

Cork City PPN Community Wellbeing Statement 2018

*access to public
transport*

*having our
voices heard in
local policy*

good jobs

*good friends
& social
networks*

*a healthy
environment*

*inclusion of
everyone*



What is Community Wellbeing?

Although we often think about wellbeing in terms of good physical and mental health, it can also describe the wider conditions we need as individuals and communities to have a better quality of life, healthier environment and increased prosperity.

Considering all the aspects of community wellbeing together helps us to identify actions that can be undertaken by communities alongside local and national governments.



How did we create this draft Wellbeing Statement?



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Workshop

PPN Members were invited to attend Community Wellbeing workshops.

At these workshops the Community Wellbeing concept was presented.



2

Asset Mapping

Working in groups, attendees then highlighted the “assets” and aspects of their community that they wish to preserve and protect for current and future generations.



3

Wellbeing vision

Using the 6 Community Wellbeing headings, attendees shared what they (and the organisations they work for) considered to be important for their community’s wellbeing.



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Consultation

Following the workshop, an online consultation was shared with members who were unable to attend the workshops.

They were provided the opportunity to answer the same questions asked at the workshop.



5

Draft Vision

The PPN resource workers and secretariat members then analysed the responses from the workshop and online consultation.

They then produced the draft wellbeing statements.



What is important for Community Wellbeing in Cork City?

We developed Wellbeing Statements for each community wellbeing “domain”.

These were developed by reviewing and analysing the responses from the workshops and online consultation.

The PPN Coordinator and secretariat members grouped the responses into common themes and and issues. They translated these into “high-level” statements.

Specific issues mentioned are not included in the statement but these will be shared with PPN Reps working on [Local Committees](#).



Social & Community Development



Vision: “In Cork, community and voluntary groups are valued and resourced for their work in creating and maintaining inclusive communities. There is good provision for safe, accessible, well-serviced public spaces.

Citizens are valued throughout their lives and robust, local structures are in place to provide supports when needed. The City offers diverse housing that allows all people to create homes in well-connected communities.”

Social & Community Development



- Communities are **empowered to determine their own needs** and there are clear mechanisms in place to secure **resources and support** to meet these needs.
- The **voices and contributions of all groups** within the community are sought, heard and valued (including youth, elderly, migrant, **LGBT**, persons living with disabilities and others).
- Diverse spaces – outdoor, green, weather-proofed and indoor – are **accessible to all** citizens for interaction, recreation, socialising, and play.
- Both new and ‘traditional’ **cultures are respected and celebrated.**
- The city is opened up to all through **safe and affordable transport** options.
- **Education, lifelong learning and educational spaces** support community development.
- Everyone can **access information** on community groups, events and programmes across the City
- The **city’s economic model** supports the vision Cork has for social and community development.
- Where homelessness does occur, emergency provision, in ‘normal housing’ will be made, with supports available to **reintegrate people into communities** and suitable housing as fast as possible.

Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



Vision: “Cork people are educated and equipped to participate actively in local government and communities are encouraged to participate in a meaningful way in decision-making structures. There is a high turn-out for elections, with automatic registration from 16 years and voting rights for all EU citizens. Elected representatives are the true and accountable voice of their constituents and engage frequently and regularly to respond to local issues.

Local government is transparent, accountable and open to input from citizens. Development in Cork is genuinely sustainable with local government initiating meaningful engagement with citizens from the inception of projects. Local democracy is representative across cultures, ages and genders, and information on local government is easily accessible. Community and voluntary groups serve their members well and are resourced to comply with governance requirements.”

Participation, Democracy and Good Governance



- There is a **directly elected mayor**.
- Elected councillors serve for a **term of 7 years**.
- Citizens are encouraged to be **active participants in budgeting and design processes**.
- The remit of local government encompasses **local administration and authority for local decision-making**.
- **Intelligent budgeting** to support strategic plans is informed by real community engagement.
- Measures are in place to **address barriers to participation** in the community and local democracy.
- The balance of **representation favours citizen interests** over those of business.

Values, Culture & Meaning



Vision - “The City is proud and sure of what makes Cork “Cork”; history, built heritage, food, environment, language, sport, music and the arts. New and diverse cultures are included, integrated and celebrated here. Traditional sport is flourishing and we have a thriving, dynamic, inclusive and sustainable arts and music scene.

