



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE RICHARD O'CARROLL ROOM - CITY HALL
ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 8.00 AM**

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Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh
Senior Executive Officer
26th October 2018



MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

1 Election of Chair of the Protocol Committee

Cllr Dermot Lacey was nominated by Cllr. A Clancy and seconded by Cllr. T Keegan.

Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey was elected as Chair of the Committee.

2 Election of the Vice Chair of the Protocol Committee

Councillor Ciaran O'Moore was nominated by Cllr. D Heney and seconded by Cllr. M Flynn.

Order: Cllr. Ciaran O'Moore was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2018 and matters arising:

Order: Agreed.

4 Lord Mayors Receptions and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor

Order: Receptions Agreed and Recommended to Council

5 Conferences:

a) Conferences Attended:

- Councillors Dermot Lacey and Mary Freehill: MacGill Summer School, "The Future of Ireland in a New Europe: The Challenges Ahead". Glenties, County Donegal. 22nd – 27th July 2018.

Order: Agreed and Recommend to Council

b) Conference Reports Received:

- Cllrs. Dermot Lacey & Mary Freehill: MacGill Summer School, "The Future of Ireland in a New Europe: The Challenges Ahead". 22nd – 27th July 2018.

Order: Noted

6 Motion in the Name of Councillor Mannix Flynn referred by the South East Area Committee: (Managers Report Attached)

"That this area Committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) management to have City Hall reopened on Sundays. Thousands of tourists and citizens wish to visit this unique building. Sunday is the busiest day for tourists in the city. City Hall was closed during the downturn in the economy and the cutbacks in DCC. City Hall is now back making a profit from its many activities such as civil marriage ceremonies and corporate receptions and promotions.

There should be just one day set aside, Sunday, for sole public and visitor use without any interference from private bookings or receptions etc. It also gives Councillors an opportunity to use the facility on this potentially quiet day."

Order: The Members agreed to Sunday openings on a 3 month trial basis from March to May 2019. Provision should be made in the current estimates to facilitate this trial. Members also recommended that sufficient advertising be undertaken to support the trial.

7 Motion in the name of Councillor Greg Kelly:

“This committee calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that Dublin City Council through its Councillors keep their respective positions on the boards of outside bodies as they have in the past. As some Boards are dissolved from outside bodies to form new boards, DCC have been left off the formation. An example of this is the new Children’s Hospital Board who will have no DCC member even though DCC Councillors hold board positions on the current boards of Temple Street and Our Lady’s Hospital Crumlin. This is further devaluing the role of a local Councillor.”

Order: Motion Agreed.

The Chief Executive to write to the Minister to convey the Members concern at the continued undermining of their role as elected representatives, especially in relation to board membership.

8 Motion in the name of Councillors Dermot Lacey and Mary Freehill:

“DCC regrets the decision of government to renege on promoting a directly elected mayor for Dublin. We are conscious of the seriously weak local government system in Ireland which is very much out of kilter with the rest of the EU and runs contrary to the principals of subsidiarity as stated in the Nice Treaty.

This Council is concerned about the many areas where the City Council is prevented from running the city effectively because of the lack of LA powers and we are disproportionately dependent on central government and very often the Courts to adjudicate on issues that should be within the normal power of the Council to resolve. Because the Government of the day is over burdened with their own agenda, despite several requests to amend legislation, nothing happens. Examples of where we are seriously hampered are noise, housing tenancy, traffic. There are many other areas where as a Local Authority, we are prevented from carrying out our normal functions in the interest of the city’s wellbeing.

We propose therefore that the DCC CEO prepares a list of areas where minor amendments to legislation would free up the Council and allow it function more effectively. When we have a completed list of possible amendments, we can approach Government and suggest that the Senate be given a lead role in dealing with this piece of work. This approach could go some way to strengthen local government”

Order: Motion Agreed.

The Manager informed Members that Assistant Chief Executive Richard Shakespeare was currently co-ordinating efforts in this regard and that a report on the matter would be brought to the next Protocol Committee meeting.

9 Proposal to amend Standing Order Number 1:

Order: The Members felt that the authority to change the date of a City Council meeting should remain with the elected Council and therefore agreed not to amend standing orders.

