



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE RICHARD O'CARROLL ROOM - CITY HALL
ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 AT 8.00 AM**

AGENDA

THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017

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4	Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey:	19 - 20
	<i>“This Committee recommends that the City Council adopt a Dublin City version of the San Jose resolution (see attached) affirming the City as a Welcoming City and that we would circulate same to the cities with which we are twinned and have Friendship Agreements, requesting that they do the same”.</i>	
5	Mansion House - Briefing from Declan Wallace	
6	Public Reps System - (Report to be circulated separately)	
7	Request from the Union of Students of Ireland to give a presentation to Council on a Student Loan Scheme	21 - 34
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MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2017

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2017 and matters arising

Order: Agreed

2 Lord Mayor's Receptions and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor

Order: Noted and recommend to Council

3 Conferences

a) Conferences Attended by Councillors:

Order: Agreed and recommend to Council

b) Conference Reports Received:

Order: Noted

4 Motion in the Name of Councillor John Lyons:

It was proposed by Councillor J Lyons and seconded by Councillor M Flynn that "Noting recent reports of diplomatic developments by the Irish state toward full recognition of the state of Palestine, aware also that Ireland accorded the Palestinian delegation in Dublin diplomatic status in 2014, the same year that witnessed both Houses of the Oireachtas pass motions in support of Palestinian statehood, this city council will fly the flag of Palestine over City Hall for the month of May 2017 in support of the above diplomatic moves and as a gesture of our solidarity with the people of Palestine living under occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, with the Palestinian citizens of Israel denied basic democratic rights and with the over 7 million displaced Palestinians denied the right of return to their homeland."

Order: The Members were supportive of the motion but were cautious of setting a precedent on the flying of flags on City hall. The motion was put and carried.

5 Round Room at the Mansion House - Briefing from Declan Wallace

Order: The item was deferred until the May meeting

6 **Voter.ie Update**

The Manager gave an update on the new voter registration system “*Voter.ie*”. She informed Members that due to the increase in gated apartment complexes, the traditional collection of information through door to door enquiries was no longer effective. The new system was based around online, self-registration using the individuals PPS number. The Franchise section had successfully used the back office aspect of the new system to create the current electoral register and it was envisaged that the frontend portal would come online in February 2018. Members of the public would have the option of using the new system or could continue to register to vote using the existing registration forms.

Order: Report noted.

7 **Public Representatives System - Councillor Front End**

The Manager informed the Committee that the City Council had been investigating the introduction of the Public Reps system that was currently in use in the three other Dublin Local Authorities. The system would allow Councillors to lodge operational requests from constituents which would then be assigned to the relevant Department. The Department would then issue an authorised response within 15 days through the system, which could be provided to the constituent. Ollie Douglas gave the Members a brief demonstration of the front end of the system and explained how it would allow them to see the status of all their requests in one place. The system would also assist the senior management team in analysing how their Departments dealt with queries and ensure a more coherent and consistent approach.

The Manager also informed Members that the proposed EU Directive on data protection would be introduced in March 2018 and that this would have a profound impact on many aspects of the Councils business practices including the whole area of Council questions and representations on behalf of constituents.

Although the Members were positive towards the potential benefits of the new system in terms of efficiency and consistency they were cautious about its possible negative consequences. They were generally satisfied with the response from the Departments to their queries and were concerned that the new system would act as a barrier between the elected representatives and Council officials and impair the good working relationship that currently existed.

Order: The Manager to bring a report to the next meeting outlining all the issues discussed including the resourcing, scope and impact on current procedures of the new system.

8 **Draft Deputy Lord Mayor Travel Policy**

The Manager proposed that in situations where the Lord Mayor, in discussion with the Chief Executive, agrees that the City should be represented at an international event or there is a recommendation from the Department of Foreign Affairs that the City or Country be represented abroad, but the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor are not available then the invitation should be extended to the Chairperson of the relevant SPC. The travel costs associated with attending the event would be borne by the operational Department of the SPC rather than by the individual Councillor.

Order: Agreed

9 **Correspondence from Minister Shane Ross in regards appointments to the Board of Fáilte Ireland**

Order: Noted

10 **Managers Report**

- The Members also expressed their appreciation in regards the work done in facilitating Councillors who deputise for the Lord Mayor and in particular they welcomed the move to have a replica of the Clancy Chain made. The Manager envisaged that there would be two replicas which would allow the Deputy Lord Mayor to keep one on a permanent basis for the duration of his/her term and the second one could be couriered to the Councillor deputising for the Lord Mayor when necessary.

Order: Agreed.

- The Manager proposed that the Housing Supply Report be included in the Chief Executive's Monthly Report on the monthly Council agenda as it would assist members in understanding the information supplied in both reports.

Order: Agreed.

