

Report To Arts, Culture And Recreation SPC 21st January 2019 Item No. 4

Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy

The Conference showcasing DCC's role the Cultural life of Dublin is currently being tendered for a Conference Organiser. It is proposed to bring this Conference forward to June to allow time to invite key speakers and to source venues and technical support. The new City Arts Plan will launch at this Conference and its initial scoping document setting out the unified approach agreed by the SPC has been completed.

The conference will lay out the breadth and depth of the City Council's involvement in and contribution to cultural activities across all departments, from community engagement to infrastructural provision, from festivals to public art. The form and content of the conference will be developed with key institutional partners in community, innovation and enterprise, sustainability, and arts, and will share success stories from across the city to establish the multiple and tangible values created by the city's commitment to culture.

The conference will take place over a number of days and key city locations, and will feature contributions from various city departments, practical workshops, panel discussions and keynotes from leading international practitioners drawn from cities across the world. The conference will seek to truly understand the power of culture in the development and growth of the city, and how the "cultural and creative" perspective can be deployed to address all aspects of the city's development.

The conference will address issues common to municipalities and local authorities across the country, government officials, elected representatives, academics and educationalists, community workers and artists.

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer, 21st January 2019