People benefit from active learning between generations, cultures and identities. Cork’s historic and cultural heritage is protected and conserved as part of the sustainable development of our city and the evolution of our community values.”

Values, Culture & Meaning



- **Cultural appreciation** features strongly across the spectrum of education.
- The **unique features of language and expression** in Cork are recognised and retained.
- The challenges which face a multi-cultural city are recognised and tackled, including by provision of **appropriate infrastructure that support community development**.
- Cork is home to **world class venues, festivals and events** which makes the city a renowned hub for the arts.
- The **significance of the arts and culture** is underpinned by supportive policy.

Health (physical & mental)



Vision - “Cork has a high standard of locally-available healthcare (physical and mental) which is universally accessible as people’s needs arise. Awareness and understanding of emotional and mental health is developed through education from early years. The importance of the natural environment for good health is recognised and green and public spaces throughout the city promote an outdoor and active culture. Healthcare practitioners and patients approach health and wellbeing in its broadest terms, considering medical and non-medical interventions.

Everyone in Cork has a suitable home within safe and integrated communities. Health promotion is embedded across the spectrum of education and everyone is supported to have a good diet and healthy lifestyle. Cork city’s health benefits from active and sustainable travel networks which reduce environmental impacts and improve quality of life. Strategies and policies are in place which prevent isolation and underpin inclusive and supportive communities. ”

Health (physical & mental)



- The provision of healthcare in Cork is **locally informed and evidence-based**.
- **Children are not required to take responsibility for caring roles.**
- **Carers are valued and supported to maintain their own quality of life.**
- **People with special needs are provided with appropriate services.**
- **Cork city is designed so that people living with disability can fully participate in society.**
- **Illicit drugs and tobacco are not a feature of life in Cork and alcohol consumption does not impact negatively on the health or wellbeing of our citizens.**

Work, Economy & Resources



Vision - “Cork’s thriving economy is characterised by many unique, indigenous small and medium enterprises which in turn benefit the community. City and State policies support local employment generation within the SME sector. Workplaces in Cork are inclusive, accessible places which offer flexible conditions and a fair wage to all.

Targeted initiatives, training and support build the confidence of those who are out of work, and facilitate transitions from unemployment to suitable jobs. Our economic model is based on the principle of sustainability; where environmental, social and economic priorities are given equal importance. This is borne out in progressive development, taxation, employment and other regulations and policies affecting businesses. There is a high standard of affordable housing for different household types in the city. The contribution to society of all kinds of work is valued and appropriately rewarded ”

Work, Economy & Resources



- Employers and workplaces actively support a **good standard of living and family life**.
- Well-planned infrastructure and services enable **workers to engage successfully both at work and in their wider lives**.
- The **welfare of carers and parents** is safeguarded.
- All workers in Cork receive at least a **living wage**.
- Commuters benefit from **well-developed and multi-modal transport networks**, which removes congestion and minimises carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Young people in Cork can avail of range of alternative learning opportunities which support **access to further education and employment**
- **Businesses actively engage with and support the communities** in the areas where they are located.

Environment & Sustainability



Vision - “Cork city is a safe and clean environment and a rich variety of green spaces and bodies of water contribute to a healthy environment for people and wildlife. Development in the city delivers improvements in public space, tree planting and community amenities.

We have a well-connected, sustainable and health-promoting transport network throughout the city. The City practices truly sustainable development which preserves our historical built heritage while ensuring that new infrastructure is future proof and provides amenities for Cork people. The River Lee is a unique asset and is carefully developed as an amenity for recreation, sport and tourism, energy generation and flood adaptation ”

Environment & Sustainability



- The City is home to **diverse and valued species and habitats**, and their ongoing preservation and protection are priorities.
- The City utilises **innovative renewable and sustainable energy** networks.
- Cork **practices the waste hierarchy**- ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’- and excellent local services and facilities are in place to facilitate composting and recycling.
- **Intelligent, creative design and development** marries the needs and desires of people while maximising the potential of the built environment.
- Awareness of environmental issues is high in Cork and programmes which encourage and enable **socially and environmentally responsible behaviours** are supported.
- Cork **respects and welcomes migrants**.
- **Carefully designed and well-supported green initiatives** are widespread and integrated throughout the city supporting food production, biodiversity, waste reduction, energy efficiency and health.
- **Neighbourliness, inclusivity and social awareness** are facilitated through provision of green public and community spaces

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