



Shared Island, Shared Opportunity

Environmental perspective

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Engaging, Envisioning and Co-producing Pathways for a Low Carbon, Climate Resilient Ireland



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Key Objectives

- 1) Develop innovative climate dialogues strategy using deliberative and participatory approaches
- 2) Test novel communication methods to enhance engagement and stimulate dialogue on climate action

Key Outputs

- 1) A tool-kit for conducting deliberative engagements on climate change;
- 2) A set of co-produced scenarios for low carbon and climate resilience;
- 3) An assessment complementarity between adaptation and mitigation scenarios for Ireland



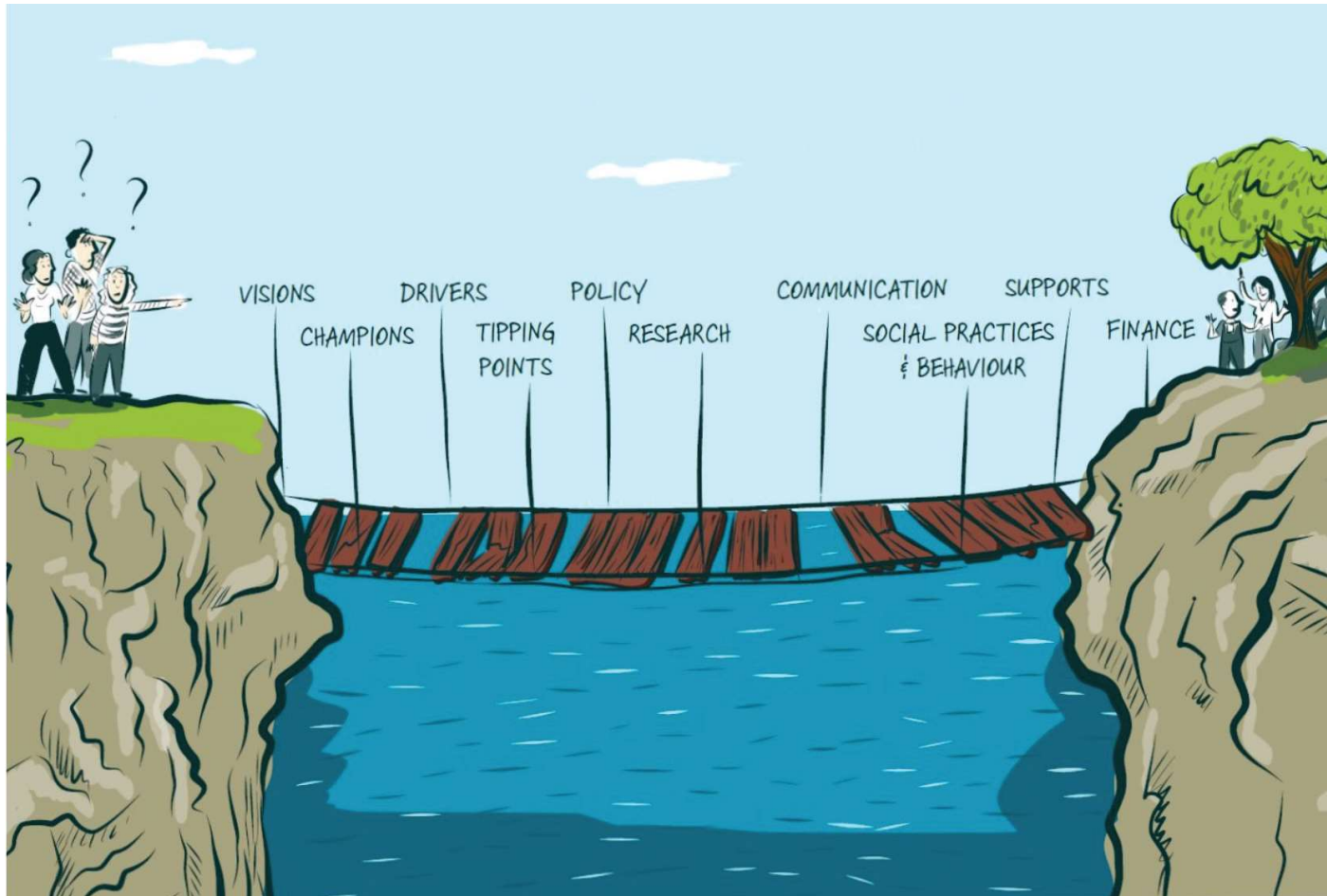
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“Bridging the gap”

