

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001**

Organiser of Conference _____ IrishCycle.com _____

Name of Conference ___Dutch Cycle Study Tour_____

Location of Conference _____Utrecht, Netherlands_____

Date of Conference _____October 10-12_____

Summary of Conference Content

The Dutch Cycle Study Tour was a three day study tour of the effectiveness of the mobilisation of people through superior cycling infrastructure and pioneering work by the Dutch over the last 30-40 years.

We spent three days on hired bikes visiting the cities of Utrecht, Delft, The Hague and the town of Houten. Notable stop-offs included the world famous bike parking facility at Utrecht train station that can park 12,000 bikes at any one time, Dafne Schippers Bridge, Utrecht University, and the town of Houten, a suburb of Utrecht designed to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists.

We met with and had presentations by people involved in the Dutch cycling revolution including Andre Pettinga of Cyclemotions.nl and Mark Wagenbuur of Bicycledutch.wordpress.com who is a cycling ambassador with the Dutch Cycling Embassy.

The tour was very beneficial and a huge eye-opener to what can be achieved. It is obvious from seeing how dense populations move around so well in Utrecht that we need to shift the conversation here from moving cars to mobilising people, if we are to sufficiently cater for the expected population growth.

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Print Name: _____Olivia O'Sullivan_____

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Organiser of Conference: Cian Ginty

Name of Conference: Dutch Cycling Tour

Location of Conference: Utrecht, Netherlands

Date of Conference: 10-12th of October 2019

Summary of Conference Content

The conference consisted of a three-day cycling tour of the Netherlands centring around the city of Utrecht but including the Hague and the towns of Delft and Houten. We met our guide every morning at 8.30am and commenced cycling shortly afterwards, we cycled more than thirty kilometres everyday and when we travelled to the Hague we took our bicycles with us on public transport. The purpose of the trip was to learn from the Dutch model of comprehensive segregated cycling infrastructure and how that reduces car dependency in urban areas. More than 70% of all journeys in Utrecht are carried out by bicycle. The Dutch have invested heavily in cycling infrastructure and less than 15% of all journeys into the city centre are made by car. As part of the cycling tour we explored the city of Utrecht by bike stopping to study redesigned intersections with bicycle priority and specialist bicycle highways and parking areas for bicycles. We also travelled by rail to the Hague, taking the bicycles on the train and exploring the city by bicycle. We also visited Delft which was the third city in the Netherlands to invest in cycling infrastructure. We were accompanied by André Pettinga, a former local government official in Delft who was involved in devising the cycle plan for the city. We also cycled from Utrecht to Houten, a satellite town of Utrecht which won the award of the best place to cycle in the Netherlands. In Houten we had a presentation from Mark Wagenbuur who outlined how Houten had evolved from being an old village to a purpose town for cycling by way of the urban design model used. We also cycled around the town and visited the famous cycling

roundabout, a roundabout with a purpose-built segregated cycle lane around the whole roundabout. We were accompanied on our trip by Cian Ginty, trip organiser and editor of irishcycle.com who is a well-known cycling advocate.

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Signature:

Print Name: CONOR SHEEHAN

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Name of Conference : Dutch CyclingTour

Location of Conference : Utrecht

Date of Conference : 10/11-12/11 2019

Summary of Conference Content :

Best practice in urban design delivering pedestrian priority, safe segregated cycling infrastructure and improved connectivity with public transport, particularly rail.

Attendees experienced practical implementation of transport policy change in Utrecht, The Haag and Delft.

Attendees included Dublin Cycling Campaign, Limerick Cycle Design, Dun Laoighre Rathdown Council, Fingal Council, CIE, Irish Heart Foundation and the Irish Cancer Society.

Signature: 

Print Name: James Collins

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Organiser of Conference CIAO FINNY / IANWHYCLE.COM
Name of Conference DUTCH CYCLE STUDY TOUR
Location of Conference UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS
Date of Conference 10th - 12th OCTOBER 2019

Summary of Conference Content

The purpose of the study tour was to examine Dutch cycling infrastructure and to consult with experts in the Netherlands on how the high quality of infrastructure has been achieved with a view to applying these lessons in Limerick.

