FOURTH UNESCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING CITIES

'INCLUSION – A PRINCIPLE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES' MEDELLÍN, COLOMBIA, FROM 1 TO 3 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENTATION FROM LIMERICK, IRELAND –

'DIGITALLY EXCLUDED CITIZENS'

By **Councillor Sarah Kiely, Limerick City and County Council**

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DIGITALLY EXCLUDED CITIZENS

- **Digital inclusion projects in communities in Limerick City over a period of 2000 – 2013**

- **SMART Limerick - Building Ireland's First Digital Strategy (2017 – 2020)**

- **Digital Inclusion Working Group**

- **Current Research –** *experience of being digitally excluded and identifying appropriate responses*

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LIMERICK COMMUNITY CONNECT 2000 - 2013

- **Formed as Limerick ICT Steering Group in 2001 - '*to promote support and deliver collaborative and innovative approaches to the use of ICT in communities at risk of digital exclusion*'.**

- **Renamed 'Limerick Community Connect' in 2010 and established as a Company Limited by Guarantee.**

- **Partnership between Limerick Community Education Network (LCEN), PAUL Partnership and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board – LCETB (formally Limerick City Adult Education Service).**

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RESEARCH –
IDENTIFYING ICT NEEDS IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHIN LIMERICK CITY, 2008
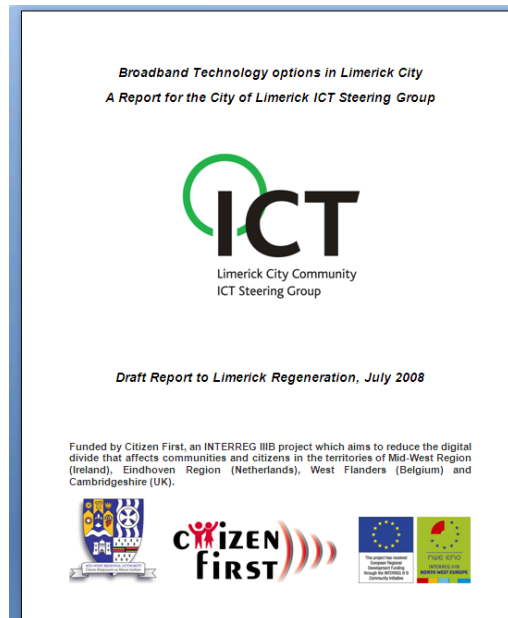
RESPONSE

Infrastructure & Improving Access

(cabling, Kiosks etc.)
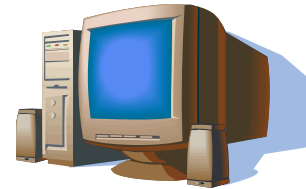
Influencing Policy

- *submission to Regen*
- *eInclusion blog*

Response

- **Building Digital Capacity**

  (Family Learning, Simple IT, Digital Cr8or, network management training etc.)

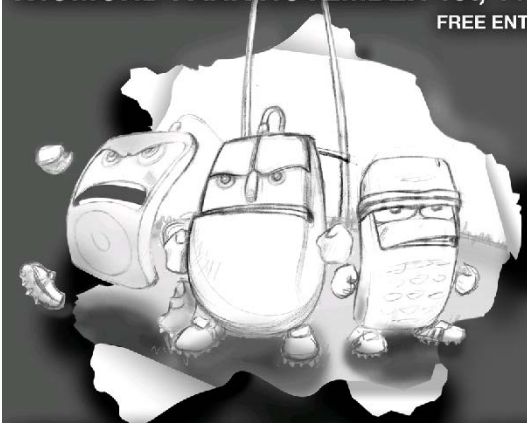- **Awareness Raising**

  - *Techfast*

  - *Techfair, etc.*

digital cre8or

Family Learning

Simple i.t.

Network Management Training

ICT
Limerick City Community
ICT Steering Group

Anyone for a full Irish?
City of Limerick Community ICT Steering Group invites you to
TechFast 2007
(Breakfast and some food for thought!)

THOMOND PARK NOVEMBER 1st, 11-4
FREE ENTRY
LEARN TO TACKLE TECHNOLOGY
Find out what all the fuss is about... come along to Limericks Technology Fair
- Learn about Google, youtube and bebo
- Shop online for holidays, concert tickets....

Building Ireland's First Digital Strategy (2017 – 2020)

Launched by Limerick City & County Council in 2018

https://www.limerick.ie/council/publications/limerick-digital-strategy-2017-2020

SMART LIMERICK WORKING GROUPS

1. **Citizen Engagement**
2. **Data**
3. **Digital Inclusion**
4. **Energy**

DIGITAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

- Developing a better understanding of what it means to be 'digitally included' or 'digitally excluded'.

- Identify collaborative initiatives and leverage resources.

- Identifying digital inclusion pathways for all that facilitate social inclusion and economic participation.

- Sharing knowledge gained at local, national and international levels to raise awareness and influence policy

DIGITAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

Progress to date: -

- Group established with inter-agency representation.
  - *Limerick City and County Council*
  - *Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (Chair)*
  - *PAUL Partnership*
  - *West Limerick Resources*
  - *Ballyhoura Development*
  - *Tait House*
  - *Mary Immaculate College*
  - *Innovate Limerick*
- Terms of reference agreed.
- Research shared/evidence-based approach.
- Key actions identified.

DIGITAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP - PARTNERS

DIGITAL INCLUSION – ACTION PLANNING

- **Research –** *Tender advertised for qualitative research*

- **Engagement – e.g.** *Community Engagement Fair; cross-cutting theme.*

- **Skills –** *Potential initiatives for empowering citizens to manage in digital.*

- **Infrastructure –** *Issues of maintenance, PC recycling; Social Enterprise*

THANK YOU