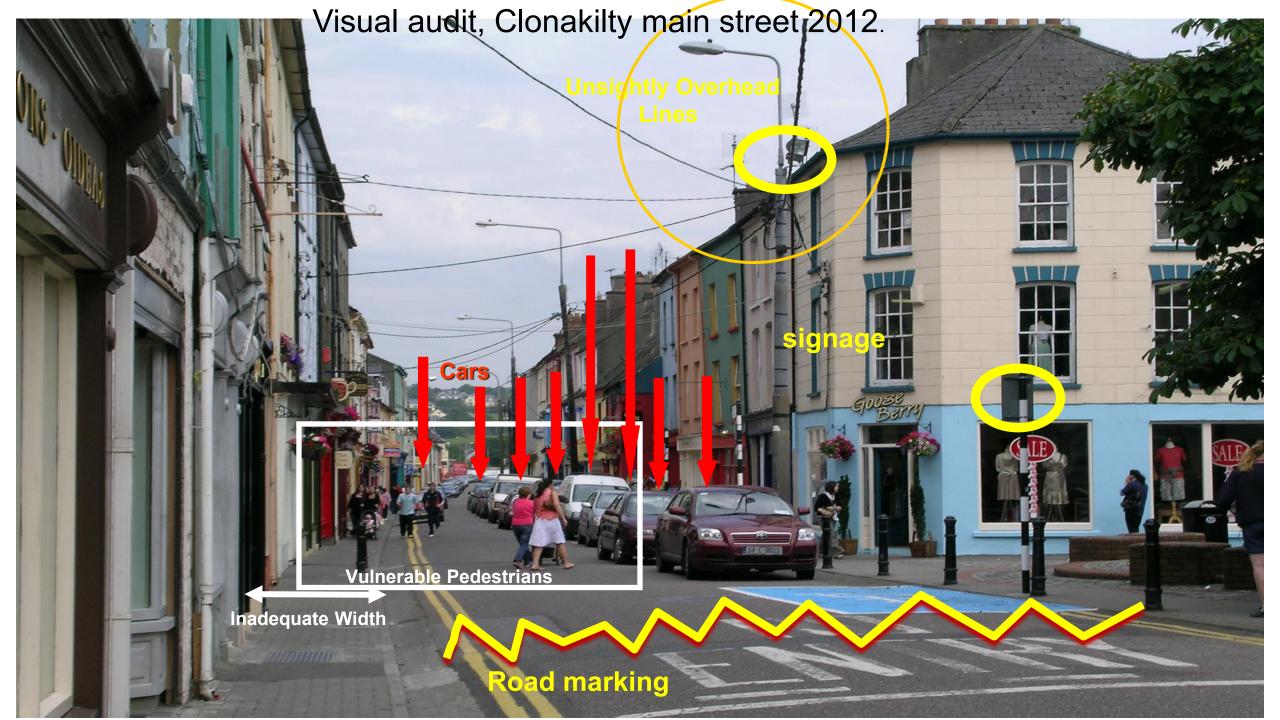
DENSIFYING OUR EXISTING TOWN CENTRES HIGH LEVEL MASTERPLANNING WITH 3D DESIGN TOOLS.

The new County Placemaking Unit offers a 3D master planning service including the use of 3d survey and architectural modelling focusing on urban design including public realm and infill housing sites in ACA.









IN SICILY, TO CALM THE TRAFFIC

we use:

and

ICE CREAM STANDS
OCTOGENARIANS!!!



ICE CREAM STAND

Piazza Margherita, Ca.

TRADING BETWEEN TWO PREMISES ACROSS A BUSY THOROFARE



RETIREMENT CLUBS ARE CLUSTERED IN TOWN CENTRE GENERATING CAR VIGILANCE, SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

Urban Design/Public realm Plan 2012-2022





Clonakilty flood in 2012









Emmet Square before & after











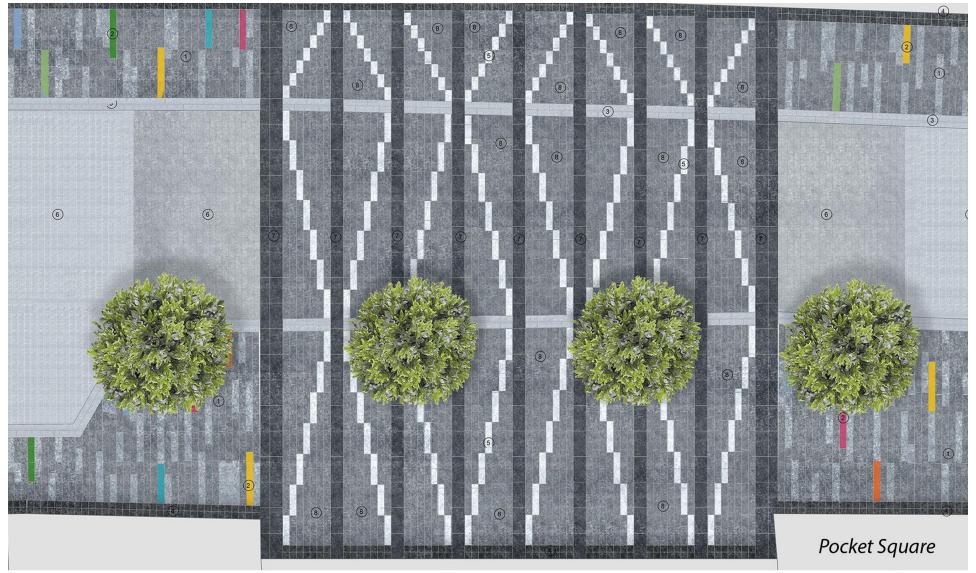


BEYOND A DRAINAGE SCHEME...





Proposed Pocket Square (traffic calming) template:



Placemaking ingredients

Proposed Pocket Square template: ENHANCE HERITAGE VALUE UTILIZING QUALITY MATERIAL

Indigenous stone is selected for the whole masterplan









Michael Collins

No 7 Emmet Square House Museum

CLONAKILTY 400 MASTERPLN (PH2

Michael Collins was a leading figure in early 20th Century Irish struggle for independence. He lived in Emmet Square for a period of time as a teenager, while attending school in the town. When the building came up for sale, the opportunity to generate a destination museum, relating to the walking trails of the Clonakity Urban Masterplan validated its purchase by the local authority. The building is an early19th century townhouse set at the corner of the Georgian square. The main house and its historic features were successfully converted to a museum illustrating the story of the struggle for independence in Ireland with a focus on three local patriots across three periods of Irish history from 1798 to 1922. The historic outbuildings were adapted to form the public entrance and museum shop, contrasting in its contemporary finish and brightness with that of the main three storey building, whose historic features were retained intenrnally.





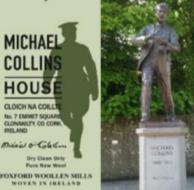
Images: From left, House museum entrance located on adjecent building to the protected georgian arhitecture house to allow for additional floor space. Above: main foyer showing Michael Collins bust by artist Seamus Murphy. At the bottom: refurbished house including original slate reinstated with traditional construction

Unlocking public life in the town Centre unlocking reuse of vacant building

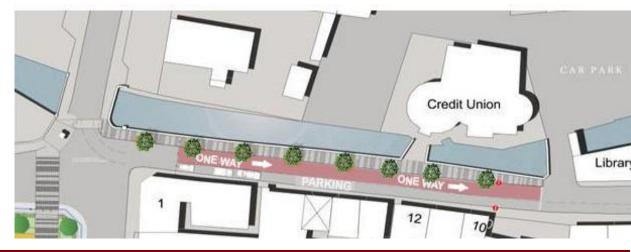












River Walk development, delivering Placemaking and socio-economic outcomes from ALL public spending



Placemaking through Flood Defence, Kent Street



Placemaking through Flood Defence, Croppy Road









Croppy Road, a new Avenue with sense of place and biodiversity

Flood Relief Infrastructure can be designed to look lightweight and transparent to frame views and areas of environmental and historical significance.

A lightweight timber clad flood barrier with integrated planters within the sheet piling is proposed along the N71 with the added value of a new tree lined Avenue



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY DESIGN APPROACH TO FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMESCLONAKILTY 400 Ph 3

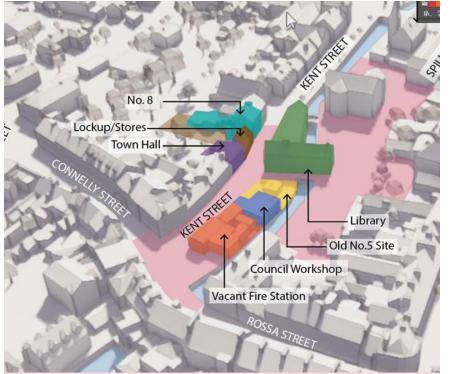






NEB-Thrive Clonakilty Integrated urban Strategy [January-June 2025]

YOUR KENT STREET- IUS PROJECT [completed]



It's 2040 and the KENT STREET restoration project has been a huge success because...

The Key indicators of Success for the future of Kent Street include Community Use, Inclusivity, Community Events and Gathering and Safety and Vibrancy.