10 **Kathleen Clarke Portrait Selection Panel**

Order: It was agreed to add Councillor Áine Clancy to the Kathleen Clarke Portrait Selection Panel in her capacity as Chair of the Arts & Culture Advisory Group.

11 **Web casting in Area offices**

Order: The Members felt that webcasting was an important resource in terms of both improving disability access and demonstrating transparency in local government and that all Area Committees and Strategic Policy Committees should be webcast. The decision to provide webcasting in the Area Civic Centres or to use the facilities in City Hall was at the discretion of each committee.

Recommend to Council.

12 **Procedure for the Changing of Street Names**

The Manager confirmed that there was a process set out in the legislation to facilitate changes to street names. However, it was within the remit of Dublin City Council to establish its own policy to guide this process.

Order: It was agreed to refer the matter to the Commemorative Naming Committee to consider extending the current policy on the naming of infrastructure to include the Renaming of Streets.

13 **Approval for Councillor Attendance at the National Tourism Forum, "Let's Talk Tourism" Conference on 9th November 2018 in County Kerry.**

Order: Agreed and recommend to Council.

14 **Request from the Irish Institute of Legal Executives to use the Council Chamber to hold a seminar in the Autumn of 2018**

Order: Agreed.

15 **Correspondence from Wexford County Council referred to the Protocol Committee by the City Council at its meeting of 3rd September 2018**

Order: The Members requested that the Manager write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to express their support for the motion passed by Wexford County Council calling on the government to establish an independent convention on the future of local government.

16 **Request from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for Dublin City to sign a Statement of Solidarity #WithRefugees**

Order: The Members recommended that the City Council become a signatory of the Statement of Solidarity #WithReugees and that it be listed as a separate item to the November City Council meeting.

17 **Managers Report**

- The Manager informed Members that Dublin Bay Biosphere will be hosting EuroMAB 2019, a biennial four-day conference for stakeholders from 302 UNESCO Biospheres from Tuesday April 2nd to Friday April 5th 2019. They would like to hold a welcoming reception for delegates at City Hall on the evening before the conference, Monday April 1st, from 6:30pm to 8pm, and in

so doing, provide an opportunity for delegates to meet with the elected members of Dublin City Council. However, the reception clashes with the April 2019 City Council meeting which is scheduled for 1st April from 6.15 – 9.30pm.

Order: The Members recognised the importance of the Biosphere Project and felt that it was of such significance that they recommended the time of the April 2019 City Council be brought forward to earlier in the day to accommodate the welcoming reception.

Recommend to Council.

- The Manager raised the issue of maintenance in the Mansion House and recommended a period of 4 weeks after the election of the Lord Mayor to facilitate essential maintenance and repairs.

The Members acknowledged the need to carry out maintenance works but felt that such issues should be discussed by the Mansion House Lord Mayor's Committee.

Order: The Members agreed that the Mansion House Lord Mayors Committee should be reconvened to consider issues surrounding the maintenance schedule and other planned works in the Mansion House. The Committee to include former Lord Mayors who are still Councillors, the current Lord Mayor and the Chair of the South East Area Committee.

18 **A.O.B.**

- Cllr. N. O'Muire expressed concern regarding the scheduling of events in the Rotunda during official City Council meetings. There were recent incidences where the noise emanating from the Rotunda was interfering with the business of meetings in the Chamber.

Order: The Members agreed that official City Council business should always have precedence in City Hall and that every effort should be made to ensure weddings and events were not scheduled at the same time as meetings in the Chamber. The Manager to follow up with the Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department who have responsibility for the management of events in City Hall.

- Cllr. Lacey requested an update on the plans for the Rates Office. The Manager reported that there had been delays relating to the Finance Department vacating the premises.

Order: Members agreed that irrespective of the delay in the plans they wanted a site visit to the Rates Office after the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

- Cllr. T. Keegan requested a report on the progress made following the passing of her motion regarding the non-use of non-biodegradable items by the City Council.

Order: The Manager to investigate and report back to the Committee.

