

Cooperation Café project ideas – 15th and 16th March 2017

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1. Christian Heritage Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage tourism Celebrating heritage Adding economic value Marketing our areas Linking Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland (common heritage) Education Develop and link existing trails Best practice Develop supporting infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build in sustainability Interpretation Cover three jurisdictions Strong common theme Feasibility / coordinator Identify specific linkages Trails – boats and walking Identify specific and local area Building local guiding capacity Use community facilities Community involvement Need to build partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital images could enhance Priority given to building local guiding capacity Local economy can benefit Important to have three jurisdictions represented Develop existing, not the new Not just tourism Links with other projects Appetite for progressing this Identify partners Look at preparatory funding Each partner should identify specific themes/outputs Initial partner visits Identify third party delivery (passionate) agents 	Andrew McAlister, Mid and East Antrim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inishowen Mid and East Antrim Dumfries and Galloway Ayrshire Outer Hebrides Ards and North Down Donegal Argyll and the Islands?
2. Village Linkages: Skiff/Curragh boat building and racing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps in the provision of coastal rowing Infrastructure for building and storage of boats School projects on boat building Maidens Boathouse Carrick Coastal Rowing Club Key Partners Food and drink trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify three villages / coastal communities in Scotland, Ireland to build skiffs or curraghs and race in competition Project partners- Drontheim Gig racing (Greencastle youth) Ballantrae Smugglers Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project partners Scottish coastal rowing clubs Strangford Lough and Lecastle Carrick Boat Shed Heating/ lighting Community hub – working with other partners Young offenders – youth at risk of offending Food trail, local drink trail Smuggling festival, both islands Brandy Pad Bloody Bridge 	Kevin McGarry, Mourne, Gullion and Lecale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ards North Down Dumfries and Galloway Outer Hebrides Ayrshire Donegal Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde
3. Coastal Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring tourism potential of coastal village Consider locations and resources needed for disability sailing Lining to Mourne coastal route / Wild Atlantic Way / Cause Coastal Route Identifying simple practical solutions e.g. washing, parking, eating, toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal route town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Sam Crowe, Mid and East Antrim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ards and North Down Causeway Coast and Glens Mid and East Antrim

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4. Water-based Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth and water sports National resources to help sustain existing SMEs Costal awareness and environment Health and wellbeing Transfer of skills Training of people with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Partners – yes Established facilities Match funding Focus on? Coordination Start date Jan 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appetite for activity Identify third parties for delivery Groups to feed in (hard to reach) Focus on activity area Identify common outcomes Share information Draw up a plan Aspect of youth participation – yes Need to focus Need to share 	Frank Kelly, Donegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donegal Causeway Coast and Glens Dumfries and Galloway Outer Hebrides
5. Textile Heritage Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of local skills Tourism economic development Textile sector development Heritage regeneration BID – to provide a sustainable financial model Develop textile tourism Job creation Scottish brands (e.g. Harris Tweed) and Irish linen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sell idea to industry Tourism offering would need to be carefully packaged and targeted Identifying scale of project Market research/strategy Look at clustering and setting up mini textile BIDs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should it be textiles only Or textiles and craft Or artisan trail involving food and drink as well Needs to be industry led Big interest in heritage tourism Interest in textile tourism Sheer scale How do we engage with the big companies and micro businesses and encourage interest (some too big/some too small) How do we get over local rivalry Need to speak to more LAGs Need to speak to industry groups Development funding for industry collaboration, market research and LAG visits Need to embark on a sample project/sample research 	Lynn Rew, Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Donegal Outer Hebrides

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6. Coastal Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example of international Appalachian Trail • Some trails already in place • Possible opportunities for seafood promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge exchange • Marketing outcome needs developing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone is at a different stage • Drill down to those who want to undertake cooperation • Willingness to participate and develop thinking • Explore where everyone is on the idea of coastal paths • Already happening so it's a goer • Share information • Arrange to meet to agree outcomes 	Peter Ross, Dumfries and Galloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumfries and Galloway • Mourne, Gullion and Lecale • Outer Hebrides • Donegal • Causeway Coast and Glens • Ayrshire
7. Industrial Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what is industrial heritage • Add value to the LAG area • Develop tourism • Retain old skills • Develop new uses for old skills • Local sense of belonging / heritage • Helps create identity • Develop international contacts • Stimulate innovation: look back with pride, look forward with hope. • Maintain rural infrastructure • Utilise existing facilities • Links to other areas/sectors • Links to textile trade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify commonalities • Audit of sites • Best practice examples • Local stories/record oral histories • Local guiding – capacity building • Identify local themes • Bring in passionate/outside experts • Something tangible needs to emerge (physical structures) • Identify link between project and economic benefit to the area • Involve local communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare feasibility/predevelopment funding programmes • Initial partner visit to identify new projects • Audit as part of preparatory funding • Identify third parties with enthusiasm and passion • Local capacity vital • Involve local people • Project should look forward as well as back 	Andrew McAllister, Mid and East Antrim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid and East Antrim • Mourne, Gullion and Lecale • Ayrshire • Inishowen, • Outer Hebrides • Causeway Coast and Glens • Waterford • Wexford

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8. Rural Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems facing employment: Transport: access to the right channels Confidence- access to employment Type of work: choice and flexible posts Improve access to technology: next generation of jobs? Step Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism, food and drink, renewables NC500 Fostering business – inward investment Linking skills to future opportunities Returner programmes Leisure functionality – mind-set Knowledge exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too broad – needs to be refined Several projects can stem out of it 	Brian Connolly, Ayrshire	Decided that this was not a viable project option at this point
9. Development of Craft food Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish / ice-cream / meats / distilleries / craft brewers / food festivals / markets / trails Increase value of local produce Extend markets Increase skills and employment opportunities Increase cooperation between producers Exploit group marketing opportunities Trails etc to encourage tourism Stranraer Oyster Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up an artisan business improvement district (BID) Create interest locally in the area Set up a cross border bid “Taste of Ard” Bid Do a feasibility project Link with a group in the south 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a partner in the south and elsewhere if available Find a food orientated expert Liaise with council Develop a plan and proposal Good idea – likely lots of producers Lots of success stories We are providing a facility for marketing peoples products Through joint marketing, products and events 	David Findlater, Ards and North Down	None listed
10. Trails and Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tie in local produce to trail Cooperation between producers/processors Food miles Communication brand Butchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link website/apps Focus on what they do best Wild Atlantic Way as a partner North Coast 500? Marketing/branding – logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAG project Need starter for ten Knowledge share Trail needs to be identified Businesses need identified along each trail Find out about other trails 	Christine Cuthbertson, Ayrshire	None listed