Identifying the determinants and conditions for community engagement in Climate Action



Background

The National Dialogue on Climate Action

The National Dialogue on Climate Action (NDCA) is a Government initiative led by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) with Secretariat assistance being provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The vision of the Dialogue is to create a long-term process by which the national objective of transitioning to a low carbon, climate resilient society and economy by 2050 is communicated to all of society in a manner that creates awareness and understanding towards enabling climate actions across all of society and the economy.

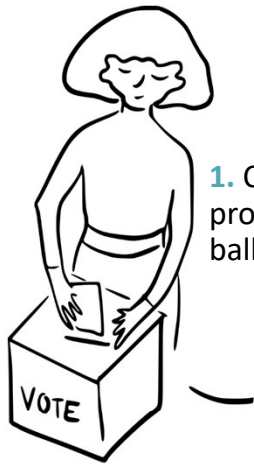
The central aims of the Dialogue are to:

- Create awareness and engagement by generating a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities posed by the transition objectives
- Inspire and motivate society, businesses and communities to collaboratively unlock opportunities for climate change action
- Enable, co-create and empower the Dialogue process through the engagement and mobilisation of all sectors of society on structures, information flows and events.

The principal beneficiaries of the Dialogue process are citizens and their communities; including 'communities of practice' such as farming, commerce, education, youth, social, and sporting, and of course 'communities of place'. However, the Government, Agencies and Local Authorities also have a key role to play in supporting, facilitating and creating an enabling environment for the level of transformation required. The role therefore for the Dialogue is to act as an intermediary/broker between the top and the bottom levels of activity.

Rationale

Promoting societal engagement with climate action beyond the ballot



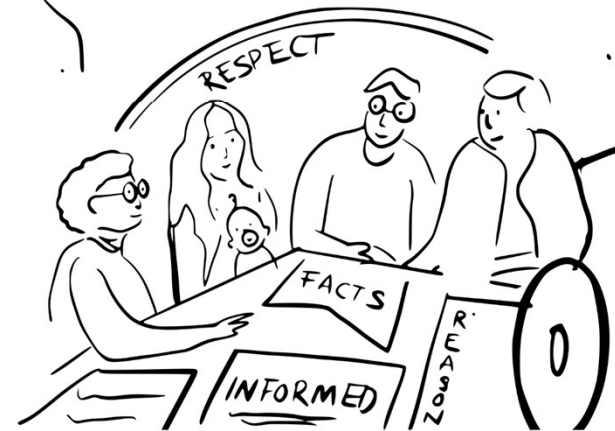
1. Citizen engagement in democratic processes is changing beyond the ballot box



2. Democratic innovations such as participatory budgeting and citizens' assemblies seek to give people more voice and power



3. The design and delivery of engagements can be tailored to reflect different needs and contexts



4. Guidelines around inclusion, equality and reasoned judgement ensure diverse and respectful discussions leading to proposals based on facts, the needs of others, and the future