THE FUTURE OF

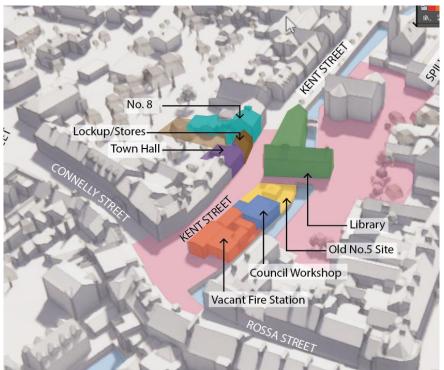
in this survey we will be asking for your opinions about



YOUR **KENT STREET PROJECT UPDATE** 29.04.25



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Renew Kent Street: How Has Kent Street Changed?

- Kent Street and the area between it and the town centre had a strong relationship with the Feagle River that powered its industry.
- The spaces and buildings on Kent Street, came from the clear purpose and planned uses.
- It was a vibrant and busy place at the cnetre of town life and filled with people.

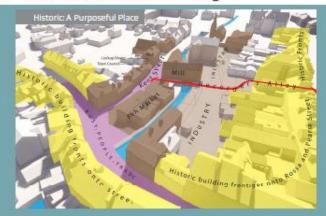
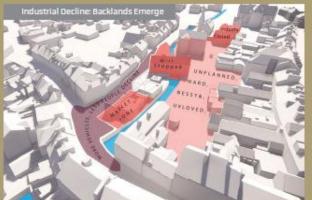




Photo taken 1899 of Kent Street/Connelly Street
Junction from Roassa Street. The old market building
on the left of the view.

- The decline of industry and disapearance of the market happened quickly.
- Busy spaces turn quiet and into "backlands" of surrounding streets.
- Poor views for Kent Street buildings.
- · A place left behind and unloved.





Cars and bins tight to the boundary and doorways of properties of Pearce Street.

Hard paved space, dominated by cars.



- Town centre revival has happened in sorrounding streets
 Some buildings have found a
- How could the remaining old spaces and buildings continue the positive change for Clonakilty?





Access prioritises vehicles over people.

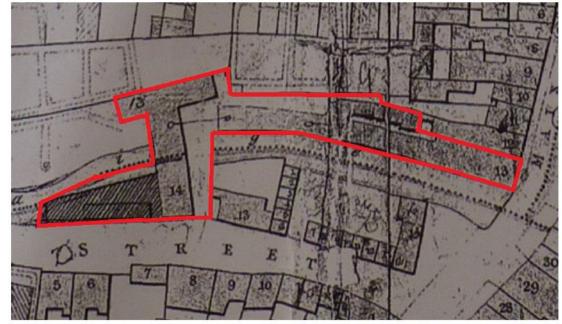


Narrow footpath by the vacant fire station leading to a vehicle dominated junction.

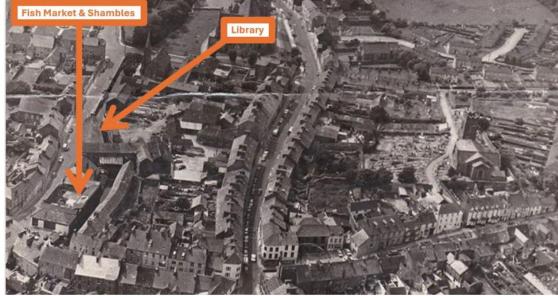
#Kent Street, Clonakilty, April 2025 YOUR KENT STREET INTEGRATED URBAN STRATEGY

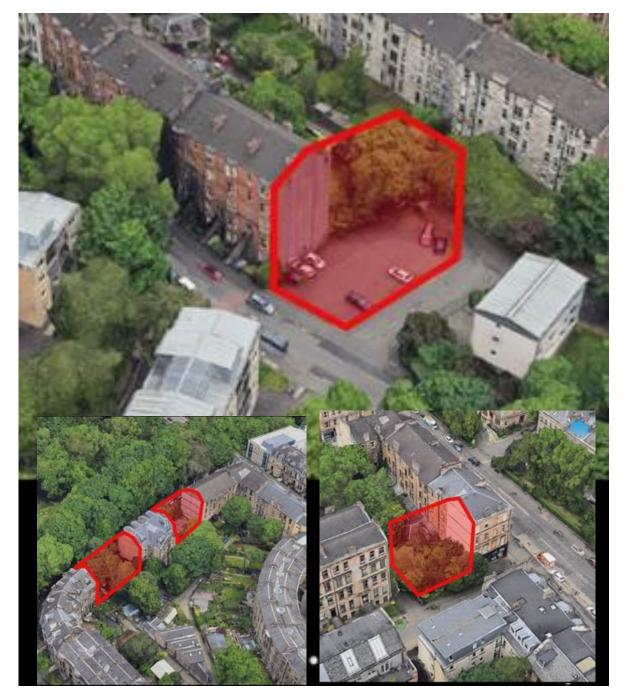


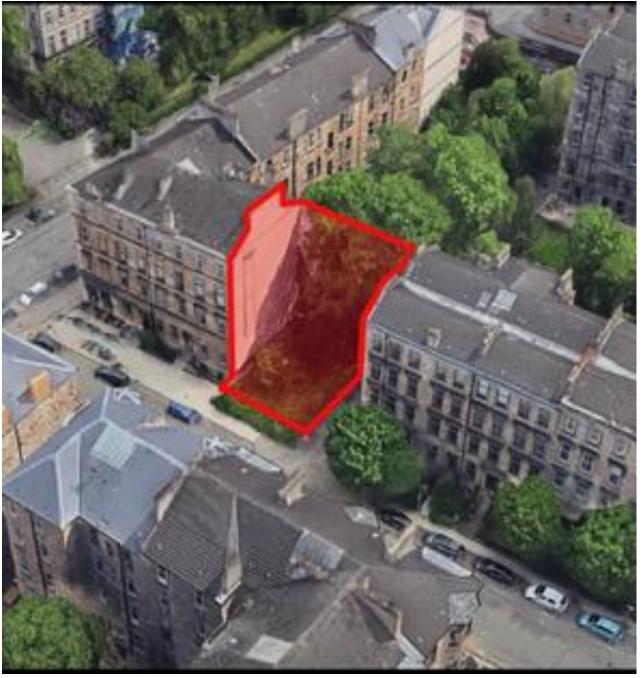
In-fill site opportunities from ACA heritage maps. Opportunities to densifying town centers and choose suitable sites within an urban design assessment for housing and civic use: Clonakilty case study



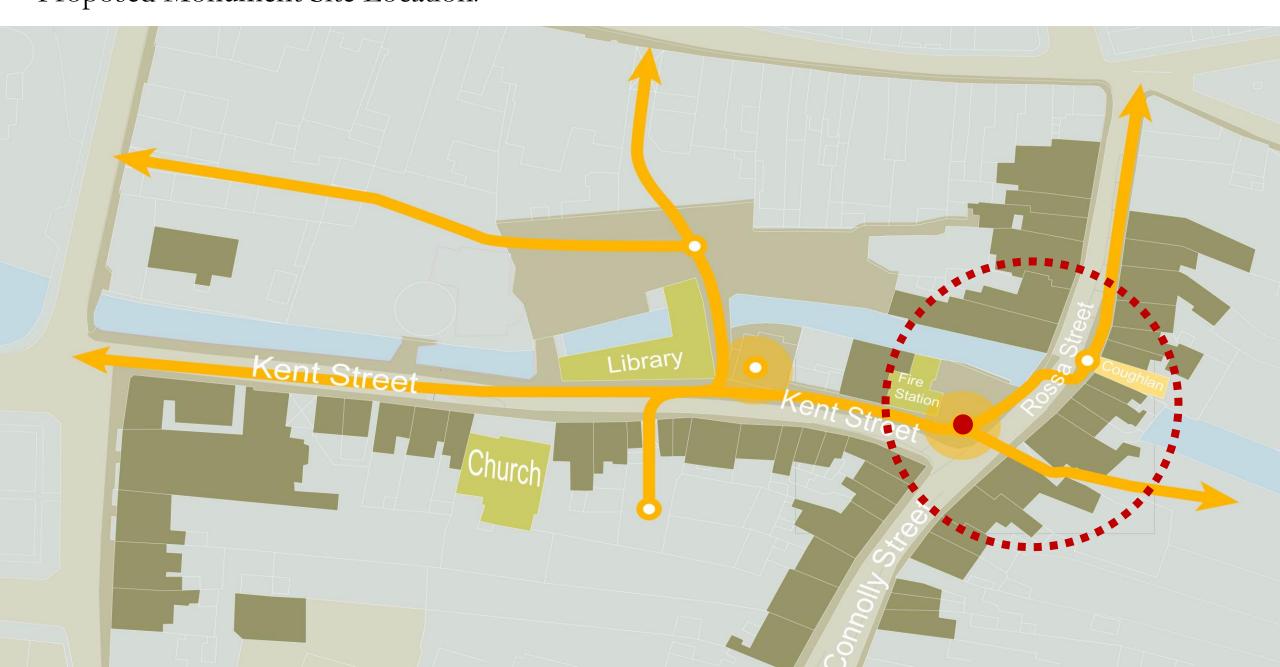
Early Valuation Map with James Toohig landholding circa 1850 outlined in RED. ★