19 **Proposed date of next meeting: 1st November 2018 at 8am in the Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall**

Order: Agreed.

**Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Thursday 27 September 2018**

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Aine Clancy
Deirdre Heney
Naoise O'Muire

Members:

Patrick Costello
Teresa Keegan
Ciaran O'Moore

Members:

Mannix Flynn
Michael Mullooly

Officers

Michael Gallagher

Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Ray McHugh

Lord Mayor Nial Ring

Non-Members:

Mary Freehill

Greg Kelly

In attendance: Councillor Paddy Bourke
Councillor Brendan Carr
Councillor Mary Freehill
Councillor Dermot Lacey
Councillor Vincent Jackson
Councillor Mícheal Mac Donncha
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer
Owen O’Doherty, Deputy City Architect
Fanchea Gibson, Office of the Lord Mayor
Apologies: Councillors Andrew Montague, Críona Ní Dhalaigh and Naoise Ó Muirí

Chair: Councillor Dermot Lacey, as Chair of the Protocol Committee, chaired the meeting.

Mansion House Accessibility

Deirdre gave an update on the background since the removal of the original ramp. She outlined issues with the past and current platform lifts and complaints about access to the Mansion House from a number of disability groups. Two consultation meetings have been held with representatives from the PPN disability linkage group. Three options were outlined:

- Adding an additional platform lifts
- Installation of a Ramp
- Installation of an enclosed lift

Following a discussion those present agreed that a ramp would be the preferable option for those with mobility issues. Cllr Carr asked that the moat be examined as a possible location for a free-standing structure to support a ramp. The issue will be referred back to Protocol Committee after consultations.

Mansion House completed works – Update

Bar Area

Those present outlined their thoughts on the new bar with the main points being:

- Some members felt the design was out of context with a heritage building though others disagreed. There was also disagreement on the marble at the front of the bar.
- All liked the recycled wood coming from the Red Stables in St. Anne’s Park and praised the quality of craftsmanship from Dublin City Council Staff
- Impracticable for working in / Not designed with regard to the experience of those who use it. Taps should have been placed at the back of the bar and the barman should never have his back to his guests
- Lack of consultation with elected members / former Lord Mayors

It was agreed that works be done to improve the operational capability of the bar including moving the taps if feasible. It was also agreed that no significant changes be done in future to the Mansion House without prior consultation.

House Steward's Apartment

Deirdre outlined the process and invited those present to view the Apartment following the meeting. All expressed their pleasure with the design and workmanship displayed.

Proposed medium-term works

Lord Mayor's Apartment

Deirdre advised that it is proposed to plan future works to the Lord Mayor's Apartment. She would like to consult with former Lord Mayors. Depending on the scale of the required work she would also like to be able to advise the new Council of a proposed timescale and duration of works so that potential Lord Mayors would be aware of the works. The House steward's apartment would be available to an incumbent Lord Mayor for the duration of the work

Mansion House Oak Room Roof & Ceiling

It was agreed that work to the Oak Room ceiling be done on the provision that the ceiling decoration is not changed. The facilities - stage, podium, furniture of the oak room will need to be modernised.

Period of Closure to allow for essential maintenance works to be carried out in the Mansion House annually

There has been a tradition of closing the Mansion House for 3-4 weeks following the election of a Lord Mayor but this has never been formalised. It was agreed that this would be brought to the Protocol Committee for sign off.

Owen advised that it is planned to revisit the Conservation Plan and develop a multi-year Strategy which will mean that all will be aware of upcoming works and can budget accordingly.

Cllr Carr asked that improvement works to the staff working area be examined.

100th Anniversary of the sitting of the First Dáil on 21st January 2019

Fanchea updated those present on the current plans including public participation days when both the Mansion House and Round Room will be open for the public to visit and also the commemoration event to be held on 21st January 2019 by the Houses of the Oireachtas. The Office of the Lord Mayor is collaborating with the Houses of the Oireachtas on this programme. Those present asked that the role of Local Government be acknowledged and also the role of the Lord Mayor at the formal event on 21st January.

