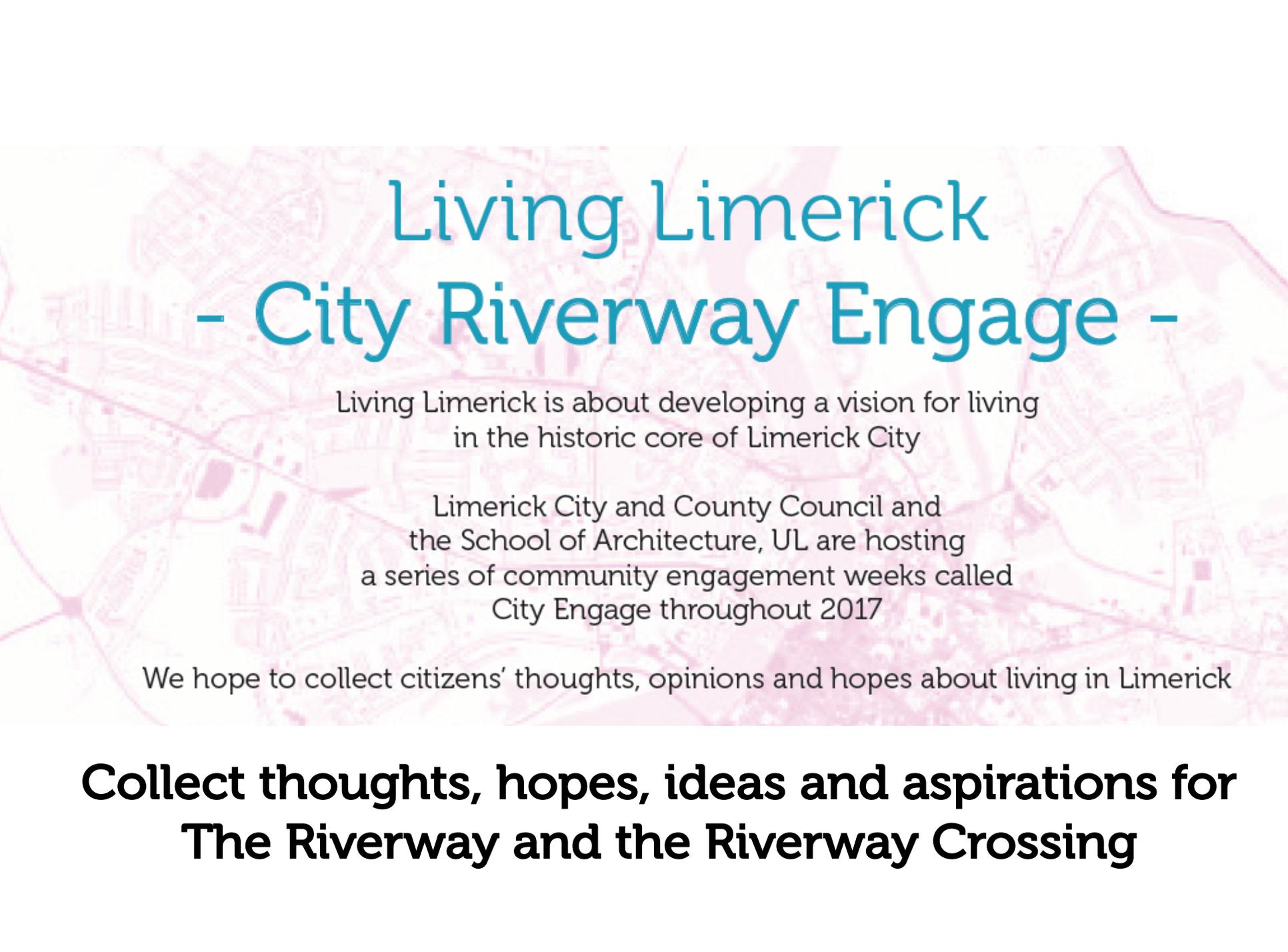




# Living Limerick - City Riverway Engage -



# Community Engagement

A faint, pink-toned map of Limerick City serves as the background for the text. The map shows the city's layout, including the Riverway and the Riverway Crossing.

# Living Limerick - City Riverway Engage -

Living Limerick is about developing a vision for living  
in the historic core of Limerick City

Limerick City and County Council and  
the School of Architecture, UL are hosting  
a series of community engagement weeks called  
City Engage throughout 2017

We hope to collect citizens' thoughts, opinions and hopes about living in Limerick

**Collect thoughts, hopes, ideas and aspirations for  
The Riverway and the Riverway Crossing**

# Programme Launch



## CITY ENGAGE EVENTS

### TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017

PechaKucha 20X20 Night @ CURRAGOWER PUB, CLANCYS STRAND

*"Connections to Limerick's Riverways"*

7 - 9pm PechaKucha 20X20 Night with lots of interesting local speakers

### WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

City Riverway Listen & Learn Event @

SMALL EXHIBITION SPACE, CITY HALL, MERCHANTS QUAY

*"Using the Riverways"*

12.30 - 1.15pm

xxxxx

1.15 - 2.30pm

Dave Neville, NevSAIL Watersports

Community Mapping @

SMALL EXHIBITION SPACE, & OUTSIDE AREA OF CITY HALL, MERCHANTS QUAY

3.00 - 5.00pm

Community mapping event to collect & map local knowledge about the Riverways, hosted by FABLAB

### THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

City Riverway Listen & Learn Event @

CAPTAIN'S ROOM, HUNT MUSEUM

*"Riverway Policies"*

6.00 - 6.45pm

Fiona Monaghan, Failte Ireland (TBC)

