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Formal V Interpersonal Communications – Learnings from the River Suir Pilot

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Outline

- Principals of Citizen Consultation
- River Suir Pilot Consultation
- Citizen Participation
- Local Knowledge

Three Principals of Consultation with Citizens*

- ❑ Genuine and meaningful engagement
- ❑ Targeted engagement
- ❑ Continued Engagement



*Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, November 2016. *Consultation Principles & Guidance*, Dublin

River Suir Public Consultation Pilot



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□ Continued engagement

- Continued expansion of local network
- Continued education of citizens
- Link with Local Festivals
- Local Awareness by Local Champions



Citizen Participation – keeping them interested

□ Expert Citizen - the full time activist

- Long Term
- Think politically
- Highly networked
- Act strategically



□ Everyday Maker – the part time activist

- Short Term
- Parochial Interest
- Single Issue



Citizen Participation – keeping them interested

- Get their concerns on to the Agenda



- Local Knowledge V Scientific Knowledge



- Mix both when working at a catchment level.

Civic Engagement

□ Ed Everett

- “Bitch and Fix”
- Citizens and “customers”
- LA’s have all the expertise



- Civic Engagement = really listening to communities
- Civic Engagement = Not at public meetings

Thank You

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