

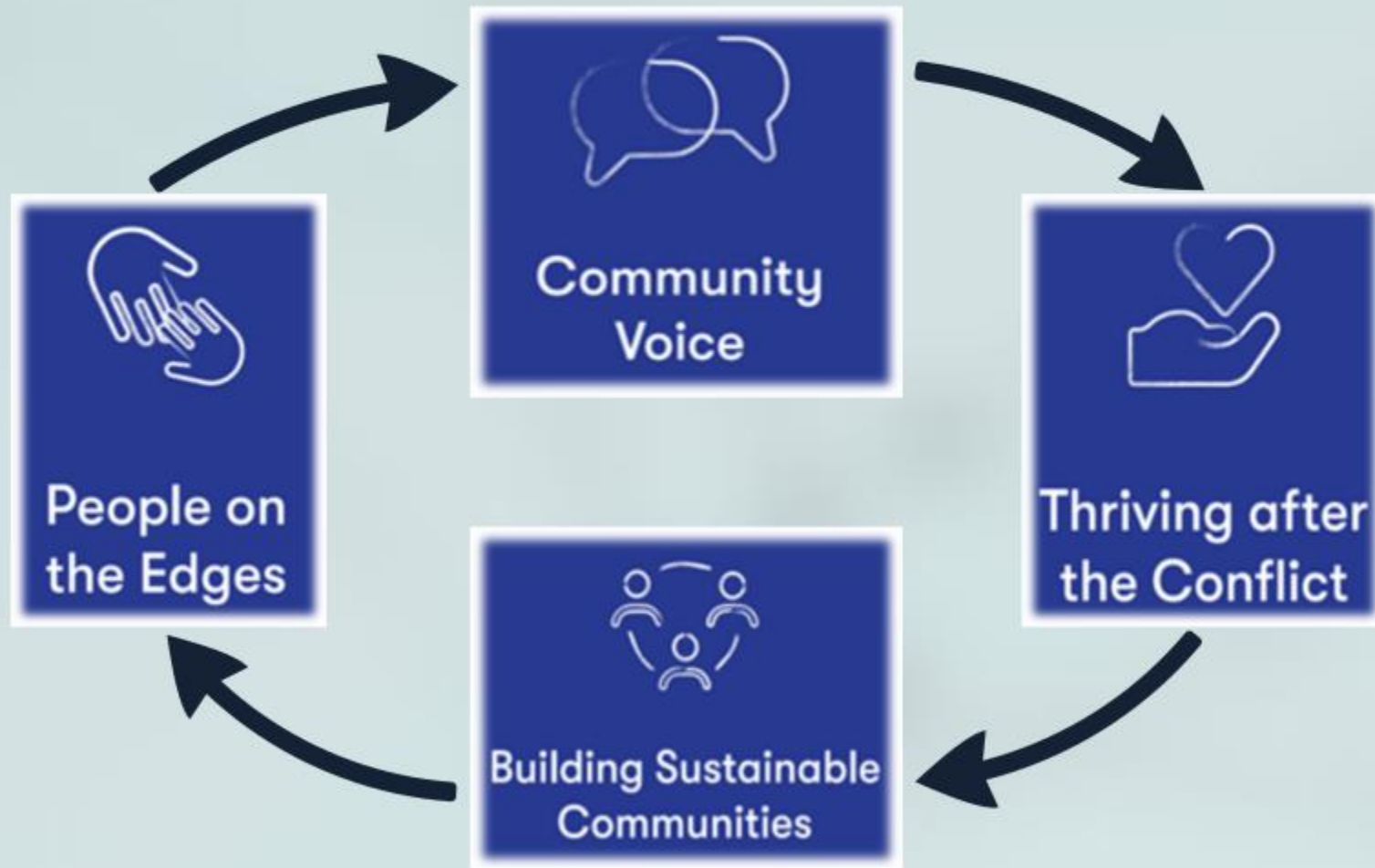


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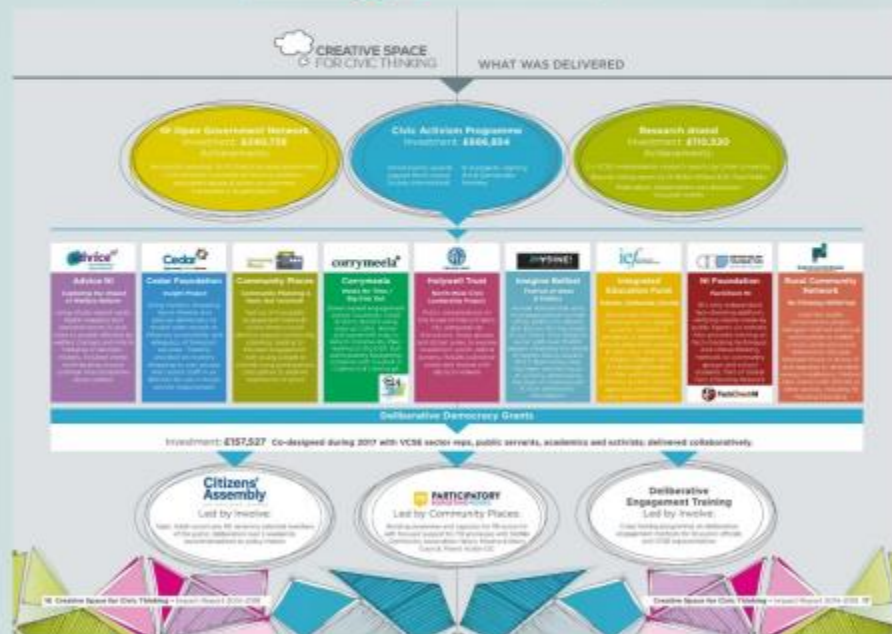
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Community Foundation Strategy 2019 - 2024



Background



NI Open Government Network
Investment: **£240,736**
Achievements:

Successful campaign for NI Executive open government commitments funded by network members; standardised debate & action on openness, transparency & participation

Civic Activism Programme
Investment: **£666,854**

Online toolkit, awards support from Involvement Society, International
to 9 projects, training & the Democratic Learning

Research strand
Investment: **£110,520**
Achievements:

2 x VCSE independence research reports by Ulster University