6.45 - 7.30pm

Eanna Rowe, Waterways Ireland

### FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

City Riverway Intergenerational Design Workshop @

CHEZ LE FAB CAFE & OUTSIDE AREA, ARTHURS QUAY PARK

9.45 - 11.45am

Intergenerational Design Workshop

# *PechaKucha Night*™

## LIMERICK



City Riverway Engage.....Join the conversation

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017

7 - 9PM @

CURRAGOWER PUB, CLANCY'S STRAND, LIMERICK

061-407538/ [www.limerick.ie/council/living-limerick-city-engage](http://www.limerick.ie/council/living-limerick-city-engage)



*PechaKucha Night*™  
20 X 20  
IMAGES SECONDS

# 10

## Lightning Talks



## Speakers included:

- Dave Neville, NevSAIL Watersports and Rock Climbing
- Miriam Lohan, Limerick Riverpath Volunteers
- Deirdre Power, Socially Engaged Artist
- Pat Lysaght, Lysaght Boat Hire
- Conor Sheehan, Curraghgour Boat Club
- John Elliot, Digital Atlas of Limerick Project
- Ger McNamara, Limerick Suicide Watch
- Gary McMahon, The Ilen Project
- Dorothy Quinn, Shannon Rowing Club
- David O'Brien, Limerick Civic Trust

# 4 Speakers 2 Days



**Nevsail Watersports and Rock Climbing** set up over 13 years in Kilkee, Co. Clare and is now operates Limerick City Adventures (based from the Hunt Museum), offering Kayaking, Stand up Paddle Boarding and Boat/Sailing tours, Raft Building, Archery, Archery Tag, Team Challenges, Limerick City Treasure Hunts and much more.



**Colman Byrne Spokesperson for Limerick Open Navigation Group**

Limerick Native from Corbally, Father and grandfather, River and boat user since old enough to walk, Boat owner, Sailor, Electronics Engineer.



**Josephine O'Driscoll is the Wild Atlantic Way Manager with Failte Ireland**

Based in Cork, Josephine previously worked as Clients Services Manager for the Cork section of the WAW..



**Éanna Rowe, Regional Manager for the West with Waterways Ireland** and leading a multi disciplinary team in the management, maintenance and development of the Shannon Navigation Éanna is a member of the Waterways Ireland Senior Management Team. Éanna is also a Director of Leave no Trace Ireland, member of the National Trails Advisory Committee and Chair of the Lakelands initiative.



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City Riverway Listen & Learn Event @  
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12.30 - 1.15pm

xxxxx Colman Byrne- Limerick Open Navigation Group

1.15 - 2.30pm

Dave Neville, NevSAIL Watersports

- An opportunity to listen, learn and understand the experiences of businesses and recreational users on the river Shannon



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*"Riverway Policies"*

6.00 - 6.45pm

Fiona Monaghan, Failte Ireland (TBC)

6.45 - 7.30pm

Eanna Rowe, Waterways Ireland

An opportunity to listen and hear the view of two statutory agencies in terms of future tourism potential and recreation and use of our riverways

# Over 107 Participants



# Community Mapping Workshop

City Riverway Community Mapping Workshop @

SMALL EXHIBITION SPACE, CITY HALL & OUTSIDE AREA, MERCHANTS QUAY

3 - 5pm Community Mapping Workshop to collect & map local knowledge about the Riverways, hosted by FABLAB *including refreshments*



# 35 Community Mappers



# 19 Community Audits

Areas to consider: *Silverton - olives! Bridge is a nightmare too steep*

Path surfaces	
• Are there tactile markers to denote changes in path direction? <i>groves at Traffic lights</i>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
• Irregular/uneven surface (Irregular surfacing, joins, sloping sections, cracks, holes, 5mm or more)? <i>Footpath is uneven</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes No
• Unstable surface (loose gravel, sand, clay etc.)? <i>Stone groves / cobbles</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes No
• Routes with steps?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• High kerbs (>4cm)?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Kerb ramps with steep gradients?	Yes No
• Are there handrails on steep gradients?	No Yes

• Are there handrails on steep gradients?	No Yes
<i>Direct Route on waterfront: needed especially for when in groups. Approaching a building: No, entry into boat club. you're separated off as the route is unaccess</i>	
Facilities:	
Does the facility have a parking lot, parking structure, or parking area? (not scored)	Yes No
• Are there any accessible car parks? <i>Very few Accessible Parking Spaces</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Do parking spaces have signage for an accessible car park?	Yes No
• Do parking spaces that are designated as accessible have a clear width* of at least 3.5m?	Yes <del>No</del>
• Do parking spaces that are designated as accessible have a clear length* of at least 5m?	Yes No
• If parking spaces marked as accessible have access aisles, do they have a clear width of at least 1m?	Yes

**Accessibility Mapping in the Community**

Adapted from PARCEvaluation tool for assessing the accessibility and usability of community parks and playgrounds (in development)



accessibility  
heritage & conservation  
modern architecture  
nighttime safety

Please identify the route you travel on the map.

As you proceed please take note of the following:

- Supportive features in the environment, e.g. ramps, handrails
- Barriers, e.g. ramps too steep, high curbs

Please take pictures of any features that you feel are noteworthy.