Item proposed by Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha – Memorialising the first & second Dáil in the Mansion House

Cllr Mac Donncha advised that there are two plaques to commemorate various events from this period – the sitting of the first Dáil over the entrance into the Round Room and the signing of the Truce on the pillar on the forecourt. There is also a plaque in the Dining Room to commemorate the formation of the first Inter-Party Government in 1948. Other events not marked include various sittings of the first and second Dáil in the Oak Room and meetings of the Dáil Cabinet in 1921 including the 8th December Cabinet meeting that split on the Treaty. There is also no portrait or photograph of Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill.

It was agreed to examine hanging a portrait or photo of Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill in the Mansion House during 2019.

Any Other Business

Cllr Mac Donncha advised that the publication of his Book “The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution” is brought before the Protocol Committee for consideration for funding from the Decade of Commemorations Budget.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting be held before Christmas.



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin

Nial Ring

23rd October 2018

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 October 2018, to the attention of the Protocol Committee.

Date	Function	Nos
02.10.18	Senior Citizens from Christ the King Day Care Centre	50
03.10.18	Cabra Boxing Club	20
05.10.18	Ballymun/Finglas Community Groups	60
06.10.18	Lily Brownies	40
09.10.18	Darndale FC	80
10.10.18	Trinity Club (Social Club for adults with additional supportive needs)	35
11.10.18	4 th Class pupils from St. Joseph's NS, Dún Laoghaire	36
11.10.18	Grange Woodbine Active Retirement Indoor Bowls Club	53
12.10.18	Oíche Gaeilge for Union of Students in Ireland	80
15.10.18	Dublin Launch of Annagassan 10k race	80
16.10.18	Parents & Staff of Aoibheann's pink tie	35
17.10.18	10 th Anniversary Reception for the Irish Committee of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty	80
19.10.18	Clr. Paul Hand's Social Event	70
22.10.18	Reception for Paralympic Volunteers	60
24.10.18	Trinity College Students & Peter McVerry Trust Volunteers	25
25.10.18	Artane Men's Shed	21
25.10.18	Phibsborough Active Retirement Group	50
28.10.18	VIP Dublin Marathon Breakfast	100

Yours sincerely,

Nial Ring
Lord Mayor of Dublin

Teach an Ardmhéara, Sráid Dásain, Baile Átha Cliath 2, D02 AF30, Éire.
Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2, D02 AF30, Ireland.

23rd October 2018



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

Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin
Nial Ring

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 June, July, August and September 2018:

Date:	Function:	DLM/Cllr:
29.09.18	"Bring me back Alive" play for Suicide Prevention	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
02.10.18	150 th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to celebrate The UN International Day of Non Violence	Cllr. Ruairí McGinley
03.10.18	Launching of new exhibition by artist Niamh Mc Cann	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
08.10.18	Reception for San Jose Delegation hosted by DCC & Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
10.10.18	Cups for Cancer 5k Walk	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
10.10.18	Trinity Club (Social Club for adults with additional supportive needs).	Cllr. Gary Gannon
10.10.18	Welcoming delegates attending Associates for European Transport Annual Conference reception.	Cllr. Ciarán Cuffe
13.10.18	Final of "Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year"	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
16.10.18	Renaming of Patio/Garden area in Ballyfermot Garden to "The Pipers Garden"	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
16.10.18	Rep. Of Ireland vs Wales Football Match	Cllr. Cieran Perry
17.10.18	Herzog Family visit	Cllr. Mary Freehill
18.10.18	Ballyfermot 70th Anniversary Volunteer Award Night	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
20.10.18	Opening of Composting Demonstration	Cllr. Paddy McCartan
20.10.18	Poppintree parkrun – Launching of Gardaí new policing policies	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
22.10.18	Launch of Ballymun Safety Week	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud
24.10.18	National Association of Youthreach Coordinators	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
24.10.18	Official Launch of the Ballymun Pocket Gardens	Cllr. Noeleen Reilly
24.10.18	Midtyllan FC vs Bohemians FC U19 Champions League Match	Cllr. Larry O'Toole
31.10.18	Ballymun Otherworld Halloween Festival	Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud

Yours sincerely,

Nial Ring
Lord Mayor of Dublin

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Report to the Protocol Committee - Approval for the publication of the book “The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution” by Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha & Dublin City Council

Following on from his term as Ardmhéara, Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha has researched and written a book on *The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution*.