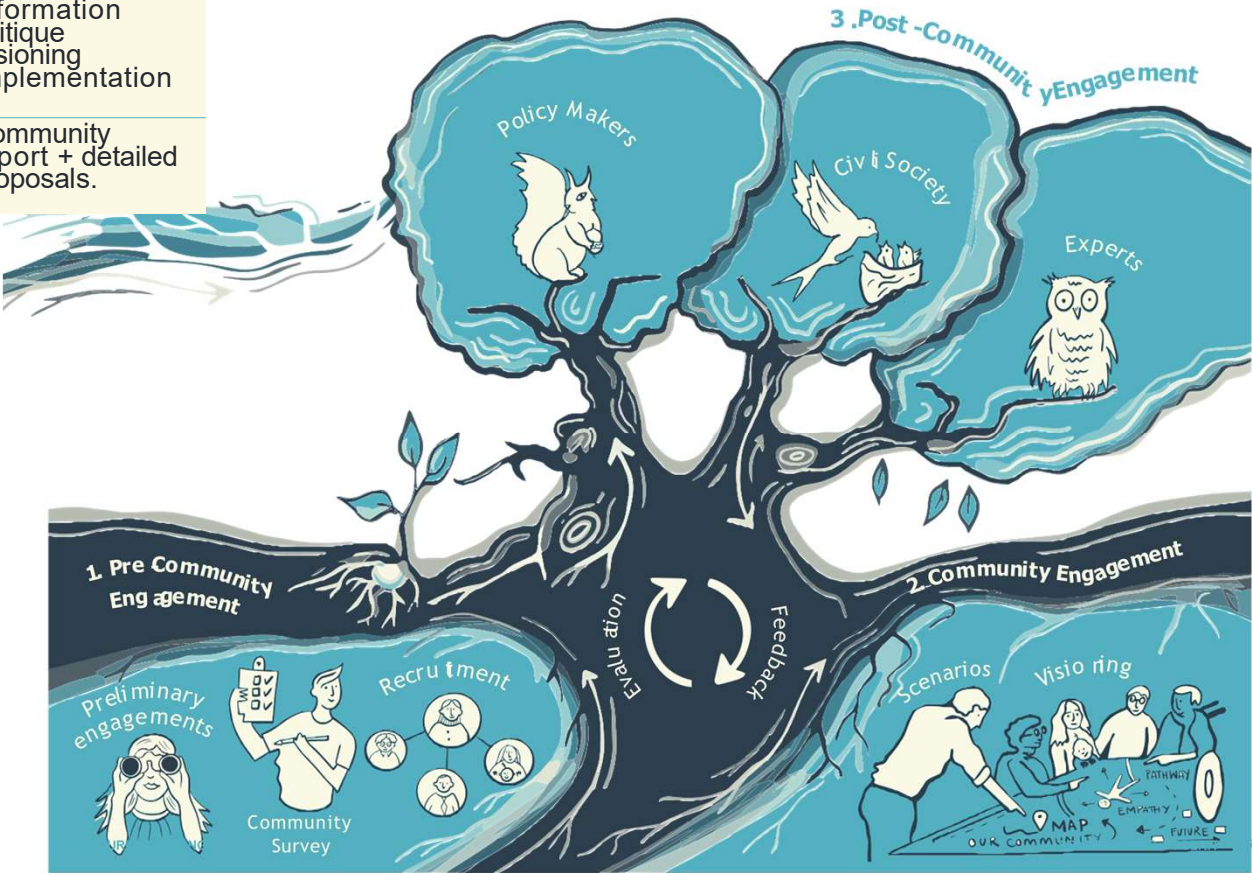
EXPLORING DELIBERATIVE PROCESSES

CONNECTING DELIBERATIVE PROCESS

Stage1 preliminary engagements, surveys and networking.

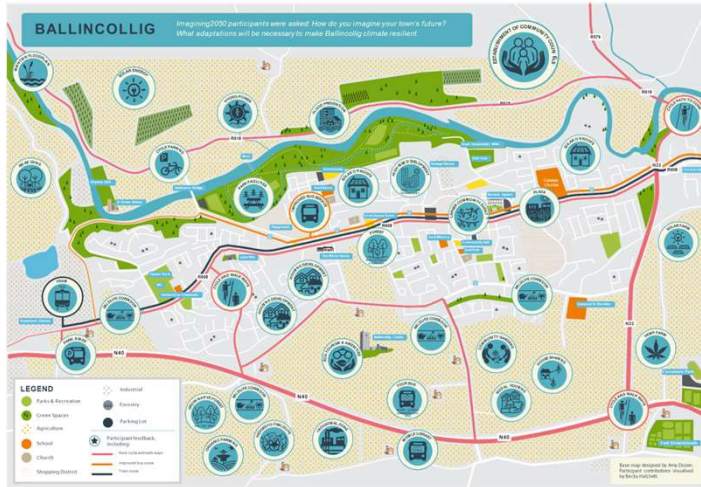
Stage 2 visioning and scenario building
deliberative workshops

Stage 3 sharing findings from the deliberative workshops with the local community, policy makers, experts and wider civil society.