For example:



# 19 Community Audits

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City Riverway Engage

Cyclists-Walkers /Attributes

Route taken City Hall, ~~the museum~~, potato market, arthur's gro

## Plants on Quay Wall:

Buddleia  
 Sycamore  
 Alder  
 Valerian

} trees / shrubs - likely to be  
apart stonework

Tradflax  
 daisies  
 Thistle  
 Comfrey  
 Ferns  
 Ivy  
 Meadowsweet  
 Loosestrife

## Silt/mud bank under Carke / Quay Wall:

Giant Hogweed (dangerous to humans, invasive)  
 Loddon Lily (unique in 1st. to River Shannon)  
 Burdock  
 Hemlock  
 Cow Parsley  
 Wild carrot

Creeping buttercup  
 Dandelion

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City Riverway Engage

Tidy Towns Attributes

Areas to consider:

The Overall Environment		
1. Are there features that make this an easy place to walk? (e.g. grid with good connectivity, traffic)	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
<i>Zebra crossings are good, but need more in highly trafficked intersections</i>		
2. Are the footpaths or trails in good condition? (no cracking, no obstacles, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<i>no signage for cyclists</i>		
3. Are intersections easy to navigate? (can see traffic, signals, signs, space, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
<i>no signage for cyclists</i>		
4. Are there buffers between pedestrians and traffic? (aces, parking, bike lane, etc.)?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
<i>there features that make this an easy place to ? (bike lanes, signs, bike racks, few hazards, etc.)?</i>		
<i>racks visible, but no bike lanes, this is especially dangerous for cyclists</i>		
5. Is the surface that you rode on in good condition? (potholes, debris, bad surface, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
<i>bad surfaces in some areas, especially next to river; uneven grounds</i>		
6. Are intersections easy to navigate? (can see traffic, signs, space, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
<i>some area</i>		
8. Are there service amenities visible (restrooms, water)	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<i>no service amenities seen</i>		

recreation  
 walking/ cycling  
 the environment  
 litter & graffiti black spots  
 and lots more

# Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

City Riverway Intergenerational Co-Design Workshop @

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9.45 - 11.45am

Intergenerational Co-Design Workshop  
*including refreshments*

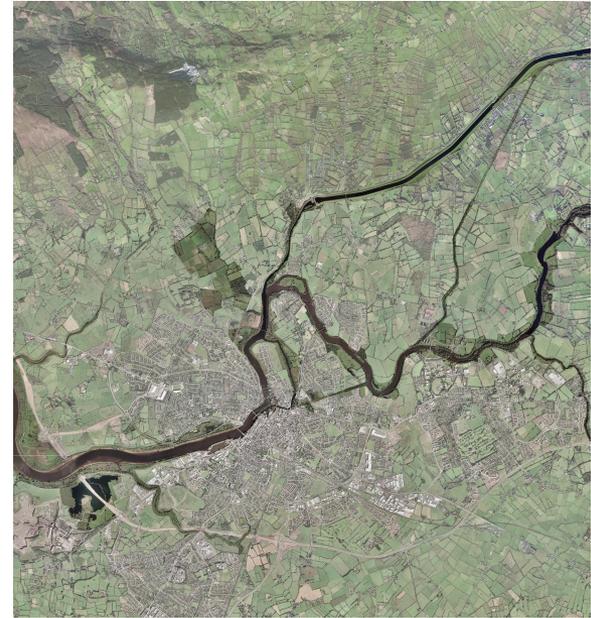
This workshop comprised primary school pupils and secondary school students from the City. These important representatives of our City communities gave their ideas and future aspirations for our riverways in an interactive and visual manner, with modelling and drawing.

