

Our Future in *Place*: The Role of People, Policy and Process in Place-Making and Place-Shaping

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emerging National Planning Framework on behalf of the region. Prior to joining the assembly in 2016, Denis worked for Donegal County Council for 24 years in a variety of roles including Senior Planner in Development Management. He holds a Ba (Hons) Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Post Graduate Degree in Town Planning.



Dr. Neale Blair is a Senior Lecturer in Planning at the School of the Built Environment and member of the Built Environment Research Institute at Ulster University. A Chartered Town Planner, Neale is an expert in spatial planning policy and practice. For the past 10 years, Neale has been closely involved with ICLRD as researcher on cross-border spatial planning research projects and training programmes. His other research interests include: visualisation techniques for stakeholder engagement and decision making; spatial analysis; and international planning theory and practice.



Dr. Linda McElduff is a lecturer in planning in the School of the Built Environment and member of the Built Environment Research Institute at Ulster University. She graduated from Ulster University in 2011 with a MSc in Planning and Property Development and completed her PhD in 2014. Her doctoral research investigated the regeneration and resilience of small coastal resorts on the island of Ireland. Linda's primary research interests focus on coastal resort degeneration and regeneration; coastal and marine planning; community resilience; governance; and property rights.



Ms. Claire Davis is Programme Manager with the Cork Smart Gateway. The Gateway was established by Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Nimbus Research Centre and Tyndall National Institute. Its purpose is to pursue and facilitate the delivery of a smart agenda for Cork through deploying

smart solutions to regional challenges, seizing emerging opportunities and enhancing the reputation of Cork as an attractive place to live, work, visit and invest. Claire previously worked in policy advisory and project management roles with Cork Chamber of Commerce and the South West Regional Authority.



Mr. Diarmaid Lawlor is Director of Place with Architecture and Design Scotland. An urbanist, with a multi-disciplinary background, he has almost 20 years' experience of helping clients make well-informed decisions about complex, connected urban policy and investment challenges. He is an educator, communicator and collaborator who writes and speaks on creative approaches to making better places.



Prof. Mary P. Corcoran is Professor of Sociology at Maynooth University. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University, New York, her research and teaching interests lie primarily in the fields of urban sociology, public culture and the sociology of migration. In particular, she has been at the forefront of community studies in Ireland contributing to major studies on disadvantaged neighbourhoods, European neighbourhood regeneration through partnership, quality of life in social housing, civic, social and cultural life in the suburbs and the role of urban agriculture in social cohesion.



Prof. Peter Roberts OBE is currently Interim Chair of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, having previously served as Vice-Chair. He is also Professor Emeritus at the University of Leeds and has been a member of the ICLRD Advisory Board for the past ten years.

WHO ARE WE?

The ICLRD is a North-South-U.S. partnership that has developed out of a unique collaboration between academics and spatial planning specialists from the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) at Maynooth University, the School of the Built Environment at Ulster University, and the Institute for International Urban Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Formally established in 2006, we work to strengthen the policy and operational linkages between policy-makers and practitioners involved in spatial planning and social and economic development across the island of Ireland. We engage in a wide range of activities that inform policy, support transformative change, build capacity, create networks and promote good practice.

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