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GETTING ARMAGH INTO SHAPE

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1. You have a choice to use the miro board or just watch the screen and comment.
2. There is no silly question, issue or point that can be made
3. Listen to one another and give space for others to speak
4. Everything is timed so please don't be offended if we have to move on - this link will stay open for 24 hours for you to add anything you want.
5. Stick with us and we'll lead you through!
6. Enjoy!

THE TEAM



Today's Moderator

MURA QUIGLEY

Associate Director

I work with communities to help them plan for the future of their places.



KHADIDJA KONATE

Architect and Designer

I love to get creative and help communities be part of the change!



GETTING ARMAGH INTO SHAPE

YOUR CITY, YOUR PLAN



**HOW CAN WE FEED THE CITY THE RIGHT THINGS, AND HELP IT TO
KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY?**

WHAT'S THE ARMAGH PLACE SHAPING PLAN ABOUT?

It is the first local plan being developed from the
COMMUNITY PLAN CONNECTED

A new approach to how we shape our city
TOGETHER

Putting PEOPLE FIRST in the process

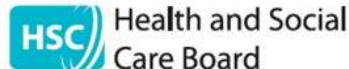
Creating a SHARED VISION for the FUTURE of
Armagh








our community planning strategic partnership



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SECTOR PANEL



Involving people in decisions

	 INFORM	 CONSULT	 INVOLVE	 COLLABORATE	 EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution	To place the final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how community input influenced the decision	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible	We will implement what you decide

Place Shaping Plan for Armagh

- What are the strengths and needs specific to Armagh?
- How do they translate spatially?
- How do we mobilise partners' powers and functions to work towards a shared vision for the city?
- How do we bring some of the borough-wide and regional strategies to life for Armagh?

WHAT WE DO



We believe people that live and work in a place know it best.

We like to challenge you to think about the future of your city differently.

We help communities come together to collectively design for their place.

We help you create a shared vision for your place.

We support you to help make that vision happen!



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US SO FAR....

Young people are leaving the city

1 in 4 people in Armagh don't have access to a car

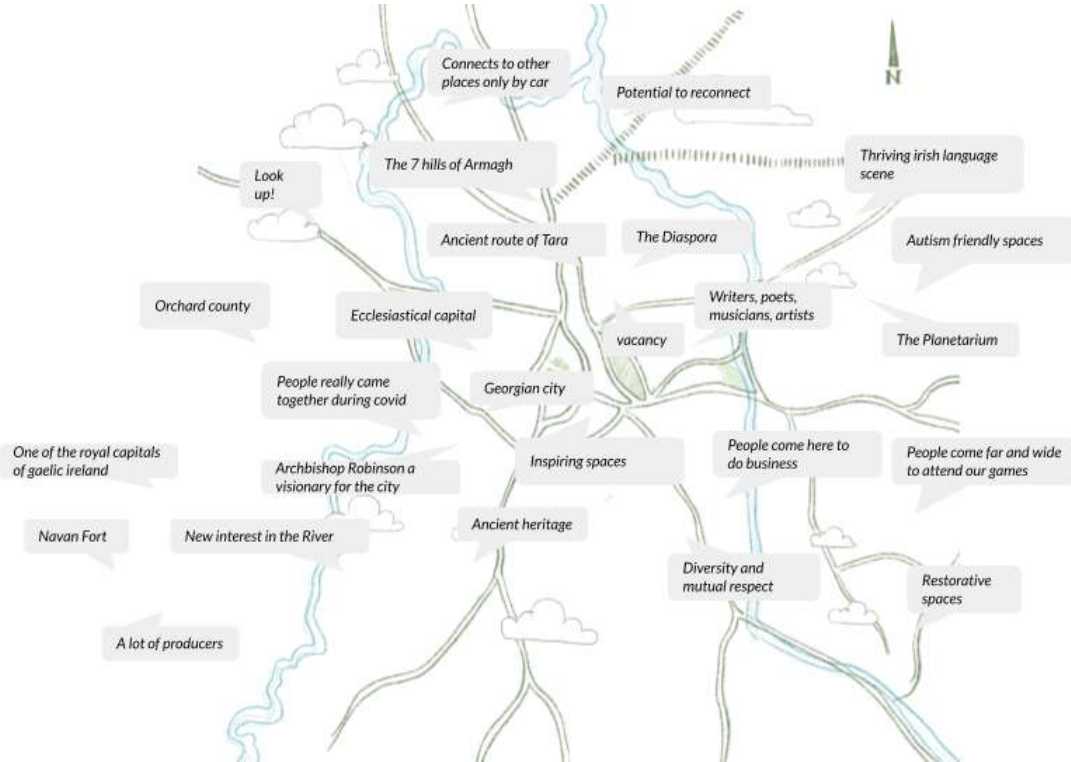
We have a lot of retail units in the city centre

