

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Cork Learning City,
multi-stakeholder
partnerships in action

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Cities, the challenge and
the potential

The Sustainable
Development of Cities and
Metropolitan areas
requires multi stakeholder
partnerships

No one organisation can
do it alone

Cities as drivers, Lifelong learning as energy for sustainable change. *'No-one left behind'*

Figure 9.4 Global Goals for Sustainable Development (Source: UN)



Goals 11 and 17 Sustainable Cities and Partnerships

Global goals, local actions:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



4 examples of partnership in action that are:

- Collaborative
- Sustainable
- Transferable

Addressing this theme

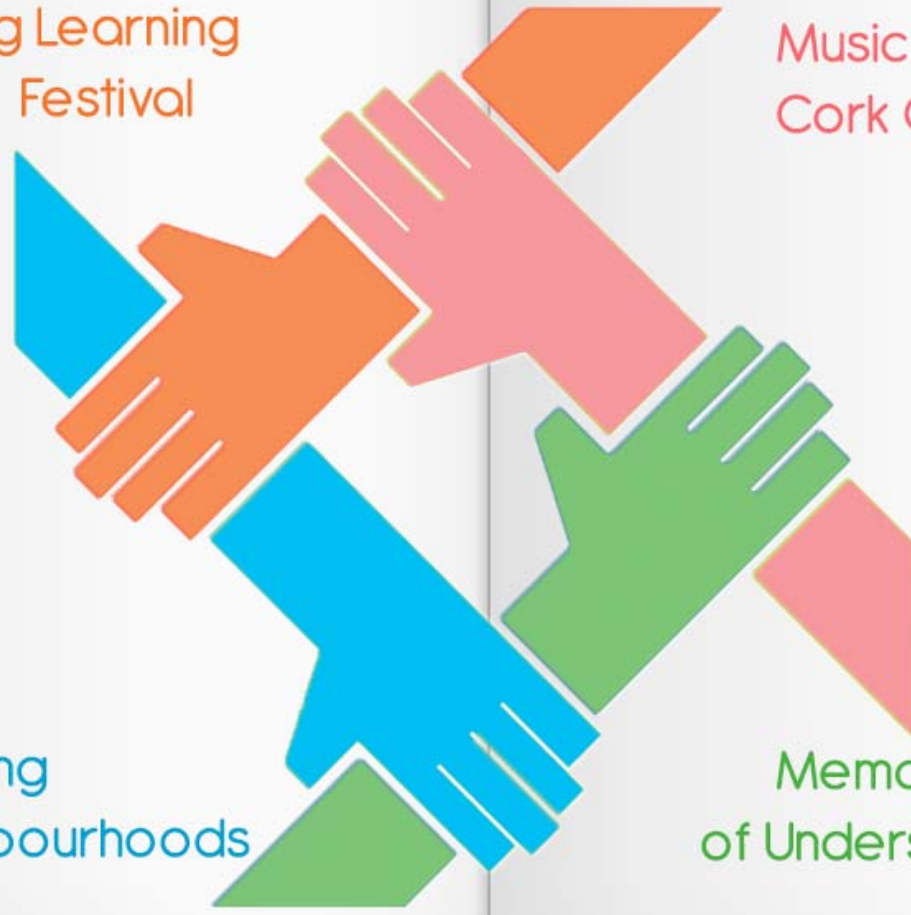
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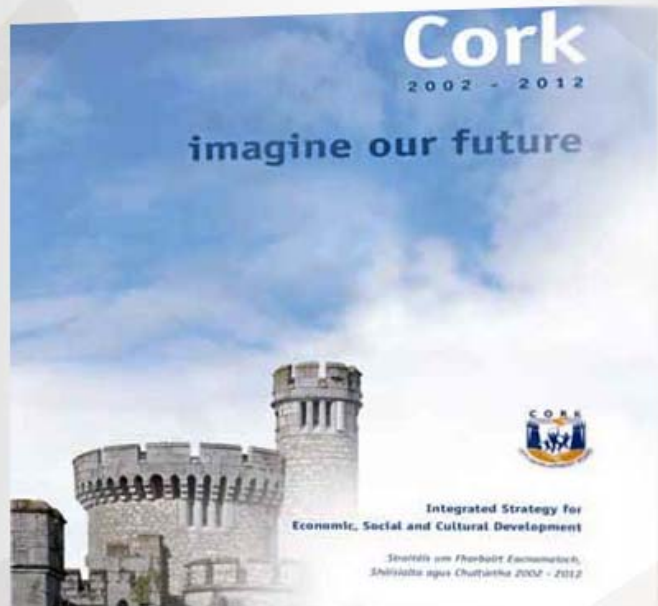
Lifelong Learning
Festival

