



Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use

Orientation

Three Questions

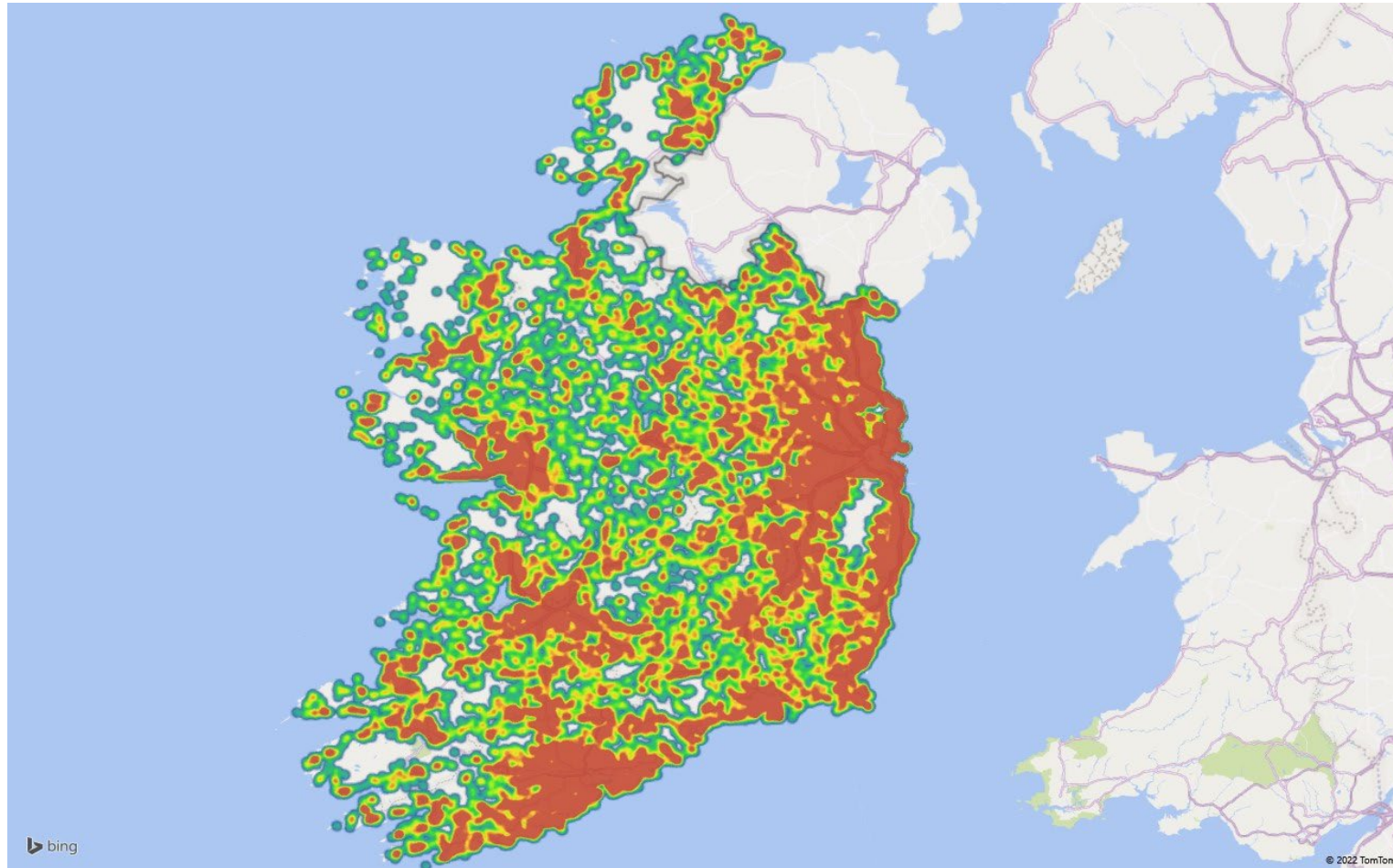
- How far have we progressed?
- Where are we now?
- Where do we go from here?

How far have we progressed?

