



## About The Project

As part of a final year Visual Communication project at the School of Art, Design and Print, Dublin Institute of Technology. The focus is on Inclusive participation in everyday community life, questioning how her newly found design skill-set can apply to social innovation which centers around Inclusive community participation, questioning what builds a supportive community from a bottom-up approach. During the initial stages of this project a lot of research into the Dunleer community took place. Individual base elements within the community were researched and gathered together to form links that would form a larger base. This also included gathering representatives from existing community groups to come together to discuss their needs and those of their community. The results of which were developed upon into a draft report that might pave the way for opportunities to improve the quality of community life in Dunleer.

The first objective of this project was to contact the people who are engaged in the community of Dunleer and create an event that welcomed representatives from these groups as well as any other interested parties to come together and assemble them into teams with the willingness to share their experiences and ideas with one another, looking at new ways of doing things from all perspectives which could enhance their already developed groups as well as learn from one another potential solutions on how to create a more inclusive community.

An action plan was drawn up before the event and it was held in a friendly environment where all participants felt welcomed and safe to talk openly. Another objective was to draw more attention to the Market House Dunleer as a platform provider for social, cultural, recreational, business and civic activities.

The Market House at the centre of the town has been transformed over the years into a building to be proud of and is a great example of what can be achieved when community groups work together. In order to keep progression it must be used to its full potential. The key to its progression is open and regular interactions with the community offering diverse range of activities and services.