We have a growing older population

We need to reduce our carbon emissions

The pandemic has made us realise what's important for our city

We have learned a lot in the past year about keeping us and our city healthy



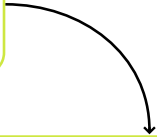
HOW DO WE DO IT?

**We are sharing
and listening**

**We are finding out what the
issues and opportunities are**

**we are starting to develop a
fitness plan for the city**

**We test, trial, feed back and
start to define how we make it
happen**



OUR EXPERIENCE



Using street activation and community participation to create ownership and belonging.

brightideasbelfast.com

Bright Ideas – North Belfast – This site is a space to share, engage and energise ideas for North Belfast.



OUR EXPERIENCE

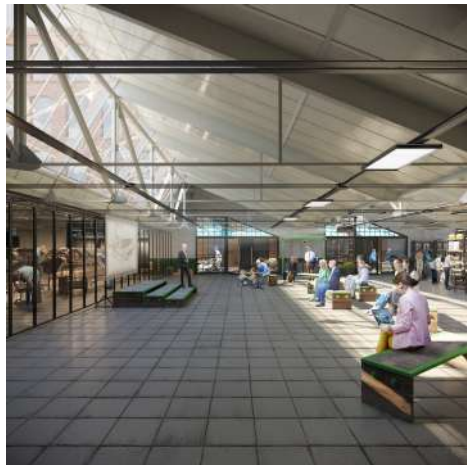


Reimagining an empty
heritage building to
respond to the needs
of the community

portviewbelfast.org

Portview - Way Ahead

Portview will facilitate a new innovative training facility and living museum which stimulates curiosity, identifies talent, provides opportunities and encourages risk.