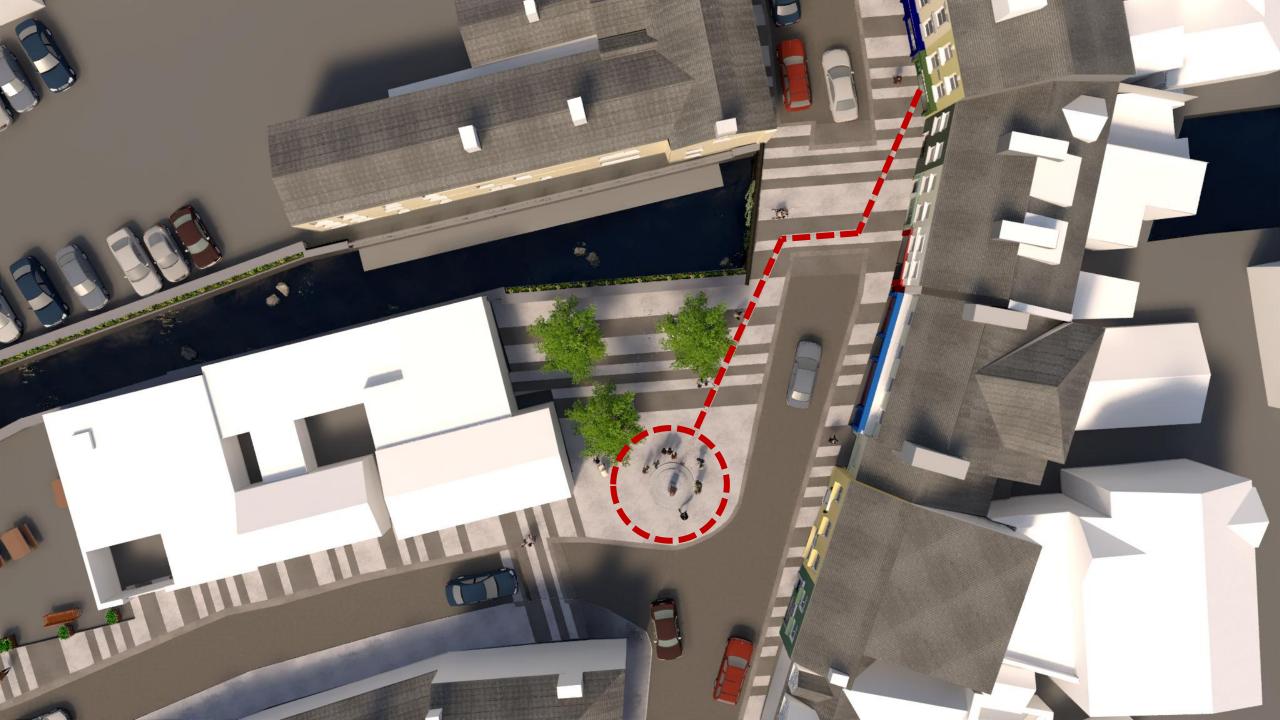


Proposed Monument Site Location.



Clonakilty Kent Street IUS and Active Travel opportunity to create a pedestrian priority public realm.





3D Sketch of overall Proposed Monument Location Design:





Cobh Town Centre Urban Design plan

A people and place centric design plan



Housing Conference 2022













THE PROMENADE STREETSCAPE VISUAL AUDIT









The challenge: car dominance, lack of way-finding, legibility and no storytelling, lost connection between the streetscape and the architecture, loss of urban greening and identity

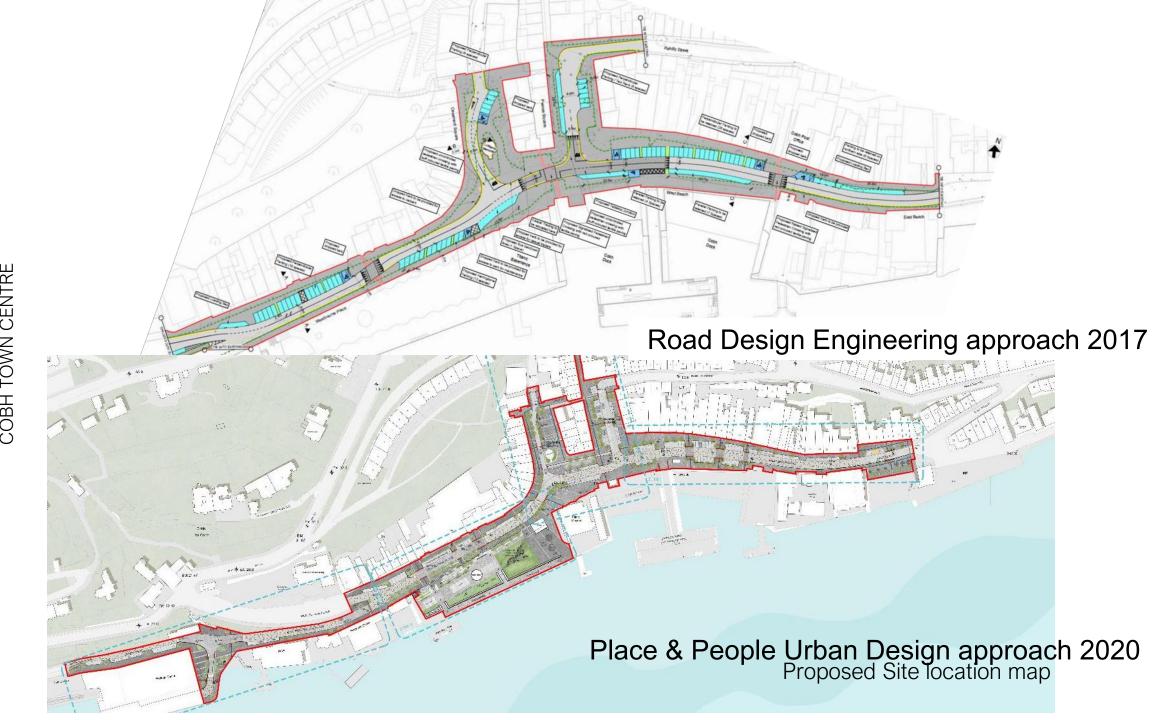
Cobh Town Centre Urban Design plan

A PHASED VISION FOR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT OF COBH TOWN CENTRE

- A "PEOPLE AND PLACE" centric plan designed and delivered to part 8 by CCC Capital Projects Dept, CPIU.
- · Divided into 6 character zones.
- Project's brief developed under the URDF funding, with sponsor partner Fáilte Ireland.
- Through participatory/co-design process from January 2020 to July 2021
- Part 8 launched through a public open webinar the 09/07/21
- Project's dedicated web site: www.cobhpublicrealm.ie including promo video visited 7000 times
- Successful consultation process of 722 submission, majority supportive, or in need of clarification and suggestions.
- Unanimously granted by the Council in November 2022
- Current stage: Public Spending Code, Strategic Assessment Report/Preliminary Business Case.
- Detail Design Stage Brief Formulation.

Restore, Reveal, Redefine







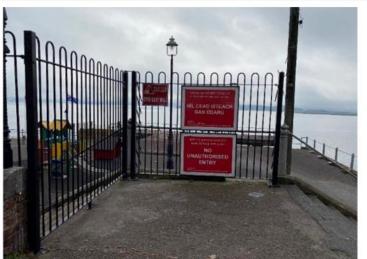
ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FROM JANUARY 2020 TO JULY 2021

Includes continue design workshop, public presentation, site visits, walkabout, public webinars, drawings exhibitions, 3d modelling & animation

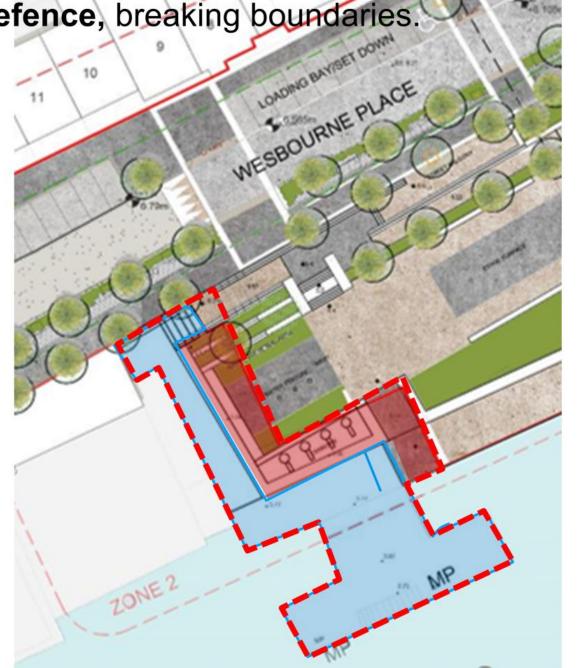
CCC Divisional Manager	Tidy Towns	TII Quality Auditor
CCC DOS Roads	Cobh Harbour and Chambers	Irish Dogs guide
CCC DOS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	Schools Principals	Road safety auditors
CCC Elected Members	Elderly People	NTA [SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL]
Road Design Office	Community groups	NCBI
CCC Local area planner	Local Historian	Irish dog guide
CCC PPU planning policy	Gardai	Cathedral Archbishop
CCC Heritage Unit	Heritage Centre Board	ESB
CCC Traffic & Transport Dept	CCC Fire Brigades	TMF CORK Transport Mobility Forum
CCC Ecology Unit	CCC Local Enterprise Officer	Cycling groups
CCC Tourism Dept	CCC PROPERTY DEPARTMENT	Economic Development Dept
CCC Lighting Department	Executive Committee	Antaisce
PORT OF CORK	Maintenance and property Dept	Failte Ireland Ancient East Board
CCC Climate Change Dept.	Irish Navy	BUSINESS GROUP
CCC Senior Planner	SECONDARY SCHOOLS	RESIDENT GROUPS
Irish Rail	Trinity Haus	Sirius Centre Management
Green School board	School principal/parents	FARMER MARKET
Cycling group	Heritage Centre Management Board	Department of Defence