Taking a non-partisan approach, the book brings together the key events that happened in the Mansion House from 1912-1923 which led to the formation of the Irish State. It is a notable work of original research and is a major contribution to our knowledge of the period. As a place where freedom of speech and freedom of assembly could be exercised by all, the Mansion House was the venue for a series of public and private meetings, including a National Convention on the Home Rule Bill in 1912; the Dublin Industrial Peace Committee in response to the 1913 lockout; welcoming home Irish political prisoners in 1917; celebrations of the Russian Revolution in 1918; the Anti-Conscription Conference in 1918; the inaugural meeting of Dáil Éireann in 1919 and subsequent public and private sessions of the first and second Dáil Éireann; meetings to negotiate a Truce to end the War of Independence in 1921, and the Cabinet meeting held in the Drawing Room on 8th December 1921 to deliberate and vote on the Anglo-Irish Treaty which had been signed in London leading to the partition of Ireland. It was also the official address of Dáil Éireann with correspondence being directed to the Mansion House.

Councillor Mac Donncha worked with the City Archivist Dr Mary Clark on the book and she recommends it be considered for funding under the City Council’s Decade of Commemoration budget. The book will be published by the City Council as part of the Decade of Commemorations series, and paid for from the Commemorations cost centre. Any and all profits accruing from the book would accrue to the Council’s Decade of Commemorations cost centre and Cllr Mac Donncha would receive no payment for his work on the publication.

Following approval of the Protocol Committee, the proposal will go to the Commemorations Committee for its approval.

Brendan Teeling
Dublin City Librarian (acting)
25th October 2018

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Why is a partnership between cities and forests needed?

Trees and forests are immensely valuable to cities and their citizens (Figure 1). Trees and forests provide multiple health benefits, sustain water resources, help to combat climate change, and protect global biodiversity. Specifically, trees within cities (the “inner forests”) clean the air, offset heat islands (and lower energy bills), and support human health and wildlife. Trees in watersheds surrounding cities (the “nearby forests”) contribute to cleaner air and drinking water, reduce flooding, and offer an escape from hectic urban life. And trees in the “faraway forests”—particularly in the tropics—sequester large amounts of carbon, generate rain for the world’s farm belts, provide a wealth of useful products, and host the majority of the world’s land-based biodiversity.

Figure 1 | Forests are of immense value to cities and help meet the Sustainable Development Goals



In return, cities can provide immense value to forests. Because urban areas are increasingly where people live and work, the public policies and procurement practices of cities—as well as the values, votes, and consumption patterns of citizens—have enormous potential to support the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests. Many cities already support forests in some way, from parks and urban forest to “green infrastructure” and watershed management programs. Fewer, if any, have efforts to support the faraway forests that are vital for combating climate change.

Yet forests remain under threat. Each year, at least 5 million hectares (12.3 million acres) of forest—an area the size of Costa Rica—are permanently converted to other uses around the world, and many millions more are degraded. Forest loss and degradation contribute more than 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions, and have devastating impacts on local communities. Meanwhile, cities have become increasingly distant—both literally and figuratively—from the forests upon which they rely. Many citizens do not feel connected to forests, and city governments often fail to tap into forests as solutions to urban problems. As a result, too few cities are investing in forests as part of their strategies for addressing climate change, securing clean drinking

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water, improving public health, reducing air pollution, mitigating disaster risk, providing recreation, and meeting other urban development priorities.

What is Cities4Forests?

Cities4Forests is a movement to catalyze political, social, and economic support among city governments and urban citizens to integrate the inner, nearby, and faraway forests into city development plans and programs. Participants share an aspiration to help reduce deforestation, restore forests (including more trees in cities), and manage forests more sustainably. Our goal is to amplify current best practices and extend the deliberate city-forest relationship to the global scale on which cities and forests interact.