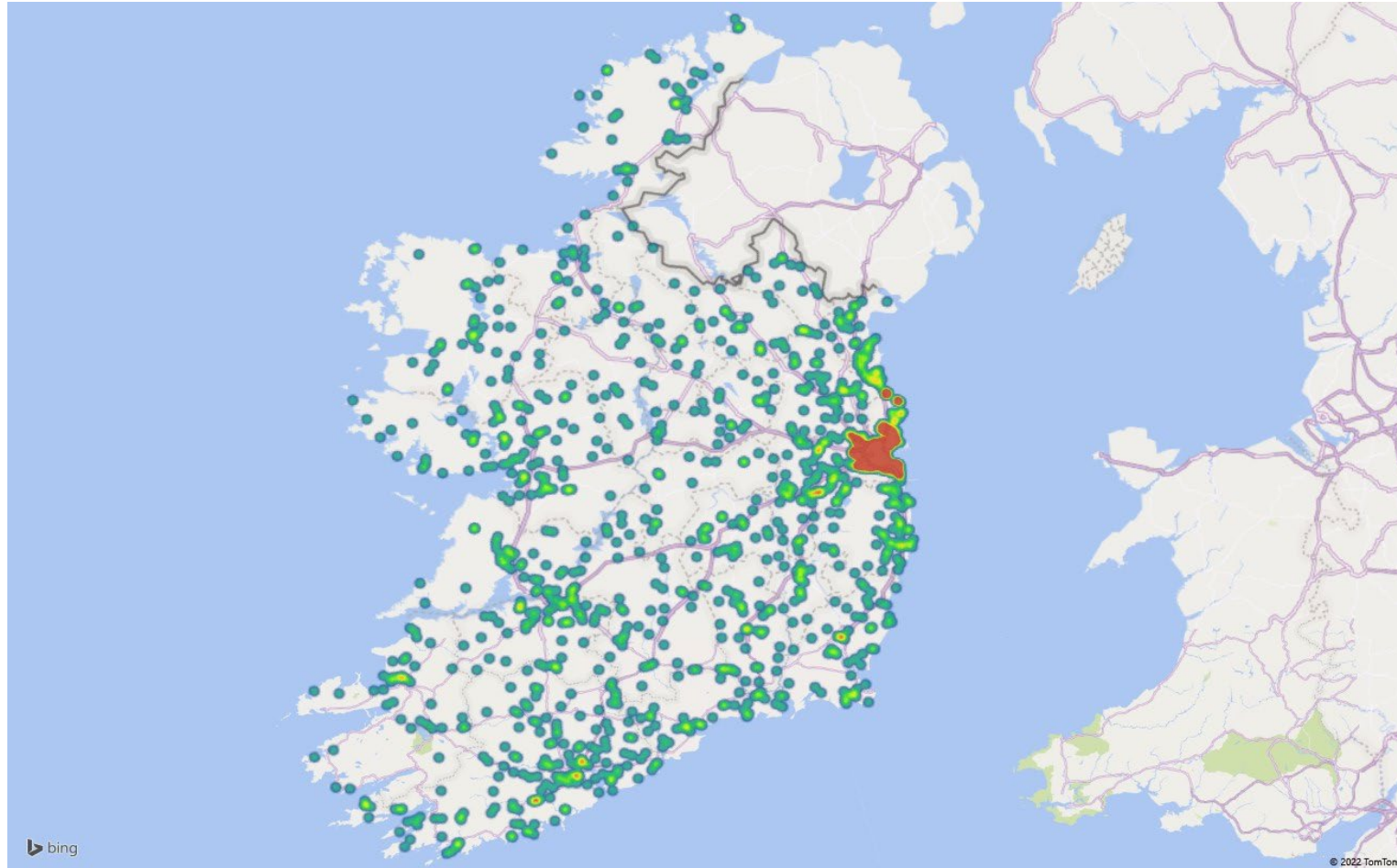
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