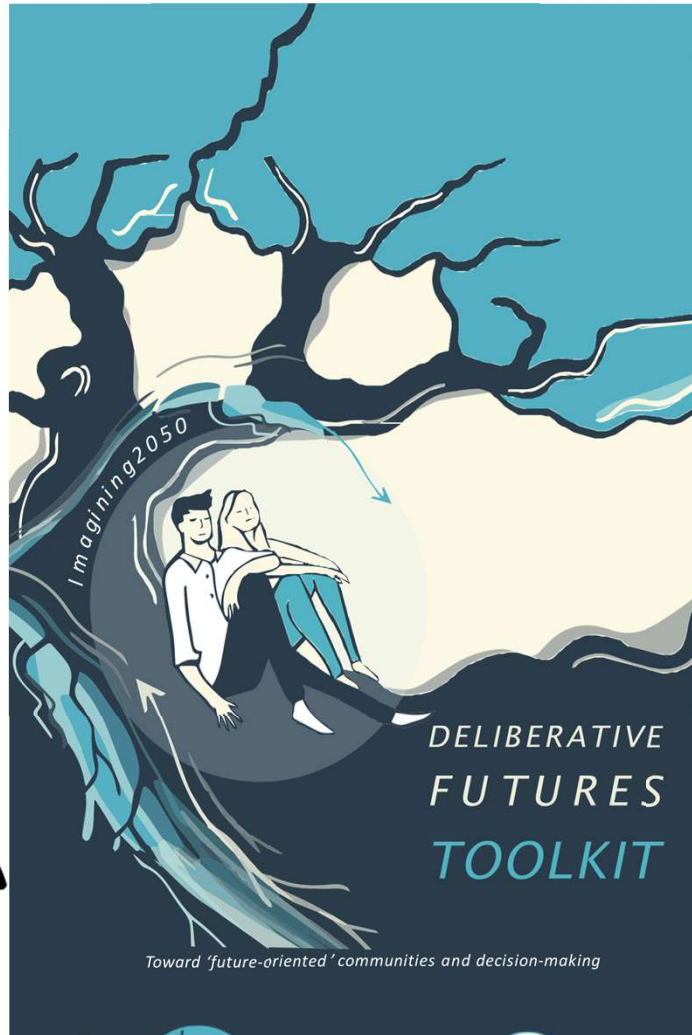
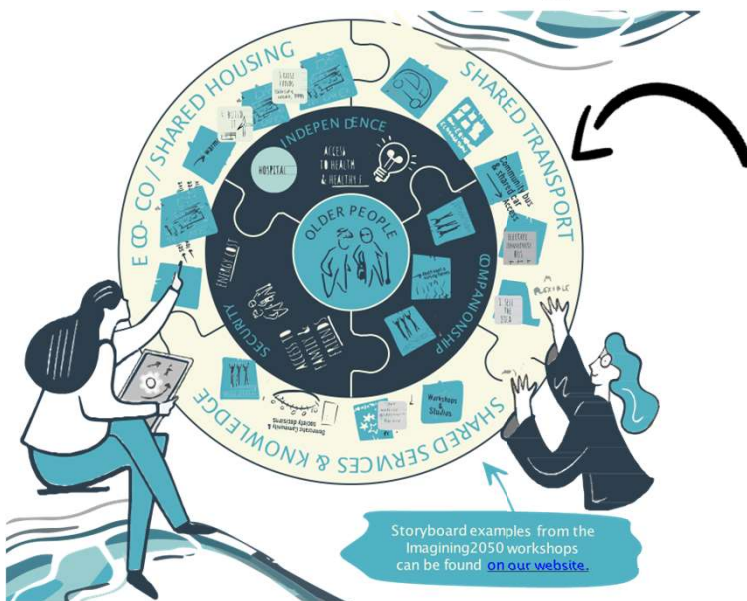