Cities4Forests is a voluntary coalition involving mayors' offices— and supported by other subnational agencies such as public water utilities and offices of sustainability—from around the world. Cities4Forests encourages peer-to-peer inspiration and learning, and members receive technical support from institutions with expertise in forests, climate change, water, communications, finance, and policy.

What will Cities4Forests do?

Cities4Forests provides the forum, relationships, and technical support for better linking cities and forests. Convenings of Cities4Forests “piggyback” on existing meetings where urban political leaders and sustainability professionals are already attending (e.g. the World Urban Forum, C40 and/or ICLEI meetings). This approach minimizes costs and the addition of “yet another event” to attend. During each convening, Cities4Forests provides content for city strategies, offers technical assistance, conducts trainings on tools, showcases successes, identifies how to overcome challenges, makes milestone public announcements, provides a scientific evidence base for the benefits of forests to cities, and more.

Between convenings, the Cities4Forests secretariat and delivery partners offer one-on-one engagement and assistance as needed. Cities can engage in one or more working groups (one on inner forests, one on nearby forests, and one on faraway forests) to delve deeper into thematic issues, challenges, and opportunities alongside peers who share the same interests.

Cities4Forests is designed to “turbo-charge” existing city efforts around forests by injecting additional energy, facilitating access to resources, and helping cities learn from the best in class to take bold new steps. Cities4Forests is complementary to—not competitive with—existing efforts. It bridges silos within city governments (mayor’s office, sustainability office, city parks office, municipal water utility), while also bridging silos between existing efforts. And it fills remaining gaps, such as the role of faraway forests as part of city climate change action plans and sustainable wood purchasing.

What are the offers?

By joining Cities4Forests, cities will have exclusive access to the following offers. Cities can choose to engage in all of them or just those that fill gaps in their portfolio. These offers include:

- A forum for peer-to-peer learning and for getting engaged with initiatives that meet city needs.
- Assistance conducting a “footprint” analysis that identifies a city’s impacts and dependencies on forests (urban, nearby, and faraway), prioritizes which are “hotspot” issues, and quantifies the benefits.

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- A database that helps cities identify the tools, initiatives, and research already available on city/forest issues, and guidance on how to select those most appropriate to a city's needs.
- Identification of and introductions to financing sources (domestic/international, public/private).
- A citizen engagement and communications package including messaging, digital media, photo exhibitions, educational material, and other communication tools.
- Invitation to compete in the annual "Cities4Forests" award event.

Regarding inner forests (urban trees)

- Access to sources of technical assistance and programs on how to implement or expand urban tree programs and increase citizen involvement.
- User-friendly geospatial tools for calculating greenhouse gas emissions and sinks from trees as part of the city's greenhouse gas accounting inventory.
- Location planning guide and "benefits calculator" for air quality, stormwater management, heat island mitigation, and other urban development goals.

Regarding nearby forests

- Economic analyses to justify when, where, and how to invest in forests ("natural infrastructure") to secure drinking water, mitigate flood risk, create recreation opportunities, etc.
- Technical assistance, case examples, and peer-to-peer visits for source-water protection programs.
- Guidance on how to access financing for implementation (e.g., Water Funds, Forest Resilience Bonds).

Regarding faraway forests

- Connections to networks of communities and organizations practicing sustainable forest management around the world.
- Toolkit to help a city select a "sister forest" and to design a program for mutual engagement and benefit (e.g., procurement preference for sustainable products from that forest, student exchange and eco-tourism programs, and the purchase of voluntary carbon credits from that forest to help the city meet its greenhouse gas emissions targets).
- Guidance and research on certified sustainable wood procurement for city infrastructure (e.g., benches, boardwalks and landscape elements, as well as new "mass timber" buildings).
- Assistance helping cities meet their climate commitments via sourcing sustainably certified, forest-based carbon credits or other strategies.

What's in it for cities?

Cities4Forests would yield many benefits to city governments and their citizens, including:

- Climate solutions
 - Contribute to climate commitments. For instance, trees and forests may provide low-cost options to close greenhouse gas emissions gaps and achieve carbon neutrality. Engagement in the initiative could support the efforts of the recent "emissions neutral by 2050" commitment by a group of C40 members. Likewise, engagement could help cities start to address the large

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amount of emissions arising from outside city boundaries, as recently identified in the C40 report, *Consumption-based GHG Emissions of C40 Cities*.