Music Generation
Cork City

Learning
Neighbourhoods

Memorandum
of Understanding





City Development plan 2002

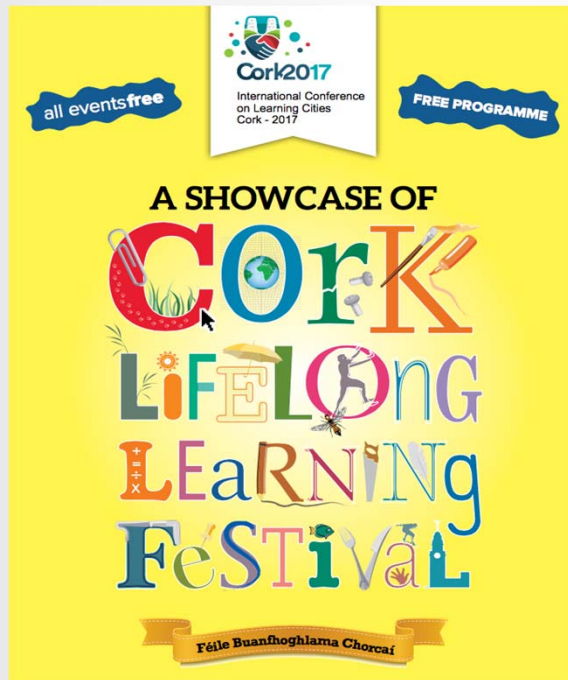
The Vision:
to develop Cork as an inclusive
learning city and tackle educational
disadvantage

Where access to learning
is available for all levels
and to all ages in the city.

Where the city is recognised
nationally and international-
ly as a centre of learning
and research.

Involving all stakeholders in
lifelong learning;
formal,
non formal
& informal.

Lifelong Learning Festival



Mr. Ted Owens,
Chief Executive CETB

Vision

To develop a 'culture of learning in Cork'

Involving all stakeholders in lifelong learning;

- formal,
- non formal
- & informal.



The Challenge

Convince people:

- that learning is for everyone, at all stages of life
- Learning is fun

Resources:

- to do something new, from the ground up



The Solution

A Festival

All Events free

All Events hosted
voluntarily

Sustainable growth
since 2004

CORK LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL

“This is the biggest event in Europe this week, its reputation is known far & wide.” Leona English, UIL, April 2016.



Supporting a culture of learning in Cork City.

500 events all free, engaging with 10,000+ citizens.

A week of activities that spin out into a year of possibilities.

Festival Partners

Cork City Council



The River Lee Hotel
CORK



and more to follow..

Learning Neighbourhoods



Professor Pat O'Shea,
President UCC

The Vision

To work with communities and families to support and celebrate learning in all its forms

- To promote renewed engagement in lifelong and lifewide learning
- To tackle educational disadvantage



City Profile (2014)
highlights a “*distinct
spatial component to
educational disadvantage
in the city.*”

