



Environmental Services Training Group

LOCAL AUTHORITY ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2018

Climate Change and the Environment A New Reality Minella Hotel, Clonmel Wednesday 25th. April 2018.

Climate Change and the Environment A New Reality

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

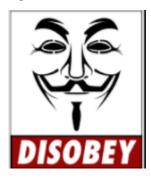


Citizen Participation – keeping them interested

- 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





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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