11 **A.O.B.**

- Councillor Lyons expressed concern that the reports received from Members following their attendance at a Conference were not as extensive as they could be.

Order: The Protocol Committee to monitor Conference reports submitted by Members to ensure they meet the required standard.

- Councillor Flynn expressed concern regarding the Fire Restaurants use of the Mansion House brand in its advertising and commercial activities.

Order: The Manager to ask Declan Wallace to brief Members on the conditions of Fire Restaurants lease and the renewal of the lease which expires in 2019.

12 **Proposed Date of Next meeting - Thursday 4th May at 8am in the Richard O'Carroll Room**

Order: Agreed.

**Ciaran O'Moore
Vice Chairperson**

Thursday, 30 March 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Aine Clancy
Deirdre Heney
Michael Mullooly

Officers

Michael Gallagher

Apologies:

Brendan Carr
Ray McAdam

Members:

Patrick Costello
John Lyons
Ciaran O'Moore

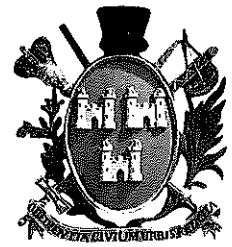
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Teresa Keegan
Ray McHugh

Members:

Mannix Flynn
Micheal Mac Donncha

Dermot Lacey
Rebecca Moynihan



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin
Brendan Carr

25th April 2017

**Ms. Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh,
Senior Executive Officer,
Chief Executive's Department**

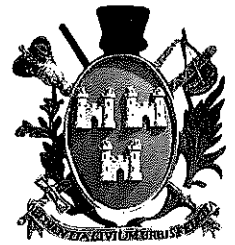
Dear Deirdre,

I would be obliged if you would bring the following receptions for the month of April 2017 to the attention of the Protocol Committee.

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Yours sincerely,

**Brendan Carr
Lord Mayor of Dublin**



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25th April 2017

Ms. Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh
Senior Executive Officer,
Chief Executive's Department

Dear Deirdre,

Please see below, list of functions, receptions and events in which I had a Deputy/Representative attend on my behalf during the month of March 2017:

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Yours sincerely,

Brendan Carr
Lord Mayor of Dublin

Conference Report Sheet

Councillor Name	Aine Clancy
Conference/Seminar Name	One Region One Vision
Conference/Seminar Topic	Challenge the consensus & explore the impossible future
Venue/Location	The Model, Sligo
Date (s) of Conference	December 8 th

Brief Summary

- The Speaker opened the conference emphasising that Rural Ireland is far from dead & has the potential to become an economically powerful region.
- The panel recognized that different Rural areas have different needs & require different solutions depending on local assets & that Rural Ireland has the ability to become economically prosperous in its own right, with its key strengths of people energy & resources...instead of ushering in its demise we should see Rural Ireland as a region with huge untapped potential & a capacity to lead the emergence of vibrant new economies.
- Kevin Thompstone discussed developing an Atlantic Economic corridor to promote more balanced regional development. The economic corridor is key to supporting enterprise growth & job creation in the western part of the country.
- Enterprise Ireland & the IDA have a renewed focus on investing & supporting enterprises at regional level. Both of these agencies will continue to focus on supporting job creation in the Western region.
- Emphasis was also on the diversity and range of Ireland's unique & natural heritage which is rooted in rural Ireland & in communities. The protection & promotion of our natural & built heritage assets will help to maintain & generate employment & revenue for rural Ireland through cultural & heritage tourism. These assets have the potential to bring much needed economic & employment opportunities to rural communities. Continue to significantly invest in National Parks & Nature Reserves will greatly contribute to the tourism industry in Rural communities.
- The roll out of the National Broadband plan to bring high speed to the Western region is vital to economic sustainability. Investment in transport links through a review of services. Support for regional Airports & investment in Rural infrastructure i.e Flood relief & other land management measures to protect our rural infrastructure was also discussed in relation to sustainability.

Recommendations	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring high speed broadband to ever premises in Ireland through the role out of the National Broadband Plan 2. Improve Rural transport links 3. Implement Flood relief measures 4. Grow & attract enterprise & jobs through the implementation of the 8 regional action plans for jobs. 5. Develop Atlantic economic corridor 6. Support Farm & Fishing incomes through CAP payments 7. Support Rural job seekers through Intreo offices & initiatives such as social inclusion & community activation programs. 8. Ensure Rural communities to meet the needs of the Labour market & to encourage innovation & maximize assets. 9. Support sustainable jobs to through sustainable jobs through targeted rural tourism initiatives: Key marketing initiatives such as Irelands Wild Atlantic way, 10. Develop & promote our natural & built heritage through investment & development (see above) 	
Declaration	
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.	
Signed by	Date
Aine Clancy	9 th April 2017

Conference Report Sheet

Councillor Name	Declan Flanagan
Conference/Seminar Name	National Nzeb Conference
Conference/Seminar Topic	Delivering Fast track and affordable nearly zero energy buildings (Nzeb)
Venue/Location	Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy
Date (s) of Conference	02 March

Brief Summary

A number of important issues were raised during this National nZEB seminar including the below.