Beyond Voting report by Dr Robin Wilson & Dr Paul Nolan
Publication, dissemination and discussion via public events



Citizens' Assembly
THE DELIBERATIVE METHOD

Led by Involvement:

Topic: Adult social care. 80 randomly selected members of the public deliberation over 2 weekends; recommendations to policy-makers

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WORKS

Led by Community Places:

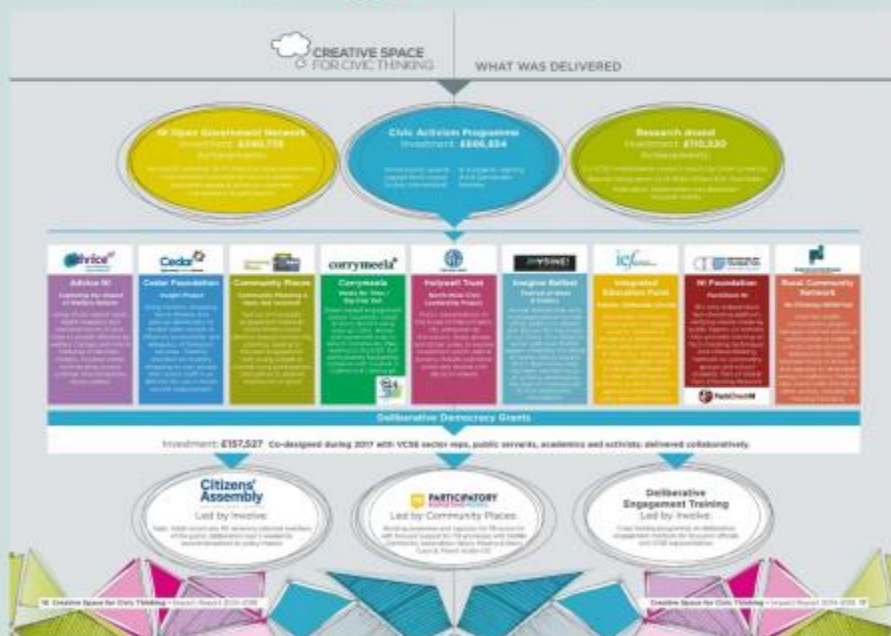
Building awareness and capacity for PB across NI with focused support for PB processes with Rathfriland Community Association, Newry, Mourne & Down Council, Parent Action CIC

Deliberative Engagement Training

Led by Involvement:

3 day training programme on deliberative engagement methods for 60 public officials and VCSE representatives