# 1 Intergenerational Design Workshop



**3** Maps

**3** Scales

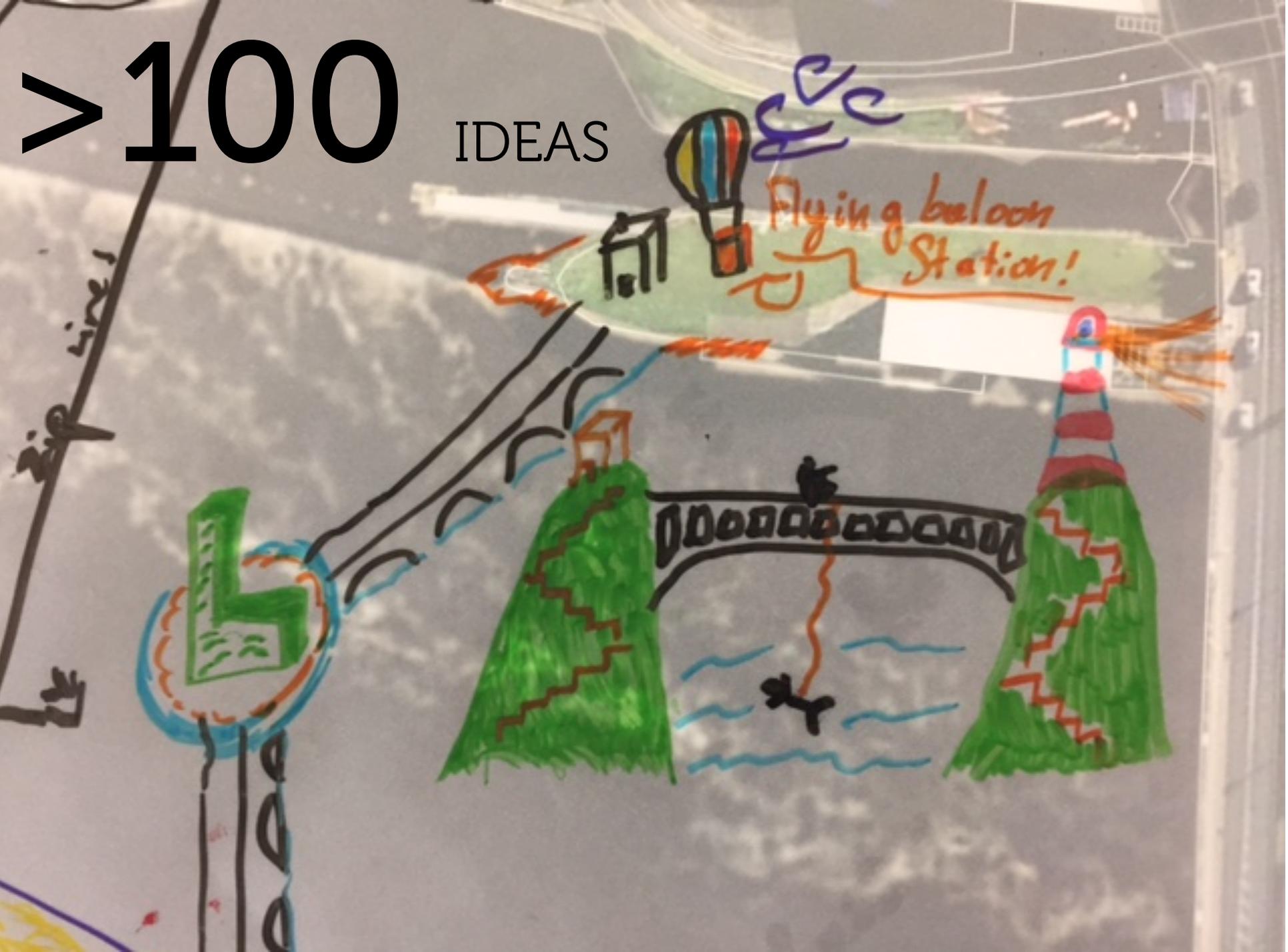


# 54 Co Designers



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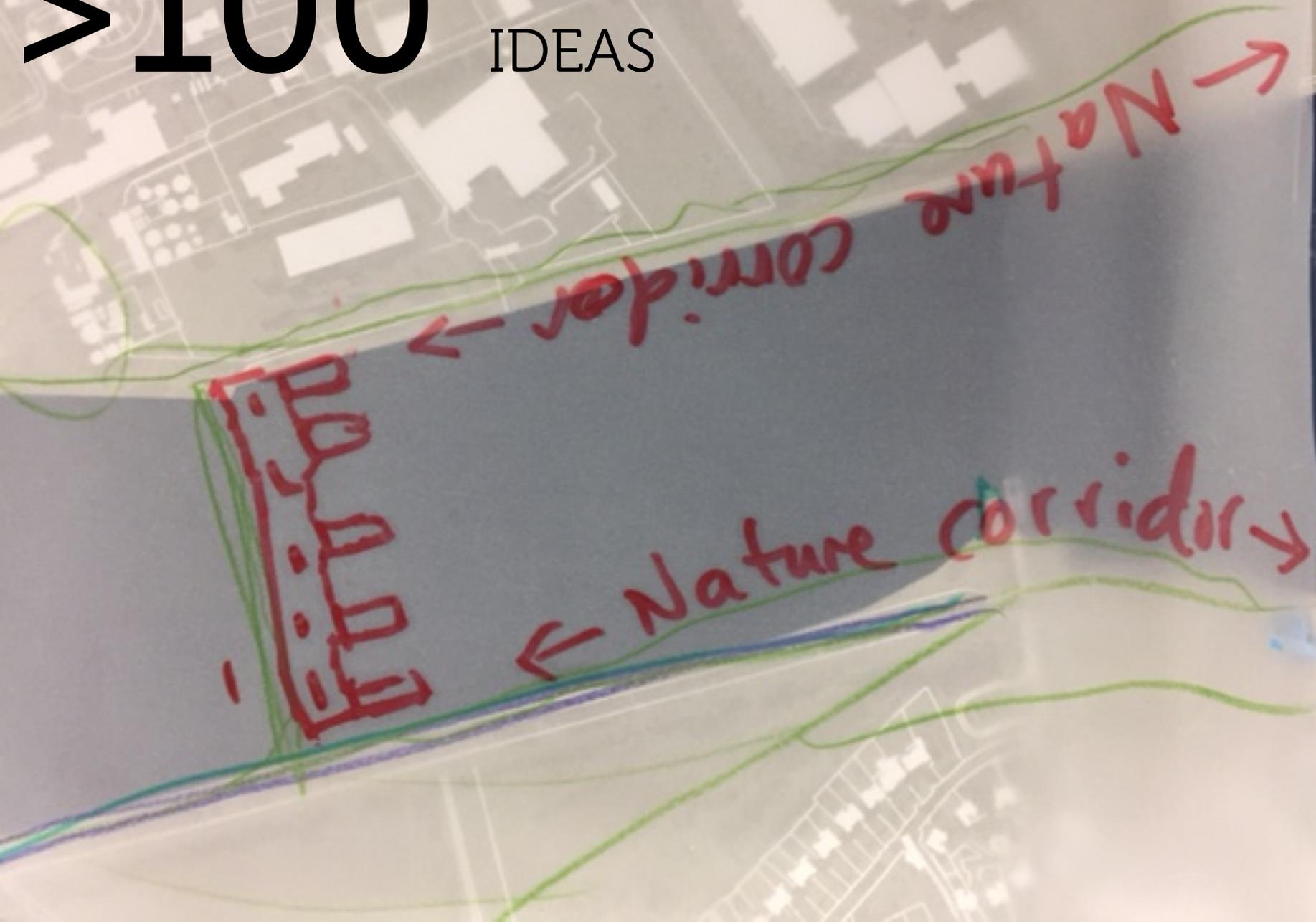
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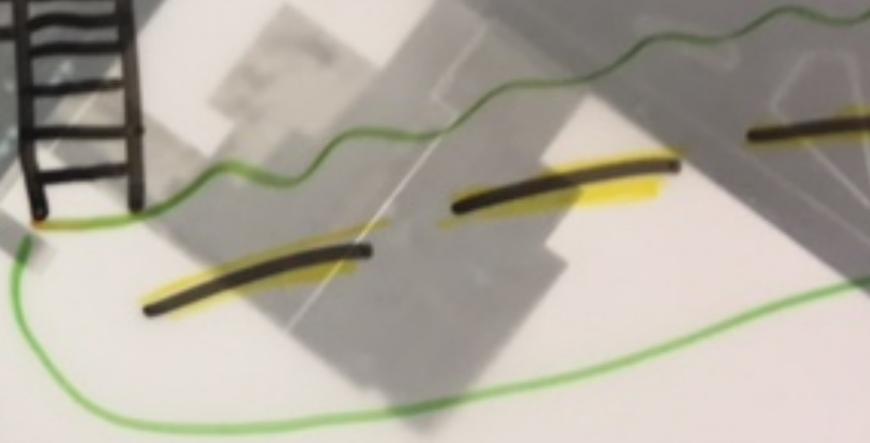
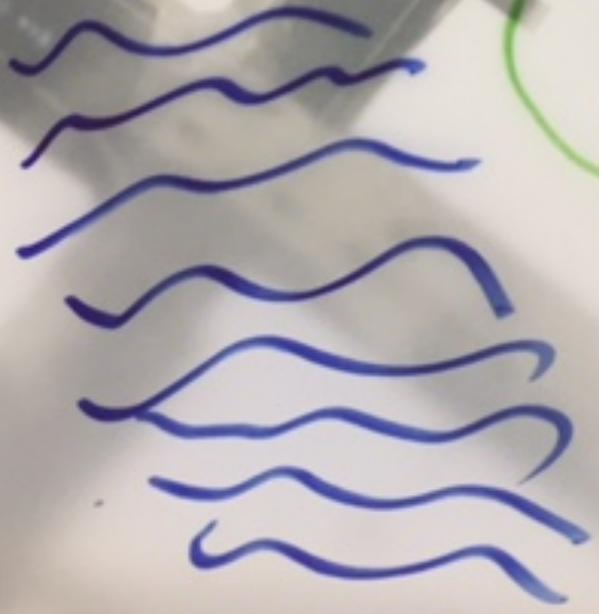