- A discussion around the Cost Analysis of Delivery nZEB (nearly zero energy building), it is clearly the way forward for building and is much cheaper than realized.
- The Energy and Performance Monitoring of nZEB homes as compared to standard homes.
- Training construction workers to deliver Nzeb effectively , what courses and practical education is needed to bring construction workers up to the required standard
- Retrofitting of Social Housing in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown
- Step by Step discussion around Construction of an nZEB home from start to finish
- It was mentioned and discussed how to achieve compliance with *Part L dwellings*. The minimum threshold standard was discussed in detail. I learned that member states have agreed to ensure that all new buildings are nearly zero energy buildings by 2020. In addition all new buildings occupied by Local Authorities should be nearly zero energy buildings by 2018. It was explained that nearly zero energy building means **a building that has very high energy performance . the nearly zero or very low amount of energy should be covered to a great extent by energy from renewable sources.**
- Wexford’s first nZEB Local housing scheme was discussed in detail. In Wexford there are currently 3241 people on the Housing list and there is pressure on the rental sector in 4 main towns in the county. There was 516 cases of homelessness in 2016 in Wexford. Gorey which is a commuter town from Dublin has a 41% demand for 3 bed homes. Local Developer Michael Bennett submitted a proposal for 8 nzeb units in Moyne, Enniscorthy. The energy rating on the houses is better than an A1 with an A1 minus BER. It is estimated that there will be 5.1 million people in Ireland by 2021. We need to be building 60000 units per year.

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- It was a most informative and engaging seminar with some excellent speakers in attendance
- The seminar was attended by a large amount of architects, quantitative surveyors, builders and other trademen and housing professionals.
- It was quiet technical in parts of the seminar, there was many speakers in attendance including Mr Seamus Mullin of Michael Bennett construction, Doctor Shane Colclough of Ulster University speaking on the *data of energy and performance monitoring* and Dragmir Tzanev of En Effect in Bulgaria.
- I received a Professional Development (CPD) certificate for attending the nZEB Conference in Enniscorthy (see below)



Continuing Professional Development Certificate

This is to certify that

Declan Flanagan

is awarded **7** CPD points

For attending Ireland's inaugural nZEB conference held in Enniscorthy on 2nd March 2017

Managing Director, nZEBRA

Declaration

I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.

Declan Flanagan

6/3/17

Signed by

Date

Report to the Protocol Committee for noting and referral to the City Council

Councillor Name	Aine Clancy
Conference/Seminar Name	AILG Annunal Training Conference
Conference/Seminar Topic	Action Plan for Rural Development
Venue/Location	Tracey's West County Hotel, Clare
Date (s) of Conference	6 th & 7 th April 2017

Brief Summary

- "Have we a Two-Tier Country" The conference opened with this Question. The speaker dicussed supporting sustainable communities through making rural Ireland a better place to work & live, by reviiatalising rural villages & town centers, through the implementation of vital initiatives such as The CLAR & RAPID Programmes, Town & Village Renewal Scheme & and introduce measures that support people to live in Town centers.
- Pat Dowling the CEO, Clare County Council: dicussed new priorities & measures for local Governement through the implementation of new cross cutting structures that can bring about a sustainable future for the Region.
- The Speakers addressed empowering local communities through the development & support of the Public Participation Networks & Local Community Development Committees, thus ensuring that all voices are heard & included in the decision making processes & that communities continue to identify their own solutions & needs.
- The Speakers acknowleged that local authoirities have already undertaken Rural & Regional development i.e LCDC & the adoption of local community & economic plans by the elcted members. The participants dicussed the framework that exist in each local authority Urban & Rural designed to improve areas as places to work, live, invest & visit.
- Pat Mc Donagh (local enterpener- Super-Macs) addressed the participants emphasing the need to support Entreprise & employment, ensuring Rural Communities have the necessary skills to meet the meeds of the Labour market & to continue to encourage innovation & maximize assets.
- The Conference closed emphasizing the need to boost economic prosperity in Rural Ireland, while also supporting social progress through fostering culture & creativity in rural areas thus ensuring the continually vibrancy & well being of our local communities.

