

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL CULTURE COMPANY

2018

*A Year in
Review*



PARTICIPATION

We make culture real. We connect, activate and support people to revel in their imagination and creativity.



We know we are stronger together. We are a catalyst, bringing people and organisations together to grow knowledge, understanding and respect.

RELEVANCE

We believe culture is at the heart of human development and quality of life. We aim to embed culture in the everyday life of the city.

Capacity-Building

We appreciate learning. We develop and share new ways of working that enable everyone to create more connections to culture.



We do everything in the best way possible. We find and use knowledge, experience and skills to build impact, quality and sustainability into every project.

What do we mean by culture?

"Culture should be regarded as the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs"

Definition by UNESCO 2011 and adopted by Dublin City Council in the 2016-2021 Cultural Strategy

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID THIS YEAR THAT MADE US PROUD

WE SET UP
A COMPANY

We opened a museum
at 14 Henrietta St.

we made things
with 8,796 people

WE WORKED WITH
223 ARTISTS

WE COLLABORATED
WITH 231
COMMUNITY GROUPS

We created 189
cultural projects

WE PARTNERED
WITH 141 CULTURAL
ORGANISATIONS

We ran 598
creative workshops

WE WELCOMED 9,915 VISITORS TO 14 HENRIETTA ST. IN JUST 4 MONTHS

WE HELD 45 TRAINING SESSIONS

We designed and ran the first ever Dublin Cruinniú na n-Óg: 150 events in 25 neighbourhoods made by 72 artists on ONE DAY

WE LISTENED

WE LEARNED

"In 2018 we developed a company mission based on connecting people through culture and conversation to ignite imaginations and experiences. We have developed an infrastructure that can not only deliver this approach, but also helps people to really engage with their city.."

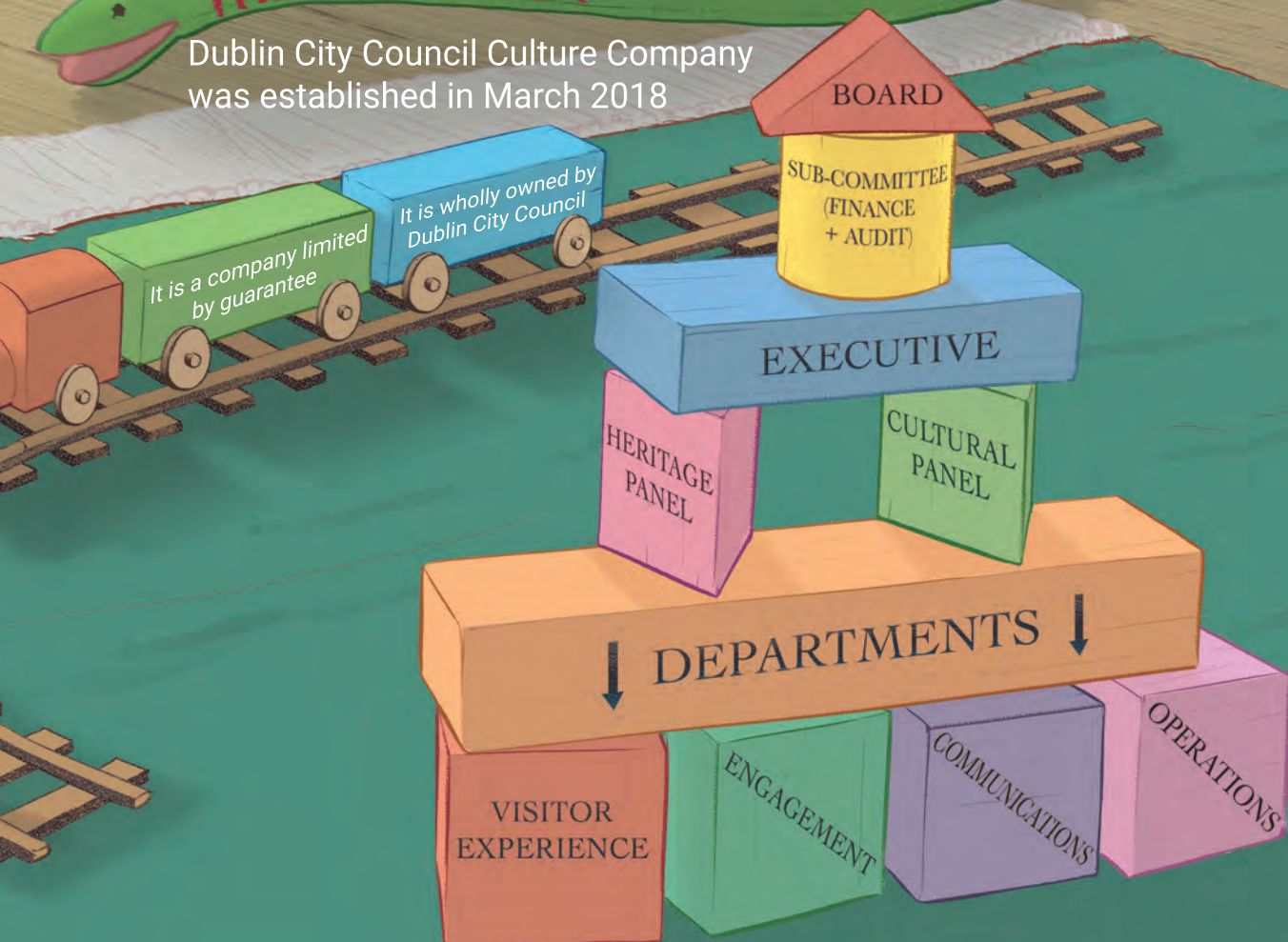
Iseult Byrne, CEO Dublin City Council Culture Company

WE WORKED WITH 231
COMMUNITY GROUPS,
IN 40 VILLAGES
ACROSS THE CITY



THE OFFICIAL BIT

Dublin City Council Culture Company
was established in March 2018



POLICIES PUT IN PLACE IN 2018



QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS & PARTNERS

"I LOVE TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE,
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THEM.
I WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER.
HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER?
HOW CAN WE USE OUR STRENGTHS TO DO MORE?"

PARTICIPANT, LOCAL HEROES

"GOING TO PLACES YOU'VE KNOWN ALL
YOUR LIFE... TO SEE THINGS IN A NEW
LIGHT... IT'S LIKE A NEW DUBLIN!"

PARTICIPANT, CULTURE CLUB

"IT'S NOT JUST WORKING HERE, YOU
TAKE IT WITH YOU AND HOPEFULLY APPLY IT
IN OTHER PLACES, YOU KNOW? SO IT JUST
GETS YOU THINKING CREATIVELY."

PARTICIPANT,
THE NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

"THIS PROJECT HAS LIFTED THE HEART, SOULS
AND MINDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GIVEN VOICE
TO THOSE WHO ARE SELDOM HEARD."

COMMUNITY PARTNER, THE NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

"FOR THE FIRST TIME I ACTUALLY
FEEL LIKE MY WORK HAS BEEN REALLY
DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO WHERE I'VE
SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE"

ARTIST,
THE NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD



"DURING MY TIME IN THIS PROJECT,
IT MADE ME LOVE DUBLIN MORE...
IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I'M JUST
THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE.
WE'RE ALL PART OF THE HUMAN RACE,
AND WE FORGET THAT WE ARE."

PARTICIPANT,
THE NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

"I FEEL HEARD, I FEEL SEEN,
I FEEL APPRECIATED... IT MEANS
A LOT, IT'S JUST AMAZING."

PARTICIPANT,
LOCAL HEROES

"THE FUNDRAISING FELLOWSHIP DUBLIN HAS
BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE
COMPANY ON TO ANOTHER LEVEL..."
CULTURAL PARTNER,
THE FUNDRAISING FELLOWSHIP DUBLIN

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT
INTO WORDS HOW IMPRESSED
I WAS...THIS JUST ENHANCED
MY OPINION OF THE GREAT
WORK WE CAN ACHIEVE
TOGETHER SO THAT YOUNG
PEOPLE CAN PERFORM THE
SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES
THEY POSSESS IF THEY ARE
GIVEN A PLATFORM TO
EXPRESS THEMSELVES"

COMMUNITY PARTNER,
THE NATIONAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD

"A PARTNERSHIP WHERE INDIVIDUALS AND
ORGANISATIONS ARE GIVEN SPACE TO PLAY
TO THEIR STRENGTHS LEADS TO
GREATER SUCCESS."

CULTURAL PARTNER,
THE NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

"THERE HAS BEEN A HUGE AMOUNT OF
LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE FELLOWSHIP.
WE RECEIVED GREAT SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK"

PARTICIPANT,
THE FUNDRAISING FELLOWSHIP DUBLIN



Dublin City Council Culture Company runs cultural initiatives and buildings across the city with, and for, the people of Dublin.

We collaborate with people, communities, cultural organisations, businesses and Dublin City Council to embed cultural experiences and increase cultural participation throughout Dublin.



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