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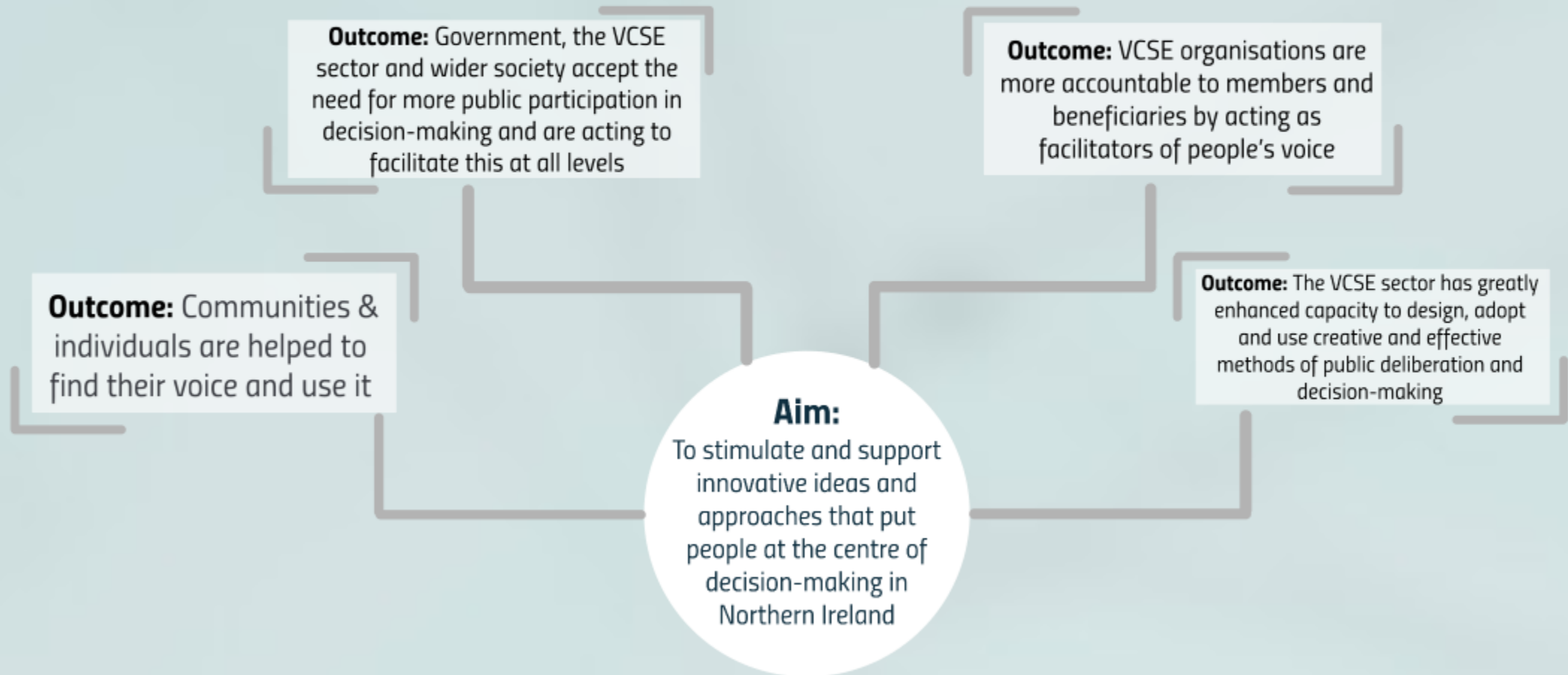
Achievements

- First ever citizens' assembly & participatory budgeting initiatives - giving people a direct say
- Influencing government practice - e.g. education planning, open government commitments
- Re-energised role of VCSE sector in deepening democracy through leading & risk-taking