Setting positive atmosphere for Public engagement









Collaborative effort with **Dept. of Defence**, breaking barriers





the atmosphere for a "placemaking strategy and the night economy

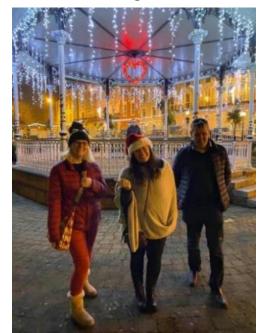
Collaborative effort through CCC Project Act 2020

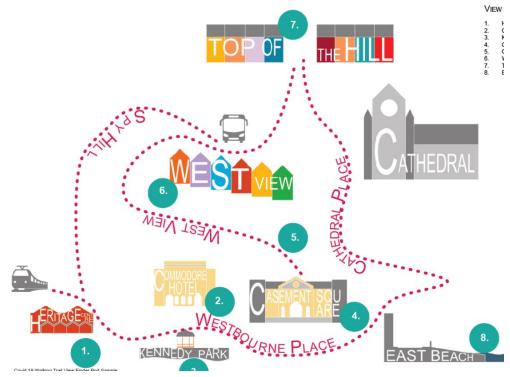




Christmas outdoor footfall plan designed with **Tidy Towns, Local Residents, Cobh Harbour & Chambers, Port of Cork**





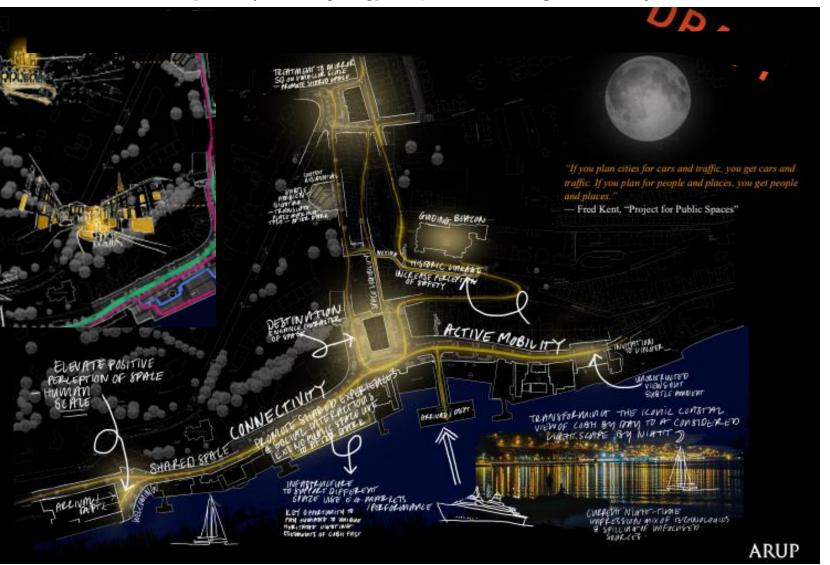


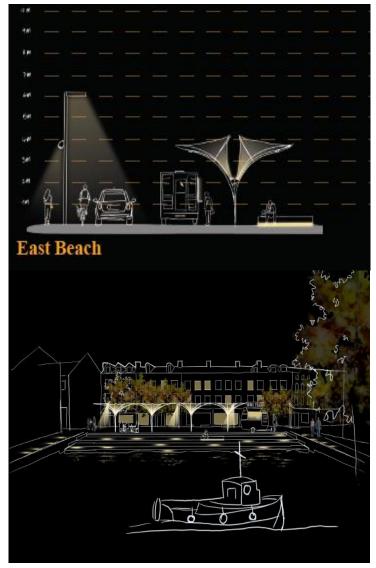
INNOVATIVE DESIGN APPROACH

A TOWN CENTRE "PLACEMAKING LIGHTING DESIGN MASTERPLAN"

Placemaking design approach to lighting increasing the perception of safety after dark

[not only street lighting] and promote the night economy & GENDER SENSITIVE DESIGN





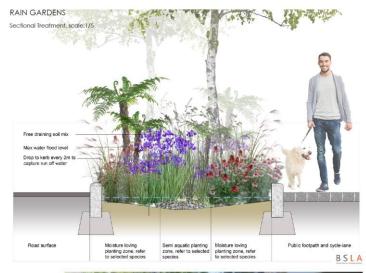
INNOVATIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS

NATURE BASED SOLUTION FOR SUSTAINBLE, INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY

Extensive Urban Greening Strategy includes street trees, edible gardens and rain gardens improving water and air quality, reduce flooding and noise, enhance biodiversity

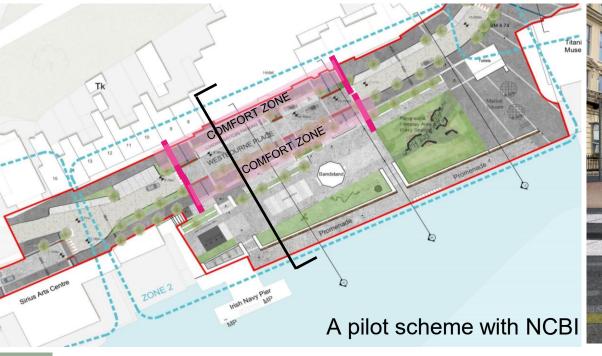








Accessibility and Wayfinding Strategy in shared space through "comfort zones" design EN 17210:2021



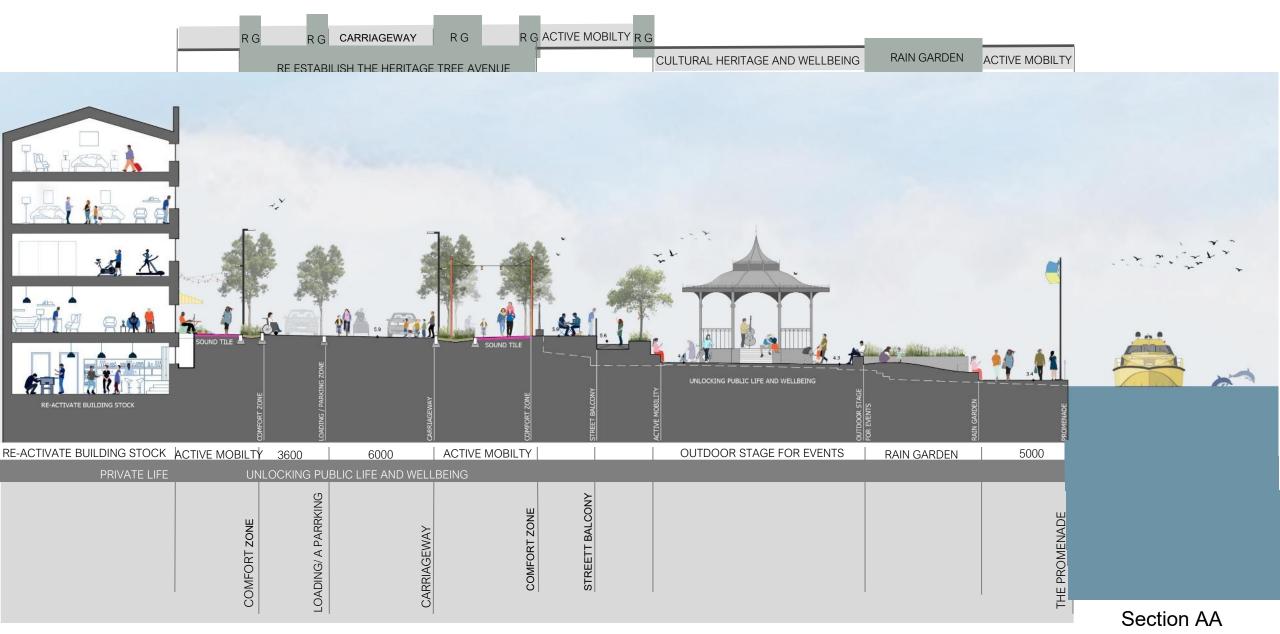








Re-inhabiting the streets and the buildings with people Retrofit urban greening, biodiversity and wildlife









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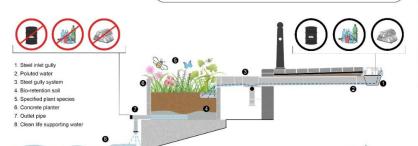




I'M RICKY THE RAINGARDEN

I am here to collect rainwater from the road at East Beach and filter pollutants from it before it flows into the sea. Instead of letting this dirty water pollute our precious waterfront, I clean it and use it to grow these beautiful native plants. This is called a Nature-Based Solution to urban drainage and will help Cobh to become a more environmentally sustainable town!

I am here at East Beach because Cobh has been selected to pioneer this sustainable infrastructure for a national pilot scheme! Cork County Council are building raingardens as part of the upcoming Cobh Public Realm Enhancement Project. I'll be here for 12 months as scientists monitor the improved water quality and use these results to design permanent raingardens across the town!



