

Tubbercurry Town Centre First IT'S YOUR TOWN - have your say!

Participant information

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1. Tubbercurry Town Centre First (TCF) Plan

Sligo County Council has received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to develop a Town Centre First Plan for Tubbercurry. Through engagement with local community, businesses, sporting organisations and in consultation with those living, working or visiting Tubbercurry, the Plan will incorporate a shared vision for the future development of the town and will set out how this vision may be achieved through a series of action-oriented and attainable interventions. The TCF Plan will ultimately inform the future direction of the Town through the identification of a series of “pipeline projects” and potential funding streams for same.

2. About the workshops

As part of the ongoing process to develop the Tubbercurry Town Centre First Plan, Sligo County Council, together with our consultants LUC and MKO, are running a series of online workshops. These workshops provide an opportunity for residents in Tubbercurry with local knowledge and lived experiences of visiting, shopping and socialising in Tubbercurry to share their views on the future development of the town.

During earlier stages of stakeholder engagement and brainstorming, a total of 42 ideas were generated. With your valuable input we aim to prioritise which ideas and proposals

should be taken forward for inclusion in the Tubbercurry TCF Plan and for implementation in the coming years.

The workshops are delivered in partnership with the Demotec Project Team which is further explained below.

3. Dates & Times

In the online sign-up form you will be able to ***select one of two workshops*** of the time of your choosing for decision making.

If we receive over the number of people we are able to accommodate, we will do a selection process based on broadly representative demographics to ensure a broad sample of the community can participate.

Decision making – Tubbercurry TCF

(50 participants in total)

- Workshop No. 1: Monday 17th July 2pm to 4pm (25 spaces)
- Workshop No. 2: Monday 17th July 6pm to 8pm (25 spaces)

Online registration closes at 9am on Monday 17th July 2023.

We ask that you log in 10 minutes before the sessions as the workshops will start promptly. All participants will be kindly requested to fill in a very brief questionnaire before and after the workshop.

For further information or questions please contact brflynn@sligococo.ie, annie@decidingmatters.co.uk or Jacqueline.whitworth-allan@landuse.co.uk

4. Gift of thanks

As a thank you, participants who register for a workshop, attend the full duration of the workshop and participate in a meaningful way, will be offered a €50 voucher. This voucher will be redeemable in a range of retail outlets and businesses in Tubbercurry, supporting the local economy and expressing appreciation for your valuable input.

5. About Demotec

DEMOTEC is an EU-funded Horizon 2020 project aimed at exploring the impact of Participatory Budgeting (PB) on citizen engagement in policymaking.

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that empowers local residents to directly allocate public funds or make recommendations for future budget allocations. It involves identifying key community challenges and priorities (i.e. digital divide, climate

or tackling poverty), generating ideas or proposals, engaging in discussions, reaching consensus, voting on the ideas for local implementation.

The project applies innovative methods including piloting PB events, analysis of discussions, representative surveys, and case studies in seven communities across Europe: including Romania, Scotland, Cyprus, Greece, the Netherlands, Cyprus, Greece; (Sligo), Ireland and Poland.

Democratic Society and Strathclyde University are a part of the DEMOTEC team and are working collaboratively with Sligo County Council to deliver these events. Strathclyde University together with Democratic Society will conduct anonymous research on the workshops. The research aims to analyse the merits of participatory design and gather reflections on whether these methods serve as effective democratic decision making tools for future processes.

6. Roles in the workshops

There will be several roles during the workshops, each role has their own purpose.

1. **Democratic Society (facilitators)** - As the moderator and host of the events, Democratic Society ensures you are welcomed and guided throughout the process. They are a non-profit organization leading on the design, delivery and facilitation of the workshops.
2. **You! (participant)** – having conversations and collaborating with others to decide which ideas should be developed and which ideas should be taken forward in the local area.
3. **Strathclyde University (researchers)** – as part of the wider research initiative, neutral observers from Strathclyde University will be present. Their role is to observe and capture notes on the workshops without providing opinions. They lead on the research aiming to gather valuable insights from the workshops.
4. **Sligo County Council (representatives)**– representatives from Sligo County Council will be there to answer questions you may have. They can explain the criteria to support public investments and provide you with essential information to make informed decisions on the best allocation of public resources. Drawing on their local expertise, they will consider the outcomes from the workshops and make final decisions on implementing your ideas.

7. Contact details

If you need to contact a member of our team at any point before or during the workshop, please do so at:

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