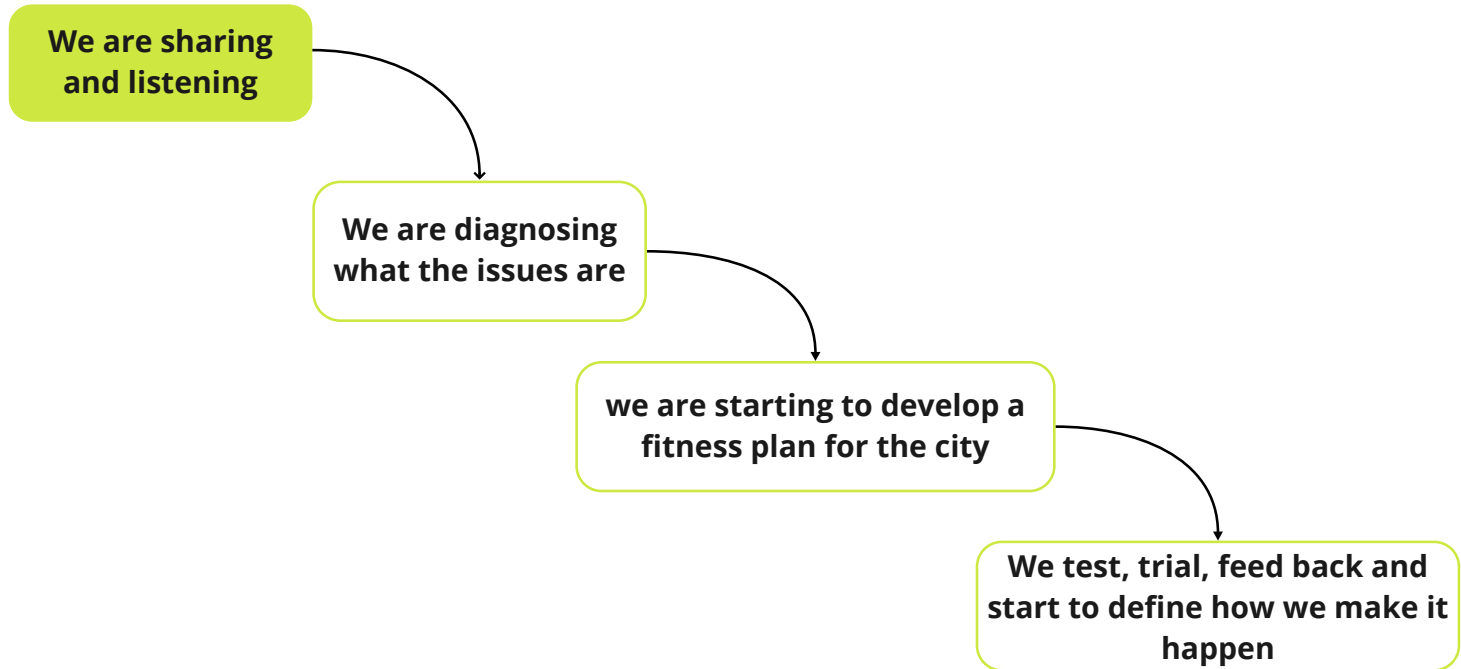
OUR EXPERIENCE



A climate friendly
approach to
improving health and
wellbeing along the
Westlink and M2
bridges.



What we are going to do in this sessions



4 exercises to get to know you, Armagh and the future you dream for it!

Place the relevant coloured dots on the picture that best describes where in Armagh you...



● [Live]
 ● [Work]
 ● [Buy groceries]
 ● [Get healthy]
 ● [Socialize]
 ● [Relax]

stay and
enjoy
the city

Visit the
GAA

more to
draw people
into the city
centre

walk the
roads to
avoid
people

walk around
Armagh - go
for a dander

transport
home after a
night out is a
real problem

variety of
music is
quieter - no
club scene

people are
choosing
armagh to live
when they
work there

new
developments
popping up

more of a
mature place
to go for a
night out

palace
demesne

want to
work in
Armagh as
it's beautiful

lots of
walkers
that work
in the city

I live outside
Castledawson. Shop
in Cookstown and
walk around country
roads to get healthy.
Dad from rural
Armagh

Second Exercise - Armagh Stars and Stories

🕒 10 min

1. We want to find out from you what the stars and stories of Armagh are
2. Below are some examples of what we have been told so far
3. Tell us below what you think....



🕒 10 min

Love to see
how we join
everything
up together

people
make
places!

St
Patr
link

The skyline, Buzz and colour in the city on match days, the street names in the pavement Abbey St etc

The Old Hospitals

Rich musical history - Charles Wood - a lot of composers

its really important to keep your museums and libraries centra

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how the streets reflect the names

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history: a

The history
and family
connections

visitors centre
- the gaol is in
such a good
location

runs in the countryside

The Old Hospital

the scouts
Armagh
gargoyles
different lg
the city

it is a real shame that is going to be moved out of the city

Stars Street
names reflecting
history and
heritage : vicars
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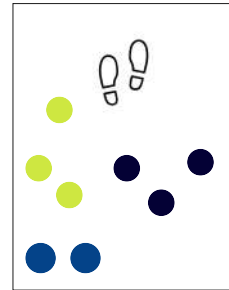
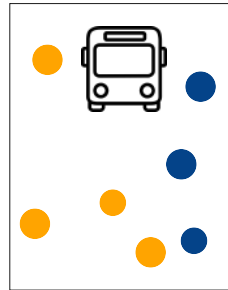
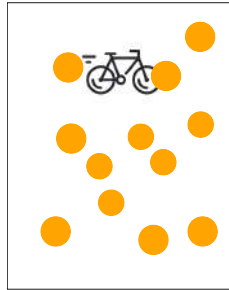
walking
around the
streets - it has
a unique feel

Folly river walk

Journey and barriers

How often do you use...