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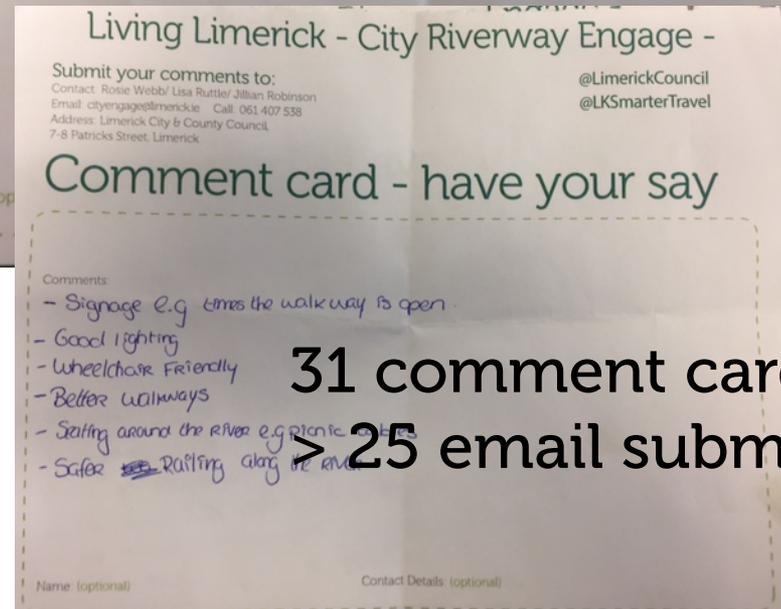
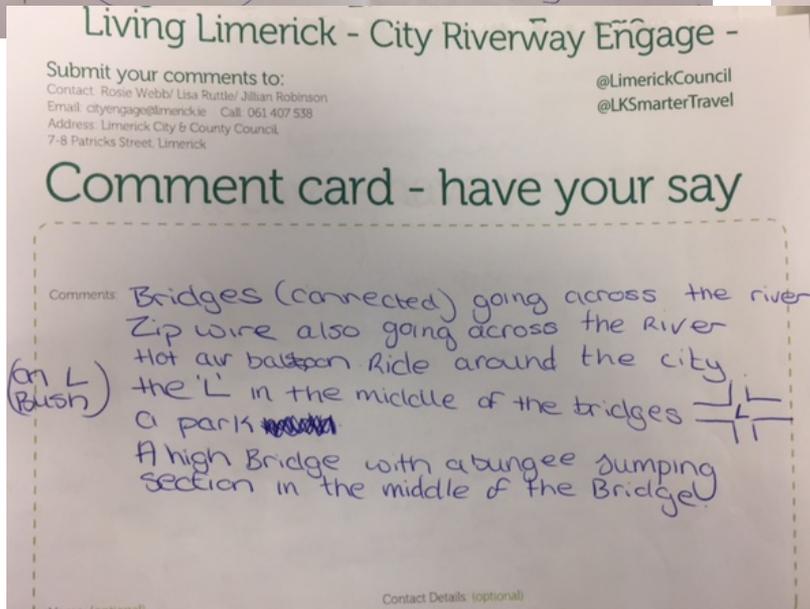
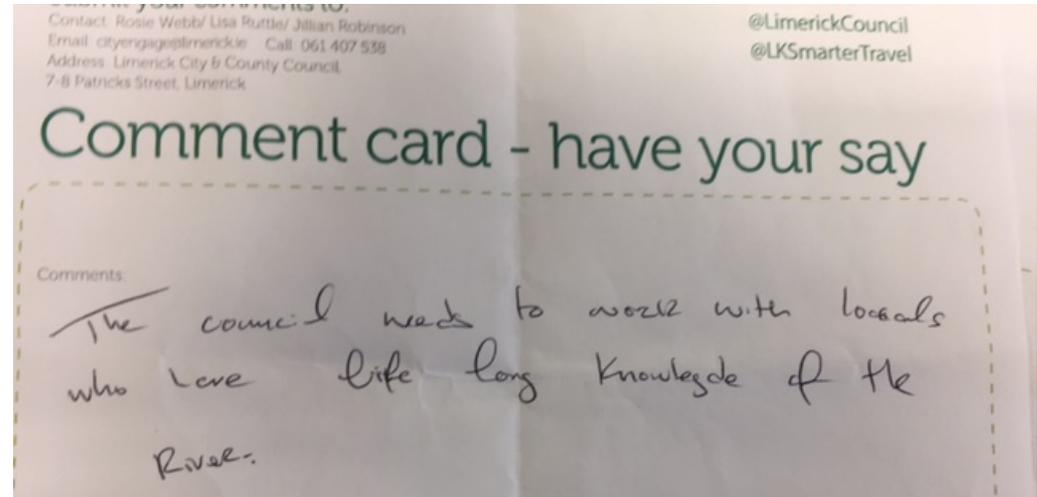
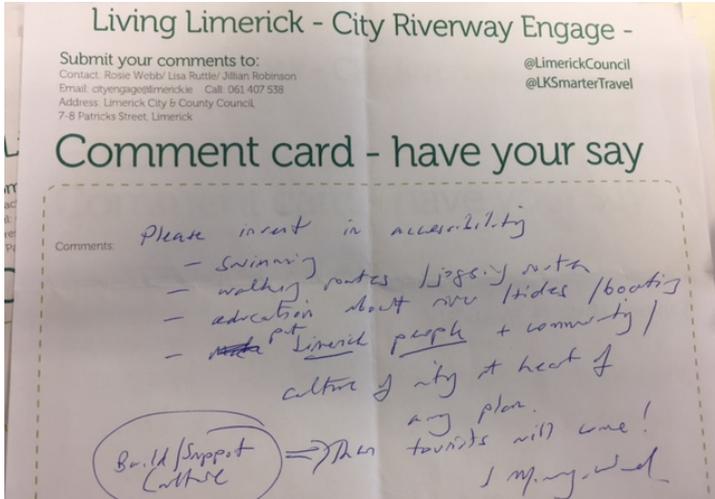