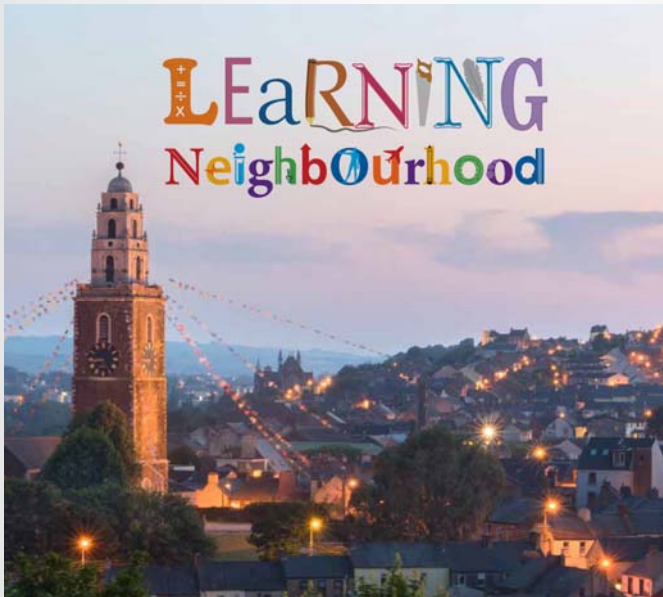
The Challenge

Some areas with persistent socio-economic issues and deprivation

Some have a very young demographic, others a much older population

All have low levels of formal education beyond primary or lower secondary levels

The solution



Cork definition

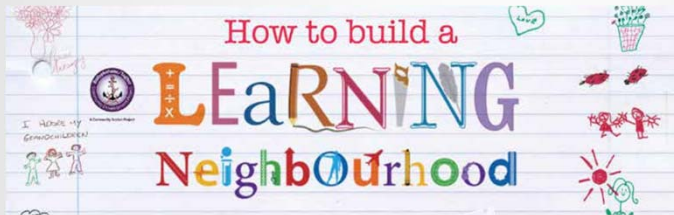
'A Learning Neighbourhood is an area that is constantly strengthening its practice in learning, providing a diversity of learning opportunities for the whole population through partnership and collaboration.'





Our Community of Learners and Learning surrounds us





Partners



Music Generation Cork



Dr. Barry O'Connor,
President CIT

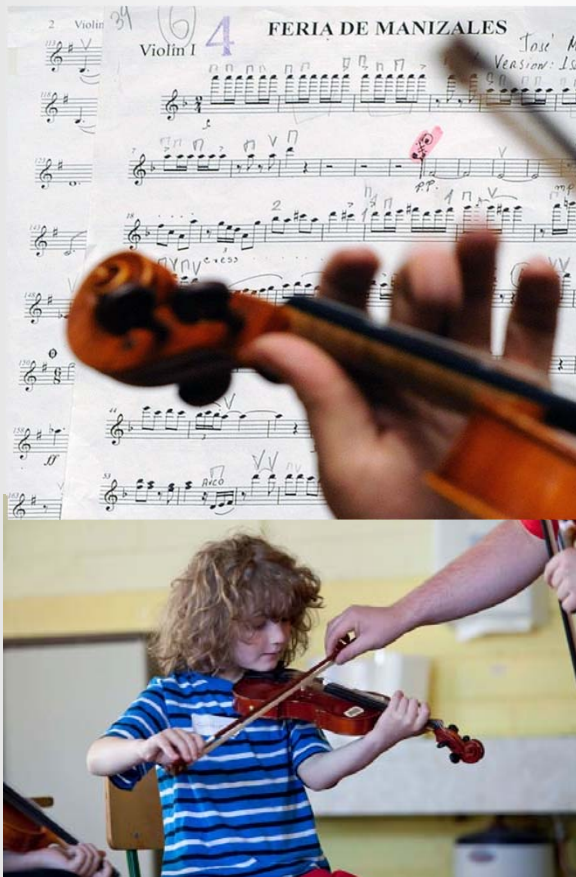
Vision

Accessible Music
Education for every child
in Ireland



THE IRELAND FUNDS

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The Challenges

Access: to music education is limited or denied to children in some areas and in some families

Resources:
Limited or none, in families

No Government funding for this type or scale of Music Education



The solution

Match funding, 50-50
Philanthropy-Public Funding,
National-Local

Local Music Education
Partnerships make decisions
on how best to implement
plans

Community Music and
Community Education,
Local decision making

The results

We will be brilliant or



MUSIC GENERATION
MAKING MUSIC EDUCATION HAPPEN

CATHAIR CHORCAÍ / CORK CITY



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Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Comhar Chathair Chorcaí Ctr
Cork City Partnership Clg
EDUCATION | EMPLOYMENT | EMPOWERMENT

and many, many
community, music
education, school, youth
and industry partners and
friends

Memorandum of understanding



Ann Doherty, Chief Executive
Cork City Council

The Challenge

Cities are complex

Organisations are Silos

How to fill in gaps between
the silos?



Memorandum of Understanding

Binds organisations together in a shared willing commitment

The Solution

Lifelong learning is now integrated in all the following;

- City Development plan
- Local Community Development plan
- Healthy Cities plan
- Smart Gateway plan
- Age friendly City plan



The results



Cork2017



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



UNESCO Institute
for Lifelong Learning

- Winner of UNESCO
Learning City
Award 2015



Beijing 2013, Mexico 2015, Cork 2017



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

To deliver on the SDG's in **Cork** will require new thinking....
"Citizens must be empowered to anticipate and tackle constantly changing social, environmental and economic challenges" UN 2016.



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