Learning

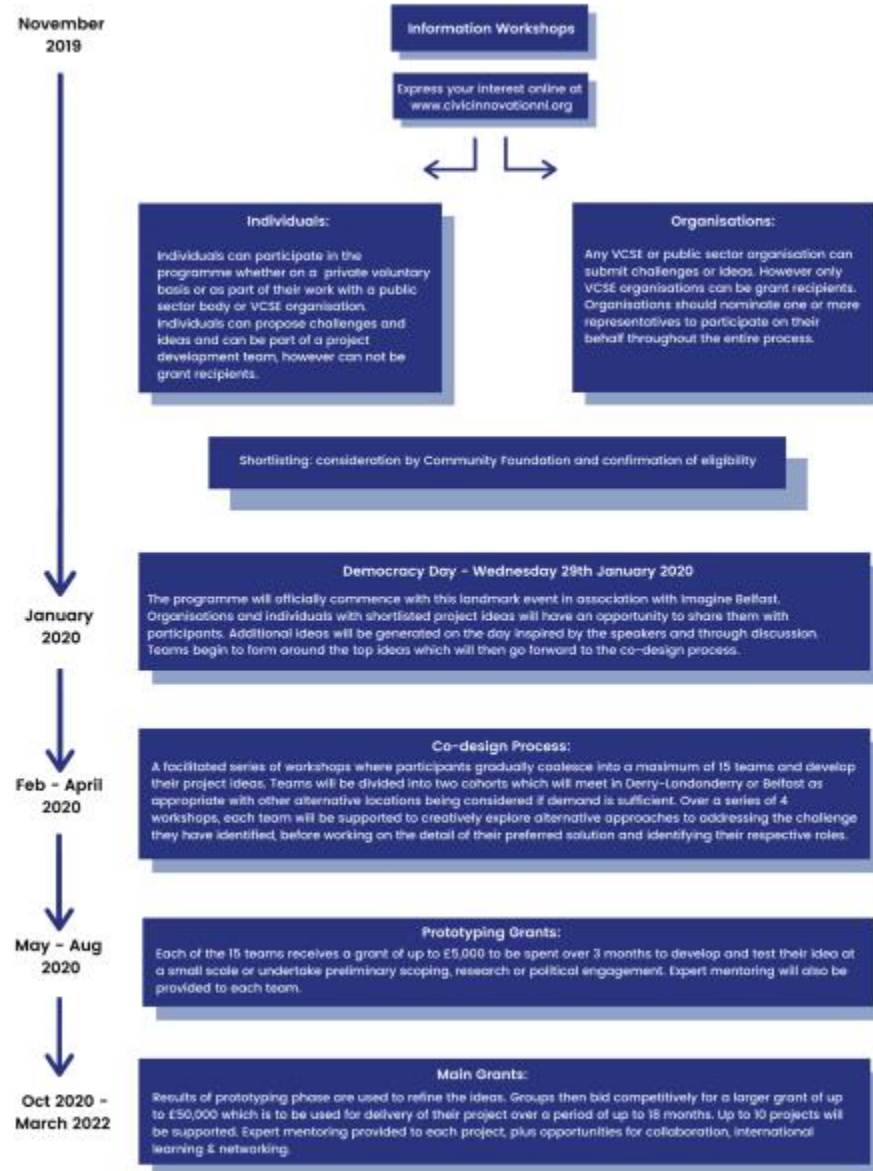
- Needs long-term investment & independent funding
- Accompaniment & mentoring model works
- Need to be flexible
- Start from the problem, not the methods

Aim & Outcomes



Civic Innovation Programme overview

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November
2019

Information Workshops

Express your interest online at
www.civicinnovationni.org



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January
2020

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Feb - April
2020

Co-design Process:

A facilitated series of workshops where participants gradually coalesce into a maximum of 15 teams and develop their project ideas. Teams will be divided into two cohorts which will meet in Derry-Londonderry or Belfast as appropriate with other alternative locations being considered if demand is sufficient. Over a series of 4 workshops, each team will be supported to creatively explore alternative approaches to addressing the challenge they have identified, before working on the detail of their preferred solution and identifying their respective roles.



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May - Aug
2020

Prototyping Grants:

Each of the 15 teams receives a grant of up to £5,000 to be spent over 3 months to develop and test their idea at a small scale or undertake preliminary scoping, research or political engagement. Expert mentoring will also be provided to each team.

Oct 2020 -
March 2022

Main Grants:

Results of prototyping phase are used to refine the ideas. Groups then bid competitively for a larger grant of up to £50,000 which is to be used for delivery of their project over a period of up to 18 months. Up to 10 projects will be supported. Expert mentoring provided to each project, plus opportunities for collaboration, international learning & networking.

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Public Conversations Project Challenge

A Public Conversations Project Dialogue (PCPD) is designed to aggregate the wisdom of people across regions that are not easily reached through conventional, built-in social and official routes of change participation or engagement. Public dialogues are often created to shape perceptions of a reality, address social inequalities, and often underpin the creation of a consensus on a common action plan or strategy within a community.

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Crosswarring Platforms

Identifying a civil position of diverging persons, ideas, traditions or customs from strategic and emotional positions of people.

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Citizen Engagement

Values in social spending policies: Individuals in countries spending on current affairs, or how specific results might be achieved and how partnerships in change focused on social needs and other issues made use of mechanisms for increasing the visibility of their activities and their results.

