



## O'CONNELL STREET CULTURAL QUARTER PLAN

**To create a vibrant, creative, supportive place for communities, creatives and businesses and a cultural destination which showcases the best of Waterford and the South East of Ireland.**

The Plan is for the proposed Waterford Cultural Quarter (WCQ) in the O'Connell Street area. It is commissioned by Waterford City and County Council (WCCC). It is informed by extensive consultation and research by the Cultural Quarter Steering committee, subcommittees and through workshops with representatives of the area's arts and culture, business owners, multi-cultural community groups, residents and work from the WIT School of Architecture students over the past months.

It shows a view to exploring the potential for a WCQ which will play a transformative role for the O'Connell St district of the city and for the capacity, confidence and sustainable growth of the cultural and creative sectors of the city and region. In doing so, it will play a vital development role for Waterford city centre, nurturing and attracting distinctive cultural and creative production and generating a dynamic cultural life for the area that enhances the city's retail and tourism offer.

The Cultural Quarter plan will be issued for public consultation in October 2017. It is available in the Waterford Libraries and on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)

There will be an open meeting and discussion in the WIT School of Architecture, The Granary, O'Connell Street, Waterford on the 18th of October 2017. Refreshments will be served.

Thanks are due to everyone involved and to Karan Thompson Consulting and Tom Fleming Creative Consultancy working on behalf of WCCC to develop the plan.

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