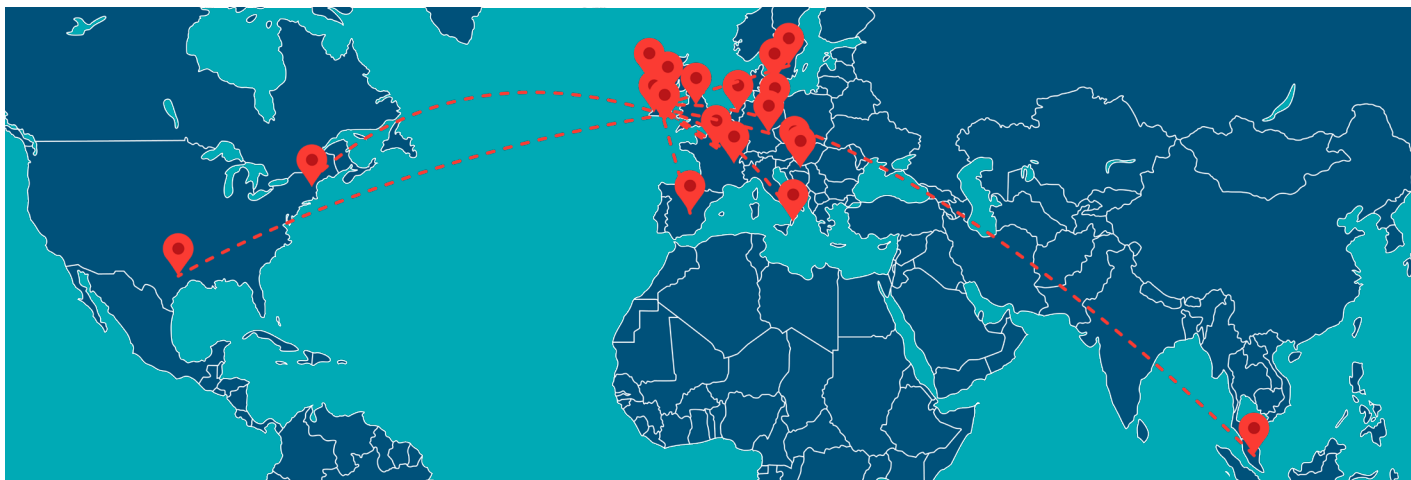


CORK LEARNING CITY STRUCTURE



VISITING CITIES



UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning
ASEM Asia Europe Lifelong Learning Hub
Europe - The Netherlands, France, Slovakia, Malta, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Spain, Finland
UK - Manchester, Wolverhampton
USA - Austin Texas, Lowell Massachusetts
Asia - Singapore
The Irish Network of Learning Cities - Limerick, Belfast, Dublin, Derry - Strabane, Waterford & Cork

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

CHAIR FESTIVAL COMMITTEE **William McAuliffe** National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals
Denis Barrett Learning City Co-ordinator
Rose Smyth Executive Librarian, Learning, Outreach and Development, Cork City Libraries
Laura Coleman Access Officer, MTU
Christine Nolan Access Service, MTU
Íde Dwane IPPN, Primary Education Sector
Ciarán Lynch Cork Education & Training Board
Keith Murphy Cork Education & Training Board
Seamus O'Tuama Director, Adult Continuing Education (ACE), UCC
Norma Browne Learning Neighbourhoods Coordinator
Catherine Sheahan Festival Administrator
Karen Duke Cork Access Network Coordinator
Darragh Kane - www.darraghkane.com Festival Photographer

If you want to get involved, email info@corklearningcity.ie or visit www.corklearningcity.ie



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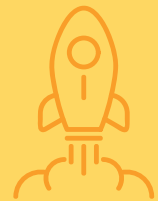
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IMPACT REPORT 2025



IMPACT

Cork Lifelong Learning Festival 2025



39,900*

Attendees



9,000

hard copies printed
using 100%
recycled paper



PR

New Public Campaign
26 Bus Stops/Banners/Window
Stickers/WhatzOn/The Echo/
Communications Team

420

Individual Events across
Cork City



"The fun and Joy it brought to people, I was especially pleased to see so many new people taking part and will continue to join us going forward"

INSIGHTS

100%

of hosts are interested
in hosting an event in
next years Cork Lifelong
Learning Festival



28.3k

Views on Instagram in 30 days

91.18%

agreed that the length of the festival (8 days) was about
the right length. 5.88% suggested it was too long & 2.94%
suggested it was too short

International Profile

Director of UNESCO UIL, Dr.
Isabelle Kempf,
Visiting Learning Cities for
International Learning Cities
Conference: Asia, Europe, USA, UK



Community Reach

72

Cork City Library events

7

Learning Neighbourhood events
which involve

40

separate community partners

Partner Events

Cork City Library,
Cork Education and Training Board,
Munster Technological University,
University College Cork

FEEDBACK

"We felt at home, enjoyed every moment,
and embraced the festival's spirit. It made us
consider the convenience of hosting a festival
in our city"



"It was an
opportunity for us
to meet our local
community and let
them know about
our centre"

"Community coming
together, educators
coming together, well
hosted at every step"

What a joy to see neighbours, learners,
and leaders come together — this festival
truly shows what lifelong learning looks
like in action.



RECOMMENDATION

Workshop for hosts to discuss planning/advertising/event
logistics/share ideas



2026 Festival Dates: 22nd - 29th April



*Based on average reported numbers by hosts



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