Recommendations

1. Make Ireland a better place to work & live by revitalizing our Town & Village centers through the implementation of various initiatives (see above).
2. Support Enterprise & Employment: Grow & Attract Jobs through the roll out of the Key eight regional Action Plans for Jobs & development i.e investment of up to 50m over the period 2017-2020 to support collaborative approaches to boost enterprise & job creation.
3. Fostering Culture & Creativity in rural communities: Increase access to the arts & enhance cultural facilities in communities. Establish Culture teams and creativity hubs as part of the Creative Ireland Programme.
4. Maximising our Rural Tourism & Recreation Potential: Increase tourist numbers to rural Ireland by 12% by 2019.
5. Improve Rural Infrastructure & connectivity: High Speed Brodband- Roll out the National Broadband Plan. Improve Rural transport links through a review of services etc.

Declaration

I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.

Signed by	Date
Aine Clancy	9 th April 2017

Councillor Name	Mary Freehill
Conference/Seminar Name	AILG annual training seminar
Conference/Seminar Topic	
Venue/Location	Ennis
Date (s) of Conference	6 th and 7 th April 2017
Brief Summary	

Conference opened by President Pat Daly on Thursday evening he talked about the challenges for rural villages and the achievements of AILG.

Friday morning started with Fr Harry Bohan he said the market economy was leading society and bemoaned the role of the family and community held in society. He went through his efforts since 1968 to promote Regional Development and growth centers, the role banks played and lack of reinvestment in the community. It was rather like a basic sociology lecture that could have delivered 20 years ago. It was very much about FDI investment drives the economy how and social values and meaning of life are at the bottom of the pile

Pat Dowling Clare County CEO. He talked about enterprise hubs e working hubs. He said while its fine to have vision it requires team work to deliver and cross cutting themes. He outlined how their participative democracy works. Citizens networks

Pat McDonagh Economic boom and bust changed our international influence. He said that councils play a hugh role in defining people and communities. People connected to their place can fight back for rural Ireland and try and turn around villages. He emphasized that the Development Plan is very important to identify areas for strategic development. He also talked about tourism how every parish has a story to tell which can be connect to how emigrants want to find their roots.

We then had Pat Spillane who gave a very invigorating speech about action plan for rural Ireland. The need for people to move back into towns. He gave examples of how football managers motivated their teams and only focused on the team not the opposition.

Noel Kinahan spoke of Local public banking in Ireland. A considerable amount of work has been done to sell the idea of a Community Bank, meaning that profits are plowed back into the community. This is a system that has existed in Germany for over 100 years. He said that credit unions and post offices are too small in themselves but together could form a network throughout Ireland. This would give an opportunity to give mortgages and help SMEs start ups. The German model works on a regional basis. He said it started in Spain but that the moved away from the regional model and got too big so that is why it failed there. He was backed up by Harald Felzen who is project manager Savings bank foundation for International Co-operation from Germany. It's a very interesting concept and one that we badly need in Ireland.

Later that evening the Minister for Environment Simon Coveney spoke of his plans for housing. The most annoying aspect of this was that he spoke at us and we didn't have an opportunity to ask questions. He said there is legislation on the way for local government reform! Halleluiah

Recommendations

I would like that AILG had more of a balanced focus between rural and urban Ireland. Nonetheless the speakers were very interesting, especially the idea of the community Bank I also realized that the community networks spoken about by the Manager in Clare made me question what is going on in that regard in DCC?

Declaration

I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.

Signed by

Mary Keehill

Date

18 April 2017

Report to the Protocol Committee for noting and referral to the City Council

Councillor Name	Paddy Bourke	
Conference/Seminar Name	A.I.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE	
Conference/Seminar Topic	AN UP AND COMING IRELAND - LOOKING FORWARD	
Venue/Location	WEST COUNTY HOTEL BOWNS CO CLARE	
Date (s) of Conference	6 th - 7 th - 8 th APRIL 2017	
Brief Summary		
<p>FR. HARRY BOWEN THINKS IF WE KEEP GOING THE WAY WE ARE THAT 3/4th OF THE POPULATION WILL LIVE IN DUBLIN "NOT BACKING OUT BY THE RECENT CENSUS." OVERDOLLING ON THE ECONOMY TO THE EXCLUSION OF A BALANCED SOCIETY. GOVERNMENT IS TOO CENTRALISED, WESTERN PEOPLE'S MONEY IS BEING INVESTED BY THE BOWNS OUTSIDE THE WEST PUT DOWNING I.R. CLARE CO. COUNCIL THINKS THAT LARGE TOWNS AND CITIES ARE THE DRIVERS OF GROWTH AND THAT COUNCILS ARE WELL PLACED TO DELIVER SERVICES.</p>		
Recommendations		
<p>PAT MCDONAGH C.E. OF SUPERMARTS SAID THAT NO COUNTRY HAS SEEN ALL ITS FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INSOLVENT AT THE SAME TIME HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES GUARDIAN STATIONS AND VILLAGE SCHOOLS. HE THINKS THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS KEY. AND THAT NATIONAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION WILL DETERMINE WHERE PEOPLE WILL WORK HE MENTIONED THE SHANNON AIRPORT PROJECT AS A MODEL FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT</p>		
Declaration		
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.		
Signed by	Date	
Paddy Bourke	12/04/2017	