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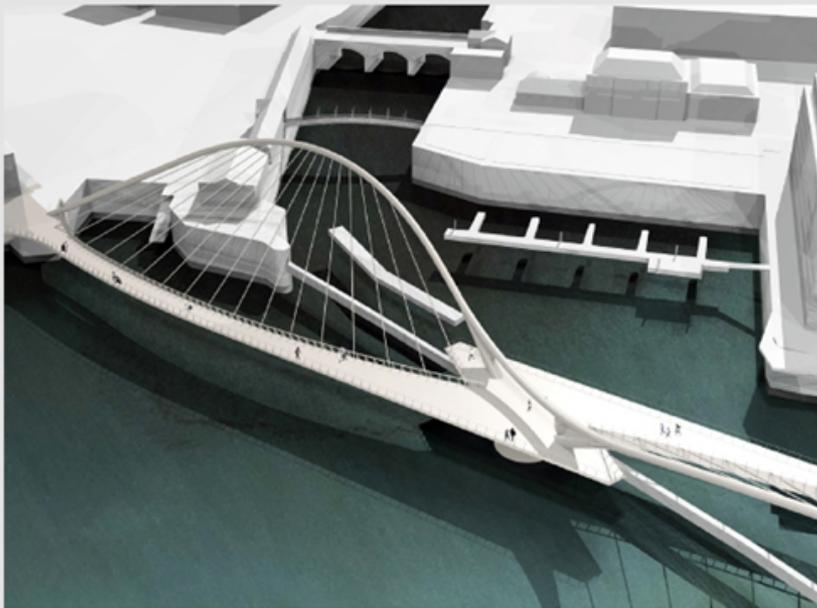
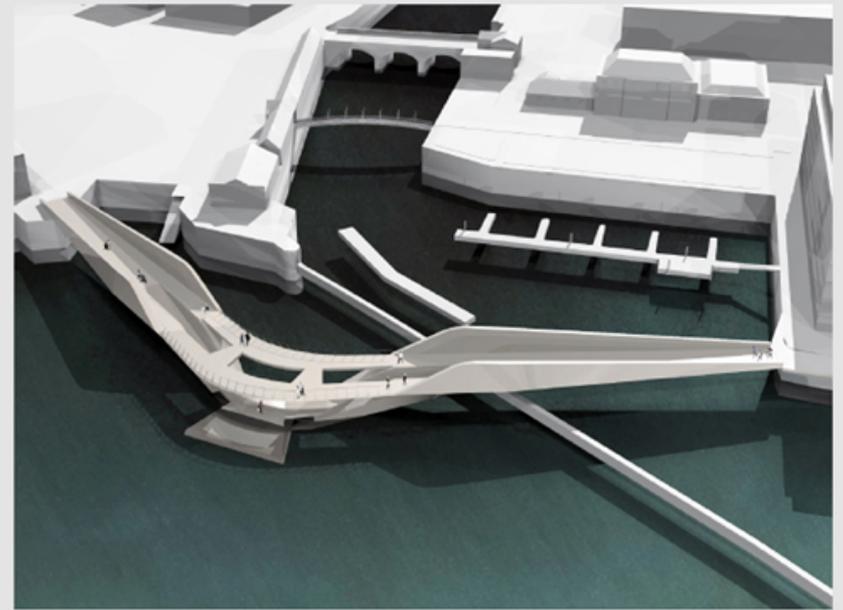
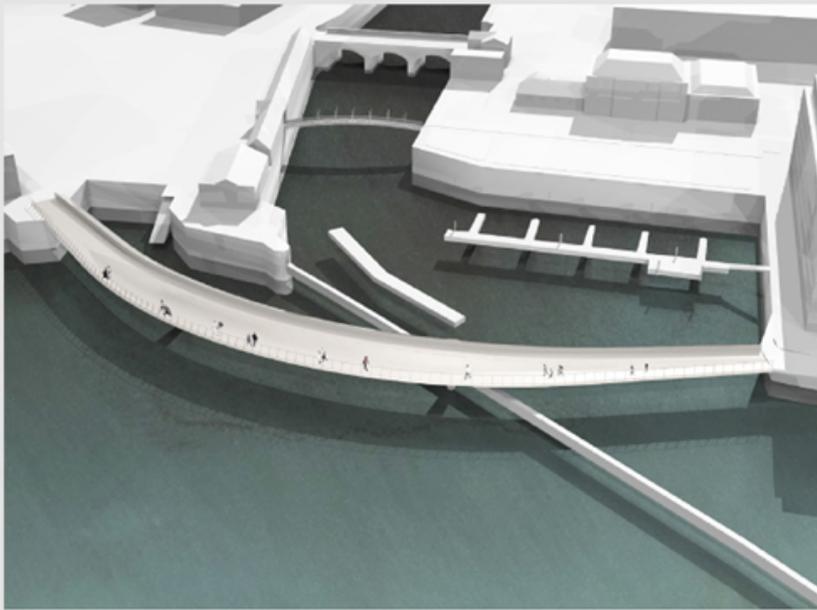


