

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

<b>Councillor Name</b>	Councillor Donna Cooney
<b>Conference/Seminar Name</b>	BYCS Bicycle Mayors European Summit
<b>Conference/Seminar Topic</b>	Cycling, public domains, place makers, livable Cities.
<b>Venue/Location</b>	Amsterdam
<b>Date (s) of Conference</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>Brief Summary</b>	
<p>Arrived on the 5th February took the train to Amsterdam Central station, picked up rental bicycle got ferry with bicycle to accommodation. Met summit hosts BYCS checked into hostel. Got Ferry back met up with Pascal from Handshake went to view some new cycling parking at train stations, complete and in progress. Back to Island on ferry met other eighteen European Bicycle Mayors at reception.</p> <p>6th Gave a presentation in the morning session on my Cycling visions for Dublin with focus on Increasing participation of women in cycling the 'Freedom Machine' project. Practical workshops in the afternoon. Evening lecture my Place-makers then exhibition opening Bicycle Architecture Biennale (BAB) celebrates the cutting edge and high profile building designs that are facilitating bicycle travel, storage and safety around the world. <a href="https://bycs.org/bab-application-rules/">https://bycs.org/bab-application-rules/</a></p> <p>Trip on Ferry on canals Henk Swarttouw- Vice President of the European Cycling federation inauguration on seven new Cycling Mayors from Athens, Madrid, Bucharest, Madrid, The Hague, Eindhoven and Coventry. Good networking with many involved in Cycling innovation, advocacy and in livable cities including Ethan Kent executive director placemaking x would gave a presentation earlier..</p> <p>7th Visit to Arhem by train, presentation my municipality cycling engineer in the morning, questions and workshop. 1.5 hr Culture Cycling Tour in Arhem, back to give feedback. Train stop of to see new multi storey bicycle park.</p> <p>Evening Film screening and talk and question session by the cycling professor Urban Cycling Institute 'Marco te Brömmelstroet why we cycle' <a href="http://whywecycle.eu/">http://whywecycle.eu/</a></p> <p>8th Place-makers session as workshops</p> <p>Some practical group exercises, field trips, I led a group in a place-making exercise, looking through the eyes of a child, the bicycle for everyday life, who owns the road, gave presentation at Pakhuis with suggestion on innovative solutions for a positive impact to summit afterwards.</p> <p>Afternoon off I met up with Amsterdam councilor chair of transport and Pascal van den Noort of the handshake project to discuss collaborations and workshop potentials in Dublin Autumn 2020. We also went on another tour. Cycled back to train station and train station and traveled home.</p> <p>Media coverage 'Cycling advocates said visiting the Netherlands this week was a huge inspiration. Donna Cooney, bicycle mayor of Dublin, was particularly impressed by the Dutch infrastructure and accessibility of cycling to all. 'My main focus is to get women and girls cycling,' she told DutchNews.nl. 'When there's a convention about bicycles, it's often a room full of men, and women are also an indicator of if it's safe to cycle as we are seen as an easy target for frustrations on the road.' She added that the way the Netherlands developed its cycling infrastructure could be an inspiration for Dublin if the money is forthcoming to support their plans for a cycling network.</p>	

Conference Report Sheet

Recommendations	
Declaration	
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.	
Signed by	Date
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