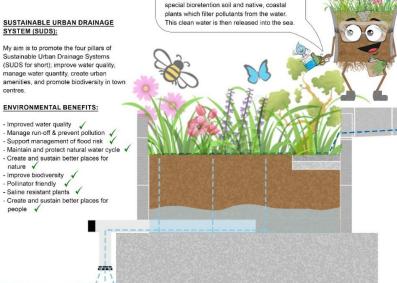
Polluted rainwater flows into these raingardens

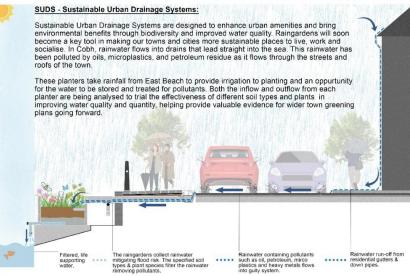
from the road above. Each planter contains

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM (SUDS):

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS for short); improve water quality manage water quantity, create urban amenities, and promote biodiversity in town

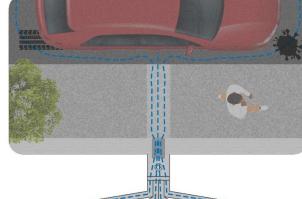
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POLLUTANTS:

Rainwater run-off from the street containing pollutants such as oil. petroleum, micro plastics and heavy metals, flows from the street via gully system into each raingarden.



GULLY SYSTEM:

The gully system collects the rainwater run-off from the street and evenly distributes the rain water into each rain garden

FILTERING:

Each raingarden contains different soil types and different plant species. The soil and plants naturally filter the water, removing pollutants creating clean life supporting water.

DECORATION:

Each rain garden will be decorated by children from local schools

FILTERED WATER:

The filtered water flows back into

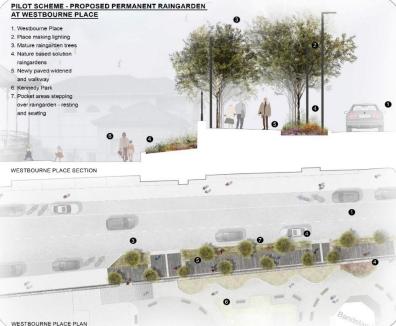


Right now, I am a demonstrator raingarden which wil inform the design of future raingardens throughout the wonderful town of Cobh! Next time you find me, will be a permanent mature raingarden not far from here, at Westbourne Place. In the near future, my plants will have matured, I will have tall trees and lush pollinator-friendly plants. I will create a habitat for urban wildlife to thrive. I will inspire other towns across Ireland to create similar green urban infrastructure as part of this national pilot scheme.

I am Ricky from the future. As you can see, I have matured a lot from my younger self. The future is great! I have reached my environmental goals as a Nature Based Solution in Cobh. Westbourne place is now filled with mature trees and plants and is home to an array of biodiversity. In conjunction with the Cobh Public Realm Enhancement Project, people have a safer, nature-filled, and accessible public space to enjoy. Cobh is now an environmentally sustainable town with improved water quality. biodiversity, and urban amenities.



These photos show how many trees were in Kennedy Park & Westbourne place

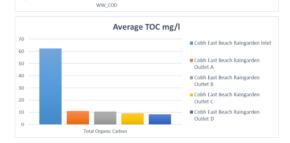


COBH TOWN CENTER URBAN DESIGN PLAN



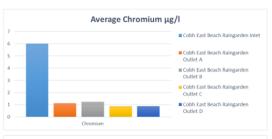


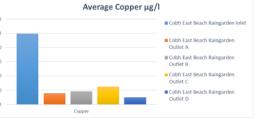


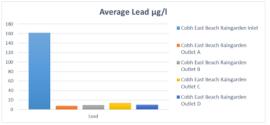


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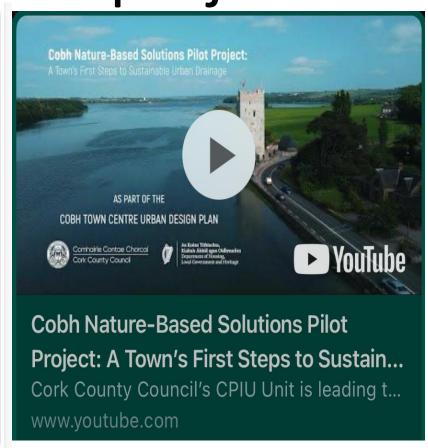






A place looking after itself project





Innovative public engagement resources

East Beach Rain Garden – Is it working?

During a short visits summer 24:

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Bees (3 species)

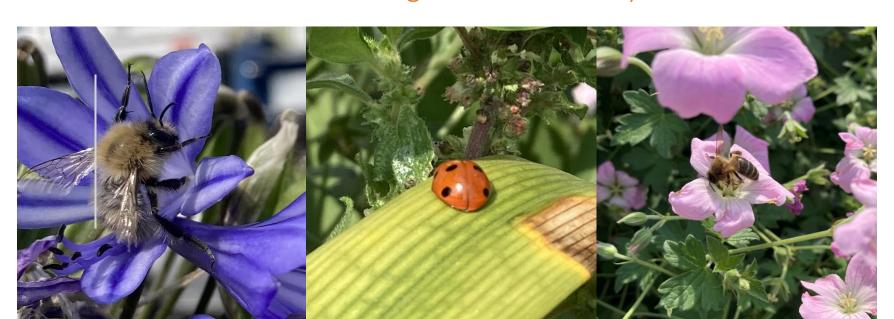
- Hoverflies (2 species)
- Ladybird (1 species)
- Ant (1 speies)
- Wasp (1 species)
- Cranefly (1 species)
- Spider (1 species)



