

PRESS RELEASE

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Wexford County Council extends invitation to residents of Wexford Town to join newly established Town Centre First Team.

Wexford County Council under the National Town Centre First Initiative are establishing a Town Centre First Team in Wexford Town. This Team will help drive the Town Centre first agenda in Wexford Town and will be central to the delivery of a Town Centre First strategy and vision for Wexford.

Town Centre First aims to create Towns that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live work and visit. It supports towns to function as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community, is Government Policy informed by data and best practice and is delivered by local authorities in partnership with communities.

To ensure that as broad a representation as possible sit on the Wexford Town Centre First Team, Wexford County Council are hosting a drop-in information session in the **Wexford Town Library on Friday 23rd August from 1pm to 5pm**, we are looking for local people to express an interest in serving on the Wexford Town Team.

Town Regeneration Officer with Wexford County Council, Mick McCormack will be on hand to host information briefings on the hour and will meet and answer questions from anyone who calls to the event. It is hoped that all the sectors/groups within Wexford Town will come and express an interest in sitting on this new Town Centre First Team. Town Teams are typically made up of reps from business, community groups, residents, tourism groups, An Garda Siochana, charities, social enterprises, sports organisations, cultural groups, voluntary groups, Chamber of Commerce, retailers, developers, and educational facilities. Each town, however, is different and it is important that the Team reflects the Town.

Welcoming the news, Chair of the Wexford Town Centre First Team, Mayor of Wexford, Cllr. George Lawlor said, ‘ *I am looking forward to building a Team who are ambitious for Wexford and keen to develop a strategy that will ensure Wexford Town builds on its huge potential.*’

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