



Thematic Event

**Local Communities as Agents of Change:
The Significance of Participation in
Governance & Planning**

Boardroom
John Hume Building, NUI Maynooth

28th March 2007




Recap: Seminar One

- Follow-on to 29th November event
 - *New Opportunities for Active Citizenship through Multi-level Governance & Strategic Territorial Planning*
- Initial event addressing & debating issues
 - Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe: *Governance & Participation in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown*
 - Kevin Stewart: *Meath Under Pressure!*
 - Joe Allen & Dr. G. Honor Fagan: *Good Governance Policy & Practice*
 - Alison Harvey, Sharon Cosgrove & Richard Kingston: *Planning for Active Citizenship – Tools for Participation*
- Report available on-line (www.span-eu.org)

Today: Seminar Two

Session 1: The Significance of Participation in Governance & Planning 11.15 – 11.45 Developing a Public Participation Strategy: The Issues & Challenges <i>Prof. Simin Davoudi, University of Newcastle</i> 11.45 – 12.00 Q&A – with Prof. Davoudi 12.00 – 12.30 Public Participation: Who? Why? How? When? Case Studies from Newcastle & Birmingham <i>Prof. Ali Madanipour, University of Newcastle</i> 12.30 – 12.45 Q&A – with Prof. Madanipour	Session 2: The Benefits of Participation for All Stakeholders 13.45 – 14.00 Opportunities & Challenges from the Planners Perspective <i>Richard Cremins, Acting Director of Planning, DLR CoCo</i> 14.00 – 14.15 Opportunities & Challenges from the Councillors Perspective <i>Cllr. Niamh Bhreathnach, DLR Co Co</i> 14.15 – 14.30 Opportunities & Challenges from the Non-Governmental Sector <i>Mary Cullen, Chair, Southside Partnership</i>
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Today: Seminar Two (cont.)

Session 3: Participating in Decision-Making - The Fundamentals

14.30 – 16.00 Workshop Two groupings, each examining: Building Blocks & Stumbling Blocks to Effective Participation – The Value of a Participation Strategy
Participation Methods – Determining What Works Best for Me and My Community?
Each grouping will be aided in its discussions by a Facilitator and Rapporteur)

16.00 – 16.20 Feedback & Reflection
Feedback by Rapporteurs (5 mins each)
Reflections by Prof. Davoudi & Prof. Madanipour (5 mins each)

16.20 – 16.30 Next Steps
Brendan Bartley, NUI Maynooth

16.30 Close