# 56 Comments



31 comment cards  
> 25 email submissions

# FEEDBACK & KEY FINDINGS



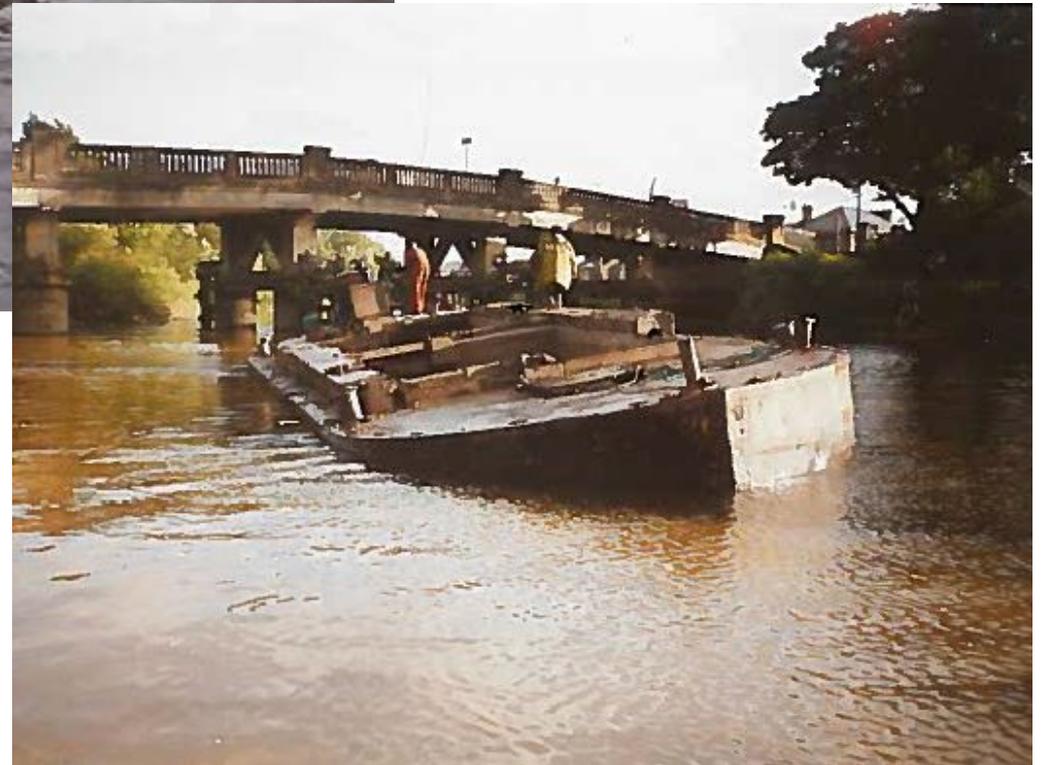
**Concern about long-span bridge proposals affecting River navigation**

# Limerick Open Navigation Group

## LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

- LIMERICK OPEN NAVIGATION HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS REGARDING THE IMPACT OF A LOW BRIDGE OR BRIDGE SUPPORTS INCREASING THE OBSTACLES TO NAVIGATION IN LIMERICK AND WOULD OPPOSE THEM IF THEY IMPACT ON NAVIGATION
- CURRENT PROPOSALS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PREVENT / BLOCK ANY NAVIGATION THROUGH LIMERICK
- WHILE WE SUPPORT RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE, WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD IMPEDE OR FURTHER RESTRICT NAVIGATION AROUND AND THROUGH LIMERICK.
- WE ARE WILLING AND EAGER TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATION ON THE POSSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR LIMERICK'S CITY RIVERS AND CANALS
- IN LIGHT OF LIMERICK 2030 ASPIRATIONS SHOULD WE NOT CAPITALISE ON THE POTENTIALS OF THE RIVER AND CANALS AND INVEST IN APPROPRIATE RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE

**Achieving user friendly safe  
navigation in Limerick**



# Treacherous Navigation

# Access Improvements River's Edge



existing route  
and bridge

Charming?  
Accessible?

