SHARING OUR LEARNINGS FROM BOYLE

BUILDING CAPACITY AND SUSTAINING OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

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PLANNED REGENERATION

BREATHING LIFE BACK INTO OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

"It is difficult to design a space that will not attract people. What is remarkable is how often this has been accomplished

What attracts people most, it would appear is other people"

William H. Whyte

NOT JUST ANOTHER PLAN

- Tease out the views of local assets, inspiration, and potential
- Encourage those who don't always participate
- Achieve quality public spaces and facilities based on detailed assessment of need, usage and sustainability
- Create positive health, happiness, and wellbeing
- Harness community to lead and sustain initiatives

Is there Life on Our Streets?

The Story

The Challenge

- Spatial and Demographic Challenges
- Economic Challenges

The Response - Vision

- People choose an Urban Life
- Positive sense of their town by our youth
- Family life activities are more integrated
- Age Friendly town

THE STORY

- ✓Situated in North Roscommon
- ✓Connected to the well-known Lough Key by the Boyle River
- ✓3 minute cycle from Boyle harbour on the Shannon and Shannon-Erne system
- ✓Its heritage buildings include Boyle Abbey, King House, Frybrook House
- ✓Some beautiful streets which have retained their original charm
- ✓Growing arts and cultural scene
- ✓Famous for Moone Boy

BOYLE - CHALLENGES

- ✓ Hollowing out and erosion of urban communities
- ✓ Boyle covers 465 hectares with a population of 2,568
- ✓ In 1831, 57 hectares 3,433 people more vibrant, prosperous place
- ✓ Largest population loss was around the banks of the Boyle river
- ✓ Loss of many of its past urban functions
- ✓ Despite its assets and location – its story is one of untapped potential

THE RESPONSE

REGENERATING TOWN CENTRE STREETS

Town & Village - enhancement of the Shambles and streetscape leading to King House

Historic Towns Initiative - conservation of properties in AHA area of town centre

Streetscape Enhancement Programme - Shopfront improvement

Covid TVR – Christmas lights, new approach signage

RRDF - Streetscape enhancements in Cultural Quarter and car park

THE SHAMBLES

CONSERVATION OF MAIN STREET

CONSERVING & REIMAGINING BUILT HERITAGE

Council - RCC purchased derelict Royal Hotel

TVR and RRDF – Conversion of derelict building into Enterprise Centre and Exhibition Space and develop riverside promenade

RRDF - Improve energy efficiency of King House, enhance and add to exhibitions and improve overall campus

Creative Ireland - new goldsmith Exhibition in King House

RESTORING DERELICT HOTEL

ENHANCING OUTDOOR RECREATION

ORIS - Lough Key to Boyle Cycleway

ORIS – Safe access to water recreation at Doon Shore Amenity on Lough Key

Healthy Ireland - Cycle friendly menus, gradient signage etc

Destination Towns - Riverside area legibility and public realm, Pleasure Ground Enhancement, Mural etc

PLEASURE GROUNDS AND CYCLEWAY

LEARNING FOR OUR OTHER TOWNS?

Story, Challenges & Opportunities	Identify Themes	Prioritised Action Plan	Implementation Toolkit & Select team	Communicate Motivate Mentor	Accountability

Collaborate and Build Capacity

A goal without a plan is just a wish