

future dublin

a vision for a healthy and mobile city

a panel discussion

Dublin is ranked as the 26th best city in the world for quality of life according to one survey*. However, the top ten ranked cities are all mid-sized cities like Dublin. To make it into the top of the list, Dublin has to become a city that is healthy to live in and easy to get around ... for everyone.

That means developing a transport network that is affordable, easy to use and helps people go wherever they need to go. It also means neighbourhoods that are safe and attractive for cyclists, pedestrians and local communities.

Recent capital expenditure cut-backs are forcing a rethink of our approach to transport and infrastructural solutions. But lessons from other places suggest that the best cities are not necessarily ones that spend the most money, but make the smartest choices.

Future Dublin is about imagining what kind of transport network that might be and what those streets and spaces might look and feel like. It is a vision for a healthy and mobile city.

about the network

The Spatial Planning Graduate Network is a community of planners who have graduated from the Dublin Institute of Technology's Masters of Science in Spatial Planning. This Masters programme provides an opportunity for highly skilled and experienced practitioners working in the Built Environment and planning sectors in Ireland or abroad, to become professional planners.

The Network provides opportunities for graduates of the course to network and keep up-to-date on relevant planning practice issues and developments on the spatial planning developments. The Spatial Planning Graduate Network runs Continuous Professional Development sessions for its members each year and organises Forums on Spatial Planning. The Network intends, through the forum and its online platform at www.spatialplanning.ie, to facilitate critical discussion of the state of Spatial Planning in Ireland.

* 2011 Quality of Living worldwide city rankings - Mercer survey (www.mercer.com)

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The Mansion House. The Oak Room. Dawson Street. Dublin 2
3.30 p.m - 6.15 pm Friday, 2nd March 2012

speaker biographies

Lord Mayor of Dublin Andrew Montague was elected the 342nd Lord Mayor of Dublin on June 27th June 2011. Lord Mayor Montague, as a City Councillor, a member of the Board of the Ballymun Regeneration Ltd (BRL), and the Transport & Traffic Strategic Policy Committee of Dublin City Council, has a particular interest in achieving a better Dublin through the planning process. He is especially proud of his work in advancing the Dublinbikes scheme.

Brendan Finn is an independent transport consultant who specialises in public transport organisation and operations. Brendan is a leading expert in Bus Rapid Transit solutions and was co-editor of the EU COST Action Report on Buses with High Level Service (BHLS). He has consulted with the World Bank and multiple governments and municipalities internationally on the design and implementation of urban public transportation frameworks and operational systems.

John O'Hara is Deputy City Planner for Dublin City Council. John was involved in the management and preparation of the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2012 – 2017, the Phibsborough and Liberties Local Area Plans and the recently published "Your City Your Space Draft Dublin City Public Realm Strategy". John is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Owen Shinkwin is a Senior Planner in the National Transport Authority's Integrated Planning Section, whose key objective is to promote the effective integration of land use and transport planning. The NTA is responsible for the development of an integrated transport system in the Greater Dublin Area and nationally, it is responsible for securing the provision of public passenger transport services, licensing public bus passenger services, regulating small public service vehicles and implementing integrated ticketing, fares and information schemes.

Arlene Finn is the Programme Developer / Coordinator of the Smarter Travel Workplaces Programme for large employers implementing workplace travel plans. Arlene also has a background in school travel plans, having developed & delivered the pilot Travel Theme in an Taisce's 'Green-Schools' environmental education programme. This theme subsequently became the national programme for implementation of school travel plans.

Ciaran Cuffe lectures in Urban Planning at the Dublin Institute of Technology's School of Spatial Planning. He is an architect and town planner. He served as Minister of State for Sustainable Transport and Planning in 2010-2011 and is a member of the Irish Planning Institute.

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programme

- 3.30 - 4.00 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
- 4.00 - 4.10 Welcome and Introduction
David O'Connor, Chairperson, Spatial Planning Graduate Network
- 4.10 - 4.25 Opening Address
Lord Mayor of Dublin, Andrew Montague
- 4.25 - 4.40 Bus Rapid Transport Networks
Brendan Finn, ETTS
- 4.40 - 4.55 The NTA and delivering Integrated Transport for Dublin
Owen Shinkwin, National Transport Authority
- 4.55 - 5.10 Dublin's Future Green Network
John O'Hara, Dublin City Council Deputy City Planner
- 5.10 - 5.25 The Smarter Travel Workplaces Programme
Arlene Finn, Coordinator, Smarter Travel Workplaces programme
- 5.25 - 5.50 Panel Discussion, with our five speakers
Moderator: Ciarán Cuffe, Dublin Institute of Technology
- 5.50 - 6.15 Concluding remarks and closure of proceedings