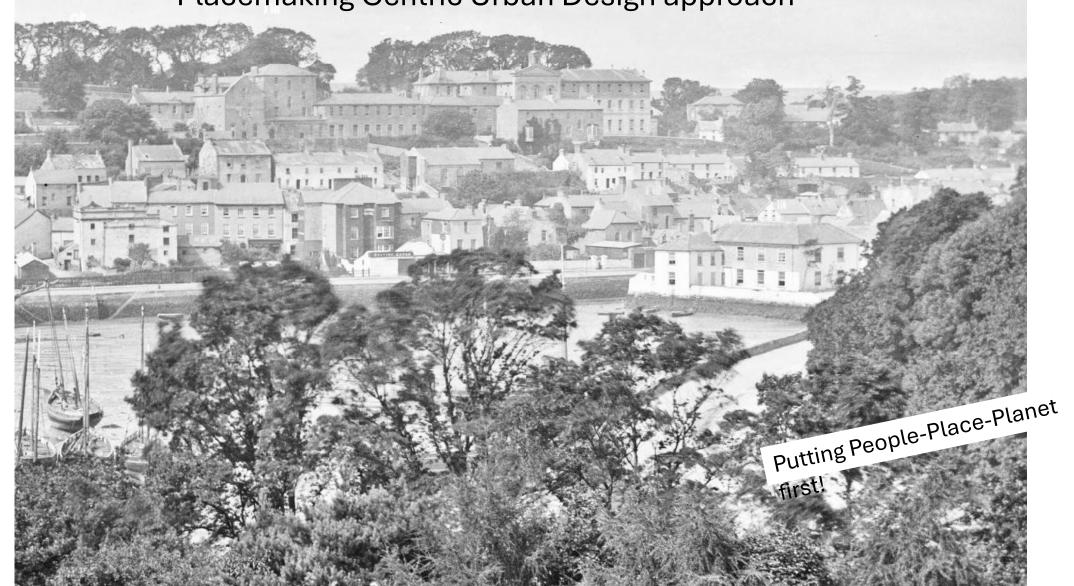


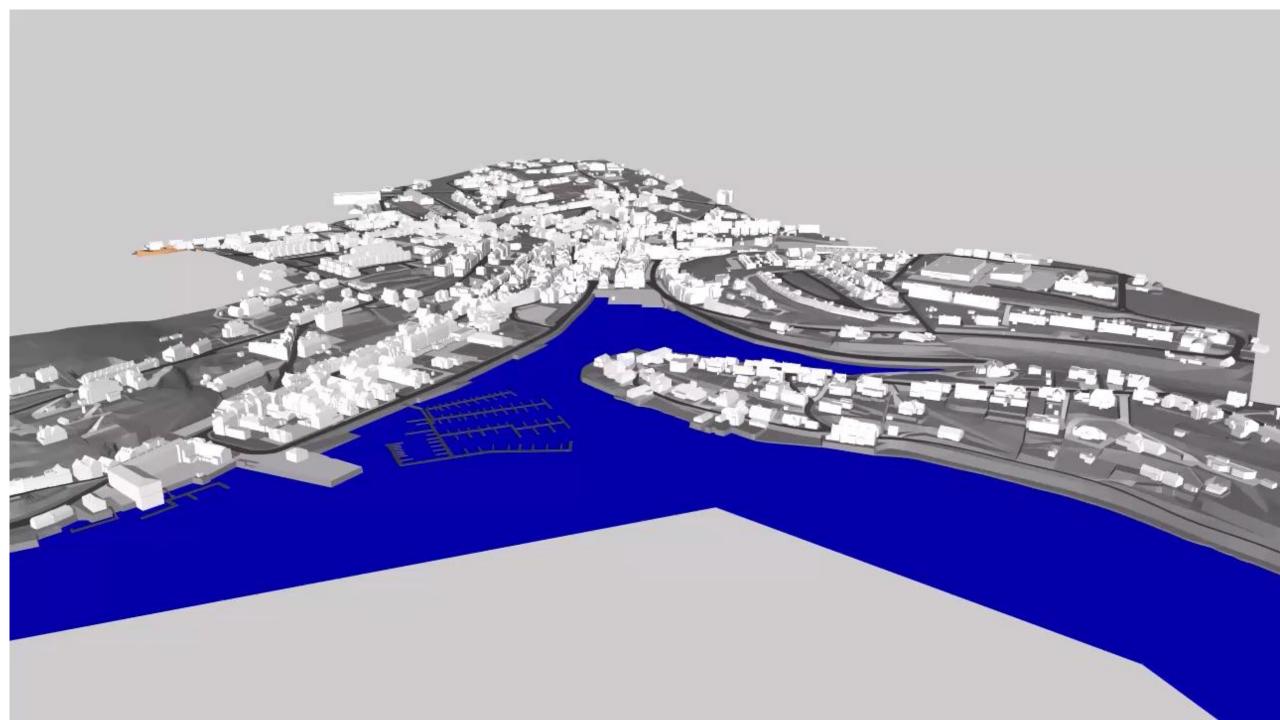


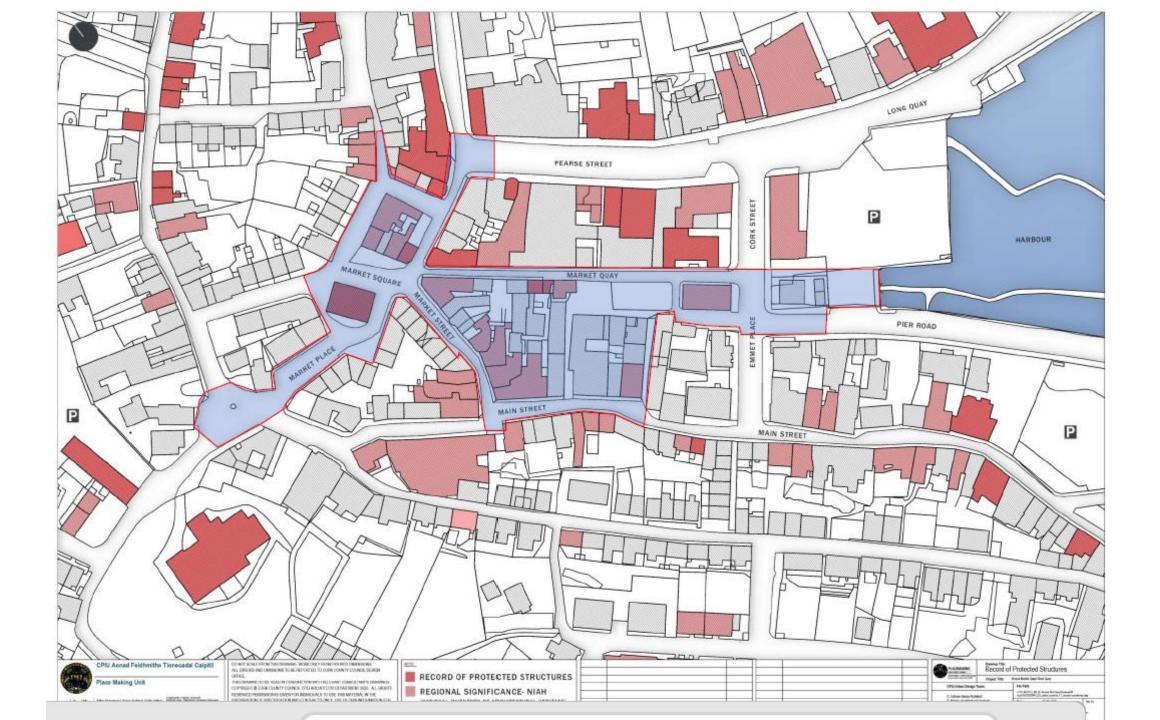
East Beach humming with biodiversity!

