

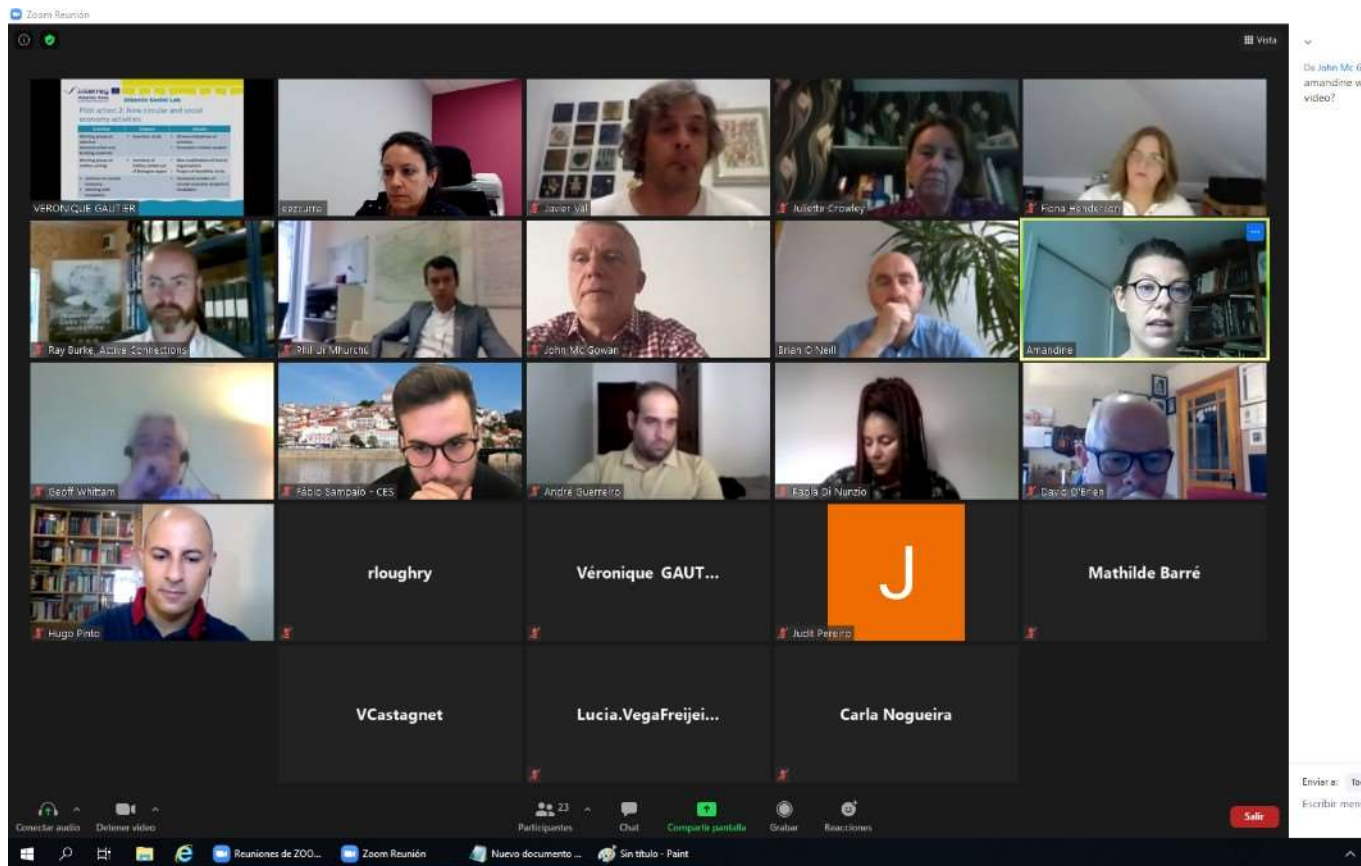


Atlantic Social Lab

Newsletter - October / November 2020

Find out the latest news from the Atlantic Social Lab project in Cork here!

We are an EU funded project which promotes the use of social innovation to address key societal challenges. The project involves 9 partners from across the UK, Spain, Portugal, France and Ireland. Cork City Council is the Irish partner and in Cork we are focused on using social innovation to address issues being faced by social enterprises and look at innovative ways of stimulating civic engagement in the city. This Newsletter will keep you up to date on all our activities in Cork.



