Introduction

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Who we are

Corca Dhuibhne / The Dingle Peninsula located in the south west of Ireland is defined by the territory to the west of a line connecting Blennerville to Castlemaine and with an area of 583 sq. km and extending 48 km into the Atlantic.

- It has a resident population of 12,764, with 2,500 living in Dingle Town (CSO, Census, 2016).
- Second (or holiday) homes account for c. 26% of all houses on the Peninsula and tourism accounts for c. 30% of the local economy.

The Dingle Creativity & Innovation Hub

- Registered as Mol Teic Ltd, a not-for-profit community
- Known locally as “the hub”
- Established in April 2017

Corca Dhuibhne 2030 is an initiative aimed at transitioning the Peninsula to a low carbon community by 2030.

- Our original plan, developed in 2019, set out a target to reduce the total energy use from 310 GWh to 224GWh and total CO2 emissions from 171 ktonnes CO2 to 97ktonnes CO2 via a range of measures.
- We are developing a model to inform the additional actions which will be necessary to achieve that the expanded target of 50% emissions reduction by 2030.
Our mission
Embracing Sustainability and Digital Transformation, as well duality across Community and Enterprise development.

“to build a creative, livable, sustainable community, fostering a vibrant and diverse ecosystem of stakeholders to facilitate the creation and maintenance of well-paid, year-round incomes on the Dingle Peninsula”
Four strategic platforms – Four Thematic Pillars

Building on existing assets and continuously sharing outputs and learnings

Create strategic antecedents for new employment with 4 thematic pillars

1. Sustainability and Green Agenda
2. Digital Transformation
3. Creative Industries
4. Community-Authored Vision and Strategy
   » Multi-generational and sectoral participation
   » Stakeholder convening: international, national, regional to local
   » Capacity building and skill development
   » Co-created prioritization and planning

Leveraging Entrepreneurial and Scaling services from other specialist agencies and enterprise hubs regionally and nationally

Provide shared workspace and facilities for individuals and companies

Promote, nurture and convene work from home and learn from home (year-round and seasonal) community

Working with applied academic partners who are embedded in projects and generating research outputs

Aggregate critical-mass of base demand from antecedent strategies for local enterprise to scale from

Building on latent assets, inherited strengths and prior initiatives and networks in our community

...focused on dissemination of knowledge to and learning from other hubs and networks and communities and participating in broader policy debate and generation

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## Outcomes to date

### Strategic platform 1

**Shared workspace provision**

- **Projects delivered to date**
  - Energy MasterPlan
  - Feasibility Study for Anaerobic Digestion
  - ESB Networks Dingle project including EV trials
  - SFI Activating the Energy Citizen
  - Teagasc SKIN project - short supply chain businesses
  - Re-designed public transport services for peninsula routes
  - Electric and Biogas bus trials on new services
  - Solar powered bus shelters as communication tools

- **Engaged communities**
  - Dingle Peninsula
  - Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)
  - ESB Networks Energy ambassadors
  - Community Energy Mentors: Community Owned Energy Group and Energy Efficiency Group
  - EU SKIN Project working groups: Food Production, Tourism, Tradition/Heritage/Culture and Renewable Energy Groups

### Strategic platform 2

**Sustainability**

- Projects delivered to date
  - IoT Farm Ambassador project
  - IoT Water Monitoring Project
  - EU Floutas

**Digitalisation**

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**Creative Industries**

- Projects delivered to date
  - Creative Business Workshops
  - Principles of Film Workshops
  - Creative Writing Workshops
  - Animation Workshops
  - Unlocking collaboration and funding opportunities
  - New Businesses start-ups
  - TG4 Creative Company
  - ESB Networks sponsored arts commission

### Strategic platform 3

**Community-engaged planning**

- Projects delivered to date
  - Film Network
  - Creative Writing Network
  - Creative Business Collaborations Group

- Engaged communities
  - 2 x 8 NEWKD Socio-economic planning workshops
  - Re-imagine workshops and concept working groups

### Strategic platform 4

**Aggregate demand for business development**

- Projects delivered to date
  - New businesses and business activity: Solar Beo, Eask Media, DC Six Technologies, Skyscraper.ie
  - digital content production projects,
  - film production, online performances

**Connected (home) working community**

- Projects delivered to date
  - Local chapter of Grow Remote
  - Skill training delivery
  - New VC facilities
  - Film Network
  - Creative Networking Platform
  - Provision of workshops – How to guides for remote working and online collaboration
What’s the role of the Dingle Hub in delivering this?

1. Engage, convene, support and participate in networks at local, regional, national and international level
   - Maintain existing networks through
     - workshop and event delivery
     - meeting facilitation
     - training provision
   - Maintain and grow existing network databases
     - Farming Community
     - Energy groups
     - Connected Working groups
     - Re-imagine groups
     - Youth Advisory Board

2. Identify skills’ needs and mechanisms to address them
   - Deliver events and workshops
     - Community engagement and planning training for key individuals
     - re-run Community Energy mentor course with KETB

3. Identify opportunities across the networks and facilitate collaboration between working groups
   - Ensure cross-network communication using social media tools, websites, email and print media where appropriate.
   - Facilitate meetings and events to provide opportunities for collaboration

4. Initiate projects under thematic pillars that contribute to strengthening the innovation ecosystem and deepening local community participation
   - Identify and obtain funding mechanisms to resource projects
     - Sustainable Transport Pilot project
     - Community-Authored Planning pilot

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Dingle Hub

Initiate / Convene

Support / Enable

Dingle Hub

Formation

Organisation

Sustaining momentum

Community Groups

Providing institutional memory and capacity