- Simplified way for local businesses to meet their climate and sustainability commitments.
- Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those on water (SDG 6), cities (SDG 11), climate (SDG 13), and forests (SDG 15).

- Financial and natural resource security
 - More sustainable public wood procurement.
 - More secure water supplies and lower drinking-water treatment costs.
 - Sources of domestic and international public/private financing identified, and doors opened.

- Citizen well-being
 - Increased citizen understanding of the importance of trees and forests to their lives (e.g., source of clean drinking water, recreation value, role in climate stabilization).
 - Increased forest-based recreation, wildlife, and aesthetics for citizens.
 - Decreased exposure to disaster risks such as flooding, landslides, and fires.
 - Cleaner air, lower energy bills, better local climate regulation, and more.

- Public profile
 - Recognition as a regional and global leader on high-priority issues of our generation.
 - Media coverage of progress and accomplishments.
 - Education and cultural opportunities that engage youth and adults.
 - Bridge the urban-rural divide, and create opportunities to work with indigenous communities, in forest areas and in cities.
 - Greater city pride and public profile on the world stage.

What does a city need to do to join?

- Endorse a political statement on the importance of forests to cities, how cities can help forests, and your intent to join Cities4Forests (to be announced at the Global Climate Action Summit, September 2018).
- Engage in at least one of the urban, nearby, or faraway “offer” areas above, and seek to expand your engagement over time.
- Be willing to share your experiences, challenges, and projects with peers.
- Identify one or more points of contact who will engage in Cities4Forests. Points of contact can come from the mayor’s office, public water utility office, sustainable development office, parks and recreation office, or others. A city can have more than one point of contact.

What does it cost to join?

Participation in Cities4Forests is free. If enough cities join by September 2018, a philanthropic donor(s) has expressed interest in supporting a secretariat that will manage the initiative and delivery partners that can provide technical support to cities. Cities will be responsible for paying for their own staff time. For cities facing financial constraints, a limited budget will be available to cover transportation costs for some of their representatives to attend Cities4Forests events.

Cities4Forests Declaration

Trees and forests are immensely valuable to cities and their citizens (Figure 1). Trees and forests provide multiple health benefits, sustain water resources, help to combat climate change, and protect global biodiversity. Specifically, trees within cities (the “inner forests”) clean the air, offset heat islands (and lower energy bills), and support human health and wildlife. Trees in watersheds surrounding cities (the “nearby forests”) contribute to cleaner air and drinking water, reduce flooding, and offer an escape from hectic urban life. And trees in the “faraway forests”—particularly in the tropics—sequester large amounts of carbon, generate rain for the world’s farm belts, provide a wealth of useful products, and host the majority of the world’s land-based biodiversity.

In return, cities can provide immense value to forests. Because urban areas are increasingly where people live and work, the public policies and procurement practices of cities—as well as the values, votes, and consumption patterns of citizens—have enormous potential to support the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests.

Yet forests remain under threat. Each year, at least 5 million hectares (12.3 million acres) of forest—an area the size of Costa Rica—are permanently converted to other uses around the world, and many millions more are degraded. Forest loss and degradation contribute more than 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions, and have devastating impacts on local communities. Meanwhile, cities have become increasingly distant—both literally and figuratively—from the forests upon which they rely. Many citizens do not feel connected to forests, and city governments often fail to tap into forests as solutions to urban problems. As a result, too few cities are investing in forests as part of their strategies for addressing climate change, securing clean drinking water, improving public health, reducing air pollution, mitigating disaster risk, providing recreation opportunities, and meeting other urban development priorities.

We, the partners of Cities4Forests, seek to bridge this gap.

