

Roundtable on Understanding Resilient and Sustainable Cities

Online event jointly hosted by NESC and Maynooth University

Thursday, 15th April 2021

09.25	Registration
09.30	Welcome and Introduction
	<p>Dr Larry O'Connell, Director, NESC</p> <p>Prof Brian Donnellan, Vice President of Engagement and Innovation, Maynooth University</p> <p>Alice Charles, Conference Moderator and Project Lead, Cities, Infrastructure and Urban Services Platform, World Economic Forum, Geneva</p>
09.45	Exploring Resilient Cities: Research and Case Studies
	<p>Scoping Paper: Building Long-Term Resilient and Sustainable Cities Caroline Creamer & Dr Niall Connolly, Maynooth University</p> <p>Belfast's Journey to Building Resilience—Resilient City initiative: Case Study John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy, Belfast City Council</p> <p>Bristol's One City Approach to place-based leadership: Case Study Prof Robin Hambleton, Emeritus Professor of City Leadership at the University of the West of England, Bristol</p> <p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niall Cussen CEO, Office for the Planning Regulator Dr Linda McElduff, Lecturer in Planning, School of the Built Environment University of Ulster John A Moran Chair, Liveable City Initiative, CEO interim Chair, Land Development Agency <p>Q&A</p>
11.00	Short Comfort Break
11.10	Experience of Cities on the Island of Ireland
	<p>Cork City Council: Claire Davis, Digital Officer</p> <p>Derry City and Strabane District Council: Cathy Burns, Climate Programme Manager</p> <p>Limerick City and County Council: Rosie Webb, Senior Architect</p> <p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Bernie O'Donoghue-Hynes, Head of Research, Local Government Management Agency Dr Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator, Dublin City Council Dr Amanda Slevin, Policy Fellow, Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN), School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast <p>Q&A</p>
12.15	Closing Remarks TBC

Biographies

Alice Charles: Project Lead, Cities, Infrastructure and Urban Services Platform, World Economic Forum Geneva. Alice has nineteen years' experience working for the public and private sector in the areas of city and urban planning, real estate, urban development & regeneration, construction, infrastructure, environment, climate change and public policy. Leads the World Economic Forum's cities & real estate work streams.

Caroline Creamer is Director of the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) and a Research Fellow with the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) at Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute. She is also facilitator of the All Ireland Smart Cities Forum. A qualified town planner, Caroline has for the past 20 years worked in a research and management capacity on a number of EU and regionally funded projects in the areas of place-making, regional development and multi-level governance.

Dr Niall Connolly is a research fellow with the Innovation Value Institute (IVI), Maynooth University and a research affiliate with Confirm – The SFI research centre for advanced manufacturing. He is Vice Chair of the All Ireland Smart Cities Forum and a member of the Smart Dublin Steering Group. His research focuses on enabling sustainable technology adoption in both private and public settings. This work covers city resilience, urban digital strategy and governance, urban manufacturing, business model innovation, corporate venturing and climate for creativity. He has supported Cork City Council and Limerick City and County Council in the development of their respective digital strategies. Niall holds a PhD and a Masters in Engineering Design from University College Dublin (UCD), an MBA from Dublin City University (DCU) and a BEng from University of Limerick (UL).

John Tully: is Director of City and Organisational Strategy at Belfast City Council with responsibility for Strategy and Policy, Portfolio Management of Belfast's first community plan "The Belfast Agenda", HR, Organisational Development, Marketing and Communications and the Council's Climate Team.

Prof Robin Hambleton: Emeritus Professor of City Leadership at the University of the West of England, Bristol. He has provided advice to local authorities across the world on civic leadership and is widely published. His latest book is *Cities and Communities Beyond COVID-19. How local leadership can change our future for the better* (Bristol University Press, 2020).

Niall Cussen: CEO, Office for the Planning Regulator (OPR) since it was established in April 2019. The functions of the OPR are to oversee the effective delivery of planning services by planning authorities in Ireland, including implementation of national and regional policies. Prior to this Niall was Chief Planner at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government from July 2014.

Dr Linda McElduff: works with the University of Ulster as a lecturer in planning in the School of the Built Environment and an Associate Member of the Built Environment Research Institute. She graduated from Ulster University in 2011 with a MSci (distinction) in Planning and Property Development and completed her PhD in 2014. Her doctoral research investigated the regeneration and resilience of small coastal resorts on the island of Ireland.

John A Moran: is best known for his role as Secretary General at the Department of Finance during the bailout years and for establishing a road map for a post-crisis Ireland. Currently, he is the Chair of Ireland's Land Development Agency - set up to ensure the provision of affordable homes and better management of state-owned land. He also holds Chair positions with the European Expo 2020, #LIVEABLELIMERICK and the Hunt Museum. John is Founder and CEO of RHH International, a thought-leadership consultancy and social entrepreneurship company and advises many companies, particularly those trying to disrupt the status quo.

Claire Davis: Digital Officer, Cork City Council. Claire co-ordinates Cork City Council's Smart City and Digital Strategy activities. Prior to this Claire was the Programme Manager of the Cork Smart Gateway, Smart Region initiative and has worked in policy, research, and project management roles.

Cathy Burns: Climate Programme Manager, Derry City and Strabane City Council. Cathy has led the development of the first council Climate Adaptation Plan in Northern Ireland and is currently managing the development of the North West Climate Action Plan, a cross border multi-agency initiative. Cathy has a background within natural, cultural and built heritage. She has over 20 years' experience across the public sector and NGOs specialising in strategy development, project management, landscape and environmental regeneration, communication and engagement.



Rosie Webb: Senior Architect, Head of Urban Innovation, Limerick City and County Council. She has extensive experience in urban design, architecture and planning, operating nationally and internationally with a track-record of delivering large scale projects impacting on city and regional economic development. She is Lighthouse City Manager for Limerick's H2020 Smart Cities and Communities Programme '+CityxChange.

Dr Bernie O'Donoghue-Hynes: Head of Research Local Government Management Agency. Bernie's experience includes a demonstrated history of working in the public policy sector. She is a research professional with a PhD focused in Public Policy from Dublin Institute of Technology.

Dr Sabrina Dekker: Climate Action Coordinator with Dublin City Council; Published a book entitled Cities Leading Climate Action in 2020. Drawing on in-depth case study research on Vancouver, Portland, Glasgow and Dublin, Sabrina examines the policy development processes employed by urban policy makers to respond to climate change, looking specifically at the utilisation of collaborative planning.

Dr Amanda Slevin: Queen's University Belfast. Amanda works as Policy Fellow with the Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN), School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics. Through her role with the ESRC-funded PCAN, Amanda co-established and supports development of Belfast Climate Commission and its working groups.