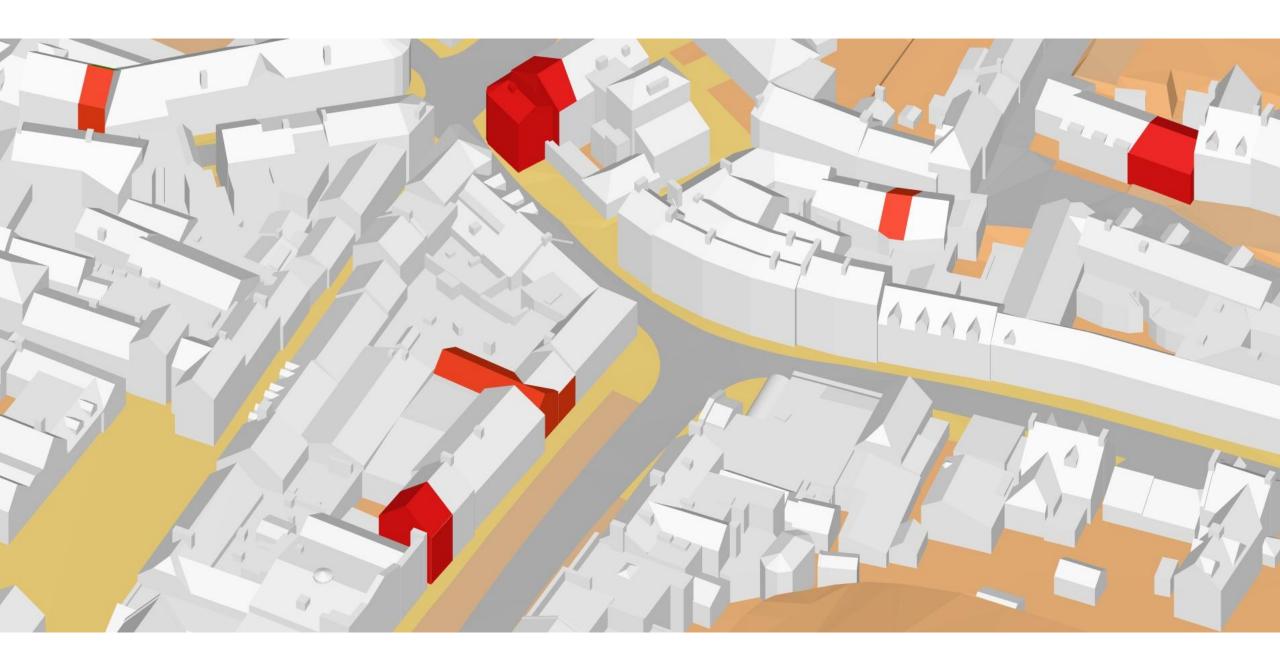


Kinsale Short Quay Placemaking Centric Urban Design approach

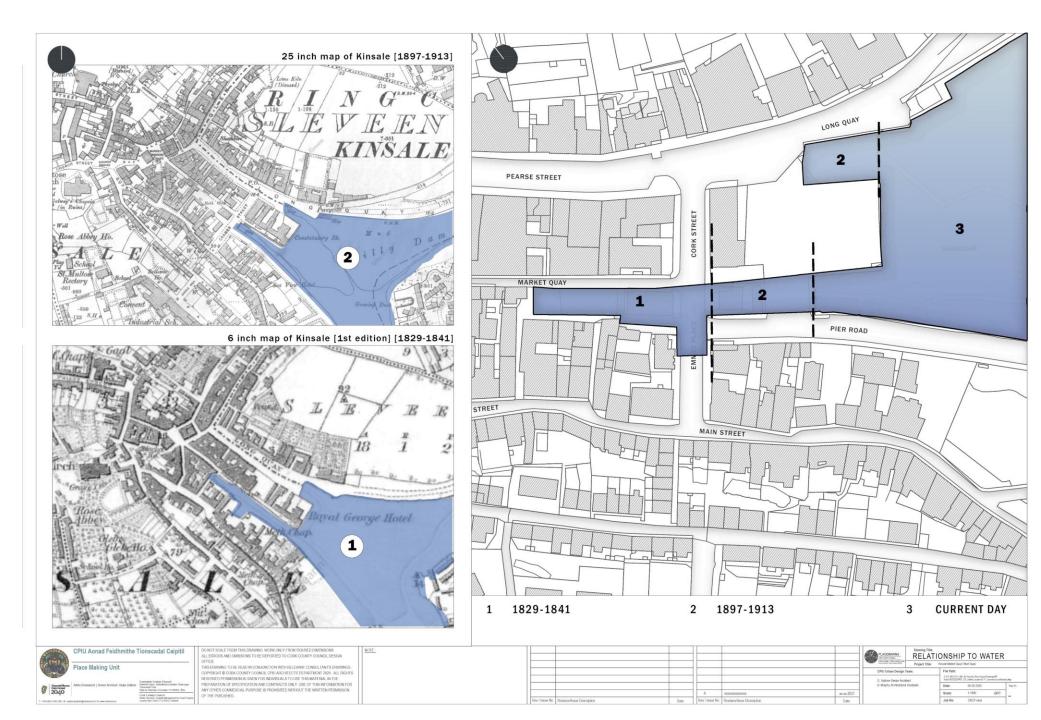








1. Restore Kinsale relation with the water and its heritage: Reconnect **Short Quay** TO THE **WATER**



2. Re-establish connectivity, accessibility and inclusiveness

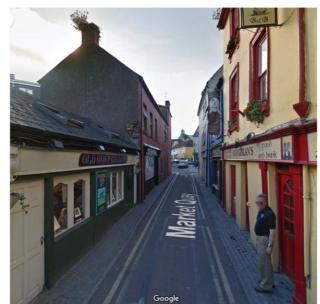
Kinsale Historical Photos w/Current Day

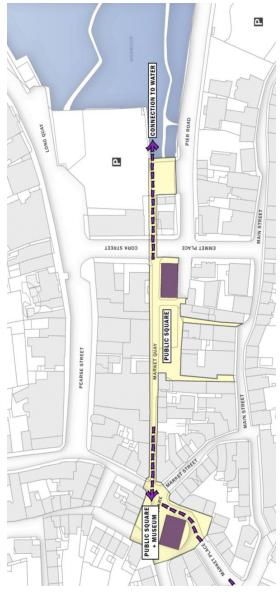












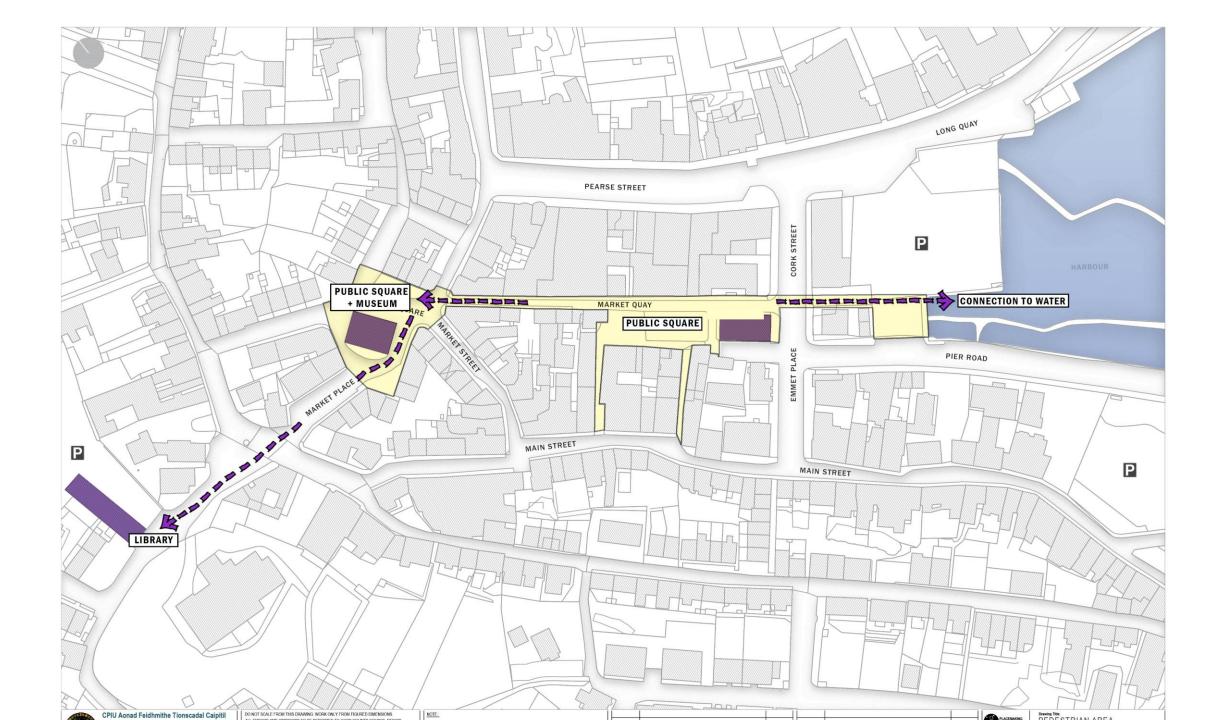
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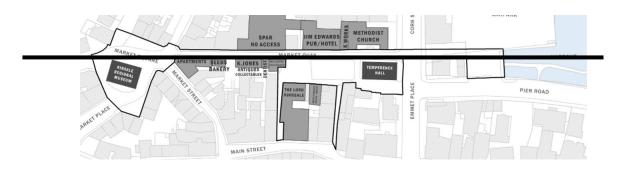
Behind barriers, reconnect Kinsale Historic core to the water, re-establish its *Genius Loci*, the spirit of place. Reveal the beauty of Kinsale and tell the story of its cultural heritage through an *Open Air Museum* experience. Starts from the water!



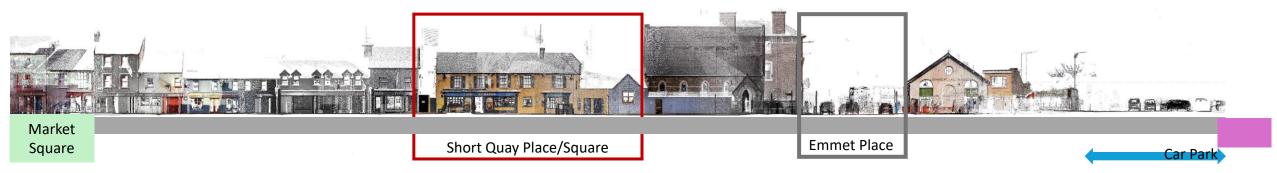


SHORT QUAY, KINSALE, Reveal the authenticity





Market Quay Southern Elevation



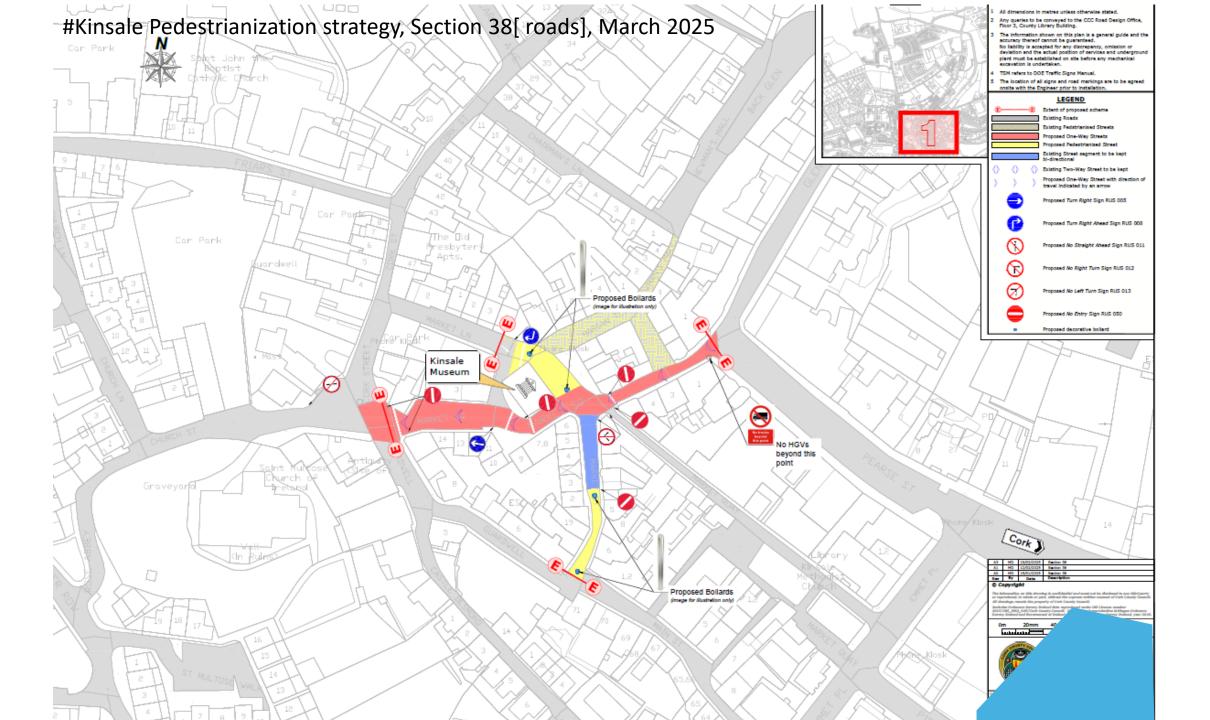


Market Quay Northen Elevation

Kinsale placemaking plan: Unlocking the authentic experience of a new "open-Air museum" [MUSEO A CIELO APERTO] integrating NATURE and BUILT ENVIRONMENT to the cultural experience

- Arrival [The sea point; the Tourist centre, Story telling starts, an opportunity to brand a dedicated place for the WAW]
- Short Quay [the new living room of the town to celebrate civic and cultural event]
- Kinsale Museum [reconnecting the historic urban core with the sea, a new dedicated place to the Battle of Kinsale].





Decluttering: addressing safety, access, functionality & Placemaking. Aims to address Legibility and Wayfinding through sense of Place. Removing obstacles that push pedestrians towards the busy and dangerous road.