Most of the trip was active and all delegates travelled exclusively by bicycle around the cities of Utrecht, The Hague, Delft and Houten. There were a number of workshop sessions which explored the theory of transport planning.

Signature: Brian Leddin

Print Name: BRIAN LEDDIN

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18th November, 2019.

To / The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Attendance at Fourth International Conference on Learning Cities in Medellín, Colombia

As members are aware, an invitation was received from UNESCO, for the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, along with Learning Limerick, to attend and participate in the fourth International Conference on Learning Cities. The conference theme was 'Inclusion – A principle for lifelong learning and sustainable cities' and was held in Medellín, Colombia, from 1 to 3 October 2019. The President of Colombia, Iván Duque Márquez, opened the conference on 1 October together with David Atchoarena (UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning Director) and Federico Gutiérrez (Mayor of Medellín, Colombia).

Due to the unavailability of Mayor Michael Sheahan because of other official commitments, I travelled to Medellín as Deputy Mayor, accompanied by Pádraig Malone, Administrative Officer, Community Development and Yvonne Lane, Learning Limerick Co-Ordinator.

The UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities has 170 active members from 53 countries in every region of the world. Each of these ground-breaking cities in the network has implemented effective lifelong learning policies and practices that support the development of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Learning City awards 2019 were delivered to 10 cities who are members of the Network at a ceremony during the conference. The Conference host city, Medellín, was one of the cities to receive this Learning City Award.

Medellin coordinates a number of innovative programmes, including one that has helped to successfully reintegrate over 5,000 school drop-outs by engaging with them on a one-to-one basis. The 'How Are We Doing?' monitoring and evaluation project is another important component of Medellin's learning city initiative. In 2017, Limerick was previously selected, along with 15 other cities, by an international jury for the outstanding progress made in promoting education and lifelong learning in their local communities and to receive the Learning City Award. Limerick was honoured to receive the Award at the last UNESCO Conference in Cork in 2017 in recognition of its work in promoting lifelong learning for all. According to the Learning City Award Jury, these cities have shown exemplary progress and commitment to promote education and lifelong learning at the local level. The Award aims to publicly share good practice that can be used by cities around the world to develop sustainably through building learning cities. One of the features highlighted for Limerick was its annual lifelong learning festival, which was established in 2011 and has grown from 70 to 250 free events and enables people to experience the city's learning opportunities.

On Monday 30th September I attended the Learning City Award 2019 ceremony in Medellin along with Mayors from across the globe. This event awarded new city awards for inclusion to Learning Cities.

On Tuesday 1st October I attended the 4th International Conference Opening Ceremony and this included the handover of title of Host Learning City to Medellin and Mr Federico Gutierrez, Mayor of Medellin, Columbia. A number of plenary sessions followed for the rest of the day including policies for inclusion at the local level, Governance structures to support inclusive policies, monitoring mechanisms for learning cities. I also had the opportunity to meet the Irish Ambassador to Colombia, Ms. Alison Milton, during the Conference. The Irish Embassy was opened in Bogotá city in Colombia earlier this year. This significant step demonstrates the Government's commitment to developing Ireland's relationship with Colombia, particularly our commitment to support Colombia's transition to a peaceful post-conflict society, including the vindication and protection of human and social rights. These developments elevate our relationship with Colombia to a new level.

On Wednesday 2nd October, deputising for the Mayor, I attended and participated in a Mayors' Forum presentation on GNLC strategy (closed session) hosted by speakers David Atchoarena (UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning Director), Federico Gutiérrez (Mayor of Medellín, Colombia) and Anne Coupez, (Chief of Unit for Strategic Planning, Monitoring UNESCO). After the closed forum I attended an open session Mayors' Forum where participants adopted a two-year strategy to enhance further the work of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities. Moreover, a fund to support the work of the network was launched. I presented at this forum at which Limerick had the opportunity to forge new partnerships that will enhance learning experiences for all people. Limerick has been invited to take on the role of coordinating city for the cluster on "Entrepreneurship" and the Learning Limerick Steering Group is looking forward to sharing experiences on the implementation of local actions and to leading the work of this thematic cluster. The city that Limerick will be working closely with in coordinating this cluster is Chengdu city in China.