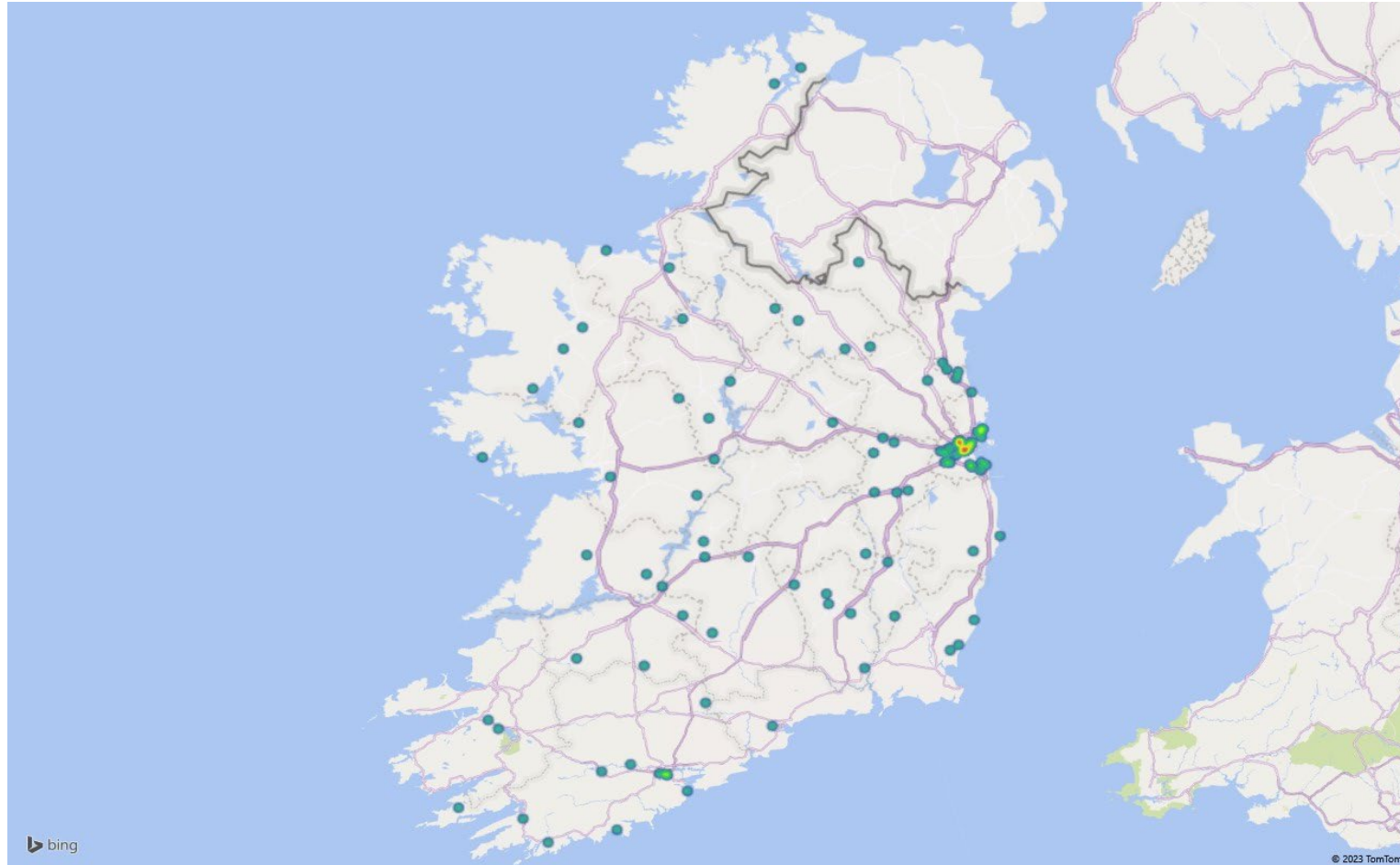
Recruitment Phase 1 – 20,000 households randomly selected