PAT SPILLANE AMBASSADOR FOR THE ACTION PLAN

FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WINNER OF 8 ALL
IRELAND MODELS AND A FORMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
RAVED ABOUT HOW THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT
LISTENING TO THE NEEDS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES
AND THAT A LOT OF WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
DELIVER THE PROMISED GATEWAY TOWNS AND HUBS
IT SEEMED TO ME THAT EVERY RURAL CURR HAS
A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH DUBLIN AND WANTS
INDUSTRY TO BE LOCATED IN THEIR VILLAGES AND
TOWNS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. / RECOMMEND THAT THE CAPITAL IS
MOVED OUT OF DUBLIN AND THAT WE LET
THE RURAL CURRS DECIDE WHERE IT SHOULD GO

RESOLUTION NO. 77517

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AS A WELCOMING CITY

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances the City of San José's ("City") cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people, including immigrants, are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages the business leadership, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the national Cities for Citizenship initiative by encouraging legal permanent residents to pursue the naturalization process;

RD:AFS:CER
8/4/2015

RES NO 77517

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City is hereby affirmed as a Welcoming City, helping to unite our community and ensure that all are welcome here.

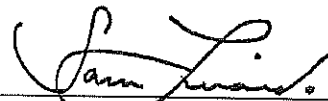
ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: CARRASCO, HERRERA, JONES, KALRA, KHAMIS,
M. NGUYEN, T. NGUYEN, PERALEZ, ROCHA;
LICCARDO.

NOES: OLIVERIO.

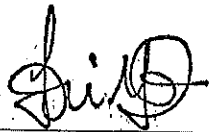
ABSENT: NONE.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.



SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:



TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

Funding Higher Education in Ireland

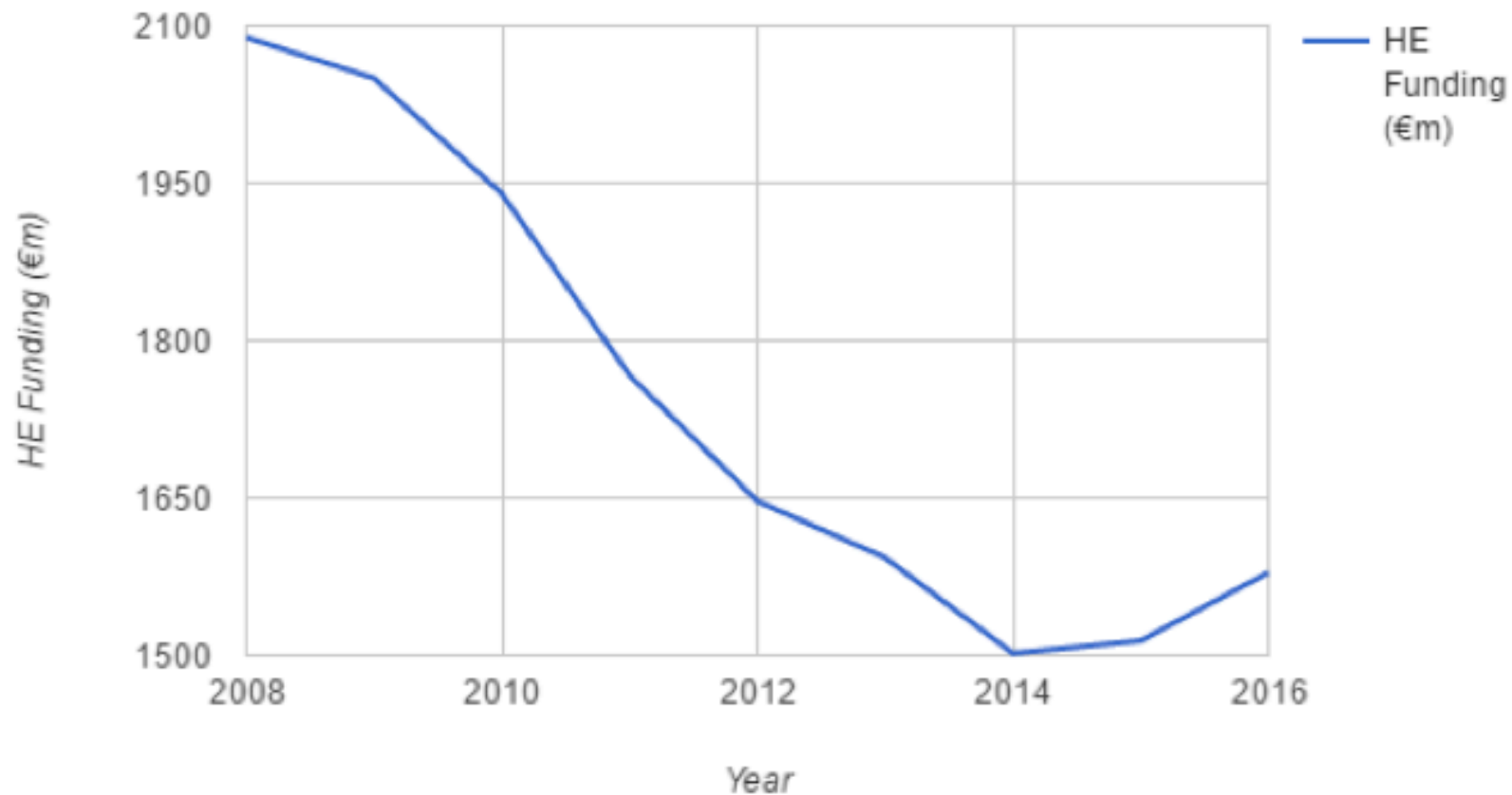
*The Student Perspective by
President of the Union of Students in Ireland (USI)
Annie Hoey*