In the afternoon of the 2nd October I was invited to formally speak on the theme "Digitally Excluded populations" along with Nam-seok Ko, Mayor, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon Metropolitan, Republic of Korea and Ms Catherine Lido, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, Urban Big Data Centre, University of Glasgow, UK. The key agencies in Limerick have a strong expertise in this area, with Limerick Digital Strategy 2017 – 2020 – Building Ireland's First Digital City being launched by Limerick City and County Council in 2018. Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, had previously presented on the theme of Digital Inclusion at earlier Learning Cities Seminars held in Limerick and Cork and arising from this presentation, our Mayor received the invitation to present at the conference in Colombia. I presented on the work of the Digital Inclusion Working Group, which has inter-agency support and agreed terms of reference. Among the key actions that this group has identified and which research has been commissioned, is around the experience of being digitally excluded and aiming to identify appropriate responses at local, regional and national levels aligned to international standards.

On Thursday 3rd October I attended two site visits hosted by Federico Gutiérrez (Mayor of Medellín, Colombia). In the morning we visited the area Commune 10 – La Candelaria

where the conference travelled on the Metro System which includes metro, tram and cable cars. In the afternoon we went to the area of Commune 13 – San Javier. Both site excursions were rewarding, worthwhile and very informative in terms of the transformation the city of Medellin has made having bared the weight of years of violence that tried to silence the voices of its inhabitants.

Overall, the conference has been deemed a success and Limerick was delighted to pro actively participate and play a strong role at the event.

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COUNCILLOR SARAH KIELY

DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LIMERICK



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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Visit to Ancona, Italy

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An invitation was received from **Consorzio Marche Spettacolo**, to attend the kick off meeting of TRAINART a cooperation project that sets out to build new skills for innovative business models in the performing arts sector. Co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, with 5 partners in Italy, Sweden, Spain, Serbia and Limerick as an associate partner.

The kick off meeting was held in Ancona in Italy from Tuesday 29th to Wednesday 30th of October, to plan the activities for the next two years.

Councillor K. O'Hanlon, Chair of the Community, Leisure and Cultural SPC travelled to Ancona accompanied by Sheila Deegan, Culture and Arts Officer.

The agenda was as follows;

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019 – MORNING PLENARY SESSION

09.30-10.00 Registration of participants

10.00-10.15 Welcome speech and introduction of works

- **Gilberto Santini**: Director of Consorzio Marche Spettacolo

10.15-10.30 The TRAINART project in a nutshell

10.30-11.30 Getting to know the TRAINART partners

(10 minutes' presentation each partner)

11.30-12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00-13.00 Presentation of TRAINART to the Press

- **Moreno Pieroni**: Regional Council Member for the Culture Sector

- **Simona Teoldi**: Head of Culture Department - Regional Authority

- **Gilberto Santini**: Director of Consorzio Marche Spettacolo

AFTERNOON STEERING COMMITTEE ONLY FOR PARTNERS

15.00-15.30 TRAINART project management setup

- *Grant Agreement and Partnership Agreement*

- *Steering Committee members and responsibilities*

15.30-17.00 TRAINART workplan and financial management

- *project activities breakdown and partner roles in outcomes/deliverables production*
- *project budget detailed for partners and budget lines*
- *reporting procedures and financial provisions*
- 17.00-17.30 Communication and Dissemination hotspot
- *internal communication procedure/spaces for partners*
- *dissemination Action Plan and the key audience matrix*
- *TRAINART visual brand (project logo, flyer, factsheet, rollup)*
- *social media activities*
- *networking café and flash sessions concept*
- 17.30-18.00 Wrap-up session and end of the works

As a result of this partnership Limerick will welcome 20 people in May 2020 and deliver a training hot spot for partners and artists and arts organisations who will be chosen through an open call.

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Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon
Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick