

THE FUTURE CITIZEN

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

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Proceedings derive from a workshop, that was held on the 10 December 2020 with graduate students from University College Cork. These students have an academic background in environmental sustainability. The workshop included a brief presentation on the use of deliberative and future-oriented approaches to community engagement with examples from the Imagining2050 approach. The emerging discussion centred around the deliberative process and the need for tangible outcomes. Below a review of main points:

Process

Deliberation

1. Valuable process if empowered;
2. Potential to create an international experience using online technologies;
3. Concerns over impact and ability to promote change;
4. Needs closer integration with the decision-making processes.

Visualisation

1. Educational opportunities;
2. Climate action movements;
3. Greater public visibility in urban spaces such as murals.

Future-led action

1. Creating inclusive futures through shared and empathic change;
2. Finding new business and livelihood opportunities;
3. Doing more with less;
4. Wide societal benefits in organic farming, tree planting and integrated educational programmes

Local Initiatives

1. Giving ownership to local communities;
2. Connecting local with global issues;
3. Learning from areas already experiencing and coping with climate impacts;

Outcome

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