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Local and Global Civic Innovation Tools

Top Tips For Civic Innovation

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It is more likely if you link your activity with something already exists, inspiring what that people may be looking at already.

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Bring them to you

Events it is important for decision makers to come and get it for your community, plan and give it their touch.

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Focus on the Solution

Make organisations and civil society groups already representatives look for focus on what is not working.

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Citizen Science		✓			✓			✓	
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Community Valuing					✓	✓		✓	
Consensus Conference	✓				✓			✓	
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Deliberative Mapping	✓				✓		✓	✓	
Deliberative Polling	✓							✓	
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Farm Theatre		✓						✓	
Mystery Shopping						✓		✓	
Online Consensus Decision-making		✓					✓	✓	
Participatory Budgeting	✓							✓	
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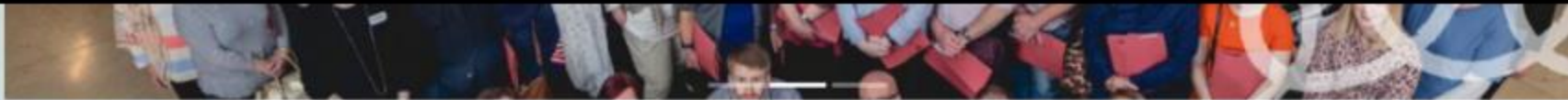
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Public Conversations Project Dialogue

Public Conversations Project Dialogue (PCP Dialogue) is appropriate for exploring deeply divisive topics that are not easily resolved through compromise. Such issues are often rooted in deeply personal aspects of identity, values and worldviews, and often undermine the creation of a cooperative and constructive style of interaction within a community.

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Crowdmapping Platforms

Crowdsourcing is the practice of obtaining services, ideas, functions, or contacts from a large and undefined network of people.

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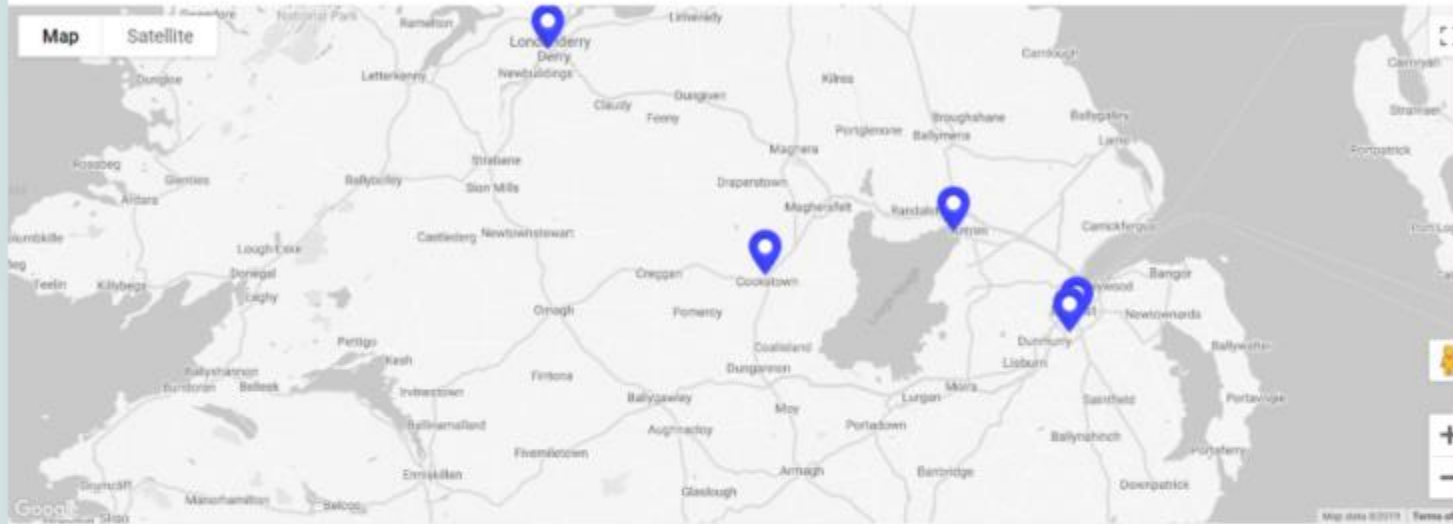


Citizen Reporting

Citizen or social reporting involves individuals in real time reporting on current affairs, or from specific events such as conferences and workshops. It is strongly focused on social media and other online tools as mechanisms for transmitting and collating photos, videos and comments.