Take a circle and place it below in the corresponding means of transportation



[Daily]

[Once a week]

[Once in a month]

[I don't]

the shop shutters make the place feel threatening

I take my car because the streets don't feel safe - unfriendly threatening place at night time

owners that own property - and keep it closed

Armagh is a through-route city

It's not safe, poor lighting, speeding traffic, lack of joined up & safe routes

to bring the children to armagh, i drive, and sometimes take the bikes

no train station

I don't live in Armagh so I would drive in to use services/tourist facilities/outdoor spaces

infrequent timetabling

City centre is quite congested at peak times

I usually drive to Armagh and walk around it

The town is very dark at night - it's doesn't feel safe

perceived safety vs actual safety

If there was more housing in the centre of town with more evening activity it may provide a safer environment

level of traffic

some of the nice walking routes have physical barriers

Traffic speed and traffic - it is not safe.

50 weeks ago they talked about a bypass (let the traffic out)

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to bring the children to armagh, i drive, and sometimes take the bikes

most people don't cycle on the road

better link

For a city it doesn't have train facilities

Primary route - Newry direction across to mid Ulster and beyond

it is not a safe place to cycle

the trainline could make people commute

making it more appealing to live in the city - work with landlords more to make places

learning city

comes from Newry direction and in reverse heading out

Queens used old city hospital for a period

not that welcoming for anyone who doesn't know Armagh

don't see many people using the city

The Mall is very congested

thinking about the route people WANT to walk - beautiful walks - work with these

never cycle

need a more nippy service of bus

I would use the train from Portdown

level of traffic

more cycling infrastructure

no safe routes

get the train from Portdown

I don't live in Armagh but if going to meetings can often park quite close and walk

stop and look shop

walking - too much traffic, it is very loud and not a walk that I would enjoy

The Mall is like a giant roundabout! Nobody's stopping

Safety factor if isolate area

not spread of bus services across the city

Need to improve cleanliness & safety

I usually drive to Armagh and walk around it

I would rather take the bikes to Gosford - it's not safe on the streets

working with the landowners and churches to open routes

cycle paths just suddenly

Don't use public transport

connecting all the modes - interchange

Don't feel safe on the bike on the road

safety of walking for women

take a risk and see what happens if you open the gates

lack of safe cycle routes

no safe routes close by

Don't take the bus, always driving, not on a good public transport route

level of traffic

getting people to live in the city

we need things for young people

serious road accident on the mall - portacabin fell onto the mall

unless you want to spend the whole day in armagh

getting a university in armagh would encourage young people to stay

If you look at Lyney's to the Royal School Armagh/Armstrong - how can you expect children to cycle to school.

Filtered permeability on the education board side would work.

vicar's hill

There needs to be a rates holiday for first five years in business to attract new business to come to Armagh.

I don't live in Armagh but if going to meetings can often park quite close and walk

poor timetable options for buses

massive buses

amount of lorries puts me off

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got knocked off my bike on more than one occasion

environmental enhancement scheme doesn't work - you wouldn't cross it

Not aware of routes etc.

bottom of Newry Road it's like a wasteland - not very pedestrian friendly

sustrans route to cycle is not safe

The town might feel safer if more people lived in there....

City centre is quite congested at peak times

great work on shop fronts - more of this!

safety in public space

Don't take the bus, always driving, not on a good public transport route

traffic along Mall East and Mall West, Cars in Market St

don't cycle because of the 7 hills

primary route from Newry to mid Ulster and beyond

the volume of traffic in Armagh is atrocious

even during lockdown the traffic is also built up

we need a by pass to take the heavy traffic out of the city

the ring road was mooted 50 years ago

we don't have access to public transport

fold in the city centre

there are local bus services

Why it does not connect to the main road

car has been the main culprit

it is a 2 miles to get to bus stop

car are the reason why people can't live in the city

Make more appealing to live in the city

train line

new college - space

The year is 2050...

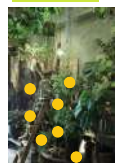
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What if the high street was the place to connect to nature?

Grab a dot and drag it over the images you love best



urban agriculture



showcasing food and produce



meeting spaces



spaces for wellbeing



cultural spaces

What other ideas do you have?

I think bring green architecture into the city would compliment what is there already e.g. the Mall

Multi functional but green, green, greenspaces!

pocket parks

Mall as the high street?