# Access Improvements River's Edge



# Access Improvements Boat Users



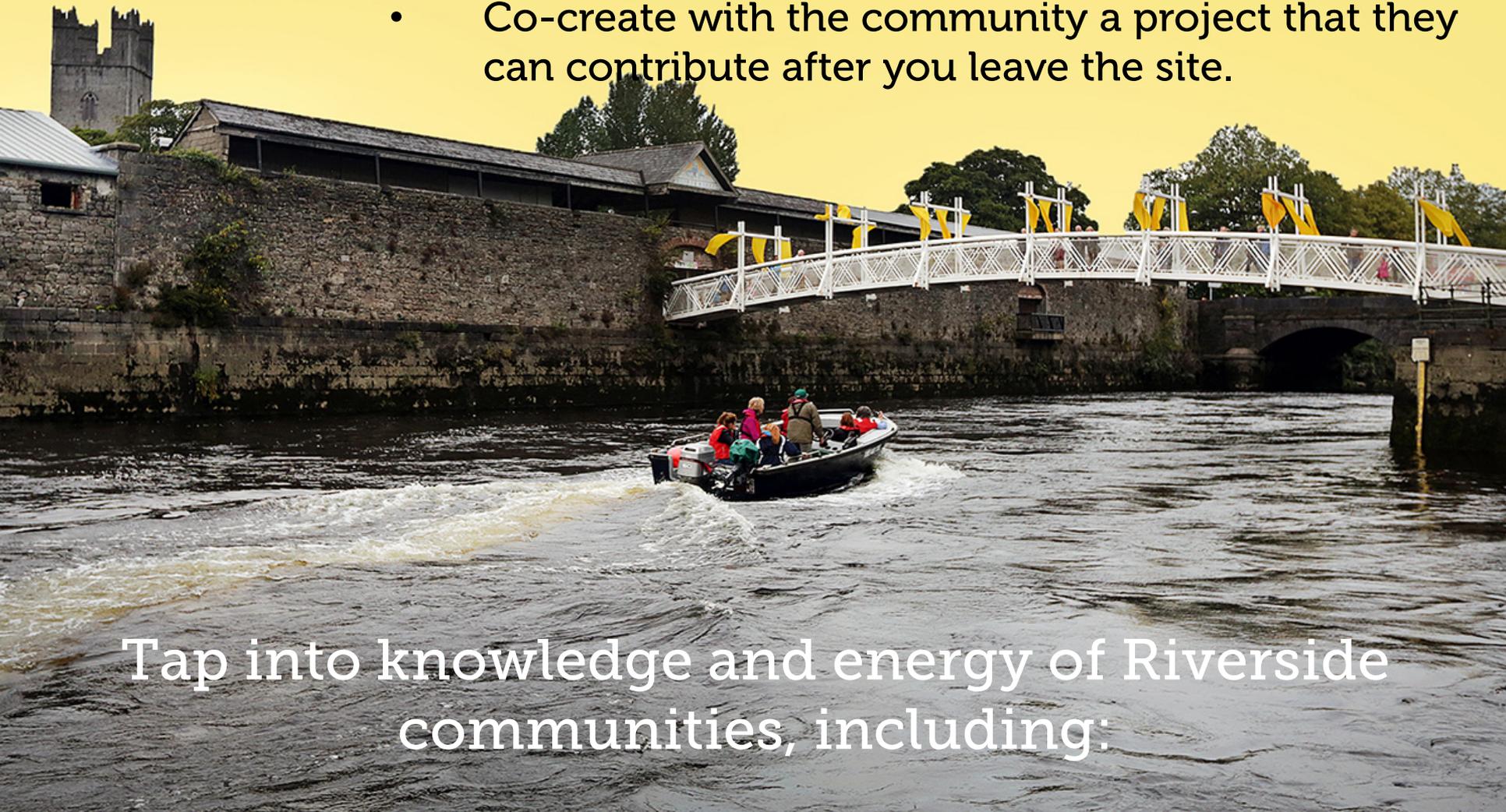
**Closed Locks**



# Involve Communities on the River

- Listen and Talk to residents
- Involve community in decision making
- Involve community in construction process
- Co-create with the community a project that they can contribute after you leave the site.

Tap into knowledge and energy of Riverside communities, including:



# The Nature of the River



**“It’s a wonderful thing in Limerick Tidal Aspect is the most amazing thing about the river. To try and harness that would be a great error. Teach people about the beauty of the tide.”**

# Build a coalition around the River



# CONCLUSIONS

- Many agencies having input into the development of infrastructure on the Riverway in the City :  
Waterways Ireland, OPW, ESB, Harbourmaster, Fáilte Ireland etc.
- These agencies need to be pulled together and enabled by a multidisciplinary exploration of the key issues, taking into consideration the findings of the public engagement exercise and in collaboration with engaged members of the public.
- This consideration will need to include the recently published results of the CFRAM Flood Risk Assessment Study

# RECOMMENDATIONS/ NEXT STEPS

- Re-examine the options for long span bridge from Arthur's Quay due to the potential to adversely affect navigation
- Carry out an Enabling Design Review to examine options for the Riverway Project and to make recommendations for appropriate infrastructural provisions.
- Include representation from Waterways Ireland, OPW, ESB, Fáilte Ireland, and other agencies as identified, include nominations from Elected Representatives and engage members of the public.

# TIMEFRAME

- Week of June 12- 16 Briefing Session
- Week of June 26- 30 Enabling Design Review
- Week of July 24- 28 Final Report Complete