



Atlantic Social Lab

Newsletter - October 2018

Find out the latest news from the Atlantic Social Lab project in Cork here!

We are an EU funded project which promotes the use of social innovation to address key societal challenges. The project involves 9 partners from across the UK, Spain, Portugal, France and Ireland. Cork City Council is the Irish partner and in Cork we are focused on using social innovation to address issues being faced by social enterprises and look at innovative ways of stimulating civic engagement in the city. This Newsletter will keep you up to date on all our activities in Cork.





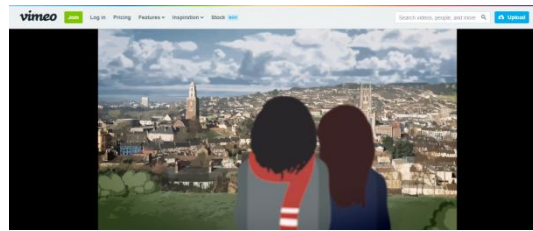
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Local Community Development Committee

The Atlantic Social Lab Project together with the Cork University Business School, UCC recently attended and presented at the October meeting of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Mara van Twuijver from UCC gave members a presentation on Social Enterprises - A European Perspective whilst Juliette Crowley provided an overview of the Atlantic Social Lab's aims, objectives and activities - with a focus on the Social Enterprise strand of the project. This event further cemented the support for the Atlantic Social Lab and its activities locally and looked at the continuation of these activities post EU project funding.

Our Animation Video

We are currently working on the creation of an animated video promoting public engagement on the planning of our city. Many stakeholders have been involved in the development of this and we hope to publish it very soon. Watch this space!



Our First Ask & Advise Evening



The Atlantic Social Lab project in Cork held its first “Ask & Advise Evening” for Social Enterprises in Nano Nagel Place, Cork on the 18th of October 2018. This event brought together Social Enterprises from across the city and provided an opportunity for sharing problems and experiences and finding solutions. It was facilitated by the Irish Social Enterprise Network’s Chris Gordon who has facilitated many similar events in other parts of Ireland. The first of its’ kind in Cork, it proved to be a very engaging and popular event with nearly 30 Social Enterprises attending. Issues discussed ranged from the best legal structure for a Social Enterprise to ways to engage the private sector and how to develop and implement effective low budget marketing programmes. This event will be followed by another Ask & Advise evening in March 2019.



Upcoming events

How to tell your Story - Storytelling Workshop

19th January 2019

Finance for Social Enterprises

30th January 2019

Governance and your Social Enterprise

13th February 2019

Ask & Advise Night

Open session for social enterprises

26th March 2019

Social Enterprise 101

Introduction Course to Social Enterprise

Date TBC

Social Procurement for Procurers

Introduction session to social procurement and community benefit clauses for procurers.

Date TBC

Social Procurement for Social Enterprises

Introduction to social procurement and community benefit clauses for social enterprises.

Date TBC

Social Impact Measurement

Measuring your social impact

Date TBC



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