Agree it could be a wonderful tourist attraction

Mall acts as a barrier - Georgian facade - everything happens around Market Street

'The Mall Quarter'

Meeting spaces and spaces for wellbeing. City Centre parks and greenspaces. Outdoor gyms etc

Traffic free cycle paths between the various nature spaces could really attract visitors

it would be great to buy armagh apples in armagh

shambles market could be much better - tue and thur

it's too expensive to set a stall up

how do we reduce the barriers to people being able to set up a stall at the market e.g. mains shed

you need to get out with the kids

now it is recognized that is for wellbeing - it always being done

there are coming from new Z.

showcase more food and produce

the RL required is just too prohibitive and excludes local groups/charities from being able to take

wellbeing has become more important to me recently

we just enjoy the idea of getting out

recognised as being part of your own wellbeing

The Mall is great for meeting and maybe some businesses as it would be good for meeting/relaxing. Although I think there are licensing hours around businesses on the mall.

Pedestrianisation

Community involvement in the projects

Mall worked really well for outdoor play particularly for those with additional support needs

Having more natural spaces within city centre will also improve accessibility for different populations - having quieter spaces for autistic or neurodiverse individuals as city centres can be very busy and difficult for some!

steps of the library

continental feel about the city

more green spaces

need for additional 'hotdesking' space going forward

armagh needs accessible coffee shops

Armagh desperately needs places to meet outside - more seating, more options.

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What if the mall, the streets and all the buildings around become an art centre?

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More art but less street clutter

Business rates put off renters and people wanting to utilise the empty shops

Traffic Calming - those on the mall would be great. Places that spark joy and big art as part of a festival installation would be cool. They can quickly become drab thought, so that would need to be watched.

Looking to the future we need to be thinking ok we are not Paris or London or even Dublin but if you come to Armagh you can still enjoy a unique welcoming and cosmopolitan experience. Somewhere that will leave a lasting impression

As an art teacher I think it's great for young people to have their work displayed. Possible ideas about bridges of work of things in a museum. Maybe display in a great area though, such as a wall of opportunity for people to see their work displayed.

Armagh could easily be a city for the future of art and culture. It has a rich history and a great location. It could be a great place to live and work. It could be a great place to visit. It could be a great place to be.

What other ideas do you have?

speakers corner

speakers corner or pop up arts

notebook sponsored exhibition - posters for different photos of environmental problems

making good use of the mall as an exhibition space

EHOD

Youth displaying art?

lights and heritage go really well together

low cost culture!

Big art summer school

BIG art

Showcase the musical heritage armagh has

Blues festival - the picnic bit and the music

The moon on the mall

The courthouse scene - Rosemary is one of the characters

I think displaying art in the city centre is a really good idea

lights on blgs

light show and christmas

cultural spaces - attracting artists

My vision for the future of Armagh City is to firmly place the city on the international tourist map in the form of a huge statue of St Patrick in the centre of the Mall, the tallest of its kind in the world, where you can climb up the inside to a viewing gallery on top. At its base possibly a water feature such as a pond with shrubbery and trees.

festivals art competitions - sit around the city and do paintint

Plaques for interesting facts about historic buildings

heritage weekend - how do we make this longer and more accessible to people?

I think a art trail that took people through different parts of the city would be lovely

palace De. could be used for art

Light show at Christmas was amazing

stret art project - billboards put up outside theatre and library

the market square on english street is underused

the palace demesne

picnic in the park

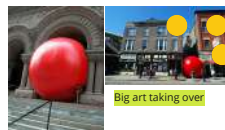
natural amphitheatre

This project happened a year or two ago <https://www.alleywaysconnected.co.uk/>

More seating area with small suggestions of greenery, also is there an area in the city where there could be a community garden for vegetable growing that would provide the community, this would be a great way for people to volunteer and benefit the rewards.

Places that spark joy - is my favourite. There are already some fabulous artwork in the city already but clever lighting or celebrating them would improve peoples perception

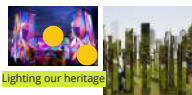
Attracting artists to the city would be cool for remaking it and creating vibrant spaces.



Big art taking over



Lights and interactivity



Lighting our heritage



Bringing colour to the streets



places that spark joy



traffic calming

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What if we were all part of the change?

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Any other idea?



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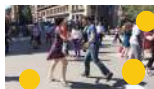
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What if the city helped everyone feel part of it?

