

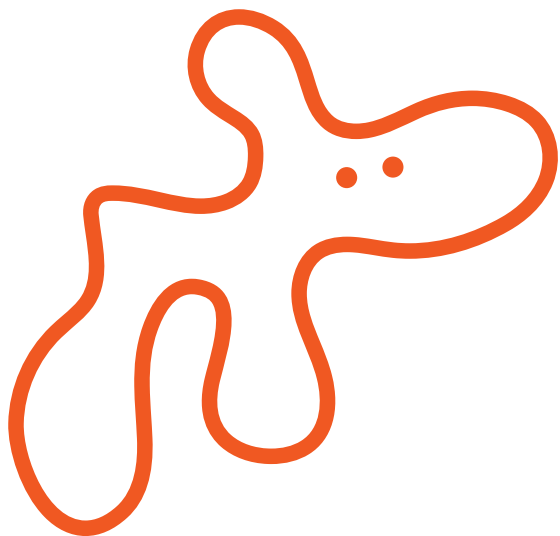
love our laneways

inviting communities to love their laneways



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Love our Laneways is an initiative established by Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council ('DLRCC') in partnership with A Playful City. The project is seeking to become an exemplar of how laneways can be reimaged by working with the local community. Pearse Drive/ 'The Gaps' in the Pearse estate has been identified by DLRCC as the first location for the Love Our Laneways pilot project.

What's going on?



A Playful City is working with DLRCC & your local community to develop a vision for The Gaps to reimagine it as a more playful, people-centered place for the community. The process developed throughout the pilot will become a tool for decision making, and a way to showcase how community led changes to the public realm can positively affect community life.

A Phased Project

P1 - Vision



a. Who we are

- start program with partners
- Stakeholder engagement workshop

b. What we want to learn from you

- conduct engagement events
- open platform for feedback
- collate research and early findings

P2- Ideation



c. How we learn from you

- Christmas popUP
- establish brief and vision for site

d. What we did

- present vision
- agree development strategy with SDCC

P3 - Detail



- design workshops with community
- trialing and early initiatives to reimagine the lane
- detail design

P4 - Produce



- build and install
- coordinate & launch

Each phase involves listening to and collaborating with community members and local partners. During Phases 1 & 2 the focus has been to listen and learn from the community, to build relationships with our project partners and local stakeholders, and to explore how we can best reimagine The Gaps in Sallynoggin together.

How's it going?

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2022



2021 Phase 1 & 2

September

Love our Laneways introduced to local councilors in DLR, various departments in DLRCC & the Sallynoggin Estate Management Group.

October

Community surveys distributed & collected using installed postbox. Door-door conversations with residents begin

Online & in-person workshops with local stakeholders to introduce the project to the wider community

Partnerships started with IADT & SCFE

November

Walks on the lane with different age groups to discuss how different members of the community could use the lane in the future

Initial findings reviewed & studied to inform the preparation for community pop-up

December

Community popUP to present the research so far back to the community. Chance to discuss what needs further attention, where our efforts should be focused & what the next steps could be.

March

Present the next steps to community to find out how and where everyone can participate and get involved to reimagine the lane

April onwards

NEXT STEPS: Start to reimagine Pearse Drive together. As we enter Phase 3 we are partnering with local community groups, running workshops to trial solutions in the lane over the next 6 months.

Learning from you...

We have engaged with various members of the community, local stakeholders, DLR Councilors, departments within DLRCC and partnering institutions. To prioritise co-design, our events have focused on learning from everyone rather than presenting a solution.

We have used the events and partnerships so far to gather and build a detailed understanding of the area that sought to capture as many voices as possible.

As we enter Phase 3 we will start to trial solutions for the lane with community partners, based on the feedback we received during Phases 1 & 2.

Community Introductions & Survey



Stakeholder & Community Walk-Shops



Community popUP Event



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500+
engaged &
consulted so
far

door-door
chats

presented
to DLR
councilors

In person
workshops

DLRCC
inter-
department
workshop

community
survey

Online
workshops

community
popup
event

partnership
with SCFE

partnership
with IADT

walk &
talks on the
lane


1-94
ages represented
during the project
so far

We've found
that the majority
of local residents
view the
appearance of the
lane negatively.
This project hopes
to change that

What we've heard so far...

So far we have heard from over 500 people of all ages from Sallynoggin who use 'The Gaps' and there has been overwhelming support for reimagining 'The Gaps' in Pearse estate.

at first we wanted to find out how you felt about the space as it was...

