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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

# Public Participation Networks Ireland National Conference 2023

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# Joint Policing Committee

- An Garda Síochána Act 2005 S36, Local Authority & Garda Commissioner to Establish
- 5 Categories
  - Garda Members
  - Officials Local Authority
  - Elected Members Local Authority
  - Members Oireachtas
  - Community Representatives
- JPC advises the LA & AGS on how they might best perform their functions, having regard for need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life, and to prevent crime, disorder and ASB in the area.

*Our Safety requires constant community input...*



# WLCSP Structure

- Plenary – 30 Partners
  - Steering & Oversight Group - 12 Members
  - Education, Training and Awareness & Building Community Capacity Working Group – 8 members
  - Crime & Reducing Criminality and Safe Environment & Infrastructure Working Group – 12 members
- The Community

*“The Police are the public and the public are the Police” – Sir Robert Peel*

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# Local Community Safety Partnership Membership

## 1 x Independent Chair

- 4 x Local Resident Reps
- 1 x Older Persons Council Rep
- 2 x Community/Social Project Reps
- 2 x Voluntary Community Sector Reps
- 1 x Rep New & Minority Communities
- 1 x Youth U25 Rep
- 1 x Social Enterprise Ex Offenders Rep
- 2 x Business Representatives
- 1 x Education Rep
- **Total 15 Community**
- 1 x ETB Rep
- 1 x Local Authority Management Rep
- 1 x TUSLA Rep
- 2 x AGS Reps
- 7 x Councillors
- 1 x HSE Rep
- 1 x HSE Local Drugs Task Force Rep
- **Total 14 Sectoral**

# WLCSP Project Path

Emerging Trend in the Community or Community Safety Plan 2023-28

Discussed Thematic Working Groups

Recommendation WLCSP Plenary Meeting

Evaluate extent of Project required & Cost

Co-ordinator pursues funding Routes

Implementation Committee Set Up



# WLCSP Project Locations



# WLCSP Projects



Community Horticultural Education -  
Dungarvan



North West Suburbs Community Action  
Plan – City



Portlaw Engages Youth



Garda Youth Awards – County  
Road Safety Week – City, Dungarvan &  
Tramore



Community Safety Plan  
Implementation – County Wide



Drug Awareness, prevention &  
Support – Tallow & Ballysaggart



City Centre Safe & Purple Flag  
Initiatives



Domestic Violence, Consent &  
ByStander Intervention – City,  
expanding County wide



A Scary but Safe Halloween...



# A Scary but Safe Halloween...

## ➤ ISSUES

- ASB, Illegal Fireworks, Bonfires, Vandalism
- Communities not feeling Safe
- A New way without Bonfires

## ➤ CONCEPT

### ➤ Educate

- Schools/Social Media/Media
- Collaboration Gardai/Fire Service/Healthy Waterford

### ➤ Family Event focused on Halloween – Pilot Event

### ➤ Get Community Buy In

- Get them Involved – Residents/School/Arts/Bands/Businesses
- Location Ballybricken – ASB issues

## ➤ FUNDING

- Seed Money WLCSP - €3,000
- Waterford City & County Council Event Grant - €14,000
- Creative Ireland - €20,000
  - Partnered Spraoi - The Hill at Halloween



# The Hill at Halloween

Traditional Historic Area

ASB/Vandalism Issues

Bandstand & Bull Post Focal Points

Safe Events

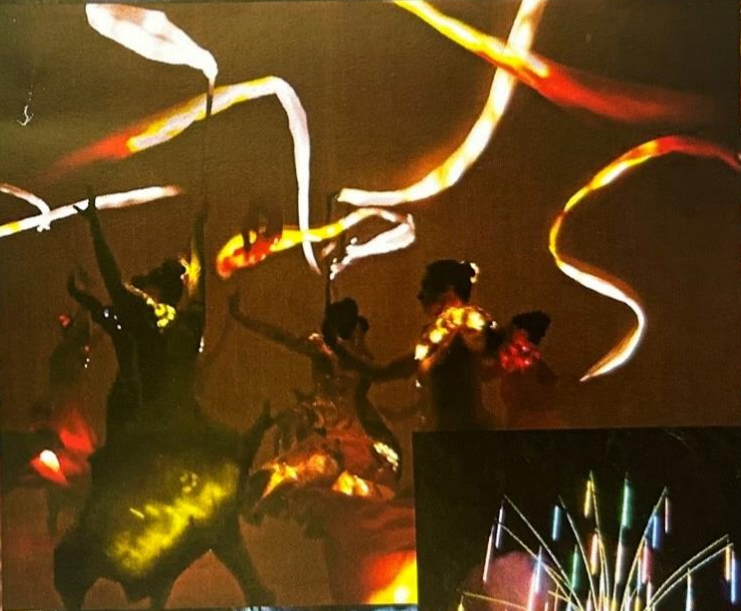
Finish with Bonfire & Show

## • OUTCOME

- A safer Halloween & Community with ownership of their green for future events!







# THANK YOU

## Q&A