Cities4Forests is building a movement to catalyze political, social, and economic support among city governments and urban citizens to integrate the inner, nearby, and faraway forests into city development plans and programs, including city climate action plans. We share an aspiration to do what is within our power to reduce deforestation, restore forests (including more trees in cities), and manage forests more sustainably. With our varying mandates and capabilities, collectively we commit to doing our part to achieving the following outcomes:

- **Understand.** Assess city reliance and impacts on trees and forests.
- **Engage.** Raise awareness among citizens about the benefits forests provide, communicate what they can do to make a positive impact, and collaborate across government agencies to improve the health of trees and forests.
- **Innovate and Act.** Harness the power of forests to help achieve climate goals, secure clean and stable water supplies, reduce stormwater runoff, improve public health, provide recreation, and other benefits through new tools, local policies, voluntary programs, investments, and public procurement decisions.
- **Progress.** Engage on the three Cities4Forests levels (inner, nearby, faraway) over time, participating in at least one level by 2020, two by 2022, and all three by 2025.
- **Share.** Share insights, experiences, and innovations to inspire ambition and mobilize action among cities around the world.

We invite others to join us in committing to a world where cities and forests grow together.



Invites you to a conference

on

‘Mental Health in the Workplace and Wider Community

- Date: Saturday 24th November 2018
- Registration: Friday 23rd November at 7pm
- Venue: The Connaught Hotel Galway (www.theconnacht.ie)
- Time: 10am – 4pm
- Lunch: 1-2pm
- Special Room Rate: 15% discount for attendees Quote: **CORPORATE** when booking or use code **CORPORATE** in promo code box if booking online to receive discount
- Conference fee: €105 (**made payable by cheque or postal order to let's get talking**) or by credit/debit card by telephone 353 91 765500

There will be a series of mindfulness based workshops running in the late afternoon for those that wish to participate.

Speakers on the day are as follows:

Ryan O Reilly ryanoreillyinternational.com

“Life can be tough, it’s not that it gets easier - we just learn how to cope better”

Francis P. Walsh HSE National Lead – Advancing Recovery in Ireland

“The approach to a Recovery Model into the future”

Steven Timothy Influencer

“Experience of hopelessness, depression and anxiety after an horrific accident, learning to cope with the aftermath”

Dr Sinead Murphy ICGP

“The Challenge for General Medical Practice in Mental Health Provision”

Dr Denise O'Dwyer Clinical Psychologist and Rehab Care

"An Holistic Approach to Community Mental Wellbeing."

Yvonne Carney Defence Forces

"The Warrior Mindset"

About us www.letsgettalking.ie

Ethos Lets' Get Talking has an inclusive and secular ethos, committed to embracing the modern and now diverse nature of Irish Society. The elimination of barriers to access around issues of race, class, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and culture are paramount.

Our mandate, as per our established charter, is informed by one important ethic – namely equity. Each client is treated according to their needs and not what they can afford to pay. As a community counselling and psychotherapy non- profit partnership, we provide professional counselling and psychotherapy support to all based on their needs, in other words, a non-set fee policy. This model positions the organisation to straddle public provision and private enterprise in a way that makes service delivery more affordable to the public and less of a strain on scarce resources. The viability of the model could be underpinned by an increase in resources through funding.

Mission

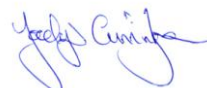
Our mission is to provide access to high quality mental health services to the communities we operate in. At present we provide almost 300 therapy sessions weekly in Dublin and Galway. This was achieved by complimenting existing services, and by filling existing gaps in service. As a general holistic rather than a single issue service, we can broaden and extend the reach of service provision by use of dedicated centres and outreach programmes. This is vital when it is considered that there is such a wide range of mental health issues which are predictive of distress up to and including suicide. These include depression, addiction, food disorders, relationship problems, psychosexual issues, sexual trauma, and so on. A major gap at the moment exists in treatment of drug abuse, alcohol, gambling, and other addictions. Part of our strategy would be to develop more centres throughout Ireland offering adequate counselling services to all those seeking help.

In order to assist ongoing viability and further extension of the service we have increased our fundraising focus with upcoming events. This conference seeks to develop and broaden the public discourse regarding wellness in our communities. Hence our decision to concentrate on all local representatives throughout the length and breadth of the Ireland, as being the closest link those same communities. The proceeds of the conference will go towards client services in our centres.

Yours sincerely



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