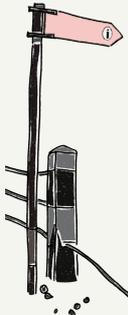


REFLECTIONS ON LOCAL CLIMATE DIALOGUES

An exchange with **Imagining2050**, **Dingle Peninsula 2030**, **GEAI Leitrim** and **EnergyPolities**



WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

This collaborative workshop was held on the 9 December 2020 with the purpose of exchanging insights from different local projects involved in community climate action. After a brief overview of each project, the workshop focused on a facilitated discussion with all in attendance to solicit and collate feedback and future recommendations for local-led climate dialogue initiatives in Ireland.

Presentations included:

- GEAI and the Leitrim Cróga Initiative;
- EnergyPolities: The social acceptability of energy infrastructure projects;
- Dingle Peninsula 2030: a collaborative approach to support sustainability transitions,
- Imagining2050 local community-focused 'Deliberative Futures Workshops'.

Exchange points included:

- Approaches for translating global and national targets to the local level;
- Shared learnings from facilitating local level dialogues (e.g. designing specific interventions, innovative techniques, etc.)
- Opportunities and difficulties in transferring local-level dialogues into policy-focused or action-based interventions;
- Challenges encountered in engaging communities;
- Recommendations for future dialogues at the local level.

Lessons and recommendations for local-led climate dialogue initiatives in Ireland:

Facilitation of local dialogues:

- Action-packed engagements;
- A range of initiatives to target different stakeholders;
- Integrating broader community development goals in climate action strategies;
- Translating national priorities into local actions through a focus on homes, mobility and wellbeing.

Organizing events:

- Tapping into existing networks in the area and learning from them;
- 'Knocking-on-doors' to reach out to different groups in the community;
- Enriching the online engagement process through visuals and evaluation.

Protest as effective engagement

- Mobilisation beyond consensus to ensure policy change;
- Protest and acceptance as equally valid.

Just Transition

- Exploring opportunities for micro-generation in the energy system;
- Co-creating new models of farming that benefit rural areas and farmers;
- Exploring the 'price-ability' for adopting new practices or technologies
- Citizen-informed climate action, developed through dialogue and deliberation