



Engaging the Citizen and the Collaborative City

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Smart Cities?





Defining a Smart City

| City | Economy | Human Capital | Social Cohesion | Environment | Governance | Urban Planning | International Outreach | Technology | Mobility and Transportation | Cities in Motion |
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| Seoul-South Korea | 15 | 11 | 38 | 25 | 22 | 40 | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Toronto-Canada | 28 | 24 | 28 | 55 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 16 | 68 | 8 |
| Hong Kong-China | 19 | 12 | 147 | 21 | 16 | 10 | 16 | 1 | 87 | 9 |
| Amsterdam-Netherlands | 36 | 46 | 26 | 36 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 10 |

*IESE Cities in Motion Index 2018

165 Cities in 80 Countries measured across 9 dimensions key to being a smart, sustainable city: Human capital (developing, attracting and nurturing talent), social cohesion (consensus among the different social groups in a city), economy, environment, governance, urban planning, international outreach, technology, and mobility and transportation (ease of movement and access to public services)

Citizen Engagement success is the key to smart citiesthey need to be an integral part of designing and developing smart cities – Gartner 2018

SMART GATEWA

Principles for Developing our Smart Initiative





Cork Smart Gateway

Vision:

 The Cork Smart Gateway aims to enhance the reputation of Cork as an attractive region for people to live, work, visit and invest

Objectives:

- Engage with citizens to identify evolving challenges and opportunities that impact on their quality of life
- Identifying suitable and achievable smart projects through a collaborative multi stakeholder approach
- Encourage an open and innovative ecosystem that supports start ups and SMEs through the facilitation of test beds to pilot new technologies
- Promote Cork as a smart destination internationally

Strategic Focus Areas:

- Citizen Engagement
- Assisted Living
- Mobility
- Open Data
- Energy & Resource Efficiency
- E Governance
- Food & Agriculture
- **Economic Development**
- Communication



Collaborators:





ORK IART GATEWAY Focus on Collaboration and **Collective Intelligence**







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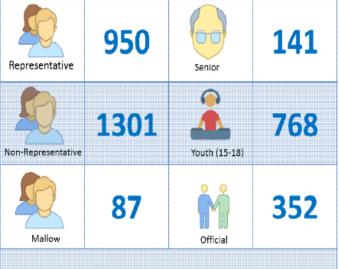




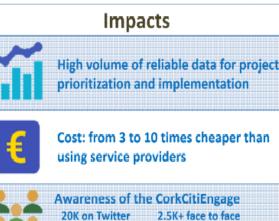




Citizen Engagement and Digital Participation



3599 respondents



14K on LinkedIn 30K students (UCC + CIT)

100+ students trained in households interview skills => National Census Aim: To understand Cork citizen's opinions about the Cork region and its future development

Crowdsourcing information
Participation in public issues and with the local authority

- Awareness of Smart Projects
- Engagement in the community
- •Preferred communication methods
- Digital Skills

Recommendations

- •Importance of ongoing engagement in future city development and planning
- •Using multiple methods of engagement for sustained engagement
- •Identifying and nurturing local champions and leaders in locally generated interventions especially in energy, environment, health and wellbeing aspects
- •Leveraging the volunteering spirit of citizens/residents
- •Improving hardware and free Wi-Fi in public offices, libraries and key public locations
- •Up-Skilling the digital skills for older or less digitally experienced groups can be done using local volunteers
- Creation of a Cork smart phone app should be considered as a mechanism for citizen feedback.
- •Utilise social media to push information to citizens and recruit them for official communication methods.



Enhancing Digital Engagement





Less Talking and More Listening



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Consultation Portal

We are still learning: Traditional Engagement is not Sufficient Case Study: City Centre Movement Strategy plan for St. Patrick Street

Independent.ie – April 20th 2018

Cork puts the brakes on controversial city centre car ban amid complaints



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CORK has put the brakes on its controversial city centre car ban introduced at Easter.

There was overwhelming support amongst councillors at a special City Hall meeting tonight for the campaign by Cork traders for the immediate suspension of the ban amid claims it had devastated trade.

breakingnews.ie – April 24th 2018

| Crunch talks on city congestion after Patrick Street car ban controversy | | | | |
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| By Kevin O'Neill | | | | |
| Senior City Hall officials and business ch | niefs will meet on Monday to discuss ways to tackle | | | |

congestion in the city centre following the decision to 'pause' the Patrick Street car ban

Challenge of Engagement is it needs to be two way and needs committed time, staff and resources but meaningful engagement and collaboration will yield better results

Irishtimes.ie – August 6th 2018

Cork businesses hope car ban will bring more people into city

New measure to allow Patrick Street operate as afternoon bus corridor will take time to bed in, caution Cork Business Association

Ø Mon, Aug 6, 2018, 11:51

Examiner.ie – August 9th 2018

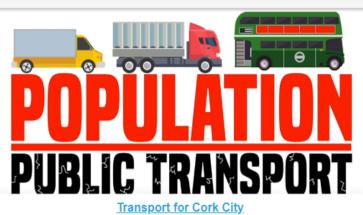


Cyclists are being offered free pastries in a coffee shop today and Leap Card city fares have been cut to ≤ 1 as Cork's main street goes car-free this afternoon.