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Top Tips For Civic Innovation

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It can really help if you link your activity with something relevant that is happening and that people may be aware of already.

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Bring them to you

Equally, it is important for decision makers to see and get a feel for your community, your group and your issues.

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Focus on the Solution

Much engagement with service providers and public representatives tends to focus on what is not working.

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Individual Participation Form

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Organisation

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Key Contact Name

Contact Email Address

Contact Phone

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Past Case Studies



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Participatory Budgeting -
The Big Dish Out

Pressure Group Fund

- Rolling application process, no deadline, quick decision
- Online application form via www.communityfoundationni.org
- Up to £1,000 available plus another £1,000 within 12 months if needed
- Projects seeking to change or influence government policy or legislation around issues of social injustice
- No party political causes
- Both constituted and unconstituted groups can apply
- Detailed guidelines on website

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Democracy Day

29th January 2020
Parliament Buildings, Stormont

Sign up at
www.civicinnovationni.org

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Mentimeter audience polling results

From workshops in Belfast, Armagh & L'Derry

What are the issues where public participation/engagement is most needed?

Belfast workshop results



What are the issues where public participation/engagement is most needed?

Armagh/L'Derry results



What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Belfast workshop results

Wide variety of access activity

Citizens assembly

Dialogue in different paces with different people matched to actions and campaigns.

Engage with communities of interest

Formalising and resourcing communities to organise themselves - parish council type model

Youth Assembly

Mental Health - training on models that are not drug based - community based services

Public Forums

Strategic conversations

What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Town halls

Youth advocacy- giving all young people a voice - targeting those young people that are hard to reach

Focus Group/Steering groups

Young people leading on naming the issues and designing solutions

Open community forum

Bespoke social network

Mini publics

deliberative events/mini publics

Engage with communities of place

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Participatory Design

Social event with hooks

Planning Charrette

Specific reaching out and Recognition and understanding of those who are most marginalised and least visible within communities

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Online Democracy Matters publication to cover events, issues and speak truth and expose lies

Use various tools of engagement to ensure wide range of public involvement - use of IT other formats for a Person to express their view art etc...

DEA forums

DEA Forums

/

Town meeting

MLAs

Children and young people

Derry –
Londonderry
workshop results

What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Treat young people as Citizens Now

Breaking the cycle of stigma through generations

Collaborative partnership

Intercultural Dialogue in the International Setting

Podcasts – positively focused conversations

Commoning

Public Forum

Aarhus convention from the United Nations on environmental public participation

Recognise the impact of mental health on the person as a whole

What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Participatory Budgeting

Joining the dots

Young people are often disenfranchised with our democratic process. We need to involve them more.

Workshops

Debates and discussions involving young people so they can have their voice heard

Kitchen table chats

Awareness campaign. Making people more aware of what is happening to our environment

Citizens assemblies looking at well known 'stuck' issues

Mapping online, events that inform and engage, pb

What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

To be a bridge between statutory bodies and the public around environmental rights in the establishment of an Aarhus Centre

Focus on structures

play

Creation of effective and facilitated public forums

Gather evidence on issues which goes beyond opinion to support and build case for change

Skilling people up to be advocates

Young people's collective to have their voices heard and valued around issues that they feel impact their lives

Cultural sharing events

Notice Boarded



What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Marching in a common band

Connect participation with challenging orthodox

Accountability

Government innovators programme

Going to venues where people gather so as to reach those who aren't usual suspects



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Planning cells

Involve the public in finding out what they can do in their local community to improve in (env and climate change issues) and how to utilise local experience and skills to deliver a successful project (supported by Council).

Supporting statutory agencies, community groups and communities to understand our collective parenting responsibilities to children in care- it takes a village

Planning cells to help
influence decision making at
local government level

fact checking to myth bust

Allowing people to understand that they have the power of change. They don't know that yet. That should be our main task.

Giving a voice to people who
wouldn't normally get involved
in topical issues

Develop a general public hub
where they can access
information on services in their
area.

An area where the public can
meet to discuss
issues/problem

What ideas do you have for involving the public around the issues you highlighted previously?

