

Update on proposed UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre

Following on from a presentation given to the February meeting of the NCAC the design team led by Howley Hayes Architects have been continuing to develop design options for the new Discovery Centre on the Bull Island. This design is being informed by a series of workshops and meetings that have been held with stakeholders throughout March and April. The main focus of the design development has concentrated on the story the Discovery Centre will tell.

DCC have now appointed Brady Shipman Martin as the planning team to work closely with the design team in the development of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposal. This process will also include extensive pre-planning consultation to include discussions on any design and planning issues.

A key objective in the planning from the outset has been to engage the local community and stakeholders in the process to ensure the proposal meets expectations within the community. It is proposed therefore to continue this consultation with a further series of meetings/workshops in the coming months with community representatives and stakeholders. These meetings/workshops will focus again on the interpretive themes but will also discuss design and planning issues.

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