BACKGROUND - FUNDING LEVELS

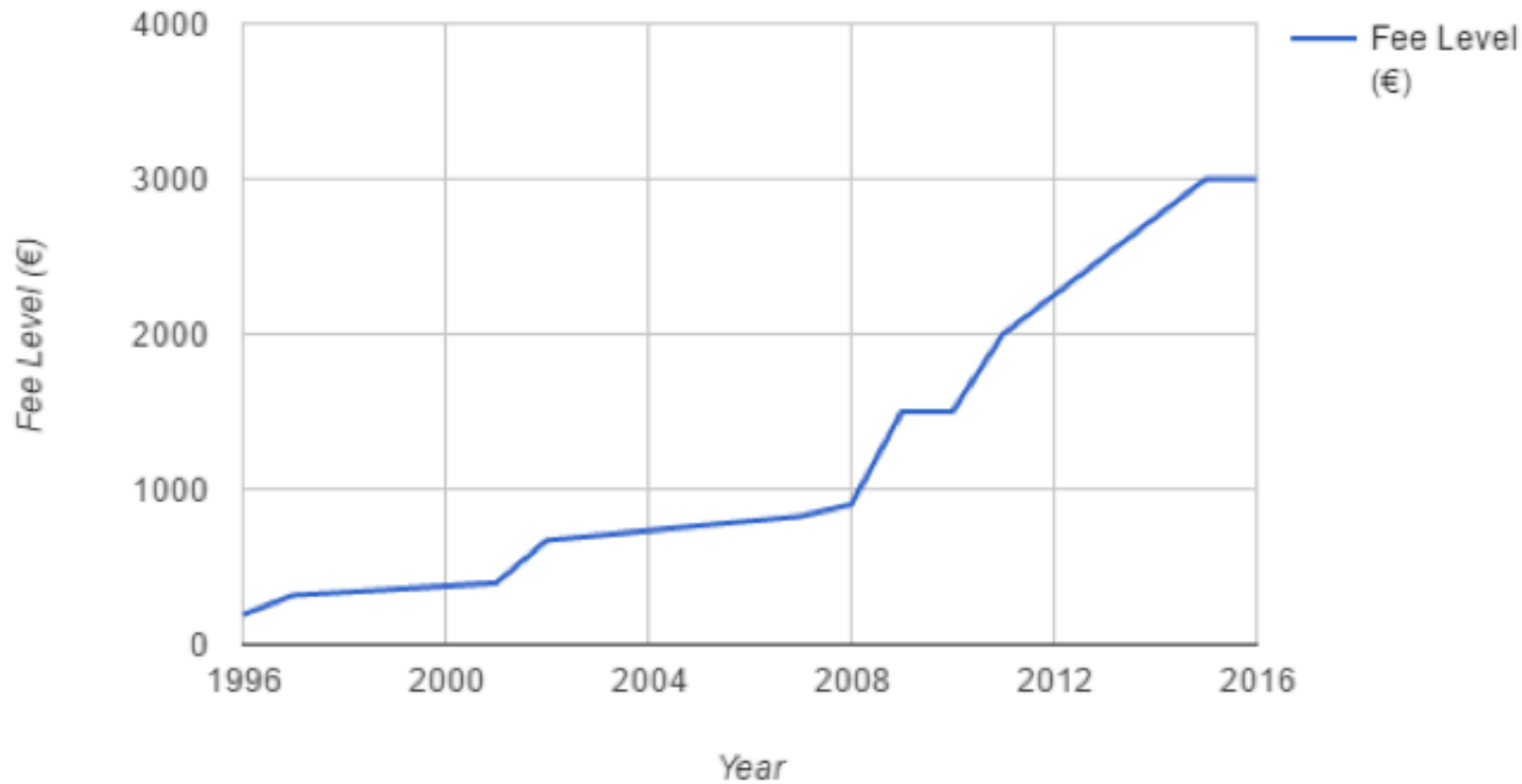
- 363% increase in student contribution from 2007 to 2014 (€825 to €3000)
- Expenditure Higher Education as a % of GDP (1.3%) slightly behind OCED avg. (1.5%)
- 20.4% decrease in Higher Education funding between 2004 and 2013
- 30,000 increase in student numbers between 2009 and 2014
- 10 of 14 Institutes of Technology in serious financial difficulty
- Ireland currently charges the 2nd highest higher education fees in Europe