Recruitment Phase 2 – 1,500 registrations of interest



Recruitment Phase 3 – 99 members selected



Representativeness among the 99 members

Region	Target	Result
1. Dublin	28	28
2. Rest of Lenister	27	27
3. Munster	27	27
4. Connacht & Ulster	17	17
Total	99	99

Gender	Target	Result
Male	49	48
Female	50	50
Non-Binary		1
Total	99	99

Age	Target	Result
65 years or older	20	20
45-64 years	32	32
25-44 years	36	36
18-24 years	11	11
Total	99	99

Diversity among the 99 members?



Diversity of inputs?

More than **120** speakers and panellists

Approx 40 inputs
by academics,
researchers and
policy experts

Approx 25 Lived
Experience inputs,
plus site visits to
Coolmine and MQI

Approx. 40
Community,
Voluntary,
Statutory Service
Providers

Almost **800** submissions from stakeholders and the general public

Work programme

Completed!

Quality Control and Continuous Improvement

- Feedback from each member via post-meeting evaluation forms
- Post-meeting debriefing with facilitators
- Regular meetings with the Steering Group
- Secretariat operates open door policy. Dedicated email and phone numbers for members to contact us.

Overall, I felt comfortable giving my opinion

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.44
Strongly Disagree	2	2.22	
Disagree	1	1.11	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.22	
Agree	35	38.89	
Strongly agree	49	54.44	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.48
Strongly Disagree	3	3.37	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	6	6.74	
Agree	22	24.72	
Strongly Agree	57	64.04	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.51
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	52	63.41	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.32
Strongly Disagree	6	7.32	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	48	58.54	

I was given enough time to speak and share my experiences

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.17
Strongly Disagree	5	5.56	
Disagree	4	4.44	
Neither agree nor disagree	4	4.44	
Agree	35	38.89	
Strongly agree	42	46.67	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.36
Strongly Disagree	4	4.49	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	7	7.87	
Agree	26	29.21	
Strongly Agree	50	56.18	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.43
Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	3	3.66	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	30	36.59	
Strongly Agree	46	56.10	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.23
Strongly Disagree	6	7.32	
Disagree	3	3.66	
Neither agree nor disagree	5	6.10	
Agree	20	24.39	
Strongly Agree	48	58.54	

I felt listened to when speaking

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.56
Strongly Disagree	1	1.11	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	1	1.11	
Agree	34	37.78	
Strongly agree	54	60.00	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.55
Strongly Disagree	2	2.25	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	6	6.74	
Agree	20	22.47	
Strongly Agree	60	67.42	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.41
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	8	9.76	
Agree	21	25.61	
Strongly Agree	49	59.76	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.37
Strongly Disagree	5	6.10	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	28	34.15	
Strongly Agree	47	57.32	

Opposing views at my table were listened to and considered

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.61
Strongly Disagree	1	1.11	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.22	
Agree	27	30.00	
Strongly agree	60	66.67	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.49
Strongly Disagree	3	3.37	
Disagree	3	3.37	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.25	
Agree	19	21.35	
Strongly Agree	60	67.42	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.42
Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	7	8.54	
Agree	26	31.71	
Strongly Agree	46	56.10	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.28
Strongly Disagree	5	6.10	
Disagree	2	2.44	
Neither agree nor disagree	4	4.88	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	46	56.10	

Facilitator ensured everyone had equal opportunity to speak

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.60
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	2	2.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.22	
Agree	26	28.89	
Strongly agree	60	66.67	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.48
Strongly Disagree	3	3.37	
Disagree	1	1.12	
Neither agree nor disagree	5	5.62	
Agree	21	23.60	
Strongly Agree	58	65.17	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.40
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	3	3.66	
Neither agree nor disagree	7	8.54	
Agree	18	21.95	
Strongly Agree	52	63.41	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.43
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	3	3.66	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	49	59.76	

Facilitator remained objective/neutral/unbiased during discussions

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.68
Strongly Disagree	1	1.11	
Disagree	1	1.11	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.33	
Agree	16	17.78	
Strongly agree	69	76.67	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.53
Strongly Disagree	2	2.25	
Disagree	2	2.25	
Neither agree nor disagree	4	4.49	
Agree	19	21.35	
Strongly Agree	61	68.54	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.40
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	5	6.10	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	22	26.83	
Strongly Agree	51	62.20	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.49
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	5	6.10	
Agree	24	29.27	
Strongly Agree	51	62.20	