Community Mapping



Story Boarding

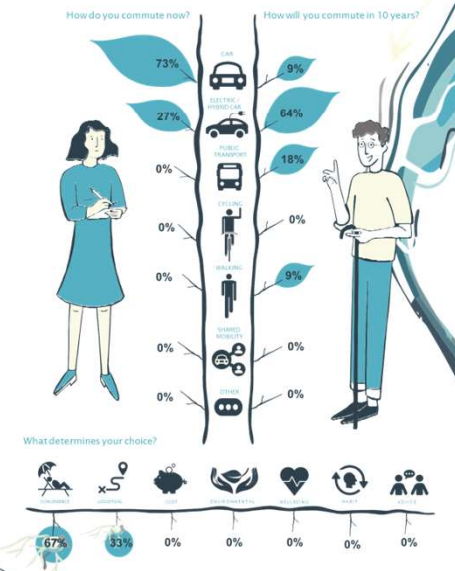


Ballot

Empathy Mapping



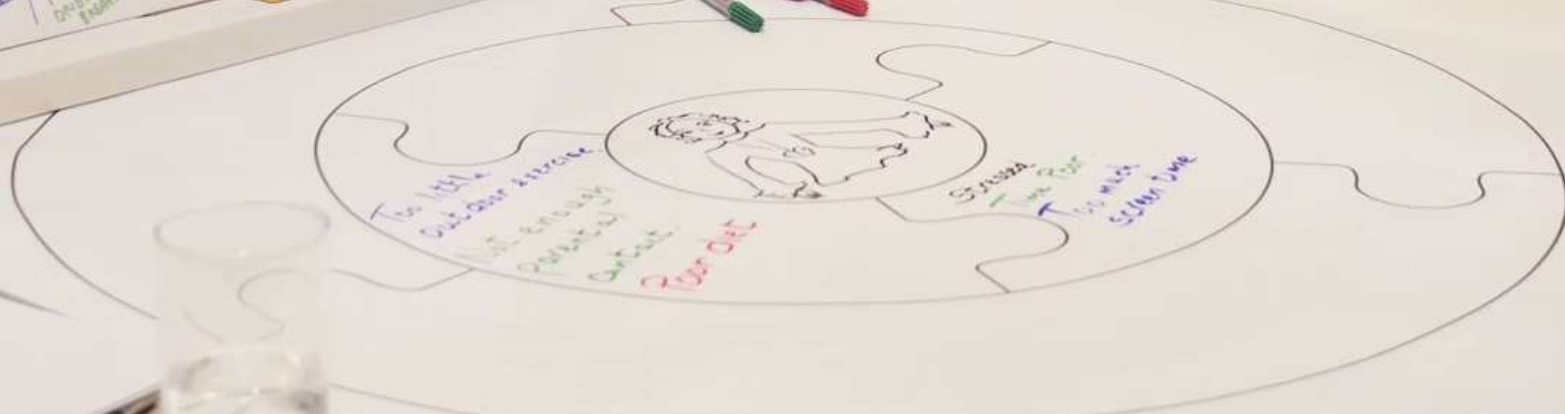
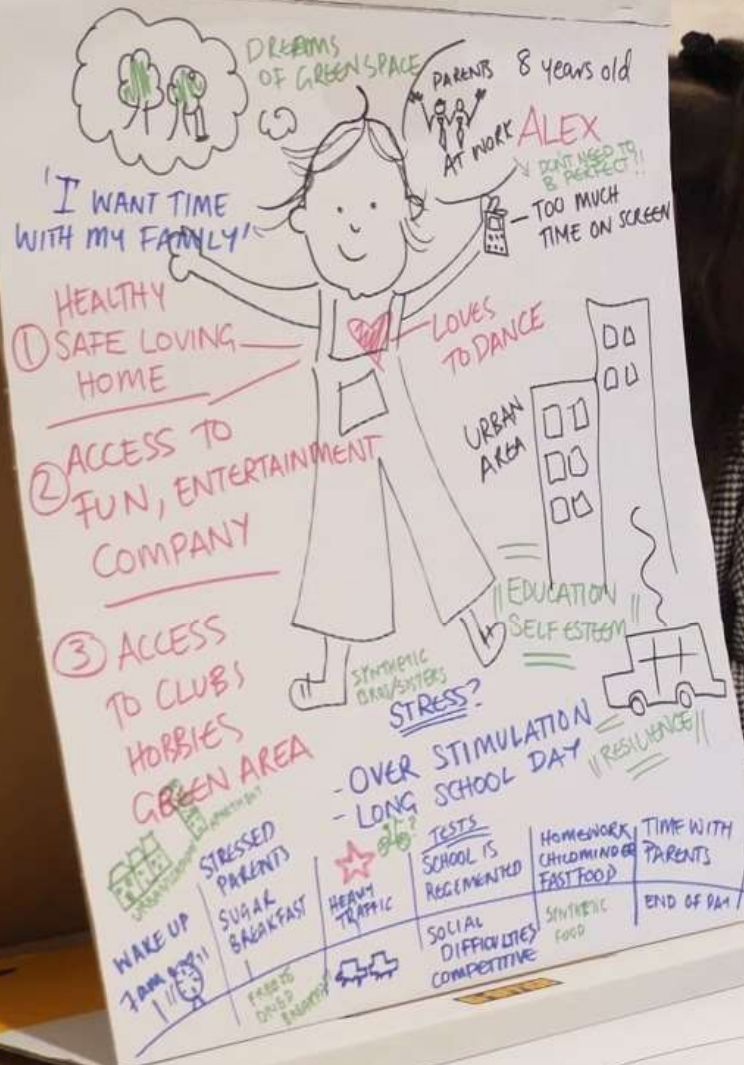
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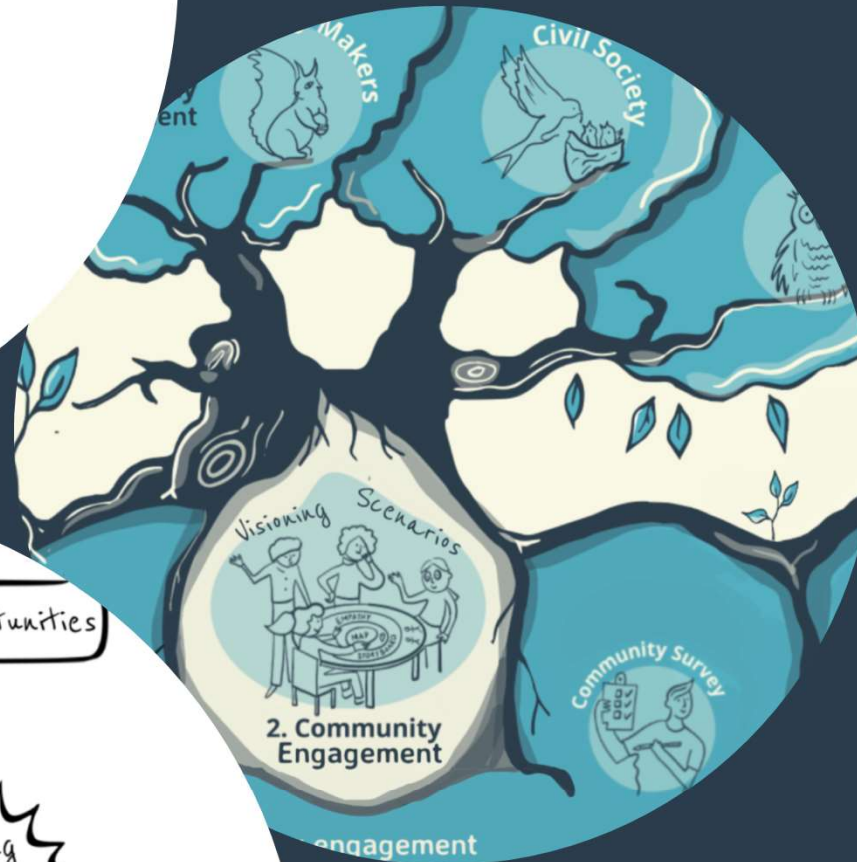




Practitioner insights

Take Home Messages

- Getting the basics right
- Looking for co-benefit opportunities
- Target Transport
- Links to health and wellbeing
Health and Wellbeing
- Building dialogue across society and enriching our civic imagination
- Cross-scale conversations, scaling-down and scaling up
- Shallow levels of agreement between community and decision-making/expert stakeholders masking deeper levels of disagreement



Local visions of change

Climate science scaled-down

Recruitment

early stage vs late stage

Dealing with conflict

seeing real change

98% decisions made before engagements

Stronger connections

new opportunities

Transport & mobility

getting the basics right

Health & wellbeing

Housing & climate resilience

Thank you

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