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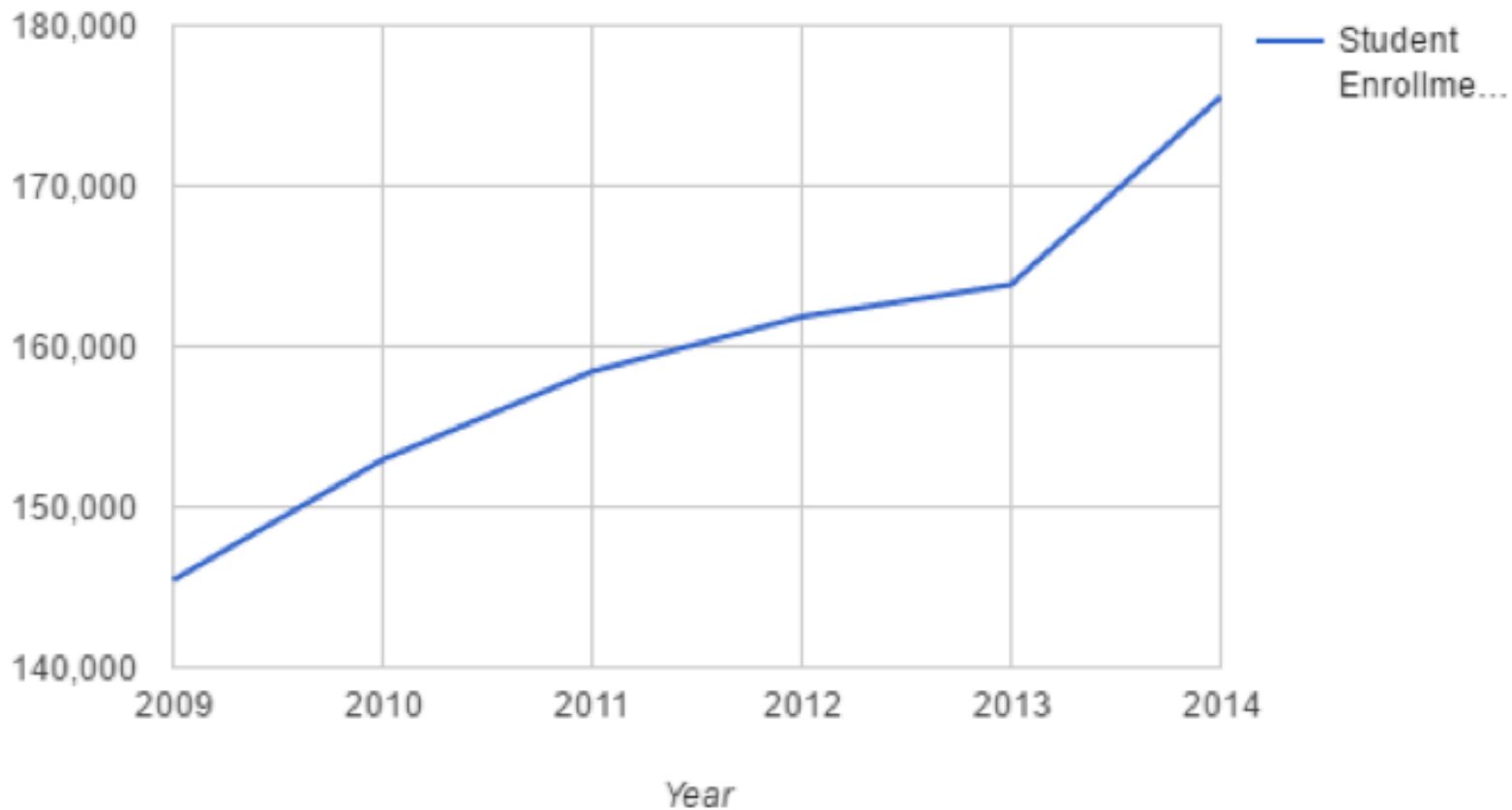
HE Funding (€m) vs Year



Fee Level (€) vs Year



Student Enrollments vs Year



BACKGROUND - CASSELLS REPORT

- Need for additional annual funding of €600 million by 2021 and €1 billion by 2030 to deliver higher quality outcomes and provide for increased demographics
- A “predominantly” publicly funded model presented as one of three possible outcomes by expert group
- Supporting a predominantly publicly funded model would involve collecting €150m p/a from corporations

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WHY INVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION?