Facilitator ensured that there was respect for opposing views

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.80
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.22	
Agree	14	15.56	
Strongly agree	74	82.22	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.58
Strongly Disagree	1	1.12	
Disagree	1	1.12	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.37	
Agree	24	26.97	
Strongly Agree	59	66.29	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.62
Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	1	1.22	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	55	67.07	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.61
Strongly Disagree	2	2.44	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	1	1.22	
Agree	22	26.83	
Strongly Agree	57	69.51	

The quality of presentations and support material met my expectations of a fair and balanced programme

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 3.90
Strongly Disagree	1	1.11	
Disagree	8	8.89	
Neither agree nor disagree	12	13.33	
Agree	47	52.22	
Strongly agree	22	24.44	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.53
Strongly Disagree	1	1.12	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	5	5.62	
Agree	26	29.21	
Strongly Agree	54	60.67	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.32
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	4	4.88	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.66	
Agree	38	46.34	
Strongly Agree	37	45.12	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.05
Strongly Disagree	3	3.66	
Disagree	2	2.44	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.66	
Agree	53	64.63	
Strongly Agree	20	24.39	

The range of perspectives presented met my expectations of a fair and balanced programme

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 3.71
Strongly Disagree	3	3.33	
Disagree	7	7.78	
Neither agree nor disagree	18	20.00	
Agree	47	52.22	
Strongly agree	15	16.67	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.29
Strongly Disagree	2	2.25	
Disagree	2	2.25	
Neither agree nor disagree	7	7.87	
Agree	34	38.20	
Strongly Agree	42	47.19	

Meeting 3




Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 3.96
Strongly Disagree	3	3.66	
Disagree	6	7.32	
Neither agree nor disagree	11	13.41	
Agree	32	39.02	
Strongly Agree	29	35.37	

Meeting 4




Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 3.99
Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	5	6.10	
Neither agree nor disagree	14	17.07	
Agree	35	42.68	
Strongly Agree	26	31.71	

Time provided for discussion was:




Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 1.56
Too little	41	45.56	
Just right	48	53.33	
Too much	1	1.11	




Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 1.76
Too Little	26	29.21	
Just Right	56	62.92	
Too Much	5	5.62	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 1.83
Too Little	18	21.95	
Just Right	60	73.17	
Too Much	4	4.88	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 1.66
Too Little	29	35.37	
Just Right	48	58.54	
Too Much	2	2.44	

I would recommend this experience to a friend or family member

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.73
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	1.11	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.22	
Agree	17	18.89	
Strongly agree	68	75.56	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.74
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	1.12	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.37	
Agree	13	14.61	
Strongly Agree	68	76.40	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.64
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	2	2.44	
Neither agree nor disagree	3	3.66	
Agree	17	20.73	
Strongly Agree	58	70.73	

Meeting 4

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.50
Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	5	6.10	
Agree	25	30.49	
Strongly Agree	47	57.32	

I am looking forward to the next meeting of the Assembly

Meeting 1

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.78
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	1	1.11	
Agree	18	20.00	
Strongly agree	70	77.78	

Meeting 2

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.84
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	0	0.00	
Agree	14	15.73	
Strongly Agree	71	79.78	

Meeting 3

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.73
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2.44	
Agree	14	17.07	
Strongly Agree	62	75.61	

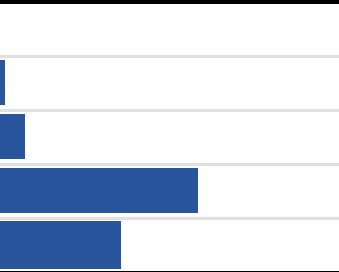
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Strongly Disagree	1	1.22	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neither agree nor disagree	4	4.88	
Agree	24	29.27	
Strongly Agree	49	59.76	

Workshop on legal frameworks (meeting #4)

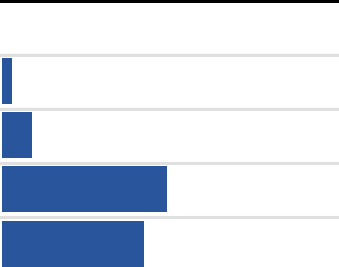
The reading material for Sunday's workshop was fair and balanced.