Helping people to advocate and lobby for issues most relevant to them

Ask if they know anyone who has been or is in that situation and ask if they are interested in prevention for their own families future

Education department

Business in the Community

Education department



Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Young people

DfC

People from the communities
on the ground

Trusts

Decision makers

Education Authority

Local councils

Dept for economy

Local membership

Belfast workshop
results

Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Health Trusts

Government departments

DFC

Local businesses - going to where people are rather than expecting them to come to you

Community development officers from councils

Nihe Local Community groups

Community services officers, local councils

BME organisations and organisations that work with refugees and asylum seekers

Belfast City Council



Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

People from working class communities

Young people

Perm secs

Families affected by mental health issues

Public health agency

BME community

Age Friendly Coordinators

Councils

Disability charities



Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Budget Holders

Suicide Prevention Charities

Political

Community Development Orgs

Rr

Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Budget holders

Everyone

Political parties

Grassroots organisations to try to engage with those who are normally not engaged- people on the margins or those who traditionally don't engage in programmes.

Experts on each issue - those who have been affected

Experienced Mentors

Young people

people on the edges

Community activists

Derry –
Londonderry
workshop results

Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

parents

Policy Makers

Council

Schools

Community and voluntary with
specific interest in young
people

MLAs, Health Care workers,
and those experiencing
mental ill health

Statutory Partners

GPs mental health
practitioners Community
psychiatric nurse A&E staff
Police

Service recipients

Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Carers aren't here, they can't get away from their caring roles. Many are saving the government £100's a week whilst possibly cutting their own work hours.

Best working examples that in works in other countries

Local government, environmental NGOs, governmental agencies, community groups

All statutory bodies with a remit for this in partnership with the community activists

Who else needs to be involved in this programme?

Sustainable NI

Public health and wellbeing
services Community groups

Housing executive

Local councils

Umbrella groups for
community organisations

Any local structure that has a remit to
engage...integrated care partnerships, multi
disciplinary teams, local commissioning groups