Signage Audit: R-R-R reduce /rationalize/rebrand





HISTORIC TOWN MAP FAILTE IRELAND



JAMES FORT FAILTE IRELAND



WILD ATLANTIC WAY



TOURISM TOWNS AWARDS



KINSALE WILDL TRAIL



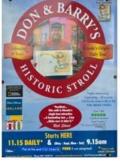
MEADERY TOURS + BOAT TOURS



KINSALE CRUISES



DERMOT RYAN'S + PANPHLETS



DON & BARRY'S HISTORIC STROLL



SOVEREIGN SAILING



KINSALE WILDLIFE TRAIL



TOWN MAP + ADDS



ABOUT KINSALE



LUSITANIA MUSEUM + CULINARY TOURS



FOOD TOURS



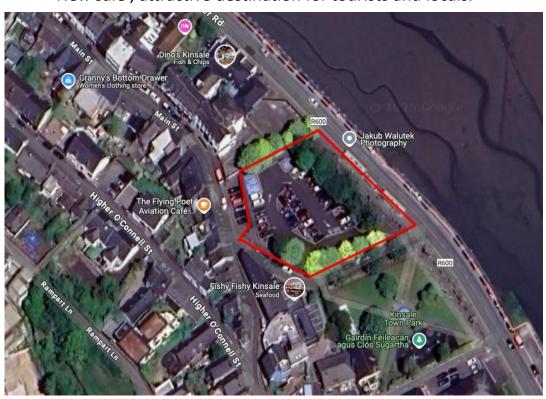
WILD ATLANTIC SPORTS + BLACKS BREWING

Sculpture at Kinsale waterfront. SWOT analysis:

- Art piece degrade
- Visual & physical clutter
- Unattractive space
- Illegible space
- Unsafe space

PLACEMAKING solution:

- Sculpture restoration to authentic design
- Declutter, legibility, access and biodiversity enhancement
- New safe , attractive destination for tourists and locals.





SWOT analysis:

- Bus barrier to the sea view
- Visual & physical clutter around art
- Unattractive space
- Illegible space
- Unsafe space

PLACEMAKING solution:

- Sculpture restoration to authentic design
- Bus relocation allowing legibility, accessibility and connection with context
- A new pocket park and biodiversity enhancement



3. Reimagine with contemporary nature-based design solution [NBS] & Biophilic design for Urban Greening

Integrating natural elements, patterns, and processes into built environments to foster a sense of connection to nature.

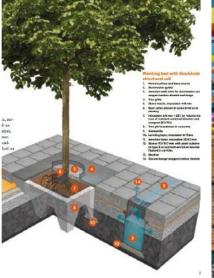




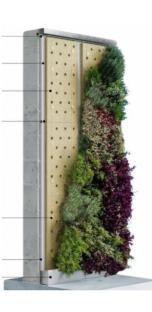
Greenshades, Spain. Versatile system that adapts to the multiple shapes and dimensions of tensioned sails. The lightness and ease of installation allows the generation of shadows and nature in commercial streets and public spaces where trees or other vegetation cannot be placed due to lack of space.

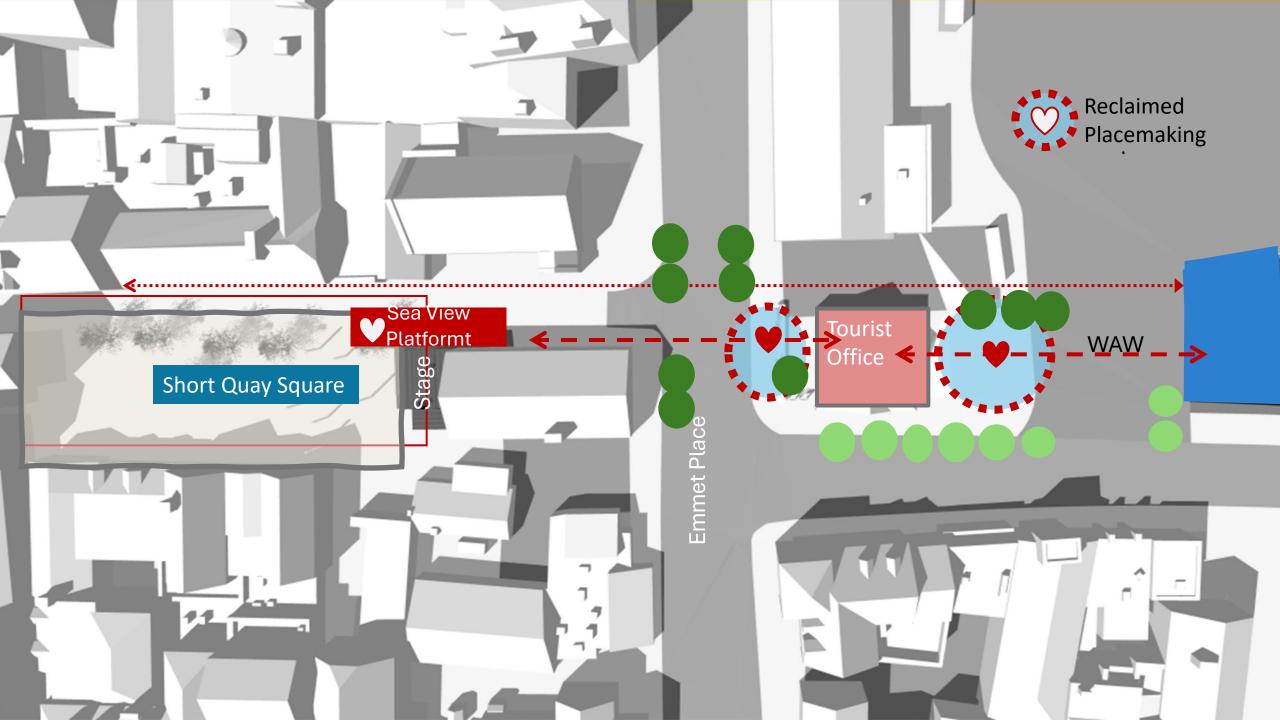




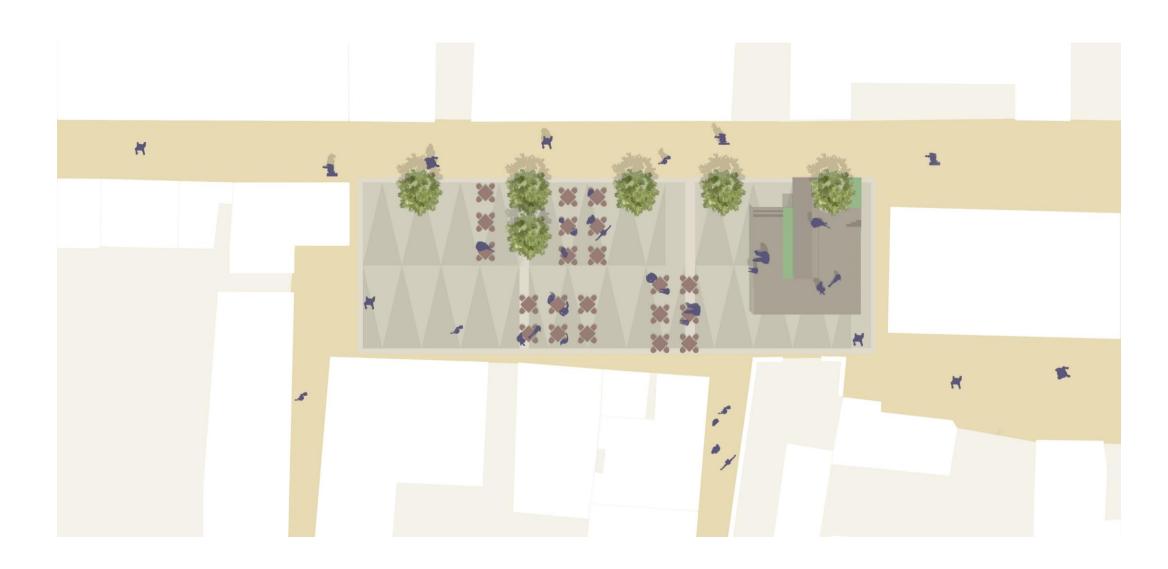




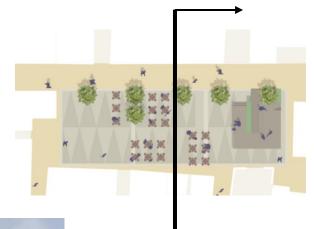




Sketch Design unlock the opportunity



Reconnect to the Sea, reveal the heritage





Restore-Reveal-Reimagine Short Quay, the Town Square





Proposed 3D Sketch Design for Short Quay



Move the Farmers Market back to the town core



Unlocking socio-economic value, increased footfall, active mobility and wellbeing. Attracting living above the shop, new commerce and investment.







Urban greening measures to help with traffic calming and create a safer place for pedestrians.



Front of Tourist Information Centre clear of clutter, a safe and accessible space for tour groups and the local community.

Photo Audit: Kinsale Museum Area







































CYCLING WITHOUT AGE



Cycling Without Age is based on generosity and kindness. It starts with volunteer cyclists taking elderly or less abled people out on a trio bike ride. There will be no charge or rent for this facility. Slow cycling allows one to sense the environment, build up relationships with the bicycle pilot who will have undergone rigorous training... We hope to give the care home residents the feeling of having the wind in their hair !!! To arrange a cycle for your loved one please contact.

087-1760327 or Tom at 087-2924372

"CLONAKILTY TRICYCLE"

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"A good city is like a good party - people stay longer than really necessary because they are enjoying themselves".

Jan Gehl



11:00 - 11:30