- Small, open economy dependent on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) requires accessible and high-quality tertiary education
- Multiple pillars of national policy (e.g. *employability*) dependent on higher education
- Significant benefit to public purse from higher education returns, including wage premium, increase taxation revenue, reduced dependency on the state, lower social transfer expenditure etc.
- Examples in other strong economically sound European countries

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INTERNATIONAL EXEMPLAR – GERMANY

- Investment in further education to provide for regional industrial demand and reduce demographic pressures on higher education
- Marginally higher % of GDP than Ireland, efficiently delivering higher education at minimal cost to learner
- 12 high-ranking German public universities in the 2014-15 Times Higher Education World University Rankings
- Performance funding incentivises contribution to national objectives

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INTERNATIONAL EXEMPLAR – GERMANY (*cont.*)

- In 2015, the number of people entering higher education was the same of people enrolling in programmes in vocational training
- In Germany, evidence suggests that enrolment in non-fee states grew while it declined in those states with fees (though from a higher starting point) between 2007 and 2014
- Small fee (€250 per annum) covers cost of administration
- Lowest youth unemployment rate in Europe

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HOW TO FUND HIGHER EDUCATION?

- Ireland's strong relationship between investment and return (OECD) makes a case for public funding as an investment in national prosperity
- Immediate public funding increase of €1.26bn required to address urgent quality and sustainability challenges
- Higher education confers significant social benefit to the general population and ought to be treated as a public service

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HOW TO FUND HIGHER EDUCATION? *(cont.)*

- Following immediate investment, progressive investment over period recommended by the report in line with economic recovery
- Prospect of offsetting some state contribution through additional contributions to National Training Fund (NTF)
- Additional policy provision and legislative framework for Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) to fundraise privately
- Increase percentage of tax revenue as a per cent of GDP (currently at 30%) to the OECD average of 34% *(re: NERI)*

IN CONCLUSION

- Research shows Income-Contingent Loans would cost the exchequer €10bn over 12 years (*re: Dr Larkin and Dr Shaen*)
- Dual apprenticeships and Higher Education in Germany programmes
- Long-term benefits of investment over a period of 14 years with gradual phasing out of the student fee
- Decision needs to be made sooner rather than later for benefit of society, economy and state

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Questions?

VSE Annual Conference:

Advocates for Victims of Homicide (AdVIC), the Victims' Rights Alliance (VRA), Victims Support NI and Victim Support Europe are proud to host the Victim Support Europe (VSE) 2017 Annual Conference; *'Victims of Crime: Rights, Needs & Responses'*. The conference will take place 17 and 18 May 2017 at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin, Ireland.

This year's Conference will offer victim support organisations, police, government officials, policy makers, lawyers, state agencies and other key stakeholders an opportunity to learn how we can and are improving the way that policies, rights, services and criminal justice systems are developed and delivered to best meet the needs of victims. The Conference will focus on all victims of crime and will place a specific spotlight on victims of terrorism, hate crime, cybercrime and historical abuse.

The Victim Support Europe Conference offers delegates a unique opportunity to learn about and to share information and best practice with different stakeholders working with victims of crime. Each year the Victim Support Europe Conference welcomes around 200 key stakeholders working with victims of crime from different Government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

Knowing that your work for victims is greatly supported through personal contacts and networks, the Conference offers plenty of opportunity and space to meet new and old colleagues alike – whether during the day or at the conference dinners.

Victim Support Europe Conferences have helped forge lifelong relationships helping practitioners deliver services, share knowledge across jurisdictions and borders, and drive change forward victim oriented policies and laws.

The Victims' Rights Alliance, who is co-hosting this conference, comments:

"We know from experience that the networking and information sharing that goes on at this conference has changed the way we have advocated for a change in victims' rights in Ireland. People go home from the VSE Conference invigorated. They bring ideas and best practice shared at the conference to their Governments, Police and other stakeholders. Information we have learned at the VSE Conference has been feed into draft legislation in Ireland, which will transpose the Victims Directive."

We hope that you will be able to join us for one of the most important victims' rights event in your calendar this year.

We look forward to meeting old friends and new at the Conference. In the words of Irish poet William Butler Yeats

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met"



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