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Musical swings



dancing in the street



making exercise fun



places for community to come together



playing in the street

What other ideas do you have?

all of these!

northside of the mall into a children's play area - however - to bring you registered part of the mall - the public art there - attracting people to sit and play

what are the magnets that will draw people in to these spaces

treetop walk around the mall

non fixed play

Armagh has a problem with anti-social behavior such as vandalism, underage drinking, littering and so on. There is an urgent need to connect with young people and help them see that Armagh is a place they can be proud of.

"Retail sites in Armagh could have been turned into a bowling alley or an ice skating rink"

high level of BAME in the Armagh area

Craigavon multicultural - valentina stefanov (Bulgarian ass)

educating people to help integrate

cooking projects

I think rural Armagh has a strong tradition of street boules I think. Might be an idea to bring it into the centre

yarn bombing

I love all of these - imagine fun exercises / yoga on the Mall - how fantastic!

Make better use of Market Square

Live music

Did yoga in Navan Fort and was amazing in outdoor beautiful space

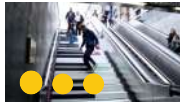
Bringing the whole community together and having accessibility as a central theme within this - for existing services and new ideas!

bullets is the original name for road bowling

tai chi on the mall

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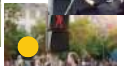
Piano staircase



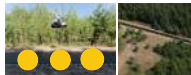
Using outdoor space differently



Accessing city rooftops



dancing traffic light



Transforming the unused railways



Canal in the city centre



What other ideas do you have?



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What if the river becomes the coolest in the UK?

Grab a dot and drag it over the images you love best



Celebrating water



lots of the callan wouldn't be accessible - hamiltonsbawn road to newry road - extend

What other ideas do you have?



Feedback and Next Steps

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US INTERVIEW

GETTING ARMAGH INTO SHAPE

Online Public Open Sessions

Looking after our city is a bit like looking after our bodies, if we put the right stuff in and nurture it, it will thrive and perform well for us!

The Armagh City Place Shaping Plan is a project of the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Community Planning Partnership and is managed by the council. Through the plan partners and the community, the public is being invited to join our online zoom engagement workshops in March.

Come and show us what a healthy Armagh looks like!

GETTING ARMAGH INTO SHAPE
We need your help!

STEP 1: WARMING UP
Imagine the city is a body. It needs to be healthy. What do you think the city needs to be healthy? Write your ideas in the box below.
Name: _____

STEP 2: LET'S GET IN SHAPE
Use the resources to draw the shape of Armagh. Use what you know to draw it. Draw it in a shape that is a picture of the town, not just a map.

STEP 3: TELLING US
Use the resources to draw the shape of Armagh. Use what you know to draw it. Draw it in a shape that is a picture of the town, not just a map.

STEP 4: CLOSING THOUGHTS
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So what happens next?

- Engagement is ongoing until the end of April....we will send you out our survey
- we will be engaging with young people
- we will holding more of these workshops



Have you any other comments you would like to add?

It was lovely to meet you all. Great project and I look forward to hearing more about it.

Previous initiatives need to be reviewed to understand why they failed

the status of this plan

public getting the most from those public assets

it has never been about the people

Thank you for the invitation to be part of the conversation. Lots of great ideas.

Link the planetarium with the Palace and out to Navan Fort. Remember the huge potential of Navan as a potential World Heritage bid as part of the Kingly sites nomination!

I look forward to seeing what happens next.

the value of the development plan is key

how we bring to life Borough wide strategies for Armagh

Armagh is a City and should have a bright future.

Get few basics done

Thank you for the chance to feed in.

this has been tried before

Thank you for the opportunity to participate this evening. A really great engaging workshop - an education! Thank you for organising.

the plan should feed in

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.



Thanks for being involved!

I personally think we need to get the basics right in Armagh - safety, cleanliness and creating places where everyone feels welcome and safe. A place where mental health is valued and we have spaces to enjoy. Armagh City has so much potential.

Armagh was the most air polluted city in N.Ireland in 2017. Not sure now where it stands now and COVID would impact that but clean air is necessary...

Providing long term opportunities for the youth to keep them and their talents in the city.

We need to tie into the climate bill going through stormont.

bring the train back to Armagh

that was very interesting.

GET ARMAGH INTO SHAPE

YOUR CITY, YOUR PLAN

For questions or ideas get in touch with khadidja@urbanscaleinterventions.com