Participants at the Atlantic Social Lab Virtual Final Conference - September 2020

The Atlantic Social Lab Final Conference took place virtually on the 16th of September 2020. It was hosted by the City of Pau in the South of France and all partners participated and played an active role in the event. From Cork, we presented the different actions that we have been implementing including the Shape Your City and Cork Voices initiatives as well as the various supports we have delivered to social enterprises in Cork. One of our Cork social enterprises also participated - Ray Burke from Active Connections. Ray gave an overview of his social enterprise and explained to participants the learning and connections his organisation has received from being involved in the project locally. Overall the event was highly interactive and although all partners would have preferred a non-virtual event, participants were engaged and involved throughout.

Latest Ask & Advise



It feels like a lifetime ago now but the Atlantic Social Lab project in Cork with the financial support of the City Council's Social Economic and Environmental Programme as part of the City North West Quarter Regeneration, held an "Ask & Advise Evening" for Social Enterprises in the Glandore Workspace on Lapps Quay in Cork on the 5th of March 2020. This event was the last physical meeting of the Social Enterprise network that has resulted from the Atlantic Social Lab in Cork and saw a presentation from Rethinking Ireland (previously known as the Social Innovation Fund Ireland) on one of their funds as well as a presentation from business man and Cork native Danny O' Donovan of Quickminutes.com. This event saw a strong participation from social enterprises and related support agencies in Cork.

Virtual Mentoring Clinics

Cork Social Enterprise Virtual Coffee Clinics

The Irish Social Enterprise Network and Atlantic Social Lab project is providing free clinics to any Cork social enterprise or social entrepreneur over Zoom or phone.

- **Provide information** on getting your idea off the ground or taking it to the next level
- **Access to resources** on how to develop ideas
- **Brokering** with other social enterprise professionals that can help you on your journey

Book now through email info@socent.ie or the website socent.ie/clinics



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The aim of this project is to provide one to one support to social enterprises in Cork through the Covid 19 crisis. Working with the Irish Social Enterprise Network, we have been running support webinars but we are also running these one to one virtual coffee support sessions. These are an opportunity for social enterprises to focus solely on their organisations and obtain advice, guidance and referrals to appropriate expertise to help deal with the issues they are facing at present. We have 10 slots in total available to social enterprises from Cork and there are still a few left if you would like to participate. Please contact juliette_crowley@corkcity.ie if you would like to avail of one of these sessions.

Virtual Workshop - Funding and Finance in Uncertain Times

Cork Social Enterprise Webinars

Social Enterprise: Planning Your Finance and Funding in Uncertain Times

Conversation with **Caroline Egan**, Managing Director CramdenTECH with **Chris MM Gordon**, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network.

Time: 10:00

Date: 11th September 2020

Funded by the EU's Interreg Atlantic Area Programme and Cork City Council

Register through: socent.ie/cork



Caroline Egan,
Managing
Director,
CramdenTECH



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The ASL project in Cork organised a webinar on "Funding and Finance in uncertain times" for Social Enterprises on Friday the 11th of September. More than 15 organisations working in the social economy sector participated in this event and included social enterprises and social enterprise support organisations. The video can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRKWNlgon08>

Virtual Workshop - Social Impact & Your Social Enterprise

Cork Social Enterprise Webinars

Social Impact and Your Social Enterprise

Conversation with **Caroline Gardner**, CEO, Quality Matters with **Chris MM Gordon**, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network.

Time: 10:00

Date: 29th September 2020

Funded by the EU's Interreg Atlantic Area Programme and Cork City Council

Register through: socent.ie/cork



Caroline Gardner, CEO, Quality Matters



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The Atlantic Social Lab project in Cork in conjunction with the Irish Social Enterprise Network and Quality Matters hosted a webinar on Social Impact on the 29th of September 2020. This event focused on the importance of measuring social impact for social enterprises and the different methods which can be used to do this. This event was recorded and can be viewed on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/px2tOPSWhhU>



Upcoming events

Virtual Mentoring Clinics

October - November 2020

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