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Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	1.22	
Neither agree nor disagree	6	7.32	
Agree	46	56.10	
Strongly Agree	28	34.15	



The range of speakers was fair and balanced.

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Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	2	2.44	
Neither agree nor disagree	7	8.54	
Agree	38	46.34	
Strongly Agree	33	40.24	



Towards balloting

- Information note circulated earlier this week
- 12th October - Secretariat to circulate initial draft ballot papers for members to provide feedback on
- 17th October – deadline for feedback on first draft
- 17th October – circulate updated information note on legal frameworks
- 21st October (opening day of final meeting) – revised drafts presented, discussed and amended by democratic exercise, with each member having equal say in determining the final wording of questions
- 22nd October (second day of meeting) – voting on finalised ballot papers
- 22nd October – results announced

Ballot Papers



Ballot paper 2 – A directly-elected Mayor for Dublin Plebiscite

Question	Yes	No	Don't know
Should there be a plebiscite of the local electorate of Dublin as to whether or not Dublin should have a DEM?			

Question	Yes	No	Don't know
If there is to be a plebiscite, should the proposal to be put to the people include the powers of the Mayor and the structures required to support the role?			

The Role of Mayor (Select 1 option for each question)

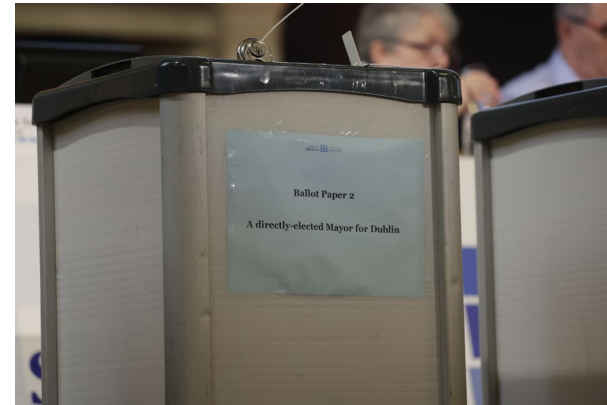
Term of Office	3 years	5 years	Other	Don't know
How long should the term of office be?				
Term limits	1 term only	2 terms only	No limits	Don't know
How long can the Mayor serve?				

Question	Yes	No
Should there be a mechanism to remove the DEM from office?		

Question	Removal by super-majority of councillors	Recall petition (by the public)	Either option
If the Mayor were to be removed from Office, how should it be done?			

Independent Financing and fundraising/budgeting powers (tick all options you agree with)	Yes	No
The DEM* should be able to raise funds from markets, investment bonds, or loans		
The DEM* should retain funds from a portion of any taxes raised in Dublin		
The DEM* should be able to change or introduce local taxes		

* In conjunction with local democratically-elected representatives



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Ballot paper 2 – A directly-elected Mayor for Dublin Plebiscite

Question	Yes	No	Don't know
Should there be a plebiscite of the local electorate of Dublin as to whether or not Dublin should have a DEM?	59%	39%	2%

Question	Yes	No	Don't know
If there is to be a plebiscite, should the proposal to be put to the people include the powers of the Mayor and the structures required to support the role?	63%	34%	3%

The Role of Mayor (Select 1 option for each question)

Term of Office	3 years	5 years	Other	Don't know
How long should the term of Office be?	9%	87%	4%	0%
Term limits	1 term only	2 terms only	No limits	Don't know
How long can the Mayor serve?	1%	84%	15%	0%

Question	Yes	No
Should there be a mechanism to remove the DEM from office?	97%	3%

Question	Removal by super-majority of councillors	Recall petition (by the public)	Either option
If the Mayor were to be removed from Office, how should it be done?	20%	22%	58%

Independent Financing and fundraising/budgeting powers (tick all options you agree with)	Yes	No
The DEM* should be able to raise funds from markets, investment bonds, or loans	70%	30%
The DEM* should retain funds from a portion of any taxes raised in Dublin	92%	8%
The DEM* should be able to change or introduce local taxes	88%	12%

* In conjunction with local democratically-elected representatives