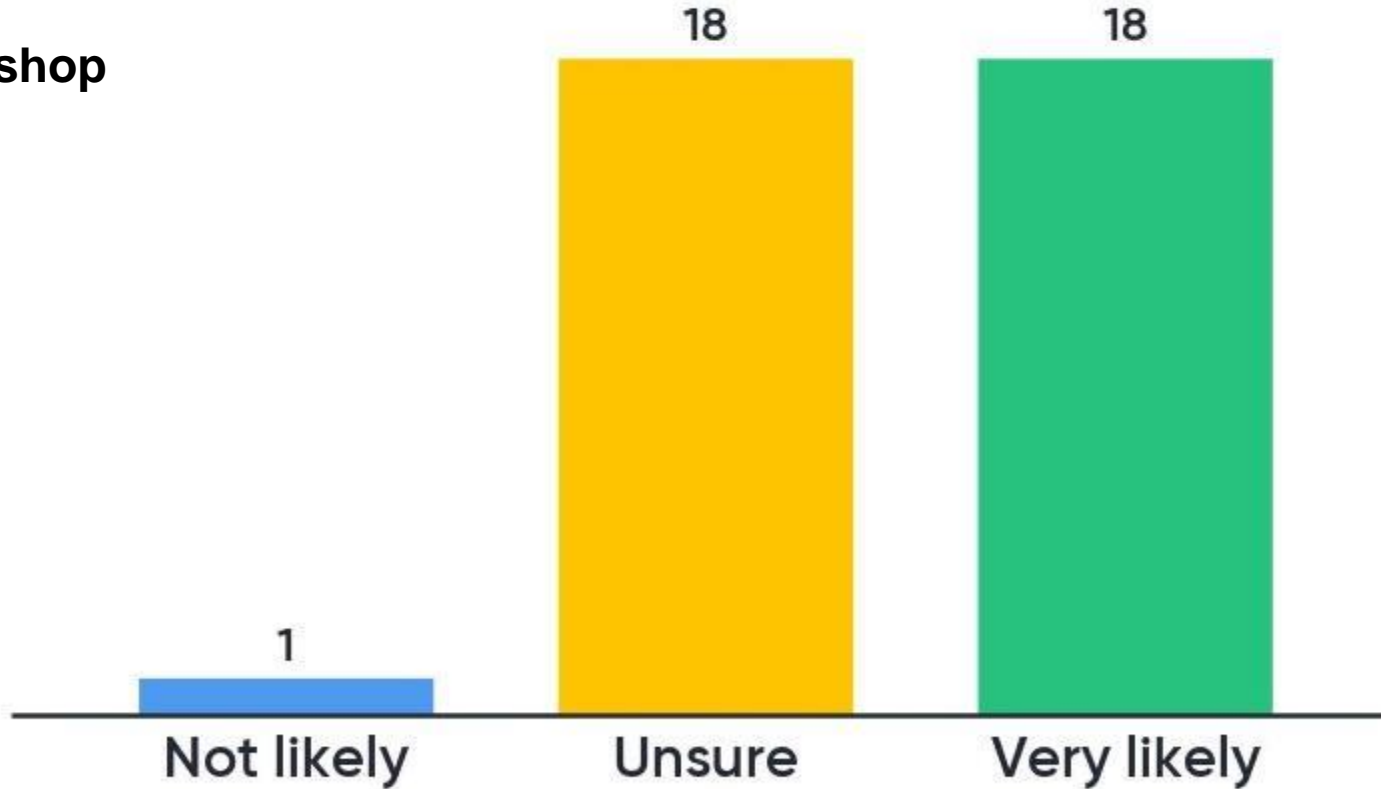
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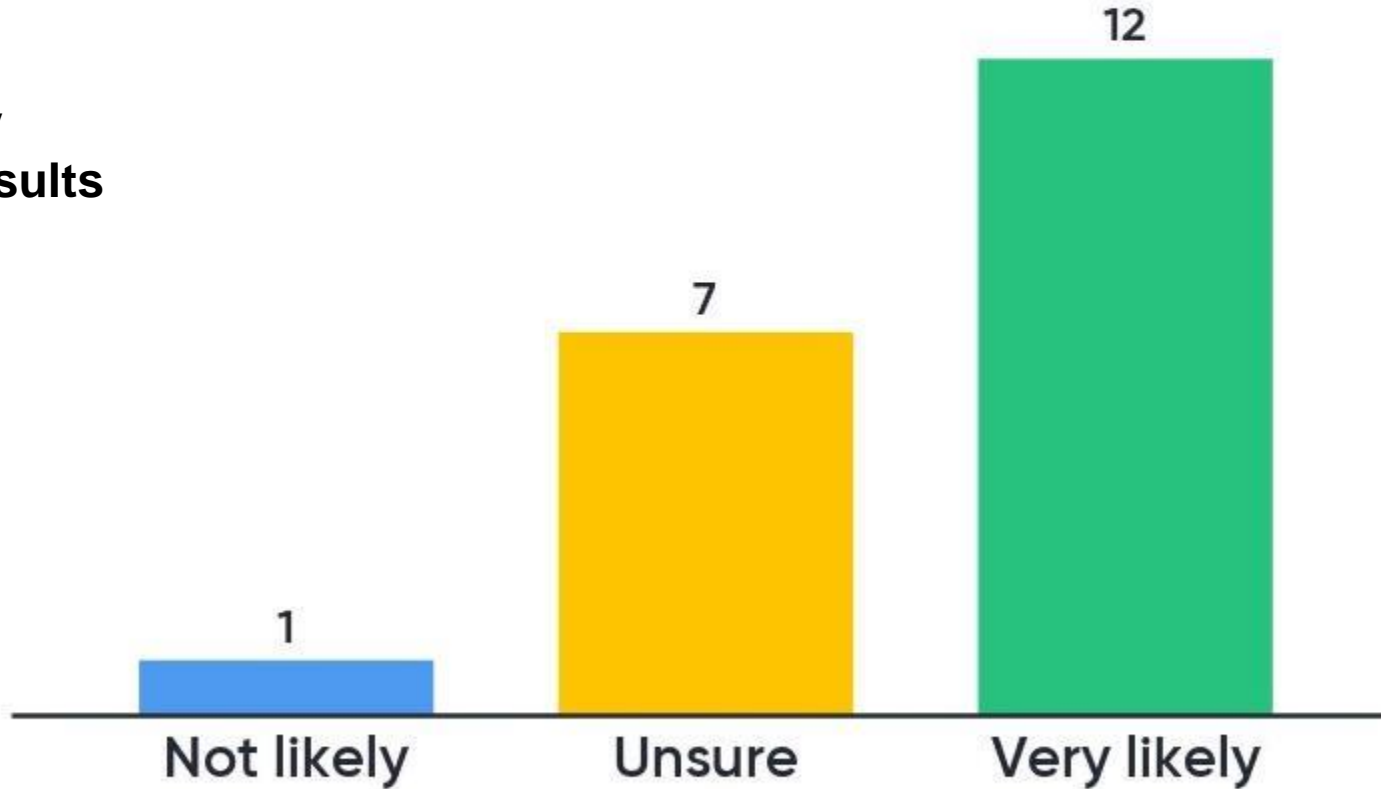
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