- Feedback so far showed that the majority of local residents view parts of the lane somewhat negatively. This project has started, and hopes to continue to change this view
- Nearly 50% of respondents would like to feel safer on the lane, and would not actively use the lane at night
- We asked what three words would you use to describe Pearse Drive Lane?
- The Gaps are a crucial travel route for the community used for many things like traveling to school, walking the dog or a shortcut to get from A-B. A 'local lane'

Dirty Glass Convenient
Unkept Unsafe Friendly
Shortcut Useful Handy

inviting community into the lane

Through our conversations with you, we have learnt that you would like The Gaps to be brighter and to feel like a safer space at night, a space that is clean and is celebrated as an asset for all of the community to enjoy as they travel through them.



We've learnt that people want to admire, appreciate, feel proud, enjoy and feel safer in the lane, that nearly


98%

of people we've heard use The Gaps at least once a week

- The wider community would like the lane to be more inviting for all ages, while many local residents highlighted how some sections of the lane are poorly lit.
- Many identified the lane as a centre point in Sallynoggin, they would like to see The Gaps used as a pop up/meanwhile space for markets, performance, classes & gardens.



a space for all.



What would you
like to see in The
Gaps that you
don't see now?

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You've suggested opportunities
for greening & play, making
crossing safer & more comfortable,
creating a space that all ages can
enjoy moving through.

Whats next..

In the coming months we hope to trial, test and implement your vision with you. Based on your feedback, we have identified key themes for re-imagination which will be integral to any improvements on the lane.

These are:

- Community Use & Togetherness
- Nature & Biodiversity
- Safety & Accessibility



inviting entrances

bright & safe travel routes

focal point for community activity & togetherness

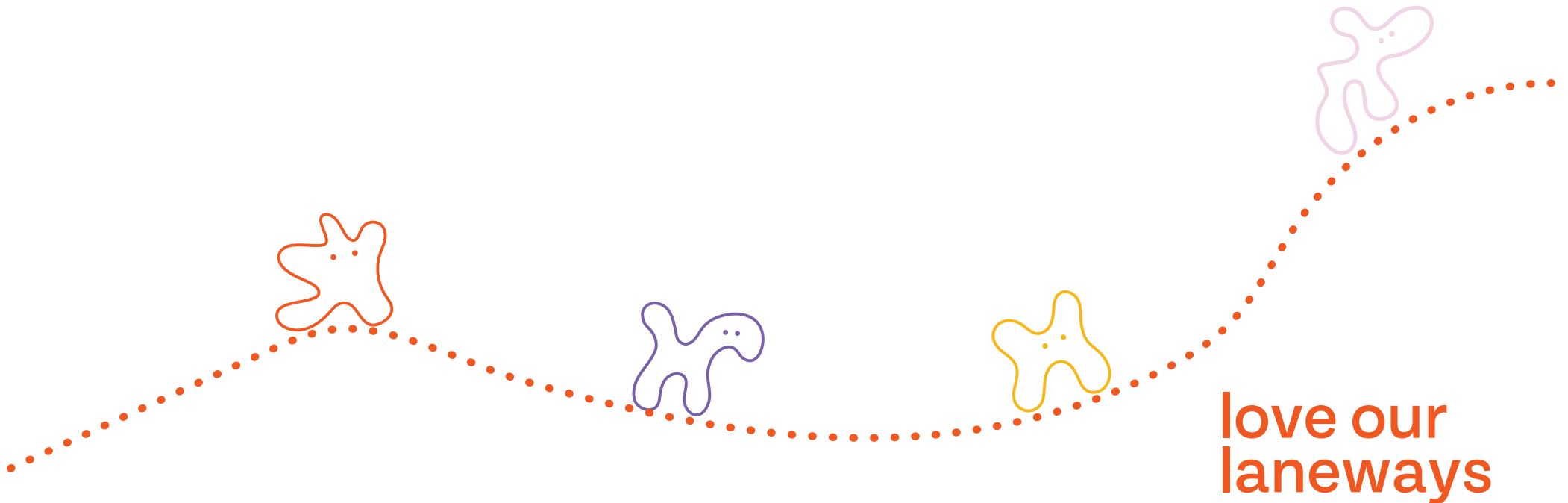
accessible & green travel routes

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Get involved?

If you are interested in getting involved we would love to hear from you. The Sallynoggin Estate Management Committee have created a 'Love our Laneways' sub group. If you would like to get involved please contact Angela at sallynogginestatemangement@gmail.com or drop Neasa from A Playful City a line at neasa@aplayfulcity.com



Working together to build & define the future of the Gaps

Over the coming weeks and months in Phase 3, A Playful City and DLRCC will be holding a number of design workshops , pop up installations for feedback and community trials to test solutions to consider the best strategy for action during Phase 4