The initiatives are part of a growing wave of positivity towards the reintroduction of the afternoon car ban on St Patrick's St to create a time-regulated bus lane between 3pm and

Solution: 15 Weeks of Active Engagement

- Active consultation with key stakeholders traders, communities, An Garda, Bus Eireann etc.
- •Co-creation of suite of solutions with our stakeholders
- •Shared message and collaborative approach to re-introduction
- •Communication through print, radio, online, social, visual, on street, in person etc.
- Preparation and implementation is just the start of your engagement
- •Sharing of data on the impact, analysing impact information and communicating widely



On 9 August private cars and trucks will be re-routed away from St Patrick's Street between 3.00pm and 6.30pm.

The re-introduction of the bus priority corridor is to be accompanied by a range of measures to improve and encourage access to our city centre:

- A network of 26 set down parking spaces is being established on South Mall, Grand
 Parade, Parnell Place, Drawbridge & Cornmarket St to facilitate shoppers and
 visitors.
- Half price parking will be offered at Paul Street and North Main Street Car Parks from 1pm to 6.30pm.
- Improved opening hours of the city's Park And Ride service from 7am to 8pm
- The Park And Ride will be free of charge from 12 noon
- Reduced bus fares will be available from August 9
- The extension of the Park And Ride service into the city centre. There will be additional stops at Merchants Quay, St Patrick's St, Grand Parade and South Mall to improve connectivity between the Park and Ride and city centre.

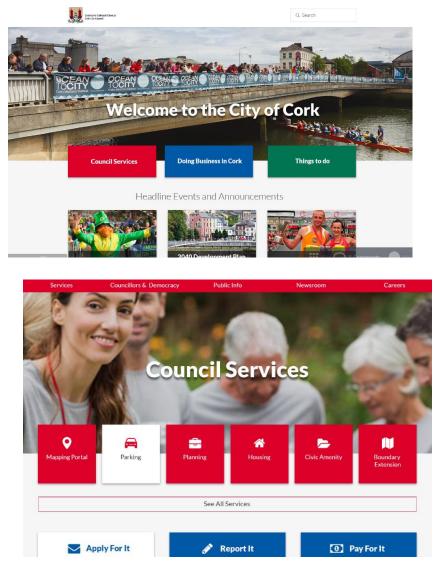


Why is an afternoon bus priority corridor being introduced on St Patrick's St from August 9?





Revamped Website: Response to changing citizen demands



Digital Engagement + 24/7 Access

- Website Transformation
- Our biggest public counter
- Citizens want to utilise the website to access services and access information – first point of contact
- Writing for the web training offered to all staff
- Content management training for staff
- Focus on relevant, timely information presented in a clear manner

Rethinking how we Engage



Aim: Promote Social Innovation

Identify issues in Public Engagement:

•How to engage **new** groups and communities

• How to ensure **feedback** in the consultation process

• How to increase voter engagement & overcome cynicism

Actions:

 Road show of engagement events for migrant communities and young people

•Supporting community Consultations through mentoring, advice and support

•Better education about planning process through visual media

Shape YOUR City Campaign

Launched in August by Social Inclusion Team

Focused on encouraging foreign workers and immigrants living in Cork city to register to vote and help shape the city's future.

Aims to highlight local election **voting rights** and to outline the benefits of becoming **active participants** in civic life in advance of the May 2019 local elections







Looking for new solutions

Small Business Innovation Research: Encourage Engagement of the 'Unheard Voices' in Decision Making

- Innovative pre-commercial procurement initiative
- Helps the Public Sector address challenges Using Innovation to address 'unmet needs'
- Collaborative SBIR with Fingal County Council and Enterprise Ireland
- Smart/Innovative Solutions to Engage 'Unheard Voices' in Communities
 - Identify the unheard voices in our Communities
 - Encourage inclusivity
 - Appropriate dialogue methods and look for ways which people find enjoyable in order to inclusively engage.
 - Provide support to different communities of stakeholders

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Pilot Phase launch in October

UNHEARD VOICES

SEEKING SMART, LOW COST SOLUTIONS.







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Collaborative Digital Transformation Strategy

The European Commission's Digital Cities Challenge

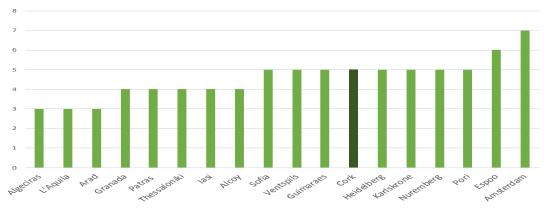
Make your city more liveable, more productive, and more innovative



Developing a Digital Transformation Strategy for Cork

Phase 1: Vision and Objectives

Self Assessed Digital Maturity for the City based on Stakeholder Views and compared with other cities participating



Next Steps: Peer Review of Vision and Objectives Sharing input to date with wider group to get a wider opinion Move to the next Phase – Strategy

Co Creation of Vision and Objectives at Workshop with 32 participants from Academia, Industry, Public Sector and Community representatives





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Final Thought:

Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.

- Jane Jacobs

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