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Ireland needs to factor into future strategies - intergenerational benefits

How can older people make a valuable contribution to society and be active citizens

How can an ageing population contribute to future of cities and communities on their terms

Support **Creative Irelands** ambitions to enhance cultural participation in Ireland Advance Arts in education so we move to a more culturally literate and design orientated society

A Place-Making Strategy, incorporating Irelands distinctive environment and we advocate for one that incorporates unique creative design lead solutions rather than one size fits all approach How can Ireland participate globally yet be local and distinctive?

Develop Cork as a real second city and a central hub in a strong metropolitan regions Liberate Cork airport and improve transport connections with Dublin rail under 2 hours and Cork Limerick corridor improvements

High speed broad band roll out to transform how people live and work

Support the **Arts Council** to fully be an ambitious developmental body
Support **Culture Ireland** build Irelands global cultural reputation and advance a major investment strategies into the arts

Foster creativity and curiosity in citizens

Embrace diversity everywhere

Expand and implement the per Cent for art scheme and encourage full implementation Enhance artist in Schools programme

Enable RTE be a real cultural institution enabling it to be real player nationally and internationally Advocate for FDI companies to culturally engage with Creative sector through sponsorship and giving Develop a medium to long term strategy for Brand Ireland, who are we, what are we now and what can we be in 10 to 15 years

Articulate Ireland's core values

Recognise young peoples potential