

Welcome to our first news brief in March.

National Planning Framework Submission from 4 Dublin PPNs

The Government is currently conducting an initial public consultation on the National Planning Framework.

The National Planning Framework will guide decisions on how we develop as a country over the next 20 years, where housing, jobs, schools, leisure facilities, transport and other infrastructure will be located and where resources will be focused.

The 4 Dublin Public Participation Networks - Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, South County Dublin and Fingal - are working together to develop a submission on behalf of PPN Members across the county, to make a case for the future development of the City we live in. To do this we are asking our members to complete an online survey.

The link to the survey is <https://form.jotformeu.com/63206041320337>

In order to meet the Government's deadline we are asking people to submit their ideas by **Monday 13th of March**.

Your participation in this would be very welcome.

Reimagine Dublin One How do you imagine the future of Dublin One?

DublinTown has teamed up with the Dublin City Architects' Framework project and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to create a community group who will form part of a project that looks at the City's north retail & residential area, Dublin One. The focus area is from O'Connell Street running as far as Capel Street and from Parnell Street to the Quays.

A team from AIA in collaboration with Dublin City Architects' Framework project will lead a public design event this month. This project named Reimagine Dublin One looks at the area's rich culture and uniqueness, while taking into account problems it may be experiencing to help AIA devise a vision document for the area based on this extensive collaboration and consultation.

As part of this programme, we are asking the city's community, whether you live, work or socialise here, to get involved and share your thoughts on where you see Dublin One in the future.

For further information on the project and to register your attendance please log onto www.reimaginedublinone.ie

The more people who attend, the more details and ideas we can share with world renowned architects - AIA - to help them Reimagine Dublin One at its very best.

Date: **Friday, March 10th at 6pm**

Venue: The Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street Upper, Dublin 1

Register to attend this event online at reimaginedublinone.ie

Home Energy Saving Kits

Now available to borrow free from all Dublin City Libraries

You are invited to the launch of the next phase of the Home Energy Saving Kits on **Tuesday 7th March at 9am in Pearse Street Library.**

The event will be officially launched by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, TD.

The Home Energy Saving Kits contains 6 practical tools to help you save energy at home, and due to popular demand, will now be available to borrow free of charge from all Dublin City libraries.

The kit helps you take the first step in becoming more energy efficient by identifying problem areas in your home and helping you make sense of the energy you consume on a daily basis.

The 6 items in the kits are:

- Thermal Leak Detector - Measure the temperature of your walls, floors, windows and ceilings to identify air leaks and draughts or

- insufficient insulation or glazing.
- Plug-In Energy Monitor - Understand how much energy the appliances in your home use and calculate their running cost.
 - Stopwatch - Measure the water flow of your taps and adjust to save water and money on heating it.
 - Radiator Key - Bleed your radiators to make them run more efficiently.
 - Temperature and Humidity Meter - Identify the temperature and humidity levels in every room of your home.
 - Fridge/Freezer Thermometer - Adjust the temperature in your fridge/freezer to save energy!

For further information log on to <http://www.codema.ie/think-energy-home-hub/the-home-energy-saving-kit>

AHEAD Conference

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

This year's annual international AHEAD conference will take place in Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on **March 13th & 14th 2017**.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework of flexible design in education that supports you in maintaining robust standards while connecting with a diverse range of students, including those with disabilities, in a flexible and innovative way that keeps you ahead of the game.

This 2 day event will feature over 30 contributions from across Europe and beyond. You will get the opportunity to learn the ropes of UDL, hear about the latest research in inclusive education and network with professionals from across the globe. The event will also host the UDL Park featuring project exhibits, app demonstrations, music, drinks and a few surprises, plus plenty of opportunity to network with like minded professionals.

You can register free of charge at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/udl-its-time-to-talk-about-the-why-registration-27928520958?discount=board>
